Inquiries

AAFA accepts Alford inquiries from non-members as well as members, not only to help the inquirers but to obtain new information from them and to provide AAFA members with new contacts on their lines. If you respond to any of the submitters, please send a copy of your letter to AAFA at the Missouri address. If the submitter is a non-member, invite them to join our association. You are encouraged to write to any and all of those whose addresses are listed below just to give them encouragement in their quest.

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Ruth Hancock 1170 East Pioneer Way Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Ruth had an inquiry in Everton's GENEALOGICAL HELPER to which AAFA responded. She is the 4th great-granddaughter of ANNA ALVORD born March 2, 1782 in Westhampton, MA and died October 10, 1846 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. She married Richard CLAPP February 21, 1801 in Westhampton. Anna was the daughter of a JONATHAN ALVORD born December 29, 1751. She was provided information to take her Alvord lineage on back to ALEXANDER ALVORD the immigrant.

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Henry Hallford 6714 W. Cameron, Tulsa, OK 74127

Henry called Gil Alford February 19 and they had a most interesting conversation. Henry was obviously very well informed on the Halfords and a package of information was expected before this writing. AAFA sent their package of data to him immediately. Apparently he is a descendant of BURRELL HALFORD, b. about 1786 by estimate and probably in the Carolinas. He married Nancy Ann HUGGINS before 1806. One of their children was MOSES GORDON HALLFORD born January 27, 1817 in Sumter District, South Carolina. He married Nancy Maria WARRICK January 28, 1847. Moses and Nancy had at least ten children. He died December 27, 1882 in Kemper County, Mississippi. He appeared in at least one Mississippi census as ALFORD.

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Robert Alford 5470 New Hope Road Grants Pass, OR 97527

Robert needs help on his grandparents. CLAUDE ALFORD, who married a Ruth _____, was born, by our estimate, about 1902—probably in Florida. His son JOSEPH THEADOR ALFORD was born August 7, 1927 in Plant City, Florida. Two CLAUDE ALFORDs were found in the 1910 or 1920 Florida census. One was the father of ROBERTA ALFORD FOLDS, AAFA #049. Robert was furnished all the information we have on these two Claude Alfords.

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Mrs. J. R. Friedman 213 Oliva Street, Sanibel, FL 33957

Mrs. Friedman wrote: "I have long been searching for the HELEN ALLVORD maybe daughter of JOSEPH who married my ancestor George MANN. She was b. 1783 and married in New York, d. 1872 in Rockland Cty. She is not in Genesis, IGI, or Lineages as far as

I can tell but hope the family name may be a derivation of your Alford." We have searched the 800+ page Alvord book in the AAFA files but do not find Helen

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Thomas N. Justice 1800 Schley Avenue, Albany, GA 31707

Thomas does not have an inquiry as such and he is not a member of AAFA. He is a well informed source who has been working with Gil Alford on our Alfords for almost ten years. He is being included here for those who may wish to contact him for information on his immediate Alford ancestor and related lines. Thomas is the great-greatgrandson of ANNIE EMILY ALFORD (or EMILY ANNIE) born December 22. 1839 in Georgia and died in Pike County, Georgia April 11, 1911. She married James B. JUSTICE. Annie was the daughter of THOMAS JEFFERSON ALFORD and Emily R. MIMS and a descendant of ISHAM ALFORD who moved from North Carolina to Georgia. Their ultimate ancestor was JAMES ALFORD born ca 1687 in Virginia.

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Mrs. Florence White 2828 N. Fairview, Decatur, IL 62526

Florence is the great-great-granddaughter of JENNIE ALFORD who married Joseph AUSTIN in Amherst County, Virginia June 3, 1800. Jennie was the granddaughter of JOHN ALFORD whose will of November 13, 1748 was written and probated in Frederick County, Virginia. Two AAFA members share these ancestors, and they were sent copies of the correspondence. We all need help on this JOHN ALFORD. It is

estimated he was born about 1696 and probably in Maryland but it could have been another time and even in England. At one time it was thought that he married Mary DAWSON but records of her marriage prove otherwise.

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Sharon Marie Peacock 5518 E. Lester Street, Tucson, AZ 85712

Sharon is looking for information on her grandfather HERBERT W. ALVORD who was probably born in the late 1890's. He married Nellie Maude DAVIS and they had a son, Sharon's father, HOWARD LELAND ALVORD, born October 16 1919 in Wibaux County, Montana.

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Dawn Martin 2846 Bayeaux Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32935 (Prodigy ID RGRN54C)

Dawn is one of several, including AAFA #285 WANDA ROGERS, working on Alfords of Hancock County, Ohio. We are working on an extensive article on them to be published in the future. What is needed is the father of John L. Alford. John first appears in the 1850 census at which time he was in Green Township using the Greenfield Post Office. The family was also there in 1860 but using the Eden Post Office. John married Elizabeth BRAWLEY. Their children according to descendants and/or the two censuses were: John ca 1835, Samuel 1837, Nancy Jane ca 1840, Sarah ca 1842, Margaret Ann ca 1843, Monroe ca 1845/6, David H. ca 1848, Harvey L. ca 1853, Freemont ca 1858, and Rose. Others in the area who may have been siblings were LOGAN ALFORD, JAMES ALFORD, JAMES R. ALFORD, ANDREW ALFORD and HENRY ALFORD.

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In the Summer 1990 issue of "AIR POWER HISTORY" in an article, or at least on a page, titled "Pearl Harbor Revisited" is a photograph with the following caption: "Lt. Julius "Jimmy" Alford with 'Ninotchka,' P-40B of 6th Pursuit Squadron, after 7 December attack. Alford later commanded the 6th and then all Seventh Air Force night fighter operations. Who is this man?

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Bonnie Johannes 5358 N. 6th St., #102, Fresno, CA 93710

Bonnie wrote asking for help with LYDIA ALVORD who married Thomas ARMS. After a couple of exchanges of information we were able to provide her information going on back to ALEXANDER ALVORD the immigrant.

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Joe C. Brown Route 1 Box 187, Summit, MS 39666

Joe is searching for any ALFORD that married a ROLLINS. The latter family is his primary interest but he did write about MARTHA ANN ALFORD who was born February 23, 1824 in Pike County, MS, married Jeremiah (Jerry) ROLLINS September 1, 1853, and died August 18, 1903 in Lincoln County, Mississippi. This is being printed primarily for those who might be interested in the Rollins connection. We advised Mr. Brown that we had the data on Martha. Our records show she was born 1834 rather than 1824 and that date tracks better with the birth date of her siblings and the marriage date of her parents—SEABORN JOHN ALFORD and his first wife Mary Catherine

FELDER who were married December 29, 1931.

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Edward Everett 295 Applewood Lane Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Edward needs information on his great-great-grandmother, MARTHA ALFORD who was born March 28, 1822 in Pennsylvania and died September 7, 1903 in Bay County, Michigan. She married Amos COLLVER May 29, 1842 in Wood County, Ohio. Her father was a WILLIAM ALFORD born in Connecticut or New Jersey.

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Aileen Woodward 619 N. Cedar, Ottawa, KS 66067

Aileen is the great-granddaughter of MELINDA ALFORD who married Harrison CROUSE. Melinda, also spelled MALINDA, married CROUSE August 13, 1828 in Williamson County, Tennessee. [see "Tennessee Alfords in the IGI-and More!" p. 32-33, AAFA ACTION, June 1990. see also "Queries," p. 21, AAFA ACTION, June 1992]. Aileen advised that according to the 1850 Morgan County, IL census Melinda was born in North Carolina. CAMILLE CROUSE AAFA #034 was the source of the referenced "Ouery" and she and Aileen have corresponded. In the huge pile of unanswered Alford correspondence is another letter from Aileen. In it she mentions a JOSEPH ALFORD who was also in the 1830 Morgan County, IL census and considers the possibility he is related. Marriage data Aileen has shows that a JOSEPH ALFORD was bondsman for MALINDA ALFORD'S marriage to CROUSE. According to the 1850 Illinois

census data available to AAFA we see no JOSEPH ALFORD (There is a Joseph Alford in 1840). There is a L. ALFRED who was born about 1792 in North Carolina. Living with L. Alfred were I. and M. Alford a male and female ages 19 and 15, both born in Illinois. There were two earlier ALFRED marriages in Morgan County-ELIZA-**BETH ALFRED to William SCOTT** Aug 24, 1834 and ALMIRA ALFRED to Leonard WATERSON Aug 18, 1839. PHEBE ALFORD married Jonas HINES there Mar 3, 1836. Aileen also mentions the fact that there was a SAMUEL ALFORD in neighboring Sangamon County in 1830 and wonders about a connection there. Aileen says that Melinda was 38 in 1830 making her born 1792 the age to be a brother to the "L. ALFRED" mentioned above.

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MYRTHA OHLEN ALFORD

Julian B. Cunningham 1756 Madras Drive, Baton Rouge, LA

Julian is the son-in-law of MYRTHA ALFORD. Gil Alford published a lineage showing her born August 31, 1903 in Louisiana and marrying Tate MAGEE April 14, 1926 in Walthall County, MS. MYRTHA was the daughter of JOSEPH BENJAMIN ALFORD and Rosa Ann BURCH. These folks are descendants of JOHN SEABORN ALFORD and Margaret BRUMFIELD, ancestors of a number of AAFA members.

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Elmer A. Alford 942 Teetshorn St., Houston, TX 77009

Elmer is not a member of AAFA but is a cousin of many members. This is an introduction for those who may wish to contact him. He's the great-grandson of NEEDHAM BRYANT ALFORD, born

July 30, 1826 in Hemphill, Texas; died there April 7, 1908. His wife was Francis Ann PARTAIN STEELE. His line goes on back through Judge NEEDHAM ALFORD of Sabine Parish, LA to JAMES ALFORD born about 1687 in Virginia.

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Harris M. Hodge 2521 Croton Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34239

Harris needs information on two generations of JOHN ALFORDs of England. Harris' ultimate ancestor is JOHN ALFORD born by our estimate about 1758 in England. His wife was named, Mary. Their son JOHN ALFORD christened December 10, 1783 in Lincolnshire, England married Sarah HIRTON there in 1807. Their son JOHN WILLIAM ALFORD born January 24, 1811 in Lincolnshire married Sarah COOPER there in 1834. By 1835 they were in Kentucky where their first child was born 1835 in Ohio County. The other 12 children were born in Campbell County, Kentucky. GEORGE WASH-INGTON ALFORD, Harris' grandfather, was born in Campbell County October 5, 1850 and married Josephine L. SMITH there in 1879. Other information is available on most families in this branch for those who need it.

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Vernon Obelgonner 1118 McLain Street, Taylor, TX 76574

Vernon wrote: "I learned last fall that my great-great-great-grandmother, SARAH ALFORD, wed Archibald WHITLEY on Nov. 8, 1825 in Boone County, Missouri. For thirty years I thought that Elvira was the mother of my great-great-grandmother, Mary (Whitley) Wright. Mara Conconnon of the State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia wrote me that ISAAC ALFORD was on the

1821 and 1825 tax rolls in Columbia. I believe that he may have been the father of Sarah. Her only son was named Isaac Whitley. My great-great-grandfaher was Samuel ALFORD Wright (1827-1867). I believe his mother might have been an ALFORD." Vernon has been advised about his Alford ancestry going back to JAMES ALFORD born about 1687 in Virginia and has been put in touch with one of his cousins who is a member of AAFA, POSEY (JAMES P.) ALFORD AAFA #021.

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Mrs. Stephanie R. Jewell PO Box 1996, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

Stephanie is the great-great-granddaughter of SARAH ALVORD who was born September 29, 1819 and died July 20, 1890 and who married Ransom PRATT. She is part of the vast family of the immigrant ALEXANDER ALVORD and is listed here by way of introduction since she needs no help from us.

Donna Jean Brannon 1712-A Maple Avenue Panama City, FL 32405-6025 (904) 785-6339 / Prodigy ID JHBS41B

Donna is seeking information on her grandfather and great-grandfather. Her mother, NORA LOUISE ALFORD was born 1941 in Gulf County, FL. Her father was TILDON LEE ALFORD born May 7, 1915 in Walton County, and died December 13, 1979 in Panama City, Bay County, FL. He is buried there in Callaway Cemetery. He married, about 1933 and probably in Gulf County, Nora Bruce HOLLAND. Tildon Lee was the son of JOSEPH COLUMBUS ALFORD who married Ann McDANIELS. We have searched our

AAFA records but except for a social security number for Tildon, we have not been able to add to what Donna has.

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Helen Mobley 2906 N. Fritzke Road, Dover, FL 33527

Helen wrote to Willie M. Alford, AAFA #128 AAFA Florida Representative seeking information on ZORA LEE ALFORD, born September 22, 1918 in DeFuniak Springs, FL, married George Lee REGISTER and died November 22. 1973 in Brandon, FL. Helen had information that Zora was the daughter of a FRANCIS M. ALFORD, born 1853, and his wife Josephine. Although we had no information on Zora Lee Alford, we did have information on FRANCIS M. ALFORD, born March 1853 and his wife Josephine MCDANIEL. If all of our data is correct, and we have no reason to doubt it, then we are able to trace the family on back through JAMES C. ALFORD, TURNER ALFORD, JOB ALFORD, JULIUS ALFORD, to JAMES ALFORD who was born about 1687 in Virginia. This was printed for those who might belong to this branch of the family and wish to contact Helen who is the daughter-in-law of Zora Lee Alford.

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Mrs. Ken (Joyce) Knudson 241 6th Ave. North, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Joyce is seeking information about SARAH BELL ALFORD who married Joseph HAMMEL (maybe other spelling) December 20, 1865 in Franklin County, Indiana. At the time we responded we had the 1850 Indiana census but could not find Sarah. Margaret Windham, AAFA #031 has since extracted the 1860 Indiana census and we do find some possibilities there though not named "Bell" or in Franklin County. Maybe one of you has some specifics. ◆

Awards Program

By Pam Thompson, Publications Director

The Awards Program is now half way through its second year. At the meeting in Louisiana in October four members will be awarded \$25 each for their active participation in the work of the Association.

Most New Members Sponsored

One award will go to the member who has sponsored the most new members. Listed below are the new members since the last meeting whose application identified a sponsor. We are afraid that some of you are enlisting new members but that the sponsor notatation is failing to get on the application. If you have sponsored a new member and you are not in the list below, tell us about it. If you haven't sponsored a new member yet this year—shame on you! Let's get to work.

ALFORD, GIL #019
ALFORD, LANNY #516
ALFORD, LODWICK #011
ALFORD, WILLIAM, JR. #278
BROWN, JEAN #142
BROWN, MARGIE H. #063
COLLINS, PAT #523
HEINK, KARL #458
PANSANO, LINDA #106
WALDROP, JUANITA #472

Most Family Group Sheets

Another award will go to the person who has submitted the most family group sheets on Alfords (male or female but they must have been an Alford, or one of the variations like Alvord, Alfred, Halford, etc.) Thus far we have received 40 records but look forward to getting some from almost all of you. Katherine Black is leading the pack at this time, but you can catch up—send in all those sheets with Alford mothers!

134 BLACK, KATHERINE 12 277 MILLIGAN, LOU FLOY 4 2 364 ECHOLS KATHERINE A. 2 373 PHILLIPS, PATRICIA 513 GRAVIT, BRENDA KING 2 534 ALFORD, DICK 7-542 RICHBOURG, MILDRED 558 ALFORD, PETER H. 1 564 POLK, BILL

Best Non-Biographical Article

These authors are VERY special to me because they write great articles for the quarterly! Often, thankfully, they even send their work on a computer disk. You readers should also be grateful for the new research and insights into Alford genealogy you're getting. If you haven't compiled some research you've done into an article for AAFA ACTION, this is a great opportunity to see your work in print and share your findings. Incidentally, the awesome amount of material provided by our Executive Director Gil Alford is not included in this category at his request.

Mary Alford Helms, "In Search of Alfords Past in Pike Co., AR,"
December
James P. Alford, "Research Letters:
From Jim Alford," December
James P. Alford, "South Hall of
LaGrange College, Georgia," March
James P. Alford & Lodwick H. Alford,
"Letters Concerning the Early
Lodwicks," March
Bob Sterling, "Alfords from Alabama in the Civil War," March

Best Biographical Sketch

Gil Alford, "Jeptha Martin Alford, 1862–1948," March
Non-member Jim Huffman wrote "Ira Payne Alford, 1822–1901" for the December issue, but as a non-member he is not eligible to win. It's a great article though and could be used as a model for one YOU write!