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## How Do You Spell Alford?

By Robert Barrows, NY State Rep

The name, ALFORD, has been spelled many different ways over the centuries, making research difficult. The most common variant is ALVORD, but many other forms, such as ALFRED & HOLFORD, are found. How does one check all those names that could possibly be an ancestor? We will discuss variant spellings and suggest a rule that may help researchers find an elusive name.

The different spellings of the family name are due primarily to poor communication. In Colonial times, few people were literate, as testified by the large number of wills signed with: "X, His Mark. Even in the Civil War, with its rich legacy of letters and diaries, we find many soldiers who could not write. How should your name be spelled if you did not know how to spell it?

The recording of names, such as in a census, has five distinct steps where errors may occur. First, the subject who gives his name may have a cold, talk with a regional accent, or have a cigar in his mouth. Second, the recorder may have pre-conceived ideas of how the name should be spelled Third, the recorder may write in a hasty or an unusual scrawl. Fourth, transcribers of the record may mis-read the writing or the characters may be ambiguous. Finally, in the version the researcher finds in libraries, typographical errors, or reading wrong lines can creep in.

Granted that mistakes in recording names happen, how does a researcher handle them? The Soundex system is too broad to help much with large lists. Here are some tentative guide lines for Alford search.

The name "Alford" has four distinctive consonant sounds: L, F/V/ PH, R, D/T. The initial vowel sound may be recorded as an A, AU, AW, E, O, OH, OU, U, and UH. Finally, a breathy speaker may add an H in front. Permutations of these components can produce many spelling variants, any of which might be legitimate "Alford" names. If all four consonants are present, varying the vowels gives: Alford,

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## Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Doris Alford Vetri, AAFA Treasurer



AAFA's balance sheet is basically healthy. Good news: dues collected are at their highest level since 1991; we collected about \$300 more in fees for the annual meeting than it cost; and donations are keeping up with 1993's level. One line item we're trying to increase is the Resale of Items Purchased: \$1910. We'd like that to equal the \$3730 expense for those items, so buy lots of shirts, pins, and other items containing our AAFA logo. Also keep in mind that expenses for this issue of AAFA ACTION are not included.

Have a fun holiday, and a healthy New Year to everyone!

### Figures as of October 31, 1994

	1991 Actual	1992 Actual	1993 Actual	10/31/94 Actuals
<b>REVENUE</b>				
ANNUAL MEETING	4699.30	4128.00	5200.00	6933.00
DONATIONS	1164.05	2111.80	2441.00	2164.00
DUES	5495.00	6073.00	5210.00	6473.00
REG FEE (Initial)	756.00	388.00	450.00	335.00
RESALE of Items Purchased	1459.30	1155.45	1736.00	1910.00
MISC. INCOME		216.35	102.70	407.50
YR. END ASSETS RESALE			1500.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>13573.65</b>	<b>14072.60</b>	<b>16639.70</b>	<b>18223.00</b>
CARRYOVER FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	2481.47	1900.21	4603.49	4071.64
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>16055.12</b>	<b>15972.81</b>	<b>21243.19</b>	<b>22294.64</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
ADVERTISING	30.00	30.00	60.38	50.53
ANNUAL MEETING	4498.41	3899.71	5219.69	6390.93
MISCELLANEOUS	217.27	1.00	21.00	3.00
POSTAGE & PO BOX	1139.89	1306.99	1907.88	1908.92
POSTAGE QUARTERLY	1425.25	1574.99	2024.79	916.02
PRINTING	745.47	60.00	165.50	163.00
PRINTING QUARTERLY	2493.62	2779.18	3100.00	2601.80
PURCHASE FOR RESALE	2241.89	295.48	2090.03	3730.42
RESEARCH	226.20	195.25	497.12	382.38
STATIONERY	613.83	516.76	751.75	0.00
SUPPLIES	514.09	709.96	1333.41	460.72
NON EXPENDABLE ITEMS	8.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14154.91</b>	<b>11369.32</b>	<b>17171.55</b>	<b>16607.72</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<b>1900.21</b>	<b>4603.49</b>	<b>4071.64</b>	<b>5686.92</b>

## 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 not be correct. Additionally, because of extensive research and new finds being made by Lynn Shelley, AAFA #484 and West Virginia Representative, the lineages were sent to her for review and comment and her remarks have been included or changes made.

This continues the format started several quarters ago. The footnote number that appears for some records in the far right margin refer to comments at the end of the lineages or in previous issues [we do not plan to repeat comments]. Those with "4" have comments in this issue while the others are in previous quarterlies. Most of the comments are dated as mentioned previously.

It is suggested you read introductory remarks in previous issues if there is any question about the format below. 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

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#### # 654 Charlton S. Veazey, Sr.

3	ele891ga	ELEANOR REBECCA	18910126	GA WORT	19480106	GA FULT	GREENSBOR	GA GREE	
	m.	VEAZEY, ELI LINCOLN	18820613	GA GREE	19360321	GA GREE	19170627	GA WORT	
6	WIL863NC0	WILLIAM LEORUS H.	18631023	NC WAKE	19310616	GA WORT	HILLCREST	GA WORT	4
	m.	1 NORRIS, ELEANOR F.	18691019	NC WAKE	19060730	GA WORT	18851121	NC WAKE	
12	GRE820NC	GREEN HAYWOOD	18200607	NC WAKE	18771213	NC WAKE	PLEASANT GRV	NC WAKE	4
	m.	JONES, REBECCA	18220318	NC WAKE	18900806	NC WAKE	18440108	NC WAKE	
24	NAT787NC	NATHANIEL GREEN	1787	NC WAKE	1848CA	NC WAKE	HIGH HOUSE	NC WAKE	
	m.	LILES, NANCY ROSE	1794	NC WAKE	1851	NC WAKE	18130726	NC WAKE	
48	JAM749NC	JAMES LODWICK	17490707	NC EDGE	1820	NC WAKE			4
	m.	ROSS, SUSANNAH	1752	NC FRAN	1838	NC WAKE	1770	NC FRAN	
96	JAM713VA	JAMES	17130207	VA NEWK	1782CA	NC FRA?			4
192	JAM687VA	JAMES	1687CA	VA ????		VA			1
384	JOH645VA	JOHN	1645E		17100314	VA NEWK			3

#### # 655 Joan Hallford Hidle

1	joa940al	JOAN HALLFORD	19400212	AL CREN					
	m.	2 HIDLE, GERALD LEE	19340101			19591219		AL COFF	
2	GEO914AL	GEORGE JEFFERSON	19141128	AL COVI	19790614	AL MONT	MEADOWLAWN	AL COFF	
		HALLFORD							
	m.	LEGG, IRONE	19190207	AL COFF			19390218	AL CREN	
4	DAN889AL	DANIEL HENRY	18890619	AL COVI	19650109	AL MONT	GOOD HOPE	AL COVI	
		HALLFORD							
	m.	ETHERIDGE, FRANCES E.	18890106	AL COVI	19580525	AL COVI	19131109	AL COVI	
8	JUL862AL	JULIUS GEORGE	18621107	AL COVI	1894<				
		HALLFORD							
	m.	CLARK, REBECCA O.	186006	AL	193709	AL COVI			
16	JAM834AL0B	JAMES REDDEN	18341031	AL BUTL	19090109	AL COVI	BUSHFIELD	AL COVI	4
		HALLFORD							
	m.	WILLIAMSON, LOUISA J.	18390914	AL	18810314	AL COVI	18580711	AL	
132	JOH797SC	JOHN HALLFORD	17970101	SC	18730512	AL			4
	m.	2 _____, MARY	18090811	SC					

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**# 656 Diane O. Etchison**

3GGM	jen780va	JENNY	1780CA	VA AMH?			4	
	m.	AUSTIN, JAMES JOSEPH	1760CA		1838CA	IL MACN	18000603	VA AMHE
4GGFWIL734VA01		WILLIAM	1734CA?	VA FRE?	1808CA	VA NELS		
	m.	1 _____, LETITIA					1758CA	VA FRE?
5GGFJOH696MD		JOHN	1696E	MD ????	1748	VA FRED		4
	m.	_____, MARY			175804>			

**# 658 Donna Graves Ferrell**

45	rut813tn	RUTH A.	18130302	TN WILS	18840709	TN WILS		
	m.	CAWTHON, JOHN R.					18331118	TN WILS
90	WIL783NC	WILEY	17830612	NC WAKE	18540302	TN WILS	ALFORD	TN WILS
	m.	DRAKE, SOPHIE V.	17890105	NC	18750519	TN WILS	18051231	NC ROBE
180	JAC738VA	JACOB	17371212	VA NEWK	182607?	NC ROBE	FULMORE	NC ROBE
	m.	PACE, MARY	174002		1810>	NC ??	1758CA	
360LOD710VA02		LODWICK	1710CA	VA NEWK	1787	GA		2
	m.	2 _____, SUSANNAH					1736CA	VA NEW?
720	JAM687VA	JAMES	1687CA	VA ????		VA		1

**# 659 Albert L. Partee III**

21	sar828tn	SARAH T.	18281127	TN	18591026		DE JARNATT	TN
	m.	DEJARNATT, JAMES G.	18160201	TN RUTH	18670223	TN RUTH	18480328	TN RUTH
42	WIL786VA01	WILLIAM	17860728	VA AMHE	18681208	TN RUTH		
	m.	1 WALLER, SALLY/SARAH	17961125	TN	18640606	TN RUTH	18130603	TN DAVI
84	JOH760VA	JOHN	17600508	VA FRED	18370224	TN DAVI	ALFORD FAM.	TN DAVI
	m.	BIBB, ELIZABETH	17581120	VA AMHE	18220704	TN DAVI	17830302	VA AMHE
168	WIL734VA01	WILLIAM	1734CA?	VA FRE?	1808CA	VA NELS		
	m.	1 _____, LETITIA					1758CA	VA FRE?
336	JOH696MD	JOHN	1696E	MD ????	1748	VA FRED		4
	m.	_____, MARY			175804>			

**# 660 Joann Burnside Townsend**

13	mar854va	MARY CATHERINE	18540810	VA MASO	18831022	WV MASO WALLACE		WV MASO
	m.	WALLACE, CHARLES C.	18550425	VA MASO	19301125	WV MASO 18771225		WV MASO
26	WIL821VA	WILLIAM	1821CA	IN ***	1880>	WV		4
	m.	WAUGH, NANCY C.	183302	VA	1908>	WV MASO 18530908		VA MASO

**# 661 James Michael Alford**

1	JAM936LA	JAMES MICHAEL	19361110	LA CALD				
	m.	TRENT, HELEN ANNE	19370422					
2	GUS908LA	GUS L.	1908	LA	1951	LA CALD		
	m.	SMITH, VADA	1910		1950	LA OUCA		
4	GUS871MS	GUS L.	18710203	MS COPI	19251106	LA CALD		
	m.	TRAYLOR, OLLIE M.	18710206	LA	19501130	LA CALD		
8	JAM846MS	JAMES M.	18460920	MS	19221003	TX SHEL	JACKSON B.C.	TX SHEL
	m.	SIMS ?, MARY A.	18510106	MS	19290614	TX SHEL	18670204	MS COPI
116	FER795NC	FERNEY	1795CA	NC	1870-80			4
	m.	VICK, ARSENIA	1810CA	TN			18400223	MS COPI



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**# 662 William T. Owens-Smith**

3GGM	lyd800ny	LYDIA HOLFORD	1800CA	NY	
	m.	DUMFORD, SOLOMON			
4GGF	ISA778NY	ISAAC HOLFORD	1778CA	NY	

**# 663 Betty Bowman**

29	eli799va	ELIZABETH	1799CA	VA MONR	18740623	WV BOON		4
	m.	MEADOWS, JOSEPH SR.	1800	VA MONR	18810707	WV BOON 1822	VA CABE	
58	GEO774VA	GEORGE	1763	IRELAND	1830=<	VA CABE		
	m.	BYRNSIDE, MARY	1774	VA GREE	1855E	VA CABE 17930214	WV GREE	
116	JOH735IR	JOHN	1735CA	IRELAND	18091025	VA ROCK		4
	m.	_____, NANCY	1740CA	IRELAN?			IRELAND	

**# 664 Vincent Michael Heazel, Jr.**

13	eli893va	ELIZABETH MCPHERSON	18930322	VA WYTH	19831121	VA ROAN ALFORD	VA ROAN	
	m.	HEAZEL, VINCENT M.	18881006	VA ROAN	19740219	VA ROAN 19210625	DC WASH	
6	ISA856VA01	ISAAC ANDERSON	18560907	VA WYTH	19170707	VA ROAN FAIRVIEW	VA ROAN	
	m.	1 VAUGHAN, MARY RUTH	18570629	VA CARR	19150129	VA ROAN 18780606	VA ??	
12	JAM831VA	JAMES STEPHEN	18310222	VA WYTH	19110627	VA CARR CORINTH	VA CARR	
	m.	BAGNELL, MATILDA G.	18300701	NC WARR	19040511	VA CARR 18540105	VA WYTH	
24	JOH795VA	JOHN	17951122	VA WYTH	1874	VA CARR BAKER	VA WYTH	4
	m.	BAKER, ELIZABETH	18020909	VA WYTH	1885	VA WYTH 1819	VA	
48	JOH763VA02	JOHN	1763CA	VA		KY * MO		4
	m.	2 HOGE, ELEANOR	17690405	VA	181412	VA WYTH 17891026	VA MONT	
96	THO725VA	THOMAS	1736CA	VA FRE*	180611CA	VA WYTH		2
	m.	FIELD ??, ELIZABETH	1745CA		1805/6>	VA WYTH 1760 CA	VA	
192	JOH696MD	JOHN	1696E	MD ????	1748	VA FRED		4
	m.	_____, MARY			175804>			

**# 665 Samuel E. McCray**

11	vir855mo02	VIRGINIA ANN	18550905	MO ANDR	19240804	OK WOOD		
	m.	2 PAYNE, MILLER H.				18870111	OK WOOK	
22	JAM828VA	JAMES ALLAN	18280428	VA MONR	18910127			4
	m.	PROCTER, JANE	18280116	MO ANDR	18850717	MO ANDR 18510928	MO HOLT	
44	JAM793VA	JAMES	1793CA	VA MONR	186711>	MO HOLT		
	m.	CARLISLE, MARGARET	1799	VA MONR	186711	MO HOLT 18171002	VA MONR	
88	JOS767IR	JOSEPH	1767E	IRE/VA	181906<	VA MONR		
	m.	GWIN, JEAN	1770CA	VA	1837>	17921105	VA GREE	
176	JOH735IR	JOHN	1735CA	IRELAND	18091025	VA ROCK		4
	m.	_____, NANCY	1740CA	IRELAN?			IRELAND	

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**# 666 Peggy Alford Schuster**

1	peg935tx	PEGGY JOYCE	19350827 TX HOPK			4
	m.	SCHUSTER, WALTER LEE	19320929 TX FALL		19630216 TX DALS	
2	GEO910TX	GEORGE DOWL	19100314 TX FRAN	19840905 TX DALS	RESTLAWN TX HOPK	4
	m.	HARRELSON, MARY BELL	19071110 AR CLEV	19870408 TX HOPK	19290921 TX HOPK	
4	SID886MS	SIDNEY ALBERT	18860131 MS NESH	19370624 TX HOPK	WINTERFIELD TX HOPK	4
	m.	CLAY, VALERIA ISABEL	18880922 MS ITAW	19691225 TX WOOD	19071117 TX FRAN	
8	JAM857AL01	JAMES HENRY	1857 AL GREE	19320427 OK CADD	FOLSOM OK CADD	3
	m.	1 PACE, ANN MARIE	18550717 AL GREE	18880405 MS NESH	18760821 MS LAUD	
116	JOH826GA01	JOHN MADISON	18260807 GA	18920329 MS NESH	HENRYS CHAPL MS NESH	4
	m.	1 RAINEY, SARAH C.	1836 AL	1860 AL GREE	18540406 AL GREE	
132	JOH801NC	JOHN	1801CA NC	AL ????		4
	m.	_____, MARY R.	1804CA NC			

**# 667 Harris Monroe Alford**

1	HAR927NC	HARRIS MONROE	19270908 NC ROBE			
	m.	FRANKLIN, MARY ELIZ.	19260101 MA SUFF		19540120 VA NEWP	
2	CHA896SC	CHARLIE EVERETTE	18961106 SC MARI	19780125 NC ROBE	WHITE POND NC ROBE	
	m.	SPIVEY, EMMA GRACE	18970330 NC HOLM	19810913 NC ROBE		
4	MAN853SC	MANUEL	18530615 SC	19071110 SC MARI	ROSE HILL SC MARI	4
	m.	WILLIAMSON, JANIE R.	18670718 SC	19510928 SC MARI		

**# 668 Andrew Franklin Alford**

1	AND926CA	ANDREW FRANKLIN	19260305 CA ORAN			
	m.	WAITE, BARBARA JANE	19290203			
2	JES898MN	JESSE ELLIS	18981213 MN RICE	19380327 CA SABR	MT VIEW CA SABR	
	m.	HAMILTON, OCTA MAE	19010913 TX	19730711 CA SABR	19250125 CA SABR	
4	LEW870MN	LEWIS A.	18700717 MN FREE	19060223 MN MOWE	OAKWOOD MN MOWE	
	m.	HUMMEL, EMMA SOPHIA	18760920 MN RICE	19311226 MN RICE	18960603 MN RICE	
8	ALO842NY	ALONZO	18420101 NY CLIN	19140328 WA THUR	IOOF WA	3
	m.	REDIKER, ELLEN	1840 QUEBEC		18630504 NY CLIN	
116	LEW814VT	LEWIS	18140911 VT ADDI			
	m.	COOLIDGE, CAROLINE				
132	ASH770VT02	ASHLEY OWEN	17700222 VT FRAN	18470314 NY CLIN	ZION METHODIST NY CLIN	3
	m.	2 BAKER, ELIZABETH.	17831125 VT CHIT	18570617 NY CLIN	18001017 VT FRAN	
64	BEN716CT02	BENEDICT	17160829 CT HART	17730430		1
	m.	2 OWEN, REBECCA	17361128 CT HART	1831CA OH GEAU	17611218 CT HART	
128	BEN688CT	BENEDICT	16880427 CT HART	17640215 CT HART		1
	m.	WILSON, ABIGAIL	16840303 CT HART	17730430 CT HART	17140114 CT HART	
256	JER655CT	JEREMIAH	16551224 CT HART	17090606 CT HART		3
	m.	HOSKINS, JANE	16710403 CT HART	17150519	16710403 CT HART	
512	BEN619EN	BENEDICT	1619CA ENGLAND	16830423 CT HART		1
	m.	NEWTON, JANE/JOANNA	1622CA ENGLAND		16401126 CT HART	
1024	THO585EN	THOMAS	1575-85C ENGLAND	1636<		1
	m.	2 HAWKINS, JOANNA	1594CA ENGLAND	16360527 ENGLAND	16180511 ENGLAND	
2048	WIL547EN	WILLIAM	1547			2
4096	ALE520EN	ALEXANDER ALFORD	1520CA ENGLAND	157612=<		1
	m.	_____, AGNES				
8192	JOH475EN	JOHN ALFORD	1475CA ENGLAND			

## FOOTNOTES FOR NEW LINEAGES

- 1 - See *AAFA ACTION* Vol. VI No. 3, Winter 1994, pages 9-10
- 2 - See *AAFA ACTION* Vol. VI No. 4, Spring 1994, pages 9-12
- 3 - See *AAFA ACTION* Vol. VII No. 1, Summer 1994, pages 9-15
- 4 - See comments in this issue.

### ARC816NC

This connection is not proven. See comments under John the father [JOH776NC]. (8/92)

### eli799va

Some show her date of death to be July 7, 1874, and that date to be Joseph Meadow's death date also. Suspect the two are getting crossed or confused. Possible but unlikely that both would have died in the same month and on same day—but different year. [See Boone Co Kith & Kin.]

### FER795NC

There is a possibility that Ferny was a brother of Fort Alford of Lawrence Co. MS which was an adjoining county. It is also possible that he was the Furnifold Alford mentioned in Wayne Co. NC land records. [See *ABOUT ALFORDS* No. 26, Winter 1989, p. 10 ff.] Three different census enumerations make him born ca 1795. (5/94)

### GEO910TX

Middle name may have been Dowe or Dow—Dowl most likely. He usually signed with initials G.D. (8/94)

Served in U. S. Army in WW II from Nov 11, 1943 to Nov 20, 1945. (5/94)

### GRE820NC

One record shows marriage as Oct 13, 1843?? What is correct?

### JAC726VA

Marriage might have been on March 4. (9/94)

### JAM713VA

It is assumed by some, particularly Captain Lodwick H. Alford, first president of AAFA, that this James did migrate to North Carolina with the rest of the family and was the father of James Lodwick "Major Tanner" Alford (1749-1820), the subject of another genealogy. (5/94)

### JAM749NC

Wills are available for Lodwick and for Susannah. Only family tradition (walking cane) supports the idea of name being James. Nathaniel has not been proven as a child—more family tradition. Was he born in Edgecombe Co or Bute Co? (5/94)

### JAM828VA

In 1860 he was age 32 in Brown County, Irving Township, Kansas Territory. He was an Army Scout—enlisted Falls City, NE Nov 15, 1862, Co. G 24 Reg Nebraska Cav. for 9 months. Falls City is just across the river from St. Joseph, MO, where he was a farmer at enlistment. He was 6 ft tall with dark eyes and fair hair and complexion. He was mustered in Dec 8, 1862 with his horse of \$80 value. He was mustered out there December 14, 1863. (9/94)

### JAM834AL0B

He was a farmer and teacher.

### JAM846MS

This marriage connection has not been proven. All we have is fact that J.M. Alford married an M.A. Sims there on that date. Who was the JAMES W. ALFORD born November 1869 MS who was living near (on same census page) as the subject in 1900 Polk Co. TX.? He was still there in 1910. He married a person whose first name was

Dugan or Organ and they had Audrey b. 1894 LA, Willard b. 1896 LA, Mary b. 1897 LA and Vina b. 1899 in TX plus others in 1910. It is assumed the JOHN W. ALFORD born October 1848, who lived between these two James Alfords in 1910, was the brother of the subject.

### jen780va

She was probably born in Amherst County. Another report says mother is Lucinda Alford.

### JOH696MD

The birth date and place of this John Alford is not certain. While most seem to think he was born about 1696 in Maryland, others have suggested he immigrated from England and was born there about 1700. Still others think he was born in Virginia. The theory of Stuart Blakely's, once published in Gil Alford's newsletter, has been refuted. At least one family group record shows a possible birth in New Kent County, VA. There is also the chance that he came from or through Pennsylvania. The Hoges and Crawfords were also in Frederick County, VA.

It had been thought that he married a Mary Dawson but we have found her married to Edward Alford, so his wife's name remains unknown. His will, dated November 13, 1748, does list "Mary" as his wife. Until recently we have always worked with an abstract of the will. Lynn Shelley now has the complete will and some of our previous ideas about the sequence of the children do not hold up. (5/94 Rev 9/94)

### JOH735IR

The date of his death is actually the date his will was written or probated. Still searching.

### JOH760VA

Two conflicting dates for their marriage: March 2 from a Amherst Co.

marriage record, probably bond date, and March 4 from the family Bible.

Jane Alford AAFA 550 wrote the following: "I just wonder where the (B) came from in John Alford's name. [Sometimes shown with a B as middle initial but which has been removed as a result of this note.] Nowhere in any of my records, Bible, pension, will, etc. do I find the B. John Bibb is surely buried in the Alford family cemetery on Hill Road, Nashville, TN, known as the Granberry farm, but no tombstone remains. His wife Elizabeth has a marker as well as his daughter Nancy. In settlement of John Alford's estate, Davidson Co., TN is listed 'burial expenses, tombstones, and walling graveyare—\$71.00' There is no doubt in my mind that he is buried in the family cemetery, along with his wife Elizabeth." The Alford Cemetery is in Brentwood.

John Alford served as private in the American Revolution from Amherst Co., VA. He was called out to guard British prisoners who had been brought to Albemarle Co., VA, and served 1 month under Capt. David Shelton. In 1780 he served 3 months under Capt. James Pamplin, Col. Reuben Lindsay's Regiment; in 1781 he served 3 months under Capt. James Barnet. (Rev. War Pension Record No. S-1744, Virginia Service.) (9/94)

### JOH763VA02

His birth was not until 1768-69 according to the tax rolls. At that time his father was in Augusta County, VA—part of which became Botetourt County 1769, Fincastle 1772, and Montgomery in 1777.

There are several spellings of the names Elinor as well as HOG, HOGG, and HOGUE.

The marriage bond was dated October 22 and the marriage was October 26. Notation written on DAR application of Mrs. Jesse T. (Elizabeth) Price

suggests a possible birth in Frederick County, VA. John has traditionally been shown as born in Wythe County but it was not formed yet. Mike Heazel AAFA 664 uses Southwest Virginia, possibly in the area that did become Wythe in 1789. Eleanor has been shown as born in Botetourt County, but it was not created until 1769, and Pulaski County was created in 1839 taking over jurisdiction for what had previously involved several counties—including Botetourt. Mike shows that she was born in Hayfield, Botetourt County, but "The Virginia Locator" shows Hayfields only in Fairfax and Frederick Counties, VA.

Eleanor is considered by some to have died in Montgomery County; however, John was on the Wythe County tax lists in 1814—the supposed year of her death. (5/95 Rev 9/94)

### JOH776NC

It has not been proven but it is thought that Jacob's son John was this John Alford who married Nancy Wright, and that Archibald (Baldy) Alford was their son. Nancy was living with Baldy in the 1850 census of Wake County, NC. The family is extended in that manner in this genealogy. If any of those reading this can prove or refute this connection, please let us hear from you. (8/92)

### JOH795VA

DAR Application of Mrs. Jesse T. (Elizabeth) Price shows they both died in Carroll County, VA—she in Patterson. She also shows John as being born in 1798 instead of 1795. (5/94)

Mike Heazel, AAFA 664 notes differences between reference to Wythe County and Carroll County. Wythe was created in 1789 and Carroll County in 1842. It is not that simple as there were a lot of other counties involved in between. We do have a problem in deciding how best to list

locations when county boundary realignment changes our Alford's county jurisdiction. (8/94)

### JOH797SC

He was commissioned as Justice of the Peace in Butler County, AL July 22 1834 and again March 21, 1835. Alabama State Land Records = 119 acres in Butler County August 26, 1836 and three sections in Covington County February 11, 1857.

### JOH801NC

This is a replacement for the notes in the Spring 1994 issue, page 9. The connection of this John Alford to this family was made by a granddaughter in 1940. According to the 1860 Newton Co., MS census, John Madison, John Sr.'s son, is listed as having a Mary Alford "mother" living in his household aged 56 years (b. 1804). She was probably helping him raise his three small children (George, James, and Mary) after the death of his wife. Dr. Randall Alford AAFA #052 reports that this was his mother-in-law, Mary Carpenter Hopkins Rainey, born 1804 NC, widow of (1) Hardy Hopkins and (2) James Harvey Rainey. John and wife must have resided in GA at sometime because in 1825/6 son John Madison was born there. They moved to Alabama by 1833 where a younger son, Duke, was born. John is also shown on the 1830 census in Pickens Co., AL and in Green Co., AL by 1828. In the 1830 census, he is listed with 4 sons and 2 daughters plus wife and himself. John and Mary had a son and two daughters for whom we cannot account according to the 1830 Pickens Co., AL census. (5/94)

### JOH826GA01

There is some disagreement on military service in the Confederacy. Both views will be documented here until the matter is resolved.

In a Sept 4, 1980 note to Grady Alford, Randy Alford AAFA #052 wrote the following:

*"Application of Indigent Widow of Confed. Soldier: for SARAH F. COOPER ALFORD, 1900, Neshoba Co., Miss. Sarah is listed as 64 yrs.; mar. to John M. in 1859 (?); husband in Co. B., 8th Reg. under Capt. Austin and Col. Wilkerson; served until near end of war; was in Tenn. at surrender; husband d. 1891 (?). Civil War Records indicate John M. enlisted Mrch. 2, 1863 in Enterprise, Miss.; not fit for field service; teamster; sick and in St. Mary's Hosp. in Lagrange, Ga.; rank - Private."*

In April 1994 Peggy Alford Schuster AAFA #666, sister of Grady Alford, wrote:

*"Pvt. J. M. Alford, Co. B, 8 Rgt. Miss.; residence Newton Co., Miss., appears on Roll of Prisoners of War of divers companies and regiments (detached) of 1st Lieut. A. G. Moore, surrendered at Citronella, Ala., by Lieut. Gen. ?R.? Taylor, C.S.A., to Maj. Gen ?M. R. S.? Canby, U.S.A., May 4, 1865, and paroled at Meridian, Miss., May 17, 1865. Roll dated Meridian, Miss., May 17, 1865. signed ?J. W. Wright?" (copy is too dim to reprint) (copy of original record) (I think he drove a wagon.)"*

Peggy provided a photocopy of the military records cited. (8/94)

The pension application mentioned above shows that John died in March 1891 while all data submitted by descendants has shown 1892. The latter is based on a grave stone inscription. (6/90)

He was probably the John Alfred 24 AL enumerated with John M. Cammet and his family in 1850 Noxubee County, MS. (3/94)

## MAN853SC

Is "Manuel" a corruption of Emanuel? There were several of the latter in SC. The family is listed in the 1900 Marion County, SC census but the soundex

record does not give any lead as to parents. The day on which we were working on this record we received a call from a granddaughter who we hope will be able to find more information for us. (8/94)

## peg935tx

Walter: Electrical Engineer, Collins Radio in Richardson TX, 1960-71; part of that time worked on Apollo Project for NASA at Cape Canaveral; turned woodworking hobby into a self-employed cabinetmaker.

## SID886MS

He was born George Albert Sidney but changed his name because the initials were GAS. (3/94)

## WIL821VA

Enumerated in Mason Co. VA/WV in 1860, 1870 and 1880. In 1870 he was indexed as Wm Olford. A "Mason Co. WV History" suggests he was born in "India" and some think that might mean Indian Lands. Of course it could be a poor abbreviation for Indiana. In the three censuses mentioned above his birth place was shown as Virginia. The article also says the couple left the area and settled in Arkansas, which is contrary to the census. [One must watch those county histories.] One record shows he died September 8 1853 [must be a computer input error—probably meant to be 1883] in Mason County. However, the same source shows his wife had children in 1854, 1856, 1858, 1860, 1863, 1865 and 1869. The more realistic date is after 1880 since he was enumerated that year. Nancy Catharine was the daughter of Abner and Polly (Wright) Waugh. (9/94)

## WIL863NC0A

Ellie Norris Alford is also buried in Hillcrest Cemetery. Chronology:  
1885 Moved from Wake Co. NC to Worth Co. GA  
1908 Brother, Columbus A. Alford, with whom he had been in ↗

*(Spell Alford, cont. from p. 1)*

Alvord, Alphort, Helferd, etc. But how about close calls, such as Affort? One criterion is that the name must have at least three of the four consonant sounds, plus any vowel sounds. Remember, all vowel sounds degenerate into "uh" in slurred speech, giving "Uhfuhrd."

Some might say that the "F/V/PH" sound is so important that it must be present, plus any two of the other three consonants. By this rule, such names would be covered as Alfor, Efford, Hevort, and so on.

When searching earlier records, say before 1800, one should adopt a more liberal view of possible variant spellings. After the Civil War, few changes occurred, but you still might be locked into an odd variant. These suggestions are tentative. It will be instructive to hear from others with experience in researching long lists of names for an "Alford."

Finally, how do you pronounce "Alford"? Most people seem to prefer "Awl-ford", but some use "Al-ford." Is there a regional preference? In either case, the listener understands what is meant, and as for the written records, does it matter?

Editor's note: Another common spelling is Olford, apparently because of the way someone heard it pronounced or because a written "A" was mistaken for an "O". —PT ♦

business for over 20 years died.  
1925 By this time had lost a fortune made in naval stores.

Census enumerations:

1870 NC WAKE "Orans" 7  
1880 NC WAKE "Orus" 17  
1900 GA WORTH William L.H. 36 NC  
1910 GA WORTH William L.H. 46 NC ♦

## Obituaries

### JACOB COLUMBUS ALFORD

Written in his memory by Ruby Alford Heard, AAFA Mississippi Genealogist

Jacob Columbus "Lum" Alford, a native of Leake County, MS, was born 17 May 1899 in Leake Co., MS, near the Estes Mill Community. He died 11 April 1994 in the Carthage Health Care Center of heart failure. His wife Fannie Thaggard, born ca. 1900, preceded him in death on 15 November 1988 in Leake Co. They are both buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Carthage, MS.

Lum Alford was a farmer and worked hard at it until his health began failing. He had been in the Health Care Center for several years. He and Fannie did not have any children but helped the others with children when they were living near the brothers and sisters. He was one of sixteen children, the oldest son of Wilburn Whitfield Alford and Virginia Amanda Hollingsworth Alford. All 16 were born in Leake Co. He and Fannie Thaggard were married 1 April 1923. He is survived by five brothers, John Willie, Dossie Joy, Rufus Edward, Robert Samuel and Roy C. Alford; one sister, Susie Cornelia Alford Fisher; and three half sisters, Julia Fay Bozeman, Jessie Lee Shoemaker and Hattie Sue Thornton.

Lum's father was the oldest son of Columbus Washington Alford and Maryann D. Glover of Leake Co. Columbus W. Alford, known as Lum also, was born 18 January 1850 in Troup Co., GA, and Maryann Glover was born 11 Aug. 1857 in Tallapoosa Co., AL.

Wilburn Whitfield was born 5 September 1875 in Tallapoosa Co., AL, and Virginia A. Hollingsworth was born 16 September 1875 in Leake

Co., MS. Jacob Columbus "Lum" Alford will be missed not only by his brothers and sisters but by a lot of us. He was my first cousin, as his father was a brother to my father. It seems all my close cousins are leaving this world for a better place. This Alford family has a lot of younger ones scattered all over the U.S., but the ones in Mississippi are getting fewer all the time.

A published obituary, sent by Elizabeth Hazlip AAFA #358, follows:

#### THE CLARION-LEDGER

Jackson, MS—Wed., 13 Apr 1994

Jacob "Lum" C. Alford, 94, a retired farmer, died of congestive heart failure Monday at Carthage Health Care Center.

Services are 10 a.m. today to Wilcox Funeral Home with burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Mr Alford was a Carthage native.

Survivors include: sister, Nealie Fisher of Carthage; brothers, John W. Alford, Rufus Alford and Sam Alford, all of Carthage, and Dossie Alford and R.C. Alford, both of Jackson; and half-sisters, Julie Fay Bozeman of Louisiana, Jessie Lee Shoemaker of Philadelphia and Hattie Sue Thornton of Carthage.

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### LEE BRILLEAUX AAFA #399

Sent by Haidee Reeves AAFA #210

#### NEW YORK TIMES

New York, NY—Sat., 9 April 1994

Lee Brilleaux, 41, British Blues Singer

CANVEY ISLAND, England—  
Lee Brilleaux, the singer for the British

rhythm-and-blues band Dr. Feelgood, which he founded, died on Thursday at his home here. He was 41. The cause was cancer, his family said. Dr. Feelgood, which brought the Mississippi sound to the Thames estuary in the 1970's and influenced a generation of punk groups like the Clash and the Boomtown Rats, is likely to disband. "I don't think Dr. Feelgood will now continue without him," a spokesman for the band said. "It is the end of an era." The group, which hit Britain's top 10 hit singles chart with "Milk and Alcohol" in 1979, kept to a hectic touring schedule that every year included Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East, Russia and the United States. Dr. Feelgood's 1976 album, "Stupidity," was the first live album to go straight to the top in its first week of release. Mr Brilleaux, long associated with the bars, betting shops and oil terminals of the working-class Canvey Island area, on the Thames estuary, sang songs about cheating women, mean streets and macho men. His sweat-spattered, eye-bulging, finger-wagging performances gained Dr. Feelgood a cult following.

NOTE FROM HAIDEE ALFORD REEVES: Lee Brilleaux was the son-in-law of the late Eulon Alford and his wife Yvonne AAFA 213. Eulon gave a gift membership to his daughter, Shirley Alford Brilleaux, AAFA #399, and Lee. When Lee learned of Eulon's death he asked Shirley to buy a plot next to Eulon's grave and to place his remains there. They resided in England and were one of the three members we have had in that country over the years. Shirley, with her children Kelly and Nick, have returned to this country and will be residing somewhere in or near Hammond.

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## WILLIAM RAYFORD ALFORD

Sent by Marge Gray, AAFA #590

*THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION*  
Jacksonville, FL—4 January 1994

William Rayford Alford died Saturday, January 1, 1994. He was a native of Sanderson, Florida and was a member of Fleet Reserve #126 & Masonic Lodge #297. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alford; one son, James E. Alford; one daughter, Mary Ann Carroll; three grandchildren; two stepbrothers, Herbert and George C. Alford; one sister, Mary Deck; and several aunts, uncles & cousins. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. in the Chapel of Fraser Funeral Home, 8168 Normandy Blvd. with Brother Jerry Powers officiating. Friends may call Tuesday from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Interment will be in South Prong Cemetery, Sanderson.

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## WINNIE ALFORD HENRY

Sent by Gil Alford, AAFA #19

*TANGI TALK*  
Amite, LA—Wed., 28 April 1993

Died 5:15 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 1993, at Kentwood-Manor Nursing Home, Kentwood. She was 81, a native of Washington Parish and a resident of Roseland.

Visiting was at McKneely Funeral Home, Amite, 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday, and 8 a.m. to religious services held at 1 p.m. Monday, conducted by the Rev. David Strebeck and the Rev. Harry McIntyre. Burial was in Arcola-Roseland Cemetery, Arcola.

Survived by husband, Homer D. Henry, Roseland; two sons, Lonnie R. Henry, Covington, and Sammie

McElveen, Baton Rouge: two daughters, Mae Belle Shaw, Baton Rouge, and Maxie L. Bennett, Roseland; a brother Tebo Alford, Amite; a sister, Lena Burch, Franklinton; three granddaughters, Noel M. Henry, Rhonda and Pamela McElveen.

NOTE FROM GIL: We appear to have missed these folks in all of our compilations. Who can tell us about Tebo (probably nickname) Alford and his sisters, Winnie Alford Henry and Lena Alford Burch?

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## MARY MAE ALFORD EDWARDS

Sent by Willie Alford, AAFA # 128  
Brother of Mary

*THE METEOR*  
Crystal Springs, MS—1 Dec 1993

Mary Mae Edwards, 63, of Jackson, died November 24, 1993 at Methodist Medical Center.

Mrs. Edwards, a Bolton native, had formerly lived in Crystal Springs and had lived in Jackson for 15 years. She was a member of Lakeshore Congregational Methodist Church. She was a retired machine operator for Packard Electric.

Services were at 10: a.m. November 26 at Stringer Funeral Home in Crystal Springs with interment in County Line Cemetery.

Survivors are husband, J.P.; sons, Jimmy Glenn Edwards and David Edwards, both of Jackson, Chris Edwards of Tallahassee, Fla., and Thomas Edwards of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; daughter Sue Howard of Lafayette, La.; brothers Elbert Alford and Sidney Alford, both of Jackson, and Marshall Alford of Bradenton, FL.; sisters, Margaret Bishop and Sweet Pea Dees, both of Jackson and Susie Conley of Crystal Springs; and eight grandchildren.

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## MARIE W. ALFORD

Sent by Willie Alford, AAFA # 128

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*  
Jackson, MS—Thurs., 3 Sept 1991

Marie W. Alford, 62, of Winter Street, a cutter for Mississippi Industries for the Blind, died Aug. 20 of respiratory failure at Mississippi Methodist Medical Center.

Memorial services are 1 p.m. today at Grace United Methodist Church. Baldwin-Lee Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Mrs. Alford, a Canton native, had lived in Jackson most of her life. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: husband, William; sons, Bill Davis of Pearl, David Davis of Tampa, Fla., and Thomas Davis of Amarillo, Texas; daughters, Patricia Piner of Memphis and Carol Nichols of Gray, La.; brothers, Montgomery Ward of San Francisco and Cleon Ward of Crystal Springs; and 14 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

An "Alford" is not the subject of the following obituaries, but "Alfords" are mentioned in the article.

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## ETHEL CHILDRESS

Sent by non-member Marleta Childs

*THE LIGHT AND CHAMPION*  
Center, Shelby Co, TX—3 Aug 1993

Funeral Services for Ethel Childress, 88 of Godley, were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 2 at the Jackson Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Warr officiating. Burial followed at Jackson Cemetery in Joaquin.

Mrs. Childress died Friday, July 30 at her residence.

A Shelby County native, she was born Sept. 11, 1904 to I.D. and **Laura Alford Cook**.

She is survived by two daughters, Laura Butcher of Godley and Joyce Shahan of Logansport; a sister, Dahlie McManus; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. Childress, and two sons, Dr. James L. Childress and Jack Childress.

Pallbearers were Steve Childress, John Childress, Gary Butcher, Tommy Childress, Jason Gray, Buddy Childress, Phil Worsham and James Howell.

Mangum Funeral Home of Center directed the Arrangements.

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## OSCAR B. BECK

Sent by non-member Marleta Childs

### *THE LIGHT AND CHAMPION*

Center, TX—25 March 1981

Funeral services for Oscar B. Beck of Shelbyville were held at 2 p.m. on Monday in Bartle Funeral Home Chapel of Center. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Marion Agnew and the Rev. Jerry Powell. Interment was in the Oaklawn Memorial Park Cemetery of Center.

Mr. Beck, 70, died Saturday in Shumpert Hospital of Shreveport, La.

Born August 12, 1910 in Shelbyville, he was the son of Hugh Beck and Lucy Cobb Beck. Mr. Beck was a member of the United Methodist Church of Shelbyville and a retired rancher.

Survivors include his wife Ruth Beck of Shelbyville; a daughter **Jane Alford** and husband **Donald Alford** of Marshall; a grandson **John Alford** of Marshall; and 3 sisters Sue Jean Howard of Shelbyville, Mozelle Henry of Center and Mary Thompson of Center.

Serving as pallbearers were Hugh Brittain, Shade Pate, Tom McLeroy, Hulon Beck, James Powell and S.W. Carter.

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## EMMA ELLEN TEAL STEWART

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #32

No source

Emma Ellen Teal Stewart, 81, of Iola, passed away Wednesday, at 3:00 am. Survived by her daughters and sons-in-law; **Luann and Eddie Halford**, Alice and David Kocian, Sue and Al Brautigam, all of Tomball; sons and daughters-in-law; Jimmy P. and Caroline Stewart, Sewell E. and Linda Stewart, all of Iola; sisters; Babe Ruth Hobden of Orange and Mina Montoya of Caldwell; brother Clyde Teal of Orange twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren. Funeral services 10 am, Saturday, Martins Prairie Baptist Church near Keith, Texas. Interment Martins Prairie Church Cemetery. Nobles Funeral Chapel, Navosota, TX. ❖

### THE BEST IS UNDERGROUND

Author Unknown

I climbed my family tree and found,  
It was not worth the climb.  
And so I scampered down convinced,  
It was a waste of time.  
Some branches of my tree, I found,  
Were rotten to the core.  
And all the tree was full of sap,  
And hung with nuts galore.  
I use to brag of my kin folks,  
Before I made my climb.  
But truth compels me now to tell,  
Of those not worth a dime.  
And I beg my friends who boast  
aloud,  
Of their great ancestors.  
To climb their family tree and learn,  
Of those who weren't so straight.  
I learned what family trees are like,  
And then I scrambled down.  
They're like a' tater vine because,  
The best is underground.

## Newell Gilder Alford of Pennsylvania

If anyone has any information on this family, please let AAFA know.

From *WHO'S WHO IN MARYLAND VOL. 1, 1939*, no publication data

ALFORD, Newell Gilder, cons. mining engr.; b. Phila., Pa., Dec. 11, 1887; s. Ruben Gilder and Mary Ellen (DuBree) A.; grad. Friends Central Preparatory Sch., 1906; A.B., Swarthmore Coll., 1909; B.S., U. of Pittsburgh, 1933, E.M., 1934; m. Caroline Farren Atkinson, June 27, 1912; children—Newell Gilder, Frances Lydia. With engring. corps U.S. Coal & Coke Co., Gary, W. Va., summers, 1907-08; by-product oven work, Ill. Steel Co., Joliet, 1909; with St. Bernard Mining Co., Earlington, Ky., 1910-20, mine supt. and asst. chief engr., 1913-19, chief engr., Apr. 1920, asst. to pres. and chief engr., to Oct. 1920; mem. firm and v.p. Howard N. Eavenson & Associates, ????. mining engr., Pittsburgh, 1920, firm name changed, Oct. 1, 1935, to Eaverson and Alford, Apr. 1, 1937, to Eavenson, Alford & Auchmuty; sec., treas., gen. mgr. and dir. Clover Splint Coal Co., Inc.; treasurer and director Air Cleaning and Sizing Co. Enlisted in U.S.A., Sept. 1917, discharged as sergt. 309th Engrs., Apr. 1919. Mem. AM. Inst. mining and Metall. Engrs., Engrs. Soc. Western PA., Mining Soc. of Nova Scotia, Coal Mining Inst., of America (v.p.). Canadian Mining Inst., W. Va. Mining Inst., Ky. Mining Inst., Ill. Mining Inst., Am. Mining Congress (chmn. com. mech. mining), Kentucky Historical Assn., Soc. War of 1812. Am. Legion, Delta Upsilon. Book and Key (Swathmore). Mem. Soc. of Friends. Mason. Author of numerous pamphlets, brochures, articles, etc., about mining. Home: 314 S. Homewood Av. Office: Koppers Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. ❖



## Albert Alford of Oregon

Prepared by Alicia Alford Houston,  
AAFA #001

From *The Centennial History of Oregon, 1811-1912, Illustrated, Volume III*, by Joseph Gaston

Note: AAFA apologizes for the inappropriate references to Native Americans in the following article. They reflect the cultural biases of the period during which this was written.

Albert Alford is one of the early pioneers of this state [Oregon] and during the Indian wars of 1855 and 1856 he was one of the ready volunteers to expose himself to the dangers and hardships of camp life among the unsettled, mountainous districts in which the savage red man of the north had established his almost inaccessible haunts. He was born in Sheridan [Chariton] county, Missouri, on the 4th of May, 1833, and is the son of Thomas and K. (Culp) Alford, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. His mother died when he was but a small child. In 1850 Thomas Alford emigrated to the state, crossing the plains with ox teams. He arrived in Oregon late in the season and at The Dalles the members of his party took boats down the Columbia river and made their first settlement in Linn county. The cattle were driven down the trail from The Dalles. On reaching Linn county Mr. [Thomas] Alford filed upon a donation claim of three hundred and twenty acres, upon which he established his home and continued to reside until the time of his death, which occurred in the ninety-third year of age. He was three times married. He chose as his second companion in life Miss Polly

Williams, who unfortunately met her death on the plains during the time of their emigration to this state. He later was united in marriage to Miss Gaily, of Linn county.

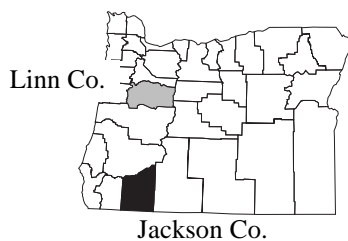
Albert Alford was reared in his father's home and acquired a limited education in the common schools of Missouri. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his

twenty-first birthday. He then filed upon a donation claim of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Linn county. On this land he established his home and for many years was devoted to its development and agricultural pursuits. While a resident at that place the Rogue River Indian wars became a menacing element to the settlers on the Pacific seaboard and he at once became a volunteer,

enlisting in Captain Keeney's company, of which he was an orderly sergeant, and later became a part of the command of Captain Blakeley's company in 1856. This campaign was often attended with great hardships, and at one time during the winter of 1855 his company was snowbound in the mountains and for seven days were without food supplies of any kind. At the close of his service in the Indian wars he returned at once to his home in Linn county and reengaged in the improvement of his place. Here he continued to reside until 1869, when he disposed of the property at a handsome profit and removed to Jackson county and for five years lived upon a rented place at Tolo. He then purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the town of Talent and on that place he continued to live until 1910, at which time he sold the property and built for himself and family a handsome home in Talent, where he is now living a retired life. He is one of the principal stockholders of the First National Bank of Medford. In 1853 Mr. Alford was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Brinker. Mrs. Alford is a native of Missouri and from that state emigrated to Oregon in the same train in which Mr. Alford was himself an emigrant in company with his parents to the Pacific coast. To Mr. and Mrs. Alford have been born: Russell, now at Klamath Falls; Moses, the first cashier of the First National Bank of Medford; Alice, the wife of L.F. Willetts, of Klamath Falls; and Ollie, the wife of C.W. Walters, of Talent, this state.

Mr. Alford is affiliated with the republican party and has served two terms as county commissioner and

was a member of the county board at the time of the building of the new courthouse. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. Albert Alford is indeed one of the hardy pioneers of this state and among all his associates and friends he is known to be a man of integrity. His moral influence upon the community in which he lives is distinguished for its salutary and helpful nature in maintaining and building up a healthy community life among the people.



From *History of Southern Oregon, Comprising Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Curry and Coos Counties*, 1884, by A.G. Walling:

**ALBERT ALFORD** — The subject of our memoir is a native of Chariton county, Missouri, and born May 4, 1833. Here he was educated. In 1850 he crossed the plains to Oregon, accompanying his parents who settled in Linn county, where he married Catherine Brinker, on December 18, 1853. She was born in Missouri, on December 24, 1838. Mr. Alford continued to reside in Linn county up to 1869, when he came to Jackson county, Oregon, and settled near Table Rock. In 1874 he moved to Talent, and is now a resident of the place. He was elected county commissioner from Eden precinct in 1880, and re-elected in 1882, which office he still holds. A view of his residence can be found in another part of this work. His children are: Russell A., born March 16, 1855, Masas [Moses] L., born April 27, 1857, Alice, born February 13, 1859, and Amanda O., born February 7, 1862. ❖

## Henry D. Alvord, 1823–1910

Sent by Mabel L. Thaanum, AAFA #649, granddaughter of Henry Alvord

From *BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD AND PORTRAIT ALBUM OF WEBSTER AND HAMILTON COUNTIES, IOWA*, (N.p.: Lewis Publishing Company, 1888), pp. 429–430.

**H**enry D. Alvord, residing on section 28, Otho Township, Webster County, was born in the town of Geneseo, in Livingston County, New York, March 17, 1823. His father, Melzer Alvord, was a native of New England, and a pioneer of Livingston County, New York. He was among the pioneers of the Genesee Valley, and at one time owned eighty acres of land where the city of Rochester now stands, which he sold for \$200. He was also one of the early merchants of Geneseo. The mother of our subject was Lura (Smith) Alvord. In 1836, when Henry D. was a lad of thirteen years his father immigrated to La Grange County, Indiana, and a few weeks later, after finding a location, sent for his family, which consisted of his wife and three children. Henry D. being the only son, drove the team through from Geneseo to their frontier home. They were also accompanied by an uncle, Ansel Dewey, who settled in LaSalle County, Illinois. At the time of their settlement the State of Indiana was almost in a state of nature, and was principally inhabited by Indians and wild animals. Melzer Alvord was unfortunate in his pioneer experience in Indiana. Soon after settling there he contracted a disease of the eyes which compelled him to return to Rochester, New York, for treatment. He finally partially recovered the use of his eyes, but in the meantime had spent most of his substance. He however only survived a few years, and the labor of supporting the family devolved on the mother and her son, the subject of this sketch. In

1852 the family removed to Clayton County, Iowa, settling in the town of Farmersburg, eight miles west of McGregor, where the mother died May 25, 1856. August 31, of the same year, the subject of this sketch was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Rawson, who was born in Cornish, Sullivan County, New Hampshire, December 2, 1836, a daughter of Enos and Eliza (Lewis) Rawson. In 1852 Mr. Rawson immigrated with his family to Clayton County, Iowa, and settled on a new farm, remaining there until 1870. In that year the Rawson family removed to Humboldt County, where the mother died in March, 1874. Mr. Rawson died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvord, in December 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Rawson were the parents of five children of whom Mrs. Alvord is the eldest, the names of the others being Lucina M., Charles M., Hester A. and George F. The two sisters of Mr. Alvord before mentioned, were named Harriet and Catherine. The former married John Merriman, and died in Indiana many years ago. The latter is the wife of H.W. Wakeman, of Holyoke, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Alvord have had born to them nine children — Lura E., Hartley D., Charles J., Henry M., Alice M., Hattie I., Jessie L., Mabel E., and Leslie E. In March, 1876, Mr. Alvord settled on his present farm in Otho Township, which he purchased from Edwin Twining, and since then has made some improvements on his place. In politics Mr. Alvord is a Republican, having been identified with that party ever since its organization. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Alvord are identified with any religious denomination, but both are believers in the principles of Christianity, and their lives have ever been consistent with that belief.

Editor's Note: Henry Alvord's ancestry is: Henry Dwight<sup>8</sup>, Melzar<sup>7</sup>, Bezaleel<sup>6</sup>, Azariah<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Alexander<sup>1</sup> ❖

## Searching for Amanda Alford Dollar

By Gil Alford

In May of this year I received a phone call from D.L. Alford, Jr., AAFA VP for Texas, who advised me that he had just learned that a friend of his had an Alford ancestor. Fred W. Dollar was the grandson of Amanda Alford Dollar, and about all he knew at that time was that Amanda and a brother Jack Alford probably lived in Rusk County, TX at one time.

The summary printed below is based on information compiled from AAFA records about Amanda Alford. It was sent to Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA Texas Genealogist, and to Landon Alford, AAFA #2, of Rusk County for feedback.

### Amanda Alford Data

In 1850 Rusk County there was a JOHN G. ALFORD born about 1818 in North Carolina with AMANDA ALFORD born about 1831 in Alabama. The age difference suggests man and wife rather than father and daughter. Her age plus the absence of children suggest they have not been married long. With those two names one would certainly expect there to be children named Amanda and John [Jack]. John was shown as a clerk in the census, probably a railroad clerk. There was no other Alford in Rusk County on that census. Our records do not show any Alford in Rusk County in 1860, and if John and Amanda were anywhere in the 1860 Texas census, they cannot be found.

In 1860 we did have AMANDA ALFORD born about 1820 in Alabama living in Fayetteville, Fayette Co. Living with her were children Emma 7, James 6 and Genoa 4, all born in Texas. Amanda was the widow of JULIUS C. ALFORD, born about 1814 in Georgia, who was stabbed to death in July. Amanda married J.L. Grace in Fayette Co. in 1868.

In 1860 we also have AMANDA ALFORD born about 1852 in Texas listed with her parents WINFIELD ALFORD and Eliza Derrington in the census of Gonzales County, TX. She had brothers named JULIUS ALFORD and ABRAHAM J. ALFORD. Information submitted by one of our correspondents shows that she was actually ELIZA AMANDA and she died in 1930. She married a William Green.

In 1870, in Travis County, we find AMANDA ALFORD born about 1862 in Texas and her brother JOHN ALFORD born about 1860 with their older sister HARRIET ALFORD living with Wilhelm Waldemar, a 26 year old wagoner born in Germany and his wife 34 year old Harriet Waldemar born in Texas. From that we could conclude that Wilhelm found

himself a widow with a built-in family and married her. The problem is that we can't find the apparent earlier Alford family in the 1860 census. Our records do not show any Alford in Rusk County in 1870.

For 1880 we have information only on those families in which there was a child age 10 or younger. In this we find no Amanda Alford. We find only one Rusk County entry in this data: A.N. ALFORD a 7 month old female was living with grandparent A.C. Neal.

By 1900 Rusk County had experienced an Alford invasion. AUGUSTUS O. ALFORD, EGBERT BENSON ALFORD, and JAMES W. ALFORD, three sons of JOHN ROGERS ALFORD, late of Chambers County, Alabama had moved in. Many of the descendants of this family, which became quite prominent in the area, still live there today. A number of them are members of AAFA. There is a remote possibility that the subject AMANDA ALFORD might belong to one of those families.

James W., of the above three brothers, had a son named JOHN T. ALFORD who might have been known as Jack. He had several sisters, and two were listed in 1900 as ANGIE ALFORD and ALMA ALFORD. There were also Pearl, Irene and Ruby. It is possible that any of those daughters may have also had Amanda as part of her name. In 1910 the daughters listed were Pearl, Isiore and Ruby.

### Texas Feedback

Lucille responded with information on Amanda Bell Alford b. 1862 who married Oscar Swartz, November 29, 1883 in Tyler Co., TX.

Landon wrote: "Virginia Knapp with Rusk Co. Historical Commission had no other information except that Amanda's name was Amanda Melvina Alford, information from Mrs. George Hardy 903/657-4953 (Fred Dollar's sister). Also Mrs. Hardy said she remembered her father and my father visited about the Alford and decided we were distantly related. I remember a man named John Alford when I was in high school about 1952 who ran the merry-go-round in Lakeforest Park, a city park started by my father. We all found it quite comical that the merry-go-round man and our dad had the same name. Sorry I couldn't help more."

### Fred W. Dollar Responds

Fred, who is now AAFA #671, recently wrote: "Since

receiving your letter I have received a bit of additional information regarding my grandmother Amanda Melvina Alford Dollar, as follows: She had two brothers named Jack and either John or Bill. I believe it was John. Both lived in Smith County, Texas for an extended period and perhaps they may have lived in Rusk County part of the time. Amanda and my grandfather, Devan Judson Dollar, were married in Arkansas and made one major move from White County, Arkansas to Rusk County, Texas. Devan Judson Dollar was born March 2, 1854 in Arkansas. His father had moved from Alabama."

On the Alford Family Worksheet submitted by Fred we learn that Amanda Melvina Alford was born May 15, 1854 in Atlanta, Georgia and she died January 15, 1924 in Henderson, Rusk County, TX. Their first child was born April 1879.

## AAFA Search

With Amanda's birth in 1854 in Atlanta one would expect to find her there in the 1860 census. The following is a tabulation of the Amanda Alford's in 1860 Georgia. There were no Melvina's, but there were 8 females with initial "M" [most were not even close in age] and it is not practical to tabulate the Johns. There were no Jacks, but nine (7 males) with initial "J."

NAME	AGE	BP	COUNTY	PARENTS
Amanda	3	GA	Gwinnette	Joseph 35 SC; Mary 34
Amanda	8	GA	Harris	Thomas 30 GA; Mary 25 GA
Amanda	25	GA	Harris	William 50 GA; Betsey 45 GA
Amanda	8	GA	Pike	Thomas J. 46 GA; Emily R. 43 GA
Amanda C.	8	GA	Forsyth	??; S.M. 32 GA

There was a John in the 2nd Harris Co. family and the Pike Co. family.

Having failed working against the birth date in Georgia, the next logical step is in Arkansas where she was married. Since the first child was born in April 1879, it is assumed they were married about 1878 but not before about 1869 when Amanda would have been 15. In the few Arkansas Alford marriage records we have, there was no Amanda or Dollar marriage listed. If she was not married until after 1870, then it would seem probable that she would be with her family in the 1870 Arkansas census. A tabulation of Amandas (no Melvina's):

NAME	AGE	BP	COUNTY	PARENTS
Manda	13	AR	Hot Springs	Leander 56 NC; Nancy 47 VA (brother named John)
Amanda E.	2	AR	Pike	James M. 36 AL; Tennessee 32

There were three Alford families in White County in 1870:

E.C. Alford, 28 GA and his wife Frances C. Alford with 9 month old Edward.

Curtis or Cartes Alford 57 TN and his wife Drucilla and children 13-21 born in MS

J.W. Alford 29 TN and his wife Mary J. 20 AR and son Sidney. A John W. Alford 19 TN, probably a brother was enumerated with them as "laborer on farm."

## Texas Revisited

A check of Smith County, TX for Alford's shows:

1870—None

1880—None (AAFA has only the soundex records so this is not conclusive)

1900—

Horace C. Alfred 28 LA and wife Eula A. Howard 22 TX and two young children.

Wayman N. Alfred 52 LA and wife Elizabeth 48 LA

Walter O. Alford 24 GA boarding

1910—

Crawford H. Alfred 39 LA and wife Eula A. 33 TX and 6 children

Jack Alford 60 MS and wife Liza 60 AR

John Alford 38 AR and wife Martha 30 AR and 4 children

Sam Alford 29 AR and wife Dora 31 AL and 4 children

Mattie P. Alford 53 GA and 3 grown children

James G. Alford 45 TX boarding with John W. Wilson

A recheck of Rusk County, TX shows:

1870—None

1880 (soundex only)—

A.N. Alford (female) 1 TX enumerated with some other family

1900—

Augustus O. 59 AL and wife Janie 53 NC (Landon's branch)

Egbert B. 42 AL and wife Ella O. 36 TX (Landon's branch)

James W. 46 AL and wife Janie E. 38 AL (Landon's branch)

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## Part 22: Josiah Alford's Alford Family Notes

From Josiah George Alford's *Alford Family Notes Ancient and Modern* (London: 1908), pp. 178–185.

[Page 178 of the book contains a chart that traces the lineage of Rector Charles Alford and his son Bishop Charles Richard Alford to royalty. Charles Richard Alford is the father of Josiah Alford, the author of *Alford Family Notes*. The chart is reprinted below, slightly modified. This family is discussed fully in *AAFA ACTION*, Fall 1993, "Part 19, Josiah Alford's *Alford Family Notes*," pp. 12–20. Descendancy charts for this family tracing the Alford lineage back to Henry Alford of Weston Zoyland (will dated 1575), appear on pp. 116 and 132 of the book, but they were not reproduced for this publication. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the charts, contact the editor, Pam Thompson.]

"OF THE BLOOD ROYAL OF ENGLAND was Sir John Stourton, of Stourton, co. Wilts, and of Stavordale, co. Somerset, High Sheriff of Somerset," 1428 and 1431. "In direct descent from the King, and entitled to quarter the Plantagenet Arms" (*Harl. MSS.* 1110, 1155, 1074, Brit. Mus. Lib.) Married i, Catherine, d. of Lord Beaumont; ii, Jane, d. of Lord Bassett.

[Son of John and Jane] John Stourton, of Preston, co. Somerset, m. iii, Catherine Payne.

[Their daughter] Joan Alice Stourton m. John Sydenham, M.P., of Brympton, and Combe Sydenham, High Sheriff co. Somerset, 1465.

[Their son] Walter Sydenham, of Brympton, co. Somerset, d. 1469. He m. Margaret, d. of Sir Wm. Harcourt.

[Their son] John Sydenham, of Brympton, M.P., High Sheriff of co. Somerset in 1506. He m. Elizabeth, d. of Sir Humphrey Audley.

[Their son] Thomas Sydenham (younger son) of Whestow, co. Somerset. He m. Elizabeth, d. of Wm. Crosse, of Charlinch.

[Their son] Thomas Sydenham, of Westowe Manor b. 1579; d. 1635. He m. Dorothy, d. of David Sellick.

[Their son] Thomas Sydenham, of Westowe, b. 1614; d. 1662. He m. Marjorie Cridland.

[Their son] John Sydenham, of Westowe Manor, b. 1653; d. 1737. He m. Dorothy Venn.

[Their son] Thomas Sydenham, of Westowe Manor, b.

1688; d. 1730. He m. Margaret, d. of Edward Galhampton, of Tolland.

[Their son] John Sydenham, Balliol Coll., Oxford, of Bishop's Hull, Surgeon, b. 1726; d. 1790. He m. Elizabeth Clutterbuck.

[Their daughter] Betty Sydenham m. Richard Symes, of Cannington, Bridgwater, b. 1755; d. 1826.

[Their daughter] Elizabeth Symes m. Charles Alford, Balliol Coll., Oxf., Rector of West Quantocks Head, b. 1786; d. 1869.

[Their son] Charles Richard Alford, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, b. 1816; d. 1898.

### GENERAL SOMERSETSHIRE NOTES

Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* gives the following entries concerning the Alford family:

"Alford, Thomas, son of Richard Alford of Weston Zoyland, Somerset. All Souls, matric. 1688, age 16. M.A. from St. Mary Hall, 1695. Vicar of Curry Rivel, 1697."

"Alford, Thomas, son of Thomas Alford of Weston Zoyland, Somerset, clericus, Oriel, matric. 1721, age 19. B.A. Brasenose 1724. M.A. 1728."

"Alford, Thomas, son of Thomas Alford of Weston Zoyland, Somerset, clericus, Brasenose." (This entry is erroneously given in the *Alumni Oxonienses*, and is corrected from the official *Oxford Graduates*, 2121 D British Museum Library), matric. 1761, age 19, B.A. 1765.

"Alford, Samuel, son of Thomas Alford of Weston Zoyland, clericus. Wadham, matric. 1765, age 18. M.A. 1771."

"Alford, Samuel, son of Samuel Alford of Curry Rivel, clericus, Queen's College, matric. 1794, age 18. M.A. 1800."

"Alford, Henry, son of Samuel Alford of Curry Rivel, clericus, Wadham, matric. 1800, age 17. M.A. 1811."

"Alford, Charles, son of Thomas Alford of Ashill, Somerset, clericus, Balliol College, matric. 1805, age 18; Rector of West Quantockshead, Somerset, 1814."

"Alford, Walter, fourth son of Samuel (junr.), of Curry Rivel, clericus, St. Edmund Hall, matric. 1826, age 18, Vicar of Drayton, Somerset, 1848."

"Alford, George, youngest son of Samuel (junior), of Curry Rivel, clericus. Queen's College, matric. 1842, age 19. Vicar of Mangotsfield, Gloucester, 1881."

"Alford, Daniel Pring, son of Henry Alford of Taunton, armiger, Exeter College, matric. 1857, age 18. Vicar of

Tavistock.

"Alford, Robert, son of Walter Alford of Muchelney, Somerset, clericus. Wadham, matric. 1867, age 19. M.A. 1874."

"Alford, Henry Powell, third son of Richard Alford of Weston-super-Mare, New College, matric. 1875, age 19, Vicar of Woodbury Salterton, Devon, 1882."

The *Cambridge University Calendars and Graduat Cantabrigienses* record the following admissions to the B.A. degree:

"Henry Alford, Sidney Sussex College, 1822." (Of Bideford.)

"Henry Alford, Trinity, 1832, B.D. 1850" (Dean of Canterbury.)

"Viscount Alford, Magdalen, 1833." (Brownlow family.)

"Charles Richard Alford, Trinity, 1839, D.D. 1867." (Bishop of Victoria.)

"Samuel Alford, Queen's College, 1841. (Vicar of Helmsley, Yorkshire.)

"Bradley Hurt Alford, Trinity, 1859." (Vicar of St. Luke's, Nutford Place, W.)

"Walter Goldin Alford, St. John's, 1867." (Vicar of Henton, Somerset.)

"Josiah George Alford, Corpus Christi College, 1870." (Vicar of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.) [Author of this book]

"Allan Cameron Alford, Corpus Christi College 1878." (Vicar of Cuddington, Bucks.)

"William Powell Alford, Corpus Christi College, 1882." (Vicar of Dawlish.)

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Curry Rivel, the centre of Alford family interests in Somerset for over two hundred years, is described by Collinson as "a very considerable village ... eleven miles east of Taunton." ... "The Church stands on an eminence, and is a very handsome structure ... with large embattled tower." Burton Pynsent, the splendid mansion of the Earl of Chatham, was demolished in the last century, but the "Monument," a fine column of white stone, built in memory of Sir Wm. Pynsent, stands, a striking object for many miles around. Occupying a more seltered position, between Church and Monument, is "Heale, a pleasant seat".

There were Alford's at Curry Rivel, besides those in the present line of the family, whose connection it seems impossible to trace; and some who distinctly had no such connection, bearing the name of Alford only through that change of spelling and pronunciation, which was by no means uncommon in early days.

The will of Edward Olferd of Curry Rivel, proved seven years later, was witnessed in 1627 by Marmaduke Walsh, who was a Justice of Common Pleas, and lived at Fivehead. His descendant Marmaduke Walsh, gentleman, of Curry Rivel, died in 1731, and by his will left land at Curry Rivel "now in the tenure of Mr. Samuel Powell for the lives of Frances (who married Mr. Thomas Alford) and Jane, sisters of the said Samuel Powell."

The connection of the Alford's with the Powell family was two-fold. First, and chiefly, through the marriage in 1698 of Thomas Alford of Curry Rivel with Fances Powell of Heale House, whose grandson Samuel Alford inherited in 1787 the Heale Estate, which estate has now passed through four generations of Alford's to its present owner Mr. Robert Alford. Secondly, through the marriage of John Powell of the Staplegrove family with Joan Sydenham, whose small estate, still called "Powell's," descended after her death in 1790 to Bishop Alford, and so to Canon [Josiah] Alford, who now holds it.

The Powell family possesses an ancient pedigree, going back step by step to "Yesline, one of the Five Golden Pillars of Wales, and Prince of Glamorgan" (about 1138 A.D.).

Heale House, Curry Rivel, "was the residence of the Powell family, the old part of the house having been built in 1620 by Samuel Powell, son of William Powell, D.D., Canon of Wells and Archdeacon of Bath. The south-west front of the house, in early Georgian style, was added by Samuel Powell, great-grandson of the former Samuel, and was completed before 1725." An ancient metal bell-turret surmounts the older portion of the house, finishing in a copper vane, which takes the unusual form of an armorial shield, with the Powell crest, a moorhen, stretching its head towards the wind.

The Powell bearings are: "A field partie of azure and gules with three Lyons rampant argent. The moorhen's head is the crest."

In 1620, the date of the building of Heale House, a Faculty was granted in the Court of the Archdeacon of Taunton "to Samuel Powell, gent, to sette uppe a convenient seate in a vacante voide place of the Soute Ile of the Parishe Church to appertaine in perpetuitie to his new Mansion House within the parishe of Curryrivall."

The Powell and Alford monuments are on the walls of this south transept, and the vault is beneath. The vault was constructed by Faculty (dated 23 July 1734), by Samuel Powell who died in 1738, and was himself the first to be buried in it. Mary Alford, widow of Samuel Alford of Heale, who died in 1827, was the last to be buried there; and

the vault was filled up with earth and finally closed at the time of the restoration of the Church in 1860.

Collin's History of Somerset (vol. i, p. 30) gives the following:

"Mrs. Johanna Alford, of Farrington, in the county of Berks, gave by her will the sum of £20 every year for ever, to ten families of the second poor residing and inhabiting within this Parish (Curry Rivel); to be distributed each year between Michaelmas and Christmas by the Minister and Churchwardens."

"Marmaduke Alford (husband of the above Johanna) gave a new Communion Table and Railing, with a Bible, Common Prayer Book, and Surplice, to the Church."

Foster's *Alumni Oxonienses* gives: "Alford, Marmaduke, son of Robert Alford of Curry Rivell, Somerset; Wadham College, matriculated 1668, age 17, B.A. 1674. Yeoman of Chapel Royal 1675. Sergeant of Chapel Royal 1714. Died 1715, aged 68." His will abstract here follows:

"Marmaduke Alford, 'yeoman of Her Majesties Chappell Royall'. 1715. 'To be buried in the yard of the new chappell in Westminster. ... to the Right Rev. Father in God, Henry, Lord Bishop of London, Dean of her Majesties Chappell Royall, five guineas to buy his lordship a ring. To the Rev. Dr. Battell, SubDean, a ring. To Wadham College, Oxford, £10. To my sister Mary, living in the parishe of Curry Rivell in Somersetshire, £50. To Lady Elizabeth Lloyd, a ring. To the poore of Curry Ryvall where I was born, £10.... All my other goods, and my annuity purchased and payable out of Her Majesties Exchequer, to Johanna my entirely beloved wife, whom I make my sole Executor." *P.C.C. 80, Fagg.*

*Alumni Oxonienses* records the matriculation, in 1603, of "George Alford of Somerset, pleb. Balliol College, age 16. B.A. 1607." He took the Holy Orders, and held the Rectory of Poyntington, near Sherborne, from 1618 to 1621.

An entry occurs in the Registers of Bickenhall, near Taunton, under date 1613: "John Alford ibi curatu pro tem.," and in 1615, "Nov. 12, Mr. John Alford, Clarke, Buryed."

George Alford of Wookey, near Wells, held the office of Churchwarden, 1718, and again in 1726.

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There were Alfords for many years at Whitestanton.

In 1530 John Alford of Whitestanton, was witness to a will.

In 1538 William Alford was witness to a will.

In 1558 mention is made of the Reverend Alexander Alford of Whitestanton.

In 1576 the Will of "Alexander Alford, clerke, of Whitestanton, Somerset", was proved. "Agnes my Wife Executrix."

In 1578 the burial is recorded at West Monkton, Somerset, of "Agnes, wife of Alexander Alford of Whitestanton, Clerk".

In 1586 George Alford was baptized at Whitestanton.

In 1606, June 20, "John Alford and F. Gibbs were married".

In 1608, "non die Oct, Johannis Alford filius Thomae Alford baptizatus fuit".

In 1622 "Johanna, daughter of Thomas Alford", was baptized.

About 1630 "Alexander and Benedict Alford, with their sister Joan, left the neighbourhood of Whitestanton and Chard, and became the founders of some of the Alford or Alvord families of the United States of America. [There is no final quotation mark in this paragraph.]

In 1636, 27 May "Joane Alford, widow, was buried" at Whitestaunton [*sic*].

In 1650 "Richard Alford and Alexander Alford, Yeoman of Whitestanton", both of whoses signatures are there appended, are mentioned in the Record Office *Royalist Composition Papers*, Series I, xxiii, 79.

In 1657 the Will of Richard Alford of Whitestaunton [*sic*] was proved.

In 1693, December 17, the Whitestaunton [*sic*] Registers record the burial of John Alford.

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The little country-town of Chard, Somerset, was also inhabited by various members of the Alford families.

In 1740 "Mr. Alford of Chard took an account of Harvey's Charity".

In 1777 "William Alford of Chard died childless".

In 1782 Thomas Alford was Vicar of Chard, holding benefice together with that of Ashill. He was in the direct senior line of the present Somersetshire family.

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## Adron Corbett Alford, 1893–1970

By Sue M. Friday, daughter of Thelma Alford McGeorge, AAFA #603.

*The author sent this wonderful article to Gil Alford before the 1993 Annual Meeting, which both Thelma and her twin brother Elmer Alford, AAFA #608, attended.*

September 21, 1993

Dear Gil,

.... ADRON CORBETT ALFORD was born 100 years ago on June 23, 1893 in Sabine County, Texas. He married ADA AMANDA CONNER on November 21, 1912. The twins, THELMA and ELMER (in East Texas, their names rhyme), were born October 28, 1916.

Of his four grandchildren, SUE M. FRIDAY was born 50 years ago on June 11, 1943 in Houston, Texas. PATSY M. PHELPS was born March 30, 1945. JOYCE ALFORD, 1945, and NANCY ALFORD, ? (don't know her birthdate, but she is much younger than the rest of us) are Uncle Elmer's daughters.

There are five great-grandchildren. Nancy has a daughter, SHELLY. Sue has two children, JONATHAN FRIDAY, 1970, and AMY FRIDAY, 1973. Patsy has two, PATRICK CORBETT PHELPS, 1969, and PAUL PHELPS, 1971.

At Patsy's request, I have written down memories of Grandpa. If you can use any part of it, please do so. If you can't, please give it to my mother, Thelma McGeorge. She doesn't know I have done this.

Sincerely,  
Sue M. Friday  
Still Waters Farm, 8700 Dixie Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28208

### ADRON CORBETT ALFORD

In my mind, my grandfather, Adron Alford, is a vigorous man in his sixties, stomping down the hall in his hunting boots, singing hymns in a loud bass voice. I picture him vividly: 6' 3", silver gray hair, barrel-chest, sharp blue eyes. I cannot picture him 100 years old, and I cannot picture him gone.

He was a farmer who plowed the same 50 acres in Sabine County, Texas, that his father had before him. It was a one horse farm; he never owned a tractor. Orphaned at a young age (his father, Jesse, was studying to be a doctor when he caught pneumonia and died), he and his brother and two sisters were brought up by relatives. When he was 19, he married his sweetheart, Ada Conner, a girl he had never even kissed until the night before the wedding. That's the story they told, the example they set, and we never doubted it.

A deacon at Camp Springs Baptist Church, he took his religion seriously and spent the middle of the day, when it was too hot to work, sitting on the front porch reading his Bible. I have one of his Bibles, and it is literally worn out from use. When he said grace before meals, there was no doubt in our minds that GOD had to be listening to such a deep, true voice.

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The bare facts of his life seem simple, uncomplicated, and it is hard to believe he has had so much lasting influence on all of us. He, who never got beyond the 4th or 5th grade, saw to it that his twins, Thelma and Elmer, finished high school. He had to sell a cow to buy their senior rings. Thelma finished nursing school and is an RN. Elmer studied to be a ship's officer, and served as first mate on oil tankers that traveled the world. All four of his granddaughters finished college.

He didn't give us expensive gifts, but he gave us his time. He talked to us—yarns about the mighty hunter, Eagle Eye, stories about sending his dogs into a den after the last wolf pups in Sabine County, fables about creatures like hoop snakes, and, of course, Texas history. None of us will ever forget the Alamo. His favorites were hunting stories: he never forgot how many steps he was from a buck when he fired the fatal shot; we have never forgotten the taste of venison steaks fried in lard.

He left us his land, and his values. Money is spent and gone forever, but values, a sense of lives lived as good people, form a legacy for our family. His great-grandchildren never knew him, but they are living the same responsible lives that he set out for the rest of us. They'll pass these values on to their children without really ever understanding the source.

It has been over 20 years since he passed away. When I think of heaven, I see Grandpa sitting up there beside Ada—the only girl he ever loved—and he's singing bass.

Editor's Note: Adron's ancestry is:  
Adron Corbett<sup>8</sup>, Jessie Powell<sup>7</sup>,  
Needham Bryant<sup>6</sup>, Needham Judge<sup>5</sup>,  
Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Julius<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup> ♦



## Walter Alford's Marine Corps Memories

Walter Alford, AAFA #73, sent AAFA this article on 30 Aug 1993 with his regrets that he could not be at the 1993 Annual Meeting.

### MIDWAY MIRROR

February 1993

### Reflections of the Past

By Col. Walter W. Alford, USMC (ret),

The well-worn phrase of "Join the Marines and See the World" certainly did apply to Walter W. Alford. Mr. Alford became Private Alford in the USMC November 9, 1926. His first duty station was in Panama and then on to Nicaragua, where he celebrated his 18th birthday, and where, as Private Alford tells us: "They separate the men from the boys."

"In September, 1927, I reported into the 51st company, 5th Marines and was immediately sent across the lagoon to a small detachment at El Bluff, the port of entry. Possession of any firearms was against the law and I was given the job of searching all boats of all sizes when they entered the port.

"I always take another man with me when searching a boat. One Marine was named Meetze and I believe it was he that was with me when I searched a motor schooner, about 80 feet long, named L.M. Anderson, owned by a black man of the same name. We searched the entire ship, and was up in the skipper's cabin, where there was a metal cabinet about 5' high. I reached out and opened the door and the skipper reached in and pulled out a pistol which he jammed into my stomach. I could see two high powered rifles in the cabinet. My assistant and I were not armed, as it hadn't seemed necessary, and rifles were always in the way when searching boats.

"It so happened that Meetze was just

inside the cabin door as I began telling the captain what was going to happen to him and his schooner if he shot a Marine. There were a dozen or so Marines at our barracks just above the dock and I told him that my helper could duck out the door of the cabin and spread the alarm. At this point, Meetze caught on and did just that, while I continued to lecture the captain. I told him that if he would hand over his pistol, I would guarantee his safety. My attitude seemed to surprise him, and after a few moments he suddenly handed the pistol over to me.

"I tucked the two rifles under my arm and we left the schooner and halfway up the hill, we met the rest of the detachment of Marines coming towards us with rifles at the ready. I stepped in front of my prisoner and had the rest of the men fall in behind us with rifles still at the ready. When we reached our barracks, the NCOIC telephoned the captain at Bluefield (Captain Donald Kendall) and reported the situation, and was told to send me and my prisoner over to Bluefield. After that, whenever the captain came over to El Bluff, he would first talk to the NCOIC and then come over and hold a separate session with me. He really managed my career from then on, and I had some very interesting experiences there.

"Funny thing about the LM incident. I never was scared—just indignant, which seemed to impress Anderson more than anything else. All of this on just about my 18th birthday.

"I served in the Second Nicaraguan Campaign and re-enlisted at New Orleans in January, 1931. After a few months there, I was sent to Key West, Florida. It was there that I applied for Motion Picture School at Quantico and New York. After graduation, I was

sent to Parris Island for duty as an operator.

"In 1933, I requested duty with the 4th Marines in Shanghai, China. Navy transport Henderson dropped us off at the west coast of San Diego. I said 'us' because all of my buddies at Parris Island elected to go with me, leaving the PFC in charge all alone. He was one of the reasons my buddies and I decided to transfer. The Henderson came back three or four months later and picked us up. It was our first trip to the West Coast, and we enjoyed the layover.

"When the Hendy Maru came back and picked us up, they had gotten sound projectors to replace their old equipment, so I volunteered me and my buddies to install the equipment for him and train their man on the long run to China. The motion picture screen was mounted on the foremast and the projection booth was set at the passenger's deck front. We got the machine set up and found that the projection lens that "threw" the picture on the screen 30 or 40 feet, were the wrong 'throw' and it looked like we were stuck, but that sort of thing was right up my alley.

"I never was too strong on the electrical side, but a mechanical problem was meat to me. I had the ship's shop make a 'metal collar' which would fit the new projector and presto—have you ever been the hero of the hour?

"We had enough film to last a couple of months. The ship's C. O. had to post a special Navy guard up there to keep the young lady passengers out and to make sure that I and my boys left the passenger deck after the show.

"I joined the 4th Marine Regiment at Shanghai on September 19, 1933. The following spring I volunteered for duty

aboard the flagship of the Asiatic Pacific and began to associate with people like then-Captain, Chester W. Nimitz, 1st Lt. 'Chesty' Puller (made Captain at Yokohama), Frank Jack Fletcher and a few others who are almost immortal. I got aboard just in time to go to Japan for the first time. Also board was Admiral Upshaw, who was C-in-C of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet.

"Of course, as flagship, we spent most of our time in China (Shanghai, Tsingtao) with trips to the Philippines. Then too, we went to Australia and came up through what was then the Dutch East Indies, Bali and most of the coastal cities—Singapore, Hong Kong—you name it. It was an education in itself.

"After returning to the states as a corporal in 1936, I went to San Diego for duty. Good men were stacked up there trying to get promoted. They hadn't learned what I had taken a few years to learn. It was almost impossible to get any promotion in the lower grades unless you went to sea. So, I went to sea again on U.S. New Mexico, and was just in time to take the exam for sergeant, which I made at the end of my first month aboard.

"I was gun captain on a 5-inch battery, and I made an 'E' the first two years, and I only missed it by one shot on my third year. They had changed the firing interval without telling me, so I found my timing was off. Good training maybe, but I sure hated to lose that third 'E'.

"Now that I was a sergeant, there was no more need to go to sea duty, as promotions about Sgt. were made from HQMC. I went to San Diego and was immediately absorbed in training Defense Battalions. We would train one and then split it and train the new ones.

"I had gotten married in the mean-

while and was making plans for my future, when in June 1941, the 6th Def. Bn. was abruptly ordered overseas, first to Hawaii and then on to Midway, where I went with the advance party, arriving August 11, 1941. I was 1st Sgt. of C Battery (5-inch) and made the HQ list for Sgt. Major and was transferred to Bn. Hq. where five or six of us senior non-coms were recommended for a commission.

"I remember 'Deacon' Arnold and I were interviewed together and neither of us took it seriously. If you don't know 'Deacon,' you have missed something. A legend in his time, which went back to the end of WWI. We were all promoted to warrant officer and a short time later, they divided us by age those of us below a certain age were appointed 2nd Lt. and those above remained as warrants. I was barely within the age limit, and made 2nd Lt. and there was no stopping me after that. I was on the verge of making major when the atom bomb spoiled everything and all ranks were frozen. It wasn't until the Korean War that I made it.

"Anyhow, back at Midway, we had barely settled in when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and shelled us from sea on December 7, 1941. Our Navy was destroyed, and we were left totally exposed, sticking out like a sore thumb towards Japan.

"As a trained artillery man, I was second in command of a 7-inch shore battery. Admiral Nimitz won the Battle of Midway, with a little help from us, but it was touch and go. After Midway was secured, I was sent to Camp Pendleton to help form the 4th Marine Division. We sailed 20,000 strong, from San Diego, in January 1944, direct to our target, the Japanese air station on Roi-Namur, Kwajalien and then to our base on Maui from which we later sailed to

(Amanda Dollar, cont. from p. 16)

Henry Alford 8 GA stepson of Robert Vinson.  
1910—  
Augustus O. 69 AL and wife  
Jimmie 60 NC (Landon's branch)  
Egbert B. 52 AL and Ella 40 TX (Landon's branch)  
Jim W. 56 AL and Jennie E. 48 AL (Landon's branch)  
John S. Alfred 59 TN and wife  
Delakey 52 TX and two teen age sons—one John.

## Help!

There are cracks in AAFA data, and Amanda and her brothers are probably in one of those cracks. Maybe some of you can search in them. Can you see clues or avenues for research that have been overlooked? We need your suggestions. ♦

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attack Saipan, Tinian, back to Maui and finally off to Iwo Jima.

"I can't say enough about my DUKW company boys. We made the landing under constant fire. A DUKW is a marvelous amphibious truck. We put 47 artillery pieces and ammunition ashore under fire. Some of the troops were wounded but we never lost a single man. Those Marines will always share with me the Bronze Star I was awarded. I am as proud of them as I was of our defense of Midway.

"I have been fortunate to have served in some illustrious company in my time. I retired from the Marine Corps on August 1, 1956, in the rank of Lt. Col. I am 83 years of age and live with my wife Mary Ellen, in Franklinton, LA. I fully intend to attend the upcoming 6th Def. Bn. reunion to be held this coming June at Natchez, MS and hope to meet a lot of my Midway brothers." ♦

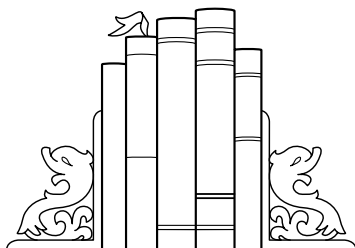
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Compiled by Pamela Thompson, Publications Director

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(m. Hannah Westover, 22 May 1693 Simsbury, CT); **Benedictus ALVORD**, 23 (m. Ione Nuton, 26 Nov 1640 Windsor, CT); **Elexander ALVORD**, 23 (m. Mary Vore, 29 Oct 1646 Windsor, CT); **Elizabeth ALVORD**, 23 (m. Job Drake, 20 March 1671 Windsor, CT); **Jane ALCORD** [appears to be a typographical error since names are in alphabetical order], 23 (m. Ambrose Fowler, 6 May 1646 Windsor, CT).

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| Page 18, Vol. 1:     |            |                    |             |
| <b>Ann</b>           | 25         | Belfast, ME        | 1820        |
| <b>John</b>          | n/a        | America            | 1654-63     |
| <b>John</b>          | n/a        | Philadelphia, PA   | 1856        |
| <b>John</b>          | n/a        | VA                 | 1663-79     |
| <b>John</b>          | 25         | Belfast, ME        | 1820        |
| <b>John A.</b>       | n/a        | Philadelphia, PA   | 1868        |
| <b>Mary</b>          | 21         | MD                 | 1774        |
| <b>Nico</b>          | 28         | St. Christopher    | 1635        |
| <b>Philip</b>        | n/a        | DE                 | 1682        |
| <b>Philip</b>        | n/a        | PA                 | 1682        |
| <b>Richard</b>       | 26         | VA                 | 1624        |
| <b>Richard</b>       | 26         | VA                 | n.d.        |
| <b>Richd</b>         | n/a        | Barbados           | 1680        |
| <b>William</b>       | n/a        | VA                 | 1654-63     |
| <b>William</b>       | 26         | MD                 | 1774        |
| <b>George ALFRED</b> | n/a        | Philadelphia, PA   | 1870        |
| <b>James ALFRED</b>  | n/a        | Philadelphia, PA   | 1860        |
| <b>Robert ALFRED</b> | 22         | VA                 | 1773        |

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| <b>Major ALVORD</b>  | n/a | San Francisco, CA | 1862    |
| <b>Andrew ALWARD</b> | 23  | Boston, MA        | 1849    |
| <b>John ALWARD</b>   | n/a | MD                | 1682    |
| <b>John ALWARD</b>   | n/a | VA                | 1663-79 |

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| <b>Henry HALFERD</b> | n/a | Philadelphia, PA | 1822 |
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| <b>Anne HALFORD</b>    | n/a | America          | 1762 |
| <b>John HALFORD</b>    | n/a | Philadelphia, PA | 1841 |
| <b>Joseph HALFORD</b>  | n/a | Philadelphia, PA | 1856 |
| <b>Richard HALFORD</b> | 21  | MD               | 1775 |
| <b>Tho HALFORD</b>     | 20  | New England      | 1634 |
| <b>Thomas HALFORD</b>  | 20  | Boston, MA       | 1635 |
| <b>William HALFORD</b> | n/a | MD               | 1742 |

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| <b>Anne HALLFORD</b> | n/a | America | 1762 |
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| <b>Eleoner HOLFORD</b>   | 15  | America      | 1706 |
| <b>Elizabeth HOLFORD</b> | n/a | Anapolis, MD | 1729 |
| <b>Jane HOLFORD</b>      | n/a | America      | 1753 |
| <b>Thomas HOLFORD</b>    | n/a | America      | 1760 |
| <b>Thomas HOLFORD</b>    | n/a | MD           | 1725 |

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| <b>Hugh OLFORD</b>   | n/a | MD and/or VA | 1718    |
| <b>Joseph OLFORD</b> | n/a | Barbados     | 1663–79 |
| <b>Wm OLFORD</b>     | n/a | Boston, MA   | 1764    |

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| <b>Mr.</b>           | n/a | San Francisco, CA | 1851 |
| <b>Ann/e</b>         | n/a | MD                | 1665 |
| <b>Elizabeth</b>     | n/a | MD                | 1665 |
| <b>Elizabeth</b>     | n/a | MD                | 1676 |
| <b>James</b>         | 22  | MD                | 1813 |
| <b>John</b>          | n/a | MD                | 1665 |
| <b>John</b>          | n/a | MD                | 1676 |
| <b>John, Jr.</b>     | n/a | MD                | 1665 |
| <b>Rachel</b>        | n/a | MD                | 1676 |
| <b>Peter ALFOERD</b> | n/a | Manitoba          | 1876 |
| <b>Moses ALFRED</b>  | n/a | MD                | 1675 |
| <b>Robert ALFRED</b> | 22  | VA                | 1773 |

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|--------------------------|-----|-------------------|------|
| <b>Elizabeth ALLFORD</b> | n/a | MD                | 1667 |
| <b>H. ALVORD</b>         | n/a | San Francisco, CA | 1851 |
| (with lady)              |     |                   |      |

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| <b>S.W. ALVORD</b>     | n/a | San Francisco, CA | 1860    |
| <b>T.M. ALVORD</b>     | n/a | San Francisco, CA | 1860    |
| (with wife and sister) |     |                   |         |
| <b>E.D. ALWARD</b>     | n/a | San Francisco, CA | 1851    |
| <b>John HALFOARD</b>   | n/a | MD                | 1668    |
| <b>Anne HALFORD</b>    | n/a | America           | 1760–63 |
| <b>Giles HALFORD</b>   | n/a | America           | 1804    |

Page 11, 1983:

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| <b>Alexander</b>         | n/a | CT              | 1637 |
| (with brother Benedict)  |     |                 |      |
| <b>Benedict</b>          | n/a | CT              | 1637 |
| (with brother Alexander) |     |                 |      |
| <b>James</b>             | n/a | Nova Scotia     | 1750 |
| <b>John</b>              | n/a | Salem, MA       | 1668 |
| <b>Joseph</b>            | n/a | MS              | 1798 |
| <b>Nico</b>              | 28  | St. Christopher | 1635 |
| <b>Philip</b>            | n/a | PA              | 1682 |
| <b>Remain</b>            | n/a | New London, CT  | 1709 |
| <b>Richard</b>           | n/a | VA              | 1624 |
| <b>William</b>           | n/a | New England     | 1634 |

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|--------------------------|-----|----|------|
| <b>Alexander ALVORD</b>  | n/a | CT | 1637 |
| (with brother Benedict)  |     |    |      |
| <b>Alexander ALVORD</b>  | n/a | MA | 1637 |
| <b>Benedict ALVORD</b>   | n/a | CT | 1637 |
| (with brother Alexander) |     |    |      |
| <b>Henry ALWARD</b>      | n/a | NJ | 1700 |

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| <b>James HALFORD</b> | n/a | Nova Scotia | 1749 |
| <b>Richd HALFORD</b> | n/a | Nova Scotia | 1749 |
| <b>Tho HALFORD</b>   | 20  | America     | 1634 |
| <b>Tho HALFORD</b>   | 20  | New England | 1634 |

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| <b>Anthony</b>    | n/a | VA              | 1656    |
| <b>Nico</b>       | 28  | St. Christopher | 1635    |
| <b>William</b>    | n/a | Boston, MA      | 1658    |
| <b>William</b>    | n/a | Salem, MA       | 1637–57 |
| <b>William S.</b> | n/a | CO              | 1887    |
| <b>Wm</b>         | n/a | VA              | 1662    |

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| <b>Alexander ALVORD</b> | n/a | Northampton, MA | 1659 |
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| <b>Tho HALFORD</b> | 20 | New England | 1634 |
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| <b>Margtt HOLFORD</b> | n/a | VA | 1665–66 |
| <b>Thomas HOLFORD</b> | n/a | VA | 1668    |

Page 7, 1985:

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|---------------|-----|-----------------|------|
| <b>Nico</b>   | 28  | St. Christopher | 1635 |
| <b>Philip</b> | n/a | PA              | 1682 |

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|-------------------------|-----|----|---------------|
| <b>Alexander ALVORD</b> | n/a | CT | 1636–40       |
| <b>John ALWARD</b>      | n/a | MD | 1666–<br>1750 |

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| <b>Tho HALFORD</b> | 20 | New England | 1634 |
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Page 6, 1986:

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| <b>Ansel</b> | n/a | Powhatan Co., VA | 1777    |
| <b>James</b> | n/a | Barbados         | 1679–80 |

Page 223, 1986:

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|--------------------------|-----|-------------------|------|
| <b>Walter HALFARD</b>    | n/a | Barbados          | 1679 |
| <b>William HALFORD</b>   | n/a | America           | 1742 |
| <b>Elizabeth HOLFORD</b> | n/a | Annapolis, MD     | 1729 |
| <b>George HOLFORD</b>    | n/a | Allegheny Co., PA | 1890 |
| <b>Jane HOLFORD</b>      | n/a | America           | 1752 |

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| <b>Edwin H.</b> | 27 | Baltimore, MD | 1824 |
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| <b>Wm HALFORD</b> | n/a | MD | 1741 |
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| <b>Hugh OLFORD</b> | n/a | MD and/or VA | 1718 |
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| <b>James</b> | n/a | America  | 1742 |
| <b>James</b> | n/a | America  | 1752 |
| <b>James</b> | n/a | Barbados | 1665 |

Page 6, 1988:

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| <b>Hugh ALLFORD</b> | n/a | Charles Town, SC | 1718 |
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| <b>John HALFORD</b> | n/a | America | 1677 |
| <b>John HALFORD</b> | n/a | America | 1773 |

Page 6, 1989:

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|--------------------|-----|---------------|------|
| <b>Hiram</b>       | n/a | Galveston, TX | 1839 |
| <b>John ALFRED</b> | 40  | NY            | 1833 |

(with wife Jane, age 39, and son John, age 10)

• Filby, P. William, ed. *PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX: A Guide to Published Arrival Records of More than 1,775,000 Passengers Who Came to the New World between the Sixteenth and the Early Twentieth Centuries*, 1990 Supplement. Detroit, MI: Gale Research Inc., 1990. The entries in this book guide the researcher to

source documents, titles which are listed in “Sources Indexed.” Title page, Sources Indexed, and all pages that list Alfords or variations:

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Age</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Year</u> |
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| <b>Mrs.</b>   | n/a        | San Francisco, CA  | 1852        |
| (with child)  |            |                    |             |
| <b>G.S.</b>   | n/a        | San Francisco, CA  | 1852        |
| <b>John</b>   | n/a        | PA                 | 1803        |
| <b>Robert</b> | n/a        | San Francisco, CA  | 1852        |
| <b>H.L.</b>   | n/a        | San Francisco, CA  | 1852        |

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| <b>B. ALVORD</b> | n/a | San Francisco, CA | 1852 |
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| <b>J.B. HALFORD</b>   | n/a | San Francisco, CA | 1852 |
| <b>Thomas HALFORD</b> | n/a | San Francisco, CA | 1852 |

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| <b>Isaac HOLFORD</b> | n/a | OH | 1844 |
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• Filby, P. William, ed. *PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX: A Guide to Published Arrival Records of More than 1,775,000 Passengers Who Came to the New World between the Sixteenth and the Mid-Twentieth Centuries*, 1991 Supplement. Detroit, MI: Gale Research Inc., 1991. The entries in this book guide the researcher to source documents, titles which are listed in “Sources Indexed.” Title page, Sources Indexed (7 pages), and all pages that list Alfords or variations:

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| <b>Jonas</b>        | n/a | VA           | 1618–19 |
| <b>James ALFRED</b> | 28  | Savannah, GA | 1857    |
| <b>Jane ALFRED</b>  | 39  | New york, NY | 1833    |
| <b>John ALFRED</b>  | 10  | New york, NY | 1833    |
| <b>John ALFRED</b>  | 40  | New york, NY | 1833    |

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| <b>Alexander ALVORD</b> | n/a | CT | 1645 |
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| <b>F.S. HALFORD</b>   | n/a | CO | 1893 |
| <b>Joseph HALFORD</b> | n/a | CA | 1888 |

• Filby, P. William, ed. *PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX: A Guide to Published Arrival Records of More than 2,029,000 Passengers Who Came to the New World between the Sixteenth and the Mid-Twentieth Centuries*, 1992 Supplement. Detroit, MI: Gale Research Inc., 1992. The entries in this book guide the researcher to source documents, titles which are listed in “Sources

Indexed." Title page, Sources Indexed (2 pages), and the only page that lists Alfords or variations:

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| <b>Tho. HALFORD</b> | 20 | New England | 1634 |
| <b>Tho. HALFORD</b> | 20 | New England | 1635 |

• Filby, P. William, ed. *PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX: A Guide to Published Arrival Records of More than 2,156,000 Passengers Who Came to the New World between the Sixteenth and the Mid-Twentieth Centuries*, 1993 Supplement. Detroit, MI: Gale Research Inc., 1993. The entries in this book guide the researcher to source documents, titles which are listed in "Sources Indexed." Title page, Sources Indexed (2 pages), and all pages that list Alfords or variations:

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| <b>John</b> | n/a | Barbados | 1665 |
| <b>John</b> | n/a | VA       | 1665 |

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| <b>John HALFORD</b> | n/a | America | 1677 |
| <b>John HALFORD</b> | n/a | America | 1773 |
| <b>John HALFORD</b> | n/a | VA      | 1690 |

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| <b>Joseph OLFORD</b> | n/a | Barbados | 1664 |
|----------------------|-----|----------|------|

• Fothergill, Gerald. *EMIGRANTS FROM ENGLAND 1773–1776*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1976. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **Mary**, 107 (age 21, spinster from London, depart London Oct 1774 aboard the Sophia to Maryland as an indentured servant); **William**, 108 (age 26, printer from London, depart London Oct 1774 aboard the Sophia to Maryland as an indentured servant); **Robert ALFRED**, 9 (age 22, husbandman from Devonshire, depart London Dec 1773 aboard the Susanna to Virginia as an indentured servant).

• Hargreaves-Mawdsley, R. *BRISTOL AND AMERICA, A RECORD OF THE FIRST SETTLERS IN THE COLONIES OF NORTH AMERICA 1654–1685; Including the names with places of origin of more than 10,000 Servants to Foreign Plantations who sailed from the Port of Bristol to Virginia, Maryland, and other parts of the Atlantic coast, and also to the West Indies from 1654–1685. This List is compiled and published from records of the Corporation of the City of Bristol, England*. London, England: N. pub., 1929; reprint edition, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1978. Title page, Contents, Preface, Index, and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **John**, 55 (in 1654–63 section, no destination), 112 (in 1663–79 section,

destination, VA); **William**, 46 (in 1654–63 section, destination VA); **William AUFORT**, 81 (in 1654–63 section, destination Nevis); **Joseph OLFORD**, 107 (in 1663–79 section, destination "Barbadoes"). [See also Coldham, *The Bristol Registers of Servants Sent to Foreign Plantations, 1654–1686*.]

• Hotten, John Camden Hotten. *THE ORIGINAL LISTS OF PERSONS OF QUALITY; Emigrants; Religious Exiles; Political Rebels; Serving Men Sold for a Term of Years; Apprentices; Children Stolen; Maidens Pressed; and Others Who Went from Great Britain to the American Plantations 1600–1700*. London, England: N. pub., 1874; reprint edition, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1974. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **Nico.**, 135 (13 October 1635 to St. Christophers aboard the Amitie, age 28); **Richard**, 232 (no date, muster of Capt. Roger Smith's men to James City, VA, age 26), 446 (1680 list of inhabitants of St. Michael's town, Barbados, enumerates his wife, 2 children, 3 hired servants/apprentices, 3 bought servants, 5 slaves); **Tho. HALFORD**, 43 (16 March 1634 to New England aboard the Christian, age 20).

• Ljungstedt, Milnor. *THE COUNTY COURT NOTE-BOOKS, VOLUMES I–X, AND ANCESTRAL PROOFS AND PROBABILITIES, NUMBER 1–4*. Bethesda, MD: N. pub., 1921–1931 and 1935–1936; reprint edition, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1972. Title page, Introduction, and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **Anthony**, 3 Vol IV (listed as head right under Miles Dixon 1656 Northumberland Co., VA); **Edward**, 2 Vol. V (mentioned in inventory of Elizabeth Helpin 1720 Dor. Co., MD); **Elizabeth**, 34 Vol. I (mentioned in inventory of Cecily Bourks 1717 Dor. Co., MD); **Jacob**, 39 Vol. V (served as Private in 7th Virginia Regiment, disabled, entitled to pension commencing 1 Jan 1786, Jefferson Co., KY, also mentioned); **Joseph**, 2 Vol. V (mentioned in inventory of Elizabeth Helpin 1720 Dor. Co., MD); 33 Vol. I (mentioned in inventory of John Halpen 1717 Dor. Co., MD); **Rachel**, 34 Vol. I (mentioned in inventory of Cecily Bourks 1717 Dor. Co., MD).

## KENTUCKY

### Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Clift, G. Glenn, comp. *KENTUCKY MARRIAGES 1797–1865*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1974. This book contains marriages from Lexington newspapers only. Title page, Introduction, Index, and the only page that contains Alfords (no variations): **George**, 191 (of Lexington, m. Laura V. Chiles of Fayette Co., in Fayette Co., 18 Nov 1858—from the *Lexington Observer and*

*Reporter* 20 Nov 1858).

• Jillson, Willard Rouse. *THE KENTUCKY LAND GRANTS, A Systematic Index to All of the Land Grants Recorded in the State land Office at Frankfort, Kentucky 1782–1924*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1971. In addition to the data below, this book also lists the original Book and Page of the grant and the Watercourse. Title page and page 294, the only page that lists Alford's (no variations):

| <u>Grantee</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Survey Date</u> | <u>County</u> |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Daniel         | 200          | 26 Feb 1854        | Knox          |
| James          | 5            | 29 Dec 1848        | Owsley        |
| James          | 10           | 23 Feb 1850        | Owsley        |
| James          | 25           | 4 Apr 1849         | Owsley        |
| Jas P.         | 100          | 23 March 1848      | Warren        |
| John           | 50           | 29 May 1858        | Knox          |
| John           | 125          | 9 March 1860       | Knox          |
| John           | 200          | 8 July 1851        | Knox          |
| John           | 200          | 15 May 1845        | Knox          |
| John F.        | 30.5         | 16 Apr 1858        |               |
| Edmondson      |              |                    |               |
| John F.        | 30.5         | 20 July 1871       |               |
| Edmondson      |              |                    |               |
| Morgan         | 28.5         | 5 Aug 1847         | Garrard       |
| P.H.           | 200          | 30 Jan 1874        | Ohio          |
| T.M.           | 16           | 15 Feb 1893        | Lincoln       |
| Wm             | 50           | 17 Aug 1847        | Knox          |

• Jillson, Willard Rouse. *OLD KENTUCKY ENTRIES AND DEEDS; A Complete Index to All of the Earliest Land Entries, Military Warrants, Deeds and Wills of the Commonwealth of Kentucky*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1972. Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations)—page is unnumbered, the first page under Section V, Military Warrants, 1782–1793: **Jacob** (100 acres, Warrant #2238, service 3 years soldier VA line, 12 Jan 1784); **John** (200 acres, Warrant #3447, service during war soldier VA line, 20 Dec 1784).

• McAdams, Mrs. Harry Kennett. *KENTUCKY PIONEER AND COURT RECORDS, Abstracts of Early Wills, Deeds and Marriages from Court Houses and Records of Old Bibles, Churches, Grave Yards, and Cemeteries*. Lexington, KY: N. pub., 1929; reprint edition, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1975. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **James**, 41 (grandson of Bishop Toney [handwritten note says “son of Ancil Alford & Ann Toney”], will written 22 June 1798, no probate date, Garrard Co.); **Lucy**, 102 (m. Gabriel Overstreet 30 Dec 1799 Garrard Co.); **Nancy**, 104 (mother of Patsy); **Patsy**, 104 (m. David Jenkins 1 Dec 1807 Garrard Co., with

“consent of mother, Nancy Alford”); **Granville ALFRED**, 156 (m. Martha Ray 14 Oct 1830 Mercer Co.); **Lewis ALFRED**, 174 (baptized 31 Oct 1841 at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Fayette Co.).

• Wilder, Minnie S. *KENTUCKY SOLDIERS OF THE WAR OF 1812*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1969. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Jesse**, 194 (Private, service 27 Feb 1813 to 27 Aug 1813, Infantry of the KY Militia); **Harrison**, 150 (Private, service 25 Aug 1813 to 8 Nov 1813, KY Mounted Volunteer Militia); **William**, 194 (3d Corporal, service 27 Feb 1813 to 27 Aug 1813, Infantry of the KY Militia).

Barren County—established from Warren and Green, 1798

• King, J. Estelle Stewart. *ABSTRACT OF EARLY KENTUCKY WILLS AND INVENTORIES, Copied from Original and Recorded Wills and Inventories*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing company, 1969. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **Hansil**, 1 (inventory, 1807 [see also Schreiner-Yantis, *The Personal Property Tax Lists for the Year 1787 for Mercer County, Virginia (now Kentucky) for Hansel in Mercer Co., VA*]).

Garrard County—established from Mercer, Lincoln, and Madison, 1796

• Clift, G. Glenn, comp. *KENTUCKY OBITUARIES 1787–1854*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1977. This book contains obituaries from Lexington newspapers only. Title page, Introduction, Index, and the only page that contains Alford's (no variations): **Mrs. America**, 69 (consort of Nathaniel, of Garrard Co., d. Sept 1831—from *The Reporter*, 14 Sept 1831); **Nathaniel**, 69 (consort of Mrs. America—from *The Reporter*, 14 Sept 1831).

Lincoln County—established from Kentucky Co., VA, 1780

• Sutherland, James F. *EARLY KENTUCKY HOUSEHOLDERS 1787–1811*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1986. Title page, Introduction, and the only page that lists Alford's or variations: **John**, 2 (1788–90, 1793–94); **Charles ALFERD**, 2 (1809, 1811); **John ALFERD**, 2 (1811); **John ALFRED**, 2 (1791–92).

• Sutherland, James F. *EARLY KENTUCKY LANDHOLDERS 1787–1811*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1986. Title page, Introduction, and the only page that lists Alford's or variations: **John**, 2 (1788–90, 1793–94 listed with 100 acres in Lincoln Co.); **Charles ALFERD**, 2

(1809, 1811 listed with 250 acres in Lincoln Co., prior assignee C. Burton); **John ALFERD**, 2 (1811 listed with 250 acres in Lincoln Co., prior assignee C. Burton); **John ALFRED**, 2 (1791-92, listed with 100 acres).

### Mercer County—established from Lincoln, 1785

- McGhee, Lucy Kate. *VIRGINIA PENSION ABSTRACTS OF THE REVOLUTION, 1812 AND INDIAN WARS, VOLUME 8*. See entry under VIRGINIA, Statewide or Multiple Counties.

## VIRGINIA

### Statewide or Multiple Counties

- Brumbaugh, Gaius Marcus. *REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS, VOLUME 1, VIRGINIA, Virginia Army and Navy Forces with Bounty Land Warrants for Virginia Military District of Ohio, and Virginia Military Scrip; From Federal and State Archives*. Washington, DC: N. pub., 1936. Title page, Preface, Index, and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **Jacob**, 388; **Jacob “and Co.”**, 611; **John**, 389; **William ALFRED**, 219.

- Crozier, William Armstrong, ed. *VIRGINIA COLONIAL MILITIA, 1651–1776*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1965. Title page and the only page that lists Alfords or variations: **Thomas ALFORT**, 71–72 (Frederick Co. 1758, sergeant).

- Eckenrode, H.J., Archivist. *LIST OF THE REVOLUTION-ARY SOLDIERS OF VIRGINIA, Special Report of the Department of Archives and History for 1911*. Richmond, VA: Davis Bottom, Superintendent of Public Printing, 1912. Each name entry in this book gives sources, listed in the Preface, where the name occurs. Title page, Preface (pp. 3-13), and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **Jacob**, 16; **James**, 16; **John**, 16; **Jacob ALFRED**, 16; **William ALFRED**, 16; **John ALLFORD**, 18; **Robert HALFORD**, 196; **Charles OLFORD**, 335.

- Eckenrode, H.J., Archivist. *LIST OF THE REVOLUTION-ARY SOLDIERS OF VIRGINIA (Supplement), Special Report of the Department of Archives and History for 1912*. Richmond, VA: Davis Bottom, Superintendent of Public Printing, 1913. Each name entry in this book gives sources where the name occurs. Title page, list of source abbreviations, and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **Andrew**, 13; **Jacob**, 13; **John**, 13; **William**, 13; **Andrew ALFRED**, 13; **John ALFRED**, 13; **Thomas ALFRED**; **Thomas ALLFORD**, 14; **Joseph HALLFORD**, 134.

- Gwathmey, John H. *HISTORICAL REGISTER OF*

*VIRGINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION: SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES, 1775-1783*. Baltimore, MD: genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1987. Title page, Key to Abbreviations and Symbols (necessary to decode where they served or where their records are, and all pages which list Alfords or variations:

p. 8—Andrew (also spelled ALFERD, ALFOTT, ALFRED), Jacob, James, John, Thomas, William, William ALFIELD, John ALLFORD, John ALFRED, Thomas ALFRED, William ALFRED, Francis ALFRIEND/ALFRIEND

p. 11—John ALLFORD, Thomas ALLFORD  
p. 338—Joseph HALFORD, Robert HALFORD  
p. 596—Samuel ORFORD

- McGhee, Lucy Kate. *VIRGINIA PENSION ABSTRACTS OF THE REVOLUTION, 1812 AND INDIAN WARS, VOLUME 8*. Washington, DC: By the author, 1960. Title page, Index, and pp. 17–20, containing the full abstract of the pension of General James Ray, who applied for pension in 1832, age 72, in Mercer Co., KY, based on Revolutionary War service for Virginia. He d. 9 May 1835, leaving several children, among them “**Patsy (Ray) Alfred or Alford**.”

- Saffell, W.T.R. *RECORDS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR*. Reprint of the Third Edition of 1894, with *Index to Saffell's List of Virginia Soldiers in the Revolution*, by J.T. McAllister, 1913. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1969. Title page and title page of 1894 edition, and the only page that lists Alfords or variations: **John ALLFORD**, 281 (Private, in Col. John Gibson's Detachment, discharged 8 Dec 1780).

- Summers, Lewis Preston. *ANNALS OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA 1769–1800*. Abingdon, VA: By the author, 1929. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alfords: **Ellender**, 935 (wife of John); **John**, 935 (grantor 5 March 1799 to Peter Leakliter 167 acres in Montgomery Co., “New R.”), 1360 (appointed Constable Wythe Co. 23 Nov 1790); **Thomas ALFRED**, 677–78 (Montgomery Co., 1 Apr 1777, ordered to appraise estate of Samuel Newell).

- Whitelaw, Ralph T. *VIRGINIA'S EASTERN SHORE, A HISTORY OF NORTHAMPTON AND ACCOMACK COUNTIES*. Camden, ME: Picton Press, 1989. Title page and the only pages that lists Alfords or variations: **John ALLFORD**, 13–14 (mentioned in 1661 Northampton deposition regarding height of his dwelling: “five foot high and one halfe wanting a quarter of an Inch, and the Dore is foure foot high nine Inches & a quarter”).

- Wilson, Samuel M., comp. *CATALOGUE OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE COMMON-WEALTH OF VIRGINIA to Whom Land Bounty Warrants*



*Were Granted by Virginia for Military Services in the War for Independence.* Baltimore MD: Southern Book Company, 1953. Title page, introductory explanation of Bounty Allotments, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Jacob**, 4 (Warrant #2238, 100 acres, Private, VA Cont. Line, 3 years); **John**, 5 (Warrant #3447, 200 acres, Private, VA Cont. Line, duration of war).

• Wulfeck, Dorothy Ford. *MARRIAGES OF SOME VIRGINIA RESIDENTS: 1607- 1800*. Series I, Vol. I. Naugatuck, CT: By the author, 1961. Title page and the only pages that lists Alford's or variations:

p. 12:

**Anselm** 1782, Ann Tony, Fluvanna Co. [See also Jones, *The Douglas Register*, under Goochland County, VA]

**Drury** 1782, Bettie Cannon, Louisa Co. [See also Jones, *The Douglas Register*, under Goochland County, VA]

**Elizabeth** John Bates; Robert Walker

**Eliz.** Jacob Winfrey

**Grace** Michael Harfield

**John** 1786, Mary Brown, Campbell Co.; 1799, Margaret Alford, Rockingham Co.

**Jonah** 1779, Nancy Hunter, Louisa Co. [See also Jones, *The Douglas Register*, under Goochland County, VA, which lists his name as Jacob]

**Margaret** John Alford

**Mary** Robert Wood; John Pendergrass

**Molly** William Bailly [See also Jones, *The Douglas Register*, under Goochland County, VA]

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**Joshua ALLFORD** 1728, Anne Blackburn

**Sarah ALLFORD** Abraham Funk

**William ALLFORD** 1708, Herodias Sibley

NOTE: page 17 came from the 1986 edition of *MARRIAGES OF SOME VIRGINIA RESIDENTS: 1607- 1800. Volume I, Surnames A-H* (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.). Also, AAFA needs the pages showing the grooms' entries for Alford brides in order to obtain the dates and other data. The compiler did not repeat information under brides, using their entries only as cross references to grooms.

Accomack County—established from Northampton, 1634

• Nottingham, Stratton. *ACCOMACK COUNTY VIRGINIA*

*CERTIFICATES AND RIGHTS, 1663-1709 AND TITHABLES, 1663-1695*. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 1993. Title page, Contents, Index, and all pages that list Alford or variations: **David**, 158 (1 tithe 1691), 167 (1 tithe 1693), 173 (1 tithe 1694), 178 (1 tithe 1695); **Jno.**, 49 (listed in certificate 1672), 71 (3 tithes 1663), 73 (4 tithes 1664), 141 (1 tithe 1687), 154 (2 tithes 1690), 164 (1 tithe 1692), 168 (1 tithe 1693); **John**, 146 (1 tithe 1688), 159 (1 tithe 1692), 172 (2 tithes 1694), 178 (1 tithe 1695); **Wm.**, 137 (1 tithe 1686), 146 (1 tithe 1688), 150 (1 tithe 1689), 155 (1 tithe 1690), 160 (1 tithe 1691), 164 (1 tithe 1692), 168 (1 tithe 1693), 172 (1 tithe 1694), 178 (1 tithe 1695); **Jno. ALFRED**, 149 (1 tithe 1689).

Albemarle County—established from Goochland, Luisa, 1744

• Schreiner-Yantis, Netti and Florene Speakman Love. *THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1787 FOR ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987. Title page, map, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Jacob ALFRED**, 145 (St. Anne's Parish, 1 Black above 16), 160 (called on 23 May 1787); **James ALFRED**, 145, 160 (called on 23 May 1787).

Amherst County—established from Albermarle, 1758

• Davis, Bailey Fulton. *THE DEEDS OF AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1807-1827 BOOKS L-R*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, Inc., 1985. Title page, Contents, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **William**, 4 (mentioned in 1807 deed); **Mary ALFRED**, 145-46 (1816 delinquent tax land sale for 1793-95, 1799 taxes due); **Susannah ALFRED**, 252 (mentioned in 1823 deed as mother of Jesse Kennedy), 288 (wife of Thomas ALFRED, widow of Jesse Kennedy); **Thomas ALFRED**, 288 (1825 grantor with wife Susannah).

• Davis, Bailey Fulton. *THE WILLS OF AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1761-1865*. No publication data. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Jno.**, 149 (mentioned in 1894 inventory), 151 (bondsmen 1803), 210 (mentioned in 1799 inventory); **Wm.**, 207 (mentioned in 1778 inventory); **Jno. ALFRED**, 203 (1844 orphan of Sarah Keith); **Susannah ALFRED**, 204 (named in 1825 estate of Joseph Kennedy, her son).

• Schreiner-Yantis, Netti, and Florene Love. *THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1787 FOR AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987. Title page, map, Index, and all

pages that list Alford's (no variations): **John**, 168 (1 Black under 16, 1 Black over 16), 194 (visited by commissioner 7 May); **Thomas**, 168 (William Alford charged with tax [probably because Thomas is under 21]), 194 (visited by commissioner 2 Apr); **William**, 168 (1 white male age 16–21), 194 (visited by commissioner 2 Apr).

Fauquier County—established from Prince William, 1758

- Schreiner-Yantis, Netti and Florene Speakman Love. *THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1787 FOR FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987. Title page, map, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **James**, 278 (Jeremiah Darnol listed as “Charged with Tax”), 306 (called upon 28 March 1787); **Rachael ALFRED**, 267 304 (called upon 19 Apr 1787); **William ALFRED**, 267, 304 (called upon 19 Apr 1787).

Fluvanna County—established from Albemarle, 1777

- Vogt, John and T. William Kethley, Jr. *FLUVANNA COUNTY MARRIAGES 1781–1849*. Athens, GA: The Iberian Press, 1984. Title page, Contents, Abbreviations, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Fanny**, 56 (m. Jesse Tarrey 7 Sept 1784); **James**, 8 (m. Elizabeth C. Rice 1 May 1808).

Goochland County—established from Henrico, 1727

- Pawlett, Nathaniel Mason. *GOOCHLAND COUNTY ROAD ORDERS 1728–1744*. Charlottesville, VA: Virginia Highway Transportation Research Council, 1975. Title page, Preface, Introduction, Map page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **James**, 53 (1744, ordered to clear road).
- Weisiger, Benjamin B. III. *GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA WILLS AND DEEDS 1736–1742*. No publication data. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **James**, 55 (grantee in 1740 deed 150 acres on James River/Lickinghole Creek); **Wil.**, 35 (witness to 1739 deed).

Lancaster County—established from Northumberland, York, 1651

- Ackerly, Mary Denham and Lula Eastman Jeter Parker. *OUR KIN: The Genealogies of Some of the Early Families Who Made History in the Founding and Development of*

*Bedford County, Virginia*. Lynchburg, VA: N. pub., 1930; reprint edition Harrisonburg, VA: N. pub., 1981. Title page, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's or variations: **Mary**, 21 (daughter-in-law of William White, who settled in York Co., VA, from Wiltshire, England, and d. 1678 in Lancaster Co., VA—Mary's last name listed as “Alford or Afford”).

- Schreiner-Yantis, Netti and Florene Speakman Love. *THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1787 FOR LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987. Title page, map, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Zachariah**, 1206 (with 1 Black above 16), 1215 (called on 16 Apr 1787).

Orange County—established from Spotsylvania, 1734

- Joyner, Peggy Shomo. *ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA'S NORTHERN NECK WARRANTS & SURVEYS, ORANGE & AUGUSTA COUNTIES, With Tithables, Delinquents, Petitioners, 1730–1754, Volume I*. Portsmouth, VA: By the author, 1985. Title page, Preface, Contents, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's or variations: **Jno AUFORD**, 44 (Orange Co. Tithable).

- Joyner, Ulysses P. Jr. *THE FIRST SETTLERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, Inc., 1987. Title page, Contents, Index, and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **John**, 276 (listed in section “Constables appointed 1734–50”).

Rockbridge County—established from Augusta, Botetourt, 1778

- Schreiner-Yantis, Netti and Florene Speakman Love. *THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1787 FOR ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987. Title page, map, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Jacob HELFORD**, 810, 821 (called on 11 May 1787).

Rockingham County—established from Augusta, 1778

- Schreiner-Yantis, Netti, and Florene Love. *THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1787 FOR ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987. Title page, map, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **John**, 652 (listed twice: 1 with 2 white males under 21); 668 (called upon 5 Apr); 669 (called upon 9 July); **William**, 652.

Spotsylvania County—established from Essex, King and Queen, King William, 1720–21

• Schreiner-Yantis, Netti and Florene Speakman Love. *THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1787 FOR SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987. Title page, map, Index, and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **Thos. ALFRED**, 873 (“Charged with Tax”: Mann Page), 889 (called on 19 May 1787).

Washington County—established from Fincastle, Montgomery, 1776–77

• Schreiner-Yantis, Netti and Florene Speakman Love. *THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS FOR THE YEAR 1787 FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA*. Springfield, VA: Genealogical Books in Print, 1987. Title page, map, Index, and all pages that list Alfords (no variations): **Robert**, 958, 968 (called on 24 Sept 1787).

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Statewide or Multiple Counties

• Comstock, Jim, ed. *THE WEST VIRGINIA HERITAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA, VOLUME FIVE, Supplemental Series*. Richwood, WV: By the author, 1974. Title page and all pages that list Alfords or variations: **James**, 200 (Lewis Co., served in Civil War, Company D, 19th West, wounded at Winchester, VA, 24 July 1864); **Pleasant**, 200 (Lewis Co., served in Civil War, Company D, 19th West, wounded at Opequon River, VA, 19 Sept 1864); **Amanda J. ALFRED**, 298 (wife of William); **Frederick J. ALFRED**, 240 (Lewis Co., newspaper publisher 1856–1865); **Sarah J. (ALFRED) Farrell**, 298 (brief bio: daughter of William and Amanda J. Alfred, b. Washington Co., VA, 13 May 1853; m. Isaac M. Rader 29 Oct 1882 in Roane Co., WV); **William ALFRED**, 298 (father of Sarah, b. TX, arrived Roane Co. 1860).

• Dickinson, Jack. *CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF WESTERN VIRGINIA*. Barboursville, WV: By the author, 1986. Title page, Table of Contents, and the only page that lists Alfords (no variations): **Adam E.**, 1 of Section IX (Private Company G, 8th VA); **Joseph A.**, 1 of Section IX (Private Company G, 8th VA).

Kanawha County—established from Greenbrier, Montgomery, 1788

• McGhee, Lucy Kate. *VIRGINIA PENSION ABSTRACTS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, WAR OF 1812 AND*

*INDIAN WARS, VOLUME 29*. Washington, DC: By the author, n.d.. Title page, Index, and the only page containing Alfords or variations: **W.D.**, 104 (affadavit given in Kanawha Co., WV, regarding acquaintance with John S. Harmon, who d. 1882—no date given for affadavit).

Lewis County—established from Harrison, 1816

• Butcher, Bernard L. *GENEALOGICAL AND PERSONAL HISTORY OF THE UPPER MONONGAHELA VALLEY, WEST VIRGINIA, Volume II*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1978; originally published in 3 volumes: new York, 1912—reprinted in 2 volumes. Title page, Index, and the only pages that list Alfords or variations: **Agnes ALFRED**, 1382 (daughter of Charles and Agnes, b. in Lewis Co., WV); **Agnes Langford ALFRED**, 1382 (wife of Charles J.); **Amanda ALFRED**, 1382 (daughter of Charles and Agnes, b. in Lewis Co., WV); **Charles J. ALFRED [Jr.]**, 1382 (brief bio: son of Charles and Agnes, b. in VA, m. Mary Catharine Snyder, d. 18 Oct 1911); **Charles J. ALFRED**, 1382 (came to Lewis Co. in 1850 from Albemarle Co., VA, with wife and children—last name listed as “or Alford”); **Frances ALFRED**, 1382 (daughter of Charles and Agnes, b. in VA); **James ALFRED**, 1382 (son of Charles and Agnes, b. in VA); **Lillian Springston ALFRED**, 1383 (wife of Perry); **Martha ALFRED**, 1382 (daughter of Charles and Agnes, b. in VA); **Mary Catharine Snyder ALFRED**, 1382 (wife of Charles J. [Jr.]); **Mary Hellen ALFRED**, 1383 (daughter of Perry and Lillian, b. 17 Nov 1911); **Perry G. ALFRED**, 1382 (brief bio: son of Charles J. and Mary Catharine, b. Lewis Co., WV, 16 Dec 1865, teacher, surveyor, engineer, sheriff, Democrat, m. 3 Apr 1906 to Lillian Springston); **Pleasants ALFRED**, 1382 (son of Charles and Agnes, b. in VA); **Richard ALFRED**, 1383 (son of Perry and Lillian, b. 17 Nov 1909); **Robert ALFRED**, 1383 (son of Perry and Lillian, b. 17 Feb 1908).

• Tetrick, W. Guy. *OBITUARIES FROM NEWSPAPERS OF NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, Second Series Volume II*. Clarksburg, WV: N. pub., 1933. Title page, Introduction, Index, and the only page that lists Alfords or variations: **Carl ALFRED**, 165 (brother of U.V. from Salem); **Clarence ALFRED**, 165 (son of U.V., from Weston); **Dorsey ALFRED**, 165 (son of U.V. from Buffalo, NY); **Margaret Losh ALFRED**, 165 (mother of U.V.); **Matthew ALFRED**, 165 (son of U.V. from Bloomsdale, MI); **Nora ALFRED Losh**, 165 (sister of U.V. from Weston); **Pleasant ALFRED**, 165 (father of U.V.); **U.V. ALFRED**, 165 (d. 19 July 1932, age 65, of Pricetown, carpenter—obit printed in *The Weston Independent* on 20 July 1932); **W.B. ALFRED**, 165 (brother of U.V., veterinarian, from Weston); \_\_\_\_\_ **ALFRED Jarvis**, 165 (sister of U.V. from Weston—Mrs. Clay Jarvis).

Monroe County—established from Greenbrier, 1799

- Comstock, Jim, ed. *THE WEST VIRGINIA HERITAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA, VOLUME ONE, Supplemental Series*. Richwood, WV: By the author, 1974. Title page and the only page that lists Alford's (no variations): **John, Thomas**, and **Jackson**, 8 (Wolf Creek District early settlers).
- Haga, Pauline A. *MONROE COUNTY DEATHS, VOLUME ONE*. Undated typewritten manuscript, indexed. Unnumbered pages are organized by year with numbered entries. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Jane**, #107-1853 (mother of John); **John**, #107-1853 (age 80, d. 15 Apr 1853 at Wolf Creek, b. Rockingham Co., VA, son of John and Jane); **Margaret**, #107-1853 (wife of John); **Mary**, #25-1853 (daughter-in-law of Thomas), #26-1853 (wife of Robert); **Phebe**, #2-1853 (mother of Robert); **Robert**, #26-1853 (age 50, d. 11 Aug 1853 at Wolf Creek, b. Monroe Co., farmer); **Thomas**, #25-1853 (age 82, d. 2 July 1853 at Wolf Creek, b. Rockingham Co., VA, farmer), #26-1853 (father of Robert), #107-1853 (son of John).

Preston County—established from Monongalia, 1818

- Gilchrist, Joy L. *ABSTRACTS OF THE PRESTON COUNTY JOURNAL 1866–1868*. Decorah, IA: Anundsen Publishing Co., 1982. Title page, Introduction, Contents, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Elijah E.**, 30 (grantor 12 acres in Portland township to Benjamin Shaw 1866), 73 (grand juror 1867); **Elijah J.**, 71 (grand juror 1867); **Martha M.**, 18 (m. Jacob McCan of Elkhart Co., IN, 14 Oct 1868); **Mary Emeline**, 13 (m. William M. Butler 2 July 1867).
- Williams, Mary K. *PRESTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, NEWSPAPER MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES 1861, 1866–1868*. Morgantown, WV: Morgantown Printing Binding Co. Inc., 1988. Title page, Introduction, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Martha M.**, 9 (m. Jacob McCan of Elkhart Co., IN, 14 Oct 1868); **Mary Emeline**, 4 (m. William M. Butler 2 July 1867).

Roane County—established from Kanawha, Jackson, Gilmer, 1856

- Cochran, Wes. *ROANE COUNTY, WV, DEATHS 1856–1900*. Parkersburg, WV: By the author, n.d. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's (no variations): **Amanda J.**, 2 (mother of Susan); **Susan**, 2 (d. 30 Sept 1858, age 2 years 6 months, b. Washington co., VA);

**Thomas J.**, 10 (d. 15 Oct 1868, age 7 years, b. Roane Co.—William J. Jones listed as informant: step-father); **William**, 2 (father of Susan), 10 (father of William).

- Cochran, Wes. *ROANE COUNTY, WV, MARRIAGES 1856–1919*. Parkersburg, WV: By the author, 1988. Title page, Index, and all pages that list Alford's or variations: **Maggie ALFRED**, 64 (age 18, m. 30 Oct 1879 to W.L. Devericks, age 26, son of James & Ellen); **Mary E. ALFRED**, 65 (age 21, m. 4 Nov 1879 to Robert Cromwell, age 23, son of John & Elizabeth); **Sarah Jane ALPHRED**, 27 (age 16, b. Washington Co., VA, daughter of William Alphred and Amanda Jones, m. 13 Dec 1868 to William Ferrell, age 20, b. Meigs Co., OH, son of John and Nancy), 75 (age 27, m. 29 Oct 1882 to I.M. Rader, age 35—Sarah is listed as S.J. Ferrell; p. 94 lists Isaac M. Rader, age 46, m. Mary C. Gandee 10 June 1888); **William ALPHRED**, 27 (father of Sarah Jane).

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### England

- Bernau, Chas. A., ed. *SIXTEENTH CENTURY MARRIAGES (1538–1600)*. London, England: By the author, 1911. No first names are listed in this book; consulting the original source (in abbreviations) is expected. Title page, introduction and list of abbreviations (4 pages), and page 3, the only page that lists Alford's (no variations):

| Last Name<br><u>Groom</u> | Last Name<br><u>Bride</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Town</u> | <u>Parish</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Wynsor                    | Alford                    | 1573        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Alford                    | Bracy                     | 1574        | Ledbury     | Herefordshire |
| Craft                     | Alford                    | 1579        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Alford                    | Gardner                   | 1580        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Monck                     | Alford                    | 1581        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Richards                  | Alford                    | 1581        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Tovy                      | Alford                    | 1581        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Alford                    | Reeve                     | 1582        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Fox                       | Alford                    | 1583        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Pyrrey                    | Alford                    | 1585        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Butt                      | Alford                    | 1589        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Alford                    | M'sh [?]                  | 1590        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Foster                    | Alford                    | 1593        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Jeffries                  | Alford                    | 1597        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Plympton                  | Alford                    | 1597        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Jaques                    | Alford                    | 1599        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |
| Forward                   | Alford                    | 1600        | Mere        | Wiltshire     |



## Thomas Wildcat Alford, 1880–1938

“Wildcat” was the grandfather of Elroy R. Alford, Sr. AAFA #563 and AAFA Oklahoma State Representative. In 1936 Thomas Wildcat Alford “told his story” to Florence Drake, who was from his hometown of Tecumseh, OK. It was published by the University of Oklahoma Press in Norman, OK, as *CIVILIZATION And the Story of the Absentee Shawnees*. We will be reprinting only a small portion of the entire 200+ page book; if you are interested in obtaining a copy of the book, contact the University of Oklahoma Press and encourage them to issue a reprint. The text we will be excerpting is taken from a second printing in 1979, but that edition is out of print.

We begin with some comments from the press, printed on a preface page in the book, at the time *CIVILIZATION* was published:

“THOMAS WILDCAT ALFORD, born of Parents of the Absentee Shawnee tribe of Indians in 1860, relates the story of his life and his tribe during the period from which the influence of the white race first began to be felt, up to ... when the so-called civilization of the white man ... superceded almost to annihilation the old tribal mode of life.” *Quarterly Review of Biology*

“...a book of very great interest as well as of information and authority... ‘the twilight of the red man’ without extravagance as without rancor, and—what is perhaps even more remarkable—without despair.” *New York Times*

“In this book the great-grandson of Tecumseh recounts the story of the impact of the white man’s civilization upon the Shawnees in Oklahoma...” *American Sociological Review*

“If the saying is true that autobiographies form the essence of history, then the personal narrative of life of a Shawnee leader, active in tribal as well as in administrative affairs, is a building-up element in the cultural history of an important American tribe.” *Journal of American Folk-Lore*

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AAFA Note: As we proceed with this account, readers will be waiting to learn where “ALFORD” came from. The book does not contain that information. There are at least two family legends. One is that Wildcat took that name because it was the name of the lady who taught him English when he went east to Virginia to school. The other legend is that it was the surname of a white ancestral families. Elroy Alford is researching his family and the origin of his last name. After the annual meeting in Richmond, Elroy Alford went to Hampton, VA, and reports that he will soon be receiving folders, including photos, on five members of his family who attended school there: Thomas Wildcat, his half-brother, and three of his sons.

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### The Author

Thomas Wildcat Alford was one of the first of his tribe to attend Hampton Institute, Virginia. Upon returning to his tribe, he became an important figure in its affairs. This account, told with rare simplicity and charm, affords an insight into Indian thoughts and beliefs. Florence Drake, a resident of Alford’s home city of Tecumseh, helped in putting the book together. Dr. Angie Debo is the country’s leading authority on Indian history.

### Foreword

By Angie Debo, 1 May 1979

It is a pleasure to welcome Thomas Wildcat Alford’s *Civilization* back to print. It relates the firsthand experiences of a Shawnee Indian born in 1860, who grew up in a remote portion of the Indian Territory not far from the present Shawnee, Oklahoma. It is a revealing human document, for the narrator knew only an Indian childhood, but through the educational policy of his time eventually became a white man in all but blood.

As it came to him through the roseate hues of happy memories he may have idealized somewhat the Indian society of his early years, but his descriptions of procedures and customs can be trusted—from his explanation of social and community institutions and living techniques to his mother’s cooking recipes. But that area of the Indian Territory was losing its isolation. At the age of twelve the boy began attending a school started by the Quakers, and soon taken over by the United States Indian Service. He knew only one English word when he entered, but by the end of four years he had the rudiments of an English education.

Soon the head men of the tribe decided to send him and another young man to Hampton Institute for further study. These conservative leaders, wholly committed to the Indian way, felt the need of training some selected youths to circumvent the white man’s tricks of learning. It did not work out as they had planned. After a 120-mile drive through an undeveloped wilderness to the nearest railroad station at the squalid little town built on Creek soil at Muskogee the two youths took the train for the East. A routine journey in the white man’s book, it became a great adventure when seen through

young Indian eyes—the unimagined splendor of cushioned seats and carpeted aisles, the views from the windows of bustling cities and a productive countryside—"A wonderland indeed!" as he remembered it, which seemed not only desirable but attainable.

At Hampton he found that the training had been planned to fit the Indian students not only with the necessary vocational skills, but even with the most trivial usages of white society. He became wholly committed to the new life way, and the opportunity of bringing these advantages back to his people was his sustaining faith during the three years of intensive study he spent at Hampton. (His companion remained somewhat longer and returned to become a successful merchant.)

But Alford, still loving his people and dedicated to helping them, experienced a heart-breaking rejection. He finally found work with the local Indian Service, first as a teacher, then at the agency; and this became his lifetime career. Not once did he question the official policy of merging the Indians into a composite American citizenship. He even approved the liquidation of tribes and tribal land holdings under the Dawes Act of 1887 and similar legislation, a policy stoutly resisted by the Indians of the Territory. Thus he worked conscientiously at "allotting" an individual farm to each fellow Shawnee and the members of neighboring tribes, explaining the advantages of this system of ownership; and he watched with interest as the "surplus," left over from the allotments, became available for white settlement, thus becoming a part of the process that transformed the Indian Territory into the lusty, striving frontier that was Oklahoma. Then the inevitable happened, a criminal conspiracy to cheat the Indians out of their allotments. So far

*(Continued on p. 58)*

## Neil Alford, M.D., of Florida

From an article published in "The State of Florida" 1938 by W.T. Cash, State Librarian. Submitted by Arelene (Mrs. Richard A.) Alford, AAFA #154.

AAFA records show the lineage for Dr. Alford as: Neil<sup>9</sup>, Daniel Murdock<sup>8</sup>, Warren L.<sup>7</sup>, Lodwick Blue<sup>6</sup>, Warren<sup>5</sup>, Jacob<sup>4</sup>, Lodwick<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>.

During the quarter of a century that Neil Alford, M.D., has been a member of the medical fraternity in the Jacksonville section he has built for himself a reputation for leadership in his profession. His career has been connected with government service for a term in years, and he had practiced at Miami and Mayport before locating permanently in the Florida metropolis. He was born in Marion County, South Carolina, December 18, 1878, son of Daniel M. and Cady (Harrelson) Alford, both natives of Marion County, where the father was engaged in agriculture throughout most of his mature years. He was born in 1847 and died in 1921. Mrs. Alford, born in 1846, died in 1913.

The early career of Dr. Alford affords an example to ambitious youths whose ideals are high and whose immediate means are scanty. A farm boy determined to become a doctor, it required courage, will and hardihood to realize his ambition. He attended the Marion County schools and graduated from high school in 1895. He taught school and farmed for three years to secure two years' study in Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Then followed two years of school teaching and other work before he was able to become a student at the State Medical College of South Carolina located at Charleston, that State. It was not until 1907 that he was able to be graduated from the University of Nashville, Medical School, with a degree of Doctor of Medicine. Before engaging for-

mally in the practice of medicine, he remained for the larger part of a year in Nashville, Tennessee, gaining professional experience.

Dr. Alford came to Florida in 1909, and opened an office at Miami. This place was then a rural center of small population and of minor importance as a winter resort. In 1910 the doctor was offered a position with the United States Public Health Department, in charge of quarantine on the St. Johns River, with headquarters in Jacksonville. He accepted and came to the city, but his assignment required him to live at Mayport. Until 1918 Dr. Alford carried on government work and also established a general practice of medicine in Mayport. When the United States entered the World War his duties and responsibilities were largely increased and varied. He served both the army and navy at the mouth of the St. Johns River with a skill and devotion which won official approval. After his war-time service, Dr. Alford moved to Jacksonville where he has since been a prominent practicing physician to a large clientele.

Dr. Alford is a member of the Duval County Medical Society, the Florida State Medical Association, Southern Medical Association, American Medical Association, and of the Phi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Kappa Kappa, Greek letter fraternities. He is affiliated with Solomon Lodge, No. 20, Free and Accepted Masons, the Jacksonville Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Morocco Temple, Jacksonville, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Democrat, politically, and takes an active part in civic affairs. He is a Captain of the United States Army Reserve Corps.

In 1927 Neil Alford, M.D., married Maysel (Flournoy) Watson, of Jacksonville, daughter of Benjamin and Alice Flournoy, of Quincy, Florida. ❖

## *Alfords in Genealogical Periodicals*

Prepared by Pamela Thompson, Publications Director

### *GEORGIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY*

VOL. 29 NO. 2, Fall 1993

"Some Atlanta Obituaries, 1923-1932"—p. 166

"The following is a list of the Atlanta obituaries that appear in a scrapbook in the possession of Franklin M. Garrett, historian of the Atlanta History Center. The scrapbook is on microfilm reel 157-4 at the Georgia Department of Archives and History. Recently, many of Mr. Garrett's other obituary and cemetery records of the Atlanta area were microfilmed and computer indexed by the Atlanta Historical Society.

[on the list—not terribly useful because there is no information other than name:]

**Alford, Joseph S.**

"Some Troup County Soldiers in the Creek War of 1836" pp. 184-85

"A List of Capt. Hardins Company of drafted men who tendered their Services to the Governor as a Volunteer Company of infantry under his general order of the 13th Inst."

[on the list:]

**James A. Alford, 1st Lieut.**

**Wm. Alfrerd**

"A list of the Independent LaGrange Troop of Mounted Infantry organized under the general order of the 13th Inst. who now tender their Services to the Governor."

[on the list:]

**Julius C. Alford, 1st Lieut.**

### *WAKE CO. [NC] GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER*

January 1992

"Queries"—p. 91-106 [?—this number appears at the bottom of the page]

"JOHAN WENDEL KRAUSE of Wilkes County and

Stokes county had sons: JACOB, ADAM, HENRY, JOHN, ANDREW, GEORGE. ANDREW and GEORGE married sisters, **MARGARET and ANN ALFORD**. CA 1785 JOHN married LOUISA NULL. Who did the others marry? Glad to exchange info. Pay copying fees and postage.—B. Burgess Crouse, 418 Laurel Hill Drive, Burlington, NC 27215"

### *VIRGINIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE* (issue not identified)

"Minutes of the Privy Council & General Court 1622-1629"

21 August 1626

"Whereas **Richard Allford** was warned by the p'vost Marshall on Saturday the 9th of August to appear before the Governor and Councell this present Courte daye to answere to such matters as by Robt Marshall should be alledged againste him & w'ch the saide **Allforde** hath nott donne, yt is ordered he shall paye for that contempt 20 li. of Tobacco.

Ellmor Phillips gent. sworne and examined sayeth that he was in place when **Richard 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 seale him a bill for the other VII dayes woorke. The bill beinge made and the saide **Richard Allforde** required to seale the same he refused to do it, sayinge Marshall shall com by it as he can."

AAFA NOTE: In 1624-5, Richard Alford, aged 26, was one of Capt. Roger Smith's men, "over the water." Robert Marshall, and his wife Ann, both of whom came in the George, were living on James City Island 1624-5. Elmer Phillips lived at West and Shirley Hundred Feb. 1623, but is not included in the Census of 1624-5.

### *VIRGINIA TIDEWATER GENEALOGY* (no date on xeroxed cover page)

"Virginians in the Dorchester County, Maryland, Land Records, 1685-1800"—p. 172

"February 6, 1655: John PITT, of Isle of 'White' County, Virginia, to **John ALFORD**, of Little Choptank: 'Musketta Quarter,' on Tobacco Stick Creek, 200 A m/l." ♦

## Engagements, Weddings, and Anniversaries

### Engagements

LESLIE DEE LAMONDS  
JEFFERY EVAN ALFORD, AAFA #105

Submitted by Jeffery Alford

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lamonds of Atlanta, Georgia, announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Leslie Dee Lamonds to Mr. Jeffery Evan Alford [AAFA #105], of Huntsville, Alabama. Mr. Alford is the son of Betty Alford and the late Mr. Jimmy Earl Alford.

Miss Lamonds is a 1988 graduate of Northwest

of Groesbeck, Texas in 1984. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. He is employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as an electrical engineer. The wedding will be October 16, 1993 at the First Baptist Church in Madison, Alabama. After a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, the couple will reside in Madison, Alabama.

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BRIDGET KOLMETZ  
CLINT ALFORD

Sent by Mildred Richbourg, AAFA #542

*THE NEWS HERALD*

Panama City, FL—Sunday, 25 July 1993

Robert F. and Debbie Kolmetz of Ponce De Leon have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Bridget Kolmetz, to Clint Alford, son of Earl Alford of Ponce De Leon and Debbie Marshall of Midland, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Ponce De Leon High School. She graduated from the University of West Florida in 1993 with a degree in business education. She is employed with the Mental Health Council in De Funiak Springs.

Her fiance is a 1988 graduate of Ponce De Leon High School. He graduated from Chipola Junior High School [*sic*] with a degree in business administration.

The wedding is planned for August 6 at 7 p.m. at Bridge Creek Baptist Church in Ponce De Leon. A reception will follow at the church fellowship hall. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

*Jeffery Alford and Leslie Lamonds*

Rankin High School in Jackson, Mississippi. She graduated from Mississippi State University in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science.

Mr. Alford graduated from Groesbeck High School

*Bridget Kolmetz and Clint Alford*



## Weddings

### SHARI LYNNE ALFORD LANCE MICHAEL BRUNO

Sent by Richard Alford, AAFA #154, Father of the bride

#### *LAKELAND LEDGER*

Lakeland, FL—27 June 1993

Shari Lynne Alford of Lakeland and Lance Michael Bruno of Auburndale were married Saturday (June 26, 1993) in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Winter Haven.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Alford Sr. of Lakeland. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael William Bruno of Auburndale.

#### *Shari Lynne Alford Bruno*

Matron of honor was Linda Dedmon, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kelli Hyatt, Joy Smith and Jennifer VanRiper. Best man was Scott Gibson. Groomsmen were Brian Strickland, Eric Bryant and Mik Green. Ushers were Richard Alford Jr., brother of the bride, and Tye Bruno, brother of the bridegroom. Flower girl was Stacey McLeod

and ringbearer was P.J. Gibson.

Mrs. Bruno graduated from Lake Gibson High School and is employed by Lakeland Regional Medical Center as a medical record analyst. Bruno graduated from Auburndale High School and Polk Community College, attends the University of South Florida, and is employed by Florida Tropical Fish Inc.

Following a wedding trip to St. Augustine, the couple will reside in Auburndale.

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### AMANDA CARLETTE ALFORD JONATHAN O. WILLIAMS

Sent by Betty McGugan, AAFA #176

#### *TIMES-UNION*

Jacksonville, FL—no date (probably May or June 1993)

ORANGE PARK — Amanda Carlette Alford and Jonathan O. Williams were married at 5 p.m. yesterday in Orange Park Presbyterian Church.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Alford, Jacksonville, graduated from Middleburg High School and is employed by Gateway Chemicals Inc. as a secretary.

The bridegroom, son of James E. Williams, Daytona Beach, and the late Flora Mae King, graduated from Orange Park High School and is employed by American Classic Pools as a service technician.

#### *Amanda Carlette Alford*

Patricia Frost was the matron of honor, and Joey Saucier was the best man.

Following a trip to Nashville, Tenn., the couple will live in Orange Park.

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## MISTY RAYNEE SOCKS JOSEPH WAYNE ALFORD

Sent by Dorothy Alford Jones, AAFA #286

No source

The marriage of Miss Misty Raynee Socks, daughter of Timothy J. Socks and Ms. Juanita R. Socks, to Joseph Wayne Alford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Alford, all of Richmond, took place April 18 [probably 1993] in Bellwood Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The Rev. Donald G. Milner, pastor, officiated. Miss Jennifer Marie Hubbard of Richmond was maid of honor. Mr. Alford was his son's best man.

The couple will live in Richmond.

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## MARIA NICOLE ALFORD WILLIAM FLOYD GRIFFIN

*THE FRANKLIN TIMES*  
Louisburg, NC—16 June 1990

Maria Nicole Alford and William Floyd Griffin III were married at 7 p.m. on May 26 at Louisburg Baptist Church. Dr. Larry Williams officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ivey A. Bolton Jr. and Benjamin Randolph Alford Jr. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Floyd Griffin Jr.

... The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. She wore a floor-length gown of traditional satin with re-embroidered Alencon lace and a cathedral train. The fitted lace over satin bodice featured a scoop neckline, long tapered sleeves with pouff shoulders and a basque waist. Pearls and sequins embellished the lace bodice and sleeves. Beaded lace medallions accented the basque waist

and calli point over the hand. A candy box bow adorned the back of the gown. A floor-length skirt extended into a cathedral train. Alencon lace motifs with pearls and sequins flanked the beaded lace cutout medallion on the skirt. Scattered lace cutout motifs etched with pearls and sequins adorned the train. Scalloped lace, sequins, and pearls bordered the hemline of the skirt and train.

The bride chose a waltz-length veil of illusion with a pouff accented with scattered pearls flowing from the crown of a beaded tiara of iridescent sequins, beads, and pearls. She carried a cascading bouquet of Georgiana orchids, Dendrobium orchids, calla lilies, stephanotis, picot and lace ribbons.

Lauren Davis of Ocala, Florida was the maid of honor. She wore a floor-length gown of white moire with gold lamé accents. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies with greenery and gold ribbon.

The bride's attendants were Catherine Perdue, Margo Sledge, Carol Rogers and Jennifer Griffin, all of Louisburg, Kimberly Toomes of Greensboro, Siri Wilkins of Reidsville, Liza Stamey of Winston-Salem, and Melissa Cheney of Raleigh. Their dresses and bouquets were the same as those of the maid of honor.

Lori Edwards was a junior attendant and Lauren Southerland was a flower girl. Their dresses were similar to those of the bridesmaids.

The groom's father William Floyd Griffin Jr., served as his son's best man. Groomsman were Bennett Joyner, Chris Perdue, Rodney Alford and Ricky Shearin, all of Louisburg, Tony King and Brad Wagner of Boone, Johnny Garrett of Raleigh, Bryan Cash of Buies Creek, and Richard Griffin, brother of the groom, of Gastonia. The groom and his attendants wore black full dress tuxedos. They wore boutonnieres of white gardenia.

The bride's mother, Bonnie Southerland Bolton, wore a floor-

length gown of periwinkle taffeta. The groom's mother, Joyce Eagles Griffin, wore a beaded tea-length gown of teal chiffon. Both mothers carried white Georgiana orchids.

Honored guests were Mr. & Mrs. C.P. Southerland, maternal grandparents of the bride, B.R. Alford Sr., paternal grandfather of the bride, Dr. and Mrs. R.L. Eagles, maternal grandparents of the groom, and W.F. Griffin Sr., paternal grandfather of the groom.

The bride attended Salem College and is presently a senior at Meredith College. The groom is a graduate of Louisburg College and attended Appalachian State University. He is owner of Griffin Auto Sales Inc. and Snipit Lawn Care Service of Raleigh.

Following a wedding trip to Antigua, the couple will make their home on Tucker Drive in Louisburg.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. Edward Stegall Ford of Louisburg. The guest register was attended by Mrs. Neal Day Stewart of Louisburg.

### RECEPTION

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Green Hill Country Club. Hurricane lamps flanked the walk to the ballroom. Guests were greeted by Mr. & Mrs. John Allison Rogers of Kittrell and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ellis Frazier of Roanoke Rapids.

The bride's portrait was displayed on a brass easel in the foyer. Ficus trees adorned with miniature white lights were placed throughout the ballroom. A large crystal rose bowl with loose flowers of calla lilies, Rubrum lilies, and white roses was placed in the foyer.

Guests were served fresh fruit, vegetables with dip, assorted cheeses, hot crab dip, red potatoes stuffed with caviar and sour cream, stuffed snow peas, sweet potato muffins with country ham, meatballs in dill sauce, roast beef, baklava, and ice cream bar, and fruit punch. White wine and

champagne were served from the bar, which was decorated with orchids and calla lilies. The reception was catered by Silver Service Catering of Louisburg.

The wedding cake was a four-tiered all white cake with four miniature cakes surrounding it. The cake was decorated with orchids, calla lilies and Bakers fern. After the traditional cutting of the cake, Mrs. A.C. Hoyle of Henderson, Mrs. Benjamin P. Terrell Jr., Mrs. Owen C. Debnam, and Elizabeth C. Toney all of Louisburg cut the cake for the guests. Punch was poured by Mrs. Willis Burgess, Mrs. Steve Leonard, Mrs. J.B. Perdue, and Billie Edwards, all of Louisburg.

Chamber music for the reception was provided by the DeForest String Quartet of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheless Edwards and Jackson Dean of Louisburg said good-byes to the guests.

[Editor's note: The bride is a descendant of Bennett and Mary (Bell) Alford, as is Franceine Rees, AAFA #51.]

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## ERIN PRICE LUKE ALFORD

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

*THE HAZLEHURST COURIER*  
Hazlehurst, MS—19 June 1924

When the quaint little Methodist church, located in the busy town of Utica, was undergoing its spring cleaning, which included new paper for the walls and new paint and varnish for the woodwork, little did it think that when June rolled around it was to house one of the most elaborate, as well as one of the most beautiful, weddings this town has ever witnessed.

Seven o'clock on Sunday evening June 15th, 1924, was the time agreed upon for the Alford-Price nuptials and long before this hour the church was

crowded with the many friends and acquaintances of this lovely bride and popular groom, not only from Utica and the close community, but sister towns also sent car after car laden with those who sought to show by their presence the deep interest which each took in the happy couple, and the esteem in which both families were held. So great was the crowd, in fact, that it was necessary for Rev. Higganbotham to request those standing in the aisles to withdraw long enough to allow the bridal party to proceed to their places, after which they were invited to return. The minister's request was willingly answered and soon the aisles were clear.

... Masters D.C. Simmons, Utica, and Billy Roper, Hazlehurst, came down the aisles to their places, carrying silver candlesticks containing silver filigreed pink candles. Following them in customary rotation were the five lovely bridesmaids and the attendant groomsmen, beginning with Miss Lillian Maynor of Jackson and W.H. Price, Utica; Mary Lynn Jones of Gallman and Robert Wise, Hazlehurst; Lena Mae Chapman of Georgetown and Jack Miller, Hazlehurst; Alice Alford of Hazlehurst and J.C. Price, Utica; Elizabeth Price of Utica and John Garland, Hazlehurst....

The matron and maid of honor entered together—the matron, Mrs. S.S. Wood of Greenwood, wearing an exquisite frock of powder blue flat crepe with a silver band in her hair and carrying roses; and the maid of honor Miss Emily Buckner, of Birney, Montana, in peach georgette, carrying roses and wearing a silver band with head dress of pink maline. Next came the little flower girls, Vivian Ramsey of Gallman, and Elizabeth Hudson of Utica, in dainty pink crepe de chine carrying baskets of rose petals which they scattered in the pathway of the on-coming bride.

As these two little maidens took their places, Mrs. Ellis modulated into Lohengrin, and at the lovely strains of

"Here comes the bride" all heads turned to view her. It was indeed a bride, but such a wee one. Little Marguerite McDonald in bridal gown and veil accompanied by Master Dan McDonald, as ring bearers, came down opposite aisles and crossed to their places just as the bride herself upon her brother's arm approached and took her place beside the groom who entered with his brother acting as best man.

With Rev. C.Y. Higganbotham, pastor of the Methodist church of Utica, in place, the ceremony making Luke Brittain Alford and Erin Mary Price husband and wife, began, with all eyes upon the lovely bride, whose beauty and charm were exquisitely emphasized in her bridal gown. Her gown was a handsome crepe back satin, trimmed in silk lace and embroidered in pearls and finished with a train and her veil was white tulle embroidered in silver. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and valley lilies.

After the impressive double ring service, the happy young couple were pronounced husband and wife and the triumphal procession followed them to the home of the bride's parents where a reception was held in their honor.

... The wedding and shower gifts filled the rooms and adjoining hallway—all rich and handsome and costly. Among these were checks amounting to \$550.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford left about eleven o'clock to spend the night in Jackson, leaving in the morning for New Orleans to spend a brief honeymoon before returning to Hazlehurst. The bridal party accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Alford to Jackson, where some of the groom's boy friends of Hazlehurst had previously arranged a supper for them at the Edwards.

The out of town guests attending the Alford-Price wedding were: Mrs. Maynor and family, Mrs. Douglas Fortner and family, Mrs. Nora Shepherd, Mr. Linton Price, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Simmons and family, Miss Jesse Simmons, Mr. Murray Leach, of

Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Winters, Misses Ratliff of Raymond; Miss Gladys Harris of Duncan; Mr. Carl Moore of Birmingham, Ala.; Misses Lidell, Rev. and Mrs. Methvin of Learned; Miss Lois McFearen and Miss Wells of Clinton; Mrs. Ida Dunlap of Richmond, Va.; Prof. and Mrs. Mackie of Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Weeks of Greenwood. Those attending from Georgetown, Gallman and Hazlehurst were: Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Beasley; Mrs. Mattie Miller and family; Mrs. J.L. Miller and family; Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Bass, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Nesmith, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ellis and family, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henry, Mrs. D.E. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Sigler and family, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. McKinnell, Misses Quintard Baker and Lee Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dees and family, Mrs. Cora Slay and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Ramsey and family, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Alford and family, Mrs. C.H. Trawick and family, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Armstrong, Mr. Carlton Slay, Dr. and Mrs. R.R. Bridges, Miss Lila Miller, Mr. and

Mrs. R.A. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Warton, Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Taylor and family, Dr. and Mrs. L.D. Chapman, Miss Theo May Riley, and Mr. R.R. Bridges, Jr.—From *Utica Leader*, advance copy furnished through courtesy of Editor O.W. Sarrett.

## Anniversaries

### FRED and JOSEPHINE ALFORD

Sent by Robbie Alford , AAFA #41

No source

The Rev. and Mrs. F.G. Alford of Goldsboro celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Sept. 24, at a reception held at Woodland Baptist Church in Wake Forest, given by family and friends.

Their children are Fred Alford Jr. [AAFA #463] of Chesapeake, Va., Jerry Alford of Salisbury and Danny Alford of Zebulon. They have five grandchildren.

They were married Sept. 16. 1944 in Louisburg.

Editor's note from AAFA records: Fred Alford's ancestry is Fred Garland<sup>4</sup>, Rufus Wesley<sup>3</sup>, Julius Wesley<sup>2</sup>, Hines Berry<sup>1</sup>.

*Fred Garner Alford  
and Josephine C.  
(Munn) Alford*

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### MR. and MRS. WILLARD ALFORD

Sent by Julius Alford, AAFA #13

*ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL*  
McComb, MS—26 Dec 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Willard J. "Bill"

Alford of the Enon community will be honored at a reception at their home Jan. 2 marking their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend the reception hosted by the couple's children, Dr. and Mrs. Farris Smith of Mendenhall, from 2-4 p.m. Sunday. The Alfords married Jan. 2, 1944, in McComb....

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### JAMES and RUBY ALFORD

No source

Taylor, TX—3 June 1993

James and Ruby Alford celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on June 1. The couple were

entertained at a party hosted by their two sons and families, Ricky and wife Sherry, and their sons Greg and Richard of Taylor, [and] David and wife Kathy and their son Trenton of Round Rock.

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## WALTER and CLARA ALFORD

Sent by Marge Gray, AAFA #590

No source  
Jacksonville, FL—22 Aug 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. (Buster) Alford, Middleburg, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today with a family dinner at Ryan's Family Steakhouse in Orange Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford were married Aug. 21, 1943.

Mrs. Alford is the former Clara Lee White. ♦

(Alford Family Notes, *cont. from p. 19*)

In 1805 the Reverend Thomas Alford, Vicar of Chard, died.

## ARMORIAL BEARINGS

The senior branch of the Alford family have long used bearings, the origin of which is uncertain. They were to be seen on the north side of the Vestibule (now the Baptistry) of Lyme Regis Church, as the Arms of Richard and Gregory Alford, who are there buried, the latter being described as "Armiger" in the *Dorset Administrations*. They appear on some old seals and plate which descended from Thomas Alford of Ashill, and are referred to in the Will of Mrs. Elizabeth Alford of St. Audries. These arms were adopted in the Episcopal Seal of Charles Richard Alford, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, 1867. They also appear on a small mural brass, marking the burial-place of Charles Alford in St. Audries Church, Somerset, and in the Bishop Alford memorial window in Cleeve Church, Somerset, as well as in one of the beautiful windows of the Great Hall of St. Paul's School, Hammersmith, London.

Quarterings are made with Alford of Bucks and Berks (six pears); with Symes of Somerset (three escallops in pale); and with Sydenham of Somerset (three rams passant).

The crest, as used by the family for two hundred years, is an escallop shell, the crosier bearing a "difference or distinction" added thereto for Bishop Alford and his descendants.

The following is a correct blazon, being an extract from the grant which is recorded at Heralds' College: "The Armorial Bearings, hitherto used by his family with such distinctions as may be necessary, to be borne by him and his descendants, the Right Rev. Charles Richard Alford, Doctor of Divinity, Bishop of Victoria, according to law of arms: Or on a chevron indented azure, between three roses gules barbed and seeded proper, four crosses patee and three fleurs-de-lis alternately argent; and for the Crest, an escallop argent surmounting a crosier in bend sinister or. The Motto is 'Vive ut Vivas'."

The family Motto has been well interpreted by the late Miss E.M. Alford of Taunton, in the following verse:

Vive ut Vivas

"Live that thou mayest live"—the Motto of our Race;  
Live a life of purpose, live a life of grace,  
A life of self-denial, a life of active love,  
A life lived here as seeking a fuller Life above. ♦

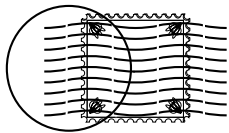
*To be continued in the next issue.*

## Pt. 5: Lucy Stevens–Tressie Bowman Collection

Edited by Gil Alford

This is a continuation of the correspondence between the late Lucy Shull Stevens AAFA #94 and some of her Louisiana contacts, primarily the late Marie Greer. For background, see AAFA ACTION March 1993, p. 56, and AAFA ACTION December 1992, p. 59. Part 4 appeared in the Winter 1994 issue.

The next several letters that Marie Greer wrote to Lucy Stevens said little about Alford's. To save you some reading and us some work, we will do extracts on these letters. We will list the surnames mentioned and extract the comments about Alford. Text in *italics* is quoted from the letters. If you are interested in one of the other surnames and desire a copy of the letter, write AAFA at the Missouri PO Box.



### Letter written from Many, Louisiana on 25 July 1965

Surnames: Arnett, Bailey, Buvens, Carter, Cook, Duggan, Ferguson, Gibson, Graves, Grier, Holliday, Kennedy, Lesser, Low, Lynch, Mains/Maines, Miller, Montgomery, Nardini, Norris, Presley, Russell, Self, Sibley, Smith, Strickland, Stroud, White. [There appears to be nothing of any genealogical value on these names.]

### Letter written from Many, Louisiana on 28 July 1965

Surnames: Blake, Buvens, Cade, Carter, Duggan, Holiway, Kennedy, Lessard, Lynch, Maxey, Maximillian, Main/Maines, Nash, Oliver, Richey,

Russell, Shull, Sibley, Williamson

#### Alford extracts:

*I noted that B.B. Carter married once to Della Russell, 11 Dec. 1880 (father was John Russell), was this a child of my John RUSSELL who was husband to my SAMANTHA ALFORD?*

*I'm about convinced that your LUCY [ALFORD] was a sis. to my NEEDHAM J. [ALFORD] of 1797 and his EDWIN B. [ALFORD], b. 1792. huh?? Since my Uncle CURTIS ALFORD just knew they came from Miss., I think now they migrated from N.C.-GA.-Miss., La. and some on in to Texas. They do carry the same names and the Maines also picked up those names. Now, if this is true, I think I can fix us up with a lot more data on the local Alford's. His Frankie SEABORN—wife of JACOB ALFORD was most likely Francis, huh?... Did I send the family sheet on my grandfather NEEDAM J. ALFORD?*

The following was taken from a page that seems to have been an enclosure: It has note "(Bible)" but nothing to identify the Bible. Since it seems to be Marie Greer's own genealogy, it may have been a more recent family Bible.

*NEEDHAM JUDGE ALFORD - Born Mar. 5, 1863; died Aug. 27. 1923; Sabine Parish, La. buried at Old Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery on Pendleton Road.*

*Emma Nancy MILLER - Born Jun 18, 1871; (Texas) died Sunday May 17, 1959. 2 P.M., buried in same cemetery. United in Holy Matrimony at Negreet, La. on the 5th day of Dec., 1889.*

#### Children:

*RILEY ALFORD born Sept. 30, 1893, Many, La., died Oct. 7, 1949, Bossier City, La., buried in Peas Chapel Cemetery on Old Bellevue Road. Veteran of World War I. Married Etta TAYLOR in Bossier Parish, Nov. 10, 1920.*

*1 son—HAROLD P. ALFORD—born Aug. 28, 1923, Bossier Parish, La. Married Mary Jane PYLE in year of 1944, she died Dec. 22, 1945. Married Dorothy Lynn Hayes Aug. 29, 1946 in Houston, Texas.*

#### Children:

*HAROLD JUNIOR [ALFORD] born May 5, 1947  
SAUNDRA LYNN [ALFORD] born June 25, 1952  
RUSSELL LEE [ALFORD] born July 9, 1956.*

*EUGEN ALFORD: born Sept. 13, 1899, Many, La. Sabine Parish. Married Bessie Kirkpatrick, daughter of Ed & Elizabeth Barnes Kirkpatrick, in Bossier Parish, La., March 13, 1932 at Peas Chapel Community.*

*Martha Bell ALFORD: born April 11, 1906, Sabine Parish, Many, La. Married BOSSIE JEFFERSON TIDWELL, son of E.J. & E.A. Strothier Tidwell April 12, 1924, Bossier Parish, La. [The data continues primarily with Tidwells and Greers including Marie and her family.]*

### Letter written from Many, Louisiana on 2 August 1965

Surnames: Leach, Lessard, Mains/Maine, Mooring, Needham, Whitby, Wagley

## Alford extracts:

*Conv. Bk. K. pg. 796. Ohio-Hamilton County-Cincinnati. James D. Lehauer?? & Andrew Pfirmaun— Trustees for Thomas G. Smith in Bankruptcy of Estate of McDade W. Stone sold to W.R. ALFORD, Dec. 13, 1882.*

*Pg. 246. John Presley to W. R. ALFORD, Jan. 31, 1870.*

*Pg. 86. Heirs of JULIUS C. ALFORD (note this is the Julius who is listed on census that I am positive is bro. of my NEEDHAM [ALFORD]): Nancy Varner, Disey Varner, Martha Waldroupe, Franke Waldroupe, W. RILEY ALFORD & T. SEABORN ALFORD, first part. Thos. A. Armstrong 2nd Part— land in Natchitoches parish, 200 acres. etc. Mar. 27, 1868. I believe this W. RILEY [ALFORD] married the Duggan and then this SEABORN [ALFORD] married the Nancy Duggan who had been married to Arnett, had the child who married my great Uncle JOHN W. ALFORD, and the when the Arnett died Nancy married SEABORN ALFORD. So— it's quite a conglomeration!!*

*Pg. 273. Bk. D. N.J. ALFORD bought land from John Carroll, Jan. 27, 1854....*

*My J.W. ALFORD & Oner ARNETT was married Dec 30, 1886. I have 3 pages of indexes to check. Succ. of W.H. Boyce, 17 Aug. 1905. Enoch Taylor, Mrs. Ida Boyce, ch. Calvin, Willie, Lula, MRS. J.S. ALFORD (nee Boyce)....*

*Now, I called this girl that I went to school with and talked with her last Sat. and she tells me that the Vandagaers are connected with our Alfords way back which rung a bell with me, as my Uncle had told me that Dan Vandagaer did have the old Alford records and his daughter here*

*is Mrs. Theresa Corley, now works at Tax Assessors office, but I didn't ever think much of it, didn't make sense to me, but Bobby Buvens tells me that is it true. Now, it seems that Uncle CURTIS [ALFORD] said this his Uncle JESS ALFORD died at the home of Dan Vandagaer. Anyway, I'm gonna try to dig it out of someone, if I learn something good, I'll be tempted to wire you. ha. I have this deal on JACOB ALFORD that I'm dying to send you and see what you make of it but can't get my copier back or paper for it and never get time to type this thing, but anyway I think I told you about it listing 14 children. JACOB & FRANKIE B. SEABORN ALFORD, Ch. SALLY or SARAH b. 1791, EDWIN b. Nov 22, 1792, m. Martha Smith, WILLIAM b. 1800, WARREN (no date on him) SEABORN JOHN b. 1807, JOHN SEABORN b. 1807. (twins I suppose) LUCY ALFORD married William G. MAINES (Bk. W. 1 Tangipahoa Parish Convey.) They lived on the Tangipahoa River in the western part of Washington Parish. MARTHA ALFORD b. 1821, REBECCA ALFORD, JULIUS HARMON ALFORD b. 1819. JOSEPH C. b. 1826, MOSES ALFORD, NEEDHAM ALFORD, JACOB ALFORD Jr. Now there is no data on these last 3 at all. since my Needham was b. 1897 or so, I kind of wonder??... Let me hear from you,*

*Love, Marie [Greer]*  
[Editor's note. It has been proven that some of these children did not belong to this family.]

Enclosed with the above was a page with census extracts of 1880 Tidwell family and Moses Greer family in Union Parish. Also a 1850 census of Morehouse Parish showing:

*WARREN ALFORD 40 b. Miss Frances J. f 11 b. Miss. Thomas R. 9 b. Miss. Mary Ann 8 b. Miss.*

## Letter written from Baton Rouge, Louisiana on 31 August 1965

In the following letter by Colonel William E. Lessard, comments in square brackets were added by Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director. Penned notes were inserted in parentheses where they were shown to go.

Dear Lucy,

Now, after a vacation trip, ... I am back on the Genie trail and trying to catch up on my correspondence. It seems a long time since receipt of your letter, dated 19 July....

I have some notes here which show that in the 1790 U.S. Census of North Carolina there was a JACOB ALFORD in Robeson County and a JACOB ALFORD in Cumberland County. One of these Jacobs was the progenitor of the Alfords in Miss. and La.

A specific note reads, "It is said that the (Cumberland County Alford) (Jacob) was the son of JULIUS ALFORD and that he migrated in 1793 to Mississippi and settled in Pike County, and had sons Edwin, Ira, and others." Using this as a lead, can you look up passport records for this period 1790–1803 to see if you can find either Julius or Jacob Alford going to Miss. territory? I understand that in order to travel from the U.S. in those days, one had to get a passport to go to the Mississippi Territory. Frequently these passports showed the names of members of families, ages, etc. [Land, tax, and census records prove that the family sojourned in Georgia for about ten years before moving on to the Louisiana-Mississippi area.]

.... For your information:

Pike County, Miss. established 9 Dec 1815; Amite County, Miss. established

24 Feb 1809; St. Tammany Parish, La. created 28 Oct 1811; Washington Parish, La. created 6 March 1819 (LA); Tangipahoa Parish, La. created 1869 (LA)

(So, any Jacob Alford's immigrating into the Miss. Territory around 1800 may have settled in Amite County before going to Pike County). Or the passport might show going to the Natchez (Miss.) District in the Mississippi Territory which was the first territorial division of Miss. before counties.

The next time that I am in Amite (Parish seat of Tangipahoa Parish), I will check on Marriage or conveyance records for William G. Mains and Lucy Alford to see what I can find out.

Thanks for the miscellaneous data that you sent. I haven't had time to unravel it yet. I think that if we concentrate on Cumberland County, N.C., we will arrive at direct relationship of Jacob Alford there and the Alford's in Pike County, Miss. and Washington Parish, La....

[A big black blotch on two pages is spattered over 2 or 3 lines.]

.... I have so many missing links on the Alford family that I am afraid to fill out any forms, because I don't want to mislead you or give you any information until I am personally satisfied that the info I give you is authentic and absolutely correct. I am retired from the Army and while in it I had imbued in me the necessity of being right and accurate. So, what little I have on the forms that you sent, you can rest assured that the information contained thereon is correct. I did not list some things because I am not sure about them. I will supplement the info sent you with additional info as I confirm same.

Further, I have more on my main lines, LESSARD, LANDRY, McCABE and

TRAHAN—my paternal and maternal grandparents. These are the ones that I originally started to develop when I hit the genealogy trail.

Further, my wife, Kate, was a TATE and her mother was ALFORD. I did not start working on the TATES and ALFORDS until later in the game, and consequently, don't have too much on them. However, I am trying to get as much as possible on these two lines concurrently while researching my main lines....

It seems that I will never get caught up with my correspondence. I owe Marie Greer a letter and will try to get on it when I finish this one....

Sincerely,  
(signed) Bill  
Colonel W.E. Lessard

(over—hand written)

I did not fill out the family group sheets on Kate's ??? family; nor did I fill out the family group sheets on Kate's mother (Chothide? Alford Tate).

Enclosed is the pedigree chart on Kate's family which I think is more important for family connections—as far as I have developed it.

I went to the courthouse and had a copy made for Marie Greer and will send it to her.

Jacob Alford & Frankie Seaborn had these children (that I know of):

Edwin Alford b. 1792  
William Alford b. 1800  
twins John Seaborn b. 1807  
Seaborn John b. 1807  
Nancy, b. circa 1794 }  
Lucy, b. circa 1797 } ?  
Jacob, b. circa 1793 } ❖

## *Descendants of Ira Watson Alford Reunion*

By Ira A. Alford, AAFA #82

**O**n 5 September 1993, the descendants of Ira Watson Alford (1889–1967) and Ruth Brumfield gathered for the second annual reunion on the banks of Three Mile Lake near Krotz Spring, LA, at the home of Ira Alex and Eddie Pearl Seal Alford. Ira Watson Alford was the great-grandson of Edwin Barksdale Alford and Martha P. Smith.

The family includes 41 descendants: 3 of Ira and Ruth's children, 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. Counting spouses, 62 people were invited. Of these, 51 were able to attend. We have been fortunate in that there has been only one death in the family—Claudine Alford (1921–1930), the second child of Ira and Ruth, died in an accident.

It was so nice to see everyone, enjoy each other's company, and reminisce about the good old times. The young people tried to out-talk the older family members and explain how tough they have it now! If only they had pulled a cotton sack behind their backs all day, or had to get up early to milk the cows before catching the bus to school. That was the good old days!

We all had a wonderful time, fishing, water skiing, swimming, and—best of all—eating. Eddie Seal Alford outdid herself preparing the food, and it was all eaten, down to the last hot dog and BBQ sandwich. Everyone brought their favorite dessert: cakes, cookies, watermelons, pralines, and one person even brought good old-time boiled peanuts—just can't beat that! ❖



## A Visit to Aldford, England

*Sign at the entrance to Aldford, England.*



*Landon Alford in front of the remains of the castle at Holt, where Alfords lived at one time.*



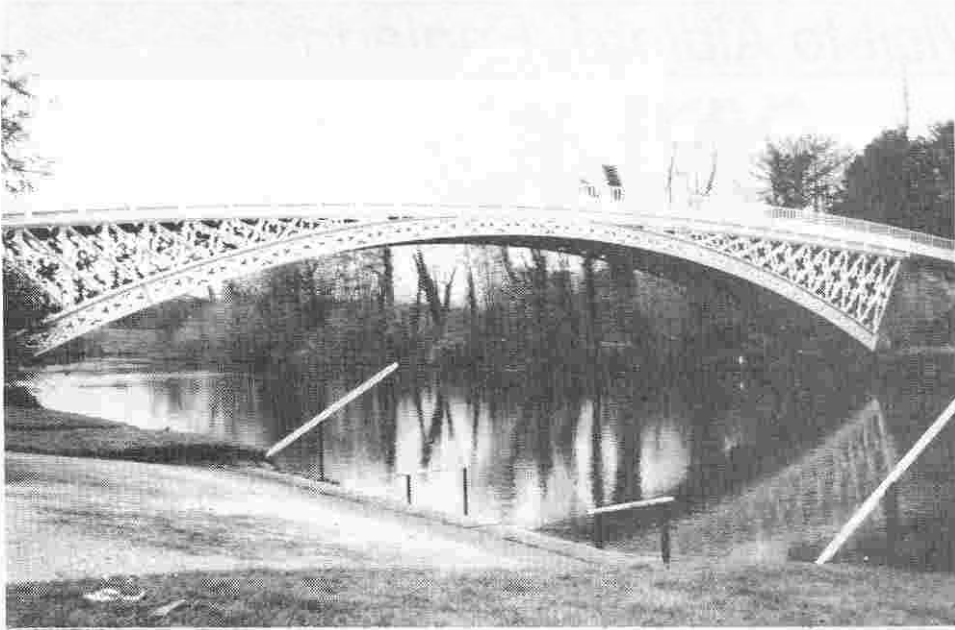
Landon Alford AAFA #2, and Bess Alford Rayford AAFA #131, cousins from Henderson, TX, visited the town of Aldford, Cheshire County, when they were in England in March 1992. Aldford is just south of Liverpool near the border of Wales, and is the site where our name probably originated. Josiah Alford visited Aldford and wrote about it in his book, *Alford Family Notes*. As you read the following text from the book, you can visualize the site with the help of these wonderful pictures than Landon shared with us.

From Josiah Alford's *Alford Family Notes* (1908)—these excerpts were originally published in *AAFA ACTION* in the March and June 1989 issues.

Pages 1--2:

The lords of Aldford are mentioned in the Cheshire Domesday Book, and from the Aldford in this county that family took its name. "There was in ancient times a castle, the chief seat of the family of Aldford, who had large possessions in Cheshire." The earth-work remains of Aldford Castle are still visible, overlooking the old ford across the river Dee, about four miles above Chester.... The immediate vicinity of the then hostile and wild Welsh tribes shows at once the importance of the position from a military point of view.

In 1160 the command of this Castle was given to "Robertus, miles, a descendant of de Bigot, probably by



*Cast iron bridge near Aldford, England, within 50-75 yards of the old stone ford.*

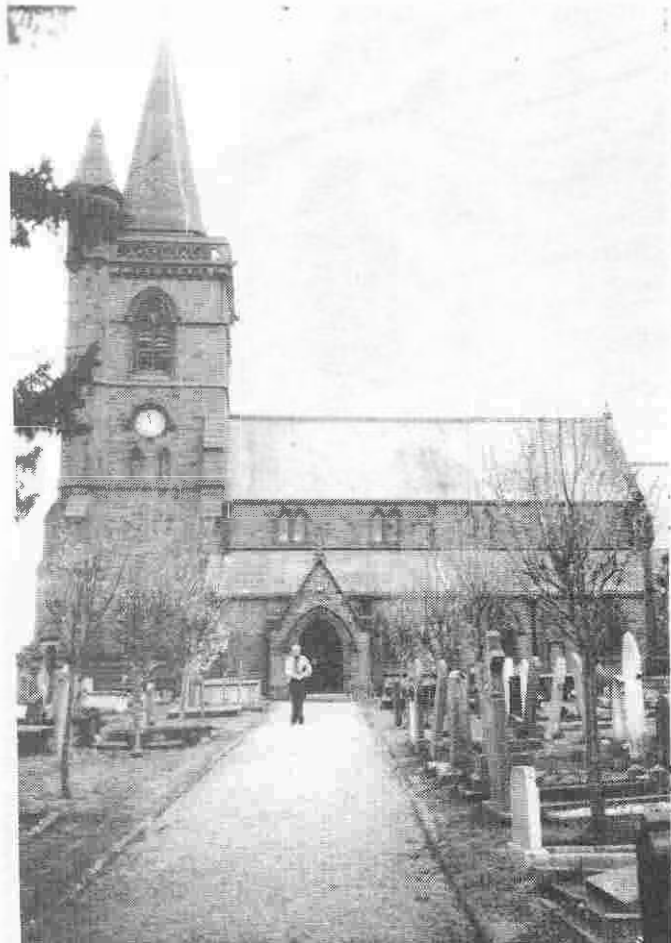
female descent", who thus became lord of Aldford, and the founder of the family that has since borne that name.

The command of the Castle appears to have been regarded as hereditary, for Robertus de Aldford was succeeded by his son.... Aldford Hall was built, a neighbouring mansion, afterwards used as a farm house, and now rebuilt. It was, however, "for many generations the seat and manor of the ancient family of the Aldfords, who acquired it by grant from one of the Earls of Chester".

Although these early members of the family were thus Lords of Aldford, they were not barons or peers, but "tenants in chief of the crown by military service". The title, therefore, was dependent upon the office, and was not hereditary.

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The only remains of Aldford Castle are the earthworks, which are extensive and interesting. They occupy an angle formed by the junction of a tributary stream with the River Dee, about four miles above Chester. An iron bridge has of late years replaced an old ferry across the Dee, which ferry had replaced the old ford (Alde-ford), from which the family name originated. When visiting the place some years ago, a man of 75 stated to the writer that as a boy he remembered this ferry, and that when the water was low the ferry-boat had to avoid a stone course crossing the bottom of the river, doubtless the remains of the ancient ford.... The village of Aldford lies just to the south of the Castle; and about three



*The church at Aldford, looking from the town side.*



*Aldford village store*



*Bess Rayford and Landon Alford at the remains of the moat of the castle at Aldford, England. Bess and Landon are grandchildren of Egbert Benson Alford (1858–1933).*

quarters of a mile still further south, near the road to Farndon and Holt, stands a new farm-house, which replaced the old Aldford Hall, which was pulled down in 1883.

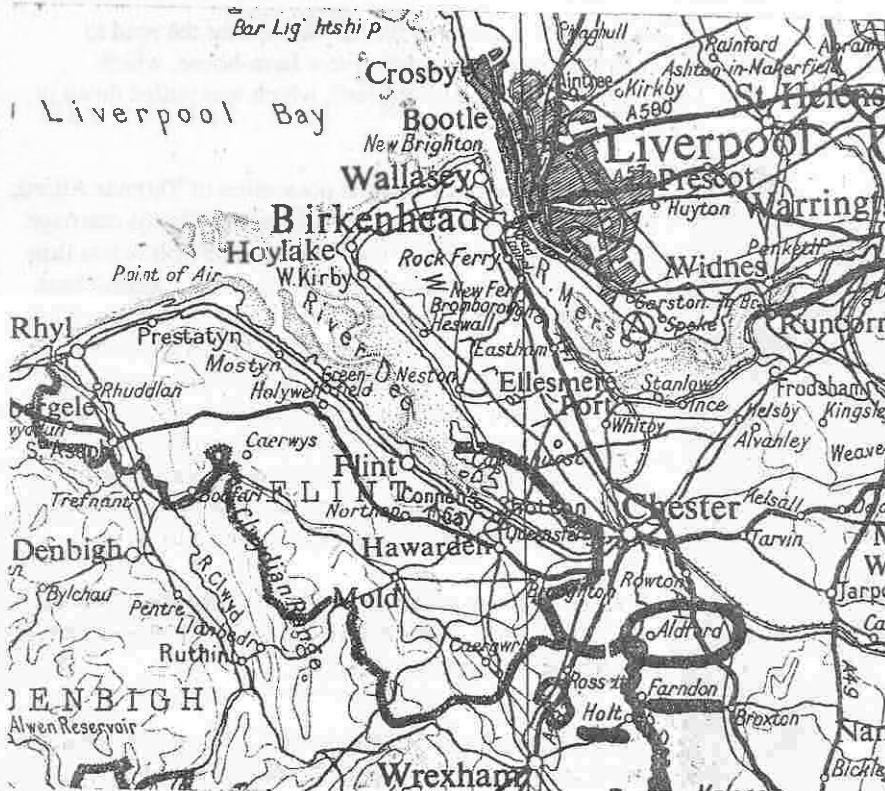
... Holt Castle came into the possession of Thomas Alford, second son of Robert de Alford, probably by his marriage, about the year 1500.... The little town of Holt is less than three miles from Aldford, but being on the opposite bank of the Dee it is in Denbighshire. The position of the Castle of Holt is remarkable. It was perched upon a red rock, almost a pentagon in shape, surrounded by a moat filled from the River Dee, which runs but a few yards distant and formed a natural defence upon the eastern side. The other sides of the Castle were protected by the sharp rise in the level of the ground in each direction, cut away artificially so as to form a perpendicular face of the cliff....

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

The photographs in this article were taken on March 25, 1992, but Landon Alford and his family have made several trips to Aldford. The following report is from a December 1985 trip; a version was previously published in Gil Alford's *About Alford*:

Landon and his son Ben made the trip from London to Chester, Cheshire County, on December 27, 1985. Since the town had no tour guides, they arranged to be driven from Chester to Aldford by an employee of the local car rental business. They drove south from Chester, upstream along the River Dee, along what was said to be the old Roman road. They arrived in town about 1:00 P.M., taking only a few minutes to drive the one U-shaped street, leaving the highway and then reentering it about 500 feet down from where it had left!





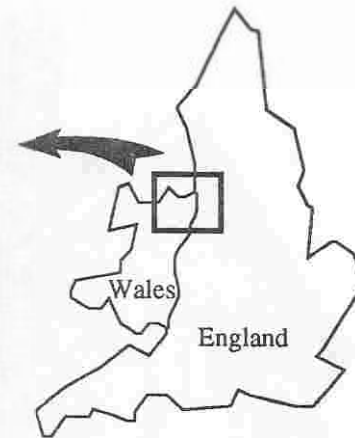
They then stopped at the local inn, the Grosvenor Arms. When they asked whether anyone knew something of the history of Aldford and Aldford castle, a man of about 35 walked up stating he was very interested in the town and that he was the farm manager for the Duke of Westminster. He said the Cheshire County historian had recently done a survey of the old Aldford Castle grounds and directed them there, just beyond a church they had seen on the short tour of the town.

He also told them about an old iron bridge across the River Dee, located at or near the location of the old ford from which the name Alford eventually evolved. He said the iron bridge was actually on the old Roman road, a different road from the one they had traveled from Chester, which proved not to be the Roman road. The real old Roman road actually runs through the Duke of Westminster's estate, which occupies quite a bit of the property between Aldford and Chester. He gave them permission to go on the property and look around and invited them to visit him at his home later.

Landon and Ben then went to the grounds of the old Aldford Castle, walked through the gate next to the old church, and saw the remains of the moat that surrounded the castle and the motte on which the castle stood. [Editor's note: I couldn't find "motte" in the dictionary.] The foundation of the old castle was visible where soil had been dug from around the rim of the motte. Landon was able to get three sandstone rocks from the ruins as souvenirs.

The old iron bridge across the River Dee could be seen about a quarter mile away. It was built about 1824 and is painted a light blue and white.

The road to Holt Castle, about six miles from Aldford, passes by the town of Farndon. Landon remembered that there was a church there in which a plaque had been mounted commemorating the marriage of Ann, daughter of Richard Alford of Overton, to John Puleston. They found the vicar, who unlocked the church and let them go in. They found the plaque partially



hidden by the pipes of an organ that had been installed many years before.

Holt Castle is across the River Dee and off the road, down a footpath. The castle had been occupied by Alford's until about 1600. There was more of its remains than at Aldford Castle. An archway and stone steps still remain on the motte.

From there, Landon and Ben went on to the attractive two-story home of the farm manager. The home goes with the job of managing the farm, a 4700-acre dairy farm with 900 cows. The farm manager, a chartered CPA, worked for Peat, Marwick and Mitchell before working for the Duke. The Duke owns all of Aldford, a good bit of Chester, and much of the Mayfair district of London, including the Grosvenor (his family name) House Hotel. He is also building skyscrapers in San Francisco, Austria, and Australia!

After leaving the farm manager's home, they toured the old Roman road again, crossed the old iron bridge, and found an old Roman marker. After arriving back at Chester, they toured a unique shopping mall known as "The Rows"—the first enclosed shopping mall ever built. Parts of the mall are over 600 years old. There is an old Roman wall around Chester, but time and darkness would not allow them to see it. They had to catch the train back to London, where they arrived before midnight. ❖



## Part 2: Uncle Emmett, The Alford Farm and I

By Jack Kinabrew, AAFA #87

[The author's uncle was William Emmett Alford, 1874-1937, son of Seaborn John Alford and Mary (Kirk) Wadsworth.]

### THE WELL

One reason why the new house had been built at that location was that the old well was still there. However, it turned out to be unusable because the wooden well curbing had rotted out.

Now it was even farther to a supply of water, and a new well became the A-1 order of business.

A well drilling rig was rented. Not one of those truck mounted jobs—I don't think that they had been invented in 1929. This one had a cutter head made of 12" diameter pipe about four feet long. The blacksmith had fitted it with two lips to cut into the soil. At the other end was riveted a stout flat iron bail with a one inch square hole in it.

Then there were "rods" of hand hewn ash or oak, about three inches square and eight feet long. The ends were banded with iron rings. One end had a one inch square spike, the other had a flat iron bail with a one inch square hole.

A tripod, made of pine poles, was erected over the well site, with a block and tackle hanging from the apex. The final piece of equipment was an eight foot beam with a square yoke in the center to fit over the rods.

To start the well, a rod was hung from the block and tackle on a swivel. The lower end of the rod was inserted into the bail of the cutter head. A cotter key in the iron spike held it together.

Then two of us would take up the

beam, engage the rod, and start walking around in a circle. The cutter head was let down into the hole, and rods added as the bore got deeper. When the cutter head was full, the walkers would relax while it was hoisted out of the hole. The spoil was dumped to one side. Then back into the hole, and so on.

All went well for about twenty feet—we had estimated a forty foot well—then we hit "sand rock" (sandstone with gravel embedded in it).

So we got a percussion tool—a six foot length of square iron with a point on one end and a bail on the other. It was attached to the block and tackle, hoisted to the top, then let loose on the run. It was supposed to bust up the sand rock so that the cutter could bore through. But three days of effort didn't accomplish anything.

We had to get through that barrier, so we took drastic measures. We got some 4x4's and 1x12's and built a four foot square curbing on the ground surrounding the well bore. Then someone got into the curbing and started to shovel out dirt.

As the hole got deeper, the curbing sank into the ground and additional 1x12's and 4x4's were added. Dirt was hauled out in buckets, using the block and tackle. Finally we reached the sand rock.

Now, two of us climbed down into the hole with a big chisel and a maul. It was pretty tight quarters, but one held the moil and the other swung the maul. We eventually made a hole through two feet of sand rock, large enough so that we could resume drilling.

From there on it was short work to reach the water bearing sand and gravel stratum. We quit boring at about

45 feet, with ten or twelve feet of water in the well.

The usual well curbing consisted of 1x12's nailed together in a box shape and lowered into the hole. Buy my father decided to go first class.

He bought some eight inch diameter glazed drain tile with bell and spigot ends. The three bottom joints were perforated. A band was secured under the bell of the first joint, which was suspended from the block and tackle by cables. Successive joints were cemented and wired together, and secured to the cables as they were lowered into the hole. The last joint stood above the ground, enclosed by the curb. An open well house was built over all.

As no power was available for a water system, and the well was too deep for a pitcher pump, a conventional well pulley was hung, with a well bucket on a cotton rope.

After the sediment was bailed out, we took the first drink of water. How sweet it was! It was worth all of our sweat and labor.

So I learned that any project, no matter how large and difficult, could be carried out with good planning and hard work.

### FOOD

Next came a radical change in my diet. Biscuits baked in a three legged cast iron oven on an open hearth. Yellow grits made from home grown corn, ground at the local grist mill. Cornbread made of meal from the same source and baked in the same way.

Fresh milk from our own cows—I never did learn how to milk a cow.



Butter churned in a glass hand cranked churn.

Country made cane or sorghum syrup. Wild honey robbed from bee trees in the swamp.

Our own chickens, fried, baked, stewed, in pies—you name it.

Country cured bacon, ham, and smoked pork sausage. Lard rendered from our own hogs. Occasional fresh meat, when someone slaughtered a yearling or a hog.

Rabbit, squirrel, possum (I never learned to like that)—the victims of Uncle Emmett's gun. Fish—trout (black bass), catfish (blue or channel, yellow), perch—mostly fried. Snapping and soft-shelled turtles, stewed.

And, of course, fresh vegetables galore.

Green peas, butter beans, snap beans, field peas, corn (on the cob or roasting ears), collards, cabbage, beets, turnips and greens, squash, boiled peanuts, okra, sweet potatoes, and white (Irish) potatoes.

For dessert—or any time at all—there were watermelon, cantaloupe, and muskmelon. My favorite was hot corn bread, slathered with homemade butter and liberally doused with cane syrup.

In the woods and swamp were wild cherry, wild plum, pecans, blackberries, dewberries, black walnut, and muscadines.

Also, the gum of the sweet gum tree to take the place of chewing gum.

It was a hearty, well balanced diet. Uncle Emmett never made us eat anything, he just cooked it, served it, and we ate it or went hungry. I never did go hungry; luckily I like to try new things.

You will note that most of what we ate

was home grown or found in the fields, woods, swamps, or river. Typically—remember, this was during the Depression—country people only bought sugar, coffee, rice, white bread (for special occasions), canned fruit (for an occasional treat), and baking powder.

Thus I learned another lesson—you could live fairly comfortably with a little hard work.

The food was not only good and wholesome—it had an added flavor.

To eat English peas that you had helped to plant, hoe, stick (with poles to grow on), and pick dew-fresh that morning—man, that's eating. Even more so because they were covered with butter that you had churned.

Or ham, bacon, and sausage from our hog, cured in our smokehouse and served with eggs from our hens and served with grits ground from corn we had planted, plowed, hoed, picked, shucked, shelled, and hauled to and from the grist mill—the sweat we had shed made the eating that much more pleasurable.

Honey from bee trees that you had robbed or from hives that you had taken care of, or syrup from cane that you had helped plant, cultivate, cut, strip, and run through the mill, cooked down over a fire of wood that you had helped to cut and split, were the sweetest things in the world.

And so on—watermelons, musk melons, potatoes, tomatoes, peanuts, peaches, and pears in whatever guise they were served up will always stick in my memory because I helped produce them.

It was a revelation, and as I putter around in my little backyard garden sixty years later, I remember Uncle Emmett, who introduced me to all this.

Some products from the farm were

better than any I have ever eaten—and not just because I had a hand in making them.

Smoked bacon, ham, and sausage fell into this category, but the most outstanding was the cane syrup.

Many farmers had vertical three roller mills driven by a horse or mule walking in a circle pulling a sweep, but almost all of them grew sorghum.

The juice was cooked down in rectangular pans. Some had a central divider so that the flow of juice was U shaped; others had baffles arranged to make a zig-zag flow. The pans were fired by split pine firewood. It was a real art to control the fire and the flow of the juice so as to produce a nice golden syrup of the right consistency—and no one used a hydrometer.

My father, whose company did a lot of business with Louisiana sugar planters, got some POJ cane to replace the old Louisiana purple, which had become a victim of the mosaic disease.

It was planted in some light sandy soil on the edge of the swamp. Whether it was the cane, the soil, the complete stripping of the leaves, the extraction process, or the cooking method, the end product was superb.

I think that it was mostly the grinding. Both the first mule driven vertical mill and the later engine driven horizontal mill extracted the juice without severely crushing the cane peeling, which tends to be a little bitter.

Later gas was used to heat the pan, which allowed for better heat control.

We didn't get as many gallons to the ton of cane as we might have, but the product soon earned a reputation in the country side, and we always sold out the year's boiling. ♦

*To be continued in the next issue.*



## Guy Alford, Part 9: Notes from DAR Records

Compiled from Guy Alford's work by Willie M. Alford, AAFA Florida Representative, and Gil Alford, AAFA Executive Director. [See "Guy Alford," p. 30, *AAFA ACTION* March 1991 for background on Guy Alford.]

It is worth restating here, because of the tone and content of this article, that Guy Alford had undertaken this work, similar to some of the AAFA work, pretty much alone well over 40 years ago. It is interesting to note that he was wrestling with some of the same problems then that we are today. The following, particularly Mr. Alford's comments and discussion, will be more meaningful if you have read "Part 7: Lodwick Alford Will" p. 54 *AAFA ACTION* March 1993 and "Part 8: James Alford's Will" p. 53 *AAFA ACTION* Summer 1993.

Keep in mind that Guy Alford was not stating the information below as fact but rather noting what he had found in various papers referring to DAR applications or notes.

The following is verbatim from Mr. Alford's work except for AAFA commentary added by Gil Alford which is in brackets. He cited as his source, "Mrs U S Gunn notes copied from records of Mrs. Kirby Smith Anderson (Madison, Ga) Sun PM Mch 14, 1937" and listed the primary subjects as "Alford, Lodwick and Julius."

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I copied Mrs. Gunn's notes as follows:

Mrs. Susan Cunningham Bucknell pp. 55-85 in Atlanta Library files. National DAR Number 54199. Home, Fulton County, Ga. Wife of Howard Bucknell.

Descendant of Lodovick Alford, Rev. Sol. Daughter of John Daniel Cunningham and his wife Cornelia

Butler Dobbins.

Granddaughter Josephus H. Cunningham and his wife Emily L.P. Alford born 1908.

Great-granddaughter of Cullen Alford and his wife Pheriba Wooten.

Great-great-granddaughter of James Alford 1741-1813 and his wife Lurania Boykin, married 1769.

Great-great-great-granddaughter of Lodovick Alford and Rebecca Terrell his wife.

Also National Numbers 13250 and 52473, Mrs. Mary Louise Cox Wright born in Georgia. Wife of William Wright, Descendant of Abraham Cox, Joined on Lodovick Alford of N.C. Daughter of Judge Albert Ewing Cox and Juliette Warren Alford his wife. Granddaughter of Dr. Zachariah Cox and Margaret Ewing Morrow his wife. Also granddaughter of Julius Ceasar Alford and his wife Eliza Cook. Great-granddaughter of William Cox and Melinda ...?... his wife. Great-granddaughter of Lodovick Alford Jr. and Judith Jackson his wife. Great-great-granddaughter of Julius Alford and Rebecca Jackson his wife. Great-great-great-granddaughter of Lodovick and his wife Rebecca Terrell.

Kinchen Alford Jr. born May 9, 1812; died July 26, 1891. Kinchen Alford Jr. born in N.C. in 1778 and his wife Cynthia.

James W. Alford born in N.C. 1741; died in 1813 in N.C. and his wife, Lurania Boykin. M. 1769.

Lodovick Alford born 1715 N.C.; died 1789 in N.C. and his wife Rebecca Ferrel or Terrell.

Lodovick Alford's children were:

Julius Alford; married Rebecca Jackson

James Alford; married Lurania Boykin in 1769.

Comment: This note to be read in connection with the wills of Lodwick Alford and James Alford.

This is about all the information I have about the DAR membership applications of Mrs. Gunn and those named. I assume they carry more detailed information. Anyway, I am attempting to supply what, to me, appear to be missing links. At least I would like to have more details about these Alford forebears.

1. Assuming the applicants in these membership applications, and as I have seen it spelled in several other places, were referring to Lodwick Alford who signed the will, others have used Lodowick and Lodovick, on other records I have read. In his will, he used Lodwick. I suggest we keep that point in mind, to be consistent in our records. When I have finished my notes, I think I will be able to give a short history of the names and how or why he got it as a forename.

2. If we rely on Lodwick's will, dated June 21, 1792, where is the proof that James and Julius were the children of Lodwick and his wife, Lurania [*sic*—she was the wife of James]? They are not mentioned in the will. I assume supporting proof was filed with the membership applications. [St. Peter's Parish Church records combined with the will of Julius Alford, brother of Lodwick Alford, proved that James is a son of Lodwick. A North Carolina tax record proves that Julius was the son of Lodwick.] It's true Julius had a son named Lodwick and we see this Lodwick's name on many Georgia



records. But between the death of a man and the probate of his will, but that period elapse was not always true. [There appears to be something missing here but Guy's original work was double checked and he typed it just as written here.] If we put the death of James Alford about the end of 1813, it would be a good guess at this distant day. If he was born in 1741 and died in 1813, he would have been in his 72nd. year. His will is dated July 29, 1812. [AAFA has a newspaper article that proves his death in Georgia in November 1812.] He was, by the facts, an elderly man. The note says he "died 1813 in N.C." and this is chiefly the point that raises a question in my mind as to the identity of James W and the James whose will was probated in Feb 7, 1814. If we look at the facts we gather from most of the wills of that era and before, we observe this: sometimes, it appears from the old records, the maker of a will made his will one month and died the next, or rather, the record shows it as probated about a month or so after it was made. If more than a year elapsed, we need a better connecting link, I think. And it is available somewhere in the N.C. records. At the first opportunity I will do some research there. [He died before he could carry through with this.]

3. Looking at Mrs. Anderson's records (Mrs. Gunn's notes) I have wondered if James Alford, the brother of Julius, and James W. Alford are one and the same person. [The initial "W" did not appear in all records—just some of the DAR applications.] It's both possible and probable, to be sure. First, James' Hancock Co. will tells us that his wife was Lurena. The note says James W. and Lurania Boykin married in 1769. This difference in spelling is not sufficient to create a doubt. Second, this note says: "James W. Alford, born 1741, N.C. died 1813 in N.C." and this leads me,

without more proof, to wonder if our James Alford of Hancock Co. Ga. died in N.C. rather than Ga.? Undoubtedly, James Alford died sometime before Feb. 7, 1814, the date his will was probated and admitted to record. I have not, as yet, had an opportunity to see the whole of this probate proceeding, the petition for probate, for example, which ordinarily would show when it was filed in court, etc. Usually, where there is an estate affecting land, there is notice to the heirs, normally at least 30 days. Of course legal proceedings in that early era were less formal than our laws of today require, but from the outset the state Georgia has followed the Common Law of England and I think the customary formalities were observed in Hancock in 1814; it was then one of the state's most advanced counties. Without more background knowledge of the Hancock County records, my guess is that he must have died around or before the first of January, 1814. Having observed the handling of administration of estates in that era, the records often show two, three or four months elapsing between the date of the will and the date of probate that indicates, to me, that the maker, man or woman, was seriously ill and anticipated death and that he or she probably recuperated and lived on a few months longer. James Alford's will indicates that it was drawn by a person skilled in the preparation of legal documents, probably a lawyer. The disposition of his property also indicates that he was a prudent man as well as successful and that he had, prior to the date of his will, made ample provisions for most of his sons and daughters. The 'fifty dollars' bequests, to be sure, plus the statement of what he or she 'has already received', proves this point. More numerous bequests to a smaller number of his children means, to me, that he was trying to equalize and treat all of his children justly and

fairly. And I also believe the facts gathered from the will, alone, plus what we know about human nature and what happens when a successful man dies, would lead us to believe that James Alford had made other wills, to take care of the changing circumstances as his children matured, married and started out in life. Having had experience as a lawyer in matters of this kind, I must say that James Alford was, undoubtedly, a steady, successful and prudent man. He sought, as many fathers and mothers fail to do, to anticipate what may and often does happen after death. In every set of children there are the selfish, the spendthrifts, the thoughtless, and those who always 'depend' upon their parents, never making use of their opportunities, etc.

Assuming that James Alford was 72 or thereabouts, and the facts would justify us to conclude that he was living in the 'sunset' of his life, why should he, at this old age, go back to his old home in N.C.? If we put ourselves back in that era and consider the hardships incident to travel, would an old man in his seventies have made this journey by horseback or probably by one of the few stagecoaches available? There were only trails; no improved roads. No doubt he had visited his old boyhood home back in N.C. in his earlier days. All I can conclude is this: If our James Alford of Hancock County died in N.C., it was because of the ill effects or hardships endured or suffered in making such a trip.

On the other hand, his father was long since deceased. And his mother too, no doubt. His father's estate, too, had been administered. A search in the records in N.C. may reveal that he owned property in N.C., but his will makes no mention of it. He was long since at an age when sentimental whims such as visiting the scene of his boyhood, played any part in



the maturity of his life. As I have pointed out, it is possible that he did leave his home in Hancock County to visit the scene of his boyhood and young manhood days, but I just can't believe that this was probable. Nevertheless, I can see, somewhere in my research, a reason for an old man to make such a journey, particularly one in the circumstances and surroundings of James Alford.

My view is that the genealogist who compiled the notes mentioned on Mrs. Gunn's memorandum probably got her notes mixed. That is possible, I can say out of my own experience. And that's why I take a skeptical view of what I read and see and hear and jot down, until I get convincing facts and recheck my notes. Its human to make mistakes and I am just an average human being.

As an afterthought and before ending this comment, I think it will appear, when all of my notes are typed and indexed, that the sons of Lodwick Alford, those named in his will, also came to Georgia. Without trying to locate these particular notes, I do recall taking down notes, from the Georgia records, the names of Anselm Alford, Warren Alford, Goodrich Alford, Wiley Alford, Baley Alford, Kinchen Alford, Samuel Alford, sons and grandsons. And the records show several Mary Alfords. In addition to naming his executors, he added "& Trustees for my children," which to be sure, indicates that several were under the age of 21. Were these Alfords Lodwick's children? Probably all or most of them were?

And right here, as a cross reference, I have a note to investigate the Register of the Church in which Lodwick Alford was a Vestryman. If we can locate this old Parish Register, we will know more about Lodwick Alford and his family. ❖

## Dean Henry Alford

From Frederic Boase, *MODERN ENGLISH BIOGRAPHY Volume I—A to H*, (N.p.: Frank Cass and Company, Ltd., 1965). Article sent by non-member Elmer K. Miller.

Alford, Very Rev. Henry (*only child of the preceding by his first wife* [Henry Alford and Mary Bush]). b. 25 Alfred place, Bedford sq. London 7 Oct. 1810; ed. at Charnmouth in Dorset and Ilminster gr. school; matric. from Trin. coll. Cam. 13 Nov. 1828; scholar 1830, Bell scholar March 1831; 34 wrangler and 8 classic 1832; B.A. 1832, M.A. 1835, B.D. 1849, D.D. 1859; ordained at Exeter Cathedral to curacy of Ampton, Suffolk, 27 Oct. 1834; ordained priest at St. Margaret's, Westminster 6 Nov. 1834; V. of Wymeswold Leics. 11 March 1835; Hulsean lecturer in Univ. of Cam. 1841-42; examiner in logic and moral philosophy in Univ. of London 1841-57; minister of Quebec chapel Portman sq. 1853; lived at 6 Upper Hamilton terrace, St. John's Wood 26 Sep. 1853 to 19 June 1857; dean of Canterbury 18 March 1857 to death; one of the revisers of the New Testament; edited *Contemporary Review* Dec. 1866; author of *Poems and poetical fragments* 1831; *Chapters on the poets of Greece* 1841; *Greek Testament* 5 vols. 1849-61, and 40 more volumes besides 104 articles in reviews. (m. 10 March 1835 Frances Oke dau. of Rev. Samuel Alford, P.C. of Muchelney, Somerset, she d. 18 Nov. 1878 aged 67). d. The Deanery, Canterbury 12 Jany. 1871. bur. churchyard of St. Martin's, Canterbury 17 Jany. *Life of Henry Alford* edited by his widow 1873, *portrait*; *Illustrated Review* i, 295-98, *portrait*; I.L.N. xxvi, 269 (1855), lviii, 67 (1871), *portrait*.

Note.—The statue erected to his memory in a niche of the west front of Canterbury Cathedral was unveiled 17 Oct. 1871.

[The following poem was included with the above article:]

"Ten thousand times ten thousand,  
In sparkling raiment bright,  
The armies of the ransomed saints  
Throng up the steepes of light:  
'Tis finished, all is finished,  
Their fight with death and sin;  
Fling open wide the golden gates,  
And let the victors in.  
What a rush of hallelujahs  
Fills all the earth and sky!  
What ringing of a thousand harps  
Bespeaks the triumph nigh!  
O day, for which creation  
And all its tribes were made!  
O joy, for all its former woes  
A thousand fold repaid!  
O then what raptured greetings  
On Canaan's happy shore!  
What knitting severed friendships up,  
Where partings are no more!  
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle,  
That brimmed with tears of late,  
Orphans no longer fatherless,  
Nor widows desolate."

— Henry Alford, 1856  
— *The Pioneer Baptist*

Editor's Notes: Henry Alford's ancestry to the mid-1500's is: Henry<sup>9</sup>, Henry<sup>8</sup>, Samuel<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Richard<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>

Additional articles about Henry Alford published in *AAFA ACTION*: "H. Alford, Dean of Canterbury," June 1989, p. 8; "Henry Alford, Hymn Writer," September 1991, p. 72; "Part 20: Josiah Alford's Alford Family Notes," Spring 1994, p. 23.

At least two AAFA members are descended from Henry Alford through his daughter Frances Mary and her husband Henry E.T. Cruso: Sophie Stone, AAFA #167, and Thalassa Cruso Hencken, AAFA #330 (daughter of Frances). ❖



## Ann Alford of Chester Co., PA

*The following letter, written to Executive Director Gil Alford on 21 June 1994, is from Lona Contreras, AAFA #157.*

**H**ere is some data on my ANN ALFORD, plus some possible connections from BEN ALFORD's report on Chester Co. When will he write one on Lancaster Co.? I'll be glad to see it. Please thank him for his search in Chester Co. Combined with information from AAFA ACTION Mar. 1992, pp. 19-20, we can put together a possible family, where there was nothing before. I have contacted, at last, a second cousin in Oskaloosa, Iowa, who may have more solid data, but until I hear from him, my charts will have to be erasable. Since I renewed my subscription for your magazine [AAFA ACTION which comes with membership], I have received from another relative Ann Alford's birthdate and place. It was recorded by her granddaughter, and given me by that woman's grandson, now in his 93rd year, just because he remembered that when he'd lived in Oregon he'd heard that I was interested in family history!

I have the Hoopes and Kirk lines in some detail and would be happy to share if anyone were interested. This Hoopes line appears to be directly from England, but related to those who went to Ireland.

A PHILIP ALFORD is on the list of those who bought land from William Penn, I think on something called the second calendar. He bought 150 A., but I know nothing about whether or not he actually came over from England or not, nor where he may have been from. So far, I don't find him in the English families. That early history is fascinating. I'm thoroughly enjoying your publication. [The following notes pertain to the chart.] The data written

in ink is from family records (written) and church records. Mill Creek Hundred may have been in Penn's land originally. Does anybody know? I can research that, given time. Kennett mtg. changed its name. Did the township retain the name? Does Charles Alford, son of George & Alice appear in another place in late half of 1700's or simply not appear in Chester Co?

James & John may both have fought in the Rev. War., according to the list on pp. 19-20 of Mar. 1992 AAFA ACTION, in Capt. Craig's and Capt. Ephraim Allen's militia. My Ann Alford's age and Enoch's are close enough for them to have been siblings. James Alford's property was in London Grove, presumably sold by wife? Was it wife or daughter Elizabeth whose will was filed 20 Mar 1841 in London Grove? Seems late for wife.

Does the fact that CHARLES ALFORD does not appear in Chester Co. in the late 1700's mean that he is not the son of GEORGE ALFORD and Alice? Or just that he is not an ancestor of Allen Alford Staples [AAFA #548] of Revenna, KY? And has anyone found where Thomas belongs?

You can tell, perhaps, that I am a bit excited about this possibility—because it's been a connection we haven't seen in about 10 years. It's more difficult to pull things together at a distance and we've become a bit discouraged, but now we need to prove or disprove this. I need to know where Mr. Staples found his information, and any more bits and pieces Ben Alford may find.

What was in George Alford's will? That's enough questions. I'll start looking again to see what old records are available from the places mentioned.

Information from the chart that Lona Contreras drew is below. Names from the inked/proven portion of Lona's chart are shown in **bold**. The unproven possibilities, shown in pencil by Lona, are in plain type.

1. George Alford of Mill Creek Hundred, DE, m. Alice \_\_\_\_\_. They had at least one child:

2 i. Charles Alford

2. Charles Alford, m. Elizabeth Laughton 1745 Holy Trinity Wilmington, DE. Charles was the executor of his father's will in 1748. He was not in Chester Co. during latter part of 1700s. Elizabeth's will was filed in Kennett Twp. 27 Jun 1771. Which Alice was administrator? They had four children:

- i. Mary Alford
- ii. Alice Alford
- 3 iii. James Alford
- iv. John Alford, m. Elizabeth. John's will filed 10 July 1834 no heirs. Property sold 6 Dec 1836 W. Nantmeal. No heirs.

3. James Alford, m. Elizabeth. James' will filed 3 Aug. 1805. They had at least three children:

- 4 i. Anne Alford
- ii. Enoch Alford, b. ca. 1780.
- iii. Elizabeth Alford.

4. Anne Alford, b. 13 Feb 1776 in London Grove, Chester Co., PA. She m. William Hoopes 9 March 1797. They had at least two children:

- i. Anne Hoopes, m. Lindley Kirtland/Kirkland.
- ii. Elizabeth Hoopes, b. 4 Apr 1799 in London Grove, Chester Co., PA. She m. 17



## Brothers Halcut and Julius C. Alford

Sent by Dovie Alford, AAFA #110

From Carol Lynn Mead, *THE LAND BETWEEN TWO RIVERS, MADISON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI* (Canton, MS: Friends of the Madison County-Canton Public Library, 1987), pp. 273-274.

### Halcut Alford, 1789-1858

Halcut Alford was born in Greene Co. Ga. 5 May 1789. His father was Julius Alford born in North Carolina ca 1747 and his mother was Rebekah (Rebecca) Jackson born ca 1748 in N. C. Halcut was a member of a large family, eight girls and four boys.

Halcut married Harriett C. \_\_\_\_\_ about 1814-16. She was born in South Carolina, 22 June 1797. Their first child, Richard E. was born in Greene Co. Ga. 15 July 1818 and daughter Sudie was born 1820, same Co. They moved to Wilkinson Co. Miss. after 1820. John Warren was born 13 Dec. 1824 in Miss. Rebecca was born 8th July 1825, Jackson. Francis A.S. born 1829, Susan G. born 29 Jan. 1830. Owen was born 1833, Virgil A.S. born 18 April 1834, Cora Lynn born 4 Jan 1841 and Caroline 1842. They moved to Madison Co. after the 1830 census.

The marriages of this family were mostly in Madison Co. Richard E. married Jane E. Cooper 23 May 1844, she died 11 Mar. 1845 and he married Frances Elizabeth Lee 8 Sept. 1846 Monroe Co. John Warren died 13 Dec.

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Jan 1817 in Sadsbury, Chester Co., PA, to William Kirk of Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. William was b. 25 Nov 1799. Elizabeth d. in Salem, Columbiana Co., OH, and William m. (2) Elizabeth Gilbert. He d. 31 Oct 1860, also in Salem. ❖

1846 (his birthday) age 22, no marriage. Rebecca Ann married Lucius Nash Halbert 11 Apr. 1848. She died in Braham, Tex. 4 Nov. 1904. Francis A.S. married Amarinta Williams 5 Apr. 1855, no death dates on them. Susan G. married Wilkins B. Henry 12 Dec. 1850 and she died 12 Oct. 1851. Owen never married, he moved to Mexico in 1865, became a doctor among the Indians. He died at his sister's in San Antonio, Tex. 1885. Cora Lynn married Dr. James H. Haley 18 Sept 1860 from Madison Co. She died 22 Mar. 1924 San Antonio, Tex. Virgil A.S. died 8 Oct 1837. No marriage or death dates on Caroline. She was a minor when her parents died and was listed in the estate. Halcut Alford was a doctor in Canton. They owned land in Madison and Hinds counties. Dr. Halcut died 13 Mar. 1858 and Harriet C. died 17 July 1858. They, along with four of the children, are buried in Sharon Cemetery. Richard's first wife is in the same plot.

### Julius C. Alford, 1796-1847

Julius C. Alford was born in Greene County Georgia ca 1796. His father was Julius Alford 1747 and his mother was Rebeka (Rebecca) Jackson ca 1748. They were both born in North Carolina. There were twelve known children in the family and Julius C. and Halcut were the two that moved to Madison Co. Mississippi.

Julius C. married Mary Floyd about 1818. They lived in Greene Co. Ga. until 1835 and after the birth of the fifth child they moved to Madison Co near his brother Dr. Halcut Alford.

According to land records, he bought much land on the Pearl River, built a home and a grist mill. His sons helped to run the mill and were overseers on the farm. The children of Julius C. and Mary Alford were: Leonidas F. born 1

July 1820 Greene Co. Ga. Eugenius Marcellius born 1826, Cincinatus born 1828, Susan A. born 1822, Stuart (Stewart) Floyd born 1835 all in Ga. After the move Eudoxus L. was born in 1840 in Madison Co. and Milton T (L) was born 1842.

Leonidus [sic] F. died 18 Dec. 1883 in Hinds Co. and is buried in Clinton. Leonidus F. married Catherine A. Ford 16 July 1857 Hinds Co. Eugenia [sic] Marcellius married Emily A Prichard 11 Jan. 1853, Madison Co. She died the 7th of Aug. 1858, he married Laura L. Haley 15 Dec. 1859 Madison Co. He married Mrs. Emma Moore 25 Apr. 1871 Madison Co. He was a methodist Minister in Canton. Cincinatus married Ann Jane Moore 12 Apr. 1853 Rankin Co. She died and he married L.C. Moore 10 Jan. 1871 in Rankin Co. Susan A. married William E. Green 28 Oct. 1858 Madison Co. Stuart Floyd married Alice Lawson 16 June 1866, she was born 19 Oct. 1846 Miss. and died 25 Apr. 1870, she is buried in the Fannin Methodist church ceme. After her death he married Aurora D. Hoy (Hay) 10 Jan. 1871 (one listing is with an A. the other is with an O).

In the estate records Exdokus [sic] and Milton T. were made wards of their brother Leonidas Alford in Feb. 1853, in the Feb. term of court, Canton. Mother Mary must have died in Jan 1853. Her husband, Julius C. died in 1847 according to the estate papers.

Stuart Floyd Alford was a lawyer in Canton with offices in the rear of the Probate Clerks office on the second floor of the Masonic Hall. He also owned land in the area. He moved to DeSha Co. Ark. for a short time but returned to Madison Co. and sold land. His brother Eugenius Marcellius was a Methodist minister in Canton and surrounding area. Leonidas F. lived in Rankin County more than Madison and farmed. ❖



## Some Alford Vital Records in Morgan Co., AL

Compiled by Bob Sterling, AAFA #320

### From the Morgan County Register of Deaths:

William Alford, 82, of South Carolina died 10 Mar 1896; cause: *facial cancer*; location: Beat 8.

Lavinia Alford, 93 and 2 months, of Alabama died 15 Jul 1904; cause: *senile debility*; location: Beat 5

No cemetery was listed for either William or Lavinia. It was mentioned that Lavinia was widowed. I don't know if these two are related.

### From the Morgan County Register of Births:

(Birth and Death Records are in the same book; the births are in the front and the deaths are in the back. Morgan County kept these records from about 1893 or so until 1912). The arrangement is date, sex, location, name of father and mother, book and page number. The child was not named in these books.

27 Jul 1893, M, Beat 5, E.C. & N.H. Alford, A-13

28 May 1895, F, Beat 5, A. & E. Alford, A-59 (twin)

28 May 1895, F, Beat 5, Alton & Emma Alford, A-59 (twin)

30 Apr 1896, F, Beat 5, A.C. & May Alford, B-9

10 Nov 1897, F, Beat 5, Jabe & Emmer Alford, B-44

8 Oct 1899, F, Beat 5, P. & Belah Alford, B-84

19 Jan 1900, M, Beat 5, Jobe & Emily Alford, C-1

23 May 1904, F, New Decatur, Alfred & Jane Alford, D-24

28 Jun 1909, F, Beat 5, Alton C. & Emma Alford, I-7

"P. & Belah" Alford are Pleasant M. Alford and Beulah Sterling Alford; they figure into my Sterling line. "E.C. & N.H." Alford are Ezekiel C. Alford and (I believe) his second wife. Ezekiel is Pleasant's father and an ancestor of Betty Dietz, AAFA #7, of Decatur. I'm guessing that A./A.C./Alton C. and Jabe/Jobe are other sons of Ezekiel. Betty may have already supplied some of their information. By the way, the daughter born to Pleasant and Beulah apparently never lived to adulthood; she

was not mentioned on any census.

### Marriage information from Morgan County:

Coy Alford, b. 18 Dec 1903 in AL, married Jamie Holmes, b. Sep (year not given; about 1912) in AL (father: H.F. Holmes); marriage date: 5 Mar 1927 (Book T, page 445)

Irene Alford, b. 18 Nov (year not given; about 1912) in AL, married William Gilbert Hill, b. 16 Jan (year not given; about 1910) in AL (father W.B. Hill); marriage date 7 Nov 1929 (Book V, page 302)

Grace Alford, b. 6 Aug (year not given; about 1908) in AL; married Marion Elbert Hill, b. 7 Mar (year not given; about 1907); marriage date: 29 Nov 1930 (Book V, page 302)

Note: Coy, Irene, and Grace are brother and sisters. Sisters Irene and Grace married brothers Gilbert and Elbert.

Linda Gale Alford, b. 3 Feb 1944 in Morgan County (parents: Coy Alford and Jamie Holmes); married James Donald Turney, b. 24 May 1942 in Morgan County (parents: James Cleo Turney and Nell Dutton); marriage date: 2 Feb 1963 (Book YY, page 1)

Coy Julian Alford, b. 17 Sep 1937 in Morgan County (parents: Coy Alford and Jamie Holmes); married Frances Jean Turney, b. 13 Mar 1938 in Morgan County (parents: James Cleo Turney and Nell Dutton); marriage date: 31 Dec 1959 (Book UU, page 351)

Note: The two above are another example of siblings marrying siblings.

Coy and Jamie had many more children, but apparently the two above are the only ones that got married in Morgan County. I'm still looking for more information on Irene and Grace's family. ❖





## Miss Alford, Kansas Spinster

*The following article by James J. Fisher appeared in THE KANSAS CITY STAR [MO] on Sunday, 20 March, 1994. It was sent by Linda M. Brink, AAFA # 385.*

### Beechers' love of beauty sank washerwoman's hopes

WAUBAUNSEE, Kan. — Earlier this winter there was an odd story out of California. Well, maybe not so odd, considering its origin.

It concerned a woman, said to be approaching middle age and still unmarried.

To end that unhappy state, the woman rented a church, hired a minister, outfitted bridesmaids, bought a trousseau, ordered flowers and married herself.

The story brought to mind Miss Alford, who in the late 1850's came to Kansas as the lone maiden lady of the Beecher Bible and Rifle Co.

For anyone unfamiliar with that bunch, suffice to say they were Yankee abolitionists. They believed in the efficacy of the Holy Bible and/or a Sharps rifle to convert their opponents to either theological orthodoxy or eternal rest.

The Beechers settled in Waubunsee, leaving behind to this day a small place

of worship bearing the name of their organization — The Beecher Bible and Rifle Church.

Miss Alford — her Christian name has been lost to history — apparently was no looker. Back then chroniclers often used the word "estimable" to describe a true beauty.

Miss Alford, alas, went through life without any adjectives. Outward comeliness was not one of her attributes.

But she was a heck of a washerwoman. Setting up her quarters away from the main body of the company and across a small creek, week in and week out Miss Alford kept the clothes of the members spic and span.

Writings that mention Miss Alford hint there may have been a strategy in her scrubbing. Men then weren't so fickle. Strong arms and backs were sought-after attributes among the distaff gender.

Still, keeping the company's garments presentable couldn't have been an easy task. The company's men were continually out hunting slave owners and chasing bushwhackers, vocations that left their clothes filthy and, on several occasions, bloody.

Miss Alford handled it all, delivering bundles of laundry to the main camp by walking across a tree that had fallen across the creek.

Which worked fine until the rains came and the creek rose. One Saturday, Miss Alford found herself with a load of freshly washed shirts and high water.

She had to get across the creek, because the next day was the Sabbath. As one contemporary wrote: "Her New England religious training precluded

every thought of delivering them on Sunday."

Miss Alford thought about it most of the day. And the water stayed high. Finally, she tied the shirts together, fastened them in some unexplained manner to her head, and attempted to "coon" the tree by crawling across it on her hands and knees.

Midway she lost her balance and fell into the rushing waters of the creek. She managed to latch onto the tree, thus preventing herself from drowning.

Her cries bought the menfolk running. Like dolts, they just looked. By and by, Miss Alford scrambled out of the creek, wet from her feet to her neck.

Her laundered shirts, amazingly, were dry and ready for Sunday services.

At this point, one would think that at least one of the single men in the company would have seen the hidden qualities of Miss Alford — self-sufficiency, grit, persistence and courage, all attributes of a wife, especially on the frontier.

"And yet after her fidelity and devotion," a company scribe wrote, "not one of the company had the manly courage to propose to her."

But they did thank her for the clean shirts.

Miss Alford remained with the Beecher folks another year, her spinster status unchanged. Then she went back to New England, defeated in her quest to become a helpmate.

And one has the feeling that Miss Alford would have understood perfectly what motivated a California woman 140 years later to marry herself. ❖

Welcome to  
15  
New Members  
This Quarter!



(*Thomas Wildcat, cont. from p. 34*)

as it related to the Shawnees and their neighbors it involved local grafters centered in the new, growing city of Shawnee and their confederates among high government officials at Washington. The plot consisted of gaining the confidence of the Indians and persuading them to abandon their allotments—to be acquired by the conspirators—and remove to an imaginary paradise in Old Mexico, where they could continue their native ways. The Indian Service fought the scheme, which would have reduced the Indians to homeless wanderers. Much of the work fell on the local agency; and Alford, who still retained contact with his people, served actively in defending them. The fight dragged on for years in administrative and legislative action and through the courts, and the Indians' case was finally won—after a fashion. Alford regarded his own contribution to the victory as “one of the proudest achievements of my life.”

He did not name the prominent Washington officials who used their political influence to further the conspiracy, but he planned “to file a true account” with the Oklahoma Historical Society “because it rightly belongs to the history of the Oklahoma Indians.” Truly it does.... In general, Oklahoma historians have avoided all mention of the wholesale plundering of Indians that followed the division of their tribally owned land. Apparently even Alford failed to file his “true account” for future reference, for it has not been found in any known depository. And although he condemned the swindlers, he still supported the policy that gave them the opportunity for plunder. The white man's way was still the better one. And no doubt it was, for him. A letter written at the time by one of his young sons is eloquent of the wholesome, happy life the family lived, socially and at home on the farm.

He ends his book by predicting that the Indians would eventually lose their

identity as a race, but that their influence would remain as a permanent contribution to “the sterling qualities of the American character.” This goal—at least as imposed forcibly—is now out of favor, but the reading of Alford's story affords a new and fresh experience of familiar developments in our history as felt from the inside looking out.

## Preface

By Florence Drake

The pleasure of preparing this manuscript for publication has been marred only by my inability to convey the ideas presented by Mr. Alford in exactly his own words, thus losing much of their beauty and significance.... I can only hope that the sympathetic understanding of the reader will give the interpretation which I have failed to convey.

## Chapter I: Ancestors

(pp. 1-3)

I was born in 1860, according to my parents, “about the time blackberries were ripe,” which probably would mean about July 15. I was the second child—I had a sister two years older than I. My parents with other members of their tribe, Absentee Shawnee Indians, had been given permission by the friendly Creeks, or Muskogee Indians, to settle in the Creek country, after the forcible removal of the Shawnees from their former reservation in the state of Texas. At the time I was born my parents were living on the bank of the Canadian River, near the site of the present town of Sasakwa, in Seminole County, Oklahoma.

My father, whose Indian name was Gay-tah-ki-piah-si-kah (meaning lying-spotted-in-the-brush, hence he was called Wildcat) was of mixed blood, having had an English captive for his grandmother. His father was Seleet-ka, son of chief Kik-us-kaw-lo-wa, who signed three treaties with the

United States government for the Shawnees.

The story of the capture of my father's English grandmother always has been an interesting one to me, although it does not reflect very creditably on the party of scouting Shawnee braves who took her from her family when she was a small child. The scouts brought the baby to the chief's wife, who was childless. She loved the little white girl very dearly, and cared for her as tenderly as she knew how to do. The child grew, and played happily with the Indian children.

When the little captive, who was called We-pay-que-lee-quaa (gray eyes), was a girl of fourteen years the Indians entered into a treaty with the government whereby they were to give up all white captives, and the little English girl was restored to her own family. But she loved the Indians and their wild, free way of living, and pined for her foster mother so much that she was very unhappy when separated from her.

Finally the maiden made up her mind to return to the Indian village and her foster parents, and made her plans with all the cunning she had learned from the Indians. When her plans were mature she arranged for an absence from her own home, by going for an extended visit with some relatives. But no sooner had she reached the home of her relatives, and her own family thought she was safe, than she pretended that she must return to her own home. Her relatives, thinking nothing of her change of mind because they expected eccentricities in her conduct due to her long residence with the Indians, allowed her to set out alone for her own home. Instead of going home she started in the direction of the Indian country. Again she used the cunning she had learned from the Indians, and traveled as best she could, on foot, swimming streams, eating wild fruit and grain she could find in fields, and dodging about, avoiding white settlements, until at last she



reached an Indian village. There she was shielded, and finally helped to return to her foster parents.

In the meantime the girl's foster mother, the wife of the Indian chief, had grieved so deeply over the loss of her daughter that it was thought that she would not live. She refused to eat food, and pined away. Finally she was no longer able to go about, but lay on her bed in an exhausted condition, seemingly waiting for life to leave her body, while her mourning friends watched beside her.

Then one day there was a great commotion in the Indian village. The people were stirred with excitement! We-pay-que-lee-qua had returned.

Those watching at the bedside of the sick woman noticed a change come over her, then she sat upright on her couch—the young girl approached, and they were clasped in each other's arms, happy to be reunited. The foster mother was no longer ill; she rapidly regained her strength, and lived to an old age. The little white girl was hidden from the prying eyes of anyone who might report her presence among the Indians. She grew into womanhood and became the wife of Kik-us-kaw-lo-wa, and the mother of eight sons, one of them being Se-leetka, my own grandfather.

My mother was called Way-lah-ske-se (one of grace) and never bore an English name. Her father was Nay-tah-way-nah, son of the celebrated Shawnee warrior Tecumseh.

When I was ten days old I was given a name, in accordance with the custom of our people, by an old friend of the family. Therefore I belonged to the same social clan ... as the person who named me. The name given me was Gay-nwaw-piah-si-ka (one of long following or file, as the leader of a drove of wild horses) which soon was shortened to Gay-nwah.... No surname was used among the Shawnees.... ❖

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