

Photos from 1995 Meeting in Decatur, AL



LEFT—Elizabeth Hawes Hazlip, #358, MS, and the late Julius M. Alford, #013, MS, at the display table showing some of the Alford items for sale. Included were all kinds of items with the Alford emblem. Julius is holding the book he wrote (with Gil's help) on Julius Caesar Alford's family.

Some AAFA Officers, Directors, and Members Who Made It Happen

RIGHT—Lodwick Alford #011, GA, speaking after the Saturday night dinner. Wick is AAFA's Chairman of the Board and President Emeritus. At the meeting, he retired from the Board of Directors, joined by Julius, Gil, D.L., and James P. Alford (who wasn't in attendance).



LEFT—In the sales room: Frankie Seaborn Alford Penny, #704, LA; Betty A. Wall, #779, MS; Sally Stoewer, #120, LA; and her sister Jeanne Singleton, #249, LA—wearing one of our t-shirts. A big thanks to Sally for managing the entire sales operation, and to everyone who helped her in the sales room. Frankie, Sally, and Jeanne are descendants of John Seaborn Alford, 1807 LA, as was Betty's late first husband, Harlon Alford. Amazingly, Frankie is John Seaborn's granddaughter!



BELOW—Paul W. Alford, new Board member, and his wife Jean, #455. Paul and Jean, who live in Decatur, did a lot of behind-the-scenes work to give the meeting some especially memorable touches.



ABOVE—Pamela Alford Thompson, #030, CA, is the editor of AAFA ACTION— and had a great time at the meeting. She won the award for having come the farthest, and although she didn't do anything to make the meeting happen, she makes sure the quarterly goes to press every few months!

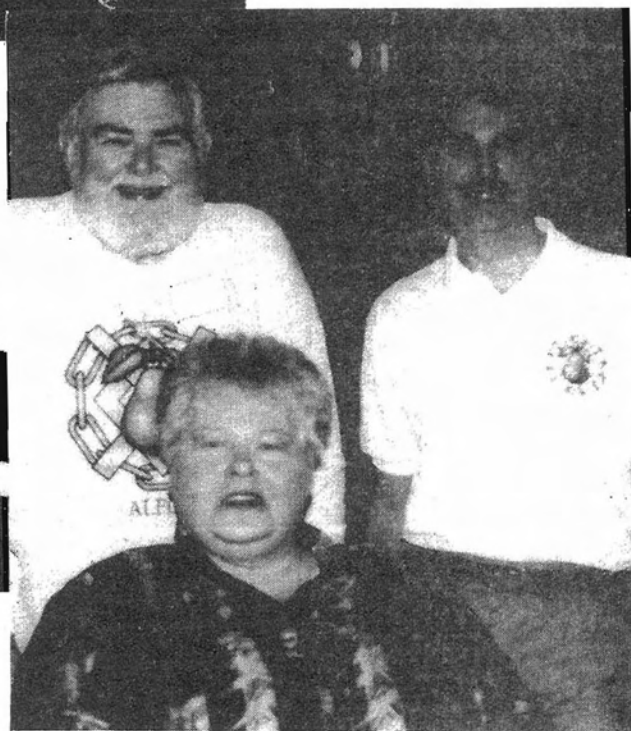
ABOVE—Gilbert K. Alford #019, MO, and Elizabeth Hazlip, #358, MS. Elizabeth is AAFA's Publicist—as usual, she licked a lot of stamps and addressed a lot of letters to get the word out about our annual meeting. Gil, also as usual, made us glad he's on our team!



BELOW—Max Alford, AAFA Secretary, and his wife Earline, #230, TX; and Doris Alford Vetri, AAFA Treasurer, and her husband Sebastian, #303, NJ. Max maintains the membership records and does the actual mailing of AAFA ACTION. Doris keeps track of the money!



RIGHT—Benjamin Alford, AAFA President, with his wife Ruth, #447, PA; and son Benjamin Alford, III, #448, TN. Ben presided over the meeting, making everyone feel welcome and happy to be an Alford!



RIGHT—Mary Alford, wife of Gil Alford, with cross-stitched Alford Emblem that was a joint project shared by Mary and AAFA Treasurer Doris Vetri—Mary completed about 50% of it and Doris finished it. If you want to cross-stitch one of these beautiful pieces of needlework yourself, you can order the pattern for \$15 from Earline Alford, AAFA Secretary Max Alford's wife. Frances Alford, #85, operates Alford Framing in Atlanta and did a beautiful job of framing the cross-stitch.

AAFA would like to say thank you to Mary for freeing Gil to, as he says, "wallow in 'dead Alford's' for more hours per day than most spouses would tolerate. Mary takes care of just about everything—family finances, banking, shopping, running my errands, etc." Many spouses give up a lot of their mate for AAFA, and we thank them all!



LEFT—Vincent "Mike" and Betty Heazel, #664, MD, and their son Chuck—descendants of John Alford, 1795 VA.

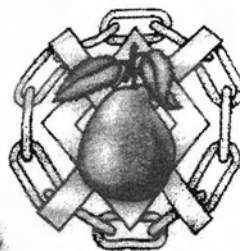
RIGHT—Leaette A. Braswell, #774; Elizabeth A. McLane, #076; Julia A. Duke, #528; Myrtice A. Edwards, #773; Celeste Edwards Furr and Richard Furr, #775. All are from Georgia, and all except Richard are descendants of John Alford, 1815 GA.





BELOW: JoLynn Alford Long, #718, TX, descendant of Elbert Alford, 1897 MS. JoLynn is wearing one of those great AAFA sweatshirts!

ABOVE: Janice and Michael Bruce Wilson, #777 and sons Douglas Nathaniel and Michael Terry Wilson. On the right, Wanda and Robin Sterling, #320; and Robin's mother Evelyn Alford Sterling, #511. In front, Myrtie Alford Hunter, #519. All are from AL, and all except Janice and Wanda are descendants of Zaccdock Alford, 1787 GA. Robin has been very successfully searching the Internet for Alford information, and all AAFA members are the beneficiaries. AAFA ACTION will be continuing publication of the data he's found for a long time—there's already a lot, and we know there's more!



LEFT: Gerald and Joan Hallford Hidle, #655, AL, and Johnnie Ruth and Harvey Henderson, #766, TX. Joan is a descendant of John Hallford, 1797 SC, and Johnnie is a descendant of Owen Halford.

RIGHT—The family of Timothy W. Alford, #476, AL—Neda (daughter), Eunice Alford (mother), Ruha (daughter), Timothy W. Alford, and Ginous "Gigi" (daughter)—descendants of James Clay Alford, 1846 GA.



LEFT—Cathy Alford Rusher, #501, KY, and cousin Jimmie R. Alford, #500, IL—descendants of William Alford, 1804 VA. Jimmie proposed that we have our 1998 meeting in Kentucky, and the attendees agreed!

RIGHT—Descendants of Baldy Alford, 1784 GA (a son of Isham): Terry F. Alford, #793, AL, Janice Smith #152, TX, and Paul W. Alford, #455, AL. Janice is one of AAFA's newly elected board members. In addition, this busy member and her husband John were the official meeting photographers, responsible for all the photos in this issue—and more to come!





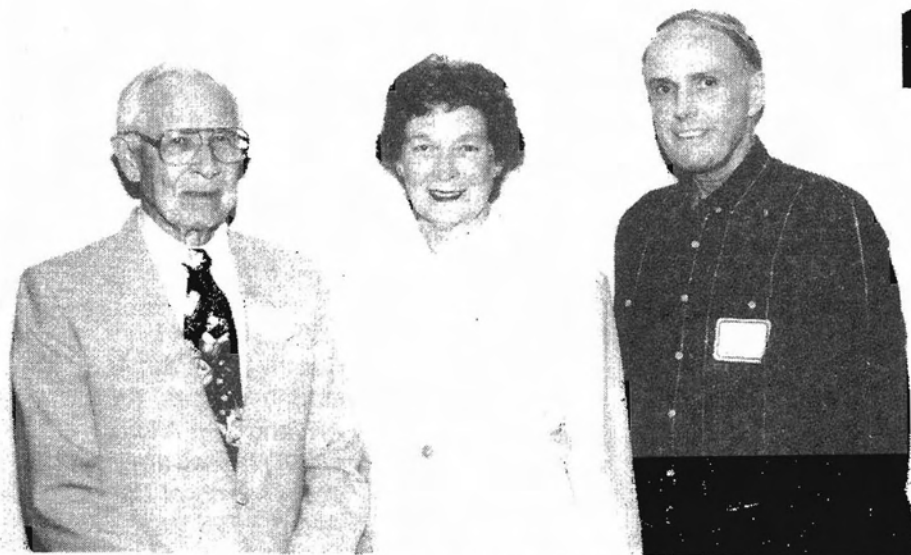
LEFT—Descendants of Bynum Alford, 1787 GA (a son of Isham): Ann Lavinia Alford, #386, MS, W. Dean Steward, #387, GA, with his wife Martha and nephew Harris Steward, AL.

Descendants of Isham Alford, 1749 NC

Other descendants at the meeting: V.P. Lynn Shelley, and the descendants of Baldy Alford on the previous page.



ABOVE—Ruth Hulsey, #776, GA, a descendant of Brittain Alford, 1781 NC (a son of Isham).



ABOVE—Descendants of Brittain Alford, 1781 NC (a son of Isham): M. Theo Wesley, #098, MS, Iris Elizabeth Alford, #729, GA, and Cecil Alford, #751, GA. Cecil is spearheading a major reserach effort in Georgia libraries—thanks to him and the Georgia members who are working on this project.



LEFT—Jack Kinabrew, #087, LA, Herbert and Melba Powell Wise, #601, LA, and Evelyn Z. Mistich, #481, LA. All except Herbert are descendants of Seaborn John Alford, 1807 LA. Jack is in charge of the AAFA Photo Archives; he displayed many photos at the meeting and conducted the photo contest. Evelyn is the AAFA Associate for Cemetery Data and is busy entering data into a database.

RIGHT—Jane W. Alford, #550, TN, and daughter Jane Alford McBride, #792, descendants of John Alford, 1790 VA.



LEFT—Robert L. Culver, Jr., #780, AL, Marian Hodges, #350, AR, and Don Alford, #059, NV—all are descendants of David Alford, 1785 VA. Marian is one of AAFA's newly elected board members.

RIGHT—James P. "Posey" Alford, #021, TX, a descendant of Isaac Alford, 1778 NC (tentative), and his wife Mary; and Catherine and D.L. Alford, #054, TX, a descendant of Halcut Alford, 1788 GA.



ABOVE—Josephine A. Carrigan, #235, CA; her sister Vesta Alford Giddings, #233, TX, Seanne Carrigan, #335, CA, Vesta G. Bowden, #537, TX, and Mary and Murray Alford, #236, LA. All in this group except Mary descend from Murray Luther Alford, 1873 LA, who was the grandson of John Seaborn Alford, 1807 LA. This family has been very well represented at the meetings, and the California contingent is very excited about having the meeting in their home state in 1997. Vesta was recognized as being the most senior person present when the meeting officially began on Saturday morning!

RIGHT—David and Juanita Stevens, #621, GA; Juanita is a descendant of James Alford, 1764 NC. Other descendants of James in attendance : Elizabeth Hawes Hazlip, #358, and the late Julius "Pooley" Alford, #13, both from MS.

