The President’s Piece

By Gilbert K. Alford, Jr.

AAFA is moving fast—progress I think—and I’m having trouble keeping up. You will want to pay close attention to the changes being made as they will have some bearing on you.

Personnel Changes

Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #0030, has been the editor of this quarterly since its beginning in 1988. Although she loves producing AAFA ACTION, other interests and obligations that have been on hold all these years are beckoning—including a revision of a 1908 Cole genealogy that was begun in 1983, and her own personal genealogical research that’s barely been touched in a decade! She and her husband Bruce are also planning to build a house and then do some traveling. All this cannot be done while AAFA ACTION is calling every quarter, so after the Fall 1999 issue, she is resigning. We certainly hate to see her go. She has been super and has put Alfords on the map. In my opinion there is no finer family publication. We thank her for what she has done—and will be doing the remainder of this year.

We are fortunate in that another member has already agreed to assume the role of “Senior Editor” or whatever we choose to call her: Sandye Thompson, AAFA #1018. We are most fortunate that she has volunteered to accept this job. She will assume the responsibility after Pam finishes the Fall 1999 issue. Not only does our new editor have the same name as our original editor, but their backgrounds are similar. Both majored in English—Sandye has just completed her work for a Ph.D in English. Pam earned her living working in a variety of jobs with Apple Computer, while Sandye has professional experience as an assistant editor for a medical newsletter.

Pam was involved with me working on Alfords before we ever had any inkling of an Alford association, so she has grown up with Alfords, the AAFA organization, and its members. She was one of about 14 folks at our very first meeting in Atlanta. Sandye, on the other hand, has not been with us long, has not had nearly as much Alford exposure and has met none of us personally—making it even more of a wonder that she is agreeing to become our editor. She’s going to need a lot of help from all of us. She will particularly need input from as many of you as possible in the way of “articles.” You will hear more about that as we proceed.

I announced at the board of directors meeting in Paducah that I was going to appoint a new Nominations Committee this year. This year Lodwick “Wick” Alford was the chair of the Human Resources Committee as well as the chair of the Nominations Committee. He is not an active member of the board of direc-
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AAFA is introducing a new method of evaluating data, giving the evaluation a numbered quality code. The method emphasizes DOCUMENTATION! You can read about it on the next page in “New Member Lineages.”

If you would like to increase the quality code on you or your ancestors, you can provide AAFA with records and documents proving or strengthening the data and relationships.

Sources of Documentation
You might find these sources helpful: Family Bibles, old diaries and letters, census records, church records, court records, pensions, institutional records, business records, directories, newspapers, immigration/naturalization records & passenger lists, printed histories, records of the Mormon church (LDS), and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Record Categories
Parental Relationship: Provide information that names the parents and grandparents of each ancestor and documents that prove their relationship. In addition to the sources listed above, data might be found in birth certificates, delayed birth certificates, death certificates, grave records, marriage records, deeds, and tax records.

Birth Data: Provide information on the full date (day, month and year) and the location (town, county and state) of subject’s birth. Provide data that proves the information. In addition to the sources listed above, data might be found in birth certificates, delayed birth certificates, death certificates, grave records, marriage records, deeds, and tax records.

Marriage Data: Provide the same kind of information as described above for birth data—except for the marriage in this case. If the ancestor was married more than once, provide data for the spouse that was the direct ancestor. In addition to the sources listed above, data might be found in marriage records, divorce records, and marriage contracts.

Death Data: Provide the same kind of information as described above for birth data—except for the death in this case. In addition to the sources listed above, data might be found in death certificates, grave records, marriage records, deeds, and military records.

Burial Data: Provide the name of the cemetery and the county and state in which it is located along with proof. In addition to the sources listed above, data might be found in probate records, deeds, military records, and of course cemetery records.

1. Institutional records include hospitals, orphanages, schools, prisons, and mortician & coroners.

2. Business records include apprentice, indenture, account books, insurance records, credit reports, employee records, and social security records.

3. Directories include city/county/ regional directories, professional directories, college directories, and religious directories.
New Member Lineages

Prepared by Gil Alford with the help of Lynn Shelley, VP and Chair, AAFA Research Committee, and most of the members listed.

Each of the lineages below was sent to the member for review and comment. Those for which there was no response are being published as is but are correct to the best of our knowledge.

The lineages begin with the first “Alford” ancestor—not always a parent. Dates are shown as year, month, day. A “ca” following a date means circa or about. A “?” means we are not sure or don’t know. A “<” means before the date and “>” means after the date. “E” or “Est” means estimated. Locations are usually expressed as a state and county abbreviation.

Quality Codes and Data Evaluation

Something new has been added this time. We missed getting lineages in the fall issue because we were still trying out various ways to best convey to you what the value of our documentation on these ancestors really is. We are way behind in publishing lineages and hope to catch up over the next two quarters.

What you see in this issue looks very much like the previous lineages. The difference is that where there used to be a "footnote" at the extreme right side (footnotes were not in the summer issue) there is now a data "Quality Code”—one for each ancestor. This number indicates the presence and quality of data about the ancestor. Presence: do we have the name, date, place, etc? Quality: can the data be proven, and is the source primary, secondary, etc?

Six areas are involved—based on the data elements printed with the lineages: (1) Parental Relationship (2) Birth Data (3) Spouse Data (4) Marriage Data (5) Death Data and (6) Burial Data. Each of these carry the same amount of weight. Presence and proof also carry the same amount of weight.

The Quality Code is two characters: the grand total of both the presence and quality scores of the six areas. The maximum possible is 96.

Data used in the evaluation process is not limited to data that you have sent. It is based on the collective AAFA data for the subject ancestor, having come from many members and basic AAFA research.

“Document Your Data” on p. 2 tells what kind of documentation you might send AAFA to increase the quality code on an ancestor. For previously published lineages, you can request a family group record showing the rating along with explanation of the scoring.

Please do not consider this as any kind of rating or evaluation of you or your ancestor. In addition to being as consistent and fair as possible, the code is of considerable value. It quickly tells us which ancestors are in the greatest need of research. The ancestors coded to date have codes that range from a low of 6 to a high of 92—almost perfect. The average is 54, the median 56.

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### #1020 Scott Andrew Steele / JOH816LA/JAM687VA

### #1021 Edward Lindsay Steele / JOH816LA/JAM687VA
In Remembrance of AAFA Members

Editor’s note: We apologize for being behind in the publication of In Remembrance articles.

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CHARLES J. ALFORD, JR.  
1922–1998  
AAFA #97

Charles Alford and his first wife, Eleanor Lucille “Lynn” Petry Alford, were early members of AAFA. Eleanor, the active member, was one of the few attendees at AAFA’s first annual meeting held in Atlanta in 1988. We published two articles about Charles in the September 1992 issue: “Alfords in the News,” pp. 20–21, and “Alfords in Business,” p. 26. We also published Eleanor’s obituary in the Summer 1994 issue, p. 32.

ATLANTA JOURNAL  
Atlanta, GA—3 July 1998

Mr. Charles J. Alford, Jr., age 76, of Buford, GA, died July 2, 1998. Mr. Alford was a retired prominent attorney from Tucker, GA. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eleanor Lynn Alford in 1993. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Bender Alford of Buford; sons, and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. (Beverly) Alford III, Mr. and Mrs. Jon L. (Roz) Alford, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. (Lynn) Alford, all of Buford, GA; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Virginia Bipps of Newnan, GA; brother, Mr. and Mrs. William Carlton (Latrelle) Alford of Ft. Valley, GA; several nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, July 5, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Tucker, GA, with remains placed in state at 1 p.m. with ... interment in Oaklawn Cemetery, Ft. Valley, GA. at 5 p.m.... Arrangements by Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA. 770-932-1133

In another article, same source:

Charles J. Alford ‘put Tucker on the map’
By Sarah Zimmerman, Staff Writer

When Charles J. Tucker, 76, moved to Tucker in the early 1950’s, friends joked that they needed a map and a compass to find the town.

Mr. Alford helped change that.

“He organized so many things and worked to develop Tucker as a community,” said his son, Walter Alford of Buford. “He kind of put Tucker on the map.”

Mr. Alford died Thursday from complications of Alzheimer’s disease at Wesley Woods Geriatric Center....

Mr. Alford was founder and first president of Tucker Federal Bank, formerly Tucker Federal Savings and Loan. He also was a founder of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tucker, past president of the Tucker Community Association and Tucker Kiwanis Club. He served on the DeKalb County Planning Commission and was a member of the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Alford was born in Floyd County and served as an artillery officer in World War II before attending law school at Emory University.

“He was admitted to Harvard Law School but couldn’t afford to go,” said his son, also an attorney. “He was just a country lawyer who valued hard work and common sense.”

Mr. Alford specialized in real estate and commercial law and didn’t retire until 1995. Until his late 60’s, he worked at least five days a week, his son said.

In 1986, he moved to Buford, where he was a member of Buford United Methodist Church....

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FRANCES WILLARD ALFORD FRANKLIN  
1927–1997  
AAFA #799

THE BOLIVAR COMMERCIAL  
Bolivar Co., MS—20 Oct 1997

Frances Willard Franklin, 69, a native of Shaw (Miss.) died Friday, October 17, 1997, at St. John’s Regional Care Center in Springfield, Mo.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. today at the Cantlon Funeral Chapel.... Burial followed in Mt. Olive Cemetery under the direction of Canton Funeral Home of Buffalo.

Franklin, daughter of the late Elbert Robert and Annie Willard (Wiggins) Alford, was born on Dec. 19, 1927, in Shaw. She was a graduate of Shaw High School and was married...
to Charles Bruce Franklin, Sr. on June 8, 1951, in Gulfport. She spent her married years in Pascagoula, moving to Springfield, Mo., after the death of her husband in 1985. She worked as a nanny for several years.

She was a member of Eastern Gate Baptist Church in Springfield. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Elbert, and a sister, Mary Alice Morgan.

She is survived by two sons, Bruce Franklin, Jr. of Warrensburg, Mo., and Blair Franklin of Springfield, Mo.; a daughter, Brenda Sue Johnson of Pascagoula; two brothers, Claude Hines Alford, Sr., of Bolivar, Mo., and John Wiggins Alford of La Mesa, Calif., and five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Bruce Franklin, Jr., Brian Burroughs, Chris Pratt, Blair Franklin, Dennis Taylor, Johnny Johnson and David Tower.

AAFA NOTE: Frances was the aunt of Jo Lynn Alford Long, AAFA #718.

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HAROLD ALFORD
1914–1998
AAFA #169

Harold Alford, a member of a pioneer Houston County family, was born Jan. 5, 1914 near Austonio. He passed away on March 12, 1998 at the East Texas Medical Center Crockett.

Mr. Alford was the second of four sons born to Willie Owen Alford and Emily Ann Hiroms Alford. He was baptized at the Methodist Church in the Creek Community where he developed a lifelong love for southern traditional church singing. He graduated from Austonio High School where some of his basketball records were never broken. He went on to play basketball for Sam Houston State Teacher’s College in Huntsville. Mr. Alford was a World War II veteran of the United States Navy, having served on the USS Alcor in the Pacific Ocean [sic—actually Atlantic Ocean]. After the war, he began a long and successful career in the oilfield supply business, eventually forming the Alford Supply Company.

Mr. Alford was a true southern gentleman, a friend to all, and a benefactor to animals. He never said an unkind word about his fellow man; and he upheld the strictest code of ethics and moral character. He was a 50-year member of the Gray Masonic Lodge in Houston, and an original member of the Big Red Roundtable at the University of Houston which paved the way for the first Alumni Booster Club to be formed.

Mr. Alford was preceded in death by his older brother, Charles M. Alford of Austonio.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 57 years, Juanita Johnson Alford, whom he met while she was teaching school in Austonio; only child, Jann Alford Harper [AAFA #195] and husband, Kermit L. [Harper] of Houston; granddaughters, Claudette Harper Brown and Angeline Lee Harper of Houston; brothers, W.M. and Dorman Alford of Austonio.

Funeral services for Mr. Alford were held Saturday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Callaway-Allee Memorial Chapel.... Interment followed in the Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wendell Alford, Bill Alford, W. D. Alford, Kenneth Alford, Steven West, and Kermit L. Harper....

ANCESTORS

Parents

2. William “Willie” Owen Alford
   born July 31 1886, Austonio, Houston County, TX, married 1908, Emily Ann Hiroms
   William died Jan 1 1920, Houston County, TX, buried: Creek Cemetery, Houston County, TX.

3. Emily Ann Hiroms
   born Dec 24 1893, Austonio, Houston County, TX, died Sept 23 1983. She was the daughter of Samuel C. Hiroms and Emily Ann Johnston.

Alford Grandparents

4. Charles Montgomery Alford
   born June 22 1860, MS, married Nov 8 1883, in Houston County, TX, Mary Ageline “Molly” Tony
   Charles died Mar 24 1935, Houston County, TX, buried: Creek Cemetery, Houston County, TX. Charles and Molly purchased land about a mile west of Austonio, Houston County, TX and lived the rest of their lives there.

5. Mary Ageline “Molly” Tony
   born Mar 1 1867, Houston County, TX, died Dec 3 1915, Houston County, TX.

Alford Great-Grandparents

8. Francis A. Alford
   born about 1829, Wilkinson County, MS, married Apr 5 1855, in Madison County, MS, Aarendra Williams. She was born Dec ___ 1837, South Carolina, died
Mitchell County, TX. Francis died in 1879, Houston County, TX, buried: Weches, Houston County, TX.

**Alford Great-Great-Grandparents**

16. **Halcut Alford** born May 5 1789, Greene County, GA, occupation Medical Doctor, married 1812/14, **Harriett C. _____.** She was born June 22 1797, South Carolina, died July 17 1858, Madison County, MS, buried: Sharon Cemetery, Madison County, MS. Halcut died Mar 13 1858, Madison County, MS, buried: Sharon Cemetery, Madison County, MS.

**Alford 3rd Great-Grandparents**

32. **Julius Alford** (Lodwick³, James², John¹) born about 1750, NC, married about 1773, in NC, **Rebecca Jackson.** She was born about 1748, NC, died after 1825, Greene County, GA. Julius died Aug 25 1820, Greene County, GA. The date of his death is questionable. His will was written in 1819 and probated in the September 1820 court—a suspiciously quick probate.

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**LEONIDAS “LEE” MARCELUS ALFORD**  
1916–1997  
AAFA #466  

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*  
Jackson, MS—Monday, 21 July 1997

Lee Alford, 80, of W. Maywood Circle, a retired certified public accountant, died of cancer Sunday at his home.

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home with burial in Lakewood cemetery....

Mr. Alford was a native of Roundaway in Coahoma County. He had lived in Jackson since 1972. He was a graduate of Gulfport High School and attended Millsaps College before graduating from the University of Mississippi in 1938. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

In 1942, Mr. Alford enlisted in the U.S. Marines and earned the rank of major. He was a licensed accountant in Mississippi and Georgia and had worked for Ernst & Young in Atlanta and Chattanooga, Tenn., until his retirement.

He was a member of Broadmeadow United Methodist Church, a past president of Mississippi Estate Planning Council and was treasurer and director of the Fondren Civic Club. He was a member of the American Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants. He was a member of the Military Order of World Wars.

Mr. Alford worked until he was 72, his wife, Marjorie said, “He enjoyed working and he enjoyed working with the different charities too,” she said.

“He enjoyed his friends and was a voracious reader,” his nephew, B.B. Hosch of Natchez said. “He was very dedicated not just to work but to his family too. He worked hard and played hard.”

His son, William Alford of Indianola, was born when Lee Alford was 50, but that didn’t make much of a difference, William said. “There was a generation gap there, he admitted. “But, he was very supportive of anything I did and he could surprise me with his understanding of things I thought we would disagree on.”

Other survivors include: daughters, Ann Baird [AAFA #25] and Pat Alford, both of Siloam Springs, Ark.; brother, E. Griffin Alford [AAFA #452] of Jackson; and three grandchildren....

**ANCESTORS**

1. **Leonidas Marcelus Alford** born Aug 10 1916, Coahoma County, MS; married Aug 31 1947, in Lincoln County, MS, **Marjorie Case.** born Oct 10 1923, Lincoln County, MS.

2. **Leonidas Marcellus Alford** born Jan 11 1878, Rankin County, MS, married (1) Mar 7 1899, in Rankin County, MS, **Irene Cooper**, married (2) June 2 1914, in Hollandale, Washington County, MS, **Jessie Pauline Griffin.** Leonidas died 1940, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

3. **Jessie Pauline Griffin** born Nov 10 1891, Hollandale, Washington County, MS, died June 3 1970, Jackson, Hinds County, MS.

**Alford Grandparents**

4. **Stuart Floyd Alford** born about 1835, GA, married (1) June 16 1866, in Madison County, MS, **Alice D. Lawson.** born Oct 19 1846, LA, died Apr 25 1870, Rankin County, MS, married (2) Jan 10 1871, in Madison County, MS, **Aurora Degosma Proctor.**

5. **Aurora Degosma Proctor** born Sept 11 1804 [?], Logan County, Kentucky. She was previously married to William Hoy.

**Alford Great-Grandparents**

8. **Julius C. Alford** born about 1798, Greene County, GA, married July 16 1819, in Greene County, GA, **Mary Stewart Floyd.** She was born Jan 23 1801, GA, died June 1 1851, Madison County, MS. Julius died Apr 27 1847, Madison County, MS.

**Alford Great-Great-Grandparents**

16. **Julius Alford** (Lodwick³, James², John¹) born about 1750, NC, married about 1773, in NC, **Rebecca Jackson.** She was born about 1748, NC, died after 1825, Greene County, GA. Julius died 1940, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.
died Aug 25 1820, Greene County, GA. The date of his death is questionable. His will was written in 1819 and probated in the September 1820 court—a suspiciously quick probate.

ROY WADE ADAMS
1926–1998
AAFA #738

ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS
Abilene, TX—Sat., 28 March 1998


Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Saturday at the Wylie Baptist Church. Entombment will be in the Elmwood Memorial Park Mausoleum directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory.

Mr. Adams was born on November 16, 1926, in Richland, Texas, to the late Roy Adams and Mary Lou Alford Adams. He graduated from Judson High School in Longview, TX.

He retired after working for Atlantic Richfield Co. For 38 years. Mr. Adams helped develop the first fully computerized offshore natural gas production system in the world. His last ten years with Atlantic Richfield were spent helping to develop Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. He moved to Abilene from Alaska in 1985.

Mr. Adams married Jessie Marie Scott in Crane, TX, on November 22, 1952. He was a very active member of Wylie Baptist Church where he taught a men’s Sunday School class and administered the video tape outreach ministry. He was also a member and officer of PEP Club at the church.

As a teenager, he was an Eagle Scout with his Gold, Silver, and Bronze Leaves. As a young father, he was a Cub Scout Cubmaster, a Webelos Leader, and a Boy Scout Scoutmaster.

He also had been Director of West University Little League Baseball and had coached in the Little League. He had coached Junior Football in Houston.

Mr. Adams took great pleasure in his grandchildren. More recently, he was an avid supporter of his grandson, Adam, in tennis and band at Wylie High School. He loved his retirement and enjoyed working on his acreage, hunting and fishing.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Houston, and the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific on a destroyer.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Adams was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Adams.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie, of Abilene; a daughter, Sherrie Gail Hall of Midland; a son, Roy Wade Adams, II, of Houston; three grandchildren, Jessica Lee Weber, Adam Wade Weber, and Roy Wade (Trey) Adams, III; a brother, Don Adams of Longview; and a sister, Janelle Cruger of Prattville, Alabama.

Pallbearers will be Don McSparran, Al Brown, Norman Milam, Leland Robinson, Charles Marsh, Don Franks, Richard King, Cody Barron and Bob Barton. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Men’s Sunday School Class at Wylie Baptist Church and the Men’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group.

Mr. Adams will be remembered for the special love he had for his grandchildren, helping others, and in his extraordinary sense of humor

ANCESTORS

1. Roy Wade Adams born Nov 16 1926, Richland, Navarro, TX, married Nov 22 1952, in Crane, Crane County, TX, Jessie Marie Scott, born Sept 24 1933, Jones County, TX. Roy died Mar 26 1998, Abilene, Taylor County, TX, buried: Elmwood Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Parents


3. Mary Lou “Honey” Alford born Apr 24 1897, Montgomery County, AL, died June 27 1977, Longview, Gregg County, TX, buried: June 30 1977, Garden of Memories, Longview, TX. She died from a heart attack.

Alford Grandparents


Alford Great-Grandparents

12. Jacob Wesley Alford born Feb 1 1847, Montgomery County, AL,
Winter 1999

AAFA ACTION

Kent County, VA, baptized: Aug 2 1734, New Kent County, VA, married Unknown. William died Apr 21 1825, Hancock County, GA. His will was probated May 2, 1825. A newspaper obituary styled him as a 84 year old Revolutionary War Soldier. It is just possible the person providing the data for the obit did not know his date of birth or his true age. PLEASE NOTE: It has not been proven that this William Alford was the son of Lodwick Alford. It is only a possibility at this time. Some would say it is a probability.

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STEPHEN HAROLD
ALFORD
1915–1998
AAFA #642

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER
Raleigh, NC—24 April 1998

Elizabeth City, N.C.—Stephen Harold Alford, Jr., 82, died Wednesday. Services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at McLaurin Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens....

Surviving: wife, Cleo Bunn Alford of the home; several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: First Baptist Church Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 402, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909....

Note from Robert G. Lewis, AAFA #789, who sent the obituary: McLaurin Funeral Home and Pinecrest Memorial Gardens are located in Clayton, Johnston Co., NC. Stephen Harold Alford was a prisoner of war during WWII and was therefore accorded a Military Honor Guard, which performed a beautiful, flawless ceremony. Stephen and Cleo Bunn Alford have no children.

ANCESTORS


Parents


3. Ida Chance b. 1878, NC, the daughter of E.M. Chance and Charity Hamilton.

Alford Grandparents


5. Charlotte Derrick b. Jan 19 1812, Lexington County, South Carolina, the daughter of John Derrick and Mary ______. Charlotte died Oct 17 1887, in Johnston County, NC.

Alford 3rd Great-Grandparents

48. William Alford, Jr. b. about 1787, married about 1805, in Hancock County, GA, Mary Ellis. William died 1830/32, buried: Old part Sparta Cem., Hancock County, GA.

49. Mary Ellis died after 1850, Bossier Parish, LA. Some say her first husband was James Tiggs/Figgs but it appears that the Mary Ellis who married Figg was this Mary’s aunt, a sister of her father, Levin Ellis. Dave Price and others conclude it was she who was listed as Mary Alford in the 1840 census of Sumter County, AL. Mary’s parents were Levin Ellis and Isabella Ellis.

Alford 4th Great-Grandparents

96. William Alford (Lodwick, James, John) born July 31 1734, New
WALTER WILLIS
ALFORD
1909–1998
AAFA #73

No source
______, LA—4 March 1998

Lt. Col. Walter Willis Alford
(Died March 5, 1998)

FRANKLINTON—Retired United States Marine Corps Lt. Col. Walter Willis Alford, 88, a native of Mt. Hermon and a resident of Franklinton, died early yesterday morning at Riverside Medical Center.

He retired from the Marine Corps with 30 years of service and was a veteran of World War II. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Alford of Franklinton; a step-son, Carl Obanion [sic] of Tustin, CA.; two brothers, Keith Alford of Mt. Hermon and Milton Alford of Pearland, TX; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Crain Funeral Home from 5-9 p.m. today and after 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. tomorrow in the funeral home chapel.... Burial will follow in Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery.

AAFA NOTES: “Walter Alford’s Marine Corps Memories” was published in the 30 August 1993 issue of *Midway Mirror*, and we reprinted it in the Fall 1994 issue of *AAFA ACTION*.

ANCESTORS


   Parents


3. Bessie Ella Belle Smith born Mar 2 1890, died Sept 11 1974. She was the daughter of Walter Lorraine Smith and Emma Julia Warren.

Alford Grandparents


Alford Great-Grandparents

8. John Seaborn Alford born Oct 11 1807, Washington Parish, LA, occupation Farmer, married 1834, Margaret Brumfield. John died Nov 15 1891, Washington Parish, LA, buried: Alford Cemetery, Alford Cemetery, Washington Parish, LA. John Seaborn Alford is buried on property that was his farm. It was later known as the Iddo Alford Farm and in the 1990’s was owned by Nolan David Alford, AAFA #425.

9. Margaret Brumfield born Feb 9 1819, Pike County, MS, died Sept 8 1885, Washington Parish, LA, buried: Alford Cemetery, Washington Parish, LA. She was the daughter of Willis Brumfield and Virginia Nancy Holmes.

Alford Great-Great-Grandparents

16. Jacob Alford born Aug 15 1761, Butte County, NC, occupation Farmer, married (1) about 1785, in NC, Elizabeth Bryant, born June 20 1765, died 1789-92, Cumberland County, NC, married (2) about 1792, in Cumberland County, NC, Frances Seaborn. She was born about 1766, VA, died after 1860, Washington Parish, LA. Jacob died July 16 1824, Washington Parish, LA. Though born in Bute County, NC, Jacob lived in Franklin County after some reorgani-

(Continued on p. 31)
**Obituaries**

If no AAFA NOTES are attached to an obituary, AAFA has no other information on the family. Do you?

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**DELORES VADA WACH ALVORD PIERCE**

*ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS*
**Denver, CO—18 July 1994**

Delores Vada Wach Pierce, 68, of Denver died July 3 at St. Anthony Hospital Central. A private gathering was at the home of Don and Marge Wach. The body was cremated. Mrs. Pierce was born Dec. 10, 1925, in Hamlet, Neb. She married Kenneth Pierce June 24, 1955, in Ogallala, Neb. She managed the Motel Grand and the White Rock Motel in north Denver. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Debra Larrison of Denver; two sons, Robert Alvord of Colorado Springs and John of Denver; three brothers, Boyd Wach of Salt Lake City, Donald Wach of Thornton and Delbert Wach of Colorado Springs; a sister, Arletta French of Alamogordo, N.M.; and four grandchildren.

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**FLORENCE ALVORD ROBERTSON**

*GAZETTE TELEGRAPH*
**Colorado Springs, CO—29 Oct 1993**

Florence Robertson, 84, a former resident of Colorado Springs, died Oct. 17, 1993, in Grand Junction. Services will be held Saturday in Eagle. Mrs. Robertson was born April 17, 1909, in Boston, Ark., to Frank Alvord and Virginia (Burk) Alvord. She was married to Ordie Robertson, who is deceased. She is survived by two daughters, Virginia Dorr of Colorado Springs and Joyce Colbeth of Grand Junction; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Robertson had lived in Colorado Springs from 1927 to 1932.

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**JAMES C. ALFORD**

*DENVER POST*
**Denver, CO—31 October 1997**

James C. Alford of Lakewood, a machinist, died Oct. 21 in Lakewood. He was 87.

Services were Oct. 24 at Highland Mortuary. Interment was in Highland Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 24, 1909, in Montrose. He married Elsie Paul in Long Beach, Calif.

He was a member of the Masons.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Donald, Westminster; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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**MILDRED E. CLARK ALFORD**

*DENVER POST*
**Denver, CO—Tuesday, 13 Jan 1998**

Mildred E. Alford of Lakewood, a homemaker, died Jan. 6 in Denver. She was 67. There were no services. There was cremation. She was born Mildred E. Clark on March 1, 1930, in Glenwood Springs. On June 26, 1971, she married Raymond G. Alford in Lakewood. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 111. Her interests included gardening, stamp collecting and needlework. She is survived by her husband and a sister, Harriette Wynn, Grand Junction. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2255 S. Oneida St., Denver 80224.

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**ANN M. ALFORD**

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip AAFA #358

*THE CLARION-LEDGER*
**Jackson, MS—Thursday, 25 May 1995**

PENSACOLA [FL]—Ann M. Alford,
81, a former longtime employee of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, died of pneumonia Tuesday at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Services are 8 a.m. Friday at St. Anne’s Roman Catholic Church with burial in Hollywood Cemetery in McComb. Faith Chapel Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Alford, a Paris, Ky., native, had lived in Pensacola the past 11 years. She worked for many years for the Mississippi Highway Patrol. She was the widow of Harold D. Alford, who had lived in McComb and Jackson.

Survivors include: daughter, Mary Sue Wheeler of Cincinnati; sisters, Cyrilda Menk of Rogers, Ark., and Joan Gilbert of Enon, Ohio; and four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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GEORGE BENJAMIN ALFORD

Sent by Arlene Alford AAFA #154

THE LEDGER

Lakeland, FL—_____ Sept 1996

LAKELAND—Mr. George Benjamin Alford of Lakeland died Thursday (Sept. 12, 1996) at Lakeland Regional Medical Center. He was 34.

Born in Dade City on June 10, 1962, he moved to Lakeland 30 years ago. He was a ben operator for Kraft Foods in Lakeland. He was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Winter Haven.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Alford, Lakeland, son, Aaron Alford, Lakeland; brother, Dewey Alford Jr., Dade City; sisters, Tiffany Alford, and Tara Alford, both of Dade City; father, Dewey Alford; stepmother, Sandy Alford, Dade City; mother, Jeannie Baggett; stepfather, John Baggett, Lakeland.

Graveside visitation will be held from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the Oak Hill Burial Park Cemetery. Graveside services will follow at 10:30 on Monday at the cemetery.

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GLADYS BROWN ALVORD

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Washington, DC—6 Apr 1996

Gladys Brown Alvord, 92, a jazz and blues pianist and a longtime D.C. resident, died of peritonitis March 31 at her home in West Palm Beach, Fla. Mrs. Alvord was born and raised in Brookville, Md., where she continued to keep a summer home while she lived in the District. In 1955, Mrs. Alvord moved to West Palm Beach by boat. She began to play jazz and blues music at 55 around the Palm Beach area, and she also played as a volunteer for various organizations. Her husband, Elijah Smead Alvord Jr., died in 1984.

Survivors include three daughters, Marian Sullivan of Garrett Park, Md., Clarissa Vowler of Gloucester, England, and Laura Livingston of West Palm Beach. Mrs. Alvord donated her body to the University of Miami. An outdoor memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today on Singer Island, Fla. The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of donations to the Hospice of Palm Beach County, 6300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33407.

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HERBERT G. ALFRED

HARRISBURG PATRIOT NEWS

Harrisburg, PA—31 May 1998

Herbert G. Alfred, 95, passed away May 27, 1998 in Delray Beach, Florida. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio and moved to Harrisburg, Pa. in 1929. He joined the Sutliff Chevrolet Organization as General Sales Manager and remained with the company until 1970, when he retired to Delray Beach. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Helen, and son-in-law, Arthur K. Freimuth. He is survived by two daughters: Barbara Sprut (Dr. William), of Newark, Delaware and Virginia Freimuth of Highland Beach, Florida; eight Grandchildren, fifteen Great-Grandchildren and a brother, Joseph Alfred of California. Arrangements were made by Kraeer Funeral Home, Boca Raton, Florida.

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JOHN H. HALFORD

THE PATRIOT LEDGER

Quincy, MA—10 March 1994

FORT MYERS, Fla.—John H. Halford Jr., 77, retired president of a menswear worsted mill, and a founder of the Norwell United Church of Christ, died
Sunday in Florida. Mr. Halford was involved in the development of the LORAN navigation system and was assistant director of research at the radiation laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology during World War II. He was treasurer of several other churches and was a deacon, trustee, treasurer, historian and member of the building committee of the Norwell church.

He started in the textile business as an apprentice wool sorter. While a junior at Bowdoin College, Mr. Halford was navigator and assistant radio operator on Cdr. Donald B. MacMillan’s supply trip to Moravian missions in Laborador and Baffinland, and helped scientists and British government officials correct errors in coastal charts with sextant and chronomenter. A small coastal island was named for him by the National Hydrographic Office. In the South Shore he was a former member of Scituate Harbor Yacht Club, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Power Squadron and past chairman of the Church Hill Cemetery Association, Norwell.

A native of Norristown, Pa., he lived in New England before moving to Shell Point Village in Fort Myers in 1986. He spent the summer in Maine. Mr. Halford graduated from William Penn Charter School in Pennsylvania and received a bachelor of science degree from Bowdoin College and a master of science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Halford was navigator and assistant director of research at the American Optical Co. During World War II, he served as assistant director of research at the MIT Radiation Laboratory, where he helped develop the LORAN navigation system. He spent most of his career in the textile business, starting as an apprentice wool sorter and ending as president and treasurer of a worsted menswear mill.

Mr. Halford moved to Fort Myers in 1986, though he continued to summer in Maine. He was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron; a former member of the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club; and former chairman of the Church Hill Cemetery Association. He served as a trustee of Hebron Academy for many years, where he was secretary and then president of trustees. Active in church affairs, Mr. Halford was a founding member, deacon, trustee, treasurer, building committee member and historian of the Norwell Congregational UCC Church. He was also treasurer of three other churches. In recent years Mr. Halford was a member of the Sanibel Island Congregational UCC Church in Florida.

Sanibel Island Congregational Church, where he was a member, at 4 p.m. Sunday. Memorial gifts may be made to the United Churches of Christ in Lovell, Maine 04016 and in Norwell 02061.

In another article:

BOSTON HERALD
Boston, MA—13 March 1994

John H. Halford Jr. of Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Norwell, a retired textile executive, died March 6 in Fort Myers. He was 77. Born in Bridgeport, Pa., Mr. Halford graduated from the William Penn Charter School. He received a bachelor of science degree from Bowdoin College and a master of science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Halford served briefly as assistant director of research at the American Optical Co. During World War II, he served as assistant director of research at the MIT Radiation Laboratory, where he helped develop the LORAN navigation system. He spent most of his career in the textile business, starting as an apprentice wool sorter and ending as president and treasurer of a worsted menswear mill.

Mr. Halford moved to Fort Myers in 1986, though he continued to summer in Maine. He was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron; a former member of the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club; and former chairman of the Church Hill Cemetery Association. He served as a trustee of Hebron Academy for many years, where he was secretary and then president of trustees. Active in church affairs, Mr. Halford was a founding member, deacon, trustee, treasurer, building committee member and historian of the Norwell Congregational UCC Church. He was also treasurer of three other churches. In recent years Mr. Halford was a member of the Sanibel Island Congregational UCC Church in Florida.

In another article:

THE COURIER-JOURNAL
Louisville, KY—1 April 1994

Myrtle Alford, 78, formerly of Louisville [KY], died March 25 in Stuart, Fla. She was the former Myrtle Caple and a native of South Park. Survivors: her husband, Charles Alford; and two sisters, Mary Louise...
Grant of Columbus, Ohio, and Pauline Musselman. Memorial service: 11 a.m. Saturday, Arch L. Heady Southern Funeral Home, 3601 Taylor Blvd. Burial: Mount Holly Cemetery....

The obituary of Myrtle's sister:

THE COURIER-JOURNAL
Louisville, KY—3 October 1991

Alberta M. Humphrey, 81, of South Louisville, died Wednesday at Mount Holly Nursing Home. She was the former Alberta Caple and a member of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Survivors: a son, Robert J. Humphrey Jr. of Chandler, Ariz.; three sisters, Louise Grant of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Myrtle Alford of Stuart, Fla., and Pauline Musselman; and two grandchildren. Funeral: 10 a.m. Friday, Arch L. Heady Southern Funeral Home, 3601 Taylor Blvd. Burial: Calvary Cemetery....

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ROBERT PALMER ALFORD

ST. PETERSBURG TIMES
St. Petersburg, FL—21 May 1998

Alfred [sic], Robert Palmer, 79 of Pinellas Park, died Tuesday (May 19, 1998) at Northside Medical Center. Born in Covington, KY, he came here in 1969 from Kentucky. He retired as chief of the utility accounting department for the city of Tampa and was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Pinellas Park and the Shriners of Tampa. He was a 32nd-degree Mason. Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Mildred; a stepson, James Seppala, Newcastle, England; a sister, Katherine Day, Baton Rouge, LA; and two grandchildren. Royal Palm Funeral Chapel & Cemetery North, St. Petersburg.

AAFA NOTES: Robert Palmer Alford was the son of Arthur C. Alford and Katherine Callen of Kenton County, KY. Arthur was the son of Oliver H. Alford b. 1859 in Ohio and his wife Elizabeth. No further connections made at this time.

FREELAND J. “JOE” ALFORD JR.

Sent by Sally Stoewer AAFA #120

THE ADVOCATE
Baton Rouge, LA—Fri., 11 Sept 1998

Alford Jr., Freeland J. “Joe” — A retired construction worker and bus driver, he died at 4:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, 1998, at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. He was 52, a resident and native of Livonia. Visiting at Niland’s Funeral Home, New Roads, 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Friday.... Religious services at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Friday.... Interment in church cemetery. Survived by father and mother, Freeland J. Alford Sr. and Bernice Chustz Alford, Livonia. Pallbearers will be Kerry Gueho, Lester Jarreau, Grant Chustz, John H. Chustz Jr., Joseph Raymond Guerin and Vince Hawkins. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. James O’Neal, Henry Alford and John Herman Chustz Sr.

AAFA NOTES: Freeland Alford, age 9, was enumerated on the 1920 census in Pointe Coupee Parish, LA, with his parents Wilmer and Rosa Alford. They go back to the Abram Alford born about 1820 in New York who was enumerated in Pointe Coupee Parish on the 1850 census.

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IRIS MAY HALFORD WOODSON

TIMES-PICAYUNE

Iris May Halford Woodson, a retired nurse’s aide at Colonial Oaks Living Center in Metairie, died Monday of complications from a stroke at Chateau Living Center in Kenner. She was 79.

Mrs. Woodson was born in Gloucester, England, and lived in Kenner for the past 25 years. She was a corporal in the Royal Air Force during World War II. Survivors include her husband, Frank Woodson Sr.; four sons, Anthony John, Sr., Frank Jr., Randy and Bryant Woodson Sr.; four daughters, Gloria Kersey, Diane Nicolosi, Jackie Zar and Tammy Bame; a brother, Ken Halford of Australia; a sister, Ivy James of Gloucester; 27 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. A funeral will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

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KAREN MANEMANN ALFORD

TIMES-PICAYUNE
New Orleans, LA—Fri., 10 Jan 1997

Karen Manemann Alford, a middle school teacher at Audubon Montessori School, died Thursday of cancer at her home. She was 47. Mrs. Alford was born in York, Pa., grew up in Biloxi, Miss., and lived in New Orleans for the past 30 years. She graduated from Newcomb College,
where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She formerly taught at Kehoe-France School. At Audubon Montessori, she was past president of the Parent-Teacher Association, was named Teacher of the Year in 1994 and was awarded a Spencer Foundation grant. She was a member of the Greater New Orleans Writing Project and the League of Women Voters, was active in the Children's Community Cooperative Nursery School, was a Girl Scout leader and was a member and Sunday school teacher at the Tulane University Catholic Center. Survivors include her husband, Jacob Harris Alford Jr.; a son, Christopher Harris Alford; a daughter, Elizabeth Marie Alford; a brother, George Manemann of Biloxi; and a sister, Dianne Manemann Punzo of Biloxi. Visitation will be today from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. A Mass will be said Saturday at 2 p.m. at Rogers Memorial Chapel on the Newcomb campus at Broadway Ave....

AAFA NOTES: Jacob Harris Alford, Sr., father of Karen’s husband, is the brother of Betty Alford Davis, AAFA #223, Vesta Alford Giddings, AAFA #233, Josephine Alford Carrigan, AAFA #235, and Murray “Plug” Alford, AAFA #236.

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MAE CLAIR ALFORD WELLS

Sent by Glenn Alford, AAFA #38

Source unknown

_____ May 1995

Mae Clair Alford Wells, age 89, died Wednesday, May 3, 1995 at 11:37 am. in a Lafayette, LA Hospital. Mother of Robert C. Wells, Sr. of Youngsville, LA. Sister of Alfred Alford, Susan A. Kalb, Mary A. Lange and Henry J. Alford. Daughter of Otis Alford. Also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Service from the Metairie [LA] Funeral Home of Lamana-Panno-Fallo, 1717 Veterans Memorial Blve. at Bonnabel Blvd., on Saturday, March 1, 1997 at 4:00 PM....

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ORA MAE BURCH ALFORD

Mother of Faye Alford Swan, AAFA #220 and Delores Alford Thomas, AAFA #641

Sent by Elizabeth Hazlip, AAFA #358

THE CLARION-LEDGER
Jackson, MS—Tuesday, 2 April 1996

MT. HERMON, La.—Ora Mae Alford, 85, a homemaker, died of cardiac arrest Friday at Riverside Medical Center in Franklinton, La. Graveside services were Sunday at Bogue Chitto Baptist Church Cemetery in Warnerton, La. Hartment-Hughes Funeral Home in Tylertown, Miss., handled arrangements. Survivors include: husband, Berchel; son Wiley Alford of Portland, Seaborn John Alford—part of the James Alford family.

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MARIE ALFORD DAIGREPONT

Sent by Glen A. Alford, AAFA #38

Source unknown

_____ Feb/March 1997

Marie Alford Daigrepont, at home, on Friday, February 28, 1997 at 9:05 AM. Beloved wife of Michael Daigrepont. Sister of Alfred Alford, Susan A. Kalb, Mary A. Lange and Henry J. Alford. Daughter of Josephine Gentry Alford and the late Otis Alford. Also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Service from the Metairie [LA] Funeral Home of Lamana-Panno-Fallo, 1717 Veterans Memorial Blve. at Bonnabel Blvd., on Saturday, March 1, 1997 at 4:00 PM....

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In another article, sent by Glen A. Alford, AAFA #38:


Relative and friends, students and staff of Audubon Montessori School, MS Benbow & Assn., Tulane Catholic Center, and Louisiana Lodge No. 102 F&AM are invited to attend the Memorial Mass to be celebrated on Saturday, January 11, 1997 at 2:00 PM at Myra Clare Rogers Memorial Chapel at Newcomb College on Broadway Ave....

AAFA NOTES: Jacob Harris Alford, Sr., father of Karen’s husband, is the brother of Betty Alford Davis, AAFA #223, Vesta Alford Giddings, AAFA #233, Josephine Alford Carrigan, AAFA #235, and Murray “Plug” Alford, AAFA #236.

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Tenn.; daughters, Delores Thomas of McComb and Faye Swan of Starkville; and six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

AAFA NOTES: A descendant of John Seaborn Alford and Margaret Brumfield, Berchel Lazar Alford was born 16 Dec 1906 in Wasington Co., LA, the son of Wiley Banton Alford and Emma Miller. He married Ora Mae Burch 6 Feb 1930 in Walthall Co., MS. Ora was born 4 May 1910.

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ROGER D. ALFORD

Send by Jo H. Marquis, mother of Jo Lynn Alford Long, AAFA #718

THE VICKSBURG POST
Vicksburg, Miss.—Fri., 6 March 1998

NATCHEZ—Roger D. Alford died Monday, March 2, 1998, at Wilcox Memorial Hospital in Lihue, Hawaii. He was 45.

A native of Natchez, Mr. Alford was a resident of Hammond, La., where he was employed as an insurance agent by Physician’s Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was a 1970 graduate of Natchez High School and was of the Pentecostal faith.

Mr. Alford was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Alford; paternal grandparents, Hess and Ethel Alford; and maternal grandparents, Andrew and Ida Nations.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Hammond; a brother, Willie “Renee” Alford of Tupelo; one sister, Myrtha D. Cohn of Chicago, Illinois and the late Edgar W., Willifie B., Lee Otis and Samuel Alford, Mmes. Anna M. Lakes, Mary L. Taylor, Lillian E. Tillman; aunt of Mrs. Lois G. Isom of this city and Mrs. Juanita M. Alford of Los Angeles, California. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Relatives and friends of the family also pastos officers and members of Second Bethlehem and Broadway Mission Baptist Churches and neighboring churches are invited to attend the wake and religious services on Sunday, March 2, 1986 at 8 o’clock p.m. at Second Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7012 Colapissa St.... Interment Rest Haven Cemetery. Arrangements by Louisiana Undertaking Co....

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TRESSIE PHILLIPS TATE ALFORD

Source unknown
___ Sept 1986

ROBELINE—Services for Mrs. Tressie Alford, 76, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, in the Rocket-Nettles Funeral Home Chapel.... Burial will be in St. Anne Cemetery near Allen, La.

Mrs. Alford died Sunday, Sept. 7, 1986, in a Coushatta hospital following a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mayfield Alford Sr., and three brothers, Clyde Tate, and

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EDGAR AND MERRILL ALFORD

Edgar and Merrel Alford, Survivors include eight sons, Bide Tate, Mayfield “Slick” Alford, Jerrel and Elvin Alford, all of Coushatta, Robert Alford of Allen, La., Albert Alford of El Dorado, Ark., Bill and Jimmy Alford, both of Shreveport; five daughters, Clara Solice, Doris Pleasant, both of Robeline, Juanita Remedies of Natchitoches, Ann Person and Addie Wood of Coushatta; 49 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

AAFA NOTES: The obituary of Edgar Alford, Tressie’s stepson, is published later in this article under the Texas obituaries. He died 5 Oct 1981. AAFA has a note written by the late Tressie Bowman, AAFA #39, that says “Family Lived Robeline, LA 1970.” She lists the children as Clara, Doris, Edith Ann, Juanita, Addie, Mayfield, Jr., Jimmy Ray, Albert, Jerral, Robert, William (Bill), Elvin, Edgar and Murrell. In Tressie’s obituary, the brothers listed are actually sons and stepsons: Clyde Tate is Tressie’s son by her first husband, and Edgar and Merrel/Murrell are sons of Mayfield Alford, her second husband. All of the children listed are stepchildren except Bide Tate. See notes about this family from Donald E. Alford, AAFA #515, attached to Edgar’s obituary.

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WESLEY HUNT ALFORD

Son of W. Eugene and Kay Patricia Alford, AAFA #302

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #32

HOUSTON POST
Houston, TX—no date

Wesley Hunt Alford, 23, passed away Monday, July 2, 1996, in Shreveport, Louisiana, due to complications from a recent surgery. Originally from Houston, Texas, Wes thoroughly enjoyed his years as a student at Centenary College, especially his affiliation with the Hurley
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School of Music. Wes received many accolades from the choir including the Shannon Brown Service Award, the Hodges Choir Spirit Award and being elected as Vice President. Both Wes and his family loved the numerous choir productions and the many friendships within the choir community. Wes is survived by his parents, Gene and Pat Alford of Salem, South Carolina; his sister, Madelon Alford of Atlanta, Georgia; and grandparents, Mrs. Madeleine Hunt Morro, Jr, Mr. William C. Morro, Jr. and Mr. Willie Monroe Alford, all of Greenville, South Carolina. Graveside services will be held Friday, July 26, 1996, at the Travelers Rest United Methodist Church in Travelers Rest, South Carolina with the Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, South Carolina handling the arrangements.

DORTHY CHRISTINE HARMON

MAIL TRIBUNE

Dorthy Christine Harmon, 73, of Ashland, died Thursday (Oct. 22, 1998) at the Linda Vista Care Center, Ashland. A private service will be held Thanksgiving Day for Mrs. Harmon and her husband, Tom Harmon, who died Sept. 5, 1998....

She was born Dorthy Halford on Feb. 26, 1925, in Truman, Ark.

On May 19, 1944, in Charleston, S.C., she married Harl Tom Harmon. Soon after marrying, they moved to Bakersfield, Calif., where they lived until moving to the Rogue Valley in 1994.

Mrs. Harmon enjoyed sewing, reading and walking her dog, Loki.

Survivors include three daughters, Janis Stuck, Yreka, Calif., Peggy Bennion, San Francisco, Calif., and Sherrie Christy, Fort Jones, Calif.; a son, Robert L., Bakersfield; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements: Rogue Valley Funeral Alternatives, Medford.

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EVA A. ALFORD
Great-Great-Grandmother of Richard “Tony” Kirk, AAFA #1005

Sent by Tony Kirk, AAFA #1005

COQUILLE VALLEY SENTINEL
Coquille, OR—Thurs., 12 April 1945

Eva A. Alford passed away at the home of her son, Charles L. Alford, two miles east of town, at 4:00 a.m. Saturday April 7, at the age of 92 years, ten months and 28 days.

The deceased was born in Waterman, Ill., May 9, 1852, and came to Coquille four years ago. Survivors include four sons, Alva Alford, Oregon City, Oregon; Fred G. Alford, Algonia Wash.; Oscar G. Alford, Poterville, Calif.; Chas. L. Alford, Coquille, and 17 grandchildren, two of whom live here. The two are Mrs. Robert Repass [daughter of Alva], Coquille, and Vern Alford, Fairview. There are six great grandchildren and two sisters, who are Mrs. Jean Kirkpatrick, Waterman Ill., and Mrs. Sadie Breeding, Plymouth, Ind.

The Gano Funeral Home had charge of arrangements and the body was shipped to Portland for cremation.

[Transcribed by Richard “Tony” Kirk, August 1998, from a microfilmed copy located at the University of Oregon Library, Roll 15.]

AAFA NOTES from Tony Kirk: Eva was the widow of Martin Luther Alford and the daughter of Oscar Matteson and Marian (Hall) Matteson. Alva Clark Alford was the oldest son of Martin L. Alford and Eva. Alva was my great-grandfather. The Mrs. Robert Repass listed in the obituary of Eva was my grandmother Florence Irene Alford, who married (1) Leelin Kirk, (2) Robert Repass.

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IRENE ELIZABETH ALFORD DUNAWAY

THE REGISTER-GUARD
Eugene OR—4 November 1997

A memorial service will be held Nov. 6 for Irene Elizabeth Alford Dunaway of Eugene, who died Oct. 30 at age 73. Her family did not disclose the cause of death. Dunaway was born Jan 7, 1924, in Holmesville, Miss., to John and Annie Alford. She married Marcus Dunaway on April 8, 1939. He died Sept. 17, 1986. Dunaway was a member of Riviera Baptist Church in Eugene. Survivors include three sons, Melvin and Gilbert, both of Eugene, and Doyle; a brother, John Alford; a sister Pearl Russel; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren. Thursday’s service is at 2 p.m. at Riviera Baptist Church. Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene is in charge of arrangements.

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MONA L. FORNCROOK ALFORD

THE REGISTER-GUARD
Eugene, OR—Mon., 21 April 1998

The graveside funeral will be held April 24 for Mona L. Alford of Eugene, who died April 19 of cancer. She was 75. Alford was born December 8, 1922 in Eugene to Roy and Pearl Forncrook. She married Norman Alford in Vancouver, WA on June 21, 1941. He died October 2, 1994. Alford worked at Emerald Lanes
and for American Handicraft. Her interests included bowling, hunting, tole painting, macrame and knitting. She was a member of the Moose, the Elks and belonged to the Women’s Bowling Association.

Survivors include a son, Jerry of Veneta, a daughter, Marilyn Alford of St. Peters, MO; a brother, Robert Fornicrock of Beaverton; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A grandson, James Tallent, died previously. Visitation is from 9am to noon Friday at Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene. Friday’s service is at 3pm at West Lawn Memorial Park & Funeral Home in Eugene. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of McKenzie-Willamette Hospital.

AAFA NOTES: See the obituary of Mona’s husband, Norman Alford, in this section.

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NORLEIGH L. ALFORD

THE REGISTER-GUARD
Eugene, OR—5 Sept. 1996

JUNCTION CITY—A memorial service will be held Sept. 7 for Norleigh L. Alford of Junction City, who died Aug. 30 of age related causes. He was 86. He was born July 22, 1910, in Myrtle Point. He married Maude Schmitt in Eugene on Aug. 2, 1929. Alford was a logger and business partner for Camas Swale Lumber in Creswell. Later he worked for the Lane County Motor Pool, retiring in 1971. He moved to Junction City in 1978. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and traveling. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Junction City.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two sons; Norleigh Alford Jr. of Junction City, and Everett of Hereford, Ariz.; a sister, Nelda Westrope of Springfield; six grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren. Saturday’s service will be at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Junction City, with private burial at the Creswell Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sacred Heart Hospice or the Eugene Mission. Poole-Larson Funeral Home in Eugene [1100 Charmelton, Eugene, OR 97401 541-484-1435] is in charge of arrangements.

AAFA NOTES: Alicia Houston, AAFA #1, wrote to him several years ago but got no response. A Norleigh appears as the son of Rollie and Cora Alford in the 1920 census of Douglas County, Oregon.

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NORMAN LEE ALFORD
Brother of Enola Alford Burke, AAFA #23

Sent by Burt & Pat Alford, AAFA #498

THE REGISTER-GUARD
Eugene, OR—Tues., 4 October 1994

The funeral will be Oct. 5 for lifelong Eugene resident Norman L. Alford, who died Oct. 2, of heart failure. He was 74.

He was born June 2, 1920, in Eugene, and attended Eugene schools. He married Mona Fornicrock on June 21, 1941, in Vancouver, Wash.

During World War II, Alford served with the Army’s 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He was later employed as a tire recapper and worked for more than 30 years at Retread Tires Shop in Eugene. He was a lifetime member of the Eugene Elks Lodge No. 357, and he enjoyed bowling, fishing and hunting.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Alvin of Springfield; a daughter, Marilyn of Beaverton; two brothers, Alvin of Springfield and Richard of Winchester; a sister, Enola Burke of Springfield; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Wednesday’s graveside service will be at 3 p.m. at West Lawn Memorial Park in Eugene.... Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene is in charge of arrangements.

AAFA NOTES: Alicia Houston, AAFA #1, wrote to him several years ago but got no response. A Norleigh appears as the son of Rollie and Cora Alford in the 1920 census of Douglas County, Oregon. See the obituary of his wife, Mona, earlier in this section.

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ROBERT HARLAN ALFORD

THE REGISTER-GUARD
Eugene, OR—Friday, 11 Sept 1998

Services have been held for Robert Harlan Alford of Bend, who died Aug. 22 of cancer.

The former Eugene resident was 67.

He was born Feb. 7, 1931, in San Francisco to Helen and Lawrence Alford. He graduated from Sequoia High School in 1948 and served in the Marines and the Army from 1949 to 1953.

He received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah in 1958. He moved to Lane County in 1966 and to Bend in 1977. He opened an accounting and bookkeeping business, also working for the U.S. Postal Service and as a substitute teacher.

Alford was a reader of history, philosophy and literature. He enjoyed the outdoors, hiking and cultivating wildflowers. His travels took him to Patagonia, Machu Pichu, the Serengeti, Easter Island, the Galapagos, and the Silk Road to China.

Survivors include his stepmother, Marjorie Alford; a sister, Kathy Clawson; and a brother, James.

Niswonger & Reynolds Funeral Home in Bend is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to 1000 Friends of Oregon or the Nature Conservancy.
WILLIAM R. “RUSS” ALFORD

Sent by Philip Alford, AAFA #871

THE SIUSLAW NEWS
______, OR—Wednesday, 12 Feb 1997

William R. (Russ) Alford Sr. of Florence died Feb. 6, 1997. He was born July 21, 1910 in Philomath. Alford moved from Lebanon to Lorane in 1941 and retired as a self-employed logger and farmer. He was a member of IOOF Oddfellows Lodge and grange in Lorane. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf.

He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters and one daughter. Alford is survived by a son, William (Bill), of Florence; a sister, Agnes Caswell, of Holly, Ore.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burns’s Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HAROLD H. ALLFORD

Sent by Marge Gray, AAFA #590

THE CITIZENS’ VOICE
Wilkes-Barre, PA—Sun., 24 Mar 1998


He was born Dec. 16, 1928, in West Pittston, son of the late Harold and Sarah Simonson Allford and was a graduate of West Pittston High School and Wyoming Seminary Dean School of Business.

Prior to his retiring in 1984, Mr. Allford was employed by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as a heavy equipment operator.

He was an Army veteran and served in the Korean War.

Mr. Allford was a former council member for West Pittston; member of First United Methodist Church, West Pittston; VFW Post 4909, Dupont.

Surviving are his wife, the former Muriel Phethean; sons, Hal, Germantown, Md.; Dean, Exeter; daughters, Mrs. Michael (Jan) Blanidina, West Wyoming; Cheryl Marinelli, Exeter; four grandchildren.

Funeral will be Wednesday at 11 from Howell-Lussi Funeral Home, 509 Wyoming Ave., West Pittston.... Interment will be in Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton....

The paper previously published this obituary on 22 March 1998. In that article, the names of some of the survivors were apparently incorrect:

“Surviving are his wife, the former Muriel Phethean; sons, Hal, Germantown, Md.; Dean, Exeter; daughters, Mrs. Michael (Jan) Ban-danna, West Wyoming; Cheerily Marine, Exeter; four grandchildren.”

JANET ALLFORD WALIZER HAWKE

Sent by Marge Gray, AAFA #590

THE CITIZENS’ VOICE
Wilkes-Barre, PA—Fri., 13 Feb 1998

Janet Hawke, 92, of Manhattan Street, Ashley, died Tuesday [10 Feb 1998] in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born June 20, 1905 in Pittston, daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Jones Allford and was a graduate of Pittston Area High School.

Mrs. Hawke was employed as a bookkeeper in Dupont, and before retiring, by United Penn Bank, Ashley. She was a member of Ashley Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder and taught Sunday school. Mrs. Hawke was a member of Irem Temple Auxiliary; Order of the Easter Star, Plymouth; and Salvation Army Auxiliary.

Her first husband, Chancy Walizer, died in December 1952. Her second husband, Fred, died in 1969. Sisters, Harriet Hart, Elizabeth Havard, Maude Armstrong, Hazel Huffsmith, Ruth Griffen, Anna and Ethel, and brother, William, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are step grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be held Saturday at 11 from George A. Strish Inc. Funeral Home, 105 N. Main St., Ashley.... Interment will be in Pittston Cemetery....

JANET E. TROUP ALVORD

HARRISBURG PATRIOT NEWS
Harrisburg, PA—Tues., 5 August 1997

Janet E. Troup Alvord, 85, of Manor Care Health Services, Camp Hill, formerly of South 18th Street died Sunday in the nursing home. She formerly worked for Weidenhamer Advertising Agency. She was the widow of W. Woodrow Alvord. Surviving is a daughter, Jeanne M. Alvord of Mechanicsburg.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in Churchville Cemetery, Oberlin.

There will be no viewing. Fackler-Wiedeman Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association....
KATHERINE M. DICKS ALVORD

HARRISBURG PATRIOT NEWS
Harrisburg, PA—15 June 1998

Katherine M. Alvord, 68, of Lower Swatara Twp., formerly of Dauphin, died Friday in Harrisburg Hospital.

She was retired from Bell Atlantic and was a member of Telephone Pioneers American Keystone Chapter.

Surviving are her husband, Lawrence E. Alvord; a daughter, Veronica M. Mitchell of Harrisburg; a stepson, L. Edward Alvord Jr. of Oklahoma City; three brothers, James Dicks of Duncannon, Wayne and Daniel Dicks, both of Freemont [sic—Fremont], Calif.; two sisters, Barbara Taylor of Detroit and Marjorie Miles of Freemont; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Neil Funeral Home, Paxtang. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lower Paxton Twp....

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LOUISE E. DICKINSON HALFORD

HARTFORD COURANT
Hartford, CT—25 Sept 1997

Halford, Louise E., 73, of Bethlehem, PA, wife of the late Henry T., died Saturday September 13, 1997. Born in Middletown (CT) she was the daughter of the late Irving and Julia Dickinson of Higganum. She was a long time resident of Hartford, where she worked at the corporate office of the former Hartford National Bank. She was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church, 3245 Oakland Road, Bethlehem, PA She is survived by a daughter, Judith Crafts of Nazareth, PA; a son, Philip Halford of Indianapolis, IN; a brother, Raymond Dickinson of Middletown, nine grandchildren and a great-grandson. She was predeceased by a daughter, Patricia Lynn Thomas, in 1994. Burial was at the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

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PATRICK JAMES ALFORD

LEHIGHTON TIMES-NEWS
Lehighton, PA—2 Sept 1997

Patrick James Alford, 30, of Tamaqua R.1, died Saturday in his home.

He was employed as a machinist.
Born in Frankfurt, Germany, he was a son of Tom and Rita (Kreitl) Alford, with whom he resided.

Surviving in addition to his parents are a brother, Michael L. of Tamaqua R.1; a sister, Beatrice A., wife of Steven Foulk of Brockton; and nieces.

The Lamar Christ Funeral Home, Hometown, is in charge of the arrangements.

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BILLY F. ALFORD

THE STATE
Columbia, SC—5 August 1998

MULLINS—Services for Billy F. Alford, 56, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at Rains Freewill Baptist Church, with burial in Methodist Rehobeth Cemetery, Galivants Ferry.... The family will receive friends 7-9 tonight at Meares Funeral Home....

Mr. Alford died Monday at a Florence hospital after an illness. Born in Horry County, Jan. 9, 1942, he was a son of the late Berry C. and Glenn Cook Alford. He was a member of Rains Freewill Baptist Church, a U.S. Army veteran and was employed at Blumenthal Mills in Marion.

Surviving are his wife, Keller Alford of Mullins; sisters, Edna Gerald of Galivants Ferry, Juanita Ariola of Waterbury, Conn.; sister-in-law, Tammy F. Williamson of Columbia; nieces and nephews.

AAFA NOTES: In the 1920 South Carolina census, Berry C. Alford 26 was listed as the son of Lewis H. Alford 51. Eight of Berry’s siblings were listed but no mother. In 1910 Lewis is shown with wife Francis G. Alford. The obituary of Billy’s sister, Leatha Alford Beaver, was published in the Fall 1998 issue, p. 16. She died 1 Feb 1998.

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DOLORES WILSON CANSLER ALFORD

THE STATE
Columbia, SC—5 August 1998

GADSDEN—Services for Dolores Wilson Alford of 1320 Kingville Rd., will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, 1998, at Church of God, Wateree, with burial in Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery, Gadsden.... Visitation is 3-9 tonight at J. P. Holley Funeral Home, Garners Ferry Road Chapel, Columbia....

Mrs. Alford died Monday, Aug. 3, 1998. Born in Gadsden, she was a daughter of Joseph Wilson Sr. and Ada Ruth Cunningham Wilson. She was a member of the Church of God and employed with Gleams Headstart.

Surviving are her parents; son, Michael Cansler of Shelby, N.C.; daughter, Meshall Cansler of Gadsden; brothers, Joseph (Sarah) Wilson Jr. and Barry (Etta) Wilson, both of Gadsden; sisters, Pandora W. LaBrew and Flora C. Robinson, both of Gadsden; a grandchild.
ETHEL ALFORD
SHELLEY

THE STATE
Columbia, SC—23 June 1998

NICHOLS—Services for Ethel Alford Shelley, 75, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Meares Funeral Home Chapel, Mullins, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Nichols. Visitation is 7-9 tonight at the funeral home.

Mrs. Shelley, widow of Venoy Shelley, died Sunday after an illness. Born in Horry County, she was a daughter of the late D.M. and Mattie Turner Alford. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her daughters, Margaret Jones, Jean Rye; brother, D.M. Alford; sisters, Esta Mae Hardwick, Ruby McCracken; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

AAFA NOTES: Ethel’s parents Daniel M. Alford and Mattie were in the 1920 and 1910 census of Horry County, SC. In 1920 they had children Julius 7, Ruby 4, and Ester 1. Ethel of course was not born until 1923. In 1910 there were no children in the family.

Daniel was not apparent in the 1900 census, but in 1880 there was a Daniel “T” Alford, age 7, son of Levi and Elizabeth Alford who may have been this person.

RIVIE WEBB HALFORD

AUGUSTA CHRONICLE
Augusta, GA—Sunday, 6 Sept 1998

WILLISTON, S.C.—Mrs. Rivie Webb Halford, 88, of Church St., will be held at 4 p.m. today, Sept. 6, 1998, in Williston Cemetery. The family will receive friends 2 to 3:30 today at Folk Funeral Home....

Mrs. Halford died Saturday, Sept. 5, 1998, at Silver Spring Health Care Facility. Born in Mount Beulah, she was a daughter of the late Joseph E. Webb and Sadie Whetstone Webb. She was a retired owner, along with her late husband, Sam Halford, of Sam’s Gulf Station in Williston for 37 years. She was a member of Williston First Baptist Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Peggy H. Conner of Barnwell; sisters, Sadie Mills of Hartsville, Edna Jowers, Clayton, Ga.; brother, Dr. Henry Webb of Hartsville; grandchildren, Larry Lee and Karen Lee; a great-grandchild; a great-great-grandchild.

AAFA NOTES: The obituary of Sam B. Halford, Rivie’s husband, was published in the Spring 1998 issue, p. 43. He died 6 Feb 1997.

VIRGINIA HALFORD COLLINS

THE STATE
Columbia, SC—29 June 1998

LUGOFF—Services for Virginia Halford Collins, 72, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Lugoff First Baptist Church, with burial in the church cemetery.... The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Kornegay Funeral Home, Lugoff-Elgin Chapel....

Mrs. Collins died Sunday, June 28, 1998, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Batesburg, she was a daughter of James D. and Mary Haudon Halford. She graduated from Columbia College with a B.A. in English and received her masters degree in elementary education from U.S.C. Mrs. Collins taught school in Florence and Kershaw counties and was a second grade teacher at Lugoff Elementary School for 21 years. She was a member of Lugoff First Baptist Church where she taught Children’s Sunday School for 28 years.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law, Marti and Joe Stevens of Greenville, Caroline and David Williams of Charlotte and Libby and Bob Martin of Lugoff; seven grandchildren; and brothers, James D. Halford Jr. of Lancaster, Pa., Robert Y. Halford of Atlanta, Jack T. Halford of Marietta, Ga., and Dr. Jake H. Halford of Columbia.
Mrs. Alford was born in Ruston, La., where she graduated from high school before attending Louisiana Tech University. She worked for the U.S. government in Little Rock, Ark., and lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, Calif., before moving to Abilene in 1971. She worked for the Hardin-Simmons University Registrar's Office, Taylor County Clerk's office and for several years at the federal courthouse. She was a member of First Baptist Church, where she volunteered at the Family Life Center for several years. She was a former member of Key City Chapter of American Business Women's Association and Business and Professional Women's Club. She was a member of Abilene Garden Club. She married Robert P. Alford in Little Rock; he preceded her in death.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

### CARROLL W. ALFORD

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #32

**HOUSTON POST**

Houston, Texas—Mon., 24 July 1989

Carroll W. Alford, 76, died Monday, July 24, 1989. He was a supervisor with the Spring Branch School District. Mr. Alford is survived by his daughters Carolyn Sue Smith and Barbara Bradshaw; grandchildren, Sean Smith and Cynthia Alaoui; great-grandchild, Joseph Alaoui. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m., Wednesday, July 26, 1989 in Waltrip Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow in Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

**AAFA Notes:** This is probably the Carroll Alford enumerated in Bowie County, TX in 1920 as son of Jake and Katie Alford, who were Jacob Perry Alford and Mary Catherine Davis. They are descendants of the William Alford who died 1825 in Hancock County, GA—possibly a son of Lodwick Alford. Carroll would be a relative of AAFA members David Price, Jr., Beverly O’Neal Ellis, and Sandye Thompson.

### CLARA REED ALFORD

Mother of Kathleen Alford Hering, AAFA #882

Sent by Pat Fite, AAFA #70

**LONGVIEW NEWS-JOURNAL**

Longview, TX—Sat., 15 Feb 1992

CENTER—Services for Clara Reed Alford, 95, of Center will be 2 p.m. today at First Christian Church, Center, with ... burial in Fairview Cemetery under direction of Center’s Mangum Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday. She was born Aug. 10, 1896.

Survivors include daughters, Myrila Reed Hughes of Houston, Louise Reed Sheffield of Beaumont, Kathleen Alford Hering of Colorado Springs, and Barbara Alford Clark of Golden, Colo; son, Robert Lem Reed of Longview; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; six stepchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

**AAFA Notes:** Clara was the second wife of Benjamin Meador Alford, born 24 Sept 1877 in TX and died 14 July 1960. Benjamin descended from Baldy, born 1784 in NC. In Kathleen’s lineage Clara’s maiden name is listed as Reed, but apparently this is incorrect—Reed was a married name from a previous marriage.

### DON R. ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA #152

**DALLAS MORNING NEWS**

Dallas, TX—10 April 1998


### EDGAR A. ALFORD, SR.

Sent by Lucille Mehrkam, AAFA #32

**HOUSTON POST**

Houston, TX—5 October 1981

Edgar A. Alford, Sr., 62, died October 5, 1981. Member Church of Christ. Memorial Lodge No. 1298, AF & AM, Memorial Chapter No. 958, OES., WWII. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Maude Alford, Houston; stepmother, Mrs. Tressie Alford, La.; sons, Edgar Alford, Jr., Billy W. Alford, and Jerry Dean Alford, all of Houston; sisters, Addie Wood, Clara Mae Solice, Doris Pleasant, Edith Ann Person, and Juanita Faye Remoies, all of La.; brothers Matfield [sic—Mayfield] Alford, Jr., Robert Lyle Alford, Elvin


**Roy Alford, Albert Earl Alford, William Franklin Alford, all of La., and Jerrell Alford, Ark.: stepbrothers, Bide and Clyde Tate, La.; 6 grandchildren: 1 great-grandchild, number of nieces and nephews. Funeral 1 p.m. Thursday, October 8, Heights Funeral Chapel... Intermont Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, under auspices of Memorial Lodge No. 1298. Pallbearers will be Masonic Lodge.**

**AAFA NOTES:** Edgar Alford, born 30 May 1919, was the son of Mayfield Alford and his first wife, _____ Ackley (daughter of William Ackley). Edgar married Maude Crawford. He was the grandson of Frank Alford, born 1858 MS, in the line of Halcutt Alford, born 1788 GA, and Frank’s second wife, Annie Alford/Alfred, who was the daughter of Jesse Alford, son of David Turner Alford, born 1814 VA. Thus, Edgar was a descendant of two different Alford lines.

The obituary of Tressie Tate Alford, Edgar’s stepmother, is published earlier in this issue with the Louisiana obituaries. She died in Sept 1986. AAFA has a note written by the late Tressie Bowman that says “Family Lived Robeline, LA 1970” and she lists the children as Clara, Doris, Edith Ann, Juanita, Addie, Mayfield, Jr., Tommy Ray, Albert, Jerral, Robert, William (Bill), Elvin, Edgar and Murrell. All of the children listed by Tressie Bowman are listed in Edgar’s obit as siblings except Jimmy and Murrell. In Tressie Alford’s obituary, Murrell/Merrel is listed as deceased and Jimmy is listed as surviving.

**AAFA #515** Donald E. Alford shared this information:

“Mayfield Alford was my father’s (Guy) half brother. Frank Alford born Mississippi in 1858 and died in Texas in 1924 married Annie Alfred (2nd wife) in 1896 and Mayfield, their only child was born in 1897. His mother died when he was an infant and he was raised by his grandmother Ophelia Alfred. Mayfield lived in Houston for awhile when he was a youngster. I have heard him tell stories of his early days in Harris County. He returned to Houston County and married a Miss Ackley whose first name I can’t remember. They had 2 children, the first Edgar was born about 1920, and the second Addie was born in the 1920’s. His first wife died and he married Tressie. I think her maiden name was Phillips. I remember her parents living with Mayfield and Tressie in the 1940’s. Tressie had twin sons by a previous marriage whose names are Clyde and Bide. I think they are both deceased. Mayfield and Tressie moved from Houston County, Texas to near Cushatta, LA in the late 40’s. I remember about 5-6 of their children. The oldest Clara Mae, Doris, Mayfield Jr., Jerrel and Merrel (twins), and there was a girl whose name I have forgotten (it has only been 50 years since I last saw them). They apparently had several more children after moving to Louisiana. Edgar the eldest son married Maud Crawford (both deceased). I saw Edgar at my father’s funeral in 1968. I met their children, but don’t remember names. Everything in this message is from memory. Mayfield and my father farmed together in the 20’s and 30’s. The family lived within 1-2 miles of us until moving to Louisiana. The Alford and Alfred name occasionally gets interchanged.”

Mary Anne Giamona, AAFA #897, found Mayfield listed on the 1900 Texas census for Houston County (Pct 8 sheet 12 line 52). The names Alford and Alfred are reversed:

Jessie Alford W M Feb 1847 MS
Ophelia W F Feb 1851 TX
Mayfield Alfred W M May 1897

age 3 Tx listed as grandchild

Also listed are children Sondias, Jessia C., Nellie, Annie; John Hoyle of Ark son-in-law, age 20; and Mattie (dau ?—probably John’s wife) age 19 Tx.

In another note written to Mary Anne, Don Alford expanded on this Alfred family:

“The children of Jessie and Ophelia that I knew were Lonnie who was born in about 1878 so that would be Leonidas, but he was called Lonnie. He married and had 3 children, Jim Bob, David, and Ludy. I don’t know the birthday of Annie who married my grandfather, but the story from my aunt’s (daughters of Frank Alford by his first wife) was that she was very young when she married and my grandfather was 38. My brother tells me that she was younger than Lonnie. There was another daughter named Nellie born in the 1890’s. She married and had one daughter name Eula who was a hair dresser in Lovelady, TX for many years. The third daughter was named Jessie and I have no details on her. Then Lawrence who you list as Lance, born 1901. I seem to recall that his given name was Lance. He married Maggie Phillips the sister of Tressie Alford (Mayfield’s wife), and they had many children. The oldest May married Hollis Huntsman. They ran a store in Lovelady, TX for many years and she is still alive... The other girls that I remember were Mary (deceased), Helen, Ruby (deceased), and Mamie. The boys that I remember are Jessie Lawrence and Bert. Bert became a minister and according to the obit [of Tressie Alford] preached at Tressie’s funeral. He was also a bricklayer. Jessie Senior lived to be quiet old. My 80 year old brother remembers him.”

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**EDGAR PAT ALFORD**

Sent by Kenneth Alford, AAFA #242

**FORT WORTH STAR TELEGRAM**

Fort Worth, TX—Sun., 4 January 1998

FORT WORTH—Edgar Pat Alford, 86, a landscaper, died Friday, Jan. 2, 1998, at a local care center.

 Graveside service: 2 p.m. Monday
in Shannon Rose Hill Memorial Park....

Mr. Alford was born Dec. 25, 1911, in Wapanucka, Okla. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors: Sisters, Louise Lyle and Helen Wilkinson; and nephew, Robert F. Gunn and his wife, Ruth.

Thompson's Harveson & Cole, 702 Eighth Ave., 336-0345

AAFA NOTES: Edgar was the son of Edgar P. and Mittie Alford. They are from the Jacob Alford and Mary Pace branch of the family.

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FREDDIE JOE ALFORD

Sent by Hollis W. Alford, AAFA #196

Source unknown
_______ September 1992

Funeral services for Freddie Joe Alford, 64, of Joaquin were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in Mangum Funeral Home Chapel.... Burial followed in the Jackson Cemetery in Joaquin.

Mr. Alford died Sept. 2 at Memorial Hospital of Center.

He was a native of Shelby County, born April 6, 1928, the son of Fred Eugene Alford and Clara Margaret (Truitt) Alford.

Mr. Alford is survived by his wife, Doris Alford of Joaquin; sons, Darrell Alford of Joaquin and Tommy Alford of Center; daughters, Joyce Miller of Joaquin and Brenda Risinger of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Niki Addison, Jessica Addison, Christa Miller, Ron Miller, Trey Addison, Daniel Alford, Kenny Alford and Don Barclay; and great grandchildren, Seth Barclay and Lauren Barclay.

Pall bearers were Johnny Martin, Shorty Martin, Wayne Swan, Wayne Collins, Rodney Warren and Joe Porter....

AAFA NOTES: Freddie was the grandson of James T. Alford and Edna Latimore from the William Alford b. 1826 Georgia branch. A 15 year old Fred Alford is shown in the 1910 Shelby Co. census as the nephew of Luther Lattimore. A sister of Luther Lattimore was Edna Alford, b. TX ca 1870. In the 1900 census of Shelby Co. is Edna Alford, b. TX ca 1870, daughter of Jane Latimer and in the house is 5 year old Freddie Alford, grandson of Jane Latimer. According to AAFA Texas marriage list a J.T. Alford married Edna Latimour in Shelby Co. TX December 6, 1889.

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HAZEL B. ALFORD

SAN ANGELO STANDARD TIMES
San Angelo, TX—19 May 1998

WACO—Hazel B. Alford, 92, died Monday, May 18, 1998, in a local hospital.

Service will at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday at Beverly Hills Baptist Church with graveside service at 3:30 p.m. in Richland Springs Cemetery in Richland Springs. Arrangements are by Heritage Memorial Funeral Home and Howell-Doran Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 22, 1906, in Burnett and was a longtime resident of San Saba before moving to Waco. She was a retired beautician and a member of the Beverly Hills Baptist Church.

Survivors include a brother, John Stanley Alford of Bremerton, Wash.; two nephews; two nieces; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

In another article:

BREMERTON SUN
Bremerton, WA—Tues., 19 May 1998

Hazel B. Alford, 92, of Waco, Texas, died May 18, 1998, at a local Texas hospital.

She was born Jan. 22, 1906, in Burnett, Texas.

Ms. Alford was a retired beautician.

Survivors include a brother, John Alford of Bremerton; two nephews, Gary and Tony Alford; two nieces, Francine Caplan and Carol Pyle of Weatherford, Texas, and several great nieces and nephews.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. May 20 at Beverly Hills Baptist Church in Waco....

Arrangements are by Heritage Memorial Funeral Home....

AAFA NOTES: Hazel was the daughter of John E. Alford born Feb 1879, Lee County, TX, and Minnie M. _____ born 1886, TX. Her grandpar-
LOUISE PARTIN
HALLFORD
WHATMAN

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS
San Antonio, TX—29 July 1998

Louise Whatman, age 86, resident of Orange, TX last seven years, died July 28, 1998 at the Baptist Hospital in Orange, TX. She was born in Waelder, TX and was a lifelong resident of San Antonio. She was a homemaker. She is survived by son, Charles Ray Hallford, San Antonio, TX; daughters, Beverly Jean Zerko, Orange, Sandra Kay Rivette, San Antonio, TX; brother, Luther Partin, Long Beach, CA; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild....
Graveside Services and interment will be held on July 31, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. at San Jose Cemetery in San Antonio.... In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Missionary Fund at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Orange. Dorman Funeral Home, Orange, TX....

MARY FRANCIS ALFORD

Sent by Renee Shelfer, AAFA #744

THE BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE
Beaumont, TX—Tuesday, 24 Feb 1998

Mary Francis Alford, 110 of Silsbee died Feb. 15 at Bur-Mont Nursing Home in Silsbee. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at New Bethel Baptist Church with burial in Kirby Cemetery under the direction of Coleman’s Funeral Home in Silsbee....
A native of Woodville, she lived in Silsbee many years.
Survivors include her niece, Corella Scott of Kountze; nine great-nieces; nine great-nephews; 13 great-great-nieces; 13 great-great nephews; seven great-great-great nieces; and three great-great-great nephews.

MAYME ELIZABETH ALFORD MOTLEY
Mother of Katherine Miller, AAFA #409

Source unknown

______ April 1997

PORT LAVACA [TX]—Mamye Elizabeth Motley, 88 of Port Lavaca,
She was born April 13, 1909, in Hubbard to the late Ollie and Susie Pate Alford. She was a retired hat maker from Texas Miller Hat Factory. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Indianola.

Survivors: daughter, Katherine Motley Miller of Port Lavaca; son, Roy Lee Motley of Granite Shoals; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: brother, D.P. “Pebbie” Alford; and one grandson.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Colonial Funeral Home chapel in Port Lavaca....

Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery in Hubbard. Colonial Funeral Home, Port Lavaca, 552-9766.

Pallbearers: Ken Lambert, Sonny Gottscholt, Glen Blevins, Pete Hardt, Kenneth Hardt and Bob Sanders.

Honorary pallbearers: J.L. “Mike” Dawdy, Orville Ramsey, Allan Wilson, Kenneth Woodall, E.C. “Eddie” Schneider, and great-grandchildren....

AAFA NOTES: Mamie was the granddaughter of Allen Alford and Harriet Denton of Bartow County, GA.

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NELDA LOUISE CROMWELL ALFORD

WACO TRIBUNE HERALD
Waco, TX—12 June 1998

Nelda Louise Alford, 73, of Laguna Park died Thursday at her residence. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 15, 1998, at Wilkerson-Hatch-Bailey Chapel. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was born Aug. 29, 1924 in Brownwood. She moved to Waco as a child and attended Waco schools, married Otho Alton Alford, Jr. June 21, 1947 in Marlin, Tx. She was employed as a switch board operator for SW Bell was a member of Laguna Park Baptist Church. Survivors included her husband, Otho A. (Buck) Alford of Laguna Park; three sons, Bill Alford and his wife Barbara, of Houston, Brian Alton Alford and his wife Karen, of Houston and Bernie Ray Alford and his wife, Ingrid, of Inverness. Fla. two sisters, Mary Elizabeth Rich of Waco and Lela Boatman of Waco; a brother, J.B. Cromwell of Waco, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Amil Ford, Jim Moore, Leori Moore, Arthur L. Dean, George A. Bringar, Albert Hyde, Bradley Alford, and Brent Alford.

AAFA NOTES: See the following obituary of her husband, Otho Alton Alford, Jr.

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OTHO ALTON “BUCK” ALFORD

WACO TRIBUNE HERALD
Waco, TX—Thurs., 3 September 1998

O.A. (Buck) Alford, 77, of Laguna Park died Monday, Aug. 31, 1998, in Temple. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 at Wilkerson-Hatch-Bailey Chapel.... Burial will be at Rosemound Cemetery.

Mr. Alford was born on March 25, 1921 in Waco where he attended school. He graduated from Waco High School. He was a World War II Marine Corps veteran. He married Nelda Cromwell on June 21, 1947. He lived in Waco until 1953 when he moved to Houston. In 1975, he moved to Laguna Park. While in Houston, he worked for and retired from Naylor Printing Co. After he returned to Central Texas, he worked for Texas-New Mexico Power and Light Co. of Clifton where he retired a second time in 1985. He was a member of Laguna Park Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by Mrs. Alford on June 11, 1998.

Survivors include three sons, Bill Alford and wife Barbara of Houston, Brian Alton Alford and wife Karen of Houston and Bernie Ray Alford and wife Ingrid of Inverness, Fla.; nine grandchildren; in-laws, George and Mary Rich, Lela Boatman and J.B. Cromwell, all of Waco; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Richard Atkinson, James Fuller, Jim Casper, Fred Low, Danny Baize, and T.F. Crawford.

AAFA NOTES: See the preceding obituary of his wife, Nelda Cromwell Alford. Otho Alton Alford, Jr., was the son of Otho Alford, Sr. In the 1920 Census, Otho A. Alford, Sr. is still living with his parents in McLennan Co., TX. We don’t know his wife’s name or names of any children they may have had except Otho A., Jr. Otho Sr. was the grandson of Thomas and Mary A. Alford. Thomas came to Texas from St. Clair County, Alabama around 1890. Otho’s great-grandparents were John and Mary A. Alford, also from St. Clair County, Alabama. John was the son of William and Priscilla Truss Alford of St. Clair County. William was the second son of Baldy and Elizabeth Alford, who both died in Etowah County, Alabama. William was the grandson of Isham and Anne Ferrell Alford. Isham died in Troup County, Georgia, about 1832.

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RAYMOND FRANK ALFORD

Sent by Hollis Alford, AAFA #0196

BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE
Beaumont, TX—Mon., 12 May 1998

Raymond Frank Alford, 47, of Saratoga died May 11 at his residence. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at West End Baptist
Church in Saratoga with burial at Saratoga City Cemetery under the direction of Farmer Funeral Home in Silsbee....

A native of Liberty, he lived in Saratoga 13 years and was a truck driver for Shivers Service.

Survivors include wife, Margaret Jackson Alford of Saratoga; son, Raymond Frank Alford, Jr. of Saratoga; daughter, Elber Leanne Seaman of Silsbee; stepson, Jonathon E. Fowler of Saratoga; brother, Willie T. Alford, Jr. of Hardin; sister, Alice Middleton of Liberty; and one grandchild.

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ROYCE ALFORD

Sent by Pat Fite, AAFA #70

LONGVIEW NEWS JOURNAL
Longview, TX—Saturday, 29 September 1989

HENDERSON—Graveside services for Royce Alford, 66, of Henderson will be at 10 a.m. today at Lakewood Memorial Park in Henderson under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home....

Mr. Alford died Thursday night at a Henderson hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born on July 25, 1918, in Shelby County, he lived 12 years in Henderson. He was a retired timber buyer, and an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Henderson where he was a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lorene Alford; sons, Royce Alford, Jr., of Whitehouse; Rick Alford of St Louis, Mo., Mitch and Steve Alford, both of Henderson; daughter, Mrs. Holli Hagler of Marshall; sister, Mrs. Era Mae Biggers of Houston; and 10 grandchildren....

AAFA NOTES: Royce was from the Isham branch of the family. The son of Alba B. Alford and Cora Jane Swanzy, he married Lorene Thrasher.

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SUE ELIZABETH TABOR ALFORD

ODESSA AMERICAN
Odessa, TX—12 July 1998

ODESSA—Sue Elizabeth Tabor Alford, 93, of Odessa, died Friday, July 10, 1998, at Midland Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital....

In a 13 July 1998 article in the same paper:

ODESSA—Sue Elizabeth Tabor Alford, 93, of Odessa, a homemaker, died Friday, July 10, 1998, in Coleman County.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Second Baptist Church.... Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Survivors: Daughter, Raquel Marquez of Odessa; and sister, Allie Pearl Tabor of Borger.

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WILLIAM FORT ALFORD

WACO TRIBUNE HERALD
Waco, TX—20 October 1998

William Fort Alford, 89, of Waco died peacefully at his residence Sunday, Oct 18, 1998. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 at Waco Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel.... The family will be at 3518 J.J. Flewellen in Waco.

Mr. Alford was born Oct. 22, 1908, in Knox City, Texas. He was raised in Oklahoma and attended Devol, Okla schools. He went to work for M.K. & T. Railroad at age 16 as a section hand and on the bridge crew. He later served as a scale mechanic until his retirement in 1973. He was a member of Altus, Okla Masonic Lodge No 62 for more than 50 years. Mr. Alford had resided in Waco since 1949 and was a member of First United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Anna Rebeckie (Dollie) Alford, Vivian Elizabeth McElhaney Lamb and Annie Mae Jones; three brothers, Alan Clifford McElhaney, Givian (Steamboat) McElhaney, and Joe Barney Alford; his mother, Mary Ida Owen Alford; his father, Richard Alford; and a grandson, Daryl Gene Beheler.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Lucille Bray Alford of Waco; two daughters, Billye Lucille Campbell and her husband Sandy of Valdosta, Ga., and Darlene Beheler of Waco; two sisters, Willie Mae Griffin and her husband James Hulen of Springtown, Texas, and Geneva Lavern Hatcher of Washington; a sister-in-law, Irene
McElhaney of Ninneke, Okla.; eight grandchildren, Linda Campbell, Sandra Holt, Carrie Clifton, Sandrod [?] Campbell, Brant Campbell, Michael Beheler, Carol Nystrom, and Jerry Beheler; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

....Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Directors.

AAFA NOTES: William Ford Alford age 2 is listed in the 1910 census of Knox Co. TX. His father was Richard Alford age 49 born in Arkansas and his mother was Ida age 27 born in Texas. It appears that Ida was a second wife and that she brought children to the family from her previous marriage. There were three McElhaney children listed as sons and daughters ages 6-8, probably hers from a previous marriage.

CALVIN F. ALFORD, SR.

ROANOKE TIMES & WORLD-NEWS
Roanoke, VA—Sunday, 25 June 1995

Alford, Calvin F. Sr., 68 of Tazewell [VA], died Friday, June 23, 1995 in a Bluefield, W. Va. hospital. Born in Rockbridge Co., a son of the late William Samuel and Irisha Camden Alford. He was a very active member of the Main Street United Methodist Church in Tazewell where he served in various offices and committees. He retired as Assistant Resident Engineer in 1987 after 43 years with the Virginia Department of Transportation. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Japan during World War II. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William S. Alford Jr. and Hampton S. Alford Sr. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Wash Alford; three daughters, Mary A. Adkins of Newport, Tenn., Susan A. Dowdy and Jenny A. Walk both of Tazewell; four sons, Calvin F. Alford Jr. of Illa, Ga., G. Michael Alford, Robert B. Alford and William S. Alford III, all of Tazewell; one sister, Harriet Basham of Troutville; one aunt, Carmen Duff of Natural Bridge; and 12 grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, June 26, 1995 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Tazewell.... Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at Mount Zion Methodist Church Cemetery near Glasgow in Rockbridge County. Friends may call at the Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell....

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CLARABELL ALFRED

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH
Richmond, VA—Tues., 24 Feb 1998

Mrs. Clarabell Alfred departed this life Friday, February 20, 1998. She is survived by her children, Felix, Yvonne, Burgess and Joycelyn; sons and daughters-in-law; adopted daughter, Joy; her sister, Elaine; niece, Lucille; nephews, Cecil and David; cousin and dear friend, Winnie; 22 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; several grand-nephews and grand-nieces; and many other close relatives and friends. Professional services provided by Crawley Funeral Home, 3810 Meadowbridge Rd., where family will receive friends Tuesday 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. Funeral service will be held at Destiny Christian Church.... Interment Roselawn Memory Gardens....

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ELLEN MAE BURNETT ALFORD

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ENTERPRISE
Wytheville, VA—Sat., 11 Oct 1997

Ellen Mae Burnett Alford, 78, of Wytheville, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 1997, in the Wythe County Community Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Barnett Funeral Chapel.... Interment will follow in the West End Cemetery.

She was born in Wythe County, a daughter of the late John H. and Lilly Gravely Burnett. She was a member of the West End United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.R. Alford Sr.; daughter Gloria Jean Alford Hall; and a brother Homer C. Burnett.

Survivors include two sons and daughter-in-law, J.D. and Janice Alford, and W.R. Alford, Jr., all of Wytheville; four grandchildren and spouses, Marty and Judy Alford, Mike and Cindy Alford, all of Wytheville, Brandon Alford of Galax, and Ralph H. Hall, Jr. of Oregon; two granddaughters, Tammy Aker of Winston-Salem, NC, and Alicia Alford of Wytheville; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Clarence (Elizabeth) Russell of Austinville; one brother and sisters-in-law, Ben E. and Isabelle Burnett of Princeton, WV, Rebecca Burnett of Alexandria; and several nieces and nephews.

Barnett Funeral Home in Wytheville is in charge of arrangements

The obituary of Ellen’s mother follows, sent by Cecil Alford, AAFA #751:

THE ROANOKE TIMES
Roanoke, VA—18 Oct 1990

Ida Gravely Burnette, age 90, died Thursday in the Wythe County Community Hospital. She was born in Wythe County, a daughter of the late Granfied and Ellen Mae Felts Gravley. She was the widow of John Henry Burnette. She is survived by two daughters, Ellen Alford, Wytheville; Elizabeth M. Russell, Austinville; two sons, Ben Edwin Burnette, Princeton,
Funeral Home, Parham Chapel, in charge of arrangements.

AAFA NOTES: The names Ruel and Jurusha/Jerusha appear in the line of Benedict Alford, b. 1716 CT. Benedict’s first wife was Jerusha Ashley. Benedict’s son by his second wife Rebecca Owen, Ashley Owen Alford, named a son Ruel. Perhaps Heidi’s last husband was a descendant of this line. See “Ashley Owen Alford of VT and NY, 1770–1847,” Summer 1998, pp. 55–61.

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ROY W. ALFORD
WAYNESBORO NEWS-VIRGINIAN
Waynesboro, VA—Tues., 6 Jan 1998

[An identical article appeared in the RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH on the previous day.]

Roy W. Alford 75, of Richmond, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998. Mr. Alford was a graduate of Waynesboro High School and of VPI.

He was a WWII Army veteran of the 49th Infantry Division, a corporal in Reconnaissance Division, involved in the D-Day landing and received the Purple Heart medal.

He was retired after 37 years of service with Du Pont. He was a charter member of the Waynesboro Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Lois C. Alford; his children, Alois Ellis, Roy W. Alford II, Thomas D. Alford, and Robert P. Alford; two sisters, Norma L. Alford and Helen Beardsworth; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A service was conducted at 10:30 a.m. today at Huguenot Road Baptist church. Interment followed in Greenwood Memorial Gardens..... Huguenot Chapel, Woody Funeral Home, 1020 Huguenot Road, was in charge of arrangements.

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HYACINTH “HEIDI”
SIVILLS POWELL
HOLTON ALFORD

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH
Richmond, VA—13 Dec 1997

Hyacinth (Heidi) Sivills Alford, 91, of Richmond, formerly of Norfolk and Williamsburg, died December 11, 1997. She was a native of Camden County, NC and was the daughter of the late John Thomas and Adelaide Williams Sivills. She was predeceased by three husbands, Frank Anderson Powell, John Floyd Holton and Ruel Jurusha Alford; two sons, Frank Anderson Powell Jr. and William Carl Holton; a sister, Lucille Sivills Edwards. She was survived by a daughter, Beatrice P. Byrd; a son, Robert G. Holton; a sister, Lucille Sivills Edwards. She was survived by a daughter, Beatrice P. Byrd, of Richmond; a son, Robert G. Holton, of Southaven, MS; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; four step-sons; one stepdaughter; a nephew; four great-nieces; two great-nephews. A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Cambridge Baptist Church.... Woody

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MARY ELLEN COURSEY
ALFORD

ERA-LEADER

Mrs. Mary Ellen C. Alford, 88, a resident of Franklinton died at 5:35 a.m. Monday at Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

She was the widow of Walter W. Alford and a retired hair dresser.

Mrs. Alford is survived by one son, Carl O'Banion of Tustin, CA; and two grandchildren, LaRaine Wilson and Mary Ellen O'Banion.

Visitation was held at the Crain Funeral Home....

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel....

Burial followed in the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery.
By Janice Smith, Wills Officer and AAFA #152

Since our annual meeting was in Kentucky this year, we are publishing a will written by an Alford living in Kentucky: Nancy Hunter Alford of Garrard County.

Nancy Alford was the widow of Jacob Alford when she wrote her will in 1842. Jacob Alford was born about 1757 in Fluvanna County, Virginia, to James and Lucy Bailey Alford. Jacob Alford and Nancy Hunter were married in Louisa County, Virginia, on 4 March 1779. Nancy was the daughter of Stephen Hunter and Mary Statham.

Jacob Alford served in the Revolutionary War and was wounded in the ankle at the Battle of Brandywine. Because of this service, his wife Nancy received a pension. The records indicate that Jacob Alford was issued 100 acres of land in Kentucky on 1 January 1784 for “3 years soldier Virginia line.”

Jacob and Nancy Alford moved with their four children to what later became Kentucky by 17 March 1789, but were probably in Albemarle Co. in 1787, where Jacob bought land that he sold in 1788. The first record of his being in what became Kentucky was 1789. This was then Mercer Co., VA, and did not become Kentucky until 1792. There they had five more children. Jacob died intestate in Garrard County, KY on 3 June 1803. Nancy Alford died on 19 July 1847 in Garrard County.

Family of Jacob and Nancy Hunter Alford

The first four children were born in Louisa County, Virginia. Their births were recorded by Rev. William Douglas in his Register.

1. Charles Alford was born December 10, 1779. On March 15, 1803, he married Rebecca Wilson in Garrard County, Kentucky. She died before 1814, and he married Elizabeth Gooch on September 19, 1814, in Lincoln County, KY. Charles died before 1870.

2. John Alford was born February 5, 1782. He married Nancy C. Hunter on December 9, 1805, in Louisa County, Virginia. John died about 1844.

3. Lucy Alford was born September 21, 1783. She married Gabriel Overstreet on December 30, 1799.

4. Payton Alford was born February 25, 1785. He married Lucy Haley in Mercer County, Kentucky on October 30, 1813. Payton died October 15, 1842.

5. Mary “Polly” Alford was born March 10, 1787. She married Russell King in Garrard County, Kentucky on October 7, 1811. Mary died November 1, 1853.

6. Martha “Patsy” Alford was born March 17, 1789, in Mercer County, Kentucky. She married David Jenkins in Garrard County, Kentucky on December 1, 1807. He was the son of Jonathan and Margaret “Peggy” Jenkins. Martha died June 28, 1854 and is buried in Driskill Cemetery in Mercer County. David died September 15, 1835 and is buried in the Jenkins Family Cemetery near Burgin, KY.

7. William Alford was born August 31, 1791, in Mercer County, Kentucky. He married Catherine Bast in Lincoln County, Kentucky on August 23, 1813. William died before November 9, 1847 in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

8. Jesse Alford was born May 23, 1793. He married Lucinda Robinson in Garrard County, Kentucky on June 17, 1817. Jesse died December 6, 1873, in Garrard County, Kentucky.

9. Stephen Alford was born March 28, 1795. He died before his mother’s will was written in 1842.

Nine members of AAFA are descendants of Jacob and Nancy Hunter Alford. There are three other members who descend from Charles Alford who was Jacob’s brother.

WILL OF NANCY HUNTER ALFORD

Source: Garrard County Wills, Book L, page 427

I Nancy Alford of Garrard County Kentucky being old and infirm, but as I suppose of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make the following disposition of my real and personal estate to wit—My will and desire is that my negroes Joseph, Henry, Jerry, Cary, Charlotte, Leveny, Nournon, Juliann, Lucyann, Mary and Joanna or any others that may belong to me at my death together with all other property that I may be possessed of at my death be sold by my Executors or Executor or admr, upon such credit as they or any one of them may think most advisable for the benefit of my children and heirs, and the proceeds of the sale after the payment of all my just debts & legal liabilities are paid, be equally divided between my children, Charles John, Payton & Jesse Alford, Patsy Jenkins, Polly King & Wm. Alford (with a perfect understanding that Polly King, or her heirs are to be charged with the value of a negro boy Harrison which can be ascertained by reference to a bill of sale from me to her and now of record in the State of Missouri of my estate) And that there

I Nancy Alford of Garrard County Kentucky being old and infirm, but as I suppose of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make the following disposition of my real and personal estate to wit—My will and desire is that my negroes Joseph, Henry, Jerry, Cary, Charlotte, Leveny, Nournon, Juliann, Lucyann, Mary and Joanna or any others that may belong to me at my death together with all other property that I may be possessed of at my death be sold by my Executors or Executor or admr, upon such credit as they or any one of them may think most advisable for the benefit of my children and heirs, and the proceeds of the sale after the payment of all my just debts & legal liabilities are paid, be equally divided between my children, Charles John, Payton & Jesse Alford, Patsy Jenkins, Polly King & Wm. Alford (with a perfect understanding that Polly King, or her heirs are to be charged with the value of a negro boy Harrison which can be ascertained by reference to a bill of sale from me to her and now of record in the State of Missouri of my estate) And that there
may be no misunderstanding as to the manner in which I wish my estate to be disposed, I say again I wish it equally divided between my children, above mentioned & their heirs if any of them should die in the manner above mentioned and that the heirs of Gabriell Overstreet [husband of daughter Lucy] are to have no portion of my estate as I am of opinion they are not in need of it, and are not morally [sic] entitled to it.

Lastly I nominate appoint, Nelson Burdett & Joshua Dunn, Executors of my estate, and that they be vested with full power to settle and adjust all my accounts morally and equitably without being confined to the strict rules of the common law, & to make any conveyance that may be necessary. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 8th day of January 1842.

Witnesses
Nancy Alford
Nelson Burdett
James Robinson
George Moore

State of Kentucky
Garrard County

I Alesc [?—probably Alex] R. McKee clerk of the Garrard County Court, certify that the foregoing will of Nancy Alford was produced to court at the September County Court 1847 and on motion of Abram Kightley who opposed the Recording of the will, the proof of the execution of the same was continued until the October County Court 1847 at which time the will was again produced & all the objections to the Recording of the same being withdrawn, and the subscribing Witnesses thereto being introduced, and heard to the satisfaction of the Court the same was approved and Ordered to be Recorded—Which is accordingly done Oct. 14 1847

Att Alesc R. McKee Clerk
Garrard County Court

Lawsuit
The heirs of Gabriel Overstreet and his wife, Lucy Alford Overstreet, filed a lawsuit in Garrard Co., KY (Circuit Court Nov. 9, 1847) over the will of Lucy’s mother, Nancy Alford. Nancy’s will, probated in the Sept. 1847, stated that “the heirs of Gabriell Overstreet are to have no portion of my estate as I am of opinion they are not in need of it, and are not morally [sic] entitled to it.”

The following information is taken from Records of the Andrew Hunter Family of Louisa Co., Virginia and Jacob Alford Family of Garrard County, Kentucky and Charles Alford Family of Garrard County, Kentucky by Jessamine Bland James. AAFA has the complete document of the records compiled from Garrard County by Jessamine James.

“Jefferson Overstreet, Gabriel Kightley and Elizabeth his wife late Overstreet, Mary E. Overstreet, children of Gabriel and Lucy Overstreet, late Alford, said Lucy was an Alford, daughter of Nancy Alford, decd, charges that Nancy was near 90 she was infirmed and incapable of making a will.” They then named all of the children of Nancy’s who had died and listed all of their heirs: “Charles, John, Peyton, Jesse, William, Patsy (alias Martha) Jenkins and Polly King — John, Peyton and William have died —” [Something must be omitted. These three dashes — are used a lot...jms]

“John left Granville, Peyton, Charles, Jesse R., George, Madison, John Q., John Carter and Martha his wife, late Alford, his children and heirs.

“Peyton left James, John, Thompson, Albert, Edmund, Maria, Mary E. Alford, Richard Allin and Martha his wife, late Alford, Jackson Jones and Emily his wife, late Alford, his children and heirs.

“William left Henry, Clementine Alford and — Addison Franklin Smith and Catherine his wife, his children and heirs.”

Daughter of Peyton Alford: “Bk. S p. 159, Garrard Co., KY March 22, 1852 Power of Attorney, made by Martha Ann Allen wife of Richard Allen, Lewis Co., Missouri to Edmund Alford, Pike Co., Missouri to collect all sums of money due as their of her grandmother Nancy Alford.” [As written—it seems that some words or letters have been omitted.]

Daughter Mary King of Nancy Alford and heirs of Peyton Alford: “Bk. S p. 160, Garrard Co. KY April 24, 1852 Power of Attorney, made by Mary King, James L. Alford, Michael Jackson Jones and Emily Jones his wife, formerly Emily Alford, Thompson Alford, George W. Payne and Mariah Payne his wife, formerly Mariah Alford, John Alford, Mary Elizabeth Alford, heirs of Nancy Alford, decd. Late of Garrard Co., KY said heirs of Ralls Co., Missouri appoint Edmund Alford of Ralls Co. Missouri their Attorney.”


There was a notice of another hearing set up in 1849 in Feb., and again on March 5 according to the papers in AAFA files. A final conclusion to this lawsuit was not found in these papers.

However, Nancy Alford made her will in Jan. 1842 when she was about 80 years old (her Pension record gives her age as 77 in 1839). Therefore by her death in 1847, she was about 85. Jessamine James says: “She had five years to change her will, had she been so inclined to do so.”
Will of Morgan Alford, 1853 KY

By Janice Smith, Wills Officer and AAFA #152

Morgan Alford was a grandson of James and Lucy Bailey Alford of Garrard County, Kentucky through their son Charles Alford and his wife Mary.

Charles Alford was born about 1752, in Virginia. (Nancy Hunter Alford, whose will is published in this issue, married Jacob Alford, brother of Charles.) He married Mary “Polly” B.____ in about 1783. Mary was born about 1763. Charles was living in Garrard County, Kentucky by 1796, when he bought 119 acres of land from James Thomson. The known children of Charles and Mary Alford were:

1. Morgan Alford was born about 1784.
2. Nathaniel Alford was born about 1785.
3. Elizabeth “Betsy” Alford was born about 1786.
4. Nancy Jane Alford was born about 1790.

Morgan Alford was born in Garrard County, Kentucky. He was married to Polly B. Robinson on June 19, 1815, in Garrard County. She was born about 1798 to Michael and Nancy Robinson. Polly died August 14, 1856, in Garrard County. Although we are not sure when Morgan Alford died, his will was probated April 20, 1854, also in Garrard County. The children of Morgan and Polly Alford were:

1. Warren R. Alford was born January 8, 1818. He died May 16, 1870.
2. George W. Alford was born in 1827. He married Martha A. Swope on May 5, 1857, in Garrard County.

3. Lucy Ann Alford was married November 6, 1833, in Garrard County to Sidney Haley. She died before her father’s death. Morgan and Polly were raising her son James W. Haley.
4. Mary W. Alford was married December 12, 1834, in Garrard County to Edward B. Russell.
5. Elizabeth H. Alford was married October 3, 1842, in Garrard County to Robert C. Stewart.

WILL OF MORGAN ALFORD

Source: Will Book N, p. 132, Garrard County, Kentucky. The will was probated April 20, 1854.

I Morgan Alford of County of Garrard and State of Kentucky, being advanced in years and aware of the uncertainty of life do make ordain and publish this instrument of writing as my last will and testament.

1st, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mayr [Mary?] Alford all that part of the farm upon which I now reside, up to the Peyton Alford line which boundary [sic] of land is well understood by all interested and also 1/3 of all slaves, 1/3 of the remainder of all personal estate to have and to hold during her natural life.

2nd, I give and bequeath the remainder 2/3 of my estate together with that division to my wife at her death, to my sons, Warren R. Alford and George W. Alford and my daughters Mary Russell and Elizabeth Stewart, to them and their heirs forever.

3rd, My executors are directed to pay to my grandson, James W. Haley the sum of five hundred dollars when he shall have attained the age of 21 years, and should he survive my wife they are to pay to him the further sum of six hundred dollars. The foregoing bequest however are made upon condition that my said grandson make no charge against my estate for any service he may have rendered whilst living with me, as I consider his services have not been worth more than the expense of his education and rearing. Should be [my?] grandson die before his arrival at the age of 21, the portion devised to him is to go to my sons and two daughters named above and should he die after he arrive of full age and before the death of my wife the portion devised at her death is to go in like manner.

4th, I hereby constitute and appoint my sons, Warren R. Alford and George W. Alford, executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other and former wills heretofore made. In Testamenty (sic) whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal the 9th day of April 1853.

[There is no indication of a signature in these papers.]
Warren Alfred: Searching the Neighborhood

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My paternal grandmother’s maiden name was ALFRED. Some twenty-five years ago I easily traced her line back to my great-great-great-grandfather Warren Alfred (1816-1895) of Caddo Parish, Louisiana. I have been stuck since then. However, some recent intensive research has uncovered some clues that may point to his residence before coming to Louisiana.

Warren Alfred’s birth date of 14 Dec 1816 comes from his tombstone in Providence Cemetery in rural Caddo Parish. Census records consistently record his birthplace as North Carolina. But the years from his birth in 1816 in North Carolina to his marriage in 1842 in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, were silent years. Where was he in between those years?

Through census and deed research, I could not find any other Alfred (or Alford or other spelling variation) family in that area of Louisiana or nearby Texas. The only tidbit I had from family tradition was from an interview with Warren Alfred’s grandson Dewey Alfred (1897-1979) who was living on the old Warren Alfred homestead when I interviewed him about 1978. He said that he had heard the old timers in the family talk about “Mammy.” Warren Alfred’s mother who lived with him. Dewey did not know her real name.

I subscribed to Gilbert K. Alford’s newsletter About Alford s in 1987, hoping to make a connection. I also became a charter member of the Alford American Family Association. I poured through every issue of About Alfords and AAFA ACTION, but no breakthroughs. I was especially attracted to the large Alford family of Wake/Franklin County, North Carolina, because of the numerous occurrences of the given name “Warren” in that line. But careful study did not uncover any clear connection to my line.

I read and heard several well-known genealogists who made the same suggestion for a roadblock ancestor: study the neighbors. The strategy behind the advice is that people in that day and time rarely traveled and settled in a new area of complete strangers. They usually settled with or around family members or people who had been neighbors at their previous residence. Several years ago I put this idea into action with Warren Alfred.

A Neighborhood

If I was going to study Warren Alfred’s neighbors, then I needed to define his neighborhood. That was my first step. The section, township, and range land system used in most states west of the Appalachians, including north Louisiana, helped make this first step easy. I used four locations to help define that neighborhood.

The first was Warren Alfred’s first purchase of land in 1841 which was in sections 15 and 22, township 16N, range 16W. The next was his next-to-the-last purchase of land, in 1871, in section 22, township 16N, range 16W. This was his homestead for the rest of his life and I believe is still owned today by descendants. The third was his burial location, which is next to the church the family attended, Providence Baptist Church, which is in section 3, township 15N, range 16W. The fourth is the location of the homestead where Warren Alfred’s in-laws, the John Ray family, lived in the 1840s at the time of his marriage to their daughter Rachel Ray. It was in section 35, township 16N, range 16W.

All these locations are close together and suggest that Warren Alfred lived in the same neighborhood in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, at least from 1842 to his death in 1895. I chose section 36, township 16N, range 16W, to be the “center” of my neighborhood search and extended it about three miles in each direction.

I did several checks to help confirm this location. Family tradition says that when Warren Alfred’s first wife, Rachel Ray Alfred, died about 1855, she was buried in the Davidson Family Cemetery. Unfortunately no grave marker has been found for her. This cemetery is located in section 12, township 15N, range 16W. Warren Alfred’s oldest daughter, Ophelia Alfred, married Marcus Lafayette Robertson in Caddo Parish in 1858. “Fate” Robertson’s mother had her homestead in section 2 (or 23), township 16N, range 16W. Warren’s son Waymon Marcellous Alfred was married in 1871 in Caddo Parish to Georgia Elizabeth Rutherford. Her parents’ homestead was in sections 9, 10, and 15, township 15N, range 16W. All of these are in the same “neighborhood” that I had chosen.

Neighbors

The next stop was to figure out the “neighbors” that I would study. Once again the land records proved of much help. I used the Tract Book in the Caddo Parish courthouse to find the first owners of the land in this neighborhood that I was studying. I found the first sales of land by the federal government in this “neighborhood” dated back to December 1838. I recorded all the federal land sales up to 1850.
The search for my Warren Alfred has led me to Greene County, Alabama. It didn’t take me long to find my Warren Alfred, a quick research trip to the Greene County, Alabama, courthouse did not find anything, either. However, I am now convinced that my Warren Alfred came from North Carolina to Greene County, Alabama, with members of the Alford family, possibly around 1820, then came to Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in the late 1830s with other, possibly extended, family members. He is likely some kin to Lydia and Mary and Green Alford. The story of Warren Alfred begins in the history of Greene County, Alabama.

Appendix 1: Name Spelling

All the direct male descendants of Warren Alfred consistently spell their surname ALFRED. Did my “Alfred” family originally spell the name “Alford,” and if so, when did the name change occur? I now theorize that my Warren Alfred changed the spelling of his surname from “Alford” to “Alfred” sometime after the Civil War.
The only substitute I have found is the parish clerk’s transcription of deeds in the Conveyance Records in Caddo Parish. The clerks made their transcriptions from the original documents. My experience has been that by the mid-1800s the clerks did a reasonably good job of transcribing the signatures from deeds with fairly accurate spelling, as long as the name was somewhat legible. I looked at the transcriptions for all the deeds in which Warren Alfred sold land or was a witness, as all the original deeds would have had his original signature. All deeds before 1877 (three as witness, five as seller) show his name as ALFORD. All deeds after 1877 (two as seller) show his name as ALFRED.

Hopefully further research will reveal more signatures that will prove or disprove my theory.

Appendix 2: Another Neighboring Alfred

My intensive research in Caddo Parish found one other Alfred in this neighborhood. He is of contemporary age to my Warren Alfred and possibly a brother.

From Marriage and Death Notices - Shreveport, Louisiana Newspapers

“Oct. 23, 1846 - .... Died in this place at the residence of CAPT. THOS. B. JONES, on the 15th inst., MR. J.J. ALFRED, in the 29th year of his age...” This Thomas B. Jones lived in sections 19, 21, and 22, township 16N, range 15W, in the “neighborhood” that I studied for Warren Alfred.

(The President’s Piece, cont. from p. 1)
maps. Again we are very fortunate. The Non Profit Times named Jimmie one of the 50 most outstanding leaders in the not-for-profit sector this fall, and his alma mater, North Park University, named him their 1998 Outstanding Alum. Unfortunately Jimmie had a spinal stroke late last year and did suffer some damage. He has returned to work and does expect to eventually completely recover. Notwithstanding the stroke, he wants to chair this committee. When he calls on you for something, please help.

I plan to get myself replaced as the President just as soon as possible—probably at the meeting in San Antonio. That is not to say I’ll do any less work than I do now, but I will do different work—work that can be done by few, if any, others and work that I think is essential to the future of AAFA (processing our data on dead Alfords). Others can do a fine job as President, as has been shown before with Wick, Hal, and Ben Alford.

Meeting Presentations

Those who were at the meeting in Paducah saw that we involved more members in the various presentations during the workshop on Friday and the Alford forum on Saturday afternoon. We would like to continue that, expand it, and make it permanent. I’m coming after many of you with my heavy duty “arm twister,” so you could save yourself great pain by volunteering right now. We plan to create a standing committee. When he calls on you for something, please help.

We will schedule presentations for each particular meeting based on which of our group of presenters will be present and what subjects have been requested. Some folks may be asked to make a presentation two or three years running, and others may not even be asked during that period. Each presenter will have a subject or subjects that will be ready for presentation at anytime. We’ll give specific instructions on scope, content, length, etc. All who desire it will receive help in preparing their presentations. Let us hear from you. We hope to have this partially implemented at the meeting in San Antonio. Contact Lynn Shelley or Gil Alford.

If you would be willing to take on a serious and responsible task—any kind of job making a significant contribution to the association and to Alford work around the world—let us hear from you. You may contact Wick, Chair of the Human Resources Committee or any of the officers. (See page 2)

AAFA Policy on Publishing Data on Living Persons

We don’t announce much real policy in AAFA, but we do have one now that you need to know about. It deals with the “publication” of information on living persons.

1. It is our policy and plan to publish all information received unless specifically requested otherwise. Some of you have submitted data on living persons, and we assume permission to use that unless informed otherwise. Advise immediately if you have submitted any data that should not be published.

2. We will continue to publish information in AAFA ACTION as we have in the past and leave it to the discretion of the editor as to what, if anything, should be suppressed.

3. We will continue to prepare and distribute AAFA genealogies just as we have in the past, but in processing the data for the 1999 series of genealogy booklets we will place emphasis on the subject to make the membership aware of the situation and include an appropriate statement in the foreword of the books.

4. When we publish information on the AAFA web site, we will attempt to strip data on recent generations that include primarily living persons.

New Member Lineages & Data Documentation

We have made a subtle but significant change in the New Member Lineages on page 3. Be sure and read “Document Your Data” on page 2. I’m sorry to say we’ve gotten very far behind publishing lineages of new members as we developed this system, but we hope to catch up over the next two issues.

Texas

We are well on our way to San Antonio. There should be meeting registration forms inserted in this quarterly. The chair of the AAFA Meetings Committee, Ramona Alford Darden, #0715, has made arrangements for the usual number of participants. If all the folks who have told me that they plan to attend show up, then we’re going to have about twice our normal attendance. I would not be surprised to see as many as 250 persons there. If the “Texans” support this one in proportion to all the others since 1989, I think 250 may be on the modest side. You better register and get your room reservations quickly!

Way back before the meeting in Paducah we established a small Texas working group. It’s composed of members living in Texas, members living elsewhere with Texas ancestors, or those just interested in Texas Alfords. They are being provided lists of various types of AAFA Texas Alford data and requested to see what they can find to add to that and what corrections they would recommend. They are also being asked to compare
some of our listings—like marriage list with census data—to see what connection they may see that we don’t have.

If you are not already a member of this group and you are seriously interested in helping with the project, let us know. Contact either Lynn Shelley, VP/Research Chair, or Gil Alford, President.

Members with Computers

AAFA has a lot going on for folks with computers who are on line and have e-mail. We have a monthly online newsletter edited by Joyce Clark Foster #0765, an e-mail directory for active (dues current) members and inactive (dues not current) members that is maintained and distributed periodically by Cecil O. Alford #0751. We have a web site maintained by Kim Savage #0258, and it is connected to several related lists and forums. We will not bore the members who are not online with the details here. If you have e-mail and are not hearing from us regularly, please advise. Just e-mail GAlford1@compuserve.com (that is a “one” before the “at”).

Honors to Jimmie Alford, AAFA #500

The NonProfit Times Recognizes Jimmie R. Alford, CFRE

Jimmie R. Alford, CFRE, founder, President and CEO of THE ALFORD GROUP INC., recently was selected by The NonProfit Times as one of the 50 most influential people in the nonprofit sector. Mr. Paul Clolery, Editor-in-Chief of its prestigious news journal, stated that Jimmie received this distinction for “how his ideas and decisions have and will continue to improve and shape the sector as it heads into the next century.”

Throughout his 35 year career in the nonprofit sector, Jimmie has played an active leadership and stewardship role to strengthen the philanthropic tradition of voluntary action for the public good.

Currently, Jimmie serves as Chair of the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel (AAFRC), sits on the NSFRE Foundation Board, and is a member of the Board of Advisors for the Fund Raising School of Indiana University’s Center on Philanthropy. He lectures regularly and served as editor for Building and Managing an Asset Base.
The AAFA Census Team that worked on this 1820 unit included Lucille Mehrkam, Ron Head, Margaret Windham, Robert Folds, Gil Alford, Dave Price, Jr., Andy Leath, David Schultz, Tom Donnelly, Robert Barrows, Doris Vetri, and Census Project Officer Alicia Houston. A grateful thank you to everyone!

Listings under each county include information in this format:

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Tabulation (a series of numbers)

Tabulation Explanation:

Persons were enumerated and separated by age range, sex, color and other. These groups are separated by a dash.

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1 male aged 26-45
1 male aged 45+

1 female under 10
1 female aged 16-26
1 female aged 45+
1 foreign born
1 engaged in manufacturing

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Connecticut

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Alabama State Census Returns 1820
Reprinted from the AL Hist Quarterly Vol 6, No 3, Fall Issue, 1944 Published by the State Dept of Archives;

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Col 1 male = white males over 21;
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Last column = total # in household.

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Limestone County

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Page 24  Waynesboro Twp  
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Male 1 0 0 0  
Female 0 0 0 0

#### Chatham County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 8

William Alford  
Page 81  Savannah Twp  
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* Household had ten males age 18-26. Ten were engaged in Manufacturing.

#### Clarke County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 8

Lodwick Alford  
Page 125  Salem Twp  
301201-12110-0020-0003  
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+  
Male 0 0 0 0  
Female 2 0 1 0

#### Greene County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 8

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Page 209  Woodham Twp  
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Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+  
Male 3 0 0 1  
Female 1 0 1 1

#### Habersham County
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Polly Halford  
Page 122  No Twp Listed  
021100-01100-0001-0000

#### Hancock County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 7

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Page 89  Powellton Twp  
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* Agricultural count was 15  
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+  
Male 7 6 5 3  
Female 13 2 3 4

#### Jasper County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 6

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* Agricultural count was 35.

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Jonathan Uffard
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Cayuga County
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Thomas Alford
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Lockard H. Alford
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Jacob Alford
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210001-30010-0000-0000

Hyde County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 83

Jno Alford
Page 247  No Twp Listed
100001-00101-0000-0000

Johnston County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 80

Nancy Allford
Page 257  No Twp Listed
200010-10201-0100-0000

Nash County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 83

Ansel Alford
Page 441  No Twp Listed
000001-22000-0100-0000

Ecum Alford
Page 441  No Twp Listed
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Pitt County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 82

Jessa Olford
Page 529  No Twp Listed
100101-00102-0200-0000

Margaret Olford
Page 529  No Twp Listed
200000-20011-0000-0000

Robeson County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 84

Sion Alford
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Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 2 2 1 0
Female 4 1 2 0

Elias Alford
Page 301  No Twp Listed
200010-31010-0300-0010
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Male 4 3 0 0
Female 1 1 0 1

James Alford
Page 305  No Twp Listed
030001-22401-0200-0004
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 0 1 0 1
Female 2 0 0 0

Warren Alford
Page 305  No Twp Listed
100211-11101-0500-0005
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 1 1 0 0
Female 2 0 1 0

Jacob Alford
Page 309  No Twp Listed
010010-00010-0200-0103
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Male 0 0 0 0
Female 1 0 0 0
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 0 1 0 0
Female 0 1 1 0

Rowan County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 81

Catharine Helfer
Page 370  No Twp Listed
000210-00201-0300-0000

Daniel Helfer
Page 370  No Twp Listed
100010-10100-0001-0000

Henry Helfer
Page 370  No Twp Listed
310001-21010-0200-0000

Rutherford County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 80

Benjamin Holbert
Page 356  No Twp Listed
100100-10100-0100-0000

Joseph Holbert
Page 356  No Twp Listed
300100-30000-0100-0000

John Halbert
Page 382  No Twp Listed
220001-10201-0400-0000

Benj Holbert
Page 384  No Twp Listed
100100-10000-0100-0000
Joseph Holbert
Page 384  No Twp Listed
300100-30010-0100-0000

Stokes County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 84

Andrew Alford
Page 329  No Twp Listed
410010-31010-0200-0000

John Alford
Page 329  No Twp Listed
500110-00010-0200-0004
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 0 1 0 0
Female 2 0 1 0

Tyrrell County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 81

William Alford
Page 414  No Twp Listed
100010-00100-0200-0005
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 3 0 0 0
Female 1 0 1 0

Wake County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 0

Cade Alford
Page 1820 TAX LIST
* Cade Alford
Page 1820 TAX LIST
* This is not a duplicate entry.

G.B. Alford
Page 1820 TAX LIST

Gilbert Alford
Page 1820 TAX LIST

Green Alford
Page 1820 TAX LIST

Isaac Alford
Page 1820 TAX LIST

John Alford
Page 1820 TAX LIST

Jonas Olford
Page 258  York Twp
100020-02110-0200-0000

Clermont County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 89

Isaac Holford
Page 62  Stonelick Twp
410110-12010-0300-0000

Alexr Holford
Page 63  Stonelick Twp
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Columbiana County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 91

Rebecca Alford
Page 89  Center Twp
000100-00111-0100-0000

Fuldery Alfred
Page 96  Richson Twp
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Hamilton County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 87

Josiah Alford
Page 9a Geneva Twp
010001-20010-0000-0000

Destine Alford
Page 20a Wrightsburg Twp
000100-20010-0100-0000

Belmont County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 86

Thornton Alford
Page 160  Flushing Twp
000000-00000-0100-1100
Free Col 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 2 2 0 1
Female 3 1 1 1

Wm Alford
Page 160  Flushing Twp
000000-00100-0100-0600
Free Col 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 1 0 1 0
Female 3 0 0 0

Huron County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 88

Henry Holford
Page 81a Elyria Twp
210010-30010-0100-0000

Lawrence County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 88

John Alford
Page 104a Lawrence Twp
220101-32010-0200-0000

Ohio

NOTE: This may not be a complete extraction of Ohio. Records of Franklin and Wood Counties no longer exist.

Ashtabula County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 87

Josiah Alford
Page 9a Geneva Twp
010001-20010-0000-0000

Destine Alford
Page 20a Wrightsburg Twp
000100-20010-0100-0000

Belmont County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 86

Thornton Alford
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Free Col 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 2 2 0 1
Female 3 1 1 1

Wm Alford
Page 160  Flushing Twp
000000-00100-0100-0600
Free Col 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 1 0 1 0
Female 3 0 0 0

Huron County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 88

Henry Holford
Page 81a Elyria Twp
210010-30010-0100-0000

Lawrence County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 88

John Alford
Page 104a Lawrence Twp
220101-32010-0200-0000
Pennsylvania

NOTE: This may not be a complete extraction of Pennsylvania. Census records for portions of Luzerne and Lancaster Counties no longer exist.

Allegheny County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 97

Daniel Alford
Page 165 Pitt Twp
100010-00100-0000-0000

Chester County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 96

Jno Alfred
Page 219 West Nantmead Twp
000001-01001-0000-0000

Mary Alford
Page 382 New Garden Twp
000000-00001-0000-0000

Erie County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 102

Oliver Alford
Page 171 Waterford Twp
111111-01000-0200-0000

Greene County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 98

Frederick Afferd
Page 336a Cumberland Twp
320101-11300-0200-0000

James Alford
Page 354 Whitley Twp
000000-00000-0000-0700

Free Col 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 2 0 0 1
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Rhode Island

No Alfords or spelling variations were found in available census indexes.
**South Carolina**

NOTE: This may not be a complete extraction of South Carolina. Records of Clarendon County no longer exist.

**Barnwell County**
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 119

John Allford
Page 2  No Twp Listed
000110-10100-0300-0000

Killis Hallford
Page 13  No Twp Listed
000201-10001-0500-0002
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 0 0 1 1
Female 0 0 0 0

John Allford
Page 17  No Twp Listed
000010-10100-0100-0000

John Holford
Page 18  No Twp Listed
100010-00010-0200-0003
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 0 1 0 0
Female 2 0 0 0

**Horry County**
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 119

Arthur Alford
Page 131  No Twp Listed
102201-22010-0100-0007
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 2 1 0 0
Female 3 1 0 0

Jesse Alford
Page 131  No Twp Listed
000010-00100-0100-0000

John Jr Alford
Page 131  No Twp Listed
100020-21010-0200-0000

John Sr Alford
Page 131  No Twp Listed
210010-32010-0100-0000

Joseph Colourd Alford
Page 131  No Twp Listed
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Free Col 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 0 0 1 0
Female 1 0 0 0

Southern Alford
Page 131  No Twp Listed
300010-10010-0100-0000
William Alford
Page 131  No Twp Listed
311110-00100-0100-0000
Kershaw County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 119

Etheldred Alford
Page 145  No Twp Listed
120011-10101-0100-0000
Marion County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 121

Peachman Alford
Page 54  No Twp Listed
100100-20100-0100-0000
Sumter County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 121

Burrell Hallford
Page 114  No Twp Listed
130211-01001-0202-0002
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 0 1 0 0
Female 0 1 0 0

Jas. Hallford
Page 122  No Twp Listed
100110-00100-0200-0002
Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 1 0 0 0
Female 0 1 0 0

**Tennessee**

NOTE: This is not a complete extraction of Tennessee. Records for Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hawkins, Hamilton, Knox, Jefferson, McMinn, Marion, Morgan, Rhea, Roane, Sevier, Sullivan, and Washington Counties no longer exist.

**Davidson County**
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 122

William Alford
Page 68  No Twp Listed
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Slaves 0-14 14-25 26-45 45+
Male 2 1 1 0
Female 0 2 1 0

Lee Alfred
P 82  Outside Nashville Twp
100010-10100-0100-0001
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Female 1 0 0 0

John Allford
P 90  Outside Nashville Twp
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Male 4 2 1 0
Female 1 1 1 0

**Lawrence County**
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 123

Bradley Halford
Page 91  No Twp Listed
500010-00100-0100-0000
Bailey Alford
Page 98  No Twp Listed
111110-31010-0300-0000

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SHOP SALLY'S AAFA COUNTRY STORE

(This is the answer to the Mystery Phrase Word Game on page 39.)
Overton County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 122

Perry County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 122

Rutherford County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 124

Warren County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 122

Wayne County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 122

White County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 122

Vermont

Addison County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 126

Chittenden County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 127

Franklin County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 127

Rutland County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 126

Windham County
Microfilm Series M33, Roll 128

Virginia

NOTE: This census includes what later became West Virginia.
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William R. Alford, Jr.’s 90th Birthday!

By William R. Alford III, AAFA #556

William Russell Alford, Jr., AAFA #278 and six-time great-grandson of Consider Alford of Hartford, CT, and New York City, celebrated his 90th birthday on 11 June 1998 at the home of his son Richard in Alford, MA.

Present for three days of tennis, golf, dining, and reunion activities were William R. Alford III and his wife Barbara. Their children also attended: Michael Paul Alford, his wife Tammy, and their son, Jackson Cooper Alford; and Elizabeth Alford Anderson with her husband, Dr. Shane Anderson.

Richard R. Alford, William Russell Alford, Jr.’s second son and AAFA #557, hosted the reunion along with his children Matthew and Jennifer.

William Russell Alford, Jr.’s fourth son, Michael Preston Alford, AAFA #559, his wife Patricia, and their son Tucker also helped William celebrate.

Peter H. Alford, the guest of honor’s third son and AAFA #558, and Peter’s sons Morgan and Charles were unable to be present.

Albert S. Alford, 1911–1996

By Henry G. Alford, AAFA #57

On 4 April 1996 I lost my father, Albert Stevenson Alford, to a two-year bout with liver cancer. In the process I also lost my best friend.

My dad was born in rural Harris County, the Waverly Hall District of Georgia, on 11 November 1911. (His birthdate was 11/11/11!) His father and mother, Henry Emmet Alford and Nellie Leigh Slaughter, were both from old families that originated in Virginia in the late 17th century. He grew up attending a one room school house and had to quit school at an early age to help supplement the family income by working in a saw mill. During the Depression he worked in a Civilian Conservation Corps camp in northern Georgia. From there he joined the army, serving for three years, and spent several years in the infantry in the Panama Canal Zone. He was discharged in 1938.

He reenlisted in 1939, knowing the clouds of war were starting to form. He attended Armor Mechanics school at Fort Knox, KY, and spent time at Camp Polk, LA, and in the California desert in training.

His unit was set to depart New York City on D-Day aboard the Queen Mary to England. He was assigned to the 7th Armored Division under General George Patton. He saw many major engagements, including the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Purple Heart for a wound he received when a rocket exploded near a building he was in. He stayed with Patton’s unit all through the European Campaign until the German surrender in July 1945.

He returned to the States and was discharged at Camp Shanks, NY. There he met my mother, Grace N. Carter, who was in a WAC detachment. They were married in Elkridge, MD, on 13 October 1945. My dad and mom then returned to Georgia and lived there several years. In September 1948 my mom left Georgia for Maryland, where her family lived, and my dad followed. On 4 October 1948 I was born.

My father worked in construction for several years and then was employed by Olin Matheson Chemical Company until he retired in 1965. During all my years of life I lived with him or he lived with me. I am so happy that my

Henry Alford and his father, Albert, at AAFA’s 1994 meeting in Richmond, VA.
children had a chance to know my father. He helped my wife and me raise my son, watching him while we worked. He changed my son’s diapers and took care of all his needs as a baby—while he was in his seventies! My daughter was born in 1992, and my dad still helped take care of her until he became ill.

It was really hard to watch such a virile man waste away. We attempted radiation treatment and chemotherapy, but it only appeared to make my dad weaker in the latter stages of his illness. We made a last trip to Georgia in October 1995 to see his sister in Blairsville, GA. After returning home he was bedridden the remainder of his life.

I’m so glad I had the opportunity to care for my dad as much as he cared for me all my life. I have lost a friend and God has gained a loving soul.

AAFA NOTES:

Henry G. Alford: was born Oct 4 1948, in Baltimore, MD. He married Oct 6 1979 in Pasadena, Anne Arundel Co., MD, Karen Malick, who was born Dec 28 1957, Schmoken, PA.

Parents


Alford Grandparents

4. Henry Emmett Alford born Sep 5 1882, Chipley, Harris Co., GA.

Grace and Albert Alford on their wedding day, 13 October 1945.


Their children:

i Albert Stevenson Alford; born Nov 11 1911.

ii Margaret Alford.

iii Eugena Alford.

iv Nellie L. Alford; born about 1909.

v Fanny M. Alford; born about 1909.
Alford Great-Grandparents

8. Leonidas “Lee” F. Alford; born Apr __ 1844, Troup Co., GA, married Aug 18 1866, in Harris Co., GA, Frances N. Grant. Leonidas died Apr __ 1884, Chipley, Harris Co., GA. 

Lee fought in the Civil War and was shot in the shoulder and lost two fingers. He was in Company E, 20 Regiment, Benning, Northern Virginia army, July 9, 1861, “Whitesville Guards.”

In 1884, Lee’s home was completely destroyed by a cyclone. Lee was blown against a tree and killed instantly. Several of the nine children were hurt in the storm. The baby’s (Henry’s) cradle was blown by the wind and set in the fireplace. He was unharmed. After this, Frances (Fannie) Alford moved to a farm near Cataula where she raised her children. She grew herbs and made her own medicine, worked on the field, and with the help of her children, made a living on the farm. They got as much schooling as possible. She later helped Mary Lou Alford Rudisill raise her children.

9. Frances N. Grant; born Jun 4 1850, Harris Co., Georgia, died Apr 5 1923, Chipley, Harris Co., GA.

Alford Great-Great-Grandparents


17. Caroline Missouri Cotten born Jan 10 1819, Putnam Co., GA, died Feb 20 1907, Welch Community, Chambers Co., AL, buried: Bethel Baptist Ch. Cem., Chambers Co. AL.

Alford 3rd Great-Grandparents


33. Perrene “Parsha Ann” Sherrill born about 1795, died Nov 16 1825, GA??

Lewis A. Alford’s Gravestone

By Philip E. Alford, AAFA #871, Grandchild of Lewis Alford

On 20 October 1997, a headstone was placed marking the grave sites of Lewis A. Alford and his infant daughter, Virginia M. Alford in Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, MN. Lewis was a descendant of Benedict Alford, who was born in 1619 in England and was an early settler of Windsor, CT. Lewis was born 17 July 1870/71* in Hayward, MN and died in Austin, MN on 23 February 1906. Virginia, his youngest child, was born 20 May 1905 in Austin and died there 27 March 1906, not quite five weeks after the death of her father. She was laid to rest beside him.

On 23 August 1997, Judy Rowe, AAFA #964 and a grandchild of Lewis’s brother Harry, informed me that these grave sites were still unmarked! Judy, living in Austin, offered to assist in the arrangements for making a marker and placing it at the grave sites. Word of Judy’s offer was spread to all of Lewis’s living grandchildren. In short order a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, agreeing that 91 years was long enough, contributed to funding the marker. The marker was made and set in place before the first snowflake fell on the their resting place. The descendants of Lewis A. Alford are grateful to Judy Rowe for her assistance in obtaining and placing this marker.

*The marker indicates that Lewis was born in 1870. Census records and family correspondence indicate he was born in 1871. Pending the location of a birth certificate, the year of birth is uncertain.
Engagements and Weddings

ENGAGEMENTS

BOYD STEPHEN HATCHEL
JENNIE LEE ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA #152

PLANO STAR COURIER
Plano, TX—Sunday, 30 June 1996

David and Anna Lee Alford of Kentwood, La., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennie Lee, to Boyd Stephen Hatchel of New Hope, son of Steve and Ginger Hatchel of New Hope.

The couple will wed July 20, 1996, at First Baptist Church in Kentwood, La.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Louisiana College, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in education.

The prospective bride-groom is a 1988 graduate of Plane East Senior High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of North Texas, where he received a bachelor of science degree in economics.

The couple met at a mission trip orientation program.

AAFA NOTES: David Marshall Alford was b. 10 Jan 1944 in Amite, Tangipahoa Parish, LA. He married Anna Lee Smith. David was the son of William4 Alford (James3, Jesse2, John1).

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KEVIN DOUGLAS KIRKLAND
KIMBERLY ANNE ALFORD

Sent by Carolyn Alford Saunders, AAFA #673

THE HIGHLANDER
Marble Falls, TX—Tuesday, 22 October 1996

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Alford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Anne Alford, to Kevin Douglas Kirkland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kirkland of Lamesa.

The bride-elect graduated from Marble Falls High School and is majoring in nursing at Angelo State University. Presently employed by Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, she will graduate in May, 1997.

The future bridegroom graduated from Klondike High School and will graduate in December with a degree in communications and journalism from Angelo State University.

A December 28th wedding will be held at The Church at Horseshoe Bay.
with highest honors from the University of Mississippi. The prospective bridegroom, whose mother is the former Miss Susan Marsolan, graduated from St. Paul’s School in Covington. He received a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the University of Colorado, and a master’s degree in finance from Tulane University. His grandparents are Elizabeth Marsolan of Covington and the late Stanton Marsolan, and Thomas and Marie Louise Sullivan of Denham Springs.

AAFA NOTES: Lee Elmer Alford was born 7 Jan 1905 in Jones County, TX. He married Mary Trudy Lowery. Lee’s father was Walter Lee7 Alford (Zachariah6, James5, Lodwick4, Julius3, Lodwick2, James1). Walter was born 9 March 1879 in McLennan County, TX. He married (1) 22 Oct 1902 in Jones County to Maggie Fry, who was Lee’s mother. She was born 30 Sept 1878 in Fannin County, TX, and died 3 Oct 1912 in Jones County. Walter married (2) Lessie Moon on 4 July 1914. Walter died 25 April 1955 in Jones County, TX.

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ERIC DWAYNE COCHLING
LAURA LYNN ALFORD
Granddaughter of Charles J. and the late Eleanor P. Alford, AAFA #97

Sent by Roberta A. Alford, AAFA #049

ATLANTA JOURNAL/CONSTITUTION
Atlanta, GA—Sunday, 26 January 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Alford of Buford announce the engagement of their daughter Laura Lynn Alford to Eric Dwayne Cochling, son of Ms. Peggy Ann Cochling of Sugar Hill.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. Charles J. Alford Jr. and the late Eleanor P. Alford and of the late Larkin C. Ernest and the late Doris Coleman. She is a 1994 graduate of North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee. She will graduate from the University of Georgia in June of 1997 with a bachelors degree in psychology. She is a presidential scholar at the University of Georgia, where she is also a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority, and Psi Chi, an honor society in psychology.

The groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Borders. He is a 1994 graduate of North Gwinnett High

Jeannine Alford and Saun Sullivan
School in Suwanee. He will graduate from the University of Georgia in June of 1997 with a bachelors degree in political science. He is a presidential scholar at the University of Georgia where he participates in Christian Campus Fellowship, and the Athens Tutorial Program. The couple plans a mid-July wedding.

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WEDDINGS

FRANK L. STEPHENSON
GERTRUDE L. ALVORD

Sent by Marge Gray, AAFA #590

SCRANTON REPUBLICAN
Scranton, PA—22 June 1897

On Tuesday, 22 June 1897 at noon Miss Gertrude Alvord daughter of Mr & Mrs N.C. Alvord of No 43 Thorn Ave will be married to Frank L. Stephenson of Waymart. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride.

In another article, same source, 24 June 1897:

Miss Gertrude L. Alvord daughter of Mr & Mrs N.C. Alvord of Thorn Ave and Mr Frank S. Stephenson of Waymart were married on Tues at noon.... The ceremony was performed in the parlor of the residence which was tastefully decorated....

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FLOYD R. JOY
MARGARET AUGUSTA ALVORD

Sent by Marge Gray, AAFA #590

SCRANTON REPUBLICAN
Scranton, PA—Wed, 29 April 1936

Margaret Alvord weds Floyd Joy. Mrs George Charles Alvord, East Orange, N.J., a former resident of this city announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Margaret Augusta Alvord and Floyd R. Joy, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Joy, Denver, Col. The ceremony was performed in St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, West Orange, N.J. The couple will reside in Denver.

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ROBERT B. KING
LA RUE JOHNSON ALFORD, AAFA #701

Sent by Mary Alford Intellini, AAFA #707

Source unknown

______, NC—12 April 1941

Miss La Rue Johnson Alford became the bride of Robert B. King in an impressive ceremony at the Bunn
Methodist Church on Saturday evening at 6 o’clock [April 12]....

The bride’s only attendant was Miss Glady’s Wallace of Lumberton....

John Leech Cochrane of Star, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. William Ray King, brother of the bridegroom, and John D. Alford, brother of the bride, were ushers....

Mrs. King is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.S. Alford of Bunn. She holds a responsible position with the State. Mr. King is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O.R. King of Raleigh and is connected with the Seaboard Airline Railroad.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for a wedding trip to Miami. On their return, they will make their home at 405 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh.

PHILIP JOHN ALFORD
ELIZABETH LEE BLANZ

KANSAS CITY STAR
Kansas City, MO—22 Dec 1991

Married Nov. 9, 1991, at Wayfarers Chapel in Palos Verdes, Calif., were Elizabeth Lee Blanz of Malibu, Calif., and Philip John Alford of Santa Monica, Calif. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Blanz of Reno, Nev. The groom is the son of Mrs. Frank Bower of Dorset, England, and the late David J. Alford. Honor attendants were Sarah A. Blanz of Overland Park, sister of the bride, and Martin D. Alford of Dorset, brother of the groom. Bridesmaids were Laura Blanz Belmear of Denver and Susanna J. Blanz of Portland, Ore., sisters of the bride, and Annette Barrett of London, sister of the groom. A reception in Long Beach, Calif., honored the newlyweds, who live in Malibu.

TIMOTHY JOHN BADOUR
TRACI LEIGH ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA #152

PLANO STAR COURIER
Plano, TX—Sun., 29 December 1991

Traci Leigh Alford of Richardson and Timothy John BaDour of Albuquerque, N.M., were wed Dec. 28, 1991, at First United Methodist Church in Plano....

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley R. Connally of Richardson. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. BaDour of Georgetown. Maid of honor was Kristianne Reed of Garland. Best man was brother of the bridegroom Brian BaDour of Georgetown. Bridesmaids were Britt Penland of Dallas and aunt of the bride Bobbie Bates of Garland. Groomsman were Billy Dowtin of Allen and cousin of the bridegroom John Engebretson Jr. of Novi, Mich. Ushers and candlelighters were Mark Bates of Pittsburg and John Heiman of Dallas. Flower girl was Amanda Bates of Gilmer and ring bearer was Will Dowtin of Allen....

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Berkner High School.
and attended the University of North Texas.

The bridegroom is a 1984 graduate of Plano Senior High School and a 1990 graduate of the University of North Texas. He is employed with 3M Corp. in Albuquerque.

The couple will honeymoon in Taos, N.M. They will reside in Albuquerque.

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**ROY WADE ADAMS II**  
Son of the late Roy Wade Adams, Sr., AAFA #738  
**INNA ALEXANDROVNA KHARCHENKO**  

Sent by Ramona A. Darden, AAFA #715

**ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS**  
Abilene, TX—Sun., 10 September 1995

Inna Alexandrovna Kharchenko and Roy W. Adams II were married July 9 at Wylie Baptist Church. Tamara Leongard of Alga, Kazakhstan, is the bride’s mother. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Adams Sr. 3802 Hi-Vu Drive...

The bride attended Pacaev Intermediate School in Karaton, Kazakhstan.

The bridegroom attended Hamshire-Fannett High School and graduated from Abilene Christian University with a bachelor’s degree in finance. He graduated from Baylor University with a master’s degree in finance and is employed by Tengizchevroil, a joint venture of Kazakhstan and Chevron Oil Company.

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**Roy and Inna Adams**

The couple lives in Abilene after a wedding trip to Walt Disney World.

**AAFA NOTES:** The late Roy Adams Sr., father of the groom, is remembered in this issue’s “In Remembrance of AAFA Members.” He died 26 March 1998 in Abilene, Taylor County, TX. Roy Sr.’s mother, grandmother of the groom, was Mary Lou “Honey” Alford, born 24 April 1897 in Montgomery County, AL, and died 27 June 1977 in Longview, Gregg County, TX.

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**JAMES P. ALFORD, AAFA #115**  
**EVONNE ALFORD SALMONS ALFORD, AAFA #130**

Note from their 1996 Christmas letter: “On October 19 we became James P. (Jim) and Evonne (E.V.) Salmons-Alford. We were married during the “Best Acted Scenario” competition at “Standoff at Plum Creek”, a national cowboy action shooting event. We did, in fact, win the award for our presentation, which included lots of satire, props, and jumping over the broomstick.”

“THE IRREGULAR” GAZETTE  
A Chronicle of the *Tejas Pistoleros*  
Issue 58 - November 1996

The “Best Acted Scenarios” were done at the same time as the big bore long range. This year had 3 entries, but the winning act had an unusual twist. The story was of a bride (E.V. Porter) who arrived at Judge Roy Bean’s (John Chisum) saloon, the Jersey Lily, looking for the groom (Julius Ceasar Alford) who had “mail ordered” her & had “second thoughts”. When he didn’t show up at the stage depot to meet her, she told Judge Roy she would have to return to St. Louis in disgrace for her foolish actions.
JUSTIN BENTON ALFORD
JULIET JACKSON TRASK

SUNDAY ADVOCATE
Baton Rouge, LA—19 Jan 1998

Juliet Jackson Trask and Justin Benton Alford were married in a 2 p.m. ceremony Jan. 18 at St. James Episcopal Church...

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Raymond Trask Jr.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John South Lewis of Woodville, Miss.; Ruth Jackson Trask of Centreville, Miss.; and the late William Raymond Trask.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Benton Alford.

He is the grandson of Ida Manix LeBlanc of Port Allen and the late Henry E.L. LeBlanc, Lloyd Wright Alford and the late Margaret Holman Alford....

The bride was attended by her maid of honor, Alice Quiggins Trask.

The bridegroom was attended by his best man, Jason Benton Alford....

Following a wedding trip to London and Paris, the couple will reside in Baton Rouge.

FRANK KNOWLES SMITH III
KAREN ELIZABETH ALFORD
Daughter of Nolan David and Mary Alford, AAFA #425

THE INDEPENDENT
_____, LA—Wed., 19 March 1997

Karen Elizabeth Alford and Frank Knowles Smith III exchanged wedding vows in a candlelight ceremony held at Bogue Chitto Baptist Church of Mt. Hermon on Friday, January 17, 1997. The Rev. Andy Delancy officiated the 7 p.m. double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan David Alford of Mt. Hermon. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Smith II of Mandeville....

The church decorations were created by Mrs. Latane Alford.

Escorted by her father, the petite bride ... wore a pearled headpiece with an elbow-length tulle veil and her pearl earrings that were a gift from the groom’s mother....

The bridal attendants who entered to “Romeo and Juliet” included maid of honor, Jennifer Lynn Brock of Osyka, Miss., friend of the bride and bridesmaids Brenda...
Alford, sister of the bride, Hammond; Julie McDaniel, Baton Rouge; and Janet McDaniel, Hammond, both cousins of the bride....

Tim Heraty of Clarion, Penn., served as best man. Groomsmen were Greg Semrow of Hartford, Conn., Bill Ohern of Napperville, Ill. and Harlon Alford of Mt. Hermon, brother of the bride....

“Wind Beneath My Wings” was played on the piano as the bride’s mother, grandmothers and the groom’s parents were escorted to their places of honor....

The bride’s grandmothers, Mrs. Betty Wall of Osyka, Miss., and Mrs. Emma Morgan of Kentwood, wore corsages of pink roses.

The bride is also the granddaughter of the late Harlon Alford, Mt. Hermon; Brewer Wall, Osyka, Miss.; and Talmadge Morgan, Kentwood. The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knowles Smith Sr. of Cranston, R.I. and the late Mr. and Mrs. David Macdonald of North Scituate, R.I.

SCOTT ALLEN BATES
CYNTHIA MICHELLE ALFORD

Sent by Gale Belser, AAFA #304

THE POST AND COURIER
Charleston, SC—Sun. 13 July 1997

HEMINGWAY—Cynthia Michelle Alford of Statesboro, Ga., and Scott Allen Bates of New Orleans, La., were married July 4 in Pleasant Hill Baptist Church....

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Port. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bates of Charleston.

Kimberly Clark was matron of honor. Best man was the bridegroom’s father.

The bride graduated from Francis Marion College. She is employed by Georgia Baptist Convention.

The bridegroom graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is employed by The Methodist Home For Children.

The couple will live in New Orleans.

Cynthia Alford Bates

BRENDA KAY FORD
DOUGLAS WAYNE ALFORD

Sent by Janice Smith, AAFA #152

PLANO STAR COURIER
Plano, TX—Date unknown

Brenda Kay Ford of Newport, Ark., and Douglas Wayne Alford of Plano were wed Aug. 26 at Haggard Park in Plano.... The bride is the daughter of Louise Ford of Newport, Ark. The bridegroom is the son of Gwen and Stacy Alford of Plano.

Matron of honor was Sharon Morman of Princeton. Best man was Shan Cain of Plano. Usher was Carl Dehls of Plano. Brothers of the bride Mike Ford and Ray Ford participated in the ceremony....

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Newport Senior High School. The bridegroom is a 1987 graduate of Plano Senior High School.

The couple will reside in Prosper.
WAYNE DAVID MORGAN III
MADELMON KAY ALFORD
Daughter of Dr. W. Eugene Alford, AAFA #302

Sent by Dovie Alford, AAFA #110

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
Houston, TX—7 August 1997

Madelon Kay Alford and Wayne David Morgan, III were joined in marriage on Saturday June 14, 1997 at seven o’clock in the evening at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church [Atlanta, GA], Reverend John Cromartie officiated at the double ring candlelight ceremony. The organist was Scott Atchison and soloists were Margaret Elizabeth Sanders and Jeanne Brown. In addition, a special piano and cello duet composed by the bride’s late brother, Wesley Hunt Alford, was included in the ceremony. A reception followed at the Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead....

Madelon is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Alford, formerly of Houston, TX, but now residing in Salem, SC. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Madeline Hunt Morro and the late Paul Hunt of Traveler’s Rest, SC and the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Monroe Alford of Anderson, SC. Dave is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne David Morgan, Jr. of Stone Mountain, GA and the grandson of Mrs. Wayne David Morgan, the late Mr. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bishop Brannen, all of Unadilla, GA....

Madelon graduated from Memorial Senior High School in Houston. She later received a B.A. in Economics and minors in Spanish and Music from Randolph Woman’s College in Lynchburg, Virginia. She spent her junior year at Reading University in Reading, England. She is currently pursuing a Master’s in Community Counseling from Georgia State University and the Psychological Studies Institute. Madelon is also a member of the Junior League of Atlanta.

Dave graduated from Stone Mountain High School. He later received a B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Georgia. He is a manager of Mergers and Acquisitions with BellSouth Corporation in Atlanta.

Following a honeymoon to Maui, Hawaii, the couple will reside in Atlanta....

DOUGLAS ALAN MOORE
MICHELE LYNN ALFORD

Sent by Bud Ellzey, AAFA #728

MOBILE REGISTER
Mobile, AL—Sunday, 1 March 1998

MARIETTA, Ga.—Michele Lynn Alford became the bride of Douglas Alan Moore on Feb. 28 at First United Methodist Church of Marietta. The bride is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Herbert Landon Alford of Kennesaw, Ga. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lee Moore of Mobile. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Melanie Wright Taylor of Cartersville, Ga., as maid of honor. Also attending the bride were Julie Moore Arrighi of Palm City, Fla.; Sandra Moore Cowart of Houston; Julie Denise French of Atlanta; and Andrea French Casper of Tampa. The bridegroom chose his father as best man. Groomsmen were Charles Reddick Sutherland and Mark Nelson Stockwell, both of Atlanta; Phillip Morton Hodgson of Bay Minette; and Thomas Fonde Jernigan of Mobile. A reception was held at the Marietta Country Club. Following a honeymoon at The Cloisters at Sea Island, Ga., the couple will reside in Big Canoe, Ga.

LONNIE WAYNE ALVORD
VALERIE CARTER HAGERMAN
Granddaughter of Audrey Boles, AAFA #869

Source unknown
_____ May 1998

Valerie Carter Hagerman and Lonnie Wayne Alvord exchanged wedding vows Saturday afternoon, May 16, 1998, at First Christian Church ....

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Carter of
Wayne and Valerie Hagerman Alvord

Frederickburg and the late Jerry Carter and the granddaughter of Roy and Audrey Boles and Laura B. Carter of Plainview. Alvord is the son of Norma Alvord of Lubbock and the late Harrell Alvord.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Claude Boles, the bride wore a white satin gown....

Bridal attendants were Mary Autry of Plainview and Andrea Followill of Lubbock....

Mollie Hagerman and Tanner Hagerman of Plainview, the bride’s daughter and son, and Austin Alvord of Lubbock, the groom’s son, were flower girl and ring bearers.

Laura Blackstock and Alice Blackstock of Lubbock, the groom’s nieces, were candlelighters.

Jerry Blackstock of Amarillo, was best man, and Jerry Bonner of Lubbock was groomsman. Ushers were Delbert Allen of Lubbock, the groom’s brother-in-law, Tanner Hagerman and Austin Alvord.

Musical selections were presented by Sharon VanHoose and Billy Donaldson.

A reception was held at the First Christian Church fellowship hall.

Members of the house party were Mmes. Delbert Allen, Jim Blackstock, Claude Boles, Kenny Kernell and Charley Haney and Kathy Alvord.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will reside in Plainview. The bride is a 1981 graduate of Plainview High School and attended Wayland Baptist University. She is a 1996 graduate of Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She is employed by Methodist Hospital Plainview in the recovery room.

Alvord is a 1977 graduate of Lubbock High School and is a senior at Texas Tech University majoring in mechanical engineering.

A rehearsal dinner was given by the bride’s grandparents, Roy and Audrey Boles, at First Christian Church fellowship hall....

AAFA NOTES from Audrey Boles: Both Valerie and Lonnie, who goes by Wayne, are descendants of Edwin Alonzo Alvord and Amelia Allen. They moved to Texas from Michigan in 1893 and settled in Brown County. Their daughter Ethel is Valerie’s great-grandmother, and their son Ray is Wayne’s grandfather. The two families have always been closely associated, so the cousins know each other well to the fourth and fifth generation of Texas Alvords.

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EDDIE TALMADGE McSWAIN III
AMY ELIZABETH ALFORD

Sent by Richard Alford, AAFA #154

LAKELAND LEDGER
Lakeland, FL—28 June 1998

Amy Elizabeth Alford and Eddie Talmadge McSwain III, both of Panora, Iowa, were married Saturday (June 27, 1998) at United Methodist Church in Panora.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Alford of Panora. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Beverly Wade of Lakeland and Mr. Eddie T. McSwain Jr. of Chiefland.

Maid of honor was Leslie Bryant. Matron of honor was Kathy Touchton, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Kristina Wenc and Sara Knoll. Best man was Jim Zingarelli. Groomsmen were Wayne Touchton and Tommy Alford and Danny Alford, brothers of the bride. Flower girl was Megan Calmer. Ring bearer was Cory Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. McSwain are both employed by Midland International Tile Works in Des Moines, Iowa.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Panora. ♦
Alabama Land Records Before 1908

Prepared by Pamela Alford Thompson, Editor and AAFA #30

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Remember how you met? Of course—you’ve told the story many times! Do you know how your parents met? Was it unusual, humorous, memorable? Write it up and we’ll print it in AAFA ACTION!

(See Treasurer Doris Vetri’s “Romantic Meeting” in the Spring 1997 issue for inspiration.)
1998 Annual Meeting in Paducah, KY

By Max Alford, AAFA Secretary

The biggest and best yet! These words are heard often near the close and after each meeting. Now, while there may be room for debate on whether the 1998 meeting fits this description, there is no room for debate on the meeting facility—J.R.’s Executive Inn—being the largest facility that has played host to us (at least of the 5 or 6 meetings I have attended). The building must have been at least two city blocks long and situated on the bank of the Ohio River just a short distance from where the Tennessee River joins the Ohio. Every morning you could see barges being pushed up the river by the tug boats. The meeting and banquet rooms were large enough that there was no crowding, and during the meetings there was room at the back so the refreshments could be set up and removed afterward without that operation becoming the focal point. The research room was large enough to put all the reference material on tables lining the walls and still leave room in the center for several tables on which members could conduct their research.

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The photo room was perhaps the smallest of the rooms, becoming crowded when group pictures were made after the Saturday night buffet. But

Jimmie Alford, #500 IL, was our host for the meeting. At one of the Friday genealogy workshops, he gave a presentation on migration trails into Kentucky with particular emphasis on where the different Alford family groups settled. His use of many old maps was especially interesting and enlightening.

as usual, Janice and John Smith did an excellent job of getting everyone in, picture taken, and out. Sally and Dick Stoewer had ample room in the company store to display all the merchandise they bring to each meeting. As a bonus, the room could be locked so all the items didn’t have to be boxed up and put away each night.

The meeting began as usual with registration Friday morning, 8:00 AM. That went very smoothly thanks in part to the help Doris Vetri and I received from my wife Earline, my daughter Samantha, my son Matt, and Doris’s husband Buzz. The fact that we had so few that showed up without advance registration also contributed to a nice, orderly registration.

Friday was spent conducting a genealogical workshop

R.M. "Dick" Alford, #633 ID, gave us the pros and cons of Family Tree Maker as part of a panel discussion on genealogy software programs.
AAFA Vice-President Lynn D. Shelley, #484 MO, leading the genealogy workshop on Friday. Lynn does so much for AAFA, especially in the area of genealogical research, that every member should send her a thank-you note!

covering such things as how and where to access various records such as census, county courthouse, federal government, military. Part of the Friday workshop was dedicated to various computer programs that help you manage and manipulate your genealogical records, like Personal Ancestral File, Brother’s Keeper, and Family Tree Maker. The workshop was conducted by Lynn Shelley, our Vice President, assisted by several other members who generously volunteered to give presentations. (I would attempt to name them all but I am afraid I would leave someone out.)

As in other years, the Friday night reception had the second highest attendance (the Saturday night buffet was the largest gathering). The serving tables were on opposite sides of the room which kept the crowd mingling as everyone wanted to make sure they did
not miss any goodies. The tables were so far apart that you almost walked off the plate of food you just had getting to the next food table.

After the reception, the Board of Directors held its annual meeting. There was a lively discussion concerning some adjustments to the bylaws. Believe me, you haven’t lived until you’ve attended a meeting with Gil Alford and Wick Alford. If you didn’t know better, you’d think they were coming to blows at any moment. (Of course we all know that Gil and Wick love each other like brothers.) Finally, Wick’s craving for a good cigar gets to him and things settle down so the meeting can proceed—which means Wick can get his cigar that much quicker!

The Saturday morning business meeting was opened by Jimmie Alford #500, official host, and Ramona Darden #715, meetings chairwoman. After opening remarks, the meeting was turned over to Gil Alford, President. Before getting down to the serious business, a few prizes were awarded:

Registration slip drawing
Saturday morning
Dovie Alford #110
Jeanne Singleton #249
Friday morning
Sue French #1047
Alicia Houston #001
Newest member present
Sue French #1047
Alicia Houston #001
Longest active membership
Alicia Houston #001
Frieda Shepherd #763
Longest distance traveled
Don Alford #059
Matt Alford #835
First to arrive at the meeting
Matt Alford #835
Youngest member present
Vesta Giddings #233
Oldest members present (tie)
Jo Carrigan #235

The President then called for reports from the following:

Secretary
Max Alford #230
Treasurer
Doris Vetri #303
Photographic Committee
Janice Smith #152
Research Committee
Lynn Shelley #484
Merchandise Committee
Sally Stoewer #120
Census Project
Alicia Houston #001
Wills and Estates Project
Janice Smith #152
National Publicist
Elizabeth Hazlip #358
Web Site Report
Kim Savage #258
Constitution Committee
Lynn Shelley #484

Following these reports, Wick Alford #011, Chairman of Human Resources, presided over the election of the new Board of Directors. Wick presented a slate of candidates prepared by the Human Resources Committee and then asked for any nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded that the slate of candidates as presented by the Committee be accepted and nominations closed. A voice vote was then taken and the new Board was elected unanimously. The new Board consists of the following members: Gil Alford #019, Pamela Thompson #030, Sally Stoewer #120, Max R. Alford #230, Jare M. Pearigen #259, Doris O. Vetri #303, Lynn D. Shelley #484, Harris M. Alford #667, Ramona A. Darden #715, Cecil O. Alford #751, and Joyce C. Foster #765. Immediately after the election, the new Board convened and re-elected our current officers for the coming year from a list of nominees prepared by the Human Resources Committee.

Ramona Darden then presided over selection of a site for our 2002 meeting (1999 Texas, 2000 Georgia, and 2001 North Carolina). After much discussion, Salt Lake City, Utah, was selected as the site for our meeting in 2002. The winter Olympics will be held there in February but should be out of our way when we meet in October of that year. The 1998 business meeting was then gavelled to a close.

Josephine A. Carrigan, #235 CA, visited with her sister Vesta A. Giddings, #233 TX at the buffet on Friday night. The next morning they found out that they shared the honor of being the oldest members present!
Above: Judith Jackson, #533 GA, discussed “Publishing Your Genealogy.” She showed a copy of the book she published on the ancestors and descendants of Allen Stephens Alford, 1848–1925. We hope she inspired those in attendance to publish their own work!

Above: Elizabeth H. Hazlip, #358 MS, gave a report on how the publicity is handled for AAFA. Elizabeth sent over 450 mailings to libraries, newspapers, and genealogical societies in advance of the meeting!

Sally Stoewer, #120 LA, gave a report on the AAFA store and encouraged people to come and look around.

The Saturday afternoon Alford Forum was hosted by our President, Gil Alford. His presentation covered the Alford migration across the U.S. As he covered the lineages of those in attendance, he recognized those in the audience who belonged to that particular line. Presentations were also made by Dr. R.M. “Dick” Alford, Mike Heazel, Jimmie Alford, Milton Folds, John and Janice Smith, and Dr. Cecil Alford. The presentations covered family migrations of some of the different family groups. The Forum is the most popular session of the meeting due in part to the charisma of our President (who probably was taught Charisma 101 by his lovely wife, Mary) and by the content of the program.

At the Saturday night buffet seating was by choice—no reserve seating. The doors are opened and you go in and find a seat. My wife and I were at a table with our daughter and son, Samantha and Matt, Sebastian “Buzz” and Doris Vetri (who also happens to be my cousin) and Jan and Elroy Alford (AAFA #563). To determine which table goes to the buffet line first, numbered slips of paper are passed around and a number is drawn by each table. Elroy did the honor for our table and did a bang-up job as he drew number 1 from the hat. Gil Alford must have drawn for his table because they ended up last!

The meal was delicious and enjoyed by all. After everyone had eaten, two inductions were made into the Alford American Family Association’s Hall of Fame. Alicia Houston was inducted for all the work she has done guiding the extraction of census data from the beginning to the last census released. She has to go back many generations before she finds an Alford ancestor, but she has really put in a lot of time and effort into helping AAFA attain its goals—and she’s done so since the very beginning of the Association. Lynn Shelley, our Vice-President, was also inducted
into the Hall of Fame. She has served as Vice-President for several years. She is also very involved in genealogical research and has traveled extensively at her own expense to do some of the research. She, like Alicia, has a distant Alford ancestor, but a more tireless worker and promoter of AAFA would be hard to find. Thank you, Lynn and Alicia!

Several members were also honored as “Distinguished Members” for their work over the past year. These include not only the Alford members but in some cases their spouses! The following were so honored:

Betty Alford Peveler, #947 KY, Maree and Jimmie Alford, #500 IL, and Dora Mae Alford, #948 KY. Dora Mae is the mother of Betty and Jimmie, who descend from William Alford, born in 1804 in VA.

Two of AAFA’s biggest contributors of time and effort: Alicia R. Houston, #001 PA, and Lynn D. Shelley, #484 MO, with their well-deserved Hall of Fame Awards.

The outgoing members of the Board of Directors—Paul Alford, Nolan David Alford, JoLynn Alford Long, and Janice Smith—were also presented certificates of appreciation for a job well done during their tenure of service.

Lodwick "Wick" Alford #11, chair of the Human Resources Committee, introduced our first memorial service for deceased members. His committee is responsible for maintaining the AAFA memorial album which contains information and photographs, to the extent available, of all
Elroy Alford, #563 OK, with the winners of the raffle prizes that he made and donated. The winner of the birdhouse was one of our newest members Corine Kesner, #1045 IN. Longtime member Vesta G. Bowden, #537 TX, was the lucky winner of the angel. If you check page 73 of the Winter 1998 issue of AAFA ACTION, you’ll see that Elroy donated an angel and a birdhouse last year as well!

Alicia and Bill Polk, #564 MO, with their research binders. Bill, who’s been a big help typing for AAFA ACTION, is a descendant of Needham Alford born 1789 in NC.

deceased AAFA members. The album was available for viewing and will be at all future meetings. Wick read the names of the recently deceased members, after which the Reverend Ben R. Alford, AAFA #500, led attendees in a special prayer.

After the awards were presented, the drawings for the raffle prizes were held. Elroy and Jan Alford make wonderful curios and craft items, and like they did at the California meeting last year, they donated two of them to be raffled off at the buffet: a beautiful wooden angel and a charming birdhouse. Doris Alford, our treasurer, donated a cross-stitched Christmas stocking and a cross-stitched sampler for the raffle also. The raffle is always a big attraction at the meeting. Buzz Vetri, Earline Alford (my wife) and Samantha Alford (my daughter) sold tickets. Buzz had put in his bid to be “Boss of the Raffle” because as he put it, “I want to supervise and count the money.” (I hope he had more luck with my wife and daughter than I have when it comes to supervising.) My wife got into the selling so strongly that she even tried to sell Dick Stoewer a ticket for next year’s
The families of many AAFA members probably wish AAFA was just a little less interesting—and no doubt none more so than the family of AAFA’s President and founder, Gil Alford, #019 MO. This year members were able to thank Gil’s son-in-law Scott Ernst and his daughter April Alford Ernst, #269 MO, for the time he spends on AAFA! Gil’s wife Mary attends every meeting—and this year we made her a Distinguished Member for her support! Gil and his daughter April are descendants of John Seaborn Alford, born 1807 in LA.

AAFA is fortunate to have two willing, able, and long-serving officers, Secretary Max Alford, #230 TX, and Treasurer Doris Alford Vetri, #303 NJ. We thank them and their family members for their dedication.

Standing: Max, Sebastian Vetri (Doris’s husband), and Matt Alford (Max’s son), #835 TX. Seated: Earline Alford (Max’s wife), Doris, and Samantha Alford (Max’s daughter), #836 TX. Doris, Max, Matt, and Samantha are descendants of John Alford, born 1801 in NC.

raffle! The proceeds from the raffle go into the Alford American Family Association’s general fund. We thank everyone for their support of this effort—buyers, sellers, and especially the prize contributors.

Sunday morning was spent in the research room doing some last-minute research and saying last-minute goodbyes as the meeting drew to a close. An important aspect of the meeting is providing access to a lot of the Alford material that Gil Alford keeps in his basement (or Alford Central as he refers to it) and the note books containing census data that Alicia Houston brings to the meeting. But just as important is the camaraderie that builds between members. Friday and Saturday nights it is not uncommon to find groups sitting in the hotel lobby chatting until the wee hours of the morning. Victor Alford was in charge of procuring chairs Friday night and I think he relocated almost every chair in the hotel to a group that started out small but grew significantly before everyone retired. There are members that make almost every meeting and good friendships are made and kept alive by attendance at the meetings. So I urge each and everyone of you to make every effort possible to attend a meeting. I
realize that some cannot travel great distances, but when one is in your general vicinity, please do come and meet part of the membership of the best family genealogical group in the world (made the best by the members).

I hope all of you are making plans to be in San Antonio in October 1999. Please come on down and we will do our best to show you some genuine Texas hospitality.

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