

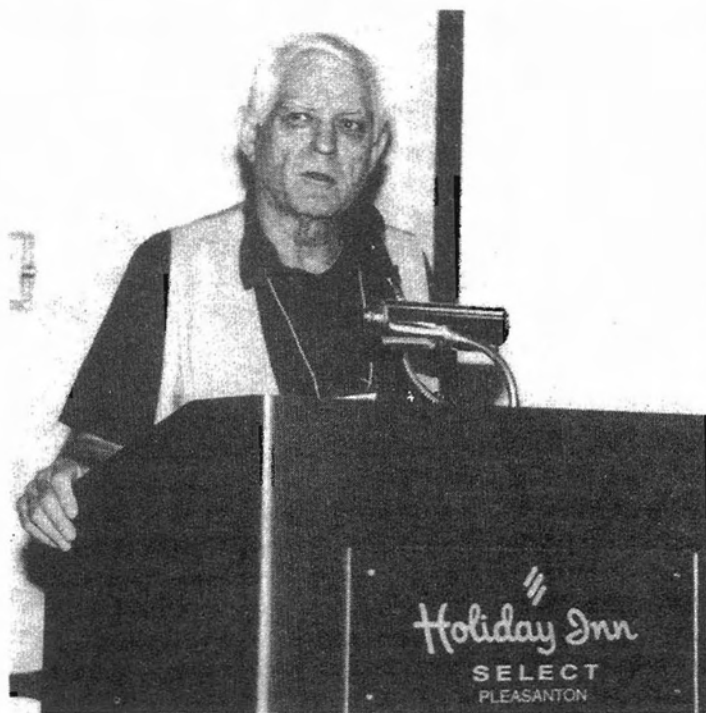
## 1997 Annual Meeting in Pleasanton, CA

By Pam Thompson, Editor

AAFA's tenth Annual Meeting was held October 10-12 in Pleasanton, CA, at the Holiday Inn. Seanne Carrigan #335, who lives in Pleasanton, was the hostess. Approximately 120 members and guests representing 33 of our identified branches attended from 18 different states.

### Friday

The official meeting kicked off Friday morning as the Genealogy Workshop got underway with some of our own AAFA members presenting topics on various aspects of genealogical research. Lynn Shelley, AAFA V.P. and Chair of the Research Committee, spoke on several topics, among them Citing Your Sources, Church Records, and What Does FRNA Mean in Genealogy?—Friends, Relatives, Neighbors, and Associates. Gil Alford, AAFA President, discussed cemetery information, and using maps taken from a set of Alabama county maps generously donated to AAFA by member James Evans, demonstrated how



*AAFA President Gil Alford, #19 MO, presided over the meeting.*

maps can be used to graphically portray land and cemetery information about our ancestors.

Pam Thompson, editor of *AAFA ACTION*, discussed checking newspapers for genealogical clues and information, and the wealth of genealogical information on the Internet. John Smith and Janice Smith have assumed responsibility for the AAFA Photo Archives from retiring archives founder Jack Kinabrew, and John talked to us about the preservation and value of old photographs.

The reception on Friday night was a popular event where attendees spent time catching up with old friends and visiting with some new ones. Following the reception, the outgoing Board members met to discuss business issues and finalize the proposed slate of candidates for the coming year's Board.



*Hostess of the 1997 AAFA Meeting Seanne Carrigan, #335 CA, addresses the group on Saturday morning to open the meeting.*

# Saturday Morning

After the mayor of Pleasanton welcomed us to the city, a number of members were awarded door prizes, among them Doris and Sebastian Vetri #303 for having traveled the farthest (from New Jersey), and Vesta Alford Giddings #233 of Texas for being the oldest, born in 1905 (as usual, beating another regular meeting attendee, her sister Josephine Carrigan #235, by one year!).

At the Saturday morning business meeting, members elected next year's Board of Directors, approving the proposed nominees. (A nominee must agree to serve before being presented to the membership as a candidate.)

Three newly-elected members will be joining the Board: Sally Stoewer #120, Nolan David Alford #425, and JoLynn Alford Long #718. Re-elected returning members are Cecil Alford, Gil Alford, Pam Thompson, Max Alford, Janice Smith, Doris Vetri, Lynn Shelley, and Paul Alford.

AAFA thanks the three outgoing Board members for



*AAFA V.P. and Chair of the Research Committee Lynn D. Shelley, #484 MO, opened the Genealogy Workshop on Friday morning and gave her committee's report on Saturday morning.*



*Lodwick Alford, #11 GA, presented the Nominating Committee Report for the new Board of Directors.*



*Nancy Alford Dietrich, #28 WA, gave her report as head of the AAFA Library.*

**BOBBY PACE ALFORD**, for compiling and publishing his book on Tennessee Alford's and permitting excerpts to be included in *AAFA ACTION*.

**CECIL O. ALFORD**, for outstanding internet work for AAFA.

**HARRIS M. ALFORD**, for extensive computer input to the census project.

**JAMES P. ALFORD**, for Alford family research in the early years of AAFA.

**JIMMIE R. ALFORD**, for providing a server for the AAFA Web site.

**MAX RAY ALFORD**, for outstanding work as secretary of AAFA.

**PAUL W. ALFORD**, for drawing up and publishing AAFA articles and By-Laws.

**RAYMOND ALFORD**, for generous financial contributions to AAFA.

**WILLIAM M. ALFORD**, for computer input to the census project.

**CHRISTIE BALDWIN**, for Alford research in the early years of AAFA.

**RODERICK BUSH**, for internet computer work in California.

**SEANNE CARRIGAN**, for superb preparations and arrangements for the meeting in California.

**NANCY A. DIETRICH**, for extensive assistance in the census project.

**ANDREA A. FANTACCI**, for starting up and operating the merchandise store in the early years of AAFA.

**MARGE GRAY**, for extensive assistance in the census project.

**ELIZABETH H. HAZLIP**, for outstanding publicity work.

**ALICIA R. HOUSTON**, for extraordinarily outstanding and monumental work as director of the census project.

**JOLYNN LONG**, for extensive computer input to the census project.

**SAMUEL E. McCRAY**, for extensive assistance in the census project.

**RUTH E. McNINCH**, for excellent work in typing Booklist entries.

**EVELYN C. MISTICH**, for excellent work on the cemetery project.

**WILLIAM M. MITCHINER**, for family research in the early years of AAFA.

**JARE PEARIGEN**, for extensive data entry work.

**KIM SAVAGE**, for outstanding work on the AAFA Web site.

**LYNN D. SHELLEY**, for extraordinarily outstanding and meritorious work as Chair of the Research Committee and as Vice President of AAFA.

**JANICE & JOHN SMITH**, for outstanding work on the photo project and cemetery records.

**ROBIN A. STERLING**, for providing extensive data, typing and writing.

**SALLY STOEWER**, for improving and efficiently operating the AAFA store.

**DORIS VETRI**, for outstanding work as treasurer of AAFA.

**MARGARET WINDHAM**, for great assistance on the census project.

Note: Members previously named to the Alford Hall of Fame, having been recognized for their contributions to AAFA, were not eligible for nomination as a Distinguished Member.

## Sunday Morning

On Sunday morning many people visited the Research Room, filled with shelves and shelves of Gil's binders (that he and Mary hauled from Missouri). A popular place for attendees to hunt for more ancestors, this room had been open since Friday, but Sunday morning was the first time some attendees had a chance to do serious research.

As in years past, we were happy to have attendees at the meeting who are not members. At least 5 non-member attendees decided to join AAFA at the meeting, and about 50 lucky people received gift memberships from meeting attendees. We welcome these new members to AAFA and hope to see them at future meetings!

Make your plans now to attend the 1998 Annual Meeting in Paducah, when we'll be celebrating the tenth anniversary of our first meeting in 1988.

## ATTENDEES BY FAMILY BRANCH

The family branches are grouped under the underlined ultimate ancestors. The branch identifications listed with the attendees' names represent the ancestor whose birth is nearest to 1800.

The list is arranged alphabetically first by the ultimate ancestor and then the branch.

\* = guest

### UNKNOWN ULTIMATE

CHA790NC	Dorothy Alford Smith CA
CHA790NC	Elmyra Alford McWhinney OR
CHA790NC	Patricia Alford Renn CA
	*James Alford CA (non-member CHA790NC)
CLA89 GA	Robert D. Alford TX
DAV792 H	Connette and Ferman Lee Blalock CA
DAV814VA	Mary Anne Giamona TX
	*John and Linda Alford CA (non-members FRA985TX)

JOH801NC Doris O.A. and Sebastian A. Vetri NJ  
 JUL819MS Jack Leland Alford CA  
 PIE828GA Pamela Alford and Bruce Thompson CA  
 ROB814MS Otto "Rusty" and Irene Jacobi CA  
 \*Anne K. Palmer

ALE627ENV  
 THA781MAV Richard H. and Loretta Alvord CA

BEN619EN  
 LEW814VT Philip D. Alford and Sandra CA  
 LEW814VT Jeanette Alford Lee (& 2 children) CA  
 LEW814VT Philip Edward and Nell Alford CA  
 LEW814VT Ruth J. Alford and Alfred C. Megert CA  
 LEW814VT A. Franklin and Barbara Alford CA  
 LEW814VT Harold H. and Willie Mae Hill CA  
 LEW814VT Ann G. Berry and Vincent F. Callaway  
 AZ

NAT807ME Richard C. Maxfield CO  
 ORI806NY R.M. "Dick" and Connie Alford ID

INDIAN  
 TOM860OK Elroy Raymond and Jan Alford OK  
 TOM860OK Pamela Alford Burnett (& 2 children) OK

ISH755NC  
 BAL784GA Paul W. and Jean C. Alford AL  
 BAL784GA Janice Stogsdill and John Charles Smith  
 TX  
 \*Walt Smith (son of John and Janice) TX  
 ann790ga Lynn D. Shelley MO

JAM687VA  
 EDW792NC Robert and Kate Hollingsworth MS  
 ELI779NC Nancy Alford Dietrich WA  
 HAL788GA Evonne A. Alford TX (see James P.  
 below)  
 HAL788GA Dovie Jean Alford TX  
 HAL788GA Donald E. and Colette Alford CA  
 JOH807LA Gilbert K. and Mary Alford MO  
 JOH807LA Murray L. and Mary Alford LA  
 JOH807LA Jeanne B. and Cliff Singleton LA  
 JOH807LA E. Sally and Richard Stoewer LA  
 JOH807LA Vesta Alford Giddings TX  
 JOH807LA Vesta G. Bowden TX  
 JOH807LA Betty Alford Davis TX  
 JOH807LA Mattie Lou and H. M. Fry TX  
 JOH807LA Lori Annette Alford Duran and husband  
 CA  
 \*Kay Rose Alford Clark (Lori's sister)

JOH807LA Seanne Carrigan CA  
 JOH807LA Shannon Carrigan CA  
 JOH807LA Josephine Alford Carrigan CA

JOH807LA \*Daniel (son of Josephine and father of  
 JOH807LA Seanne and Shannon) and Sherryn  
 JOS816LA Carrigan CA  
 JOS816LA \*Marshall Alford (nephew of Josephine)  
 LOD812GA \*Patricia Alford (niece of Josephine)  
 NEE789NC \*Esther Hutchins CA (Josephine's friend)  
 NEE789NC Bobbie Alford WA  
 NEE789NC Charles H. and Joan Alford CA  
 NEE789NC Helen Wilcox Steele CO  
 NEE789NC Karl Patrick Steele CO  
 NEE789NC James P. and Evonne Alford TX  
 NEE789NC Elizabeth T. Mohle TX  
 NEE789NC David Gaston and Dorothy Alford TX  
 NEE789NC Kathy Alford CA  
 NEE789NC Tom Alford CA  
 NEE789NC Howard Alford CA  
 NEE789NC Mary Foy Alford CA  
 NEE789NC Owen and Lori Alford CA  
 NEE789NC James Chester and Judy Mohle CA  
 WIL787NC Ramona Alford Darden TX  
 WIL787NC Jennifer Darden Jackson TX

JOH696MD  
 JAM791VA Frieda Roberta Shepherd and \*Louis  
 Peachey CA  
 \*Vaughn Eric and Sandra Spunaugle  
 (Frieda's son)  
 \*Jennifer and Scott M. Tuffnell (Frieda's  
 daughter)  
 JOH795VA Vincent M. "Mike" and Elizabeth "Betty"  
 Heazel MD  
 LAN804VA Frank M. Pangburn CA  
 LAN804VA Robert Lee Pangburn CA  
 JAM779VA Susan M. Laubengayer OR

JOH786PA  
 JON815NC Burt Wesley and Patricia Alford OR

LOD749NC  
 GRE787NC Lodwick H. Alford GA

ROB760EN  
 MAD815AL Janet A. Hemby and \*Bill McKenzie TX  
 MAD815AL Donald Ray and Joan Alford AR

WIL755CT  
 ZIN798NY Judith Ann and Charles L. Morreels PA

WIL775VA  
 WIL804VA Jimmie R. Alford IL





*Joan and Charles H. "Chuck" Alford, #611 CA, at the reception on Friday night. Chuck is a descendant of John Seaborn Alford born 1807 in Louisiana.*



*Jimmie R. Alford, #500 IL, encouraged us to begin thinking about next year's meeting in Kentucky. Jimmie is wearing his AAFA golf shirt!*



*Jennifer Tuffnell, daughter of Frieda Shepherd, #763 CA, Elroy Alford, #563 OK, and Sandra Spunaugle, Frieda's daughter-in-law. Elroy made the angel and the bird house and donated them to the raffle. Sandra won both of these treasures!*



*Mike and Betty Heazel, #664 MD, Frieda Shepherd, #763 CA, Frank M. Pangburn, #868 CA, and Susan Laubengayer, #647 OR. These members are descendants, through different branches, of ultimate ancestor John Alford, 1696 MD.*



*Jennifer Lynn Jackson, #806 TX, and her mother Ramona Alford Darden, #715 TX, descendants of William Alford, 1787 NC.*



*New members Irene and Rusty Jacobi, #921 CA. Rusty is a descendant of Robert Temple Alford, 1814 MS.*



*Jean Alford, Lynn D. Shelley, #484 MO, Jean's husband Paul Alford, #455 AL, Dovie Alford, #110 TX, and Janice Smith, #152 TX. Lynn, Paul, and Janice are descendants of Isham Alford born in 1749, in NC. Dovie descends from Halcut Alford born 1788 in GA.*



*Sebastian and Doris Alford Vetri, #303 NJ. Doris is our AAFA Treasurer, and she ran the registration table at the meeting.*

*Judy and Charles Morreels, #337 IL, at the reception on Friday night. Judy is a descendant of Allen Alford born in 1828 in New York.*

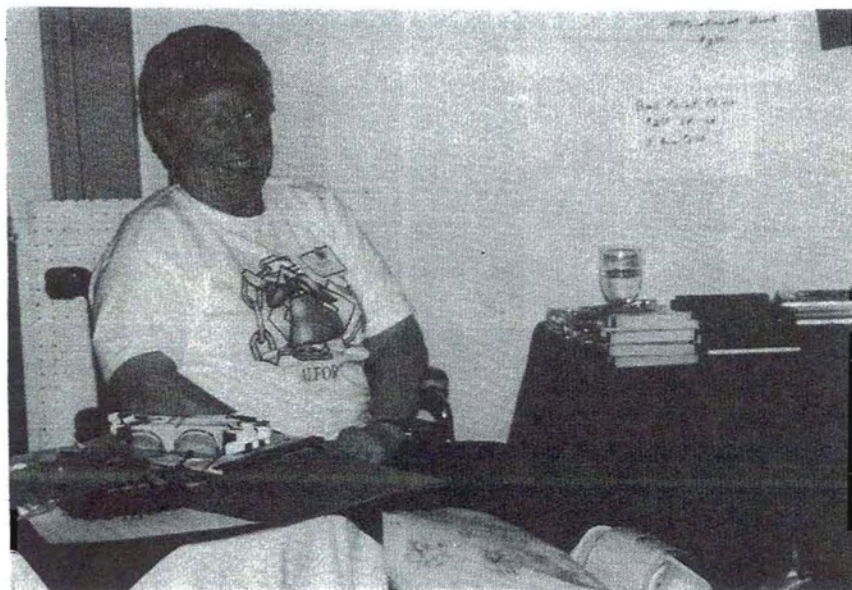






*Elmyra Alford McWhinney, #930 OR, Dorothy Alford Smith, #918 CA, Patricia Alford Renn, #931 CA, and non-member Jim Alford of CA. These folks are descendants of Charles Alford, 1790 NC. The three women met Jim for the first time at the meeting.*

*Karl Steele, #905, and his mother Helen Steele, #904 CO, visited with Richard Maxfield, #748, who is also from Colorado.*



*Sally Stoewer, #120 LA, stepped out of her trailer before arriving at the meeting and turned her ankle. She spent the weekend in a wheelchair, relying on her assistants for help in running the AAFA Store! If Sally hadn't been immobilized, we could have said she was a walking advertisement for her merchandise!*