

## 1999 Meeting in San Antonio, TX



Our new AAFA President, R.M. "Dick" Alford, #633 ID, read a proclamation in honor of Gil Alford's years of leadership of AAFA and superb job as outgoing President. Gil is exceedingly pleased that such an able person has taken on this responsibility—so he can devote his time to "dead Alfords" instead of administration!

Ramona Alford Darden, # 715 TX, welcomed us to the meeting on Saturday morning. Ramona is the Meetings Chairperson in charge of all meeting arrangements. Not only did she do an admirable and efficient job of organizing the 1999 meeting, but she also is already planning future meetings—next year in Georgia, the state where we had our very first meeting in 1988.



Lynn Shelley, #484 MO, Vice-President of AAFA, was surprised and delighted to win this beautiful angel that Elroy Alford, #563 OK, made and donated for a prize. Elroy makes lovely wooden birdhouses and statues for our raffle and door prizes every year, and they are always highly coveted—and if you haven't been a lucky winner yet, look for them in the AAFA Store!

A complete meeting report will be in the Winter issue with even more photos! In this issue, we want to honor the AAFA Distinguished members who were recognized at the Saturday night dinner for their significant contributions to the purposes and goals of our Association during the October 1998 to October 1999 year. They were nominated by AAFA members and approved by the Board of Directors. Those who were present at the meeting in San Antonio were recognized and publicly applauded. Citations suitable for framing have been mailed to recipients.

A big thank you goes to Lodwick H. Alford, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, who managed the nominating and approval process, wrote the citations, and arranged for the certificates and framing. (If you'd like to see your name and accomplishments on this list next year, let Wick know that you're available to help and he'll find a job for you!)

Donald R. Alford AAFA 0059 for his contribution to the AAFA library of two books on Pike County, Arkansas Alford history.

Earline Alford AAFA 0230 for her help with prizes and registrations at annual meetings and for in-depth, year-round support of the Secretary.

Elroy R. Alford AAFA 0563 for his generous contribution of attractive items as raffle and door prizes or for sale in the AAFA store.

Henry G. Alford AAFA 0057 for his contribution of an article for publication in *AAFA ACTION*.

Jimmie R. Alford AAFA 0500 for his leadership in Strategic Planning, participation in the Paducah Family Forum, and provision of website space.

Juanita S. Alford AAFA 0382 for her extensive recording of Alford tombstone data in North Florida cemeteries.

Max R. Alford AAFA 0230 for superb performance as Secretary, including management and maintenance of AAFA membership records.

Philip E. Alford AAFA 0871 for contribution of an article for publication in *AAFA ACTION*.

Jonell Alford AAFA 0908 for her excellent work as coordinator in collection of Texas marriage data.

Richard M. Alford AAFA 0633 for stepping in as interim editor of the AAFA Online Newsletter and his contribution to the census project.

Richard Alford AAFA 0917 for his excellent contribution to the genealogy of Benedict Alford, born 1619 in England.

Samantha K. Alford AAFA 0836 for her great assistance to the Secretary in preparation of certificates, meeting registrations, and clerical work.

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*Jeanne Singleton, #249 LA, Marie and Hugh "Mac" Bateman, Dock Alford, #84, LA, Gil and Mary Alford, #19 MO, Pat Brock Smith, #64 MS, Nolan David and Mary Alford, #425 LA, and Betty Wall, #779. Jeanne, Hugh, Gil, Pat, and Nolan David are members of one of our best-represented groups at every meeting, descendants of John Alford, born 1807 in LA.*



Left: First AAFA President Lodwick Alford, AAFA #11 GA, and his wife Frances at the dinner on Saturday night. Wick has attended every single AAFA meeting since the first one in his home state of Georgia!

Below: Kate Rehkop, #1035 MO, and her mother Carol Rehkop, #1036 NV, on Saturday night at the dinner. Kate and Carol descend from Seaborn Alford born 1807 in LA. Sadly, Carol passed away unexpectedly shortly after the meeting. We were privileged to have met this gracious lady.



Above: Carolyn Chambliss, #965 GA, and her sister Vesta A. Beany, #1084 GA, at the dinner on Saturday night. They are nieces of Lodwick Alford. Carolyn has accepted the challenge of putting together the AAFA Memorial Album remembering our deceased members. Carolyn, Vesta, and Lodwick are descendants of Green Alford, born 1787 in NC.



*Right: Delmar Ray Alford, #1096 TX, his wife Mary, and his brother Posey Alford, #0021 TX. Posey gave a very entertaining speech after the dinner on Saturday night. Delmar and Posey descend from Isaac Alford, born about 1782 in NC.*



*Left: Jimmie R. Alford, #500 IL, his mother Dora Mae Alford, #948 KY, Jimmie's wife Maree Alford, T.T. Whitt, and Betty Peveler, #947 KY, Jimmie's sister. All except Maree are descendants of William Alford, born in 1804 in VA.*

*Right: AAFA Secretary Max Alford's wife Earline Alford, #230 TX, presented grand prize raffle winner Joel Max Alford, #876 TX, his prize after the dinner on Saturday night. Earline makes beautiful crocheted Alford items that a number of us took home from the AAFA Store. She also donated a couple of the "crochets" as prizes, truly outdoing herself with this huge commemoration of our Association! Joel is a lucky man to have won this outstanding prize.*



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Richard Alvord AAFA 0926 for significant contribution of excerpts from the Family History Library for the Alford Master Book List.

Carolyn Alford Chambliss AAFA 0965 for her excellent work as on the AAFA Memorial Album.

Mary Alford AAFA 0019 for her excellent filing of AAFA records, printing and binding genealogies, and arranging for framing of memorabilia for AAFA Store.

Paul L. Davidson AAFA 0859 for his excellent presentation in the Alford Family Forum.

Nancy Alford Dietrich AAFA 0028 for her excellent work maintaining the AAFA Library and significant contribution to the census project.

Hardy Dodd Eastham AAFA 1079 for his excellent presentation in the Alford Family Forum.

James H. Evans AAFA 0889 for significant contribution of digital photographs to the AAFA Photo Archives.

Richard Stoewer AAFA 0120 for excellent work on the AAFA Merchandise Committee and assistance in AAFA Store.

Marge Gray AAFA 0590 for continued significant contribution to the AAFA Census project.

Elizabeth H. Hazlip AAFA 0358 for continued outstanding work in sending out AAFA publicity material to newspapers, periodicals, libraries, etc.

Vincent M. Heazel, Jr. AAFA 0664 for excellent participation in the Alford Family Forum.

Diane Ruth Holmes AAFA 1081 for genealogy of Harry L. Alford and arranging for publication of Allen M. Alvord Civil War Letters.

Miles and Judy Jackson AAFA 0533 for updating and presenting to AAFA

"An Alford Family Registry, 1645-1997."

Doris Johnston AAFA 1050 for her help with photographs and land records of Texas Alford and genealogy of Isaac Alford descendants.

Richard A. Kirk AAFA 1005 for significant contributions in tracking down northern Alford lines of descent.

Andrew L. Leath AAFA 0045 for contribution of an excellent article for publication in the quarterly AAFA ACTION.

Samuel E. McCray AAFA 0665 for extensive census extraction and computer input to the Census Project.

Joan A. McNair AAFA 0265 for her excellent assistance in transcribing a difficult set of documents.

G. Morris Myers AAFA 1065 for his management and maintenance of genealogy files on the descendants of Robert Alford, born 1760 in England.



*Back row: Wallace and Lee Ann Turner, #30 AR, Bert Myers, Bert's brother Morris Myers, #1065 TX. Front row: Janet Hemby, #832 TX, Don and Joan Alford, #59 FL, Morris's wife Rebecca Myers, Bert's daughter Melody Myers, and Melody's guest Juan Carlos Arocha. Janet, Don, Wallace, Bert, Morris, and Melody all descend from Robert Alford, born in 1760 in England.*

Brenda Parker AAFA 1039 for extensive contribution of genealogical data to the Association.

John A. Rogers AAFA 0544 for extensive help in research and tracing lines of descent of southeastern Alford families of the United States.

Kim Savage AAFA 0258 for excellent work in the design and maintenance of the Association Web Site.

Peggy Alford Schuster AAFA 0666 for her contributions to the genealogy of John Alford, born 1801 NC and participation in the Alford Family Forum.

Rose Alford Shelton AAFA 0192 for her extensive contributions to the genealogy file of John Redden Alford.

Jeanne B. Singleton AAFA 0249 for excellent work in the preparation and mailing of the AAFA quarterlies.

*After dinner on Saturday night, we were treated to a terrific performance by The Caldwell High School Jazz Band! The students put in some very long hours practicing just for this performance, and they drove over 100 miles each way. They got home very late that night! Lucky for us, an Alford is in the band—Andrew Alford is the son of Jim and Kathy Alford, #58 TX, and the grandson of D.L. and Catherine Alford, #54 TX.*



Helen W. Steele AAFA 0904 for her excellent participation in the Alford Family Forum.

Robin Alford Sterling AAFA 0320 for his continuing excellent contribution of Alford genealogical data.

Janice Smith AAFA 0152 for her work with wills, the census project, the Isham Alford files, the Photo Archives and co-chair of Photo Committee.

John Smith AAFA 0152 for work on Alford land records, Isham Alford files, the Photo Archives and as co-chair of AAFA Photograph Committee.

Lee Ann Turner AAFA 0020 for excellent participation in the Alford Family Forum and contribution of photographs of Arkansas Alfords.

Betty Wagstaff AAFA 0074 for significant additions of Texas books mentioning Alfords to the Master Book List.



*Keyboardist Andrew Alford and his parents, Kathy and Jim Alford, #58 TX, during a band break. They are descendants of Halcut Alford, born 1789 in GA.*





*Josephine Alford Carrigan, #235 CA, and her granddaughter Shannon Carrigan, #539 CA. Josephine and Shannon are descendants of John Alford, born 1807 in LA (as are the folks in the photo on p. 89).*

Sebastian Vetri AAFA 0303 for his excellent work in preparation and conduct of annual meetings and supporting the treasurer.

Doris Alford Vetri AAFA 0303 for superb work as treasurer and management of AAFA financial records, bank accounts and for census computer input.

Harris M. Alford AAFA 0667 for extensive com-

puter input to the census project.

Ramona Alford Darden AAFA 0715 for her excellent work as chair of the Meetings Committee and superb arrangements for the meeting in San Antonio.

Joyce C. Foster AAFA 0765 for her excellent work as editor of the online

newsletter and maintenance of the online mailing list.

Sally Stoewer AAFA 0120 for excellent work as chair of the Merchandise Committee, superb management of the AAFA store and for computer input.

Sue Alford AAFA 1058 for extensive and careful typing of newspaper articles for quarterly AAFA ACTION.

Sharon Klehm AAFA 1080 for extensive and careful typing of newspaper articles for quarterly AAFA ACTION.

Mary Alford Martin AAFA 1052 for extensive and careful typing of newspaper articles for quarterly AAFA ACTION.

Billy F. Polk AAFA 0564 for extracting and typing Alford data from books for the AAFA Master Book List.

Carol A. Rehkop AAFA 1036 for extracting and typing Alford data from books for the AAFA Master Book List.

Ruth Eager Moran AAFA 0622 for researching Alfords in the Civil War. ♦



*Peggy Schuster, #666 TX, Sebastian and Doris Vetri, #303 NJ, Roy Alford, #208 TX, Arlene Alford, #196 TX, and David Alford, #615 TX. Peggy, Doris, Roy, and David are all descendants of John Alford, born 1801 in NC.*



*Pat Fite, #70 TX, and Lucille Merhkam, #32 TX, visit during a break in one of the meetings. Lucille, who has shared her extensive knowledge of Texas Alford genealogy with many AAFA members, is AAFA's Texas Genealogist. Pat and Lucille were both active in the organization of the first Texas meeting in 1989!*

*(New Member Lineages, cont. from p. 23)*

Saba Co., TX, married (1) Aug 19 1880, in Lampasas, Co., TX, 16. **Joseph W. "Coonie" Hamrick** born Nov 28 1860, San Saba, San Saba Co., TX; married (2) **Dick Graham**, Eliza died in Douglas, Cochise Co., AZ. Joseph died Nov 3 1885, San Saba, San Saba Co., TX.

Eliza Jane Alford was married to Dick Graham AFTER the death of "Coonie" Hamrick.

### 3rd Great Grandparents

34. **James Gray Alford** born Abt 1822, NC, married Nov 30 1840, in Lauderdale Co., MS, **Harriett Eliza Barnett**, born Abt 1825, AL.

Census 1850, Lauderdale Co., MS, page 348, house 324, family 333: James G. 28 NC, Harriet E. 24 AL, Roena 8 MS, John 6 MS, and Ellen 2 MS.

Census 1860, De Witt Co., TX, page 483, house 421, family 421: J.A. 37 NC, Eliza 34 AL, John 16 MS, Ellin 12 MS, Joseph 6 TX, Mary 4 TX, Georgiana 2 TX and Alice 6 months TX.

Census 1870, not found to date.

Census 1880, June 12, San Saba Co., TX, page 398, house 133, family 135: Jas 58 NC, Eliza 17 TX, Jas. 16 TX. They were also enumerated June 14 1880, same county, page 412, house 92, family 93: James G. 58 NC, Eliza 18 TX and G. James 16 TX.

### 4th Great Grandparents

68. **Jacob Alford** born Abt 1781, NC, married **Milberry "Milbre" Gray**, (also in some records as "Melva Gray") born Abt 1779, NC. Jacob died Aft 1830, AL or MS.

Census 1850, Lauderdale Co. MS: Milberry and son Sherrod H. were enumerated together.

Census 1860, Lauderdale Co. MS: Milberry and L.H. [probably should be S.H.] Alford were enumerated together in what apparently was a boarding house.

### 5th Great Grandparents

136. **John Alford** (Julius<sup>717VA</sup><sup>3</sup>, James<sup>687VA</sup><sup>2</sup>, John<sup>645VA</sup><sup>1</sup>) born Est 1747, NC, married **Chloe Pope**. John died After 1830, Greene Co., AL.

For information on Julius<sup>3</sup>, see *AAFA ACTION* Spring 1999, pp. 21-22; same issue, pp. 16-17, for James<sup>2</sup> and John<sup>1</sup>. ♦