

Inquiries

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JAMES R. ALFORD

From Gil Alford, AAFA Director
 JAMES ALFORD was born August 1873 in Alabama as listed with his wife in the 1900 and 1910 Censuses of Tarrant County, Texas:

JAMES R. ALFORD Aug 1873 AL
 MATTIE ALFORD June 1879 TX

Though there are other Alford families in the county in 1900, none appear to be related. In 1910 they have added to the family ROBERT M. ALFORD 9 and MAGNA ALFORD 6.

Is James the brother of ISAAC H. ALFORD, born September 1864 in Alabama as listed in the 1900 Census of Grayson County, Texas?

ISAAC H. ALFRED Sept 1864 AL
 LULU ALFRED Aug 1876 TX
 CECIL ALFRED June 1897 TX
 EMUEL ALFRED March 1899 TX

There was no other Alford family in Grayson County. Families in Grayson County in 1910 appear to have no relation to the 1900 family.

An Isaac and James are also listed in the 1880 Census of DeKalb County, AL, as sons of HENRY ALFORD:

HENRY ALFORD	46	AL
MARY E. ALFORD	45	GA
ISAAC H. ALFORD	15	AL
MARY E. ALFORD	12	AL
ARMANDA ALFORD	8	AL
JAMES W/H ALFORD	4	AL

Isaac's birth year would be 1864—as stated on the 1900 Census—if the census was taken before his birthday in September. However, James' birth year would be 1875, not 1873 as

stated in the 1900 and 1910 censuses.

Although this family would surely have been in Alabama at the time of the 1870 census we have been unable to find them there in the raw census data available.

Henry was born 1836 in Alabama, the son of ELIZABETH ALFORD born 1814 and listed in the 1850 census of Cherokee County, AL, as follows:

Elizabeth Alfred	F	36	TN
Henry Alfred	M	14	AL
William Alfred	M	9	AL
John Alfred	M	7	AL
Louisa Alfred	F	3	AL
James M. Alfred	M	1	AL

We find no Henry Alfords in the 1860 or 1870 Alabama censuses to fit the above. If the Henry in 1880 was the same as the one in 1850, where was he in the 1860 and 1870?

Can anyone provide any information to connect any of these families or elaborate in any way on any of the families?

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WILLIAM A. ALFORD
 23 Dec 1844 TN - 6 Oct 1928

From Zeno Windley III
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I'm currently looking for some information about an ancestor on the maternal side of my family: William A. Alford, was born 23 December 1844 in Monroe County, TN and died 6 October 1928. He served in the Civil War, fighting for the Confederate Army.

He married (1) Mary Ann _____, who died in September 1885. His second

wife, Amanda George, was born 2 January 1863 and died 26 December 1957. We're not sure where the family came from before TN because most of eastern TN was Indian land in the early 1800's. The original home built by William Alford is still standing and inhabited in Meigs County, TN next to the Hiwassee River, a tributary of the Tennessee.

AAFA Notes

William Anderson Alford was Zeno's great-great-grandfather. He thought that William's parents were Mace Alford and Polly Wright, but we could not verify the existence of a Mace Alford.

Amanda George was the daughter of John Alvin George, born 1830 in McMinn Co. TN, and Mary Ann Womack. Some of the following was provided Zeno earlier but there was no feedback to accept or reject the data as pertinent to his family. The following notes are based on AAFA census records which in most cases have not been verified by the AAFA census team, and even then we know they are only as good as recorded by the enumerator.

In the 1900 Tennessee Census we find William A. Alford born Dec 1841 and his wife Amanda born January 1863 with daughter Viola M. Alford born August 1888. The family was also there in 1910, but the microfilm record reviewed was really too poor to report on. In the 1880 Tennessee Census soundex of Meigs County there was a William Alford 39 and wife Mary A. 43 with children Mary L. 12, Frances 11, Dellray 7, and Carla D. 5. There was also a Jacob Lillard 19 SS [stepson] indicating that Mary A. had first married a Lillard. There were no other Alfords in the soundex listing

for Meigs County. We don't have the 1870 Tennessee data yet but the 1870 Index does not list a William A. Alford or any Alford in Meigs, Monroe or McMinn Counties. In 1860 we find no Alford in Meigs, Monroe or McMinn Counties and we find no likely William in any of the eastern counties of Tennessee. In 1850 there were two Alford families in Meigs County and one had a six year old William who can be connected to an "established" AAFA branch. They were mentioned to Zeno before but he did not respond to them. John Alford 37 TN and Hanah 24 TN had sons Robert 9, William 6 and Plesent 1. This would be the John M. Alford who married (1) Lucinda Cardell and (2) Hannah Hollmon and had Robert b. 1841, William 1844, Pleasant 1849, Jeremiah 1852, Sarah 1853, Matthew 1854, Charles 1856, Thomas 1858, Owen 1860, Susannah 1864, Mary 1868 and John 1879. There is just one problem here. This William apparently married Elizabeth Jane Bray and moved to Missouri. In 1850 there were no Alfords listed in Monroe County. There were Alfords in adjoining Blount County (see AAFA ACTION, Spring 1994, pages 55-56.) There were none in adjoining McMinn County but in adjoining Roane County there was one family: Charles 61 NC and Mary 55 TN with daughter Sarah 13. Elsewhere in 1850 Tennessee we find a seven year old William in Maury County, a six year old William P. in Lawrence County, and a five year old William Alfred in Hamilton County. There was a William Alford who married Jane Riddle December 18, 1840 in Monroe County, but he later moved to Illinois and has been connected to an "established" AAFA branch.

Maybe someone knows of a Tennessee William Alford that has escaped us in this search. Help!!

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MILACE HARDESTY ALFORD

28 Jul 1895 TX - 30 Jul 1946 OK

From Kenneth M. Alford, AAFA
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Kenneth is looking for more information on his father and is searching for the identity of his Alford grandparents.

MILACE HARDESTY ALFORD
was born 29 July 1895 in Avery, Red
River County, Texas.

Milace Alford was inducted into the 455th Squadron Aviation Section, Signal Corps, United States Army on 19 February 1918 in Holdenville, Hughes County, Oklahoma, and he was discharged for demobilization on 28 January 1919.

On 9 April 1930 he obtained a discharge certificate issued in lieu of one lost or destroyed. When efforts were made by his son, Kenneth, to obtain a copy of his military records, it was discovered they were destroyed in the 1973 fire in St. Louis.

Milace married Georgia Wolfe on 28 January 1935. Since Milace was 40 years old at this time and Georgia was only 26, it is thought that she was probably his second wife.

When Kenneth was born in 1937 the family lived at 503 Buff Street, FortWorth, TX.

An Oklahoma drivers license issued 11 July 1942 indicated Milace was 5' 9.5" tall and weighed 170 pounds.

Funeral records show that Milace H. Alford died 30 July 1946, age 51 years, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that he was buried in Mustang,

Oklahoma. Oklahoma reports they have no death record on file.

In most recent developments Kenneth reported: "There is a Malice Alford listed in the 1920 Texas census, which could have easily been Milace. He is shown in Wichita County, which is Wichita Falls in northern Texas. The age is right (24), but his wife is shown as Jennie, born in Indiana. My mother's name is Georgia (married in 1935). The parents of Malice were born in Tennessee (no names listed). This may be way off base, but there is a Rachel W. Alford listed with the Thomas J. Mauldin family in 1920. Her age is 13, and is the granddaughter of Mauldin. This would make my grandmother's maiden name Mauldin. Also, there are two sisters listed with Rachel: Ona Alford and Bertha Alford. The Mauldin family was listed in Jack County, which is just north of Fort Worth."

Following up on Kenneth's findings: Other than the 1930 death of a J.B. Alford in Wichita County, TX, we have found little Alford presence in that county. Maybe readers know of others. The fact that the Milace Alford in Wichita County in 1920 had a wife named Jennie should not exclude him as a possibility. Since he married Kenneth's mother when he was age 40 it is very likely that he did have a previous marriage as suggested earlier. The place of birth of this first wife should not be significant at all in this search.

How many Alfords, or any surname, do you know called "Malice" or "Milace"?

We are familiar with the MAULDIN-ALFORD relationship. The granddaughters of Thomas J. Mauldin were the children of James Noel Welch Alford who married Frances L. Mauldin on 24 December 1889 in Jack County. They are the



Milace Hardesty Alford with wife Georgia (Wolf) Alford – 1935



Rachel Alford Cook with husband Harris Cook – 1930

grandparents of AAFA #592 Walter Morrison "Corky" Clerihew. Rachel, who Kenneth mentioned, married Rev. Robert E. Alspaugh.

The "draft" data that AAFA has extracted from the soundex record of the 1880–1910 census have a number of families in which both parents were born in Tennessee; however, none of them seem to fit any of the other information pertaining to Kenneth's family. It does present one interesting idea though. We know that a B.D. (Britton Drake) Alford was one of the early settlers of northwest Texas. That is the general area where Kenneth's father was born. He was the son of Wiley Alford and Sophia Drake of Tennessee, and Wiley goes back to our North Carolina family. He and his family were in Bowie County in 1850. He also owned land in Tarrant County, some west of Ft. Worth and some southwest of Fort Worth. There was a Tennessee family in Red River county for the 1880 census but they are all identified with initials. Who knows them?

There was a family in Red River County in the 1900 census, and they had a son born July 1895, the same month and year as Kenneth's father—seems more than coincidence. This son was extracted as Wiggin M. Alford, but some of you know how it is transcribing census writing. This may be the very person we are looking for. Someone needs to research the 1900 detailed census to see what this family looks like.

Milace had a sister RACHEL ALFORD who married Harris COOK.

We need the help of all members who have access to Texas records in this search for data about Kenneth's father. ❖