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"Alford" Bible Records

WILLIAM CORNELIUS ALFORD BIBLE

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Do you have an Alford family Bible, Bible records or a Bible from another family with Alford information? Is there genealogical information you can share with AAFA members by publishing those names and dates? Be sure to include the publishing information in the front of the Bible, especially the publication date, as well as who the Bible originally belonged to and who has it now. If you know someone else who is in possession of such a Bible, please let us know or try to encourage that person to share the Alford information in the Bible with us.



The following Bible Record is as it appears in BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED, BIBLE RECORDS, VOL. 3, 1992 published by the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society, pages 13-15 (except for bolding Alford names):

oly Bible, A. J. Holman and Co., 1897, in possession of owner, Mr. "Neal" Alford, copied on his 90th birthday, March, 1960, by Mrs. J. P. Morris, Jr., Kentwood, LA.

From his records, he states that he is the son of Robert Parish Alford (1846-1892) [1848-1922 on tombstone], son of Julius Harmon Alford who married in 1843, Caroline Augusta Addison (St. Helena Parish, daughter of Brittain Addison). Robert Parish Alford was brought "to this house at 6 months" so it was built 1847 by Julius Harmon Alford. Robert Parish Alford married Liza Smith, daughter of Dick Smith, killed in the Battle of Shiloh, and a brother of Austin W. Smith. Dick Smith's wife was called Grandma Dra-mar. She was a nurse in the Civil War, and was a sister of Oscar Dykes' mother.

Julius Harmon Alford's children were: Mary Alford, m. Dr. J.W. Naul Robert Parish Alford, m. Liza Smith Anne Alford, m. J. Dudley Williams Jack H. Alford, m. Serenz Strickland John Eugene "Gene" Alford, m. Edna Earl Lambert--no children Cass Alford, m. James E. Watson Mattie Alford, m. Jim M. Pearson Julius Harmon "Dule" Alford, m. 1st Martha M. Furlow. Robert Parish Alford and Liza Smith had these children:

William Cornelius "Neal" Alford, born 1870; m. Adelia Grice

Jack Alford, m. Lelia Lee [Lea]

Ida Alford m. Taylor Easley

Cris Alford m. Willie Young

Mollie Alford m. John Blades

Muse W. Alford m. Lizzie Bridges

Leetha Alford m.____ Lee

Goss [A.H.] Alford m. second Missouri Fluker Mittie Alford m. [Harry V.] Feigler.

William Cornelius "Neal" Alford born in the Sixth Ward, St. Helena Parish March 1870

Adelia Grice born June 12, 187? died November 15, 1947. Daughter of John David Grice born March 4, 1842, died July 27, 1921, buried Alford Cemetery.

J. D. Grice married first Frances J. Hall, born June 7, 1848, died October 1, 1885, buried in Easley Cemetery in front of Jack Alfords. She had 9 children.

J. D. Grice married second Naomi Birch born Dec. 17, 1869 (?), died Feb. 20, 1939, buried Alford Cemetery. She had 7 children.

RECORD

W. C. Alford of Liverpool and Adelia Grice was married 11th of December 1889 at J. D. Grice's by J. D. Williams. Witnesses: B. T. Young and R. M. Collins MD.

Their children:

Oldest boy, born and died November 8, 1890

Robert Parish Alford, born March 26, 1893; m. Dec. 30, 1918, Jessie Bob Easley

Minnie Alford, born Sept. 3, 1893; m. Dec. 1, 1912, Willie Bates,

m. second, Spence Harris

Clara Alford, born Sept 17, 1895; died at 4 years 2 months 10 days, Nov. 18, 1900

William Cornelius "Willie" Alford, born May 8, 1898; died at age 17, Sept. 14, 1915

Julius Eugene Alford, born Oct. 8, 1899; m. Sept. 28, 1929, Katie Belle McGehee

Lillie May Alford, born May 4, 1901; m. 1st Falcon, m.2nd, Aug. 14, 1925, Morris Easley

Jessie Gladie Alford, born Jan. 8, 1903; m.1st, July 7,1912, Leon Burch, m. 2nd, Jan. 19, 1931, Clyde P. Young

"Speedy" John David Alford, born Dec. 13, 1904; m. Oct. 29, 1927, Lola Burch

Fannie Alford, born Aug. 19, 1906; m. Jan. 7, 1922, Elmer Hughes

A. J. Shelby "Bumbo" Alford, born July 12, 1908; m. June 25, 1930; Mattie Lindsey

Velma Louise "Tiny" Alford, born June 13, 1910; m. Dec. 23, 1927; Jesse Allen

Mittie Alford, born Sept. 3, 1912; died May 25, 1952; m. Oct 6 1934, J. B. McNabb

Grenes Alford, born January 14, 1915; died May 12, 1915

It is difficult to tell what of this actually came from the Bible, what came from the contributor and what came from the "records" of William Cornelius Alford. No sources are given for any of these records but obviously family must have known much of it.

In case anyone who has access to the actual Bible reads this, AAFA would love to have copies of the original pages of the Bible as well as bibliographical data (front page with publication date).

As stated in the first paragraph, this William was the grandson of Julius Harmon Alford who was born in 1819 about the time his father died, probably in Wilkinson County, Mississippi. We will publish a follow-up involving research into the origins of the Julius Alford who died in 1819. Much of it was presented at the 1999 AAFA Meeting in San Antonio.