court. They then filed a motion in arrest of judgement, which Judge Thompson had taken under advisement, when about dark an armed mob liberated the prisoner.

The Times-Democrat correspondent interviewed Sheriff Mix and he stated that he had taken the prisoner down stairs, and as he was returning to the courthouse, the prisoner, walking a few feet in advance. suddenly turned on him with pistol presented, and exclaimed, "I am your prisoner no longer." He says he drew his pistol and fired at the prisoner, but does not know who fired first. At this instant, the mob who were in waiting began rapidly firing and the shooting became general, twenty or twenty-five shots were fired, and during the fusillade the prisoner escaped.

M. Bankston, an uninterested bystander, was seriously wounded in the shoulder by a stray ball. No one else was hurt.

Amite City, Jan. 29—Hardy Strickland, who was liberated from Sheriff Mix last night by an armed mob, has so far made good his escape. It is reported today by his friends that the prisoner received a severe wound in the thigh. There has been nothing positively developed as to the identity of any of the rescuing party, but they are strongly suspected, and no doubt are known to many. Mr. Mix claims not to have recognized any one of the party. District Attorney Bolivar Edwards intends making a thorough investigation of the matter, and will, if possible, bring the guilty parties to iustice. Sheriff Mix was warned vesterday that unless he took great precautions and kept a close and strong guard on Strickland he would escape. Sheriff Mix is greatly censured by some of the best citizens for the loose way in which he kept his prisoner. •

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Minerva Vashti Alvord was born March 22 1831 in Dyberry, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. She died July 13, 1912 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. She married, on May 5, 1853 in Hawley, Pennsylvania, to John Pearce. I would appreciate any information on their five children or parents. Known children were: Edwin W. Pearce born 1850, Charles William Pearce born 1854, Adeline Sarah "Addie" Pearce born 1856, George Henry Pearce born 1858, and John Marvin Pearce born 1867.

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My Alford Ancestors Are Missing!

My great grandparents were Thomas Jefferson "TJ" Lackey and Catherine ALFORD Schanck. They were married 18 Aug 1853 in Delaware Co., OH. Catherine's mother was Sophia ALFORD and her grandparents John and Catherine ALFORD.

John and Catherine Alford owned property in the Town of Almond, Allegheny Co., NY in Nov 1821 and were close neighbors of the Schancks who moved there in 1827. John and Catherine were living back in Wayne Co., NY in 1832.

Records of the Lyons First Presbyterian Church of Wayne Co., NY show that Catherine Alford, wife of John Alford, became a member of the Church on 13 Jan 1810 (or 1811).

Church records also show that John and Catherine Alfred were the parents of three children baptized there on:

- 6 Aug 1811 Cynthia Van Wickle (no birth date shown)
- 9 June 1816 Abby Ellen (born 13 Aug 1813)
- 9 June 1816 Jacob Van Wickle (born 30 Aug 1815)

Catherine Alford has some connection with the Jacob Van Wickle family of Middlesex Co., in northern New Jersey. Alfords also lived in Middlesex Co. before 1760, and a William Alford was on the tax rolls for Springfield township, in adjacent Essex Co., NJ, in 1796.

Catherine Alford Schanck was an eighth-generation Schenck/Schanck in America, descending from Roelof Schenck who came to New Netherland in 1750 from Holland. Her father William Schenck was part of the sixth generation of Schencks who lived in Monmouth County, NJ.

In 1827 William's parents Ephraim
Loree and Eleanor "Nelly" (Conover)
Schanck made the decision to move
west, first to the town of Almond, near
Jersey Hill, in Allegheny Co., NY.
They moved to Crawford Co., PA and
lived in Saegertown and then on a farm
in Woodcock Township. They are
buried in Mt. Blair Cemetery near
Saegertown. Garret and Mary
(Schenck) Conover, parents of Nelly
(Conover) Schanck, accompanied the
Schanck family from New Jersey.

Catherine Alford Schanck was born October 18, 1832 in Allegheny Co., NY. She died 17 Feb 1906 at her daughter's home in Phillipi, WV, and is buried with her husband in Cheshire Cemetery, Berlin Township, Delaware Co., OH.

Catherine's mother Sophia Alford was born 30 June 1811 in NY, probably Wayne Co. Sophia married William Schanck on 9 March 1829, at Jersey Hill, in Allegheny Co., NY. She died 24 May 1868 in Saline Township, Miller Co., MO, aged 56 years 10 months and 24 days and she is buried there.

Catherine's father, William Schanck was born 9 June 1811 at Freehold, Monmouth Co., NJ. He died 26 Aug 1876 and is buried with his wife in Miller Co., MO.

William and Sophia Alford Schanck had eleven children. The first four, born before coming to Ohio, were John Alford, born 21 Apr 1830, at Jersey Hill in Allegheny Co., NY; Catherine Alford, born 18 October 1832 in Allegheny Co., NY; Ellen Arintha, born 28 Nov 1834 in Allegheny Co., NY; and Maryann Conover, born 23 Oct 1838 in Crawford Co., PA.

Sophia Alford Schanck had a brother (or uncle) named William ALFORD (1808–1862) who married Catherine Conover (1811–1902), a younger sister of Nellie (Conover) Schanck, in Dec 1828, in Allegheny Co., NY. They moved with the Schancks to Crawford Co., PA, and are buried in Mt. Blair Cemetery, near Ephraim Loree and Nellie (Conover) Schanck.

I desire information about (a) when and where John and Catherine were married, (b) where they lived before moving to Wayne Co, and (c) their parents and ancestry. In addition, a question remains as to whether, when and where Sophia was baptized. If somewhere else, perhaps at the church and in the county where her parents were married.

AAFA NOTE: Wayne Co., NY was not established until 1823 when it was created using part of Ontario County. The southeast corner of Ontario Co. borders Allegheny Co. in 1820 before the establishment of Livingston Co. Almond, in Allegheny Co., is in the northeast quarter of the county (Almond township is just north of ALFRED township [no connection suggested]). The distance, as the crow flies, from Lyons, Wayne Co. and Almond is only about 45–50 miles.

In the 1810 census, before Wayne was created, we had three Alford households in Lodus, Ontario Co. (later Wayne Co.) [Lodus probably should be Sodus]. On the same page, #145, of the census is a John Alford, William Alford, Jr. and William Alford, Sr. John and William Jr. are both the same age and of an age that they could possibly be the sons of William. John at that time had a wife and son under 10. There was a Pomeroy Alford, a young man apparently living alone listed on page 239 of the census.

In the 1820 census, John Alford is in Lyons, Ontario Co., with wife, 2 sons and 2 daughters. Based on age in these two census John was probably born between 1775 and 1785—round it off to 1780 for an estimated birth. On the same page with John in 1820 is the older William Alford. They were both on page 116. On page 117 (could be the very next line) was William Alford. Jr. On page 114 is Roswell Alford. He may have been a younger brother of the possible brothers John and William Jr. The 1850 census shows Roswell born about 1794 in New York. On page 113 of the 1820 census was Pomeroy Alfred-now married and with family.

John and William are names common to all families and there are many of them in our genealogy of the northern branch of the family. Roswell is another fairly common name for the family. There were many from this branch in NY, and some in Ontario Co. However, we have yet to find the exact family which we can confidently suggest is John's. We will probably eventually trace Allan's John's ancestry back to Litchfield Co., CT, and connect him to this northern branch. John himself may have been born in NY. We have a number of members researching this branch and new data arrives regularly. All we need now is time to process it all.

Remember that the Alfords and Alvords were cousins—immigrant brothers being Alexander Alvord and Benedict Alford. The names were sometimes interchanged, by design or more often by accident. There were quite a few Alvords in that part of NY, one who married a SchEnck, but it does not fit our need.

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"Has anyone found any information on Robert Ely "Bob" Alford? He was the brother of my father, Harry Edward Alford. Robert was born May 1873 in Carroll County, MS and died 1957 in Wills Point, Van Zandt County, Texas. He married Ella White/Roseman Aug. 25, 1904 and their children were: Harry Lee; Earl; Velma who married Lee Walker; Mel Rose; Gladys born 1912; Phynie who married Walter Pedeu, had no children, and divorced; Drucilla; and Robert Ely, Jr. Some of the family later moved to Dallas."

AAFANOTE: The family was in Van Zandt County, TX for the 1920 census. The family included: Robert L. 39 MS, Ella R. 36 MS, Velma 14 MS, Earl 12 MS, Harry S. 9 MS, Gladis 7 TX, Finey (f) 5 TX, Melrose (m) 4 TX, Lenard W. eleven months TX.

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Donald wants to correspond with anyone who is a descendant of Neill Little Alford and Grace McPherson.

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[The following letter, found in the Alabama State Archives, was sent by AAFA #168 David Price and transcribed by Robin Sterling, AAFA #320.1

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Feb. 23, 1976 Alabama State Archives Montgomery AL 36104

Gentlemen and/or Ladies:

My great grandfather, ARTEMUS SALATHIEL ALFORD, according to family records was married to my great grandmother, SUSAN AMANDA COOPER, on August 30th 1855 somewhere in Alabama. I would very much like to verify the above-mentioned date and determine the county, township or city in which the marriage took place.

Also, it appears that both families were in Alabama when the 1850 census was taken and I would like a mere extract of data shown with respect to each family. Artemus Salatial Alford should have been listed in the family of his parents whose name I do not have. Susan Amanda Cooper's parents were Samuel Cooper, father, and Sallie Batton (or Battle) Horn. I would hope that the extract from the 1850 census

show brothers and sisters of Artemus Alford and Susan Cooper. I suppose that, as in regards to the Tennessee census, the census record will show only brothers and sisters who were still living with their parents.

I will be most grateful for the abovementioned data.

Very truly yours, David Price

AAFA NOTE: Dave Price is AAFA #168 and he has been active in our Alford work just about as long as anyone alive today. He has been most helpful to AAFA and folks across the country seeking information about Alfords. Dave now shows that the marriage of Artemus Salatial Alford and Susan Amanda Cooper took place in Pike County. Artemus had some kin in Pike County in 1850 but he did not appear. He and Susan were in Conecuh County in 1860 with son Francis and daughter Susan. Dave gave permission to publish this letter. Artemus Alford. son of Jacob Alford and Martha Culver, was born about 1822 in Georgia and died June 12, 1900 in Texas. Artemus was Dave's greatgrandfather. If you know anything about these folks, you can write Dave at his Brentwood, TN, address.

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Tan is looking for information about Sarah Ellen Aylsford who married Lester T. Lovejoy. Their daughter, Lenora Ann Lovejoy was born 1855 in Missouri or Colorado. Family legend says that Lester was killed by an Arapaho Indian when Lenora was three years old.

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Sue needs help with her great grandfather Charles M. Alford.

Charles was born, according to the-1900 census of Floyd County, Texas March, 1853 in Texas, Both of his parents were born in Alabama. In 1910 the places of birth of his parents were shown as "unknown." [He, or he and his wife, may not have been present at the time of the enumeration and one of the adult children may have provided the census information.] He married Mary L. Wilson. Sue's grandfather. Earl Wilson Alford, was born Jan. 5 1882 in Lee County, Texas, He died May 14, 1957 in Amarillo, In 1900 Charles was a stockraiser. In 1910 Charley was the operator of a livery stable (he was employed—not the owner).

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"I was writing to see if anyone researching your Alford family had come upon a Cryer connection. The area I know of would be Alabama counties of Madison, Marshall & Limestone. For the present I am trying to prove that my Louisa Cryer born about 1832-35 in Alabama was indeed Louisa Alford. Any help or leads would be very much appreciated."

AAFA NOTE: Responded in part with "Our records here show her marriage under two names: married

August 1, 1850 in Morgan County. Louisa I. to Alfred Crier and Louisa J. to Alfred Cryer." David would like to correspond with anyone connected with this family.

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Jane is looking for information about Rachel Olford who was born about 1761, married Thomas Hinesley November 1743 Queen Anne's County, MD.

AAFA NOTE: Did find and report to her that our records show the marriage was on the 16th of November.

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"My last name is not Alford but Knapp. I was adopted as an infant and the only information I have been able to obtain is that my birth mother's name at the time of my birth was Alford, I was born in Wichita, Kansas on August 15, 1962 and was placed with my adoptive family about one week later. The adoption was finalized in September of the following year. My birth mother was 16 at the time of adoption; she was listed as being a German Lutheran—there was no listing for the father. I was adopted through the Lutheran social services in Wichita, Kansas. Any help you might be able to give me would be deeply appreciated."

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Suzette is trying to find her Alford connection to an ancestor whose first name was Alford. Her ancestor. relation not given, was Alford Franklin Stafford born May 17, 1835 in Alexander County, NC married Cyrena Price about 1852 and died Feb. 21, 1902 or 1903. He was the son of Alford Monroe Stafford born Apr. 8, 1787 who married Martha Elizabeth Foster. He was the son of John Stafford.

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Another "first name" Alford: "I am trying to identify the parents of a great grandfather, Alford (or Alfred) Brown, born about 1838 in NC. Children of Alford and Emmaline (Lewis) Brown include Jane 1861. Eliza 1863, Lawson 1868, Milas 1869, Lee 1872, William (my grandfather) 1874, Darvin 1876, Thomas, Cora, and Rosa.

Alford's name is listed in census and civil war records as Alfred but I believe it was really Alford. Census records list his birthplace and that of his parents as NC. Residence in 1880 was North Fork Twp., Ashe Co., NC. and later in Roane Mt. TN. I am curious about the Alford name and why my great grandfather may have been named Alford." •

(William Alfords, cont. from p. 32)

William and Margaret were born in Scotland???]

- 28) William Alford mentioned in Greenbrier Co. Deed 138-39, 26 Jun 1798, as having adjacent land to James Byrnsides, Joseph Swope and Moses Hall. Also adjacent to the land involved in this deed from James and Isabella Alexander to Audly Maxwell, 150 acres on Wolf Creek/Greenbrier River for one dollar. [GREENBRIER CO. DEED & WILL RECORDS, by Larry G. Shuck, p. 56]
- 29) William Alford, son of 19 above, born 23 Sept 1804, married Elizabeth Penner, c1825, Warren Co. KY, died c1880. [Information from Nancy Hughes AAFA #604, a descendant of this line]
- 30) William Alford who married Lucinda Alford in Amherst Co. 31 Oct 1804. She was the daughter of William (No. 16 above) so who was he? [Marriage records from Amherst Co. VA Courthouse
- 31) William Alford, orphan son of Nancy Alford, mentioned in Greenbrier Co. Court Order Book. 27 Sept 1808, as being bound to Wm Smith. Is he the one who married Mary Johnson, Monroe Co., 9 Dec 1810? He is on Monroe Co. tax lists 1810 to 1816. Is he the William Alford who appears in Tazewell Co.in 1817-1820 and is listed on the Tazewell Co. 1820 census with the following?:

1 male under 10 1 male 10-16

1 male 26-45 (born 1775-1794)

3 females under 10

1 female 10-16

1 female 45+ (possibly a widow before her marriage, if married in 1810?)

This is the only William Alford in VA in 1820 according to the census. Where did he go? ◆