## Inquiries

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

#### JAMES ALFORD

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

## JOSEPH & OWEN ALFORD

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

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## EDGAR & EARL ALFORD

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

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

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

# JOHN ALFORD & THOMAS ALFORD

JOHN ALFORD of Frederick County, VA had a son THOMAS ALFORD b. 1724. According to my calculations this would make Thomas either 40 or almost 40 when he married Elizabeth. Most of the Alford men married at 18, 19, and 20. WILLIAM ALFORD son of JOHN ALFORD of Wythe County married at age 26— he is the oldest I have found. Do you think that we are missing a generation between JOHN ALFORD and THOMAS ALFORD? Perhaps he is a grandson, not a son.

### FIELDING ALFORD

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

- #1. One is supposed to be the son of JOHN ALFORD of Wythe County and his first wife.
- #2. We find in Madison County, Kentucky, the son of JOHN ALFORD

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

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

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

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

### JOHN ALFORD

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

#### JANE ALFORD

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

#### MARY ALFORD

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

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#### MARY JANE ALFORD

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

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

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### **POLLY ALFORD**

Linda M. Brink AAFA #385, 28204
NE 117 Street, Lawson MO 64062
needs help with the 3rd great grandfather of her husband. POLLY
ALFORD, who we estimate was born
1780-85 married Nicholas BRINK.
Linda thinks Polly was born in
Marathon, New York. Marathon is in
present day Cortland County but it was

not created until 1808 from Onondaga County. Nicholas BRINK was christened June 8, 1777, probably in Union, Broome County, New York. Broome county was not created until 1806 from Tioga County. One might conclude from all this that the families were probably located somewhere near what is today the common border between Cortland and Broome counties. The family continued to live in Broome County for a couple of generations before beginning to move west.

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#### LEON ALFORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

## AAFA RESEARCH RESULTS:

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

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

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

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

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

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## WILLIAM CHARLES ALVORD

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

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

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

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

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## ARTHUR ALFORD

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

I am descended from ARTHUR

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

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

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

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## JOHN ALFORD

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

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

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

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#### MARY ALFORD

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

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

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### SALVATOR ALFORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### SARAH ALFORD

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

(Guy Alford, cont. from p. 27)

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

### Guy Alford's comments:

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

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

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

## AAFA [GKA] comments:

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

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