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# Join Us in Virginia!

If you plan to make the 1994 AAFA Meeting in Richmond, and you should, now is the time to act. If you wait to receive the Fall issue of *AAFA ACTION*, which will be mailed shortly before the meeting, you are likely to be too late.

Remember, we always meet on the second weekend of October. The dates and times for our meeting this year are from 9:00 Friday morning, October 7, through noon Sunday, October 10. Note in a separate insert information about other activities which may result in a more extended stay for you.

From all indications this is going to be the biggest and best to date. We have planned to accommodate more people than usual—but even that might not be enough! Some folks waited too late to make arrangements for the meeting last year, found the hotel sold out, and did not come. (There were some overflow facilities available locally, but the hotel did not always pass that information on.) For the dinner Saturday evening we were packed like sardines in a can, and there was not room to set up even one more table.

Here is what you should do after reading the rest of this article and the insert to see what's going to happen:

Phone the Holiday Inn, Richmond Airport at 1-800-964-6886 and make your reservations. Guarantee your reservation with a credit card or check. Be sure to tell them you are with the Alford reunion group and want their special rate of \$49.95 plus tax. Plan to arrive on Thursday if possible to be there for the beginning of things on Friday, and stay through at least noon on Sunday. See the separate information about tours you may want to make before or after our sessions and adjust your dates accordingly. If you need to cancel your plans later, you can always call the hotel to cancel your reservations.

Complete the registration form that was enclosed with this issue, unless you've already received one and submitted it. Fill in all of the spaces on the form so the Secretary and Treasurer can properly process your registration and take care of you upon arrival in Richmond. Send the form and your check along to AAFA Treasurer Doris Alford Vetri at the address on the form. If you have to cancel and can notify Doris by approximately ten days before the meeting, she will refund your money. It is possible you may cancel after that, but if you wait until the last few days and AAFA is committed to the hotel, based on your registration, you are likely to get less than your full amount back.

If you want to participate in any of the planned tours, contact AAFA Events Coordinator Al Alford at Four-Star Travel 1-800-782-7471.

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# Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Doris Alford Vetri, AAFA Treasurer

This is our first quarter report for 1994. The year end report for 1993 shows that year end inventory of our resale items as assets. The report for 3/31/94 shows this in the expense column under purchase resale so the report shows the check register balance.

I hope everyone has come through the winter in good health. Let's all think warm weather as it's been a dandy for us in the northeast. Hope to see you in Virginia!

### Figures as of March 31, 1994

	1991	1992	1993	3/31/94
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actuals
REVENUE				
ANNUAL MEETING	4699.30	4128.00	5200.00	0.00
DONATIONS	1164.05	2111.80	2441.00	110.00
DUES	5495.00	6073.00	5210.00	1985.00
REG FEE (Initial)	756.00	388.00	450.00	70.00
RESALE of Items Purchased	1459.30	1155.45	1736.00	39.00
MISC. INCOME		216.35	102.70	129.60
YR. END ASSETS RESALE			1500.00	
TOTAL INCOME	13573.65	14072.60	16639.70	2333.60
CARRYOVER FROM	2481.47	1900.21	4603.49	4071.64
PREVIOUS YEAR				
TOTAL FUNDS	16055.12	15972.81	21243.19	6405.24
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
ADVERTISING	30.00	30.00	60.38	0.00
ANNUAL MEETING	4498.41	3899.71	5219.69	270.97
MISCELLANEOUS	217.27	1.00	21.00	0.00
POSTAGE & PO BOX	1139.89	1306.99	1907.88	240.74
POSTAGE QUARTERLY	1425.25	1574.99	2024.79	10.63
PRINTING	745.47	60.00	165.50	0.00
PRINTING QUARTERLY	2493.62	2779.18	3100.00	951.80
PURCHASE FOR RESALE	2241.89	295.48	2090.03	1632.59
RESEARCH	226.20	195.25	497.12	44.90
STATIONERY	613.83	516.76	751.75	0.00
SUPPLIES	514.09	709.96	1333.41	50.86
NON EXPENDABLE ITEMS	8.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	14154.91	11369.32	17171.55	3202.49
NET WORTH	1900.21	4603.49	4071.64	3202.75

# New Member Lineages

Prepared by Gil Alford

Each of the lineages below was sent to the member for review and comment several months ago. Appropriate changes and corrections were made on those that were returned. Those that were not returned are being published as is and may or may not be correct.

This is essentially the same format as you saw in the last issue. One minor change has been made with respect to the footnotes or endnotes. A number appears at the right of the data in the Footnote column, in this case number 1 or 2. In the notes at the end you will see a comment that tells you those with a 1 were commented on in the previous issue. Those with a 2 are commented on in this issue. In the next issue that note, 2, will refer back to this issue. Space will not permit us to publish each applicable footnote in each issue. We regret the inconvenience of having to refer back to previous issues.

You will also find a date (like 2/94) at the end of the comments about each ancestor. As changes are made and that date changes, the next time the ancestor appears in this lineage section it will be with the updated notes showing the original and revised dates.

Remember, the data used for these lineages is very fluid. If

you have not done so it is suggested you read the article on page 57 in the Winter 1994 issue, especially the second two columns.

The reference between the pedigree number at the left and the ancestor's name is a reference used in our computer system to identify a specific person. No two persons will ever have the same code. If a person marries, a numeric suffix is added to identify the marriage: 01, 02, etc. In some early cases it may be 0A, 0B, etc but these are being revised. If two people with the same name are born in the same state in the same year—which is the basis for the reference—a distinction is made by adding 0A, 0B, 0C, etc. By showing males in upper case and females in lower case, we are able to double the number of codes possible. Dates are normally shown as year, month, and day. Places are shown with the abbreviation of the state and an abbreviation of the county. Burial places may include the name of the town or the cemetery.

We continue to urge you to advise us of the comments that need to be recorded and published pertaining to your ancestor. If you have already submitted that information and it is not shown, then please send us a reminder.

Send remarks pertaining to these lineages to AAFA, POB 1586, Florissant MO 63031—not to the editor in California.

# Membership # and New Member's Name

Pedigree #/	Alford: Name	Birth Date & Place	Death Date & Place	Burial Place (Alford)	Foot
Reference #	Spouse: Name	Birth Date & Place	Death Date & Place	Marriage Date & Place	Note

# #610 Eunice Ray Alford

		Timy Timor G							
1	HAR922AL	HAROLD BENNETT	19220703	AL MARS	19851008	AL MARS	MEMORY HILL	AL MARS	
	m.	RAY, EUNICE LEE	19230401	GA POLK	19461220	AL JEFF			
2	BEN883AL	BENNETT ALLAE	18830412	AL TALL	19670102	AL MARS	MEMORY HILL	AL MARS	
	m.	LUMPKIN, EMMA SUE	18981212	AL CALH	19841026	AL MARS	19210730	AL MARS	
4	JAM846GA02	JAMES CLAY	18460123	GA MORG	19070206	AL TALD	CHILDERSBURG	AL TALD	
	m.	2 SMITH, SARAH ELIZAB.	18440512		19140214	AL TALD			
8	KIN812NC02	KINCHEN	18120509	NC	18910726	GA MORG			2
	m.	2 HAYNES, NANCY	1825CA	GA	1861		1845	GA	
16	KIN768NC	KINCHIN	1768CA	NC	1850>	NC			2
	m.	WILLIAMS, LINDA			17890516	NC FRAN			
32	LOD710VA03	LODWICK	1710CA	VA NEWK	1787	GA			2
	m.	3,							
64	JAM687VA	JAMES	1687CA	VA		VA			1
128	JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E	VA ????	17100304	VA NEWK			1

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Pedigre	_	<u>.</u>		e & Place	Death Da	te & Place	Burial Place (Al	ford)	Foot
Referen		v		e & Place			Marriage Date		Note
# 611	Charle	es Herbert Alford							
1 C	HA928LA	CHARLES HERBERT	19281203	LA					
0 11/	m.	. ,	19400916	I A TANK	10640506	T 4	DELII AII	I A TIANG	
2 HG	JM883LA m.	HOMER MARSHALL HAMMOND, HAZEL BELLE		LA TANG MS PIKE	19640506	LA	BEULAH 19130416	LA TANG MS PIKE	
4 M	AR839LA	MARSHALL THOMAS		LA WASH	19040524	LA TANG	BEULAH BAPT.		
	m.	SELF, CHARITY ANN	18440916		19221120	LA ALLE	18671120		
(see Ear	rly Alford	Ancestors of John Seaborn Alf	ford 1807	LA following	the new lir	neages)			
# 613	Dotter	Vor							
	Betty 1	· ·	1764614	WA EDED	192002	TN DAVI			
17	en / 64 va m.	ELIZABETH KEY, WILLIAM WALLER	1764CA 1766CA	VA FRED VA AMHE	183002 182010	TN DAVI	17901220	VA AMHE	7
34 WIL	L734VA02	WILLIAM	1734CA?	VA FRE?	1808CA	VA NELS	17901220	V 71 7 11 VIII IL	_
	m.	1 CLARK?, LETITIA					1758CA	VA FRE?	
68 JC	OH696MD	JOHN	1696E	MD ????	1748	VA FRED			1
	m.	, MARY							
# 613	Gavle	Lynn Griffin							
27	-	SARAH ANNA	18370712	CD ONTA	19170130	MI KALA	VIRGO	MI KALA	2
21	m.	1 GREEN, WILLIAM A.	1837/8	NY MONR		TN	18590928	MI VANB	2
54 V	WIL799Ne	WILLIAM	1799 17	NYMAVT?	18490804	MI KALA	GREEN BOWER	MI KALA	2
	m.	MCCULLOUGH, MARTHA	18160406	IRELAND	19090419	MI VANB	18300119	CD ONTA	
# 611	Munio	l Alford Greene							
	mur940nc		10400612	NC FORS					
1	m.		19361025	NC FORS					
2 HIN	1910NC0B	HINES BERRY		NC VANC	19660526	NC DURA	YOUNGSVILLE	NC FRAN	
	m.	2 TURNER, CLARA							
4 CHA	882NC0B	CHARLES BERRY	18820712	NC FRA?	19581126	NC DURH		NC FRAN	
5	m.	2 STRICKLAND, LALA ANNIE A.	18861015	NC	194211 19120228	NC WAKE		NC FRAN	
3	m.	ALFORD, CHARLES BERRY			19581126	NC DURH		NC FRAN	
8 P.	AT858NC			NC FRAK	19160326		KITTRELL	NC VANC	
	m.	,			19480220	NC VANC		NC FRAN	
10 W	VIL849NC		1849CA	NC FRAN	19271002		YOUNGSVILLE	NC FRAN	
16 H	m. HIN827NC	JEFFREYS, REBECCA R. HINES BERRY	18470609	NC WAKE NC	19150618 19040813	NC FRAN NC FRAN	AT FORD	NC FRAN	
10 1.	m.	WADFORD, LOUANSA E.	182808	NC	19040815			NC FRAN	
20 J	UL820NC	JULIUS	1820-23	NC	_				
	m.	WIGGINS, ELIZABETH	1831	NC			18471006	NC FRAN	
32 TI	HO795GA	THOMAS	1795/800	GA	1870>	NC			2
40 L	m. OC790NC	, DICY LOCKHARD H.	1795/806 1790E	NC NC ??	1870> 1844	NC FRAN			
40 L	m.	COOK, TABITHA	1770L	NC	1850<	NC FRAN	18111221	NC FRAN	
		Alford							
1 D.	AV948TX		19480613						
2 11		MCELYEA, LANA S.	19490609						
2 H		HOLLIS W. FERGUSON, ARLIENE	19211224	TX ANGE					
4 E		ELTON CLYDE		TX ANGE					
		CAWVED VIOLA							

m. SAWYER, VIOLA

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8	JUL857TX	JULIAS	1857CA	TX					
16	MAR833AL	MARMADUKE	1833	AL	1863>	TX			
	m.	MCGRAW, ANNIE BELL							
32	JOH801NC	JOHN	1801CA	NC		AL ????			2
	m.	, MARY		NC					
# 6	616 Thom	as Rockhold							
3	gla919va	GLADYS	19191228	VA ARLI					
	m.	ROCKHOLD, RAY EDW.		MT CART			19410616	VA ARLI	
6	JAM877GA	JAMES EDWARD	18770911	GA *	19310222	VA ARLI	10121112	DOMAGII	. 2
12	m. JAM855NC	JORY, BESSIE VIOLA JAMES NEEDHAM (W)	18900103 18551009	NC / GA	19721204 19291002	VA ARLI GA EMAN		DC WASH	-
12	m.	, SARAH JANE	185709	GA	192903	GA			
24	JEF830PA		1830E	GA / PA					
# 6	617 Eman	uel P. "Al" Alford							
1		EMANUEL PEACHMAN	19230212	OH COSH					
	m.	, GENEVA	19290422						
2	EMA874SC	EMANUEL PEACHMAN	1874	SC MARI	19451021		PRAIRIE CH	OH COSH	
4	JOH844SC01	JOHN WILLIAM	1844CA 1844CA	SC MARI SC MARI	19240607 1881CA	SC FLOR SC MARI	PROSPECT 1864CA	SC FLOR SC MARI	
	m.	1 BAILEY, ALICE W.	1044CA	SC MAKI	IOOICA	SC MAKI	1604CA	SC WAKI	
# 6	518 Nancy	Elkin							
3	vir918ms	VIRGINIA		MS CHIC					
	m.	BRAY, JACK AUGUSTUS		MS CHIC	19840504	MS CHIC	19360530	MC CITIC	
6	WAL891MS m.	WATTY WASHINGTON BERRY, ELMER OLIVE		MS CHIC MS CHIC	19810405 19680720	MS CHIC MS CHIC	19101127	MS CHIC MS CHIC	
12	OSC867GA	OSCAR S. "BUD"		AL?GA	19470803	MS CHIC	17101127	MS CHIC	
	m.	GRIFFIN, SARAH F.	18750809		19531112		18910102	MS CHIC	
24	GEO840GA	GEORGE WASHINGTON	18400222	SC	1925	MS CHIC		MS CHIC	2
40	m.	IRWIN, SARAH FRANCES	18460623	G.4	1923		18600322	GA CARR	2
48		RICHARD (JAMES)	1821CA 1820	GA	1894				2
96	m. JEP797NC01	1 PIPER, JANE JEPTHA	1820 1797CA	NC	1869	GA			2
, ,	m.	1 SCROGGINS, JANE	1801CA	NC	1855 </td <td>0.1</td> <td>18200730</td> <td>GA CARR</td> <td></td>	0.1	18200730	GA CARR	
# 6	619 Edna	Stuart (Data not av	zailahle`	)					
,, (	) Lana	Stuart (Butta 110t a )	unusio,	,					
# 6	520 Dora .	Jay Warren							
A		MIRANDA LORETTA		NC ROBE	18790209	MS COPI	OLD CRS SPRG	MS COPI	
(see	m. Early Alford	WILSON, WILLIAM S. Ancestors of James Alford 17	18090617 764 NC foll	owing the ne	1850< w lineages)		18341002	MS COPI	
Ì	•			8					
		ta R. Stevens							
2	•	KYTICE "KITSEY"	1798CA 1790/99	NC ROBE NC ROBE	1874CA 1844CA	MS COPI	ARD FAMILY	MS COPI	
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# 6	22 Ruth l	Eager Moran							
1	7 lav805va	_	1805CA	VA WYT?	1846	VA			
1		EAGER, JOHN WESLEY	1797/9	VA WIII.	1846	VA	1826	VA WYTH	
34 J	OH763VA0C	JOHN	1763	VA WYTH	1010	KY/MO	1020	V11 (V 1 111	
	m.	3 CRAWFORD, PEGGY					18151103	VA GILE	
68	THO725VA	THOMAS	1725CA?	VA FRE?	180611CA	VA WYTH			2
	m.	FIELD, ELIZABETH ??	1738		1805/6>	VA WYTH	1760 CA	VA	
136	JOH696MD	JOHN	1696E	MD ????	1748	VA FRED			1
	m.	, MARY							
# 6	23 Dixie	L. Alford							
1	dix944wv	DIXIE LOUISE	19440107	WV RALI					
2	CEC923TX	CECIL WYLIE	19230203	TX TARR					
	m.	MEADOWS, CHARLOTTE		WV RALE			19430320	OH FRAN	
4	CEC902MS	CECIL W. ROBBINS		MS HIND	19251129	MS HIND	CEDARLAWN	MS HIND	
	m.	BAKER, RENE MAE		TX ELLI	40400=4=		19220331	TX TARR	
8	THA871MS	THADDEUS LADORA	18/10913	MS RANK	19400517	MS HIND	10010514	MCDANIZ	
16	m. WAR831GA	ROBBINS, FANNIE WARREN JEFFERSON	18310024	GA FAYE	18980301	MS SCOT	19010514	MS RANK	
10	m.	GARRETT, SARAH ELIZ.	183608	AL	19090309	MS SCOT	1857-58		
32	SPI807GA	SPIRE WASHINGTON		GA UPSO	1870-71		MT. OLIVE	MS SCOT	
22	m.	BRASSELL, SARAH		GA JONE	1900'S	MS SCOT		GA	
64	BRI781NC	BRITTAIN WASH.	17810204		18490210	GA PIKE	ALFORD	GA PIKE	2
	m.	BRASSELL, BARSHEBA	17850210	NC / GA	18541119	GA PIKE	18050319	GA PIKE	
(see	Early Alford A	Ancestors of Isham Alford 17	49 NC follo	owing the ne	w lineages)				
# 6	24 James	Weldon Alford							
1	JAM933	JAMES	19330514						
2	COU908SC	COUSAR	1908/09	SC DILL	19870116	VA RICH			
	m.	ALFORD, SALLIE	19190203	SC DILL	19710710	NY KING			
3	sal919sc	SALLIE	19190203		19710710	NY KING			
	m.	ALFORD, COUSAR	1908/09	SC DILL	19870116	VA RICH			
4	ROB872SC	ROBERT	1872/75	SC DILL		SC DILL			
_	m.	2, BESSIE	1004/05	CC DIL I	10500214	CC DII 1			
6	LUK884SC	LUKE	1884/85	SC DILL	19500314	SC DILL			
8	m. ROB830SC	BETHEA, VICTORIA ROBERT	1830	SC DILL	1908	SC DILL			
o	m.	, ELIZA	1840	SC DILL	1700	SC DILL			
12	BEN835SC	BEN		SC DILL	19181123	SC DILL			
	m.	JOHNSON, MAMIE ELLEN	10001200		1/101123				

# # 625 Inez Cole

7	luc870ms	LUCY JANE	18701231	MS SCOT	19420206	MS RANK	SPRINGFIELD	MS SCOT	
	m.	PALMER, FRANCIS M.	18560209	AL BARB	19320718	MS RANK	18841225	MS SCOT	
14	BRI843MS	BRITTIAN WASH.	18430110	MS LEAK	18771020	MS SCOT	MT. OLIVE	MS SCOT	
	m.	LINDSEY, EMILY	18500227	MS	19350517	MS SCOT	18660801	MS SCOT	
28	SPI807GA	SPIRE WASHINGTON	18071001	GA UPSO	1870-71	MS SCOT	MT. OLIVE	MS SCOT	
	m.	BRASSELL, SARAH	18110209	GA JONE	1900'S	MS SCOT	18290320	GA	
56	BRI781NC	BRITTAIN WASH.	17810204	NC ??	18490210	GA PIKE	ALFORD	GA PIKE	2
	m.	BRASSELL, BARSHEBA	17850210	NC / GA	18541119	GA PIKE	18050319	GA PIKE	
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(see Early Alford Ancestors of Isham Alford 1749 NC following the new lineages)

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# 62	26 Huber	t L. Alford							
1		HUBERT L.	19361008	AL ETOW					
	m.	, NELDA S.	19370815						
2 H	IAR898AL02	HARDMAN TALMADGE	18980305	AL ETOW	19800529	AL ETOW	UNION #3	AL ETOW	2
	m.	2 SPINKS, ANNIE RHODA	19130112	A E E E E	10.410225	AL EMONI	19320405	AL CHER	
4		WILLIAM J.	186109 186312	AL ETOW	19410327 1914	AL ETOW AL ETOW	NEW BETHEL	AL ETOW AL ETOW	
8	m. JEF812TN05	BONE, SAMANTHA J. JEFFERSON	180312	TN	1914 18870604	AL ETOW AL ETOW	18820108	ALEIUW	1
o	m.	5 GULLEDGE, NANCY	1843-44	111	19200520	AL ETOW	18730223	AL ETOW	
16	ARC780NC	ARCHIBALD ???	1780CA	NC	1860-70	AL CHE?	10730223	TIE ETO W	1
	m.	, ELIZABETH ??	1771 ?		18740510				
(see l	Early Alford A	Ancestors of Isham Alford 17	49 NC foll	owing the ne	w lineages)				
# 63	27 Kellev	Richardson Barth	olomew	7					
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# FOOTNOTES FOR NEW LINEAGES

- 1 See AAFA ACTION Vol. VI No. 3, Winter 1994. pages 9-10
- 2 See comments in this issue.

### BRI781NC

Conflicting reports on place of marriage. Greene or Pike County. (2/94)

### EXU788NC

Exum and Bettie Alford were identified as the parents of H.H. Alford when H.H. married Nannie Wadkins March 27, 1879. Marriage was at H.H. Alford's by B.R. Hinnant, JP. (2/94)

### GEO840GA

In the 1860 census of Carroll Co. GA is listed a WASH ALFORD 17 and FRANCES 16, assumed to be this couple. They are living next door to big brother WELBORN ALFORD. (2/94)

### HAR898AL02

He is buried in Union No. 3 Baptist Church, Ballplay Community, Hokes Bluff, Etowah County, AL. (11/93 SCT; 2/94)

### JAC738VA

Jacob was born December 12, 1737 and christened February 18, 1738. He wrote his will July 4, 1794, but the date of his death is not known. (2/94)

### JAM877GA

Birthplace is shown as "Longbranch" Ga. Geographic references indicate there was such a place in both Tattnal and Evans Counties. (2/94)

### JEP797NC01

Were he and first wife married in Jones Co. or Carroll Co? Much of the data about this family was supplied by Vachel V. Driver, 740 Stripling Chapel Road, Carrollton GA 30117. He reported that he had a copy of the will of Jeptha Alford but a copy was never received by the compiler. He says that only one son, Richard, stayed in Carroll County. Others moved away.

Franklin Co. NC land records show Jacob Alford who later moved to Georgia and then Louisiana selling land to Jiles Driver. The following is a quote from a V.V. Driver letter of 1988: "The Jiles Driver mentioned in these land transactions was without a doubt my G. G. G. Grandfather. He moved from Franklin Co. NC in 1803 or 1804 to Jones Co. GA and died there in 1825. He left a will in that Co. So we have Jeptha marrying there in 1820. I feel sure these people were neighbors in NC and migrated to the same places. If we can ever determine whether Jacob is his father we will have a breakthru. Julius is Jacob's father according to these land records. I also notice a "Goodridge" is also a common name in both families. Any guess as to why?" (2/94)

### JOH801NC

The birth date is only approximate. It is likely that he died in Alabama. The late Herman W. Alford, AAFA #068, of Philadelphia, MS, did research from which he concluded that John probably lived in or near Carrolton in Carroll County, Georgia and that he is probably buried in Pickens County, Alabama. He apparently also spent some time in Greene County, Alabama. If he was in Carroll County then the possibility that he is a brother of Jeptha Alford born 1797 NC who lived in Carroll County. (2/94)

### JOH807LA

See *AAFA ACTION*, June 1992, Vol. V No. 1, Pg 17 and *AAFA ACTION*, September 1992, Vol. V No. 2, Pg 12.

### JOH816NC

Nancy's full name was Nancy Galbreth

Stewart. John was called "Jack." (2/94)

### KIN768NC

The following is a transcription taken from LDS LIbrary microfilm 0018914, Franklin Co., NC 1848-1859 Book O, p 153. [Upper case letters added by compiler for emphasis.]

In the name of God Amen. I Kinchen Alford, of the county of Franklin and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make and constitute this my last will and testament

- 1. That my executor or administrator out of the proceeds of my estate pay my burial expenses as well as all of my just debts
- 2. That my wife Sinny Alford should she survive me have the use during her natural life of our residue of my estate.
- 3. I bequeath to WILLIAM ALFORD \$232 to bear interest from the 31st Jan 1848.
- 4. To SIPPY ALFORD the sum of \$232 to bear interest from 31st Jan 1848.
- 5. To KINCHEN ALFORD the sum of \$232 to bear interest from 31st Jan 1848.
- 6. To ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, wife of M.D. Williams, the sum of \$232 and? from the 31st Jan 1848. I loan during her natural life and at her decease I give the same to her children then living.
- 7. To after the decease of my wife Sinney Alford that my estate left her as foresaid be sold and this amount stated before be paid out of the smae and that the residue be equally divided between my lawful heirs with the exception of Burgess Mullins and his heirs.
- 8. I appoint Bryant Young and SIMON ALFORD my executors to hereby make all and all former wills by me made

Executor under my hand. 15th day of Nov 1848 Kinchen Alford

Codicil to the Foregoing Will

Whereas, I KINCHEN ALFORD, having made my last will of testament, in writing bearing date the 15th day of Nov 1848 I have hereby made sundry bequest according to the then existing circumstance of my estate, but which circumstances having now changed. I do by this my writing, which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said will to be taken and \_ direct that the sum of \$220.72 only be paid to each of my sons and daughter (that is to say) William, Sippy, Kinchen, and Elizabeth in full, instead of the sum of \$232 as directed in said part of my will. But that they shall have the interest on this sum of \$232 up to the present date and afterward in this part of my last will and testament of \$220.72 up to the final settlement of the whole to be disposed of by my executors as directed in said part of my will and testament of which this codicil is a part executed in my hands and made this 5th day of Feb 1851.

Kinchen Alford

The following is the compiler's transcript of a photocopy of the document described:

of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four between KINCHEN ALFORD of the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina of the one part and SIMON ALFORD his son of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that I the said KINCHEN ALFORD for divers good causes moving me, but more Especially for the natural Love and tender affection that I have to my son SIMON, I the said KINCHEN ALFORD doth hereby give grant Convey and Confirm unto him the said SIMON ALFORD to him and his heirs and assigned forever

This Indenture made this Twenty Third

one certain tract or parcel of Land Lying in the County and State aforesaid and on the beaver dam branch and bounded as follows beginning at a poplar which is Jones and Thorps Corner & running North to Thorps corner & then running East Thorps Line and then south to Bunns Line containing one hundred acres be the same more or less.

The same to contain be the same more or less together with all the improvements thereunto belonging to enjoy free and clear forever and I the said KINCHEN ALFORD doth hereby warrant and forever defend a good Lawfull Right Title and Interest unto the said land and premisis before mentioned unto him the said SIMON ALFORD to him his heirs and assigns forever against any person or persons whatever holding or claiming any Rights Title or Interest unto the above mentioned land and premises. signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

Signed (or marked) by: W. S. Cheves
KINCHEN ALFORD
Duncan Bunn

State of North Carolina

Franklin County I Young Patterson Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid certify that the execution of the foregoing Deed of Gift is proven before me at my office by the oath of William S. Cheves a subscribing witness thereto, therefore let it be Registered this 7th day of October AD 1856.

Y. Patterson CCC The foregoing Deed is truly registered this 7th day of October AD 1856. Attest. P Yound PR.

The following is the compiler's transcript from a photocopy of the document described.

Louisburg N Carolina July 14th 1860 Mr. SIPEY ALFORD

Dear Brother

I have been looking for a letter from you for a considerable time but SIMON ALFORD informs me that, he recd a letter from you some time since and from what you wrote him you must have been under the impression that he was the \_\_\_\_ [apparently an abbreviation for executor] of your fathers will but I can say to you that, I am and that I have settled with all the legatees except you and I can say to you also that at this time SIMON recd your letter that, I was gone to Texas and went prepared to settle with you having got a New York check to the aount of your legacy but, the travel being so great, and being at such a distance from you I did not \_\_\_\_ you as I expected when I left home the nearest point that I was at from your house as I understand was Corsacanno (sic) I left home about the 1st of April and got home the 1st of June. & while upon the subject I can say to you that I do not like your country for various reasons. KINCHEN ALFORD came in last winter and got his part and the parts of the others in Georgia and I supposed that he would have written to you upon the subject as he told me that he wrote you occasionally and as I failed to see you in Texas I can say to you that if you desire me to send you a check for your part write forthwith and I will do so. I have sent several checks to other states with safety. A check can be obtained at from 1/2 to 1 percent discount and can be sold at a premium of about the same which will amount to about the same. Finally your legacy amounts to about \$1060.

As relates to your fathers Estate - I do not think it necessary to into all the particulars but, can say to you that I done as I think my duty to all concerned. I do think that Mr. Alfords will as it turned out did not give Georgia Children a chance equal with his other children but I have no doubt, but, he though, he done right at, the time for he was a man that did not think of doing wrong But, the principal thing that, operated against his children in general was the gift- of a portion of his land to SIMON independant, of his an equal part, with the others in the balance I talked to SIMON about this thing and told him that he ought not to have that, advantage for the old man was in his dotage at, the time but, he seemed disposed to hold on I sold the whole of the propertiy ofter the death of your mother. Land Negroes and all the amount, of the estate was eight thousand \_\_\_\_\_ or four hundred dollars should you wish to know any thing relating to the estate write me and I will give you the information sought. \_\_\_\_ your family is tolerable well at present, we hope these lines will find your family well. Write soon. Farewell dear Brother SIPEY ALFORD.

Bryant Young (2/94)

### **KIN812NC02**

The following is the compiler's transcription from a photocopy of the document described.

Madison Morgan County Feb 1 1858

Dear Brother

I have takin this opertunity answering your letter recd yesterday and and was glad to her from youall. I can sate to you that we ar all well at present. I am overseeing for Kolle that lives in Maderson at the hemss hill place on the road leading from Kinson to Maderson? miles from Maderson and 4 miles from Buckhed. My wages is all my bread cooking and washing and one hundred dollars worth of meat & 3 hundred dollars. I have 47 hans. Our crops of corn & wheat was very god cotton half crop. Corn is worth 50?? pur bushel wheat one doller?????

dollars per hundred. I saw Mr. James Pur\_\_\_\_ that lives in 12 miles of Dangerfield he went from Green near Parks Bridge & he told me that filmore ?? was decd he sed he was not quainted with you but promas me that he wal call and see you when he return the sale of our parence tok place in 25 of November. Brother WILLIAM and sister ELIZABETH was thar. I cod knot leave my bisness. WILLIAM bought three Negros & ELIZABETH one tha sold high I think he said for Jim \$12.50 dollars. The estate mounted to 7500 dollars or thar about. I will state to you that my sun WILLIAM was mared the 5 of Janury he marred Jack Mullins daughter. He liv lass year & is get whar I live at Jordans when you was her. I have nothin more I wold be glad to be with you in Texas but I recon that I sall never be able to get thar my family is two large and is getin larger every two years tel it take all that I can make to feed and Cloal them. I have nothin mor give my respick to all you your family & take a part yourself Wright soon and dont let it be so long between times.

KINCHEN ALFORD (2/94)

### LOD710VA02

See also the many articles that have been written about Lodwick in *AAFA ACTION*. Use an index as they are too many to mention here. Also watch this section as there will likely be frequent updates to these notes.

There is little by which to determine the date of his birth. The St. Peter's Parish Register proves he had a brother born in 1717 and he, and supposed first wife Elizabeth, had a son, WILLIAM ALFORD, born 1734. The church record also records her death in 1735. There is nothing to prove that she was his first wife or that William was his first child. Most folks take that for granted and many think that Elizabeth was CADE.

Lodwick apparently needed someone

to help care for young WILLIAM and he married Susanna \_\_\_\_\_ (CADE or HARTLEY ??) soon enough that they had daughter ELIZABETH ALFORD in December 1736. Two years later, in December 1738, they had JACOB ALFORD, and that was the last heard of Susanna.

Sometime in the next few years most of these Alford families left New Kent County and were next found in North Carolina. There has been one suggestion that the family might have spent about ten years in Isle of Wight County, VA, before going to North Carolina, but so far there is nothing to support that.

There is strong, but completely unproven, legend that Lodwick married a REBECCA FERRELL. Until there is some evidence to support this marriage, AAFA is not listing it as probable.

Court records in North Carolina prove that a LODWICK ALFORD there had a wife named Sarah. Lodwick's brother GOODRICH ALFORD, who died in 1753 in North Carolina had a wife named Sarah. Lodwick was the administrator of Goodrich's estate. Some folks think Lodwick probably married his sister-in-law. Some interpret Lodwick's will to include the three children of Goodrich. (2/94)

### PAT858NC

Was he buried in Alford cemetery in Franklin Co. or Kittrell Cemetery in Vance Co? (2/94)

### RAN870NC

Full name appears to be Ransome Hardy Patric Alford (2/94)

### RIC821GA

First name came from V.V. Driver. AAFA marriage list shows that a GEORGE ALFORD married JANE PIPER September 26, 1839 in Troup Co. GA. At least one source shows he died 1864-65. (2/94)

### sar837cd

Sarah was born in Guelph (Eramosa), Ontario, Canada. They resided in Alamo Township 1837-1852 or 3; then Oshtemo Township until her 2nd marriage and then to Texas Township. All in Kalamazoo County, MI. There were descendants throughout Kalamazoo county in 1993.

After the death of William Green, Sarah married Gilson Phillips. There were no children from the second marriage.

William was killed in the Battle of Thompson's Station in Springhill, TN and is buried in Stone's River National Battlefield and Cemetery in Murphresboro, TN. (11/93; rev 2/94)

### 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)

### THO795GA

AAFA #041 Robbie Alford is still trying to prove Thomas is the father of Hines Berry Alford. Some interpret the 1850 Franklin County, NC census to show Hines in the household of Thomas. (2/94)

### WIL799Ne

William entered the War of 1812 from St. Lawrence County, NY. His name was spelled both "Alvord" and "Alverd" on the war record. His father was a Revolutionary War veteran but his name is not known. He married in Guelph Township, Waterloo County, Ontario, Canada.

Martha Ann McCullough was born in Monahagn County, Ireland. They had 14 children born from about 1830 to 1849 whose names were Eliza Jane, George Washington, Robert McCullough, Mary Maria, Abigail Hannah, Sarah Anna, Idena A., William Henry Harrison, Esther Louisa, Martha A., Freelace Maria, Francis G., Helen Caroline, and Joseph Franklin.

1799 is on his tombstone—date of Sept 17 is not verified, nor is 1799 except for the tombstone. Gayle Lynn Griffin AAFA #613: "I have always wondered if he was actually born earlier because his age would have been only 13 when he entered the war of 1812. It would not have been surprising had he understated his age—in 1830 when he married, he listed himself as "29"; and his bride was only 13." (11/93; Rev 02/94)

### WIL861AL

He is buried in New Bethel Methodist Church, Hokes Bluff, Etowah Co., AL. His headstone says he was born 1862. Samantha's head stone shows her as "Smythia" born 1859. (11/93 SCT; 2/94)

### **WIL913LA02**

Phyllis was first married to William's brother, Hollis, who was killed in France on Normandy Beach August 2, 1944. (2/94)

The following WIL footnotes pertain to lineages published in the Winter 1994 issue of AAFA ACTION—space limitations prevented them being printed in that issue.

### WIL547EN

The father of RICHARD, THOMAS and JOHN ALFORD. They were thought to be the grandsons of Rev. ALEXANDER ALFORD and his wife Agnes. The father would have been one of their four sons: WILLIAM ALFORD, JOHN ALFORD, BARTHOLOMEW ALFORD, or SALAMON ALFORD. Salamon's birth is reported as 1530-45. [See also comments pertaining to THO585EN] (11/93)

### WIL775VA

Mary was the daughter of Jacob Miller.

### WIL804VA

Elizabeth's date of death is "approximate." She was the daughter of Christian and Mary (Whalen) Penner.

### WIL862CA

They were married in Weser City, ID but county cannot be identified. (11/93)

# FEEDBACK ON FOOTNOTES

From Bill Polk [AAFA #564] Feb. 27, 1994

In the Winter 1994 issue of AAFA ACTION, "Footnotes For New Lineages," there was a question raised about the deaths of Needham Alford and his wife Martha (Waddill) Alford of Limestone Co., TX. Some of the descendants of these two have been hunting for their burial plots for quite some time and we have yet to find the cemetery. There was a Horton Hill Cemetery, but it is long abandoned. Noel Alford was buried there in 1915 and was the last burial so far as is known at this time. The cemetery goes way back to the mid 1840s when John D. Smith, the father of Jacob Alford's wife, Sarah Smith, was buried there. It was then called Smith's Point. Later, some of us believe, the name was

changed to the Alford Cemetery because some of the Alfords began to be buried there, including Needham and Martha (so I believe). The Smith homestead northwest of Groesbeck, Texas was sold to the Horton family and thus became the Horton place. It was near Horton Hill (an actual hill). The cemetery name evolved to be called Horton Hill. I found a deed to the cemetery in the Limestone County records last year which called it the "John D. Smith Graveyard," and two of the trustees for the one acre plot were Noel Alford and Jacob Alford. Putting it all together, it seems reasonable that Needham and Martha were buried there. However, we need to find it, which we will. A descendant of Noel Alford in Groesbeck, TX, went to his funeral when she was a girl. She states that there were no tombstones on any graves except those of Noel and his wife. However, that was long ago

and someone else could have put up tombstones. When we find this cemetery, a report will be made to AAFA.

Now concerning those dates of birth and death of Needham and Martha. I have the dates based on the Alford Bible. The Bible belonged to Needham. It is currently in the hands of Willie Alford of Hardin, Texas, per Elizabeth Mohle [AAFA #426] of San Antonio, and is in sad shape. Willie is a descendant of William Turnley Alford. The information from the Bible is on file in the public library in Many, LA, family file number 318. I have a copy of that printed information (from file 318) as well as copies of the actual Bible pages. I am a little surprised that AAFA does not have a copy of this information. The Bible record also shows the birth date of Jacob Alford,

father of Needham, Elizabeth Bryant, and several others and death dates of some. This document really should be in the AAFA files. I will be glad to send copies if you want. Just let me know.

[Bill was requested to send the copies. A number of years ago copies of all "Alford" files in the Sabine Parish Library, Many LA were purchased and are on file. Apparently the Bible data was added later which suggests we need to ask the library to see what other new Alford information they have.]

....I really look forward to getting AAFA ACTION. I get several newsletters and genealogical publications and AAFA ACTION is the best one going! Thanks for all you do. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

# Executive Director's Memo

By Gil Alford

### **Dues Increase**

At the 1992 meeting in Destin, FL, the board of directors approved an increase of \$1 per year in dues, to be made effective by the Executive Director upon the depletion of published promotional material quoting the \$15 dues. That material is now depleted. Effective immediately the annual dues will be \$16 per year. New members will pay \$21 to cover \$5 initial registration plus \$16 for the first year dues. This is only the second dues increase since the Association was founded, and it is the first in four years.

With the postal service planning an increase in postage, and considering that about one third of the AAFA expenditures are for postage, it is very probable another increase will come out of the Richmond meeting.

# AAFA State Representatives News

WEST VIRGINIA

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Our new State Rep from West Virginia, Lynn Shelley, has taken on this new state job and is she "digging" up Alfords of West Virginia and western Virginia. With her help, along with the several folks working with her, we expect to have lots of answers by the time we get to Richmond.

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Robert C. Alford AAFA #041 will be assuming the North Carolina job just as soon as he graduates from college in a few months. Many readers met

Robbie at the meeting in Raleigh in 1990. Robbie has been working on his ancestry most of his life and he and Gil Alford have corresponded for over ten years beginning when Robbie was in his mid-teens. Robbie will graduate later this year, get married, and go to work as a CPA for a well known (national) accounting firm in Raleigh. We are not giving Robbie's address as it will change before he gets all "set up" and we don't need to be bothering him during these next few trying months. He already has the AAFA North Carolina state books and those who come to the meeting in Richmond will be able to meet Robbie and his new bride. Robbie just firmed up some new discoveries about his Alford ancestry and is working on an article for publication about them.

Some of you will remember that Jean Jones Wilson AAFA #291 was our North Carolina state representative in 1990 but due to health reasons she had to give it up. We still appreciate all she did to make the 1990 Raleigh meeting a success.

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## Earthquake!

When the big earthquake struck the Los Angeles, CA, area earlier this year AAFA sent letters to all members, active and inactive, in the surrounding area. Recognizing that things might be a bit hectic, we sent a stamped self-addressed post card on which to respond. Most of those contacted responded. It was assumed that those who did not respond were just not interested rather than in serious trouble. Here are some of the comments received:

"Aside from a rude awakening we are just fine.....Would I consider moving? No Siree! I grew up in earth quake country. A tremor now and then is like a tonic. Your Adrenalin soars for the 10-15 seconds of the quake, and then you turn over and go back to sleep.

That is of course, if your house is still standing."

"Thank you very much for your concern! I live below Los Angeles and felt the quake but did not experience any damage. You could do one thing for me however. Send me a new renewal notice. I have misplaced mine and I would like to renew! Again, I am very impressed with the Alford association for the thought"

"Many thanks for thinking of us. We got a good shaking but had no damage or breakage. We are about 30 miles from the worst of it. We were in much greater danger from the fires last fall. The Altadena/Sierra Madre fire burned across the mountains about a mile from our foothills home. . . ."

There were a number of other similar responses. One was accidentally sent to a member in the San Diego area. He called to report that all was well with them and wanted to know when AAFA would hold an annual meeting and reunion in California? Well?

### E-Mail Directory

You've probably been reading about Internet and the Super Highway. Those of us who are on a computer service (Prodigy, Compuserve, America-On-Line, etc.) can electronically communicate with each other by crossing over on Internet, so we need to maintain a directory of E-Mail addresses. Send your computer service ID or Internet

Welcome to 22

New Members
This Quarter!

address to AAFA Secretary Max Alford, whose address is below.

Known addresses are below. If you use Internet, add @COMPUSERVE.COM to the Compuserve address and convert the comma in the numbered address to a period; add @PRODIGY.COM to the Prodigy address. For example, Gil Alford can be reached via Internet with 72154.1610@COMPUSERVE.COM or MCRT47A@PRODIGY.COM.

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## Deaths in Member's Family

We just received a letter from Haidee Reeves AAFA #210 informing us of a death in one of our member's family. Those who were at the 1989 meeting in Houston will remember Paul Murphy AAFA #255, the tall gray haired gentleman, whose wife Lillian was in a wheelchair. Paul lost Lillian last year and it was thought a notice had been published in the quarterly, but apparently a copy of the obituary was not received. On February 11 of this year Paul's daughter Lucy died of heart failure in her sleep. Nelda Murphy Randall AAFA #497 is Paul's sister. ❖

# Alfords in the News

### JUDY ALFORD

Sent by Lodwick Alford, AAFA #11

BRUNSWICK NEWS
Brunswick, GA—3 December 1993

State Employee Given Pay, Pension

ATLANTA (AP) — An employee of the state Public Service Commission who was demoted from confidential secretary to entry–level clerk has been awarded back pay, attorney's fees and a pension.

Judy Alford, chief administrative aide to former Commissioner Ford Spinks, was granted the award this week after the state declined to appeal a Fulton County judge's verdict in her favor.

To comply with the order, the state provided Ms. Alford with \$7,500 in back pay, a \$27,000 annual pension and \$57,000 for her lawyer, Amy Totenburg. In addition, she received \$15,000 to drop a civil suit in which she claimed the PSC had punished her for her relationship with Spinks....

When Spinks left office at the end of 1988, Ms. Alford was given a job stamping mail in the PSC's Hapeville office. Her annual raise, approved by the commission, was rescinded. She filed suit, saying she had been effectively fired.

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# JOSEPH BENJAMIN ALFORD

THE ERA-LEADER
Franklinton, LA—Wed., 10 Nov. 1993

Twenty-four descendants of Joseph and Rosa Alford gather

Joseph Benjamin Alford and his

wife, the former Rosa Ann Burch, had eight children, eight grandchildren, twenty great—grandchildren and nineteen great—great—grandchildren. Of these fifty—five descendants, twenty—four attended a family reunion and potluck supper on October 3, 1993, at the Denham Springs home of Charlotte Alford and her husband, Randy. Eleven friends and spouses were also present.

Mrs. Myrtha Alford Magee of Franklinton is the only surviving child of Joseph and Rosa Alford. She was unable to come to the reunion, although she had recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday at a reception at First Baptist Church in Franklinton. Her generation was represented by her brother Audel's widow, Mrs. Revia Henley Alford of Bogalusa, who brought a number of interesting items of family history to the reunion.

The third generation was represented by Carolyn Magee Honeycutt of Baton Rouge; Joan Alford and Jimmie Nell Alford Weick of New Orleans; Babs Alford Winburn of Ponchatoula; the Reverend Richard Alford of Wetumpka, Alabama and the hostess, Charlotte Owens.

Joseph Alford's great-grandchildren present were Kay Lewis; Wayne Weick; Marc, Sandra and Bruce Alford; Michael and Dirkie Winburn; Deanna Graham and Rebecca Owens.

Great-great-grandchildren present were Brittany Metrejan; Christopher Weick; Jonathan and Jared Alford; Travis and Rachel Messina; Cory Winburn; Benjamin Joseph Jones and Ilene Graham.

Family pictures were shared, and gaps in the family history filled in, while old memories were recalled.

Another reunion will be held on Sunday, October 2, 1994, also at Owens home in Denham Springs.

### ANITA ALFORD

Sent by Mildred Richbourg, AAFA #542

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THE NEWS HERALD
Panama City, FL—Thur., 23 Sept. 1993

Search for woman's killer continues

"Master of disguise" loose two years after Holmes County woman's death

BONIFAY — Two years ago Wednesday, police said, a Holmes County woman was gunned down by the former mayor of Westville, a man described by authorities as both the victim's stepfather and boyfriend.

Today, the search continues for Kenneth Stripling, who Sheriff John Braxton called a "master of disguise."

"He's still out there on the loose," the sheriff said.

Braxton said Kenneth Stripling, 41, killed Anita Alford, 33, with a single shot to her head as she stood beside his car in 1991.

Witnesses told investigators Alford and Stripling were "partying" in his car when they began to argue. Stripling warned Alford not to get out of the car, but she did.

Braxton said Alford was shot with a .357–caliber Magnum revolver by Stripling, who was still in the white 1982 Cadillac Coupe de Ville.

Authorities have been looking for him ever since.

The sheriff said that after the shooting, Stripling called his wife, Jackie Stripling. Jackie Stripling is Alford's mother. She was living with her own mother in Defuniak Springs.

"He told her that the daughter had been injured and she needed to go to the hospital with him," Braxton said. "(Jackie Stripling) jumped in the car with him and that's the last anybody's seen or heard from any one of them."

Exhausting every lead, investigators turned their information over to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI.

"Locally, we're still keeping in touch," Braxton said. "They're still running down leads, when they get them in."

Sightings have been reported as far away as New Mexico and Arizona.

Braxton said Stripling likely has eluded authorities because of his knack for disguising himself.

"He's a master of disguises," the sheriff said....

[Editor's note: On 10 Jan 1994, the television program "A Current Affair" aired a story about this incident. Apparently Stripling had been caught whie living with his wife's mother in SC. The program gave these additional details: Anita Joyce Alford was born in 1958 and died in 1991. Her father was Tom Alford. Stripling left his wife to live with Anita.]

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## WARNER ALFORD AAFA #241

Sent by Julius Alford, AAFA #13

*McCOMB ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL* McComb, MS—Fri., 23 April 1993

Warner Alford to be cited Saturday

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Athletic director Warner Alford and football coach Billy Brewer will be honored by the University of Mississippi Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Saturday night in conjunction with the Rebels' spring game.

Alford will receive the Distinguished American Award while Brewer will be honored with the Contribution to Amateur Football Award prior to the annual spring football game at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

Alford, a McComb native, is in his 15th year as Ole Miss athletic director and serves on the 44–member NCAA Council. He is chairman of College Football Association Athletic Directors Committee and is a member of the CFA Board of Directors.

A three–year offensive lineman with the Rebels, he co–captained the 1960 team which shared the national Championship.

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### DAVID ALFORD

Sent by Pam Thompson, AAFA #30

METROPOLITAN HOME, April 1992

"Walden West"

It's vacation heaven. An ardent gardener re-creates Eden for guests in his own private Colorado

By Mindy Pantiel

BLUE LAKE RANCH, outside of Durango, Colorado—where the milehigh state meets New Mexico, Arizona and Utah—can best be described as a cross between the Cotswolds of England and Walden Pond with amenities. Nestled into God's own outback (guests are mailed maps to chart their course to the Highway 140 turnoff), this cozy bed and breakfast is the kind of slow-moving, breathtaking place that embodies the very essence of a vacation getaway. "The only light we can see from here," says proprietor David Alford, "is in a gold mine up there in the mountains."

Built on a hill called Fort Lewis Mesa, site of the area's original Indian outpost, the former homestead offers thrilling views of the La Plata mountains' snow—capped San Juan range. And then there are the gardens: Flowers fill the landscape as far as the eye can see. Depending on the time of year, the Blue Lake Ranch Bed and Breakfast Inn's property brims with tulips and daffodils (as many as 30,000 flowers bloom each spring), towering hollyhocks, fields of poppies and petunias, and seemingly every other variety imaginable. Says Alford, "I make maps every spring and plant more bulbs in the fall to fill in any gaps."

It's difficult to believe that just 15 years ago the welcoming yellow country house where guests now clamor to stay was a ramshackle farmhouse set in fields stripped bare by cattle. But Alford, a former psychiatric social worker from Buffalo, NY, saw the potential for paradise and set about creating Eden in his own private Colorado.

The air in this heartland of the Old West is as pure as the water. The placid, three-acre lake after which the ranch is named is fed by seven underground springs that gurgle and gush out of nearby Spring Gulch. A regular angling guest stocks the lake with brook and rainbow trout that breed and grow to five or six poundsunless the loquacious Alford is telling fish tales. Everywhere, a merciful peace reigns. What sounds like gentle wind chimes in the distance is actually the music of the Alford sheep grazing, each animal wearing a different toned Swiss bell.

Occupying a hundred acres at the edge of a 6,000 acre agricultural station and the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Blue Lake Ranch supports a small flock of sheep (about 20 ewes) and maintains close ties to the wilderness: The animals are mated in fall and give birth in winter to allow the newborn lambs time to grow before setting them out to pasture—and such possible predators as coyotes and mountain lions.

Originally a turn—of—the—century homestead of Swedish immigrants, the inn has been in operation for 10 years now. Accommodations include four rooms in the year—round main house, each with private bath and vista; a three—bedroom log cabin near the lake

with two baths, two fireplaces and a kitchen; and a one-room cottage with bath and kitchenette that is surrounded by piñon trees and Alford's edible-flower garden. This variety of accommodations encourages a diverse mix of guests: Singles, couples and families (yes, kids are welcome) mingle easily.

Yet visitors are likely to find themselves sitting for hours watching the gardens grow, and the Alford family, ardent gardeners all, have made this activity extremely convenient. Here and there, Adirondack chairs are placed just so-one immersed in a sea of poppies, another offering unobstructed views of the lake and mountains. These are favorite places to meditate with afternoon tea or enjoy a picnic dinner brought back from town. "I've tried to create 'rooms' of gardens with lots of winding paths to explore," Alford enthuses.... And although he began his gardening career "by the book," Alford's approach to horticulture is now founded on a far looser philosophy—bulbs and beets grow side by side here....

When he isn't otherwise engaged, Alford actively pursues his private passion: heirloom flower seeds. The relentless gardener admits to boldly knocking on doors or hanging longingly over picket fences to get his hands on new varieties. "Fortunately," he notes, "gardeners love to share...."

"Old Mr. Coon" had been growing two-foot high hedges of petunias in his front yard for 62 years when Alford stumbled upon them and very likely saved them from extinction. "Turns out he had the original perennial variety that current hybrids are made from," says Alford, who now markets the reseeding petunias. In fact, as the result of constant guest requests for seeds, the Alford family now offers eight varieties and a cottage garden mix (which are available by mail order from the address below), along with a line of homemade honey, jams and jellies, holiday gift baskets, and even fresh lamb.

Although the serenity alone is

worth the trip, Blue Lake is an excellent base for a wider-ranging tour. Mountain towns like Telluride and Ouray are easy day trips, as are the Native American ruins at Mesa Verde National Park and the history-rich Durango-to-Silverton narrow-gauge railroad. In fact, Alford and his wife Shirley, a former physician, are developing a second guest house in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in Shirley's home there; it's less than four hours away by car.

"We try to keep everything simple and comfortable," Alford says with understated pride, but Blue Lake Ranch is far from "rustic." Rooms are furnished with Alford family pieces and others designed specifically for the inn. "I built a lot of the tables myself," says Alford, although he claims he hates carpentry, "and we made a lot of our own lamps out of pots and vases. The cabin is filled with log furniture I had handmade. My goal was to furnish the place with pieces I could fall asleep in. Since I'm almost 6'5" I figured that if I'm comfortable enough to sleep in a chair, anyone can...."

As for guests bearing seeds in hopes of trading for some of Alford's enviable blooms and edibles, he says, "I would never refuse a kindred spirit. That would be bad karma."

Blue Lake Ranch, 16919 Highway 140, Durango/Hesperus, CO 81326; 303/ 385-4537. Rates are \$80 to \$125 per night.

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### ALFORD, FLORIDA

Sent by Roberta Folds, AAFA #49

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION Atlanta, GA—Fri., 2 August 1991

Town's attraction hard to explain; you had to be there

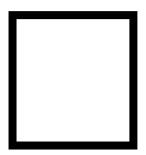
By Celestine Sibley

A sassy friend called up to say he

thought I had outgrown such archaic fancies as taking bus trips and going to Alford, Fla., of all places. In his younger days he traveled the Southeast as a salesman, and there are certain places that stick in his memory as beyond redemption. Especially, he added, if you travel to them by bus. He rode buses as a soldier and wants no more of them....

That's all very well, I told him, but what has he got against Alford, the little town in Jackson County founded at the turn of the century by the lumber barons, the Alford brothers, as a shipping point on the Atlanta and St. Andrews Bay railroad.

He actually never visited Alford so he backed up a bit, and I was able to tell him about its charms. It has two



notable places of interest close by—the fabulous, exotic caverns up the road in a state park in Marianna and the woods and waterfall and beautiful limestone sinks in Falling Water State Park in Chipley.

Granted, these sights and wonders are not in Alford proper. But they are close enough to have made my grandsons' visit there (after the bus ride) memorable. They had never been in the cool underground vaults of limestone caves, where glittering stalactites hang from the ceiling and strange and wondrous formations of rock surround you. It took us an hour to tour the caverns and they talked about it for days.

We took a picnic lunch to beautiful Falling Water State Park and rested in a fine grove of hardwood trees after a hike along a boardwalk through fern-

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# **Obituaries**

### JUNE L. ALFORD

Sent by W.J. Alford, AAFA # 138

HOUSTON CHRONICLE Houston, TX—no date

June L. Alford, 70, passed away on September 28, 1993. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA., but had resided in Houston for 33 years. Survivors include her husband, Rex of Houston; parents, Paul and Mary Ritzman of Austin; aunt Elmer Bauman of Austin; son, Mark of Houston, Kim and wife Lois of Los Angeles; daughter Page and husband Gary of Houston and grandchildren, Kyle Joseph Carter and Emily Ryan Alford. Funeral service will be private with interment in Memorial Oaks Cemetery....

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### WILMA WINSTEAD ALFORD

Sent by Ruby Heard, AAFA #137

THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, MS—Thurs., 9 Sept 1993

RALEIGH—Wilma Winstead Alford, 84, a homemaker, died of heart and respiratory failure Monday in Scott County Nursing Home.

Services are 11 a.m. today at Burns United Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Forest is in charge.

A Raleigh native, she was a member of Burns United Methodist Church. She was the widow of Major Alford.

"She maintained her wonderful sense of humor and loving ways during her long illness," said her niece, Mary Allen of Bryan, Texas. "She really was just so witty, and even to the bitter end."

Allen said her aunt's husband was a building contractor, and they traveled

some as he went around the country building churches. Mrs. Alford's activities included gardening and church work.

"She arranged and provided the flowers for the church through the years," Allen said.

Although Mrs. Alford never had children of her own, she treated her niece and nephews as her children. Among them were niece, Glenda Fleming of Pascgoula, and nephews, Ken Dobbs of College Station, Texas, Walter Dobbs of Gatesville, Texas, and Kenny Dobbs of Bryan.

"We all grew up together and she was a second mother to us, and to all the children in the neighborhood," Allen said. "She would take us horseback-riding. All the schoolchildren would come over to the house and she would do fun things with us, like making candy."

There are no immediate survivors.

Ruby Heard sent this additional information: Wilma Beatrice Winstead m. Major Henry Alford, who was b. 22 June 1907 in Scott Co., MS, the son of William Allen Alford. William was b. 2 Aug 1867 and m. Sallie Paul on 12 Oct 1890 in Scott Co. William d. 20 Oct 1930 and is buried with his wife at Mt. Olive Church Cemetery in Scott Co. William and Sallie had 13 children; Major was their tenth child.

William was the son of Britton Washington Alford and his wife Emily Lindsey. Britton was b. 10 Jan 1843 in Leake Co., MS, and m. Emily on 1 Aug 1866 in Scott Co. Emily was b. 27 Feb 1850 in Scott Co.

### SADIE MAE ALFORD

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032

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Unknown newspaper Galena Park, Harris Co., TX—no date

Sadie Mae Alford, 75, of Galena

Park, passed away August 26, 1993. She was born May 1, 1918, in Alaucheville, La., and was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Alford in June, 1988, Mrs. Alford is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanette and Norman Tiller, Janice and Rudy Silva, and Karen Sue and Donald Barnett; grandchildren, Stephanie Hilliard, Ronnie Barnett, Lisa Kubena, Julie Silva, Michael Silva, Stacey Burleson, Keith Lusk, Alisha Lusk, Teresa Lusk; great-grandddaughters, Lauren Kubena and Miranda Hilliard; sisters, Lillian Blaylock and Lillie McCullough; and a number of other relatives.

A vigil for the deceased was conducted at 7 p.m. Aug. 29, in Howard-Glendale Chapel. The Funeral Liturgy was celebrated at 10 a.m. Aug. 30., in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, with the Rev. Robert Carlson officiating. Rite of Committal was in San Jacinto Memorial Park Cemetery....

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Sent by Dovie Alford AAFA #110

TYLER MORNING TELEGRAPH Tyler, TX—Sat., 21 August 1993

PALESTINE—Services for Oma Vickery Alford, 86, Onalaska, are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday in Bailey & Foster Funeral Home Chapel in Palestine.

Burial will be in Strong Memorial Park, Slocum.

Mrs. Alford died Thursday in a Huntsville hospital.

She was born Feb. 25, 1907, in Slocum to the late Andrew Jackson Vickery and Ruth Turner Vickery. She was a member of the Slocum Christian Church.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Alford was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice Lee Alford, on Aug. 29, 1978.

Survivors include four daughters, Delores LeDoux and Peggy Meyer, both of Onalaska, Mary Ann Meadows, Houston, and Benita Mitchell, Stafford; one son, Maurice Arnold, Houston; one sister, Verna Jones, Groveton; two brothers, LeRoy Vickery, Onalaska, and Reggie Vickery, Fort Smith, Ark.; 22 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Michael Brown, Kenneth Alford, Allen Alford, Jimmy Adams, Larry Meadows, Ronald Meadows and Heath Williams.

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## INEZ ALFORD SUROVIK AAFA # 107

Unknown newspaper \_\_\_\_, TX—\_\_\_ August 1993

CALDWELL—Funeral services for Inez Alford Surovik, 100, of Caldwell will be 10 a.m. today at Strickland Funeral Home.

The Rev. William Jenkins of First United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 7:30 a.m. until the service today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Surovik died at home Thursday evening [19 Aug 1993].

She was born in Caldwell and graduated from Caldwell High School. Mrs. Surovik attended North Texas State Normal College of Denton and taught in several area schools, including Second Creek, Deanville, Cooks Point, San Antonio Prairie and Caldwell.

At the time of her death, she was the oldest member of First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Surovik was very active in the church, teaching study courses and serving as a Sunday school teacher and as sponsor for the Church Asberry girls, who began the

fund for the church organ that is still used today. As a member of the Methodist women's organization, she helped cook for the local Rotary Club for 29 years. She was also a member of the Bluebonnet Club.

Family members said she'll be remembered as a great cook who loved gardening, flowers and roses.

Mrs. Surovik was preceded in death by her parents, Halcut and Mary Jane Alford; her husband, W.L. Surovik Sr., in 1968; four brothers, D.L. Alford Sr., Robert A. Alford, Richard Ervin Alford and Phillip Alford; and four sisters, Elizabeth Alford, Cadie Alford, Nellie Alford and Mary Scott Alford.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, William L. Jr. [AAFA #209] and Sara Surovik of Caldwell; a

Inez Alford Surovik

grandson, Richard J. Surovik of Caldwell; a granddaughter and her spouse, Jayne and Emmit Wolz of Caldwell; a great-granddaughter, Julie Wolz of Caldwell; five nieces; six nephews; and many other relatives.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church choir fund, P.O. Box 478, Caldwell 77836.

Gil Alford adds this information: Florence Inez Alford was b. 12 May

1893 in Caldwell, Burleson Co., TX. She was the seventh childna dnfourth daughter of Halcut and Mary Jane (Scott) Alford. Two of her older sisters died when she was about eighteen months old so she grew up with only one older sister and three older brothers. She had a younger sister who died as an infant and a younger brother. Inez was AAFA's first and so far only centenarian

### SARA M. ALFORD

Sent by Elmer Miller, non-member

ATLANTA JOURNAL/CONSTITUTION Atlanta, GA—Friday, 4 June 1993

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Mrs. Sara M. Alford of Union City, died June 3, 1993. Mrs. Alford was a member of the East Point First United Methodist Church, Old Campbell County Women's Club, and retired from the FAA after 30 years service. She is survived by daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy (Ginger) Brown, Lilburn, Mr. and Mrs. Chris (Pat) Christenson, Sharpsburg; son Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Nancy) Alford, Newnan; sisters, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Rome, Mrs. Nell Shirley, Stockbridge; brother, Mr. George Montgomery, Macon, seven grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services Saturday 3 p.m. East Point First United Methodist Church. Rev. William O. (Pete) Dinkins and Rev. Horace Couch officiating. Interment, Forest Lawn. Family will receive friends Friday, June 4, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Howard L. Carmichael & Sons.

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### KYLE ANDREW ALFORD

From Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032

THE HOUSTON POST Houston, TX-Tues., 25 May 1993

Kyle Andrew Alford of Columbia

Lakes died May 24, 1993, after a courageous battle with cancer. He enjoyed a longtime friendship with a wide range of well-known people in the field of golf. His friends found that there were never any failures for this truly one-of-a-kind man. He lived his life to help people. He will forever live in the hearts of the many who loved and admired him. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Bledsoe Alford; daughter, Carol Ruth Brown of Houston; brother, Raymond Alford and his wife Daisey of Beaumont; two grandsons, Michael Andrew Brown and wife Andrea, and Scott Derek Brown, both of Bay City: and one great-grandchild, Allison Brown. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, May 26, 1993, at 10:00 A.M., at the First Baptist Church in Bay City, with Dr. W.D. Baker officiating. Interment will follow in the Cedarvale Cemetery in Bay City. Pallbearers will be Gene Amman, Alex Osmond, Ken Culbreth, Jr., Ray Kubeach, Morris Brown, Tommy Aycock, Lon Lambert and Neil Arbuckle. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Ken Culbreth, J.P. Diesel, Jay Hebert, Dick Goodridge, Craig Watson, Bob Earles, Jim Ness, Bill Hill, R.J. Nelson and Bum Phillips. For those desiring, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Brazosport Cancer Center, P. O. Box 90, Lake Jackson, TX 77566. Arrangements are with: Taylor Bros. Funeral Home, Bay City, TX (409)245-4613

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Sent by David Price, AAFA #168 and Wendell A. Meggs, AAFA #506

THE TENNESSEAN
\_\_\_\_\_, TN—Tuesday, 25 May 1993

William C. (Bill) Alford Jr., 66, Walter Hill community of Rutherford County, died Sunday, Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Graveside services 10 a.m. today, Evergreen Cemetery. Woodfin Memorial Chapel, Murfreesboro, in charge. Survivors: wife, Lillie Shoemake Alford; sons, William III, Murfreesboro, and Robert Alford, Mount Juliet; daughter, Mary Jo Carpenter, Tampa, Fla; sister, Dorothy Tarpley, Memphis; three grandchildren.

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### LEE ELLA ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA # 152

THE CHAMPION
Center, TX— 1972

Funeral services for Mrs. Lee Ella Alford of Shelbyville were held March 22 at 2 p.m. in Mangum Chapel with Rev. C.C. Atkins officiating. Interment was in the Rather cemetery.

Mrs. Alford, the daughter of William and Sara Swanzy, died March 20 in Shelby General Hospital. A native of Shelby County, she was 88 years of age.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Selma Alford Gibson of Lufkin; a son, John R. Alford of Shelbyville; four grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a btother, W.R. Swanzy of Center; three sisters, Cora Alford of Shelbyville, Mrs. Minnie Bains of Brookshire, and Mrs. Ethel Wellborn of Gladwater.

Serving as pallbearers were Paul Carlyle, Maurice Smith, C.F. Adams, Wesley Boles, Bill Stevens and Rick Stevens.

Janice Smith adds that Lee Ella was the wife of John Isaac Alford.

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## ERIC CLARENCE ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA # 152

#### THE CHAMPION

Center, TX—no date (before 1972—see prior obituary for his mother)

Eric Clarence Alford, 64, of Shelbyville died suddenly on August 8 from a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at Mangum Funeral Home Chapel on August 10 with the Rev. Ron Hansen and Mr. C.C. Adkins officiating ministers. Interment was in the Oaklawn Memorial Park.

Born and reared in Shelby County, Mr. Alford was foreman for Pitts Construction company. He was a member of Masonic Lodge of Shelbyville, Texas, Sam Houston #32.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lorena Alford of Shelbyville; a daughter, Mrs. Guy Cisco of Alamagorda, N.M.; 5 grandchildren; the mother, Mrs. Lee Ella Alford of Shelbyville; a brother, John Alford of Shelbyville; and a sister, Mrs. Selma Gibson, of Lufkin.

Pallbearers were O.F. Adams, Leon Shillings, Jack Case, Eric Forbis, Gilbert Wheeler, Paul Carlsile, Rick Stevens and Bill Stevens.

Janice Smith adds that Eric was the son of John Isaac Alford and Lee Ella Alford and the grandson of Baldy A. and Mary Alford.

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### ALBA B. ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA # 152

THE CHAMPION
Center, TX—Thurs. 19 February 1970

Alba B. Alford, a resident of the Halbert Community, died February 17 in the Memorial Hospital. He was a retired rancher and farmer and a member of the First Christian Church of Center.

Funeral services for Mr. Alford were conducted at 2 p.m. February 18 in Bartle Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Hancock officiating minister. Burial was in the Rather Cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Cora Jane Alford of Shelbyville; a

daughter, Mrs. Homer Adams of Houston; a son, Royce Alford of Shelbyville; two sisters, Mrs. Vera Swanzy and Mrs. Hartzel Beck of Shelbyville; seven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were John R. Alford, Tom Swanzy, J.P. Lout, Earl Dinkins, Jack Cannon and Joyce Warren.

Janice Smith adds that Alba was the son of Baldy A. and Mary Alford and the brother of John Issac Alford, whose wife's obituary is above.

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### L.P. ALFORD

Sent by Jim Alford, AAFA #115

DALLAS MORNING NEWS Dallas, TX—9 June 1896

Marshall, Tex. June 8—Col. L.P. [Lodwick C.P.] Alford, one of Harrison County's pioneers, died here at the advanced age of 84 years at the residence of his son, J.P. [Josiah Perry] Alford, cashier of the Marshall National Bank. Col. Alford was born in Troupe county, Georgia, Jan. 12, 1812 and was married in Lowenboro county, Alabama in 1837 to Miss Annie Sherrill. He came to Texas in 1839 with his family and settled in Harrison county, his home being on the headright which bore his name. He was a lawyer by profession. He has always been identified with Harrison county interests since his residence here. He leaves four sons and three daughters, J.P. Alford of this city, E.L. [Erasmus Lodwick] and W.S. Alford of this county, H.C. Alford of Shreveport, La., and Mesdames T.C. Marsden and Mittie Thomas of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. Lou Haynes of this city. [Editor's note: See related story, "Julius Caesar "Paddy" Alford, 1848-1876" on p. 59 of this issue.1

The subjects of the following two obituaries are not Alfords, but an Alford is mentioned in each obituary:

### ALICE M. BARTLETT

Sent by Vernon Oblegonner, nonmember

Unknown source Taylor, TX—no date

Alice M. Bartlett, 79, of Coupeville, Wash., formerly of Huntington Beach, Calif., died Sunday, Aug. 29, 1993.

Mrs. Bartlett was born Oct. 22, 1913, at Taylor the daughter of Willard and **Ruby Alford Gossett**. She graduated from Taylor High School and was employed by Consolidated Steel, Pico Yard, in Long Beach, Calif., in the early 1940's. On Sept. 10, 1944, she was married to Ted Bartlett, mayor of Huntington Beach, in Long Beach, Calif.

She was extremely active in city affairs, contributing about 50 years of service to community service. Her activities over the years include participation in the Hunting Beach Assistance League, the 20th Century Club, the Christmas City Awards organization, Huntington Beach Woman's Club, The Huntington Beach Republican Woman's Club, Orange County Republican Central Committee, chairman, Huntington Beach Republican Headquarters Alternate delegate to the National Republican convention 1966,

Member of the Fourth of July Firecracker Committee, charter member of the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce's woman's division, a life member of the Huntington Beach Historical Society an honorary member of Soroptimist International, the Republican Federated Women and the Southern California Republican Women, and received the Huntington Beach Citizen Of The Year award in 1984 as well as a 32 year pin from the American Red Cross Blood Bank. She moved to Anacortes in May of 1991, where she resided at Cap Sante Court Retirement Center

before moving to Careage of Whidby, Coupeville, Wash., in June of 1992.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ted Bartlett in 1989; both parents; two brothers, Joe Bibb Gossett, Willard H. Gossett Jr.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1993 at 2 p.m., at The Good Shepherd Cemetery, 8301 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, Calif. Arrangements are under the direction of Evans Funeral Chapel, Anacortes, Wash.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Thelma Gossett of Pasadena; a niece, Kay Malseed and husband Dave of Anacortes, Wash.; two nephews, Terry Gossett and wife Bee and children Rhea and Lee of Los Altos Hills, Calif., Mike Gossett and wife Jan and children, Drew and Beth of San Marcos.

Memorials are suggested to the Children's Wing of the Huntington Beach Public Library, Huntington Beach, Calif.

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### **RUBY MARKHAM**

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #32

THE HOUSTON POST Houston, TX—no date

Ruby Markham, 94, of Houston, died January 14, 1993, in Sugar Land, TX. She was born November 12, 1898, in Louisiana. She was an accomplished portrait painter, having studied in Paris, France. She had a studio in Dallas until she married James P. Markham, Jr., a Houston attorney in 1936. She is survived by a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Marian and Robert Alford of Houston; a nephew, L.D. Moore of San Antonio; 4 stepgrandchildren and several greatgrandchildren. Graveside funeral service will be 3:00 P.M., Monday, January 18, 1993, at Holy Cross Cemetery in Houston, TX, with Father John Folzenlogen officiating.... �

# Part 20: Josiah Alford's Alford Family Notes

From Josiah George Alford's *Alford Family Notes Ancient and Modern* (London: 1908), pp. 156–170. Part 19 was in the Fall 1993 issue of *AAFA ACTION*.

# THE ALFORDS OF CURRY RIVEL, etc., SOMERSET

- 2. **Samuel Alford** (the second), eldest son of the foregoing Samuel and Mary Alford, of Heale, was born at Curry Rivel, and baptized there 25 March 1776. After some years at the then celebrated Ilminster Grammar School he matriculated in 1794 at Queen's College, Oxford, proceeding B.A. in 1797, and M.A. in 1800. Taking Holy Orders, he served as chaplain to Lady Chatham, and afterwards became vicar of Muchelney. Inheriting the Heale Estate on the death of his father, he lived at Heale House, where, having married, in 1802, "Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Shute, esquire, of Charmouth, Dorsetshire," he brought up a family of thirteen children. These were:
  - i. Samuel Alford, of whom hereafter (6).
  - ii. Thomas Alford, of whom hereafter (7).
- iii. Henry Alford, of whom hereafter (8).
- iv. Walter Alford, of whom hereafter (9).
- v. Rebecca Shute, born 1810, married, 1842, William Francis Morgan, surgeon, of 2, Berkeley Square, Clifton. She died in 1891.
- vi. Frances Oke, born 1811, married, 1835, Henry Alford, afterwards Dean of Canterbury. She died in 1878, in Kensington Palace.
- vii. Mary Bush, born 1813, married, 1841, Henry Charles Trenchard, of Taunton, solicitor. She died in 1893.
- viii. Anne Octavia, born 1814, died, unmarried, at Weston-super-Mare, 13 October 1860. Buried at Curry Rivel.
- ix. Richard Alford, of whom hereafter (10).
- x. Harriet Jane, born 1817, married, 1844, Henry Burford Norman, surgeon, of London and Southsea. She died in 1847.
- xi. Eliza Shute, born 1819, married, 1846, Charles
   Millett Foster, solicitor, of North Curry, Somerset.
   His sister, Susanna, married Thomas Alford. She died in 1856.
- xii. Stephen Shute Alford, of whom hereafter (11).
- xiii. George Alford, of whom hereafter (12).

Mr. Samuel Alford added considerably to the Heale Estate, raising it to a total of 315 acres.

Samuel Alford died at Heale in 1854, and his widow the year following. His Will, and their monumental inscriptions

are here given:

"The Reverend Samuel Alford, of Heale House, within the parish of Curry Rivell, Co. Somerset, Clerk.....To my dear wife Rebecca all my household furniture, cows, horses and carriages, and 700 pounds. All my lands and tenements to my wife, my brother the Rev. Henry Alford, and John Frederick Norman of Taunton, upon trust, to divide among my twelve children. Whereas I have advanced to my children certain sums as in the Schedule, I wish these sums to be considered as part of their portion.....my sons Samuel, Henry, Thomas, Walter.....my son Richard.....My daughters Rebecca Shute wife of my nephew William Francis Morgan, Frances wife of my nephew Henry Alford [afterwards Dean of Canterbury], Harriet Jane wife of Henry Burford Norman, Mary Bush wife of Henry Charles Trenchard, and Eliza Shute wife of Charles Millet Foster.....My son Stephen Shute Alford.....my son the Rev. George Alford..... The trustees above mentioned to be also the Executors." Dated 20 August 1846. Proved by Rebecca Alford, widow, and John Frederick Norman, surviving Executors, 2 June 1854.

(Prerogative Court of Canterbury.)

Curry Rivel, Somerset (in the churchyard):

"Underneath are deposited the remains of the
Rev. Samuel Alford, M.A.,
of Heale in this Parish,
and formerly for many years
Incumbent of Muchelney.
He died March 22nd 1854, aged 78 years."

"Also the remains of Rebecca Alford his widow, who died February 2nd, 1855, aged 72 years."

- 3. **Henry Alford** (senior), the third and youngest son of Samuel Alford, senior, and Mary Bush his wife, was born in Curry Rivel Vicarage, December 3rd, 1872. He was educated at Blundell's celebrated school at Tiverton, matriculating at Wadham College, Oxford, in 1800, and graduating B.A. in 1804, and M.A. in 1811. He became a Fellow of Wadham, studied law, and was called to the Bar. In 1809 he married Sarah Eliza, daughter of T. Bradley Paget, banker, of Tamworth, by whom he had a son:
  - i. Henry Alford, of whom next (4).

In 1811 he lost his wife; was ordained in 1813, at Quebec Chapel, London, to the Curacy of Steeple Ashton, Wilts;

travelled with Lord Calthorpe to the field of Waterloo in 1817, and on to Rome. He held the livings of Ampton, Wingfield, Ampton (a second time), and Aston Sandford. In 1831 he married (secondly) Susannah, daughter of John Barber, of Denmark Hill, by whom he had a son:

ii. Bradley Hurt Alford, of whom later (5).

The Rev. Henry Alford died in 1852, and was buried at Curry Rivel, where the following inscription may be seen:

"Under neath are deposited the remains of
Henry Alford,
late Rector of Aston Sandford in the Co. of Bucks:
and third son of Samuel Alford, A.M.,
formerly Vicar of this Parish.
He was born in the adjoining Vicarage House Dec. 3, 1782,
and died at Tunbridge, Septr. 23, 1852."

"Also of Susannah his wife, who died May 31, 1869; aged 72 years."

- 4. **Henry Alford**, eldest son of the above Henry Alford, by Sarah is first wife, was born in London in 1810. He went to school, first at Charmouth and afterwards at Ilminster, spending his holidays at Heale House with his uncle and cousins. Entering at Trinity College, Cambridge, he became "Bell" Scholar, took a double-first degree in 1832, and B.D. and D.D. later. He was elected a Fellow of Trinity in 1834. Taking Holy Orders, he became Vicar of Wymeswold, then incumbent of Quebec Chapel in the West End of London, and in 1857 was appointed Dean of Canterbury. Marrying his cousin Frances Oke, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Alford, of Heale, their children were:
  - i. Ambrose Alford, born 1840, died 1850.
  - ii. Clement Alford, born 1843, died 1844.
- iii. Alice, married the Rev. William Thomas Bullock, Prebendary of St. Paul's; Chaplain of Kensington Palace.
- iv. Frances Mary, married Rev. Henry Edmund Tilsley Cruso, Assistant Master, King's School, Canterbury, now Rector of Tunstall, Kent. She died in 1905.

Dean Alford was "a man of varied attainments and refined scholarship". Several books, poetry and prose, are the fruit of his authorship, but he is especially remembered as the writer of Alford's *Greek Testament*. He died in 1871, and was buried with public honours in the chruchyard of St. Martin's Canterbury, where the following inscription marks his grave:

"Henry Alford, D.D.
Dean of Canterbury.
Born Oct. 7, 1810; Died Jan. 12, 1871.
Deversorium viatoris Hierosolyman proficiscentis."\*

"Also of Frances Oke Alford, his widow, Born 19 August, 1811; Died 18 November, 1878."

\*"The lodging place of a traveller journeying toward Jerusalem."

—The Dean's own choice of words.

A stained glass window, as a memorial to the Dean, was placed in the south choir Transept of Canterbury Cathedral, above which are two smaller windows in memory of his widow, while in the triforium are two others which the Dean gave as memorials to his two sons. A brass under the larger window bears this inscription:

"In memoriam Henrici Alford, S.T.P., Decani, qui ob. xii die Jan. mdccclxxi. Hanc vitream P.P. Amici."

Another, close by, runs:

"In piam memoriam Franciscæ Oke, Henrici Alford Decani vidvæ, duas quæ supra sunt vitreas posuit A. Bullock filia natu major, ob. die Nov. xviii. A.S. mdccclxxviii."

A marble bust of the Dean stands in the Cathedral Library, and a large portrait hangs in the Deanery.

*The Life of Dean Alford*, edited by his widow, was published by Rivingtons, 3rd edition, 1874.

An abstract of his Will here follows:

"The Very Rev.Henry Alford, D.D., Dean of Canterbury. To my wife Frances Oke Alford absolutely all my real Estate, and also all my personal Estate, including all monies and property over which I have any power of disposition or appointment, subject to the Settlement made on the marriage of my daughter Alice with the Rev. William Thomas Bullock... ... and also subject to the Bond executed on the marriage of my daughter Frances Mary with the Rev. Henry Edmund T. Cruso .....I appoint my said wife Executrix."

Dated 21 Aug. 1869. Proved 1871. Witnesses, Benj. Harrison, Archdeacon of Maidstone; J.O. Robertson, Canon of Canterbury.

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5. **Bradley Hurt Alford**, younger son of the Rev. Henry Alford, by Susannah, his second wife, was born at Ampton, Suffolk, 28 Aug. 1837. He was educated at Tonbridge

School, and became a Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, graduating with classical honours in 1859. Taking Holy Orders in 1862, he was successively Curate of St. Michael's, Chester Square; Incumbent of Leavenheath, Suffolk; Curate in charge of Holy Trinity, Hoxton; and Vicar of St. Luke's, Nutford Place, Hyde Park; retiring in 1903. He was frequently a special preacher in Westminster Abbey; was Editor of *Greek Testament with Notes* (1879), abridged from Dean Alford's larger work, and of Nutford Place Sermons.

The Rev. B.H. Alford married, in 1865, Caroline Alexa, daughter of Charles James Lyall, of Westbourne Terrace, Hyde Park, and has two daughters:

- Dorothy, who took a first-class in the Nat. Science Tripos, Cambridge, 1888; and in 1894 married William H. Banks, banker, of Kington, Herefordshire.
- Margaret, who took a first class, first division, in the Classical Tripos, Cambridge, 1890; and is now Lecturer in Latin at Bedford College, London.

We now return to the sons of Samuel Alford (the second) of Heale House, and Rebecca his wife.

- 6. **Samuel Alford** (the third), their eldest son, was born at Heale 30 Oct. 1803, and baptized in Curry Rivel Church Dec. 29. Having been at the Ilminster Grammar School, he prepared in Bristol for a legal career, but later on entered Queen's College, Cambridge, graduating in 1841. He was ordained in 1842 to the curacy of Wymeswold, moving to Glasbury, Herefordshire, where he remained in sole charge till 1872, when the Lord Chancellor appointed him to the rectory of Upper Helmsley, Yorks. He married Henrietta Whitter Tickell, of Scone, Cornwall, and had eleven children:
  - i. Eliza Mary, born at Chiddcock, Dorset.
  - ii. Catherine Sarah, born at Glasbury; died in infancy.
- iii. Charles Edward Alford, born at Glasbury, 29 August 1848; educated at Crewkerne Grammar School, and University College Hospital, London; a medical practitioner, and District Medical Officer of Crewkerne, Somerset; married, 24 June 1879, Mary Ann Griffin, their children being:
  - 1. Ethel, born at Crewkerne.
  - 2. Mabel, born at Crewkerne.
  - 3. Basil Alford, died in infancy.
- iv. Frederick James Alford, born in 1849, died in infancy.
- v. Sarah Gundry, born at Glasbury.
- vi. Agnes Oke, born at Glasbury; married William Alford, of Crewkerne and of Clifton, solicitor.

- vii. Lucy Shute, born at Glasbury; married, 1891, the Rev. Thomas Kerby Eaton, Vicar of Merriott, Somerset.
- viii. William Henry Alford, born 2 August 1854; settled in Montreal, in the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway; married a Canadian, but died in 1891, leaving no children.
- ix. Francis Alford, born 22 Dec. 1855; of Charlton, Kent; Commander of the Telegraph ship "Monarch"; married Mary Elizabeth Leegood, their children being:
  - 1.Jessie Whitter.
  - 2. Henrietia Mary Oke.
  - 3. Samuel Francis Alford.
  - 4. Robert George Freer Alford.
  - 5. Edgar Stephen Alford.
  - 6. Hilda Beatrice.
  - 7. William Henry Alford.
  - 8. Frederick Leonard Alford.
  - 9. Gertrude Lucy.
  - 10. Cecil Jasper Alford.
- x. Catherine Tickell, born at Glasbury.
- xi. Ernest Hender Alford, born 20 Sept. 1860; settled in Canada, and died, unmarried, aged 43.

The Rev. Samuel Alford died at Upper Helmsley in 1886, where a marble cross marks his grave in the churchyard, with the following inscription:

"In memory of the Rev. Samuel Alford 15 years Rector of this Parish Died Nov. 10, 1886; aged 83."

"Also Henrietta Whitter Alford his wife who died Jan. 8, 1887; aged 69."

- 7. **Thomas Alford**, second son of Samuel and Rebecca Alford, was born at Heale, 24 April 1805, and baptized in Curry Rivel Church 16 September the same year. He married Susanna, daughter of John Hopkins Foster, of Newport, North Curry, solicitor, and, living a quiet country life in Heale Cottage, brought up four children, viz.:
  - i. Herbert Alford, born 12 October 1838; bank manager at Weston-super-Mare; he married Maria Louisa Jones, and left three children, viz.:
    - 1. Charles Mitlett Alford, born 26 March 1870; now living in Leicester.
    - 2. Herbert Thomas Marmaduke Alford, born 24 July 1873, medical practitioner, of Weston-super-Mare. He married Edith Violet Clay, by whom he has a son,

Richard Marmaduke Alford, born 17 August 1906, and two daughters—Una Violet and Kathleen Iris. Herbert Alford died in 1893, and was buried in the cemetery at Weston-super-Mare, where the following inscription is on his grave:

"In loving memory of Herbert Alford, who departed this life on Sunday, the 29th September, 1893, in the 55th year of his age."

- ii. Clement Alford, born 1840, passed from Crewkerne School to Corpus Christi, Oxford, in 1859, graduated B.A. in 1863, and M.A. in 1866. He took holy orders, and after holding several curacies became Vicar of Westbury-sub-Mendip, where he died, unmarried, in 1891.
- iii. Rose, who now occupies Heale Cottage.
- iv. Martin Alford, born 19 June 1846; baptized at Curry Rivel Church. He took holy orders in 1877, and after holding some curacies, including Atworth, Wilts, and Brent Knoll, Somerset, became Vicar of Long Sutton, and, later, Rector of Treborough. Retiring, he now lives at Minehead, Somerset. He married, 7 June 1887, Freda Annette, daughterof Andrew Bushell of Atworth, Wiltshire, and has three daughters, viz.:
  - 1. Frances Rose, born at St. Briavel's.
  - 2. Daisey Oke, born at Curry Rivel.
  - 3. Dorothy Freda, born at Long Sutton.

Mr. Thomas Alford died in 1884, and his widow two years later. They were buried in the Curry Rivel churchyard, where is this inscription:

"Thomas Alford of Heale in this Parish died 13 October, 1884, Aged 79 years. Susannah, his wife, Died 30 July, 1886, aged 77 years."

8. **Henry Alford**, third son of Samuel Alford, of Heale, was born at Heale in 1806, and after studying in Bristol and St. Bartholomew's, entered the medical profession. Settling in Taunton in 1830, "he practised there with conspicuous success for over half a century." On retiring professionally he did much public work, serving as "Bailiff" of the borough, and Churchwarden of the grand old parish church of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton. He was twice married; first, in 1835, to Elizabeth Jane Pring, by whom he had six children; and secondly, in 1846, to Mary Andrews Norman

(whose brother, Henry Burford Norman, had married Harriet Jane Alford). Henry Alford's children were:

- Henry James Alford, M.D., of Taunton, Medical Officer of Health, born 1836, who married, first, Matilda Micklethwaite, by whom he had:
  - 1. Edward Henry Micklethwaite Alford, born 1859, now of Napier, New Zealand, married, and has one son and one daughter.
  - 2. Henry Stacey Alford, born 1861, now in the United States.
  - 3. Arthur Powell Alford, born 1865, now in Massachusetts.
  - 4. Francis William Alford, born 1873, now in Canada.
  - John Micklethwaite Alford, born 1875, now in Canada; married, has one son and one daughter.
  - 6. Sophia Matilda, born at Taunton.
  - 7. Anne Pring, married Gorden Walsh, solicitor, of Oxford; died 14 May 1904.
  - 8. Mabel, married Walter Morris, now a widow.
  - 9. Ethel, born at Taunton.
  - 10. Edith Maud, married Walter James Hill, surgeon, of Clevedon; Surgeon-Captain R.G.A. Volunteers.
  - 11. Lilian Maud, married Arthur Mundy, of Cardiff.
- Dr. Henry Alford married, secondly, in 1886, Marian King, by whom he has children:
  - 12. Bernard Trevor Alford, born 9 Dec. 1888.
  - 13. Thomas Alford, born 21 Dec. 1889.
  - 14. Leonard Alford, born 16 Nov. 1891.
  - 15. Maria Victoria, born at Taunton.
  - ii. Henrietta Elizabeth, born 1837, died at Taunton 1905. A zealous Christian worker; for twenty-five years Superintendent of the St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Sunday School. She had also considerable literary talent, especially in verse.
- iii. Daniel Pring Alford, born 28 Nov. 1838, matriculated at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1857, graduating B.A. with honours in 1861, and M.A. in 1864. Ordained in 1862 he became Chaplain of the Scilly Isles, Rector of Apsley Guise, and Vicar of Houghton Regis, Bedford- shire, and finally Vicar of Tavistock. Retiring, he lives in Taunton, much occupied with literary work. He is the author of A Tale of Tresco, The Retreat, and other poems, The Abbots of Tavistock, etc. He married in 1864 Charlotte Elizabeth Toncock, daughter of a former Vicar of Tavistock, their family being:
  - 1. Henry Powell Alford, born and died 1868; buried at St. Mary's, Scilly Isles.

- Reginald Pring Alford, born 13 Oct. 1869, now of Red Deer, Alberta; married Helen Smith, and has daughter Mildred. A son died in infancy.
- 3. Bertram Pring Alford, born 30 April 1871, of Red Deer, Alberta; married Elsie Sibbald, having sons: Henry Charles Aford, born 1898, and Geoffry Daniel Alford, born 1899; and daughters: Vera, Gladys, Sybil and Winifred.
- 4. Charles Morris Pring Alford, born 1872, died 1888, and buried at Tavistock.
- 5. Alfred Henry Pring Alford, born 1880, now of Pine Lake, Alberta.
- 6. John Houghton Pring Alford, born 1883, died 1901, and was buried at Trull.
- 7. Emma Beatrice, born at Tavistock.
- 8. Mary Geraldine, born at Tavistock.
- 9. Winifred Kate, born at Tavistock.
- 10. Edith Marion, born at Houghton Regis.
- iv. Elizabeth Mary, born 1840, died at Taunton 1905. She wrote many romances, e.g., *The Fair Maid of Taunton, Honor, Stanhurst, The Modern Don Quixote*, also stories in the *Quiver*, the *Argosy*, etc. *Sunday Sonnets* appeared in 1887, and in 1901 a second volume of *Poems*.
- v. Samuel Alford, born 22 Feb. 1843, entered the medical profession, and practised at Southsea. He married, in 1872, Mary Augusta Wolrige, and died 21 Jan. 1882, leaving two children:
  - 1. Cyril Wolrige Alford, M.D., of Chelmsford, born 7 April 1873.
  - 2. Constance Mary.
- vi. John Alford, born and died at Taunton, 1844.

Mr. Henry Alford died in an honoured old age in 1898, and was buried with public manifestations of respect.

Monumental inscriptions are as follows:

*In the Taunton Cemetery:* 

"In loving memory of Henry Alford, F.R.C.S. Born at Heale House, Curry Rivell, 17 July, 1806 Died at Mountlands, Taunton, 29 June, 1898, in his 92nd year."

"Also of Mary Andrews his wife, Born 26 Dec. 1802. Died 29 July, 1873."

In the churchyard of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton:

"Elizabeth Jane
the beloved wife of
Henry Alford, Surgeon, of Taunton.
Died March 5, 1845, aged 34 years."

- 9. Walter Alford, fourth son of Samuel and Rebecca Alford, was born at Heale, March 5th, 1808. He was educated at Ilminster School, and matriculated at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, in 1826, graduation B.A. in 1830, and M.A. in 1833. He took Holy Orders, becoming Incumbent of Muchelney in 1843, and in 1848 Vica of Drayton, Somerset. He succeeded his father in the possession of the Heale Estate, and for some years occupied the house. Later, however, he lived in the Vicarage house at Drayton, which he had rebuilt. He was twice married; first to Martha Harris, whose only son died in infancy, while she died in 1840; and secondly to Lydia, daughter of Robert Goldin, R.N., by whom he had three sons and three daughters viz.:
  - i. Lydia Rebecca, born at Stonehouse, Plymouth, 4, March 1843; her grave at Drayton bears the inscription:

"Lydia Rebecca, eldest daughter of the Rev. W. Alford, Vicar of the Parish, who died 1st June, 1884, aged 41 years."

ii. Walter Goldin Alford, born at the Court House, Muchelney, in 1845, entered St. John's College, Cambridge, taking his degree in 1867. He was ordained, and became Vicar of Henton, Somerset. He died, unmarried, and was buried at Drayton.

> "The Rev. Walter Goldin Alford, Vicar of Henton, near Wells, Somerset, who died 26th January,1889, Aged 43 years."

- iii. Robert Alford, of Heale House, J.P. for the Co. of Somerset, eldest surviving son of the Rev. Walter Alford, was born at the Court House, Muchelney, 15 March 1848, and brought up at Heale. Educated at Marlborough, and at Wadham College, Oxford, where he took an honours degree in 1870. For twenty-seven years he was an assistant-master at Marlborough, and during the latter part of that time house-master of Summerfield. He married in 1890 Henrietta, daughter of the Rev. Charles Grueber, Vicar of Hambridge, Somerset, and becoming the owner of the Heale Estate on the death of his father, made it his residence in 1904. Some interesting notes on Heale House and the Powell family will be found later.
- iv. William Powell Alford, youngest son of Walter Alford and Lydia his second wife, was born at Drayton Vicarage in 1859. He was educated at Sherborne School, and at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, graduating B.A. in 1882 and M.A. in

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# Guy Alford Pt. 9: William Alford's 1822 Will

Compiled from Guy Alford's work by Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director

Typed transcription by Willie M. Alford, AAFA Florida Representative

[See "Guy Alford," p. 30, AAFA ACTION March 1991 for background on Guy Alford.]

ontinuing the pattern set in previous installments, we are publishing data from pages 46-46C, which pertain this time to the will of William Alford. As is our practice we try to check Guy Alford's work with another source. In this case we had a photocopy of the will reproduced by the Georgia Archives from the actual will book. This copy was submitted by Arlene Alford AAFA #154 of Lakeland FL. We found several differences including two omitted paragraphs, several omitted words and several words, including names, transcribed incorrectly. What follows is a true and faithful transcript of the record in the Georgia Archives, which was no doubt Guy Alford's intention. His comments still appear at the end.

### Will of William Alford, Sr.

Source: Pages 286, 287, Will BKK L, Hancock Co. Ga

In the name of God Amen. I William Alford, Senr. of the County of Hancock & State of Georgia being in perfect health and of sound & disposing mind & memory and calling to mind the frailty of life knowing that is appointed for all men to die do make ordain constitute & appoint this my last will & testament in manner & form following viz - First I bequeath my soul to God that gave it, my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors.

Item - As touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my loving son Jacob Alford the land & plantation whereon I now live two hundred acres in quantity.

Item - The whole of the balance of my estate both real & personal to be equally divided between all of my beloved children seven in number, viz John Alford, Milly Reed, William Alford, Junr., Jane Ellis, Owen Alford, Jacob Alford & Martha Newsom.

Item - I give & bequeath unto Micajah Middlebrooks the sum of two dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath unto Joshua Grace the sum of two dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath unto Alford Middlebrooks two dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath unto my loving grand daughter Elizabeth Driskell one hundred & fifty dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath unto my loving grand daughter Ann Vinson the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath to my loving grandson Cannon Grace the sum of three hundred & fifty dollars cash.

And I do hereby nominate & appoint my loving friends Joel D. Newsome & Hardy Jernigan executors of this my last will & testament and do hereby revoke and disannull (sic) all former wills by me made and published and pronounce this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty two.

> his William X Alford (seal) mark

#### Witnesses:

Henry Dortch Levi Cobb James Marchman

Georgia, Hancock County

Inferior Court sitting for Ordinary purposes (1st Monday) 2nd day of May, 1825. Present their Honors -

Hartwell Gray }
William A. Cobb } Justices.
Gideon Halsey }
John Turner }

The last will & testament of William Alford, Senr., late of this county, decd, being produced in open Court by Joel D. Newsome one of the nominated executors therein - and being fully proved to the satisfaction of the Court by the evidence of Levi Cobb & James Marchman two of the attesting witnesses thereto sworn in open court-It is ordered that said will be admitted to record. And the said Joel D. Newsome appeared in person & renounced the executorship of said will on his part.

Georgia, Hancock County -

Inferior Court sitting for Ordinary purposes Monday 13th of June 1825.

Present their Honors -

Hartwell Gray	}
John Turner	} Justices
Wm A Cobb	}
John J Gilbert	}

Hardy Jernigan one of the nominated executors of the last will &c of William Alford, senr. decd, appeared

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# Inquiries

The following two queries come from Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #032, 1070 Gardenia Drive, Houston, TX 77018. Lucille has helped hundreds of folks seeking information on Alfords or other surnames. It is doubtful if there is anyone who knows more about Texas Alfords than Lucille. She is the genealogist for the AAFA Texas Chapter and custodian of the AAFA Texas Book. In return for all the help she has given so many folks, why not make a special effort to find some answers for her.

### JAMES ALFORD

Do you have anything on JAMES ALFORD listed 1800 Liberty (Marion) Co., SC census? I still think he was the father of my PEACHMAN & WILL-IAM B(URRELL?) ALFORD. Would also like to have anything on BURRELL ALFORD in Darlington Co., SC in 1810.

## JOSEPH & OWEN ALFORD

Do you have proof of the father of JOSEPH ALFORD or OWEN ALFORD in the 1820 Conocuh County, AL census? OWEN ALFORD had a son BURRELL ALFORD b. 1816 SC.

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## EDGAR & EARL ALFORD

Sarah Ann Alford Dickens AAFA #377, 721 Lemhi Avenue, Salman ID 83467 really needs some help with her family. She did not provide much information on her father, less on the grandfather and none beyond. Maybe as we increase our activity in Alabama the next couple of years we will find something. Maybe one of you already knows something of these folks. He father EARL WILSON ALFORD

married Edith Ann COGGIN and his father EARL ALFORD married Virginia BURNS. Virginia's father was born in Alabama. Has anyone heard of these folks?

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The following came from Ruth Eager Moran, AAFA #622, 5001 Brettshire Way, Oklahoma City, OK 73142. She and Gil Alford have corresponded for years but she only recently joined the association. Although there are still several sticky points to prove Ruth is generally considered to be a part of the branch of John Alford born about 1696 in Maryland. The fellow with the 1749 will in Frederick County, VA.

# JOHN ALFORD & THOMAS ALFORD

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 ALFORD and THOMAS ALFORD? Perhaps he is a grandson, not a son.

### FIELDING ALFORD

About FIELDING ALFORD. There seems to have been three FIELDING ALFORDS all the same age, two of whom are sons of JOHN ALFORD. Now come on folks—three FIELDING ALFORDS?

#1. One is supposed to be the son of JOHN ALFORD of Wythe County and his first wife.

#2. We find in Madison County, Kentucky, the son of JOHN ALFORD and his first wife. JOHN ALFORD married (2nd) Nancy ALLEMBAUGH daughter of Peter Allembaugh. This FIELDING ALFORD married Sarah BARKER and printed in the Kentucky Gazette "Tuesday 15 September 1809 - FIELDING ALFORD of Lexington says his wife Sarah left him and he won't pay her bills."

#3. And we have the third FIELDING ALFORD who enlisted in Mifflin County, PA in the War of 1812; later married and moved to Ohio.

My analysis of this is that FIELDING 2 and 3 are the same person and that number one did not exist, but was mistakenly added to John's (Wythe County) children because he was FIELDING ALFORD son of JOHN. Also FIELDING ALFORD had a sister or half sister named ELIZABETH. (Fielding #2). FIELDING ALFORD and ELIZABETH ALFORD are supposed to also be children of John of Wythe County.

Now about FIELDING ALFORD #1. JOHN ALFORD as indicated by the tax rolls of Montgomery County, VA, was the son of THOMAS ALFORD and was born in either 1767 or 1768; he married Eleanor HOGUE 26 October 1889. That's some activity to get married, have two children, and have your wife die; and marry again before you are 22 years old. Possible but not probable.

### JOHN ALFORD

Also I would like to know if anyone has been able to locate JOHN ALFORD of Wythe County after he left the Wythe County area. JOHN ALFORD had two daughters, LAVINA ALFORD who married John Wesley EAGER, from whom I am descended, and another daughter b. 1805–1809. Has she been located?

### JANE ALFORD

Also has anyone found JANE ALFORD and Jeremiah HEWETT or probably HURST since there were no Hewetts in Wythe County, but plenty of Hursts when he and JANE ALFORD married c. 1804. [Advised her that AAFA marriage list shows marriage April 10, 1804.]

### MARY ALFORD

Where did MARY ALFORD who married Charles BAKER in 1786 in Montgomery County, Virginia, migrate? [She died Randolph County, MO.]

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### MARY JANE ALFORD

Bruce & Glenda Gibson, 3446 Fee Fee Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044 (314) 739-3295 need information on the parents or family of MARY JANE ALFORD [ALFRED] who married Newton R. RICKMAN, son of John and Susannah Rickman, January 8, 1839, in Marshall County, Tennessee. She may be the sister of ELIZABETH ALFORD who married Lawson H. RICKMAN January 3, 1838, also in Marshall County. Both may be the children of WILLIAM ALFORD shown on the 1839 District 8, Marshall County tax records. Please confirm or disprove.

The Rickman family disappeared after the 1860 census. Does anyone know what happened to them?

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### POLLY ALFORD

Linda M. Brink AAFA #385, 28204 NE 117 Street, Lawson MO 64062 needs help with the 3rd great grandfather of her husband. POLLY ALFORD, who we estimate was born 1780-85 married Nicholas BRINK. Linda thinks Polly was born in Marathon, New York. Marathon is in present day Cortland County but it was not created until 1808 from Onondaga County. Nicholas BRINK was christened June 8, 1777, probably in Union, Broome County, New York. Broome county was not created until 1806 from Tioga County. One might conclude from all this that the families were probably located somewhere near what is today the common border between Cortland and Broome counties. The family continued to live in Broome County for a couple of generations before beginning to move west.

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### LEON ALFORD

Janet Alford Trockenbrot, 229 Quaker Ridge Road, Timontum, MD 21093 is seeking information about her late father, LEON ALFORD.

LEON ALFORD is thought to have been born June 1909 in Laurinburg, Scotland County, North Carolina or in South Carolina. He married (1) Hazel DENBOW December 6, 1933 in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. At least the first child [see below] was born in Maryland.

Leon and Hazel separated in 1943 and divorced shortly thereafter. He moved to California, remarried and had at least two more children, probably sons. Janet last saw him in 1946. It is known that he and his second wife are deceased.

Leon was supposed to have been the youngest of nine children, two of whom were brothers named WILLIE ALFORD and CLARENCE ALFORD. Leon and Hazel had five children:

JANET ALFORD, 1935 CLIFTON BOYD ALFORD, 1938 RICHARD EUGENE ALFORD, 1940 JAMES GILBERT ALFORD, 1941 DONALD GORDON ALFORD, 1942

Janet is interested in learning as much as she can about her Alford relatives and Alford ancestry. "Since I have no pictures of my father, if there is anyone in the AAFA that knows him (knew him), I would love to have a copy. I know that my brothers and I have been told that we bear a strong resemblance to the Alford side of our family. Our children bear a resemblance to me and they would like a picture of their grandfather."

# AAFA RESEARCH RESULTS:

AAFA does not yet have copies of the 1920 Alford census of the Carolinas, but it is forthcoming. The 1910 and 1900 census data is still very raw and has not been subjected to the full process of the AAFA voluntary census team. There are no obvious families in the 1900 or 1910 censuses of North or South Carolina where one can find a family that meets the description of Leon's family. No family with Leon was found. There are some remote candidates in Marion County, SC.

The Social Security decedent data has been searched looking for Leon (L., Lee, etc.) born in the Carolinas circa 1909 and deceased in California—to no avail. One remote possibility is a LEE ALFORD born May 31, 1905 in SC who died March 1980 and the place of death was not specified. His social security number was 250-70-2126. A request should be made for his social security application to see if further information would prove him and help this search.

Searching the Index to California Deaths, 1940-86 the following LEON ALFORD was noted: Leon B. Alford, SS 216-07-2007 died October 23 1960 Registrar #20785 and State File # 108259

Looking over Alford addresses of the last ten years two LEON ALFORDS were found in California. One at 1678 E 55th Street, Long Beach CA 90805 and the other at 611 2nd Avenue CR, San Diego CA 92118. It is remotely

possible that one of these could have been the late Leon Alford (some of the data goes back 25 years) or one of them might be his son by the second marriage.

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### WILLIAM CHARLES ALVORD

We recently heard from Richard A. Puff, Post Office Box 551, Slingerlands, NY 12159 who is seeking information on WILLIAM CHARLES ALVORD.

Richard is a member of the SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH (SABR), a nonprofit group that does all kinds of research on baseball history and the players. One of their committees is attempting to compile full biographical data on all 14,000 plus major league players since 1871. William Charles Alvord is one of those for whom they are missing complete birth and death information.

WILLIAM CHARLES ALVORD was born in St. Louis, Missouri in August 1863 and as a professional player he made stops in St. Louis in 1885; Kansas City in 1889; Toledo in 1890; Cleveland and Washington in 1891; and Cleveland in 1893. He also might have spent some time in Sacramento, CA in 1893 or 1890.

While the specifics of birth and death are the most desired information anything and everything will be much appreciated.

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### ARTHUR ALFORD

The following letter is from Faye T. Davidson [not AAFA], Certified Genealogist, 618 Clifft Street, Boliver, TN 38008-2404 (901) 658-3043:

I am descended from ARTHUR

ALFORD, SR. who was born about 1770 in Wayne County, NC. He married first Zilpha Jernigan, who was born 1776 in Wayne County NC to George and Lydia Jernigan, each of whom left wills in 1790s. Zilpha received her personalty from them to get married in 1792. I have a copy of the deed. The groom-to-be is not mentioned in this document.

On Bible records of their son, ARTHUR ALFORD, JR., is found the name of his father. He was born June 1794 and died 1858 in Hardeman Co. TN. His father and mother were divorced before 1797. The court gave Zilpha her maiden name and she added that name to her son's name. She referred to him as Arthur Alford Jernigan. I have found no mention in the bastardy records that she had an illegitimate child, so the Bible record is correct for Arthur Alford-Jernigan b. 1794.

[No inquiry is made by Ms. Davidson, but the assumption is that she would be interested in hearing from other descendants of Arthur Alford.]

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### JOHN ALFORD

The following letter is from Steven C. Maddy, 618 E. 5th #32, Hays, KS 67601:

It is my hope that you might be of assistance in the research of a branch of my family. I am researching the family and descendants of James Caperton Maddy, b. 1787 Greenbrier Co, VA (Monroe Co. WV) and d. 15 Apr 1864 Macoupin Co., IL. He married Elizabeth Stinnett, Claiborne Co., TN 1809. She was b. 31 Oct 1791, TN and d. 15 Feb 1868, Macoupin Co. IL.

James and Elizabeth had seven children, one of which was Sarah MADDY who married JOHN C. ALFORD 1835, Roane Co., TN. Sarah was b. 1814 and JOHN C. ALFORD was b. ca 1814, TN. Their marriage bond is on record but the license is not. (LDS-IGI says they were m. 13 Oct 1838 Claiborne Co., TN.) Federal Census: 1840 Monroe Co., TN JOHN ALFORD p. 204. Apparently John and Sarah moved to Macoupin Co. IL about the same time as Sarah's parents as they are found in the 1850 census of Macoupin Co. Census.

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### MARY ALFORD

Mrs. Derek (Joan) Bartlett AAFA #520, AAFA English Representative, Fiveways, Warfield, NR, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 6DH UK, is trying to prove that MARY ?? ALFORD was the daughter of CONSIDER ALFORD who was born about 1778 in England and his wife Lucy Fitch KENNEDY. The family lived in New York City. The hypothesis worked out by Joan and the late EILEEN ALFORD was that CONSIDER ALFORD's eldest daughter—whose name is really not known but is suspected to be Mary married a Richard REYNOLDS about 1814-16 and that their eldest daughter, Mary, married Joan's great-greatgrandfather Joshua D. BREYFOGLE, Sr. Joan would appreciate any information on these folks, especially Consider and his daughter(s).

[For more on CONSIDER ALFORD (but nothing on MARY ALFORD), see Parts 1–7 of "Eileen Alford's Consider Alford" in *AAFA ACTION*, June 1991–December 1992.]

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### SALVATOR ALFORD

Dorothy C. Gaines AAFA #461, 410 Leyswood Drive, Greenville, SC 29615-1031 is looking for more information on SALVATOR ALFORD. The following material from various records represents the little that is known. From Virginia Land Patent Book 16 as published in MAGAZINE OF VIR-GINIA GENEALOGY, Vol. 24 No. 3, August 1986:

"William Rennolds, ELIZABETH ALFORD, the wife of SALVATOR ALFORD and Mary Rennolds, Spinster, 300a, in Goochland Co., on S. side of John's Cr. falling into James R., by Little Cr. (p 153 & 154) 18 August 1735."

From a published version of Goochland Co. VA Deed Book 4, pages 7 and 49:

"Page 36. Jul 20, 1742 from James Goss and Mary Anne, his wife, of the Parish of St. James and G, to William Bauton [Banton?] of same, for 16 pounds, a certain tract of land in G on the south side of James River containing 200 acres and being part of 400 acres granted to said Mary Anne by patent, and bounded by [trees]. Signed - James Goss, Mary Ann Goss. Wit - Robt Walton, James Robinson, SILVATOR ALFORD. Recorded Jul 20, 1742."

"Page 373. Jun 19, 1744 from William REYNOLDS, SALVATA ALFORD & Elizabeth, his wife, and Daniel Wilmore, and Mary, his wife, of G, to John Spurlock of G, for 4 pounds, one dividend of land on the south side of James River in G and on the west side of Johns Cr, and bounded by Stephen Hughes and Charles Railey, and to contain 30 acres, being part of 300 acres granted unto William REYNOLDS, ELIZABETH ALFORD, and Mary REYNOLDS by patent. . . ."

From Bedford Co. VA DEED BOOK A-1 1754-62:

Deed from William Dooley to SILVATOR ALFORD - paid 31 pounds for 200 acres lying on north side of Stanton River on south side between Green Springs Creek and Zachariah Denny line. Witt: Paul Chiles, John Beasley, Ann Chiles. Rec. Jan 1, 1761.

Page 10 Deed from William Dudley to SILVATOR ALFORD - paid 25 pounds for 200 acres lying on north side of Stanton River on lower side of said tract between Green Spring Creek and Zachariah Denny line. Land originally granted to John Johnson by patent. Witt. Paul Chiles, John Beasley, Ann Chiles, Rec. March 23, 1761.

The will of SALVATOR ALFORD, Bedford Co. VA, dated 15 Oct. 1776, leaves his land, all his stock and cattle, remainder of estate, a Negro woman, and 5 Negro children to his son WILLIAM ALFORD (only son mentioned). Daughters mentioned were JUDITH VEST, LEWCY VEST (Lucy is Dorothy's ancestor), MARY MULINS, MELICIENT BROIUS (?), and ELIZABETH EDDS. Lucy's first child was born 1759, so she was probably born about 1740.

In the deeds in Pittsylvania Co., VA (split from Bedford Do. in 1767) was a WILLIAM ALFORD buying land on the Stanton River, 22 Mar. 1773, and selling this land, 12 June 1776. He also bought land on Nixes Creek, 20 Aug. 1777, and he and his wife, Marthy, sold this land, 12 Mar. 1787. No record was found for the disposal of the property which WILLIAM ALFORD inherited from his father SALVATOR ALFORD.

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### SARAH ALFORD

Albert Partee, 1410 Parker Place, Brentwood, TN 37027-7018, needs help with research on the family of his great-great-grandmother SARAH ALFORD. Sarah was born 27 Nov 1828 and died 26 Oct 1859. She was married to James George DeJarnatt on 28 March 1848. He was born 1 Feb 1816 and died 23 Feb 1867. They lived in Rutherford County, TN. A portrait of Sarah hangs over the fireplace of Albert's grandmother. ❖

(Guy Alford, cont. from p. 27)

in open Court & renounced the executorship of said will on his part.

### Guy Alford's comments:

This note incomplete: did not have time to check other recorded facts about Wm, Sr. his estate and children. I want to definitely determine these points, if possible:

- (a) Is Wm. Sr. the son of Willie named in will of James Alford, Hancock Co.? [AAFA/GKA No!]
- (b) Is Wm. Jr. named in Wm. Sr's will the father of John, Green B. and William of Putnam Co., my relatives? [AAFA/GKA No!]

Also determine, if possible, something about the descendants of the other children named in Wm. Sr's will. [AAFA/GKA Stay tuned to AAFA ACTION for more on this branch of the family.]

# AAFA [GKA] comments:

Most who are familiar with this William Alford think he is probably Lodwick Alford's son who was born 1734 in Virginia—notwithstanding a discrepancy of a few years in age when viewed in light of a newspaper article reporting his death. Younger brothers born in North Carolina, James Alford, Julius Alford, and probably Isham Alford all went to Georgia. (Isham did go to Georgia but there is some doubt about his being a son of Lodwick.) James even settled in Hancock County where William died. Several nephews also moved to Georgia.

There is some evidence now that Lodwick also went to Georgia. [See "Lodwick Alford Sr. in Early Georgia" in *AAFA ACTION* Winter 1994, p. 36.] ❖

# Corrington and Loyal Alford of Indiana

The following was taken from *BIO-GRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF CASS, MIAMI, HOWARD AND TIPTON COUNTIES, INDIANA*, Vol II, 1898 Chicago.

ORRINGTON L. ALFORD,M.D. Ph.D., a cigar manufacturer and one of the prominent citizens of Logansport, is the only son of Dr. LOYAL A. and Elizabeth P. (Butler) ALFORD. His father was born in Ferrisburg, Addison county, Vermont, May 29, 1814, and was the youngest child of Rev. OLIVER and Lovina (Porter) ALFORD. The grandfather of our subject was a distinguished pioneer minister of the Baptist church, and his wife was a sister of one of the seven patriots who were killed at the battle of Lexington, in the opening of the Revolutionary war.

Dr. LOYAL A. ALFORD was a man of high scientific and literary attainments, a minister of the gospel and an eminent physician. The degrees of D.D. and LL.D. were conferred upon him—an honor worthily merited. He carried his researches and investigations far and wide into realms of science and led the way into many new and hitherto unexplored regions, his discoveries attracting the attention of the thinking world. He was also a writer of merit and published many excellent works which won favorable comment throughout Christendom. These include The Great Atonement Illustrated, a poem of rare beauty and deep thought; the Masonic Gem, a poem concerning the temple erected by King Solomon, and embellished with \_enty esoteric designs, showing the craft at work, the temple completed and the glory given to the great Grand Master; and The Mystic Number of the Word, a work which evinces deep and original thought, concerning the use and meaning of the numbers seven, twelve, and forty, which occur with

great frequency in the Bible. Among the productions of Dr. Alford was also the Biblical Chart of Man, a lithographic chart, representing two forms, the human and the spirit form, side by side, also indicating the seven senses of man as the mind of man and the seven attributes of the soul as the spirit of man, together with an explanation of what perishes in death, and what in man is immortal. Another work, A Trip to the Skies, is a unique and original religious volume, treating of astronomy in a manner different from any other volume extant.... All these works indicate wide research, original thought and keen comprehension on the part of the author.

In the medical profession Dr. Alford also attained considerable distinction and for a time was president of a medical college in St. Louis, and at another time of a medical college in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also established the American Anthropological University, of St. Louis, of which institution he was dean. His efforts on behalf of the Baptist church were far reaching and efficient, and at the same time were of a very practical character, as befits this utilitarian age. He made a specialty of running Sunday school excursion trains and was elected by railroad officials as first railroad excursion superintendent for the raising of funds by reduced fare. He aided largely in erecting houses of worship, in strengthening weak societies, assisted in other departments of church work, and for some time published the Sunday-school Visitor, a semi-monthly paper for Sunday schools. He was also the editor of the Elkhart Herald.

Dr. Alford married Miss Elizabeth P. BUTLER, a cousin of General Benjamin F. Butler, and a native of Utica, New York.... During her early girlhood General LaFayette revisited America, and the people welcomed

him with every demonstration that honor and gratitude could prompt. As he passed in procession down one of the city streets a little girl approached his carriage and presented him with a bouquet of flowers. This maiden afterward became the wife of Dr. Alford. By their marriage were born five children: CORRINGTON L., of this review; ANNETTE, a resident of Charlotte, Michigan; CECELIA; MINDWELL and LOVISA. Dr. Alford died in Logansport, December 20, 1883, at the age of seventy years; and his wife passed away in the same city, at the age of sixty-five.

CORRINGTON L. ALFORD, who, since 1863, has resided in Logansport, was born in Ashtabula city, Ohio, April 29, 1836, and the following spring was taken by his parents to Erie county, Pennsylvania, where they remained until 1844. In that year the family emigrated westward to Adrian, Michigan finding in that section of the state an almost unbroken wilderness. The journey was made by team and wagon, for it was before the day of railroad travel. Subsequently they removed to Hillsdale, Michigan, and in that classic town the subject of this sketch was reared. He obtained his education, not so much from schools as from study under his father's guidance, and through extensive reading, and observation in later years. Under the direction of his father he studied both medicine and theology, and his learning has ever been broad and comprehensive, covering a wide range of subjects. He has watched much of the early development of this section of the country, and was a passenger on the first railroad train running into Chicago; indeed he had much to do with the construction of the track, the equipment of the line, and made the first railroad baggage check, now universally used. Subsequently he engaged in the dry-goods trade and

built up an extensive and profitable business, but in 1863 he sold out and removed to Logansport, where he began the manufacture of tobacco, and was also associated with his father in the building of Baptist churches and running large excursion trains to raise funds for church extensions. After a time he gave his entire attention to the tobacco business, manufacturing for both the wholesale and retail trade. He is now exclusively engaged in the manufacture of cigars, though he does not carry on operations on as extensive a scale as formerly.

Mr. Alford has been twice married. He wedded Miss Charlotte ROWE, a native of New York, who departed this life in 1865, and later he married Miss Ellen A. HARRISON, of Logansport. By his first wife he had two children: IDA, wife of George RICKETS, a farmer of Cass county, by whom she has a daughter, Mildred: and CORLETTE, deceased. By the second marriage there are four children: LELONIA, who became the wife of Clarence WEAVER, of Logansport, and has one son, Loyal; CORA ETTA, at home; BESSIE, deceased; and TILLIE, who is also with her parents.

In early life Mr. Alford gave his political support to the Whig party and cast his first presidential vote for Zachary Taylor. Since the organization of the Republican party he has been numbered among its stanch advocates and to some extent has been active in its work. He was intimately acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, and was a delegate to the Chicago wigwam which nominated Lincoln for the presidency.

In his church relationship he is a Baptist, liberal in support of the church and faithful in his exemplifications of its teachings. His life has been a busy and useful one. He is a man of high intellectuality, broad human sympathies and tolerance; honor and integrity are synonymous with his name, and he enjoys the respect, confidence and high regard of the community. ❖

# Isham Alford, Part 1

By Lynn Davidson Shelley, AAFA #484

Tho was Isham Alford, born 1749/1755, NC? Because of his presence in Franklin Co. NC and his close association with several known sons of Lodwick Alford, Sr., he has been included as one of Lodwick's numerous offspring. Up until early 1992, the only known child of Isham was Brittain Alford who married Barsheba Brassell, 1805, in Greene Co. GA. Brittain's tombstone states "son of Isham and Anna Alford". He and Barsheba are both buried in the Alford Family Cemetery, Molena, GA (Pike County).

In the fall of 1991, I discovered the marriage of my 3rd great-grandparents—Elijah Davidson and Ann/Alice Alfred/Alford—in Jasper Co. GA, on 29 July 1812. Further investigation showed that Elijah Davidson was the administrator of the estate of Isham Alford in Troup Co. GA from Sept. 1832 to April 1833. From this and the 1830 Monroe Co. GA census, I decided that Isham was living with Ann and Elijah in 1830 and that Isham was more than likely Ann's father.

The most significant finding since that time was a ?Bible? record obtained by W. Dean Steward, AAFA member #387, from a cousin John Alford of Redan, GA. Dean is a descendant of Bynum Alford. The letter from Dean dated 28 Sept 1992 contained the following information:

"Thom Alford was born 30 Oct 1755 [ISHAM ALFORD] Anne Funnel was born 15 May 1755 [ANNE FERRELL] [date and place of marriage unknown]

#### Issue:

Elizabeth Allen Alford
Jesse Allen Alford
Britton Alford
Baulday Alford
Binam Alford
Binam Alford
Anne Alford

born 4 Oct 1774
born 28 Mar 1775\*
born 8 Apr 1782\*\*
born 23 Oct 1784
born 31 Dec 1787
born 9 Oct 1790"

Additional information had indicated that Anne Ferrell, daughter of John Ferrell and Ann Fish, was the probable wife of Isham. That combined with possible misinterpretations of Colonial handwriting seems to indicate that the preceding record is a listing of the family of Isham and Anne Ferrell Alford. The first two children are Anne's children by her first husband, John Allen, who was deceased by 1778 in Bute Co. NC.

Where did the names Isham, Brittain, Bauldy, and Binum/Bynum originate? All are surnames (if Bauldy is a derivative of Archibald and this is not known to be true—it is always listed as Baldy in descendant names, too). These names as well as John Allen, Jesse Allen and Elizabeth all appear in descendants of Isham Alford. �

<sup>\*</sup>impossible date, when compared to previous birth;

<sup>\*\*</sup>birthdate on Brittain's tombstone is 4 Feb 1781

(Alford Family Notes, cont. from p. 26)

1885. He was one of the sixth generation (in unbroken line) to take Holy Orders; and having held the curacy of Exmouth, was appointed Vicar of Dawlish, South Devon, in 1895. He was also Rural Dean. William Powell Alford married in 1897, Louisa Caroline, youngest daughter of Jonathan Stables Harrison, esquire, of Brandesburton Hall, Yorkshire.

- v. Jane Bush, born at Muchelney; now lives at Dawlish.
- vi. Emily Ann, born at Muchelney; now lives at Dawlish.

The Rev. Walter Alford lost his second wife in 1877, himself surviving her fifteen years. Both died at Drayton, where the east window of the church he served so faithfully, and loved so well, is beautifully filled with stained glass in his memory, and the window on the south side of the church in hers. Their grave in the churchyard bears the inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Lydia Alford the beloved wife of the Rev. W. Alford; who died January 27, 1877, aged 60 years."

"Also of her husband Walter Alford. 44 years Vicar of this Parish, who died 14 December, 1892, aged 84 years."

"The last Will . . . of Walter Alford, Vicar of Drayton, Somerset . . . . all my property . . . land, money, mortages, plate, books, household goods, horse and carriage,... to my children living at the time of my decease in equal shares. The Heale Estate shall not be sold for the purpose of the above division. . . . my son Robert to be allowed to purchase it at what shall be estimated its fair value, including the timber. . . . My sons Robert Alford and William Powell Alford, executors." Proved 1892.

From original Will. ❖

# Brittain / Britton Alfords

By Lynn D. Shelley, AAFA #484

The name "Brittain" is carried down through descendants of Isham Alford. Some of these Brittains have been identified, but there are others whose ancestry is unknown. We hope this listing will generate some research and answers.

BRITTAIN WASHINGTON son of Isham and Ann Alford as stated on his tombstone

b. 4 Feb 1781 (tombstone) 8 Apr 1782 (?Bible? record) Ferrell Franklin Co.? NC

d. 10 Feb 1849 Pike Co. GA m. Barsheba Brassell

19 Mar 1805, Greene Co. GA

### Descendants of Brittain Alford (above), son of Isham

BRITTAIN WASHINGTON, JR. b. 6 Jan 1826 Pike Co. GA son of Brittain Alford and Barsheba Brassell (grandson of Isham)

d. 16 Apr 1901 Fayette Co. GA m.Ladicy Brassell

son of Julius C. Alford and Mary Lee Rhodes (2nd great grandson of Isham)

WILLIAM BRITTON

b. 19 Dec 1859 Scott Co. MS d. 28 Aug 1911 Scott Co. MS m. Emma Cooper 28 Dec 1881 Scott Co. MS

BRITTON T. son of Brittain W. Alford Jr. and Ladicy Brassell (great-grandson of Isham)

b. 1867 GA d. Fayette Co. GA m. Annie M.

**BRITTON WASHINGTON** son of Spire W. Alford and Sarah Brassell

(great-grandson of Isham)

b. 10 Jan 1843 Leake Co. MS d. 20 Oct 1877 Scott Co. MS m. Emily Lindsley 1 Aug 1866 MS

JAMES BRITTON son of Thomas Jefferson Alford and d. 11 Aug 1906 Pike Co. GA **Emily Mims** 

(great-grandson of Isham)

b. 22 Dec 1847 GA m. Talitha Riggins 31 Jan 1886, Upson Co. GA

BRITT W. son of Jemmerson Alford and Susan Morris

(great-grandson of Isham)

b. 21 May 1840 d. 1860's m.?

# Descendants of Baldy (Archibald??) Alford, son of Isham

WILLIAM BRITTAIN son of Isham Alford and

b. 2 Nov 1839 St. Clair Co. AL d. 13 Jan 1863 (Civil War)

Sylvia Ann Hodges (great-grandson of Isham)

m. Arletha L. \_\_\_\_\_, TX

# Descendants of Bynum Alford, son of Isham

**BRITTAN** b. 12 Sept 1818 ?WaltonCo.?GA

son of Bynum Alford and m. ? Nancy Thompson

(grandson of Isham)

[possibly same as BRITTON below]

# Alfords named Brittain/Britton with no proven relation to **Isham**

BRITTAIN D. ca 1808 NC

probably son of

Wiley Alford and Sophia Drake m. Martha Graves

6 Aug 1831, Wilson Co.

(Probably a grand nephew of Isham)

Thought to be the B.D. Alford in 1850 Bowie County, TX.

**BRITTON** b. ca 1820 GA

d. Mar 1854 Lowndes Co. MS parents not known

(possibly son of Bynum) m. Amelia Garner

6 May 1847, Lowndes Co. MS

of Burbank, CA

ancestor of David Stielow

JAMES BRITTON b. Apr 1891 TX d. 20 Aug 1942 son of James H. Alford and

Amelia Brim of m. Lilly Corley

Marshall Co. TN \*

Congratulations on Your 50th Wedding Anniversary!

E. Griffin Alford (AAFA #423) Doris Baldwin married 25 March 1944

(Join Us in Virginia, cont. from p. 1)

The meeting this year will be similar to recent years but with some significant changes and improvements. Throughout the meeting we hope to have a research room set up in which members may access the many references that are brought to the meeting. These are the notebooks of state data, lineages, family group records, etc. maintained by the Executive Director. Ample tables and chairs will be available to accommodate a number of folks researching at any one time. Another room will be available where we will be able to schedule groups for photographs. Most of the photographing will be done on Saturday afternoon and evening, and family and geographic groups will be tentatively scheduled as they register.

Another room will be available for our merchandizing operation, and assuming that our Merchandizing Coordinator will have some new items, that will be a busy place.

The Genealogy Workshop on Friday is being conducted by professionals. Everton Publishers, who publish the very popular GENEALOGICAL HELPER and a number of genealogy books, forms, etc., will conduct the workshop. They conduct such workshops all over the nation throughout the year—normally in conjunction with some local city or county genealogical society. Everyone who registers and attends the workshop will receive a one year subscription to the GENEA-LOGICAL HELPER. If there is a couple involved, they will receive a two year subscription. Those of us who are already subscribers will receive a subscription extension. You might say that this subscription comes free when you pay the \$21 (per person) registration fee. Others may prefer to say they subscribed to the magazine and got a free workshop. Either way you look at it, that is a bargain for those of us who

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presently subscribe at \$21 a year.

I have subscribed for over ten years and bought a number of back issues from before that period. If I had not stumbled upon this magazine in the local library, it is very unlikely that my interest in genealogy would have advanced beyond a slight curiosity and if that had not happened it is unlikely that this Association would exist as it does today. The magazine is published six times per year. Five of the six issues always have a very large and special directory—local periodicals, family publications, libraries, genealogical societies, and professional researchers. It would cost more than \$21 to purchase two similar directories elsewhere.

The Friday evening reception will, as usual, be primarily stand-up eating and informal dress. The Saturday morning business will be as thorough as necessary but brisk and quick. The rest of the day will be devoted to the Alford family forum, which we are trying to improve upon. The 3-entree buffet dinner on Saturday evening will be followed by some awards and recognition. The workshop on Alford family history on Sunday morning will be unstructured as usual, with small groups working at tables in their respective areas of interest.

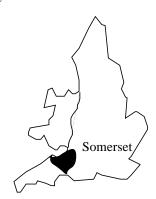
Refreshment breaks will come at midmorning and mid-afternoon as usual. Al Alford, the AAFA events coordinator, promises that there will be entertainment at the appropriate times and places, and we are expecting some interesting door prizes to be provided by Joe Alford, our VA state rep.

Plans for bus accommodations for groups starting in Texas and advancing across country picking up members enroute to Richmond did not pan out. This may be a possibility in future years but will require more time and planning than could be done this year. ❖

# Alexander and Agnes Alford

At the end of Josiah Alford's *ALFORD FAMILY NOTES*, which we have been serializing, is an "Appendix of Wills." Rather than wait until we finish publishing the content of the book to publish these wills, we will try to print some in each issue. This will be useful since they will be referred to in the footnotes or remarks that accompany member lineages.

The following two wills appear on pages 196–197.



### Alexander Alford

Alexander Alford, clerke, of Whitestauton, co. Somerset, 1576 (Westmounckton Test.). "In the name of God, Amen. The xxth day of Decembre in the yeare of our Lorde God 1576. I Alexander Alforde of the p'ishe of Whitestanton in the countie of Som'st clerke beinge whole and p'fecte of remembrance thankes be unto almightie God Do ordaine and make my testamente and last will in manner and forme followinge that is to say that I first I bequethe my soule to Almightie God and my bodie to therthe to be buried in the churchyard of Whitestanton aforesaid. Itm. I geve and bequeathe to the said p'ishe church xijd. I geve to my sonne Salamon my tablebords. Itm. I geve to euerie of my children iiijd. a pece. All the rest of my

gooddes and cattells and Debtes not geven nor bequethed in this my p'sente laste Will and Testamente I Do geve and bequethe unto Agnes my Wief whome I make my whole and sole Executrix to use and dispose the same as it semethe beste to her discression. Yereunto bearethe wittnes—Tristram Easton and Richard Brownsey."

Sum Invent. iijli. xviijs.

Court of the Archdeacon of
Taunton, Vol. v. fol. 318.

### Agnes Alford

Agnes Alford, widow, of Whitestanton, co. Somerset, 1577. "I Agnes Alforde, widoe, in the p'ishe of Whitestanton, beinge in p'fecte mynde and memory and sicke of bodie do make this my laste Will and Testamente as followethe. Firste I bequethe my soule to Almightie God my Saviour in whome is my truste to be saved by his blood sheddinge for me and all other. Itm. I bequethe my bodie to be buried in Xtian buriall. Itm. To my mother churche of Bathe and Wells iiijd. Itm. I geve to Jone Symes my best gowne . . . . to my daughter Mary a platter and a salteseller . . . . to my daughter Alice one smocke and one aprone . . . . to Jone Paine one stocke of bees . . . . to my daughter Elinor my blacke frocke, a podinger, a sawcer . . . . unto my sonne Willyam a borde that dothe stande uppon the benche . . . . to John a stocke of bees . . . . to Salamon a frize gowne . . . . to Bartholomew a douste bed, ij feather pilloes, a bolster and a paire of blanketts, a covlett. The residue of my goodes to Brigett my daughter my full Executrix." (Made the ixth of November 1577, proved iii December 1577.)

Court of the Archdeacon of Taunton, Vol. v, fol. 316.

# Reflections 1994 — Second Quarter

By Gil Alford, Executive Director

See *AAFA ACTION* Fall 1993, p. 30, for explanation to this series. See also the additional comments in *AAFA ACTION* Winter 1994, p. 38.

e are looking forward to hearing from many of you about the folks listed below. If you can connect anyone listed to other Alfordsor can add otherwise to the information we have, let us know right away.

We are beginning something with this segment that will help save time and space and still maximize the information we furnish readers. At the end of each item in this feature I'll include the family or branch code or reference if it is known—maybe I should say apparent. These are the same as those used in the lineages each quarter. The branch reference is based on an early progenitor of the family. A popular one is JUL717VA, which means JULIUS ALFORD born 1717 in Virginia. They will be enclosed in < > to make them easily seen.

We were considering discontinuing this feature because so few of you provide information on your activities 25 and 50 years ago. It is also a terrible strain on my time to prepare the information. However, because of the interest shown by several members who not only read but commented on "Reflections 1994 - First Quarter," it seems we ought to try it for a while longer. I mentioned the time required to accumulate and format the data. It is obvious from the quality of the data in the last issue (i.e. from the comments we received) that even more time should be devoted to the work! I've tried to check the following data more carefully than that in the previous issue. In some cases you will see my "editorial" comments in italics at the end of the item.

### 200 Years Ago — 1794

Our country was off and running in 1794. The young nation had 15 states and it is known that there were Alfords in all but one of them-New Jersey had not yet had the good fortune to serve as home to one of the family. We hear now-a-days about the "sin tax" they want to put on beer and tobacco. In 1794 President George Washington had a problem with a similar situation. Congress had passed a federal excise law or tax in 1791. Farmers in western Pennsylvania took violent objection to a tax on their liquor and stills, going so far as to burn some tax collectors' houses and tarring and feathering some revenue officers. President Washington finally sent 13-15,000 militia from Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to subdue the rebels who dispersed without bloodshed. Some of you know of this as the "Whisky Rebellion." We had Alfords in Pennsylvania by this time and some of them were Irish folk—descendants of MICHAEL ALFORD born about 1770 in Ireland who married Martha MCREADY and resided in Pennsylvania.

DANIEL ALFORD, son of HENRY ALFORD and Elizabeth COLLEY was born June 8, 1794 in Hodnet, Shropshire, England.

MINERVA ALFORD, daughter of JOHN ALFORD and Prudence, was born June 19, 1794 in Tolland County, CT. She was one of eight children in the family, but we have nothing on John's parents.

PRISCILLA ALFORD married William NORRIS, Jr. who was born June 20, 1794 and died August 6, 1876 in Columbia County, NC. PRISCILLA, the daughter of JOHN B. ALFORD and Dolly CARROLL, was born in Horry County, SC June 20,

1786 and she died in Columbia
County, NC August 17, 1887. Priscilla
is the ancestor of Lou Floy Milligan
AAFA #277 of North Carolina. Some
of the data was provided by P. Susan
Busby, 1061 Brookwood Circle, West
Columbia SC 29169—not AAFA
member. <WIL735SC> [The 101 year
age of Priscilla at her death perked my
attention. I verified my source documents, one of which noted the 100 year
age. The source documents were from
the above named persons and are not
considered real evidence.—Gill

### 100 Years Ago — 1894

### **April** 1894

J.A.D. ALFORD was born April 1894 to BILL ALFORD and Lavonia in Meriwether County, Georgia. [I don't like to see folks identified with initials in this type of work. I checked our Georgia data in an effort to identify this fellow further but to no avail. I do suspect we will find him to be part of the family of ISHAM ALFORD born about 1749 in NC.—Gil]

MARY JANE ALFORD, daughter of THOMAS J. ALFORD and Frances Virginia SMITH, was born in Texas April 1894. She apparently married a William M. but we do not know his surname. [They are part of the family we had identified as JACKSON ALFORD born 1830 in Alabama. He has since been connected to the family of ARCHIBALD ALFORD and even later to ISHAM ALFORD born 1749 in North Carolina.—Gil] <ISH749NC>

MATTIE BELLE ALFORD, daughter of CHARLES M. ALFORD and Mary TONY, was born April 1894 in Texas. She married L.L. ASH and is buried in the Creek Cemetery in Houston County, TX. <JUL747NC>

HARRY HALFORD, SSN 432-14-0342, born April 5, 1894, probably in Arkansas, died May 1950.

THOMAS ALVORD, SSN 554-09-3979, born April 8, 1894, probably in California, died December 1968 in Santa Monica, CA.

JOSEPH GRADY ALFORD, SSN 250-60-3166, was born April 16, 1894 in South Carolina and he died January 26, 1976, according to the SS date in Little Rock, SC. He married Ruth MCLAURIN, who was born February 7, 1872, December 28, 1935. Joseph was the son of DANIEL J. ALFORD and Catherine EASTERLING. Part of JACOB ALFORD born 1738, Virginia family. [I find it hard to believe Joe married a lady 22 years his senior. It is even harder to believe when I check further and find she had two children after they married when she was 63 years old. Harllee in his "Kinfolks" says Joe never married. I did find Joe, with his father and family in the 1910 census data. My source for the questionable data in this record seems to be one the gremlins have absconded with. I'm still looking but in the meantime if you recognize these folks I'd like to hear from you.—Gil] <JAC738V>

GEORGE ALFORD, SSN 260-32-6775, born April 17, 1894, probably in Georgia, died October 1974 in Acworth, GA.

JAMES BERLIN ALFORD married Ruth Wilkin COLE April 18, 1894, probably in Lawrence County, Tennessee. James, the son of JAMES MADDEN ALFORD and Martha F. CHILDRESS, was born 1866 in Lawrence County and died there in 1939 where he is buried in Summertown Cemetery. Ruth was born about 1872 in Tennessee and died 1961. James was a great uncle of ROBERT B. ALFORD AAFA #207. See him below for more on the family and branch. See more about some of these folks below at April 1944.

<JUL717VA & LOD740NC>

ELEANOR ALFORD, SSN 433-78-9503, born April 19, 1894, probably in Louisiana, died October 1988 in Mer Rouge, LA.

ELZA ALFORD, SSN 402-54-2861, born April 26, 1894, probably in Kentucky, died February 1967 in Stanford, KY.

NANCY MARY ANN ALFORD, married Henry MILLER April 22, 1894 in Neshoba County, MS. The daughter of WILLIAM LACE ALFORD and Martha Jane LEE, she was born March 5, 1876, near Philadelphia in Neshoba County, and she died September 25, 1955 in Mishawaka, St. Joseph County, IN where she is buried in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Henry Miller was born about 1856 in Noxapater, Winston County, MS and died December 9, 1917 in McAlester, Pittsburg County, OK where he is buried in Tannehill Cemetery. Henry was the son of Moses S. Miller and Laura Saphronia Donald. They had nine children. <JOH816NC>

LEN ALVORD, SSN 368-05-7461, born April 25, 1894, probably in Michigan, died September 1963.

JAMES CLARENCE ALFORD married Neva DOWNING September 11, 1920 in Lane County, OR. Neva, SSN 54152-9904, was born April 28, 1894 in Oregon. She died March 30, 1989 in Salem, OR. James, the son of THOMAS E. ALFORD and Frances SINGLETARY, was born November 18, 1885 in Linn County, OR and died August 13, 1974 in Salem, Oregon. <THO802VA>

### May 1894

ETHAN ALVORD, SSN 367-01-9604, born May 3, 1894, probably in Michigan, died January 1978 in Saginaw, MI.

FLORENCE ALFRED, SSN 398-12-6350, born May 9, 1894, probably in Wisconsin, died September 1967 in Oconto, WI.

CARRIE ALFORD, daughter of MOSES and SUSAN ALFORD was born May 1894 in Walton County, Florida. <JUL717VA>

RUFUS WELLINGTON ALFORD was born May 1894 in North Carolina. He was the son of NOAH ALFORD and his wife Rebecca J. <SAM812SC>

JAMES BARNEY ALFORD, married Ettie J. WARNER May 3, 1894 in Pike County, MS. The son of BARNABAS S. ALFORD and Anna Rebecca NORMAN, James was born November 29, 1870 in Pike County and he died there October 4, 1956 where he is buried in McComb. Ettie was born October 9, 1871 and died May 25, 1945. He was the grandfather of JOHN WARNER ALFORD AAFA #241, one of the leading college athletic executives in the southeastern conference [see "Alfords in the News" this issue]. He was also the grandfather of ZEB DICKEY ALFORD AAFA #295 of Houston. James was the great grandfather of Zeb's five children-all of whom he gave gift AAFA memberships. [Have you given all of your children gift memberships?] <JUL717VA>

WILLIE ALFORD, SSN 412-05-0507, born probably in Tennessee, died March 1968 in Memphis, TN.

THOMAS JACKSON ALFORD, son of JUDSON NIXON ALFORD and Ida CARGAL, was born May 7, 1894 in Claiborne Parish, LA. He died March 8, 1895 and is buried there in Smithfield Cemetery.

<WIL734VA0A>

MINNIE ALFRED, SSN 446-40-3864, born May 15, 1894, probably in Oklahoma, died December 1982 in Irvine, CA.

NELLIE ALVORD, SSN 534-26-7273, born May 15, 1894, probably in Washington, died November 1966 in Aurora, OR.

NELLIE EUGENIA ALFORD, daughter of CHARLES F. ALFORD and Laura Virginia CROX, was born May 16, 1894 in Loudon County, TN. She died September 27, 1901. <JOH787NC>

PEARL IRENE ALFORD, daughter of GEORGE WELSH ALFORD and Minnie F. HOFFMAN was born May 16, 1894 in Seneca County, OH. She married Jacoby THORNTON November 3, 1909 and died January 28, 1934. <BEN619EN>

ROBERT ALFORD married Rosa E. HANEY, his second wife, May 19, 1894. Robert, the son of JOHN M. ALFORD and Lucinda CARDELL, was born December 1841 in Tennessee and he died 1916 in Dallas County, Missouri where he is buried in New Hope Cemetery. Rosa was born November 1877 in Iowa. <JOH787NC>

MILDRED ALVORD, SSN 188-01-8589, born May 20, 1894, probably in Pennsylvania, died April 1983 in State College, PA.

LOIS BELLE ALFORD married Fulton CROOK July 3, 1917 in Hinds County, MS. Fulton was born May 21, 1894. Lois, the daughter of JOHN L. ALFORD and Virginia SMITH, was born in Mississippi August 6, 1893. <ISH749NC>

LINDSEY ALFORD, SSN 426-32-0916, born May 22, 1894, probably in Mississippi, died April 1967 in Tylertown, MS.

#### June 1894

ALMA ALFORD, daughter of JOHN EDEN ALFORD and Anna BROCK was born June 1894 in Mississippi. she

later married (1) Clarence JOHNSON and (2) Obed S. SAWYER. <JUL717VA>

HERBERT ALFORD, son of STONE-WALL ALFORD and Christene, was born June 1894 in Orleans Parish, Louisiana. They were in the 1910 census when Herbert was still with his father. In 1920 we find him living with his wife's family. He married Katherine BOURDETTE. Stonewall and his wife were born about 1862 in Louisiana but we have been unable to find him in earlier censuses.

JOHN T. ALFORD was born June 1894 in Franklin County, NC. He was the son of SIDNEY A. ALFORD and Mary or Margaret. <KIS814NC>

JESSIE ALFORD married Edgar J. MCDOUGALL June 2, 1894, probably in Pennsylvania. JESSIE was the daughter of STEWART G. ALFORD and Sarah A. MILLER.

JUDITH JANE ALFORD married Charles M. HARDIE June 3, 1894 in Jefferson Parish, LA. Judith, the daughter of JOHN ALFORD and Mary DOYLE, was born April 1867 in Jefferson Parish and she died August 11, 1942 in East Feliciana Parish, LA. Charles was born about 1861 in Madison County, IL and he died in Jefferson County January 20, 1941. She was the great grandmother of Janet BAUGH AAFA #093 of Baton Rouge, LA. <EDW820IR>

MAE ALFORD, SSN 150-20-1853, born June 3, 1894, probably in Pennsylvania, died November 1969 in McMurray, PA.

VIRGIL CARL ALFORD married Eula Belle MAYFIELD June 1916 in Rising Star, Eastland County, TX. Eula Belle, the daughter of Washington Marion MAYFIELD and his wife who was a Smith, was born June 6, 1894 in Southwest City, McDonald County, MO and she died September 6, 1962 in Austin, Travis County, TX. Virgil, the son of JACOB LAWHORN ALFORD and Twillie Camilla GIBSON, was born October 18, 1887 in Clio, Brown County, TX and he died in Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County, TX October 24, 1973. Virgil and Eula are both buried in Rising Star Cemetery in Eastland County, TX. Virgil is the father of DAVID GASTON ALFORD AAFA #503. <JUL717VA>

WILLIAM ALFORD, SSN 426-70-1967, born June 7, 1894, probably in Mississippi, died May 1976 in Tylertown, MS.

HARLAN ALFORD, SSN 403-03-1591, son of DELANEY ALFORD and Nora A. JONES, was born June 10, 1894 in Rosine, Ohio County, Kentucky and he died October 22, 1970 in Kanawha County, West Virginia. According to Social Security data he died in Central City, Muhlenburg County, KY—or at least that was where they were mailing his SS checks. HARLAN married Ellen L. JAMES March 19, 1915 in Estle Goffs, Ohio County, Kentucky. Ellen, the daughter of Elijah T. and Eliza Alice (DECKER) JAMES, was born November 2, 1892 in Edmondson County, Kentucky and she died in Greenville, Muhlenburg County, March 22, 1967. Harlan is the grandfather of JIMMIE R. ALFORD AAFA #500 and CATHY ALFORD RUSHER AAFA #501. <WIL775VA>

PRESTON ALFORD, SSN 452-10-0790, was born June 16, 1894, probably in Texas, died February 1983 in Abilene, TX.

MANUEL ALFORD, SSN 265-30-4559, was born June 29, 1894, probably in Florida, died May 1976 in Philadelphia, PA.

### 50 Years Ago — 1944

This was a most critical period in World War II: April 22 The Allies

launched a major invasion force in the Pacific and landed in Netherlands New Guinea catching the Japanese off guard and were soon well established there. June 4 Advance units of the U.S. Army entered Rome, but because it was Sunday the main Allied armies held back. Meanwhile the German troops evacuated to spare "the Eternal City." June 6 D-Day Operation Overlord, the invasion of the European Continent began just after midnight with the descent of two U.S. airborne divisions (parachutes and gliders). In the early hours of the morning some 4000 invasion ships plus 600 warships and at least 10,000 planes (only one of which was shot down by the Germans) and about 176,000 Allied troops took part.

This was about mid-life for a number of our members. Although we were at war at the time the period does bring back some good memories. Franklin D. Roosevelt was President and Henry Wallace was his Vice-President. The Dow Jones average that year was 152.53. A first class postage stamp still cost only three cents. The St. Louis Cardinals won one of its many World Series.

THOMAS R. (DICK) ALFORD, AAFA #534, was in the fourth grade at Santa Rita Elementary School in San Angelo, Texas where his father, HERBERT L. ALFORD, was in an essential job with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dick's hobbies included building model airplanes and collecting stamps. Other activities included Cub Scouts and cutting lawns for spending money during the summers. During this period of World War II, the family collected paper, scrap metal, and cooking grease to support the war effort. Like most families of the time they kept a garden and raised chickens because of the scarcity of food during the war. <WIL786 >

DON ALFORD, AAFA #059, began

1944 much like all his recent years. He lived with his family on a peach and cattle farm in southwest Arkansas and attended high school as a sophomore at Nashville High School, Nashville, Arkansas. He had already decided that he would attend college by whatever means possible and had been attempting through farm work, somewhat unsuccessfully, to save money for it. Thus, that fall he started a job as a livein employee of the town's only hotel. There, he attended high school and simultaneously worked in the hotel as desk clerk, waiter, bellhop, or virtually any other job that was needed. He lived and worked there until he graduated from high school. (He went on to obtain two Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Missouri and a Master of Science degree from George Washington University in Washington, DC. Along the way he also managed to acquire a license as a commercial pilot-a license he still holds.) <ROB760EN>

### **April** 1944

LEONA ALFORD, SSN 456-70-4492, born April 6, 1944, probably in Texas, died June 1985 in Houston, TX.

WILLIAM REGINALD ALFORD AAFA #211 was born April 7, 1944. He was the son of JOHN SIDNEY ALFORD and his wife Teresa. [See *AAFA ACTION* Fall 1993, p. 38 for more on John S. Alford.]

LARRY HALFORD, SSN 455-70-3123, born April 12, 1944, probably in Texas, died September 1981.

LEROY ALLFORD, SSN 179-34-8231, born April 13, 1944, probably in Pennsylvania, died June 1975.

ROBERT BURNS ALFORD AAFA #207 married his first wife, Gladys Maxine MCFADIN April 22, 1944. Gladys died in August 1986. Bob was the son of JAMES BURNS ALFORD and Hattie G. KNOWLES. One of

Robert and Maxine (Harris) Alford

Bob's older brothers, CHARLES KNOWLES ALFORD had married another Maxine a few years earlier-Maxine HARRIS. Charles died May 1, 1986—just four months before Bob lost his wife. Bob and his sister-in-law, Maxine HARRIS ALFORD were married January 3, 1987. Bob and Maxine have been present at all but one of the AAFA meetings. Bob had a son by his first marriage—ROBERT WARREN ALFORD AAFA #256. Maxine and Bob's brother had two sons, CHARLES KNOWLES ALFORD AAFA #648 and RICHARD WAYNE ALFORD AAFA #257. Bob and Maxine have signed up or given gift memberships to all the sons by all their marriages. [Have you given gift memberships to all your children?] <JUL717VA & LOD740NC>

ULYSESS ALFORD, SSN 249-72-3259, born April 17, 1944, probably in South Carolina, died January 1977 in McBee, SC.

GILBERT K. ALFORD, AAFA #019, entered the U. S. Army through the draft in April 1944. He was inducted at Camp Beauregard near Alexandria, LA, and was quickly sent to Camp Shelby, near Hattisburg, MS, where he took basic training with the 1262

Combat Engineers. Just before Gil's departure from Ferriday, Concordia Parish, LA for the service, his father, GILBERT K. ALFORD, SR. AAFA #047 moved to Gonzales, Ascension Parish, LA to work for the U.S. Agricultural Extension Service (County Agent). His mother remained in Ferriday for his departure and then joined G.K., Sr. So as Gil left for the Army, his family left to live in Gonzales, LA. Gil has given gift memberships to all his children: APRIL LOUISE ALFORD ERNST AAFA #269 and MARY ALFORD TEDDER AAFA #270 and to his parents, GILBERT K. ALFORD, SR. AAFA #047. [Have you given gift memberships to all your children and parents?] <JUL717VA>

#### June 1944

MARJORIE ALFORD, SSN 129-36-6424, born June 5, 1944, probably in New York, died June 1978 in Peekskill, NY.

BARBARA ANN ALFORD, daughter of WILLIAM C. ALFORD and Lean Mae BAILEY, was born June 11, 1944 in Hinds County, MS. She married Bill R. BARRON there February 27, 1981. Bill was born in Mississippi January 30, 1940. <JUL747NC>

ADDIE MILDRED ALFORD, daughter of GEORGE C. ALFORD and Addie F. ALLISTON, married Henry Terrell HUFF June 19, 1944, probably in Georgia. Addie was born in Morgan County, GA November 19, 1918. <KIN768NC>

Jean JONES WILSON AAFA #291 was born June 20, 1944. For a period of time before and after the AAFA meeting in Raleigh, NC in 1990 Jean was the AAFA North Carolina Representative. She took care of most of the meeting arrangements that year. She had to give the job up because of her health. Jean is the daughter of DOROTHY JEAN ALFORD AAFA

#286, who married Leon Clark JONES. Jean married Charles T. WILSON, Jr. and they have two children. <JUL717VA>

PAUL ALFORD, SSN 250-76-4112, born June 21, 1944, probably in South Carolina, died September 1980 in Bayonne, NJ.

Mary Etta STITES STEINKAMP AAFA #427 was born June 25, 1944 in San Bernardino, CA. She married John Steven STEINKAMP Febraury 24, 1971 in Loma Linda, California. Mary is a descendant of BENEDICT ALFORD, the immigrant who came to Boston from England in the early 1630's. <BEN619EN>

RICHARD WAYNE ALFORD AAFA #257, son of CHARLES KNOWLES ALFORD and Maxine HARRIS, was born June 29, 1944 in Palo Pinta County, Texas. He married Ruby Carol CRAIN January 14, 1966 in Los Angeles, California. [See article above for April 22 1944 concerning his parents.] < JUL717VA & LOD740NC>

## 25 Years Ago — 1969

May 26 After 18 days in space, including 31 orbits around the moon, Apollo 10 splashed down in the Pacific. June 8 President Richard Nixon met with South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu on the island of Midway to discuss the war in Vietnam. After the conference Nixon announced that 25,000 American troops would be withdrawn from that country. It was the first troop reduction since combat troops had been introduced there in March 1965.

DON ALFORD, AAFA #509, started the year as a District Engineering Manager for American Telephone and Telegraph Company with an office located in downtown Washington, DC. He, his wife, and three children resided in a nearby suburban community, Fairfax, Virginia. At mid-year, he was

appointed by AT&T as a District Operations Manager to form an organization and manage the implementation and ongoing operation of a computer-based network operation and control center for all US Department of Defense Command and Control Network communications, together with certain civil government systems, for all of North America. His office and the command management center were located in an underground "hardened" (i.e., invulnerable to a nuclear bomb) building in the northern Virginia countryside. From the nearby highway, the above-ground entrance building appeared to passersby as somewhat like a brick residential structure. "We performed our mission that year and that organization with its unusual facility performed its vital U.S. defense function until it was replaced by newer technology in the 1980s." (See 1944 comments above for more on Don.) < ROB760EN>

At this time in 1969 GIL ALFORD, AAFA #019, was employed as a civilian by the U.S. Army Mobility Equipment Command where he served in the Directorate of Supply as the Chief, Secondary Items Division. Also during that period he completed a course in Labor-Management Relations conducted by Southern Illinois University. (See 1944 comments above for more.) <JUL717VA>

THOMAS R. (DICK) ALFORD, AAFA #534, and Nelda celebrated the birth of their daughter, LINDA KAY ALFORD, January 22, 1969. She was the third of their three children. Her first child is due July 1994. It was during 1969 that Dick became the Plant Superintendent of the P.H. Robinson Steam Electric Station of Houston Lighting and Power Company. P.H. Robinson is 1465 mw supercritical three unit plant with a 750 mw fourth unit under construction. At the time, Dick, at the age of 36 was the youngest Plant Superintendent for the Power Company. (See 1944 comments

above for more on him.) <WIL786\_\_>

### April 1969

On April 9, 1969 Sallie CATHCART ALFORD SSN 439-76-7867, wife of JOHN LAYFAETTE ALFORD, died in Baker, Louisiana. Grandson DICK ALFORD AAFA #534 says, "My Grandmother was a wonderful lady who loved her family and never forgot her grandchildren on their birthdays or at Christmas. She and Annie ALFORD BRIGHTWELL (daughter of GEORGE WASHINGTON ALFORD) were best friends and corresponded regularly until her death. She was 89 years of age and was survived by all of her children shown in the accompany-

ing photograph taken by the writer on her 89th birthday on December 13, 1968." She was predeceased by her husband JOHN LAYFAETTE ALFORD, who died January 1, 1928." (See two previous items for more on this family.) <WIL786\_>

CHARLES ALFORD, SSN 169-28-9578, born November 13, 1894, probably in Pennsylvania, died April 1969 in Denton, TX.

ELIZABETH ALFRED, SSN 295-48-2091, born March 6, 1874 in Ohio, died April 1969 in South Euclid, OH.

ELLA ALFORD, SSN 349-05-1820, born November 19, 1878, probably in

Illinois, died April 1969 in Chicago, IL.

GLENN HALFORD, SSN 218-05-2169, born March 29, 1896, probably in Maryland, died April 1969 in Baltimore, MD.

GROVER HALFORD, SSN 426-18-5501, born June 4, 1893, probably in Mississippi, died April 1969 in Meridian, MS.

HERMAN HOLFORD, SSN 091-24-8728, born August 11, 1879, probably in New York, died April 1969 in Penn Yan, NY.

HOY ALFORD, SSN 445-09-6637, born March 24, 1905, probably in

Children of John Layfaette and Sallie (Cathcart) Alford, L to R back row: ELIZABETH VIRGINIA, ELA BEATRICE, HERMAN MORRISON, THOMAS HARNEY [attended 1993 AAFA meeting], HEBERT LAYFAETTE, and JOHN LEWIS. Front row L to R: Ela's husband Albert Richard ANNISON and Sallie CATHCART Alford.

Oklahoma, died April 1969 in Marysville, CA.

ODIEVEE ALFORD, SSN 377-05-2405, born May 7, 1901, probably in Michigan, died April 1969 in Detroit, MI.

ORVILLE ALFORD, SSN 422-16-6719, born July 15, 1923, probably in Alabama, died April 1969.

WILLIE ALFORD, SSN 249-16-2520, born September 28, 1902, probably in North Carolina, died April 1969, in Raleigh, NC.

ARTIE BELL ALFORD lost her husband, William H. PRESTON, April 6, 1944. Artie, daughter of JACOB PERRY ALFORD and Catherine DAVIS, was born April 29, 1899 in Marion County, TX. She married Preston, who was born August 15, 1897, July 19, 1919 in Bowie County, TX. <WIL734VA0A>

ANGIE ALFORD died April 8, 1969. Angie, the daughter of JAMES W. ALFORD and his wife Angie, was born March 14, 1884 in Chambers County, AL. The family moved from Alabama to Rusk County, Texas about 1889. Angie married a Mr. NORVELL and they were the parents of Charles Alford NORVELL, AAFA #221. We need more information on Angie's family plus that of her father. We do have what is in the 1900 census of Rusk County, TX. These folks belong to the branch of JAMES ALFORD born about 1741 in North Carolina who move to Georgia where he died. <JAM741NC>

ANN DOUGLASS ALFORD, AAFA #417 lost her husband, Lawrence Foy HAYS, who died April 12, 1969 in Ozark, Dale County, AL. He is buried there in Claybank Cemetery. Lawrence, the son of Lawrence Edgar HAYS and Janie FULFORD, was born September 25, 1914 in Shellman, Randolph County, Georgia. He

managed the Columbian Peanut Company plant in Ozark. Ann, the daughter of COLUMBUS ALFORD, JR. and Anne Birch DOUGLASS, was born January 1, 1915 in Sylvester, Worth County, GA. She married Lawrence, who was born September 25, 1914 in Randolph County, GA, August 30, 1942 in Tift County, GA. Ann, who attended Georgia State Women's College and the University of Georgia, taught school in Georgia and Alabama. She, is a first cousin of LODWICK H. ALFORD AAFA #011, who gave her a gift membership. [Have you given your cousins gift membership?] <JAM713VA>

GRACIE ALFORD, SSN 432-28-4242, born April 26, 1894, probably in Arkansas, died October 1983 in Little Rock, AR.

JOSEPH ALVORD, SSN 572-05-8485, born September 16, 1902, probably in California, died April 1969.

JOSEPH NICKLAS ALFORD, SSN 437-20-8035, born November 14, 1881, in Louisiana, died April 9, 1969 in West Monroe, LA. He married Henrietta GILBERT January 6, 1907 in Caldwell Parish, LA. He was the son of GEORGE ALFORD and Mary Eugenia SMITH. <ISH749NC>

JOSEPH ALFORD, SSN 267-48-4845, born June 13, 1935, probably in Florida, died April 1969.

SYDNEY HOLFORD, SSN 271-03-9071, born October 10, 1909, probably in Ohio, died April 1969.

VICTOR ALFORD, SSN 344-14-3135, born August 10, 1909, probably in Illinois, died April 1969 in Washington, IN.

WILLIAM HALFORD, SSN 247-22-5055, born May 26, 1918, probably in South Carolina, died April 1969 in Barnwell, SC.

### May 1969

BRIAN CLAY ALFORD, son of HENRY CLAY ALFORD and Elaine HOBBS, was born May 17, 1969 in Polk County, FL. <KIN768NC>

BARBARA ALVORD, SSN 333-24-1886, born October 8, 1930, probably in Illinois, died May 1969 in Iowa.

BARNEY ALFORD, SSN 436-07-0459, born July 7, 1904, probably in Louisiana, died May 1969 in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

CHARLES ALVORD, SSN 485-03-7439, born December 18, 1885, probably in Iowa, died May 1969 in Washington, DC.

CHARLIE ALFORD, SSN 240-07-4321, born September 29, 1904 in North Carolina died May 1969 in Raleigh, NC.

DAVID HOLFORD, SSN 333-12-1444, born May 9. 1926, probably in Illinois, died May 1969.

FLORENCE ALFORD, SSN 150-36-1973, born June 22, 1876, probably in Pennsylvania, died May 1969 in Short Hills, NJ.

FLORENCE ALFORD, SSN 401-62-4836, born July 9, 1876, probably in Kentucky, died May 1969 in Beaver Dam, KY.

FRANK ALFORD, SSN 409-07-2082, born March 4, 1912, probably in Tennessee, died May 1969 in Toledo, OH.

JAMES ALFORD, SSN 425-10-3292, born February, 8, 1905, probably in Mississippi, died May 1969 in Carthage, MS.

#### June 1969

BRIGET YVETTE ALFORD, daughter of PAUL DONOUGH ALFORD and Mary B. WILLIAMSON, was born June 23, 1969, Probably in Louisiana. <JUL717VA>

BERNARD HALFORD, SSN 215-30-5725, born May 14, 1934, probably in Maryland, died June 1969.

CLARA ALFORD, SSN 569-34-7516, born July 31, 1876, probably in California, died June 1969 in Long Beach, CA.

HENRY ALFORD, SSN 492-01-1845, born September 18, 1902, probably in Missouri, died June 1969 in St. Louis, MO.

LILLIAN ALFORD, SSN 296-18-2289, born June 19, 1895, probably in Ohio, died June 1969 in Bennington, IN.

MARTHA ALFORD, SSN 423-60-1067, born May 22, 1893, probably in Alabama, died June 1969 in Birmingham, AL.

MARY ALFORD, SSN 263-30-6614, born December 22, 1885, probably in Florida, died June 1969 in Bowling Green, FL.

ROBERT ALLFORD, SSN 067-09-7266, born March 22, 1906, probably in New York, died June 1969 in New York, NY.

THOMAS ALFORD, SSN 262-14-7383, born September 12, 1916, probably in Florida, died June 1969.

WALTER ALVORD, SSN 198-36-3693, born December 12, 1879, probably in Pennsylvania, died June 1969 in Prospect Park, PA.

WILLIAM ALFORD, SSN 436-05-9992, born September 7, 1891, probably in Louisiana, died June 1969 in Tylertown, MS.

## Corrections to Reflections 1994— First Quarter

#### HANNAH ALFORD

Two members provided corrections to the segment on HANNAH ALFORD in "Reflections 1994 - First Quarter" in AAFA ACTION Winter 1994, page 38. C.E. Boulson AAFA #396 pointed out that the surname of JOSIAH ALFORD's wife Hannah was WESTOVER. It is something of a mystery as to how the piece was written without that information since every record AAFA has shows the surname. Dorothy C. Gaines AAFA #461 questioned some of the dates. HANNAH ALFORD was shown as born March 12, 1694 and she married Eli CASE November 13, 1791. Dorothy questioned the marriage at age 97. Levi was shown as born 1678 and he died 1795, making him 117 years old. This is a case of AAFA taking bits and pieces from several sources and combining them into one record. It is not known as of this writing if one of the sources had an incorrect date or if we are guilty of combining data on two different persons. If you have any proven valid data on any of these persons or events, please send it to AAFA at the Missouri PO Box.

#### GEORGE CLEM ALFORD

Wow! Did I get caught with egg on my face with him. In "Reflections 1994 – First Quarter" in *AAFA ACTION*Winter 1994, page 42, I boldly made the statement "...that is all we know about him." Lucille Mehrkam AAFA #032, AAFA genealogist for the Texas Chapter, has been working with me ever since I began stirring up Alfords. She's been at it much longer than I have, and she taught me much of what I know. She sent me a short subtle note

on which she had quickly extracted the family of George C. Alford from the 1880 and 1900 Alabama census and the comment giving the lineage. I decided I'd better check him out. As soon as I checked the computer I saw that George Clem was the ancestor of one of our contacts-but not a member. On November 5, 1987 I had a call from Louise Harvell of Camden, AL who said she was calling for Mr. George Fail Alford, Jr. She was looking for information on a William Alford born about 1826 in South Carolina. William was the grandfather of George Clem Alford, and George Clem was the grandfather of George Fail Alford, Jr. Since I knew that Lucille had been searching for her ancestor William Alford born in South Carolina about a generation before George Clem's grandfather, I gave her Lucille's name and address as well as that of Nancy Alford Dietrich AAFA #028, AAFA Librarian, who also had a South Carolina William Alford ancestor.

So you see, there were about four pages of text pertaining to this branch within arm's reach when I wrote "that's all we know about him"—not to mention that the lineage was in the computer. Just goes to prove that you have to watch me closely and check everything I say or write. It is nice to see that folks are reading "Reflections."

### CHARLES TROY ALFORD

Listed on page 47 in the Winter issue, he is the same as TROY ALFORD listed on page 46—the facing page no less! This should have been apparent, but it was necessary for NANCY ALFORD DIETRICH AAFA #028, our AAFA Librarian, to bring this to our attention. ❖

# Some Virginia and West Virginia Marriages

Compiled by Gil Alford, Executive Director

s indicated in the right column, the data below has been collected from a variety of sources. There are a number of cases where a first look may suggest that duplicates have been included. Look closer at each of these and you will see a slight difference in name, date or place. The situation is a little worse in this case because West Virginia was created from Virginia in 1863 and some of the marriages are reported in both states. Marriages before 1863 listed in West Virginia were actually in Virginia at the time. Where the source is shown as "Pub Book" for published book there is a more detailed reference that was not included in this listing. All other sources were nothing more than a list.

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# John Alford, ca1740 - 1796 / 1809

By Gil Alford, Executive Director, and Lynn Shelly, AAFA #484

The dates above should be a clue that another Alford puzzle . follows. This situation was brought to focus by Lynn Shelley AAFA #484 in a December 1 letter. She does not know it is being put together for publication. It is probable that much of the data in this piece came from work done by Ruth Moran AAFA #622 since Gil Alford recently sent Lynn copies of most of Ruth's work. It is known that she is working on several other similar projects and that she has more questions than one person can answer. If you can shed any light on this family please contact either Lynn (104 Lakeside Drive, Morgantown WV 26505-9000) or Gil Alford at our Missouri address. They will coordinate responses with one another. It will help if you will clearly identify this as the article you are addressing when you respond. It would also help very much if you will cite your source and send a photocopy if possible. Minor editorial liberties have been taken in transcribing the data to a computer file and in formatting for publication. Some are identified by brackets []. Notes added by AAFA (Gil Alford) are in italics and enclosed with < >.

The problem comes primarily from the various assortment of children reported by several sources. Quoting Lynn: "There are so many Johns at the same time that it is hard to know who you are dealing with. As you can see, I concentrated on John (son of John and Mary) who married Jane and have six different sources for children of this marriage." She included seven questions with her tabulation and a number of others were extracted from the letter. Lynn's paper has a different family group for each of the five sources. Here there is only one family

but there are comments for each child, explaining how they fit, or don't fit, from the various sources. The sources were:

- (1) a History of Monroe County, VA by Morton
- (2) Bob Barrows whose source was a will and research done by his cousin Susan Laubengayer of Oregon
- (3) family group record of John Meadows which cited 4 as a source
- (4) Gil Alford's *ABOUT ALFORDS* which depended much on a family group record prepared by the late Tressie Bowman
- (5) cards prepared by a Dr. Albert Alford

[Editor's note: The text below indicates that some of the above secondary sources used primary sources to compile their families—AAFA may have copies of these marriage records, wills, etc.]

These numbers will be used in notations that follow. It should be noted when considering the counties mentioned below that Monroe County was formed from Greenbrier County in 1799. Lynn provided names and information on marriages. Other dates or information has been added from the sources to make the data more meaningful to you.

THOMAS ALFORD is listed in all but source 4. Source 5 shows he was born about 1771. A Thomas Alford married Phoebe CUMMINS in Botetourt Co. VA in 1793. A Thomas Alford married Betsy MILLON/MELLON September 29 1796 in Botetourt Co. VA. < Tressie Bowman said he married an Elizabeth. Gil Alford did not include him in this family because Jewell Gallagher showed him as the son of John's supposed brother, THOMAS ALFORD.

Based on the work done by Ruth Moran, Thomas will be moved from the other family to this one. Thomas and Phebe were involved in a law suit in Augusta County pertaining to the January 23, 1804 will of Phebe's father Robert Cummins. In the 1850 census of Morgan County, page 448 line 40 is THOMAS ALFORD age 72 and a female Elizabeth age 57. She is a bit into the tooth to be his daughter so must be a second wife, the Elizabeth Tressie Bowman mentioned. Listed on the same page of the census was the family of ROBERT ALFORD and Mary. John Meadows shows him to be son of Thomas Alford and Phebe Cummins and that Mary was Mary JOHNSON [see Mary Johnson in next paragraph]. Four children are listed in the census and Meadows has added the name, or partial name of spouses for three of them.>

JOHN ALFORD is listed in all sources and 5 shows he was born 1773. A John Alford married Margaret/Peggy 1799 in Rockingham Co. VA. < Tressie Bowman showed a 1799 marriage to Margaret and a marriage list shows it to be October 10. On page 388 of the 1850 Monroe County census was 78 year old John Alford. Ruth Moran makes him to be this John Alford. Living with him is 40 year old Thomas S/L Alford who Ruth says married Mary JOHNSON May 18, 1844. [see Mary Johnson in previous paragraph]. Thomas and Mary had a daughter. On this same page of the census is James Alford and wife Tabitha. They were in Indiana in 1860. It would appear that he too is the son of 78 year old John Alford and if we can prove that, it firms up some work we have been doing on Indiana Alfords for several years.>

JAMES ALFORD is listed in all sources—3 shows he married Nancy HINES and 5 says HINDS. A James Alford married Nancy HINES/HINDS February 3, 1806 in Monroe County.

MARGARET ALFORD is listed in all sources—3 shows her married to Jacob JARRETT. A Peggy (Margaret) Alford married Jacob JARRETT January 27, 1804 in Monroe County.

SARAH ALFORD is listed in all sources but with a variety of spouses—1 James ELLIS, 2 James CELLES, 3 Joseph ELLIS, 4 Abram FUNK, and 5 just ELLIS. A Sarah Allford married Abraham FUNK October 15, 1798 in Rockingham County. A Sarah Alford married David JARRETT December 24 1802 in Monroe County. <*Tressie Bowman shows spouse as Abraham FUNK with marriage 1798 in county as shown.*>

JANE ALFORD is listed in all sources.

AMY ALFORD is listed in only 2 and 5 and the latter shows she married ELLIS. There is an ANNY in 3 [see below].

NANCY ALFORD is listed in only 3 and 4 and the latter shows she married John BOONE. Lynn has a note, not identified to source, that says "John BOONE's wife was Elizabeth Alford, married Augusta, 1786?"

<The following are comments provided by Ruth Moran AAFA #622 several years ago. It may have been these remarks that prompted Lynn's question. From West Virginians in the Revolution, excerpted from West Virginia History, Vol I (Oct 1939) and Vol IX (Oct 1947). Reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore, MD, 1977</p>

BOONE, (BOON), JOHN Service -Pennsylvania Va. No. 23161 No. R-1017

Born, York County, Pennsylvania, eight miles from York. He was 18 or 19 years old when he went with his uncle, Daniel Boone, to Kentucky, returning next year, 1774, to York making the year of his birth about 1755. Died July 17, 1835. Enlisted, 1778, York County, Pennsylvania, under Captain Spangler, served upwards of two years, then marched under the command of General Gates with Maryland and Delaware troops to North Carolina to join Baron De Kalb's command. Was in several actions, including the defeat of Gates at Camden. From there he fled to Henry County, Virginia, where he remained at the Washington Iron Works for several years, then came to Monroe County (or Greenbrier County), where he made his home. No discharge was received, owing to dispersal of Gate's army. Married ELIZABETH ALFORD by published bans, 1787-88, Augusta County, Virginia. Wife died February 15, 1841. Children were John, Nancy, Henry, Sally, and Francis. Supporting claims by PEGGY ALFORD and JOHN ALFORD. Applied for pension August 20, 1833. Certificate issued November 21, 1833. Previous to the passage of the joint resolution of August 23, 1842, no widow whose husband was living on June 7, 1832, was entitled to a pension under the act of July 7, 1838. John Boone died after 1832, and his widow died prior to the resolution of 1842. (This note from old letter book, mentioning three other widows. NOTE: See affidavit of Henry BOONE in 1847 before Greenbrier County Court in interest of heirs of Elizabeth Boon.") The preceding are comments from Ruth Moran.>

MARY ALFORD appears in all but 1 and 3. A Polly (Mary) Alford married John SALLARDS/SOWARDS September 22, 1794 in Greenbrier Co.

ELIZABETH ALFORD appears in all but 1 and 2. Number 3 shows she married David JARRETT and 5 just JARRETT. [See note with Nancy above.] An Elizabeth Alford married David JARRETT December 24, 1802 in Monroe County. < Tressie Bowman says she married John BOON Decem-

ber 2, 1785 or 88 in Rockingham County VA. A notation that is not legible appears to identify children of this union.>

GEORGE ALFORD is shown in only 3 and 4 [remember 3 used 4 as a partial source]. 3 shows he married Mary BURNSIDE and 4 just Mary. A George Alford married Mary BURNSIDE February 14, 1793 in Greenbrier County.

WILLIAM ALFORD appears only in the list of 5.

JOSEPH ALFORD appears in all but 1 and 2. Spouses were: 3 Jean/Jane, 4 Jean and 5 Guinn. A Joseph Alford married Jenny GWINN/GUINN November 5, 1792 in Greenbrier County.

HENRY ALFORD appears only in 3 and 4 with 3 showing a spouse named Eleanor. A Henry Alford married Eleanor MELLING/MELLON August 9, 1802 in Botetourt County.

ANNY ALFORD appears in only 3 and with spouse Charles KENNAN. [Amy above] An Anne Alford married Charles KEENAN June 23, 1798 in Greenbrier County.

The following are some additional marriages of that period and in Monroe County. JEAN ALFORD married William HINES/HINDS July 31, 1806. FRANY/FROMY ALFORD married William WENZ July 31, 1806. WILLIAM ALFORD married Mary JOHNSON December 9, 1810. JAMES ALAFORD married Margaret CARLISLE October 2, 1817. ANNA ALFORD married William ELLIS April 22, 1819.

The following are Lynn's questions. It will help if you will refer to the number when responding.

1. There is one John (2 tithables) in Greenbrier in 1788; a John Sr. (2

- tithables) and a Thomas in 1792; and a George, John, Joseph and Thomas (each with 1 tithable) and a Jean (female with no tithe) in 1796.
- a. Where and when did John die?b. Was John Sr. deceased?
- 2. [Lynn's comments raise a question. Can you elaborate?] To further complicate the issue, the John Alford who was with a George in Harrison Co. VA in 1784 seems to be in Randolph Co. in 1787 and gone by 1788. He supposedly married Nancy ALLENBAUGH in Madison County, KY. 1790's John Sr. and Thomas Alford are living next to Peter Allumbough (father of Nancy) in Greenbrier Co. VA in 1792 and in 1796 Peter is near Jean, John and Thomas???
- 3a. Was George in Harrison Co. in 1784 and Greenbrier Co. 1786 the same?
- 3b. How are George and John related?
- 3c. [Written as a statement but consider a question:] The George of Greenbrier/Monroe is the one who by 1815 was in Cabell Co. VA. *<Cabell County was cut from a big part of the south and southwestern portion of Kanawha County in 1809.>*
- 4.a. John and Jane/Jean supposedly came from Rockingham Co. When? They were mentioned in Rockingham Co. minutes in Feb. 1787.
- 4b. Another ?? John in Rockingham Co. about the same time had sons named John Jr., Robert, and Benjamin. [Who were they?]
- 4c. There was also a William in Rockingham Co. [Who was he?]
- 5a. Are marriages recorded in different places because of traveling ministers?
- 5b. Was Elizabeth Alford who married John Boone a daughter by an earlier marriage, the eldest child or a sister of John Sr.?

- 5c. Do we have any records to show where John and Jane were prior to being in Rockingham Co.? <"Tradition" says they came from Frederick County, VA. See the ending comments.>
- A couple of statements on which confirmation is desired:
- 6a. If the will was written in 1794: from abstract Amy (Anne?) appears to be the eldest daughter since Margaret, Jane and Sarah still need schooling?
- 6b. Thomas appears to be the eldest son and James the youngest.
- 7a. Are those not mentioned in the will—Nancy, Elizabeth, George, Joseph and Henry—children of another family? < While one can usually depend on what is found in a will, we are frequently misled by what is not in a will. Children can be left out of a will because they have already received their share of the estate or for other reasons. Children are not always listed in order of birth. The oldest son is not always the one to receive the bulk of the estate or to be the executor of the will. It is sometimes the youngest son.>
- 7b. How many Johns were in the VA/ WV area at this time and how were they related? < The reconstructed 1790 census of Virginia shows a JOHN ALFORD in Amherst County (1785) with 3 persons and two JOHN ALFORDs in Rockingham County (1784), one with 9 persons and the other with 10 persons. It is possible, since the 1790 data was reconstructed from earlier state records that the John in 1785 Amherst could have been one of the Johns in Rockingham in 1784. Unfortunately we don't even have a reconstructed census for 1800 Virginia. From all indications the Amherst County Alfords would be the family of John's supposed brother, William Alford. Revolutionary War pension records prove the migration of some of this family from Frederick Co. VA, through Amherst County and on to Davidson County, Tennessee.>

- The following are questions extracted from the text of her letter.
- 8a. Robert Barrows has a copy or abstract of the will. Do you have this? (supposedly of this John) < Lynn has been provided a copy of a package received from Bob Barrows that contains an abstract of the will as well the will book reference and a reference where it can be obtained from a LDS microfilm.>
- 8b. Did he die in Rockingham Co. VA or Monroe Co. or Greenbrier Co. VA/WV? According to Robert Barrows this will was written in 1794 and probated in 1810. < There is nothing in the material that Bob Barrows sent to show where the will was written but it was presented to a court in Monroe County and entered in a Monroe County will book, It was written in 1794 on July 2.>
- 9a. Why is the Thomas who married Phoebe CUMMINGS listed here and in the Wythe Co. VA Alfords? *<He is being removed from the Wythe County branch and will be shown in this branch.>*
- 9b. Who was the Thomas who married Betsy MILLON/MILLER/MELLING in Botetourt Co. in 1797?
- 9c. Is this the Elizabeth who is the wife of Thomas of Monroe Co. VA in 1850 or is the wife in the census a second wife?
- 9d. A Thomas Alford married Elizabeth SCOTT in 1837 in Monroe Co. [Who is he?]
- 10a. Who is the John listed as being in Rockingham Co. 1789 or so? He has sons named John Jr., Benjamin, and Robert (and probably more children). This John or at least some of his children went to what is now WV, because Benjamin (born in Rockingham) enlisted for military service in 1813 from Lewisburg which

was the county seat for Greenbrier County VA/WV. He was killed in Canada later that same year. The problem is that the 1810 Greenbrier Co. VA census was lost.

<I have reviewed the copies of the cards that came from Dr. Albert Alford and must confess that I can not figure out his system. Aside from the John Alford and problems identified by Lynn above, I am most interested in making contact with Dr. Alford or obtaining more of his information. One of his cards lists JAMES R. ALFORD who married Tabitha SWOPE. This may be a key or major breakthrough for some of our Indiana Alford problems.>

The numbers are continuing in sequence to assist all involved in relating comments, but these are questions posed by Gil Alford.

11. The 1748 will of JOHN ALFORD of Frederick Co. Virginia mentioned a son JOHN, recognized him as a minor with "inherits Negro Caesar at age 19". We estimated the date of his birth to be 1740. I think it has been little more than conjecture that says this was the John who married Jane and died October 25, 1809 in Rockingham County. Three supposed sons of ole John did seem to migrate generally down the Shenandoah Valley with each following a slightly different course. Does anyone have information?

12. One family group record from Tressie Bowman shows John married in Amherst County, but does not provide date or name. I wonder if this was not the JOHN ALFORD born May 8, 1760 and married Elizabeth BIBB in Amherst March 2, 1783? They were probably cousins. Can anyone add to this?

13. There is another piece to the puzzle as it is now laid out. Ruth Moran tells us about another household in 1850 Monroe County with Alfords. On page 388B (see JOHN ALFORD above) are

three children living in the home of Thomas Shired, age 24, and Catherine Shired, age 35. They have children ages 3 and 1. However, living with them are SARAH A. ALFORD 15, MCKINLEY ALFORD 9, and JAMES ALFORD 7. Ruth goes on to report on two marriages, JOSEPH ALFORD & Catherine HANLEY June 2, 1830 and KATHERINE ALFORD and Thomas SHIRES June 4, 1846. We can assume the three children belonged to Joseph and Catherine but (1) who was Joseph and (2) what happened to them? You never want to stop on "13" so here is one last piece or set of pieces. Apparently Bob Barrows and Susan Laubengayer have some of these in place and just need a stamp of approval. They have records from deed books that mention JOHN & MARY C. ALFORD and THOMAS & MELINDA ALFORD. The record goes on to say that John and Thomas were sons of JAMES ALFORD who I suppose would be the James Alford listed as son of John and Jane. Other records in the deed book show:

14a. ROBERT ALFORD and wife Sarah sold land, that lay on Swope's knob, to James Miller in 1833.

14b. JANE ALFORD daughter of JAMES ALFORD, dec'd. sold her brother THOMAS ALFORD her share of her fathers estate.

14c. JOSEPH ALFORD willed land to ROBERT ALFORD who sold it to JOHN ALFORD in 1831. d. ROBERT ALFORD bought 150 acres 1834 on the south side of Swopes Knob.

14e. Harvey Parsinger and wife MARGARET (daughter of JAMES ALFORD, dec'd), 13 October 1832, sold land some of which was inherited from estate of JAMES ALFORD. Marginal note says it was delivered to JOHN ALFORD 22 Feb. 1834.

There are others but the above seem to be the most significant. Bob and Susan,

or maybe just Bob, makes a family headed by JAMES ALFORD, son of John and Jane and whose wife is not known with children (1) Margaret who married Harvey Parsinger, (2) Jane, (3) John born October 9, 1809 in Monroe Co and died Dec 5, 1886 in Lexington MO and wife Mary and (4) his ancestor THOMAS ALFORD born 1811, died April 17 1890 in Lexington MO and married Melinda Miller FIFE. Who are all the others?

If what we know, and think we know, about this branch of the family is true, one can follow their movements from Frederick County, where the John was probably born, down the Shenendoah Valley. This part of the family came down the valley, apparently spent some time in Rockingham County and moved on to Monroe and Greenbrier. More than others in the branch they remained in the Virginia-West Virginia area but some did go on to Indiana and points west. John's supposed brother, Thomas probably stayed around Frederick County longer but then came down the valley and settled in Wythe and Montgomery Counties which were neighbors to Monroe. These quickly migrated to Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Kansas. Another brother, WILLIAM ALFORD, came down the valley and first settled in Amherst County. A son, JOHN ALFORD, went into Revolutionary service there and then they moved on to Davidson County, Tennessee.

If you can confirm any of this, and clear up John's children for Lynn, we will have helped Susan and Bob make an Alford breakthrough and probably make connections for about a half dozen folks searching for Alford ancestors from Hancock County, Indiana and to several with heretofore dead ends in this immediate area. Will it lead to a breakthrough on the THOMAS ALFORD born about 1802, probably in Wythe county? Let us hear from you.

# Virginia Alfords – The First 100 Years

By Gil Alford, Executive Director

I collowing our established practice of expounding on the Alfords in the state in which we are about to meet it is time to look at the Alfords of Virginia. Since it was Virginia where an Alford first set foot on American soil, and in view of the fact that Alfords still live there today, it is unlikely I will do much justice to the Alfords who have been present there for the 370 or so years. We have titled this the "first 100 years" but I am going to leave things rather loose in the period at the end 1600's—when the first Alford record appeared in the St. Peter's Parish Register—and 1724 which is the end of the first 100 years of Alford presence. In the next segment I will begin with the Alfords of St. Peter's Parish, thus stepping back into some of this first 100 and not include them in this segment.

Don't try to figure out the specific arrangement of the information that follows. It is not alphabetical, chronological, or geographical. Some effort was made to keep Alfords with the same name together and within the group arranging them by time, but that concept was not always followed.

I'd like to recognize two members from whom you might not have expected the support I had for this piece. Most of the source records for this article came from research done and extracts prepared by Pamela Alford Thompson #030, our editor, and Henry G. Alford #057, our Maryland Representative. Without their support this article would not have been written.

Perhaps the first Alford in America was a young boy. English records, dated February 27, 1619 show that a JONAS ALFORD was one of a group of "boys and wenches appointed to go to Virginia." One source showed him as only nine years old. If he made it there is a strong probability he did not reach manhood—at least in the colonies.

The next earliest known Alford would have been RICHARD ALFORD. In 1624 he was identified as age 26 and part at Captain Smith's Plantation in James City during "The Muster of Capt Roger Smiths men Over Ye Watter." Another source reporting on this muster shows that Richard had "10 bushells of corn, a peece and armour." The published Minutes of the Council, and General Court of Colonial Virginia mention "Richard Alforde" at "A Courte held the 25th of Aperill 1625" and "Rychard Allforde" at "A Courte held at James Cittie the XXIth of Awgust 1626," "Whereas Richarde Allford was warned by the p(ro)vost marshall on Saturday the 19th of Awgust to appeare before the Gouernor and Councell this p(re)sent Courte day to answere to such

matters as by Robert Marshall should be alleged against him, wch the said Allforde hath nott donne, yt is ordered he shall pay for that contempt 20 li of Tobacco." At "A Court at James Citty the 21st of January 1627," "Richard Alford Committed prisoner at the suit of Mr. Gill for 500 (weight of) Tobacco. Ellmor Phillips gent. sworne and examine sayeth that he was in place when Richarde Allforde did acknowledge that he did owe Robert Marshall XI dayes woorke whereof he p'mised to do the said Marshall 4 dayes woorke and to scale him a bill for the other VII dayes woorke. The bill beinge made and the saide Richard Allforde required to scale the same he refused to do it, sayinge Marshall shall com by it as he can." On November 11, 1626, the Council of General Court, James City, Virginia, authorized Captain Smith - with a crew - and Captain Mathews - with a crew - including RICHARD ALFORD, to go trading with the Indians into any part of the Bay of Chesapeake, and indicated that the Governor should give them a Commission for this purpose. Minutes of the Privy Council and General Court 1622-1629. "Yt is ordered on the testimony of Richarde Alford that Robert Marshall according to agreement hold and enjoy halfe the ground wch Thomas Grubb beinge newly fenct in."

Richard Alford's wife, Mary, died May 18, 1706 and she was buried May 20th in Christ Church, Middlesex County. Richard Allford married Mary WILLIAMS May 29 1707 in Middlesex County. Mary Allford administered the estate of RICHARD ALFORD in Middlesex County, September 7, 1714. MARY ALFORD married John PENDERGRASS May 2, 1716 in Middlesex County.

March 31 1722 ELIZABETH ALFORD married Robert WALKER in Middlesex County.

Mary Alford was identified as a step-daughter in the Lancaster County, January 25, 1678 (proved February 14, 1678) will of William White. This is the William White stated to be a minister and the father of Jeremiah White by his second wife, a Mrs. Alford. Another Reverend William White died 20 years earlier.

1661-2—"Upon the complaint of colonel Edmond Scarburgh, late high sherriff of Northampton county on his majesties behalfe against JOHN ALFORD and Elizabeth his wife, Teige Miskell and William Jump for rebellion and disobedience which this committed examining, and after a full hearing of all parties, doe report that wee find the said JOHN ALFORD and Elizabeth his wife, both by sufficient testimony, their owne confession and ill behaviour before us to be rebellious and insolent persons, and guilty of wounding the said coll. Scarburgh, late high sherriff on the head,

and Teige Miskell and William Jump disobedients, it is therefore ordered by this grand assembly for refrominge the like disorders, that the said Alford and Elizabeth his wife, with Tiege Miskell and William Jump be returned by the same conduct that brought them to the county of Northampton, and there to be delivered to the high sherriff who is to take security of them for the good behaviour, and at the next court held for the same county, that the said JOHN ALFORD shall receive thirtie lashes on his bare back, and Elizabeth his wife twentie lashes, and Teige Miskell and William Jump tenne lashes a peece, and the said JOHN ALFORD pay all costs and charges for himselfe, wife and servants.

JOHN ALFORD received grant of 40 acres in Warwick County April 5 1664.

YORK COUNTY, January 24 1667/8—"Mr. Thomas Shelston who entered Mr. Thomas Kerby's security for his appearance being arrested at the suite of JOHN ALFORD is ordered to satisfy the sd ALFORD for 23 days work being carpenter's work, and also to pay costs unless he produce the sd KIRBY to the next Court."

February 24 1667/8—"Upon petition of Thomas Shelston, Attorney of Thomas KIRBY it is ordered that Enoch Mackintosh and Robert Penrice view the work done by JOHN ALFORD and report the same to the next Court for a clearing of the difference between the sd Kirby and ALFORD."

April 10, 1668—"Whereas the Court was pleased to request Enoch Mackintosh and Robert Penrice, carpenters, in the view of a job of work done by JOHN ALFORD unto Thomas Kirby as followeth: - One partition across a twenty foot house; a couch making very slight; 2 windows removed; one small partition removed a little out; one bedstead; this is all work done by the sd ALFORD which we judge to be worth 150 lbs. of tobacco."

"Upon balance of account between JOHN ALFORD plaintiff and Thomas Kirby defendant, the defendant is ordered to pay unto the plaintiff 150 lbs, of tobacco."

JOHN ALFORD and Thomas Hardy were witnesses to Richard Riddlehurst's sale of a horse to George Wilkinson January 2, 1673 in Isle of Wight County.

JOHN ALFORD, Wm. Stone and Wm. Millington received 410 acres in New Kent County, South Side Yorke River April 20, 1682. JOHN ALFORD and Wm. Millington received 350 acres near there September 22, 1682. JOHN ALFORD and Gregory Barnet received 150 acres in the same area September 22, 1682.

JOHN ALFORD and wife Lettice, baptized their daughter SARAH ALFORD April 18, 1689 at the Upper Chapel in Middlesex County.

JOHN ALFORD with 240 acres was listed under New Kent County Rent Roll: "A Rent Roll of the Lands held of her Majtie in the Parish of St Peters and St Paulls, Anno 1704". JOHN ALFORD with 200 acres was listed under "A True Account of the Lands in King & Queen County as it was taken by Rob't Bird Sherriff in the Year 1704"

We find a number of different Alfords in Accomack County in a list of tithables for the period 1663-1695. They are listed below showing the year, the precinct (person's name) and number of tithables.

	Year and Precinct	<u>Tithables</u>
John Alford	1664 non listed	4
	1687 Bally's	1
	1688 Scarburgh	1
	1689 Robinsons	1
	1690 Robinsons	2
	1691 Robinson's	1
	1692 Robinson's	1
	1693 Robinson's	1
	1694 Broadhurst	2
	1695 Scarburgh	1
Wm. Alford	1686 Bailey's	1
	1688 Baylys	1
	1689 Robinsons	1
	1690 Bally's	1
	1691 Bally's	1
	1692 Robinson's	1
	1693 Robinson's	1
	1694 Broadhurst	1
	1695 Scarburgh	1
David Alford	1691 William Custis	1
	1693 Robinson's	1
	1694 Burtons	1
	1695 Burtons	1

The only known connection between the Alfords of Virginia and the Alfords of New England took place between June 6 1701 and April 23 1702 on the James River. The connection then was very remote. BENJAMIN ALFORD and Andrew Belcher were the owners of the WILLIAM AND MARY of Boston. It was a 35 ton brigantine built in New England in 1693 and the master on this voyage was Thomas Sill. There is no evidence that Benjamin Alford was on board. It was common for ships of New England to make port in Virginia.

According to a record in *First Settlers in the Colonies of North America*, WILLIAM ALFORD sailed from Bristol, England for Virginia between 1654 and 1663.

WILLIAM ALFORD was recorded as a witness: January 12 1660/61 Charles City County, April 22, 1661 Charles City County, October 29, 1661 Charles City County, June 7, 1662 Charles City County.

WILLIAM ALFORD acted on numerous occasions as the Deputy Escheater. (In Virginia at this time when the "owner" of land died, the land did not go to family heirs but was escheated back to the state or king. The escheater and his deputies made sure the king got his land back.) There are a number of references in *CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS*, VOL II, for the period 1667 to 1673 (see Booklist). All of these occurred in Elizabeth City, Nansemond, and Lower Norfolk.

WILLIAM ALFORD is mentioned in the minutes of the Council and General Court of April 20 1670 as a member of the jury. He is mentioned in the minutes of October 17 1670 among those for whose importation a certificate for land had been granted to another person. On May 26 1671 judgement was rendered against him in a civil suit. On September 27 1671 a judgement was rendered in favor of "Mr. WM. Alford."

WILLIAM ALFORD

obtained an order against Marke Warkeman in Elizabeth City County in 1671. (May be the same as one of the above.)

WILLIAM ALFORD

signed a power of attorney to Alexander Moore in York County in 1671 with one of the witnesses being JAMES ALFORD. Major WILLIAM ALFORD sued John Mackelanaham in 1674.

On September 26 1674, in an order against MAJOR WM ALFORD, it was "Ordered that the said Major Alford pay

Damages According to Act of Costs (of) sute." On March 4, 1674/5 "Robert Gilbert being indited for murthering Lt. Col. Wm. Alford, the Grand Jury brought in their Virdict, billa vera, then a Jury of Life and Death was impannelled according to law, who bringing their Virdict, Homecide by misadventure, and said Robt Gilbert was therefore acquitted by p(ro)clamation." WILLIAM ALFORD's widow had married John Hurst by 1675.

March 1671/2 Zachariah Paddy now resident of Isle of Wight is bound to pay unto WM. ALFORD of Eliz. City, gent, 1653 Lbs. of tbco. in consideration of a servant named John Duffy and a boat sold by said Alford—Now makes over to WM. ALFORD the said servant—John Duffie, Sedia Roberts.

WILLIAM ALLFORD married Herodias SHIBLEY May 1, 1708 in Middlesex County.

"William Giles, 100 acs. Henrico Co., 28 Sept 1681, p. 108. Escheate land of HENRY ALFORD; inquisition under William Byrd, Esch'r, &c."

In his *IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS*, HUGH EDWIN ALFORD mentioned several Alfords of this period but did not cite the source of his information. We would like to find the source and learn more about them. There is a record of a GEORGE ALFORD in Lower Norfolk County in 1658. There are records of a THOMAS ALFORD in Lower Norfolk during 1656-61. JOHN ALFORD was included in list of migrants from Bristol to Virginia between 1663 and 1679.

CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS, Vols I -III makes frequent mention of land granted for "transporting" Alfords. Depending on when the person was transported the person responsible received either 200 acres or 50 acres for each person transported. In the introduction to the publication we find "... fraud and deception were by no means uncommon." The person listed as transported may have come before or after the date shown, they may not have come at all, or they may have come more than once. There is absolutely no

reason to relate them to the county in which the land was granted so the county is not even listed in the following. At least they were Alfords whose name and a date are recorded in early Virginia history. A WILLIAM ALFORD is listed in 1662, 1666, 1667, 1670, and 1692. A THOMAS ALFORD is listed in April and September of 1674 and in 1682. A JOHN ALFORD is listed in 1674.

That is most, if not all, the Alfords of that period for which we have information. Can you help us find more? We have not proved a single connection between any of the Alfords listed in this article and Alfords of subsequent periods, although the JOHN ALFORD who received the nearly 1000 acres of land in New Kent County might prove to be the progenitor of many of us.

# Blount Co., TN, and Murray Co., GA Alfords

By Gil Alford, Executive Director

The recently received a letter from Peggy Perry Oliver, 2604 Ramblewood Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006. The following was adapted from her letter:

Please add the following family to your collection of Alfords:

1880 census, Murray County, Georgia

John Alford	b. 1839 Tn
Nancy (wife)	b. 1840 Tn (Blount Co.)
Margaret	b. 1868 Ga (all b. Murray
	County)
James N.	b. 1872 Ga
John T.	b. 1875 Ga
Lucinda J.	b. 1877 Ga
John R.	b. 1878 Ga

Note two boys named John.

Mary Alford

Nancy Ann Rorex was the dau of Rossy Ann Harris and Joseph Rorex, both of whom were born in Blount Co., Tn.

b. 1812

I know nothing of John Alford—have run lots of queries with no "takers". Nancy Ann was sister of my great grandmother. Will be delighted to share information available on that family. Thank you, and best regards. —Peggy Oliver

### **AAFA ANALYSIS**

- 1. Apparently Peggy extracted the above data from the original census record microfilm or some published extract therefrom. The 1880 Georgia census data we have came from the published work of the late Mrs. Tressie Bowman as published in her *ALFORD FAMILY BULLETIN* #3, July 1971. The following information on two families was extracted from the cited source.
- 2. V. 17, MURRAY COUNTY, ED 155 SH 33 Line 11 District 1012, McDonalds

Mary	68	Tenn.	mother
John Alford	41	Tenn.	
Mary A.	40	Tenn.	wife
Maggy Ann	12	Ga.	dau.
James N.	8	Texas	son
		[suspect	TN vs TX]
John R.	2	Ga.	son

3. V. 17, MURRAY COUNTY, ED 155 Sh 25 Line 48, District 1013, McDonalds

38	Tenn.	
36	Ky	wife
10	Ga.	son
5	Ga.	son
3	Ga.	dau.
68	Tenn.	mother
	36 10 5 3	36 Ky 10 Ga. 5 Ga. 3 Ga.

4. Since we have not seen any of the original records, we don't have any first hand knowledge but it appears that Peggy's source may have mixed two families together. But what about the wife Nancy shown as John's wife in Peggy's family? One of the marriage lists we have shows 1860-71 Murray County marriages:

John Alford to Nancy A. Rorax Charles N. Alford to Mary E. G\_tewood.

Hopefully a reader has experience in this area and can straighten this out.

- 5. Our census project team has not extracted the 1870 Georgia census yet, but they have acquired a copy of the index. The index lists three Alfords in Murray County—all with Post Office of Spring Place: John Alford age 32 born TN in house 514; Charles A. Alford age 28 born TN in house 515; and Mary Alford age 59 born TN in house 515.
- 6. Although our census project team has not completed work on the 1860 Georgia census, the preliminary data shows no Alfords in Murray County. The 1860 Tennessee census also has not been verified by our team, but the extract done by the Sistlers shows only Robert Allford age 35 in Blount County.
- 7. The 1850 Tennessee census, like 1860, has not be verified by our census team, but the Sistler published version shows three Alford families in Blount County. Robert Alford age 24 born TN and Nancy Alford age 21—apparently his wife—are family 557 on page 80. Next door in house 556 was William Alford age 34 born TN and Susan Alford 35 also born TN. Their children were John Rambo age 9 and Eliza Alford age 2. On page 147 family 1066 is that of Mary Alford age 39 TN. Her children were Jane 13, John 10, Charles N., and living with the family was a Devins G. Wright age 31. It is possible that Devins Wright was Mary's brother.
- 8. There were no Alfords in Blount County in the 1840 census but there were some in surrounding counties.

9. Some of our marriage data shows these marriages in Blount County, TN.

William Alford to Susan Rambo November 3, 1846. Martha Alford to Andrew McFaddin August 15, 1840 Nancy Alford to M.A. Lain September 27, 1853

- 10. The LDS-IGI shows the marriage of Martha Alford and also shows that she was born May 31, 1826 in Blount County.
- 11. From Beverly Nelson Rambo's *THE RAMBO FAMILY TREE*, 1986 we learn that Susan Rambo was the widow of Andrew Lawson Rambo whom she married October 8, 1838. Before she married she was Susan Wright and they had only one child before Andrew died, John Rambo born about 1841.
- 12. That puts a "Wright" in the two yet unconnected Alford families [see paragraphs 7 & 11]. Can anyone provide us information on any of the above mentioned families?
- 13. With the hope that we might be able to follow the line on to the present day and find descendants who could help with this branch, we checked our preliminary data from the 1900 and 1910 census. There were no Alfords in Murray County, GA according to the data we have. However, in adjoining Whitfield County we found Nancy A. Alferd born January 1840 in Tennessee living alone. This appears to be the widow of John Alford mentioned in paragraph 4. Looking for other Alfords in Whitfield County in 1900 we find the family of Alexander W. Alford born November 1843 in TN along with his wife Sarah E. born September 1846 in TN. Their children, both born in GA, were Madie W. born July 1875, Gorden born July 1881, Floyd C. born May 1884, Ethel D. born August 1886 and Roman V. born May 1889.
- 14. With this 1900 clue of another family probably related to this branch, we doubled back to the 1880 census of Georgia and checked Whitfield County. There we found Alexander N. Alford 37 TN, Sarah E. 34 TN, John B. 11, GA, Mary V. 8 GA, Mattie E. 4 GA and Essie 1 GA.
- 15. According to the 1870 GA census index Alexander Alford was in Varnells Station, Whitfield County.

#### **HYPOTHESIS**

A yet unnamed Alford and his sister, Martha Alford and brother William resided in Blount County, Tennessee in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Martha, born May 31, 1826, married Andrew McFaddin August 15, 1840. William Alford, born about 1816, married Susan (Wright) Rambo

November 3, 1846. Our unnamed Alford was born about 1810 and married, probably about 1836, a Mary Wright who was born in Tennessee in 1812. Their children included:

- i. Jane born about 1837
- ii. John born about 1839 who married Nancy Rorex about 1867 and had children Margaret, James N. and John R.
- iii. Charles born about 1842 who married Mary Gatewood about 1869 and had children Henry, John T. and Lucinda
- iv. Alexander N. born about 1843 who married Sarah \_\_\_\_ about 1868 and had children John B., Mary V., Martha E. and Essie.

Do what you can to help us prove or defeat this hypothesis. �

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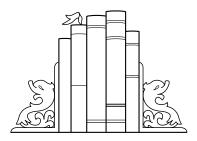
# **Booklist Additions**

Compiled by Pamela Thompson, Publications Director

The Booklist is a compilation of references to Alfords (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.

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### **VIRGINIA**

# <u>Bedford County</u>—established from Albermarle, Lunenberg, 1753

• Worrell, Anne Lowry. *OVER THE MOUNTAIN MEN:* THEIR EARLY COURT RECORDS IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA. Hillsville, VA: N. pub, 1934; reprint edition, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1991. Title page, Contents, and the only page that lists Alfords (no variations): **Silvator**, 35 (will probated Nov 1777, names

children William, Judith Vest, Leney Vest, Mary Mulins, Millicent Broms, and Elizabeth Edds).

# <u>Frederick County</u>—established from Orange, Augusta, 1738–43

• Boogher, William Fletcher. *GLEANINGS OF VIRGINIA HISTORY*. *An Historical and Genealogical Collection, Largely from Original Sources*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1965. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alfords or variations: **Thomas ALFORT**, 79 (served in French and Indian War from Frederick Co.).

# Rockingham County—established from Augusta, 1778

- Levinson, Louise Chambers & Constance A. Levinson. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA MINUTE BOOK, 1778-1792, Part II 1786-1788. Harrisonburg, VA: Greystone Publishers, 1985. Title page, Index, and all pages that lists Alfords or variations: \_\_\_\_\_ Alford, 214 ("vs Berkham Judgm't 1783), 270 ("Smith's Exrs vs Rice & Alford" 1785), 271 ("Elizabeth Shanklin vs Gregory & Alford" 1785), 272 ("James Dunn vs Alford & Harrison" 1785), 274 ("Jas Dunn vs Alford & Harrison paym't" 1785), 282 ("Elizabeth Shanklin vs Grigory & Alford" 1785), 289 ("Smith's Exrs. vs Rice & Alford Judgm't Execu Iss'd" 1785), 289 ("Jas. Dunn vs Alford & Harrison Ditto [Joinder]" 1785), 296 ("Elizabeth Shanklin vs Grigory & Alford" 1785); John/Jno., 186 (deed from Ben. Harrison and wife 1783), 264 ("To Jno. Alford for 1 saddle Imp'd to carry Stev'n £0.2.6." 1784); William/Wm., 283 ("Wm. Alford Assn'ee vs Anthony Curtner Agreed" 1785), 300 (on jury 1785), 301 (appointed overseer of a road 1785); Wm. **ALFREED**, 122, 217 (appointed overseer of the road \_ ALLFORD, 210 ("Rhym vs ALLFORD & Hicks Judgm't" 1783), 256 ("James Dun vs Allford and Harrison" 1784), 257 ("Smith Exrs vs Rice and Allford 1784, "Same vs Lackey & Allford 1784), 259 ("James Dun vs Allford & Harrison 1784), 261 ("Abraham Smith's Exrs. vs Lackey & Allford. The Defend't Allford came into court and confessed judgment for £7.11.6" 1784); John **ALLFORD**, 219 (proved 4 days attendance at Houston vs Stephenson 173); Nancy ALLFORD, 219 (proved 4 days attendance at Houston vs Stephenson 173); William/Wm. **ALLFORD**, 202 ("vs Henry Grog Judg. as per note 1783), 209, (on jury 1783),
- Levinson, Louise Chambers & Constance A. Levinson. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA MINUTE BOOK,

1778–1792, Part II 1786–1788. Harrisonburg, VA: Greystone Publishers, 1986. No Alfords or variations appear in Part III 1789-1792. Title page, Preface, Index, and all \_ Alford, 5 (Jas. pages that lists Alfords or variations: \_\_\_\_ Dun vs Alford & Harrison jury named 1786), 25 ("Alford vs Rife. Ditto [Plea Vaived & Judg't.]. Iss'd. Cha." 1787), 50 ("Diver vs Alford & Harrison. Injunction prayed for and granted, they Complying with the Law. Cha."); ALFERD, 1 ("Alferd and Harison vs Dun - Issue Atta." \_\_\_ ALLFORD, 13 ("Allford vs Donaley. Judg't Iss'd. Cha." 1786), 14 ("Allford vs Rife. Jacob Rif Spl. N. Iss'd. Cha."1787); John ALLFORD, 58 (deeded land with wife Jean to Felix Gilbert 1787); Wm. ALLFORD, 64 (made motion to "Lay off the widows Dower in the Lands of Mark Rigs Deceased" 1787).

• Vogt, John & T. William Kethley, Jr. VIRGINIA HISTORIC MARRIAGE REGISTER: ROCKINGHAM COUNTY MARRIAGES, 1778–1850. Athens, GA: Iberian Press, 1984. Title page, Contents, Introduction, Origins of Rockingham County, and all pages that lists Alfords (no variations): Elizabeth, 238 (m. John Boon 1785, daughter of John); Elizabeth, 238 (m. John Griger 19 Aug 1839); Henry, 36 (father of Mary); John, 36 (m. Mary Alford 10 Oct 1799), 238 (bondsman for John Boon and Elizabeth Alford, father of Elizabeth, bondsman for Abraham Funk and Sarah Alford, father of Sarah Alford Funk); Mary, 36 (m. John Alford 10 Oct 1799, daughter of Henry); Nancy, 238 (m. James Philips Oct 1824); Sarah, 238 (m. Jacob Shaver Apr 1825, m. Abraham Funk 15 Oct 1798, daughter of John).

### WEST VIRGINIA

# Monroe County—established from Greenbrier, 1799

[Editor's note: This is a correction. It previously said "established from La Crosse, 1854." That is Monroe Co., Wisconsin! Make this change on your Master Booklist.]

• Evans, Norma Pontiff. MONROE COUNTY (WEST) VIRGINIA MARRIAGES, A COMPILED LIST 1799–1850. Beaumont, WV: N. pub., 1985. Title page, Index, and all pages that lists Alfords or variations: Almira, 46 (m. John B. Burwell 25 March 1835); Ann H., 57 (m. Garnet C. Brown 27 May 1843); Anna, 26 (m. William Ellis 22 Apr 1819); Elisabeth Jane, 40 (m. James Alford 24 Aug 1831); Elizabeth, 5 (m. David Jarret/Jerret 24 Dec 1802); James, 9 (m. Nancy Hinds, daughter of Margt., 3 Feb 1806), 23 (m. Margaret Carlisle 2 Oct 1817), 40 (m. Elisabeth Jane Alford 24 Aug 1831); James R., 38 (m. Tabitha Swope 26 Sept 1830), 38, (surety for Joseph Alford and Catherine Hanly); Jane, 37 (m. James W. Maggart 20 Oct 1828), 39 (m.

Thomas Cart 6 Jan 1830); **Joseph**, 38 (m. Catherine Hanly 2 June 1830); Katherine, 62 (m. Thomas Shires 4 June 1846—handwritten note in margin says "widow of Joseph Alford LDS"); Margaret, 37 (m. Harvey Persinger 6 Nov 1828); Mary I., 48 (m. Henry L. Honaker 24 Aug 1836); Paulina, 65 (m. Jacob Wills 31 July 1848); Peggy, 7 (m. Jacob Jarrett 27 Jan 1804); Robert/Robt., 35 (m. Sarah Cart 10 Oct 11827), 37 (m. Mary Johnson 17 March 1829), 39 (surety for Thomas Cart and Jane Alford); Sarah, 6 (m. Joseph Ellis 30 May 1803), 48 (m. E.B. Miller 22 Aug 1836); **Thomas**, 9 (surety for marriage of James Alford and Nancy Hinds), 49 (m. Elizabeth Scott 24 Sept 1837); Thomas S., 58 (m. Mary Johnson 18 May 1844); William, 16 (m. Mary Johnson 9 Dec 1810); Fromy/Frany ALFRED, 10 (m. William Wenz/Wentz 31 July 1806); **James ALFRED**, 10 (father of and surety for Jean Alfred); Jean ALFRED, 10 (daughter of James Alfred, m. William Hinds 31 July 1806).

• Morton, Oren F. A HISTORY OF MONROE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. Staunton, VA: McClure Co., 1916; reprint edition, Baltimore, MD: Regional Publishing Company, 1974. Title page, Introduction, Contents, and the following pages that lists Alfords (no variations) [apparently this book is not fully indexed—certain sections are indexed individually]: \_\_\_\_\_ Alford, 324 (m. Margaret Carlisle, daughter of Robert and Polly—handwritten note in margin says this Alford was "James"; brief history of Carlisle family); Anna, 365 (m. Charles Keenan, son of Edward and Nancy; brief history of Keenan family, including list of children of Charles and Anna); George, 480 (head of family 1799); James, 354 (m. Nancy Hines 1806, son of Charles and Margaret; brief history of Hines family), 480 (head of family 1799); Jean, 354 (m. William Hines 1806, daughter of Charles and Margaret; brief history of Hines family, including list of children of William), 480 (head of family 1799); John, 301 (came from Rockingham Co. during or after Revolution, m. Jane, children Thomas, John, James, Margaret, Sarah, Jane); 301 (son of John and Jane Alford, m. Margaret, b. 1773, d. 1853), 480 (head of family 1799); Joseph, 301 (m. Jane, d. circa 1830, children James, John, Nancy, Lois, Robert, Polly, Joseph), 480 (head of family 1799); M.V., 430 (served in Confederate Army, Edgar's Battalion, died since war); Marion, 430 (served in Confederate Army, Edgar's Battalion, died since war); Robert, 265 (ensign in Militia 1823); Sarah, 301 (daughter of John and Jane Alford, m. James Ellis); Thomas, 90 (grantee to Joseph and Margaret Skaggs 1802-1809), 301 (son of John and Jane Alford, m. Phoebe Cummins, b. 1771, d. 1853), 480 (head of family 1799); **Thomas L.**, 488 (signed petition 1852). [Editor's note: in order to interpret pp. 301–365, the explanation on p. 296 is required.] •

# Julius Caesar "Paddy" Alford, 1848–1876

By James P. Alford, AAFA #115 Great-grandson of J.C. Alford's brother Erasmus L. Alford

A Concise Recitation of What Little Is Known About The Short And Exciting Life of A Real Texas Fighter And Lover, One Who Lived And Died By The Gun

To his Family, he was known as "Paddy" but most folks just called him "J.C."

When his Daddy was around, they quickly added "Sir".

ulius Caesar Alford was born on the family plantation ten miles east of Marshall, Texas in the Spring of 1848. There were probably a neighbor woman and a few slaves present when he emerged into the Nineteenth Century Antebellum world. His Daddy was a powerful and ruthless East Texas Lawyer, Planter and Speculator named Colonel Lodwick C.P. Alford. Baby J.C. was the fifth child and his arrival was probably not well observed, being overshadowed by the celebration of Daddy's recent acquittal for the murder of Judge John M. Hansford.

J.C. was either named for his famous uncle, the Honorable Julius Caesar Alford, Member of Congress and leader of the Georgia Whig Party or, for his famous great granddaddy, Captain Julius Caesar Alford who had commanded a

Company of the North Carolina Continental Line in the American Revolution. Great Granddaddy had served under General Nathaniel Green and had fought in the North Carolina campaigns of 1780-81 that led to the ultimate surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. Aw shucks, he was probably named for both of them!

When J.C. was five, Mama went on the war path about having to live out in the country like a bunch of hicks while all her friends were moving into Marshall and partying it up. Daddy, who had just taken a sucker for \$3,000 on a Erasmus Lodwick Alford

land deal, decided to keep the peace at home and bought a square block of downtown Marshall.

During the winter of 1854-55 Daddy had the slaves build a new house and entertainment complex for Mama. It was a really fancy compound with a separate kitchen in the back, stables and slave quarters on the northeast corner and a combination Office and Stag Club on the northwest corner. It was all surrounded by a white picket fence and a high privacy shrub. It was in this environment that little J.C. grew up and attended private school with the other rich kids.

Like any Southern lad born with a silver spoon in his mouth, he learned to ride the fastest horses, shoot the finest guns, drink the smoothest bourbon, and properly browbeat poor white trash.

Lodwick C.P. Alford (1812–1896) and his wife Martha Ann Elizabeth Sherrell (1818–1888) It was good that they left when they did because the Governor of Missouri and his Cabinet arrived the next day and moved into their bedrooms and the combination Office and Stag Club! It seems that the Yankees had captured the Missouri Capitol and had driven the lawful government out of the state. It must have been peculiar to townfolk to see the Missouri flag flying in front of Daddy's Office and Stag Club.

Little J.C. was fired up and raring to go too but, he had to grow big and strong so he could ride all night and carry a respectable load of

weapons. Mama emphatically said "No!" Besides, he was thirteen and he would have outgrown his first uniform in only a few months and Mama needed time to sew him several changes. He was naturally disappointed that he had to wait a bit before he could ventilate Yankees but he knew he would get his chance, so, he whiled away the time honing his shooting skills, spitting tobacco, learning baudy campfire songs, and minding his manners around the ladies.

As far as his manners went, J.C. had a lot of help from Big Sister, Mary Eugenia, who firmly believed that little brothers should be seen and not heard. She was a pouty, attractive flower of Southern womanhood who danced late, slept late and expected her beaus to line up at the door with flowers and offers of rides in their one and two horsepower carriages by four o'clock each afternoon. J.C., who was barely into puberty, watched this courtship ritual in amazement.

The war went well through 1862 and into 1863. The news was always good. Letters from Ras and Joe told how they were kicking Yankee butts on a regular basis.

About September 22, 1863 word came that Joe had lost his right leg in a major battle at some place called Chickamauga. Ras was in the same fight but he didn't come down with disabilities. It was too dangerous to cross the Mississippi to go home, so Joe was shipped to one of his uncles down in West Point, Georgia to recuperate.

Mama finally couldn't hold J.C. back

The Alfords can boast of at least one Mardi Gras Queen. Mary Eugenia Alford, above, (born 1846), daughter of Lodwick C.P. Alford, was the first Queen of the Jefferson, Texas, Mardi Gras and presided over the Queen Mab Ball April 2, 1875. At one of the Balls it was reported that 150 costumes were borrowed from New Orleans and 100 more were made locally. The Ball drew three hundred rail cars of revelers from Texas and Louisiana.

In 1861, when war broke out, his older brothers, Erasmus Lodwick Alford and Josiah Perry Alford, immediately joined the Noble Cause. "Ras" enlisted in the 10th Texas Calvary because he could stay in the saddle, sober or not, and "Joe" went into the 7th Texas Infantry. Mama and their oldest sister, Catherine Louisa Haynes, sewed them pretty new uniforms and they left for Lee's Army of Virginia.

Josiah Perry Alford

any longer and he enlisted in Company A of Morgan's Battalion of Calvary during the Summer of 1864. Not much is known about his service except that he probably stayed west of the Mississippi.

The war continued to turn progressively worse for the South and finally ended in 1865. J.C. was captured before war's end and was released June 16, 1865 at Shreveport, Louisiana. Like tens of thousands of other unemployed soldiers, he walked home.

Carpetbag Tax Collectors immediately descended on Marshall, Texas in 1865 and 1866 extorting "tribute" from the vanquished. They visited Marshall at least four times and thoroughly shook the pockets of the bitter citizens. They looked high and low every trip, but the Alfords simply could not be found

When the tax robbers left for good, the Alfords came out of hiding, sold the now defunct 2600 acre plantation at a profit to some dumb Yankees who thought it could be worked without slave labor, and moved a few miles north to the booming riverport of Jefferson, Texas to become merchants. J.C., now nineteen, opened a general mercantile store called J.C. Alford & Company. He was situated in a prime location facing the docks. Daddy and Mama, who thought the world of this ambitious boy, had gone to their secret

stash in the woods, dug up their gold and spent nearly \$16,000 to set him up in business.

Meanwhile, Carpetbaggers and Scalawags were inciting the ex-slaves to violence against their former masters and a number of secret organizations sprang up across the South. In East Texas, the Knights of The Rising Sun was formed to counter the threat. One of the founders and leaders was Daddy Lodwick. His sons were never named publicly but it is safe to assume that they wore white sheets, too.

In 1869 after he exterminated a Carpetbagger and two of his negro gang members in the Jefferson City Jail, Daddy was arbitrarily sentenced to life imprisonment by a prejudiced Yankee military court and carted off to prison! J.C. was left to take care of his Mama, Sister Mary and all the younger kids. Mom made ends meet by buying land from hard-up folks and re-selling it at a profit while Mary continued entertaining her endless stream of suitors.

1871 was a year of rapidly occurring events for the family. President Ulysses S. Grant felt sorry for Daddy and pardoned him early in 1871. Then Mary was chosen Jefferson Mardi Gras Queen. Then J.C.'s store which had grown to be worth \$183,000 burned to

the ground when an arsonist torched the Jefferson riverfront. He quickly rebuilt and restocked the store, then left his one-legged brother Joe to run it while he chased petticoats in his shiny new two-horsepower carriage. When Daddy came home from jail, he went to the river bank and withdrew a few thousand in gold to pay for a new wing on the house. Two huge rooms were added, one for Mama's real estate business and the other for Mary's boyfriends.

By now, J.C. was one of Jefferson's most desirable young swains. His bachelor lifestyle was great until he met a foxy lady in 1875 and a love affair ensued. For reasons not spoken of, the affair was abruptly broken off and on October 21, 1875, J.C. penned this little poem to his now ex-sweetheart:

"Many months we have spent together Swiftly did they pass away Now we part perhaps forever Sometimes think of me when far away."

With that bit of irony, he hastily bid farewell to his family, his business, and the piney woods of East Texas. He took Horace Greeley to heart and went west—all the way to San Antonio where he joined a cousin, Stephen W. Stone, in his hardware business. He bummed around the area for a while taking in the sights, then after a couple of weeks sent the following letter to his sister.

San Antonio Dec 3 / 75 Dear Sister

Here I am at the great Alamo City a stranger in a strangers land. I was not well during my first weeks stay here which was caused by the extreme bad weather and goodly proportions of turkey &c that I ate during thanksgiving & holidays. but since I have been takeing a general view and sight seeing generaly and can but say it is a place of rare attractions where art has

lovingly dressed nature. four miles north of the city, the river San Antonio has its rise amidst a lovely walled in park owned by a banker. the population is about seventeen thousand which is about equally divided between the Americans Germans & Mexicans. there is thirteen churches sixteen schools & three daily news papers. the town is lighted with gass. I attended the Episcopal Church last Sunday. in consequence of the extreme bad weather there was but few in attendance. the Church is a fine structure said to be the finest in the state. I am boarding with a nice family where there is three very misschievious young Ladies. one of them asked me last night at the supper table what my name was before I came to San Antonio which caused considerable laughter and of course teased me but I very promptly replied that I left my Country for my Countrys good.

Yes I remained in Marshall untill the following Monday in order to regain what I thought to be entirely lost and I assure you in future that I shall never voluntarily lend another Young lady my ring. M C Stone arrived last night with his Brigade of children. He only had the nominal numbers of eleven (11) including Mr. Hoffmans family. they will no doubt like the town.

how is my better half Charlie getting along? tell him if he ever expects to hear from me that he can write the first letter. Say to Dan & Capt. Deware that I will write to them as soon as I am permanently located in business. how are all the young ladys Miss Lula and Miss Ella Hodges in particular. has Miss Ella recovered from her spell? If she is still in Jefferson present my best love with best love to yourself & the remainder of the family, love to ma Kate & Sid

I Remain your brother J.C. Alford

Sometime in the Spring or early

Summer of 1876 while mingling in San Antonio society, J.C. met a treacherous creep named Jackson E. Labatt. They had words, possibly over the attentions of a young lady, or perhaps because Labatt had kicked sand in his face. Anyway, J.C. promised to thrash Labatt with a cane the next time he saw him.

At noon on June 15, 1876, J.C. and Captain J.M. DeWare, mentioned in the letter, stepped out of Stephen Stone's hardware store on Commerce Street headed for lunch.

Labatt had been skulking a few doors away and now stepped into their path. He approached J.C., saying to him that he could "give him that caning now." J.C., who was unarmed, said nothing but quickly punched Labatt with his fist driving him backward into the street. Labatt drew a concealed pistol and shot at J.C. three times before mortally wounding him. With that shot, the lights went out on the most dynamic and promising son of Lodwick C.P. Alford. Labatt was wrestled to the ground by enraged bystanders, arrested and charged with First Degree Murder.

J.C. Alford's body was shipped promptly back to Jefferson, Texas where he was buried the following day. His obituary in the East Texas *Daily Leader* read in part:

"The funeral of the late J.C. Alford took place on the evening of the 16th of June from the residence of Mrs. Philips on Alamo St. The young man's friends paid every attention to his body and attended it to the grave in the most respectful manner. His pallbearers and friends were the first to cover him with earth and quantities of flowers were strewn by sorrowing friends... Here in the home, in the youth and freshly budding manhood we need not speak of the past of Paddy Alford... All, even the aged father, had come to regard Paddy as the future guide and stay of his family. In a fatal hour he left his home, believing it best for himself and those depending on him. And now comes the cruel news of his tragic

### Thanks for the Memories

By Mary Alford Helms, with apologies to the author of "Thanks for the Memories"

Thanks for the memories of Reunion AAFA In St. Francisville, LA. As always, it was a blast And as always it went too fast.

And thanks to Don and to Joan—Riding with them, a non-stop laugh zone
All too soon at my house,
Greeting my spouse.

Thanks to Alicia, my "roomie" Her knowledge really threw me. Her disposition is very sunny And her wit is quite funny.

And thanks to Gil and the rest Who did their dead level best To see that we had a great time. I'm trying hard to make this verse rhyme.

Thanks for the memories
Of a weekend of adventure.
Lots of info and fun, that's for sure.
I'm looking forward to Richmond,
VA
And another great time with
AAFA!

death..."

Labatt was tried that October. He came to trial with four lawyers and his arrogant show of force so intimidated the jury that he was freed. Such was Justice then and now....

P.S. Sister Mary, who was variously called "Puss" and "Pet," finally settled on a suitor and married in 1878, just before her 32nd birthday.

[See Lodwick C.P. Alford's obituary on p. 21 of this issue.] ❖

# Descendants of William Alford of SC

We plan to publish, for two reasons, several small family genealogies in *AAFA ACTION*. First, we want to share with the world what we have accumulated. Second, we want you to help by sending information to complete the records shown and to add records on family members we have missed.

- + at the left of the entry means the children of this couple are listed in the next generation
- \* before the person's register number means look for end note remarks

21.0 JESSIE ALFORD

#	NAME OF ALFORD "CHILD" SPOUSE - IF ANY	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	DATE DIED	PLACE DIED	BURIED MARRIED
+ *	1.0 WILLIAM ALFORD m. ????	1735ca	SC ????			
1.0	ALFORD, WILLIAM					
+ *	2.0 JOHN B. ALFORD	1765ca	SC HORR			
	m. CARROLL, DOLLY	1765ca	SC HORR			
2.0	ALFORD, JOHN B. and CA	RROLL.	DOLLY			
*	3.0 PRISCILLA ALFORD	17860620	SC HORR	18870817	NC COLU	
	m. NORRIS, WILLIAM JR.	17940620	Se Horac	18760806	NC COLU	
+ *	4.0 DANIEL "DUKE" W. ALFORD	1811/15				
	m, FERABY	18190818		18981008	SC HORR	
	5.0 DOTTY / DOTEY ALFORD	1820				
	m. ALLEN, ROBERT	1800ca				
	6.0 MARY ELIZABETH ALFORD m. LONG, JOSHUA	1830E				
	7.0 Son	1830/35				
	8.0 Daughter	1840				
4.0	ALFORD, DANIEL W. and _	, FI	ERABY			
	9.0 EDITH ALFORD	1836				
	10.0 LEVI SOLOMON ALFORD	1840				
	m. MINCEY, BETSY ELIZ.					18691223 SC HORR
+	11.0 ASHLY L. ALFORD (male)	1842/3				
+ *	m, DARKES N. 12.0 ARNOLD B. ALFORD	18440109	SC HORR	19170809	SC HORR	GETHSEAMN SC
+ '	m. FLOYD, MARTHA C.	184206	SC HORK	191/0009	SC HORK	GET I SEAMIN SC
	13.0 JOSHUA ALFORD	1845				
	14.0 NANCY ALFORD	1847				
	15.0 BEEDIE/BEADY F. ALFORD	184806		1900		
	m. MARTIN, BETHEL SIMS	184803		1918		
11.0	ALFORD, ASHLY L. and _	. DA	RKES N.			
	16.0 JAMES T. ALFORD	,, 1869ca	SC			
	17.0 JOHN W. ALFORD	1871ca	SC			
	18.0 FREDDIA ALFORD	1873ca	SC			
	19.0 NANCY ALFORD	1875ca	SC			
	20.0 GEORGE ALFORD	1877ca	SC			

1879ca

SC

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	23.0 WILLIAM GASTON ALFORD	1875ca	SC			
+	24.1 JOSEPH PRESTON ALFORD	18781125		19370624		REHOBOTH SC
·	m. 1 SKIPPER, NOLLIE			-,-,		
+	24.2 JOSEPH PRESTON ALFORD	18781125	SC HORR	19370624		REHOBOTH SC
·	m. 2 MISHOE, ISABELLA	1886ca	50110111	195308		1912ca
+	25.0 HAYWOOD ALFORD	187904	SC	1,000		1712411
·	m, NELLY	188305	SC			
	26.0 RUFUS ALFORD	188110	SC			
	27.0 CURLEY C. ALFORD	188404	SC			
24 1	ALFORD, JOSEPH P. and S	SKIPPFI	R NOLL	TF		
	28.0 WILLIAM GORDON ALFORD	18991006	SC HORR			
+ "	m. WILLOUGHBY, REBA L.	18991000	SC HORK			
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	29.0 MILEY PRESTON ALFORD					
	30.0 CODY ARNOLD ALFORD					
	31.0 EDNA ANN ALFORD					
	32.0 MEDDAS ALFORD					
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	m. SARVIS,					
	35.0 MARTHA MANTHA ALFORD					
	m. MILLER,					
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	m. DYSON, MARTHA LOUISE	9560730			19720718	FL PUTN
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	48.0 KANYON FELICIA ALFORD	19811015				

### WILLIAM ALFORD END NOTES

1.0 Comments received from LouFloy Milligan AAFA #277 (see later record): Copy in Probate Court Records, Horry Co. S.C. Nov. 23, 1848—

"WILLIAM ALFORD, father of JOHN ALFORD, who married Dolly CARRELL—when Wm died he left but JOHN ALFORD the only lawful heir. When JOHN ALFORD died he left Priscilla Norris (Wm Norris) in NC; DUKE W. ALFORD; DOLTY ALLEN, wife of Robert ALLEN; MARY LONG dead, but was wife of Joshua LONG of NC—children's names Martha Long, Elizabeth Long, Mary Eliza and Joshua Long."

2.0 The source for this family, family group records from P. Susan Busby, showed William to be born about 1775

and John to be born about 1795. With John's first child being born 1786, these dates did not seem to fit well. The dates shown are adjustments made by the compiler and have no real basis. In the 1820 census he was shown as over 45. A John Alford, Sr. and John Alford, Jr. were also shown as over 45.

- 3.0 Ancestor of LouFloy Milligan AAFA #277, Route 3 Box 302, Tabor City, NC 28463, phone (919) 653-2272
- 4.0 Earlier the compiler had the impression that the wife was named Febariah Johnson, but the source cannot be found now. Family group sheet submitted by LouFloy Milligan (see earlier note) based on 1850 census shows household to include a 22 year old Martha Mishow (Mishoe-Micheaux). One of Duke's daughters must have married a NORRIS as he was enumerated with his grandson named Norris in one of the censuses.

12.0 Her middle name was Cynthia, and

it seems she used that as her first name.

28.0 Family moved to Dillon, South Carolina about 1934.

33.0 Comments from his niece, Gladys: "I knew Ebbie quite well when he was a young teenager. He was tough! He had red freckles and would dare to do or try anything. I used to look at him in wonderment. I also remember how he used to push me too high in the swing at Preston's house and it would frighten me. I don't believe he was very much older than I was but I admired his daring personality." [He was about four years older.]

37.0 Gladys Alford Everhard AAFA #273, 3559 Joycliff Road #8, Macon, GA 31211. Gladys suffered a head injury in 1988 which left her legally disabled.

39.0 Ebbie Preston "Rick" Alford AAFA #237, 321 Benham Street, Palatka, FL 32177 (904) 325-0588. ❖

(Alfords in the News, cont. from p. 17)

banked woodland, where the limestone sinks, deep and mysterious, kept us hanging spellbound over the railing. So many of these earthy depressions are hosts to magnolia trees and opulent stands of the prettiest ferns I have ever seen.

Aside from these delights, a small town has its own special charms. There are only two grocery stores in Alford, but they are close enough that the boys could walk to them for ice cream. There's an antiques/junk store where they could shop for small pocket-knives. And then there's the lake, the lovely, clear, sand-bottom Round Lake, which my mother knew as a girl, where I swam and their parents swam.

Fringed with cypress trees, it is prettier than it ever was and so enticing to me that I couldn't bear to sit on the bank and watch the boys splashing about. First I waded and then I swam, although I had not brought a bathing suit....

Floating on my back, lapped by cool green water, listening to the shouts of happy children, watching a long-legged bird move across the sky, I wondered if I wasn't really in the best place in the world. My picky friend might not understand.

### R. ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

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THE HAZLEHURST COURIER
Hazlehurst, MS—3 October 1907

The Famous 16th

Mr. C.E. Hartwell of Wesson, writing to the *Crystal Springs Meteor* under date of September 17th, says of this famous regiment:

"On the 17th of September, 1862, the battle of Sharpsburg, Md., was fought—just forty-five years ago. Historians call it the bloodiest battle of the war in proportion to the number engaged. In that battle, the 16th Mississippi Regiment lost 65 per cent of the men, killed and wounded, it took into action and as Company C of that Regimaent was from your town (Crystal Springs), I send you a list of its casualties on that awful day, thinking it might be of interest to any of the surviving relatives and friends and proved of some historical value:"

Killed: .... privates R. Alford....

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#### **ELIAS ALFORD**

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

THE SOUTHERN STAR
Gallatin, MS—23 November 1839

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