

**Descendants of
Jacob Alford
(1761 NC - 1824 LA)**

1. **Jacob Alford** #25 b. Aug 15 1761, Franklin Co., NC, (son of Julius Alford #27 and Lucy _____ #28) occupation farmer, m. (1) about 1784, in North Carolina, **Elizabeth Bryant** #5173, b. Jun 20 1765, d. 1789-92, Cumberland Co., NC, m. (2) about 1792, in probably Cumberland Co., NC, **Frankie Seaborn** #26, b. about 1763, Virginia, d. about 1859, Washington Pa., LA. Jacob died Jul 16 1824, Washington Pa., LA.

Ancestry of Jacob Alford

Jacob was the son of Julius and Lucy Alford, grandson of James Alford and possibly the great-grandson of John Alford. Jacob was born in what was Granville County, then Bute County in 1764 and is now Franklin County. Bute County was divided into Warren and Franklin Counties in 1779.

In his will dated July 14, 1768 and proved in Bute County Court in November 1771 session, Jacob's father, Julius Alford, wrote: "Item, I give to my well beloved son Jacob the land and plantation whereon I now live lying on both sides of the Tarr River, together with six cows and calves and piggis and one breeding mare to him and his heirs forever." Thus proving that a Jacob Alford was the son of a Julius Alford. Julius also wrote in his will: "I likewise constitute make and ordain my dear beloved brother Lodwick Alford, and his son James Alford my only & sole executors of this my last will and testament, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament." This proven connection with Lodwick along with the St. Peter's Parish (New Kent Co., VA) Register prove that Lodwick and Julius were the sons of a James Alford. The St. Peter's Parish Register lists the birth of Julius, son of James September 4, 1717. In "Historical Southern Families, Vol XII, page 58, Mrs. John Bennett Boddie lists James Alford as the son of a John Alford but that is yet to be proven. Contrary to what some have reported or written there is no known earlier connection for this branch of the Alford's.

Migrations of Jacob Alford

Jacob Alford was born in what is now Franklin County, NC. At about age 25 he moved to Cumberland Co., NC. About 1792 he moved to Montgomery Co., GA and in 1806 or 1807 moved to what is now Washington Parish, LA.

Widow [Lucy] Alford was identified December 28, 1778 as having property on the Tarr River. On December 31 Lucey Alford was identified as having land on waters of Little River Dam.

"Jacob Alford, Jr., of Franklin Co., planter, to Robert Melton (Milton) of same, planter Dec. 16, 1784, for 80 pds. specie a tract of 75 acres lying on the east bank of Tar River, it being part of a tract of land that Julius Alford willed to Jacob Alford, his son. Wit: Ansil Alford, Lucy Alford.." - Deed Book 4, #665, page 130. Thus proving that Jacob was still in Franklin Co., NC in 1784.

"Jacob Alford, son of Julius Alford, deceased, late of Franklin Co., bill of sale to Simon Williams of Franklin Co., Dec. 18, 1789, for 30 pds. specie all of his right, title, and claim to his father's estate, to be received at his Mother's decease. Wit: John Norwood, John Williams." - Deed Book 7, #978. page 41. Indicates that Jacob is no longer "of Franklin Co.,"

So Jacob Alford moves from Franklin County, NC to Cumberland Co., NC some time between December 1784 and December 1789.

"Jacob Alford of Cumberland County, N.C. deed to John Alford of Franklin Co., N.C. for land left to him by his father's last will and testament. Dated: Dec. 9, 1790. Wit: Ansel Alford and John Alford." - Deed Book 3, page 119.

"Jacob Alford of Cumberland Co., N.C. to Willis Tant of Franklin Co., Dec 16, 1790, for ten pds. specie a parcel of 15 acres in Franklin Co. on Tar River and the Popular Branch adjoining Jacob Alford's line. Wit: Robert Norris, Good_[rich]_ Alford." - Deed Book 7, #1023. page 86

"Jacob Alford of Cumberland Co., N.C. to Jiles Driver of Franklin Co., Dec. 20, 1790, for 30 pds. specie a tract of 50 acres in Franklin Co. beginning in Tar River at the mouth of Little Beaver dam Branch and up the said Branch and on the Popular Branch adjoining Wills Tant, it being "the late plantation where Kirby Alford deceast at." Wit: John Norwood Jr., Martha Driver." - Deed Book 7, #1012, page 75.

In the 1790 census Jacob Alford was enumerated in Cumberland Co. with one male over 16, two males 16 or under and one female. We have no proof at this time but it is thought that the female was the first wife.

All of the 1800 Georgia census was lost except for Oglethorpe Co. so we cannot use the census records to account for Jacob and his family during that period. During the late 1700's and early 1800's several of Jacob's close kin moved to Georgia which at the time was a rather narrow strip between the Atlantic Ocean and Indian territory. They included his brothers Job and Goodrich Alford as well as first cousins James and Julius Alford.

Georgia tax records show that in 1798 Jacob Alford was taxed one dollar and 93 3/4 cents in Montgomery County for 143 3/4 acres of "swamp land." [Other land categories included "pine land" and "oak & hickory."] He had no slaves and 1 poll.

Jacob Alford was granted headrights for 450 acres in Montgomery Co., GA in 1802. Recorded in grant book DDDDD page 592. - "Index to The Headright and Bounty Grants of Georgia 1756-1909", (Vidalia, GA: Georgia Genealogical Reprints, 1970), 6.

Jacob Alford of Montgomery Co., GA had serial number 512 in the 1805 Georgia Land Lottery for which he drew a blank. (received no land). - Virginia & Ralph Wood, "1805 Georgia Land Lottery" (Cambridge, MA: The Greenwood Press, 1964), 3

Jacob Alford also participated in the 1807 or 2nd Land Lottery of Georgia. - "The Second or 1807 Land Lottery of Georgia" (Vidalia, GA: Georgia Genealogical Reprints, 1968)

Jacob Alford appeared on several Montgomery Co., GA jury lists: August 5, 1799, October 1805 and April 1806. James E. Dorsey & John K. Derden, "Montgomery County Georgia A Source Book of Genealogy and History" (Swainsboro, GA: Magnolia Press, 1983)

In 1812 Jacob was taxed in St. Tammany Parish for \$2.63 at which time his family included 1 man, 1 woman and 9 children. He had no Negroes and had made one improvement. He had two "using"

horses and 21 cattle.

A list: "Pre-1825 Washington Parish" compiled by Evelyn Fairley shows Jacob Alford in Section 54, Township 1 Range 10 East.

Albert E Casey & Powell A. Casey, "Amite County, Mississippi, Volume IV Environs, Land Plats, Florida Parishes of Louisiana, and Settlers, Louisiana-Mississippi-Missouri Maps" (Birmingham, AL: Amite & Knocknagree Historical Fund, 1969) which has a map with plat dimensions in section 54 with 644 acres identified to Jacob Alford and a claim date of 1813.

Plat and description of land dated January 20, 1831 signed by the principle deputy surveyor and the deputy surveyor.

Another map, source unknown, that does about the same as above but identifies the land to "Heirs of Jacob Alford" and lists 637 acres.

Pages from an unidentified publication with page headings of "Public Lands" and "Claims West of Pearl River" with sub-heading "Abstracts of Actual Settlers" which lists Jacob Alford as settler, having gotten the land by settlement as opposed to purchase December 1807.

In 1810 there was a federal census taken of the Louisiana Territory but there were no Alfords listed. Other evidence shows that Jacob and his family were there before 1810 but at that time the area east of the Mississippi River was Spanish West Florida and not yet a part of the United States or Louisiana.

Had our ancestors in Washington Parish gotten their way we would be writing about families of a prominent southern Mississippi County now rather than a Louisiana Parish. Around 1811 about 200 of the men of the area, including our Jacob Alford, his son Needham Alford and son-in-law William Maines signed a petition to congress asking that the area be made a part of Mississippi. Most of the early settlers came from Georgia and the Carolinas and were of English descent and preferred to be a part of similar Mississippi rather than a part of Louisiana which was largely French speaking. After all, just seven years prior Louisiana was part of France.

In 1820 Jacob Alford was enumerated in St. Tammany Parish. He and his wife were over 45 and there were eight others in the household - assumed to be sons and daughters: Males two age 0 - 9 and three age 10-15, Females two age 0-9 and one age 10-15.

In 1830 Franky B. Allford, Jacob's widow, was enumerated in Washington Parish. Three of the sons and one of the daughters were still with her.

In 1840 Washington Parish Joseph Alford, son of Jacob, was enumerated with a female age 60-70- his mother Franky B. Alford. In addition to Joseph who was age 20-30 there was a male under 5.

Elizabeth: There must have been several other children in this marriage that we do not have. At the time of the 1790 census there were two males under 16 and a female and Jacob. Depending on when Elizabeth Bryant died the female could have been a wife or a daughter.

Frankie: Some folks believe her name was Martha, some Frances, and some include an initial B; marriage place only probable. In 1830 she was enumerated in Washington Parish as Franky B. Allford with three sons, a daughter and one slave. 00102-00100001-01 In 1840 she was enumerated with son Joseph, household also had male under 5. She and her son Joseph were enumerated in Washington Parish in 1850.

Children by Elizabeth Bryant:

2. i **Jacob Alford** #5174 b. estimate 1786, North Carolina. There is nothing more than weak family tradition to support him as a son.
- + 3. ii **Needham Judge Alford** #8287 b. Jul 12 1789.
Children by Frankie Seaborn:)
4. iii **Mary Alford** #1204 b. estimate 1785, North Carolina, m. **Lewis Howell** #1210. Mary died after 1820. Family tradition says that there was a daughter who married a Howell. There being no other Howell family to consider it is assumed that she married Lewis Howell who was enumerated in 1820 Washington Parish. He was in township 1S range 9E and Jacob, Mary's father, was in township 1S range 10E.
- + 5. iv **Edwin Barksdale Alford** #900 b. Nov 25 1792.
- + 6. v **Lucy Alford** #5176 b. estimate 1793.
- + 7. vi **Julius C Alford** #3680 b. 1797.
- + 8. vii **William Alford** #1206 b. about 1804.
- + 9. viii **Nancy Alford** #961 b. about 1805.
- + 10. ix **John Seaborn Alford** #23 b. Oct 11 1807.
- + 11. x **Seaborn John Alford** #11660 b. Oct 11 1807.
- + 12. xi **Moses Alford** #1203 b. about 1810.
- + 13. xii **Joseph W. Alford** #1207 b. about 1816.
- + 14. xiii **Martha Alford** #1208 b. about 1820.

Second Generation

3. **Needham Judge Alford** #8287 (1.Jacob¹) b. Jul 12 1789, North Carolina, occupation minister, m. Feb 18 1815, in Franklin Co., MS, **Martha Waddell** #8288, b. May 15 1798, South Carolina, (daughter of John Waddell #12722 and Sarah _____ #12723) d. Nov 7 1876, Limestone Co., TX, buried: Horton Hill Cem., Limestone Co., TX. Needham died Sep 19 1869, Groesbeck, Limestone Co., TX, buried: Horton Hill Cem., Limestone Co., TX. In 1840 he was enumerated in Natchitoches Parish, LA with wife, 6 sons and a daughter: 21210001-0001001.

In 1850 Sabine Parish, established 1843 from Natchitoches Parish, he was enumerated as Needham 53 NC with Martha 52 SC, William 18 LA, Jacob 15 LA, Noel 12 LA and John 43 LA. He was a farmer with \$3900 property.

Most of the data pertaining to him and his family came from a transcript of his bible.

The following was published in History of Limestone Co. TX under the Alfords, Republic of Texas, Sabine July 5, 1848.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN This is to certify that the Rev. N. J. Alford is an acceptable preacher in the M. E. Church in the State of Louisiana. As he is going to travel through the Republic of Texas he is hereby recommended to all the religious and moral men with whom his lot

may be cast. Signed: Littleton Fowler, Presiding Elder of the San Augustine District Texas Conference.

The following was published in The Fort Worth Star Telegram, February 20, 1928:

Courage and Faith Built Up Texas Missions-- Freedom of Worship Won With Fists and Guns

ALFORD SPURNS THREAT

In the Spring of 1832, Needham J. Alford, a Methodist preacher and Sumner Bacon, a Cumberland Presbyterian, held a two-day meeting in Sabine County, near where the town of Milam now stands. Mexican officials had forbidden the meeting and there was other opposition. The preachers were planning to fill their appointment. Just before the hour, a person appeared on the ground declaring he would horsewhip the first preacher who entered the stand. Alford arrived and someone repeated the threat to him. "Well," said he, "I am as able to take a whipping as any man on this ground."

Alford was a muscular, strongly built man, a stranger to fear, who had gone by the name of the "Bulldog Preacher" in Louisiana. The antagonist looked for a moment at the brawny arm of the preacher stretched out at full length over the buck board, and quietly retired. - Martha Wolverton England.

Children:

15. i **Samantha Alford** #8289 b. Feb 5 1818, Sabine Parish, LA, m. (1) about 1841, **William Jefferson Elam** #17677, d. about 1842, Natchitoches Parish, LA, m. (2) Aug 9 1849, in Sabine Parish, LA, **John B. Self** #17679. Samantha died after 1849. Marriage Book 1, Page 25, per McComic, Elizabeth Byles "Marriage Records of Sabine Parish, LA 1843-1900.
 - + 16. ii **Thomas Seaborn Alford** #8290 b. Feb 1 1821.
 - + 17. iii **Elizabeth Bryant Alford** #8301 b. Sep 16 1823.
 - + 18. iv **Needham Bryant "Dick" Alford** #8312 b. Jul 30 1826.
 19. v **Richard Alford** #8328 b. Abt 1827, Louisiana. Some folks believe he was the child that supposedly burned to death when the family lived in Sabine Parish. One of Tressie Bowman's records show that he married a Mary Smith September 18, 1875 but until some other evidence shows up Mary will not be listed as a spouse. It seems likely that there was no Richard but rather confusion caused by Needham B.'s nickname - "Dick." He was not listed in the family bible.
 - + 20. vi **Jesse Powell Alford** #8329 b. Dec 20 1828.
 - + 21. vii **William Theodore Alford** #8540 b. Feb 25 1832.
 - + 22. viii **Jacob Lauhon Alford** #8621 b. Dec 25 1834.
 - + 23. ix **Noel Waddell Alford** #8761 b. Dec 15 1838.
 24. x **John Waddell Alford** #8819 b. Nov 14 1842, Louisiana, d. Jul 17 1863, Battle of Elk Cr, Creek Nation, Indian Ter.
5. **Edwin Barksdale Alford** #900 (1.Jacob¹) b. Nov 25 1792, Cumberland Co., NC, m. Dec 20 1818, in Pike Co., MS, **Martha Smith** #901, b. Mar 25 1802, South Carolina, (daughter of Jeremiah G. Smith #244 and Joanna Dillon #245) d. Aug 8 1861, Pike Co., MS, buried: Eugene Smith Farm, Pike Co. MS. Edwin died Mar 10 1878, Pike Co., MS, buried: Edwin B. Alford Cemetery, Pike Co. MS. Edwin served as a Pvt. in Capt. Thos. Bickham's Co. 13th Regiment, Louisiana Militia; War 1812. Copy of military records on file with AAFA.

Sources for this record came from bits and pieces from descendants but primarily from a family group record compiled by the late Tressie Bowman which cited the 1850 census, Conerly's History of Pike County, MS 1798-1876 and data from grandson George Watson of Hattiesburg, MS.

E. Russ Williams updated Conerly and published a revised History of Pike County, MS and this record was updated accordingly.

Edwin and his family was enumerated in Pike County, MS in 1850 and 1860. In 1850 he showed birth in Georgia but in 1860 in North Carolina. His father was enumerated in Cumberland Co., NC in 1790.

June 1, 1858 he purchased 38 acres from the federal land office in section 1, township 1S, range 8E.

He and Martha are supposed to be buried on what is, or was, the Eugene Smith farm but to the casual observer they appear to be buried on the highway right-of-way. Applicable dates taken from the gravestones. The book published on Pike Co. Cemeteries calls it the Edwin B. Alford Cemetery which is what will be used in this record.

The published cemetery record says he was born Nov 25 1792 and died May 10 1878 and Martha was born Mar 2 1802 and died Aug 8 1867. AAFA has the dates as shown in this record which are based on actual viewing of the stones by AAFA members.

Children:

- + 25. i **Warren Jackson Alford** #898 b. Sep 13 1819.
 - + 26. ii **Cynthia Ann Alford** #959 b. Dec 11 1820.
 - + 27. iii **Ira Payne Alford** #964 b. Jan 24 1822.
 - + 28. iv **William Henry Harrison Alford** #1182 b. Aug 3 1823.
 - + 29. v **Harriet Jane Alford** #1183 b. Mar 22 1825.
 - + 30. vi **Lacy Alford** #1184 b. Sep 11 1828.
 - + 31. vii **Jeptha Josephus Alford** #1185 b. Aug 2 1830.
 - 32. viii **Julia Ann Melissa Alford** #13643 b. Mar 21 1832, m. **John Ratliff McElveen** #1195.
Julia died 1856 ?? "...lived but a few years and left one daughter only." - Tynes Diary
 - + 33. ix **Seaborn S. Alford** #1187 b. Aug 15 1834.
 - 34. x **Elijah Hayden Alford** #1188 b. Jul 8 1836, Pike Co., MS, d. 1836.
 - + 35. xi **Julius Newton Alford** #1189 b. Nov 14 1838.
 - + 36. xii **Martha Elizabeth Alford** #1190 b. Aug 8 1846.
6. **Lucy Alford** #5176 (1.Jacob¹) b. estimate 1793, North Carolina, m. **William Maines** #7581, b. about 1773, Orange Co., NC, d. Sep 19 1849, Sabine Parish, LA. Lucy died May 24 1841, Sabine Parish, LA. It is not known if she was a child of the first marriage or the second. One source showed her marriage in 1798 in Pike Co., MS which seems improbable since her father did not move from Georgia to Louisiana until about 1806 or 1807. If she was born before 1790 then she was from the first marriage and the female enumerated with the family in 1790. The fact that she named one son William SEABORN suggests she was a child of Frankie Seaborn.

William:

"Probably the first settler in the vicinity of Many was William Mains, who settled the plantation now owned by the heirs of Louis and Frances Buvens. Mr. Mains was born in North Carolina and in early life was left an orphan. He was kidnapped by some traders and carried to the North and

apprenticed to a carpenter and learned to be an expert woodworker. On reaching manhood he went to Pike County, Mississippi, where he was married, and, in 1830, moved with his family to Louisiana, near the present town of Many. Indians still roamed the woods, and wild animals were numerous. He was compelled to cut his way through a dense cane brake to make a clearing for the house which he constructed. Mr. Mains was the father of seven children, one of whom, Noah, is still living, a resident of Pleasant Hill. William, the oldest son, who shared with his father the trials of pioneer life, was born in 1817 in Pike County, Mississippi, and died June 26, 1904. During the Mexican war he moved army equipment from Fort Jesup to the old Block House on Sabine River. At his death he was survived by two sons W.C. and Rich Mains, and two daughters Madames W.L. Shull and Asa Vines." John G. Belisle, "History of Sabine Parish Louisiana, From the First Explorers and Settlers to the Present." (The Sabine Banner Press, 1912).

Children:

- + 37. i **Lusina Maines** #19135 b. about 1810.
- + 38. ii **Permelia Maines** #12591 b. Oct 24 1811.
- + 39. iii **Luraney Maines** #12592 b. 1815.
- 40. iv **George Maines** #12593 b. about 1815, d. before 1830.
- + 41. v **Williamson Claiborne Maines** #12594 b. Feb 24 1817.
- + 42. vi **Mary Azeleat Maines** #12595 b. Jul 7 1822.
- + 43. vii **Elbert B. Maines** #12596 b. Aug 1823.
- 44. viii **Serena Maines** #12597 b. 1825, Washington Parish, LA. A Serena Mains, age 45 was enumerated with Serena's uncle Needham Judge Alford in 1860 Limestone county, Texas. With her was 20 year old Nora Mains. Was it this Serena (10 year difference in age) and who was Nora?
- + 45. ix **William Seaborn Maines** #12598 b. 1827.
- + 46. x **John M. Maines** #12599 b. 1831.
- + 47. xi **Jacob Maines** #12600 b. 1833.
- + 48. xii **Richard A. Maines** #12601 b. Aug 10 1836.
- + 49. xiii **Noah Maines** #12602 b. Aug 1 1839.

7. **Julius C Alford** #3680 (1.Jacob¹) b. 1797, Georgia, m. **Elizabeth Waddell** #3681. Julius died about 1880, Sabine Parish, LA.

In 1840 Natchitoches Parish, LA he was enumerated with a son and five daughters: 0010001-230001.

In 1850 he was enumerated in Sabine Parish, created 1843 from Natchitoches Parish as Julius 50 GA with wife Elizabeth 47 SC and children Laura 19, Nancy 17, Dicy 15, Martha 13, Francis 10, William 8, and Joseph 5. The household also included a Jasper Norris 22 GA a laborer. Julius was a farmer with \$800 property.

Children:

- + 50. i **Laura Alford** #3682 b. 1832.
- 51. ii **Nancy Alford** #3685 b. 1833, Louisiana, m. (1) Nov 13 1851, in Sabine Parish, LA, **Joseph E Varner** #3686, m. (2) _____ **Jordan** #3687.
- + 52. iii **Dicy Alford** #3688 b. about 1835.
- + 53. iv **Martha Alford** #3708 b. Oct 27 1837.
- + 54. v **Frances Alford** #3746 b. Abt 1840.
- + 55. vi **William Riley Alford** #3749 b. Aug 1 1842.
- + 56. vii **Joseph Seaborn Alford** #3807 b. Jun 1845.

8. **William Alford** #1206 (1.Jacob¹) b. about 1804, Georgia, m. about 1828, **Eveline Ginn** #1212, b. about 1809, Mississippi, (daughter of Jephtha Ginn #2109 and Penia Magee #2110). William died after 1860, Pike Co., MS. After they were married they lived in the Progress Community of Pike County which is the area in which older brother Edwin Alford lived. Very little is known about him but his descendants are "documented" in what was probably an unpublished work by Marie Luter Upton called GINN & KIN. Census: 1850 Pike Co., MS 50 GA; 1860 Pike Co., MS 53 SC. There is proof that the family resided in Georgia in 1804.

Children:

- + 57. i **Henderson Alford** #1259 b. about 1829.
 - + 58. ii **Sebastian "Bass" Alford** #1260 b. about 1831.
 - + 59. iii **Raymond Alford** #1261 b. Dec 1833.
 - + 60. iv **Clarissa Alford** #1262 b. about 1836.
 - + 61. v **Jesse G. Alford** #1263 b. Sep 19 1838.
 - + 62. vi **John Milton Alford** #1264 b. Feb 5 1842.
 - + 63. vii **Catherine "Callie" Alford** #1265 b. about 1843.
 - + 64. viii **William Jacques Alford** #1266 b. Jul 19 1845.
 - + 65. ix **Needham W. Alford** #1267 b. Jun 18 1848.
9. **Nancy Alford** #961 (1.Jacob¹) b. about 1805, Georgia, m. **Robert Berryhill** #960, b. about 1805, Georgia. Nancy died about 1847. The Fortenberry family history says Nancy died when her son Joe was small and Joe was raised by Nancy's brother, John. That would be John Seaborn Alford, a twin who lived in Washington Parish, LA.

Robert: A Robert Berryhill was taxed in Pike County, MS in 1825- paying 75 cents for one white taxable. He had a son and 2 grandsons who married Fortenberry girls. In 1850 they were enumerated in Madison Parish, LA

Children:

- 66. i **Augustina Berryhill** #11945 b. about 1839, Mississippi.
 - + 67. ii **Mark Anthony Berryhill** #967 b. about 1841.
 - 68. iii **Jacob C. Berryhill** #1080 b. about 1843, Mississippi.
 - + 69. iv **Joseph W. Berryhill** #962 b. Dec 1 1846.
10. **John Seaborn Alford** #23 (1.Jacob¹) b. Oct 11 1807, Washington Pa., LA, occupation farmer, m. 1834, **Margaret Brumfield** #24, b. Feb 9 1819, Pike Co., MS, (daughter of Willis Brumfield #31 and Virginia Nancy Holmes #32) d. Sep 8 1885, Washington Pa., LA, buried: Alford Cemetery, Washington Pa., LA. John died Nov 15 1891, Washington Pa., LA, buried: Alford Cemetery, Washington Pa., LA.

John Seaborn Alford is buried on property that was his farm. It was later known as the Iddo Alford Farm and in the 1990's was owned by Nolan David Alford- AAFA Member #0425. Some of the birth and death data was taken from their gravestones there.

He was enumerated in 1840 Washington Parish with two sons and a daughter. 200001-10001

In 1850 Washington Parish he was enumerated as John Olford 40 LA with wife M. 35 LA. Children were: Madison 13, Marshall 12 and Jane 11 who were probably those in 1840. Other children were Emily 10, Sarah 9, Seaborn 8, S. (f) 7, Willis 5, Isaac 4 and John 1. He was a farmer with \$1500

property.

In the 1850 agricultural census John Alford was listed with 40 acres improved land and 600 unimproved- \$300 cash value of the farm. His farming implements and machinery were worth \$100. He had 3 horses, 4 working oxen, 30 other cattle, 50 swine with total value of livestock being \$450. He had 250 bushels of Indian corn, 50 bushels of oats, 800 pounds of rice, 3 bales of ginned cotton weighing 400 pounds each, and 100 bushels of sweet potatoes.

June 1, 1858 he purchased 118 acres, section 7, township 1S, range 7E, from the federal land office in Greensburg. On June 6 of that year he purchased 57 acres section 17, township 1S, range 10E and 37 acres section 18, township 1S, range 10E. May 10 1861 he purchased 22 more acres in section 17. December 20, 1884 he purchased 81 acres, from the New Orleans land office, in sections 18 & 19, township 1S, range 10E.

Children:

70. i **Madison Alford** #201 b. 1837, Washington Parish, LA, d. Died Young. Family tradition says that on an occasion John Seaborn took his cotton to Covington for sale and while he was gone Madison and Marshall Thomas ate wild berries and were poisoned. Their mother had castor oil and was able to hold Thomas and give him a good dose. Madison was too strong or he was in severe pain or convulsions so she was unable to give him his medicine and he died.
- + 71. ii **Frances Jane Alford** #206 b. Aug 20 1838.
- + 72. iii **Marshall Thomas Alford** #207 b. Sep 29 1839.
- + 73. iv **Emily S. Alford** #210 b. Aug 27 1841.
74. v **Sarah E. Alford** #212 b. Oct 11 1842, Washington Parish, LA, m. (1) **Jesse C. Ellzey** #211, b. Apr 15 1848, (son of John Shaffer Ellzey, Sr. #1958 and Elizabeth Coney #1959) d. Jul 7 1897, Washington Parish, LA, m. (2) Apr 11 1907, **Daniel E. Brumfield** #213, b. 1840, d. Jul 17 1927, St. Helena Parish, LA. Sarah died Jan 14 1929, Washington Parish, LA. [Bud Ellzey shows her born this day 1841.] AAFA has a copy of her death certificate which says she was born April 17 1842 Jep Alford was the informant. She died from influenza.
- + 75. vi **Seaborn Lochran Alford** #192 b. May 19 1844.
- + 76. vii **Martha Alford** #332 b. 1845.
- + 77. viii **Willis Jacob Alford** #333 b. May 30 1847.
- + 78. ix **Isaac E. Alford** #334 b. Sep 1848.
- + 79. x **John Griffin Alford** #316 b. Mar 20 1850.
- + 80. xi **Mary Alford** #335 b. Mar 25 1852.
81. xii **Lavesta Alford** #336 b. 1854, Washington Parish, LA, m. **Richard Hillary Simmons** #340, b. 1862, Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish, LA, (son of William Jackson Simmons #21591 and Lydia Ann Rhodus #21592) d. 1897, Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish, LA, buried: Morris Cemetery, Walthall Co., MS. Lavesta died 1888, buried: Bogue Chitto Cem. Washington Parish, LA.
Richard: After Martha Alford died Simmons married her sister Lavesta "Vesta" Alford. There were no children by the second marriage.
- + 82. xiii **Jesse B. Alford** #337 b. Dec 29 1855.
- + 83. xiv **Hugh Ginn Alford** #338 b. May 4 1857.
- + 84. xv **Cynthia Elizabeth Alford** #339 b. Dec 20 1858.
- + 85. xvi **Jeptha Martin Alford** #15 b. Jul 22 1862.

11. **Seaborn John Alford** #11660 (1.Jacob¹) b. Oct 11 1807, Washington Parish, LA, occupation farmer & minister, m. (1) Dec 29 1831, in Pike Co., MS, **Mary Catherine Felder** #1213, b. Sep 23 1813, Pike Co., MS, (daughter of Peter John Felder #11658 and Elizabeth Sandell #11659) d. Nov 23 1860, Pike Co., MS, buried: John Felder Mem., Pike Co., MS, m. (2) Dec 8 1864, in Amite Co., MS, **Mary Sessions Kirk** #1214, b. Jan 29 1836, Tennessee, d. Sep 1 1887, Pike Co., MS, buried: John Felder Mem., Pike Co., MS. Seaborn died Feb 7 1884, Pike Co., MS, buried: John Felder Mem., Pike Co., MS.

Mary Kirk: Mary had one daughter by a previous marriage to Rev Daniel M. Wadsworth. She and Seaborn John had their last child when he was 69 years of age.

Children by Mary Catherine Felder:

- + 86. i **Leander Raiford Alford** #2070 b. Dec 17 1832.
 - 87. ii **Martha Ann Alford** #2071 b. Feb 23 1834, Pike Co., MS, m. Sep 1 1853, **Jeremiah Rollins** #9479, b. Jul 15 1825, d. Sep 5 1884, buried: John Felder Mem., Pike Co., MS. Martha died Aug 18 1903, Lincoln Co., MS, buried: John Felder Mem., Pike Co., MS. AAFA has been unable to find any other information regarding such a marriage, but the published Pike Co., MS cemetery records shows Martha Alford Herrington, d/o Seaborn & Mary C. Felder Alford, born Feb 23, 1834 and died Aug 18, 1903. As of this writing "Herrington" is a mystery.
 - 88. iii **John Wesley Alford** #2072 b. Jun 25 1836, Pike Co., MS, m. **Emily Williams** #9480. John died Nov 27 1879, Denton Co., TX. He died of pneumonia at his home in Denton County where he and his wife had moved from Mississippi about ten years before. A conflicting report says he was killed July 19, 1864 in the Civil War. The death date of 1879 was reported in the New Orleans Christian Advocate, Thursday, April 8, 1880, page 2, col 6, par 2.
 - + 89. iv **Sophia E. Alford** #2073 b. Apr 20 1842.
 - + 90. v **Barnabas Seaborn Alford** #2074 b. Dec 24 1845.
 - 91. vi **Simon B. Alford** #19255 b. 1846.
 - 92. vii **Charles C. Alford** #2076 b. 1850, Pike Co., MS, d. 1850. He died at age 1 month with measles.
- Children by Mary Sessions Kirk:)*
- + 93. viii **Emma B. Alford** #2077 b. 1865.
 - 94. ix **Thomas Seaborn Alford** #2078 b. 1867, Pike Co., MS.
 - + 95. x **Samuel Neaman Alford** #2079 b. May 6 1870.
 - + 96. xi **Needham Nugent Alford** #2080 b. Mar 2 1872.
 - 97. xii **William Emmett Alford** #2081 b. 1874, Pike Co., MS, d. 1937. One account shows his birth as April 1877 See the late Jack Kinnabrew's "Uncle Emmett, The Alford Farm, And I" published in three parts, Summer 1994, Fall 1994 & Winter 1995 AAFA ACTION issue #'s 25, 26 & 27. Soon to be posted on the AAFA website.
 - 98. xiii **Mary D. Alford** #2082 b. 1876, Pike Co., MS.

12. **Moses Alford** #1203 (1.Jacob¹) b. about 1810, Louisiana, m. **Elizabeth Penton** #16087, b. about 1816, (daughter of Abner Penton #16102 and Rebecca Barnhart #16103) d. after 1870. Moses died Bet 1832/36, Louisiana. He has traditionally been shown as a son in this family but nothing can be found to give any support to such an idea.

Mildred Richbourg AAFA 0542, along with Brenda Woolie AAFA 1118, both descendants of William Richard Alford, were the primary source of the information on this limb of the tree. Little

reference will be made to further sources in the families that follow. Mildred and Brenda have well documented files.

The following is from Mildred: "William Alford's second marriage record, Book 2, p 259, Tangipahoa Psh LA, to Miss Harriet Cooper, age 39, names her father as Elijah Cooper & Michel Cooper. William, age 52, names his father as Moses Alford and mother as Mrs. E. Alford. We also know that a Moses Alford was the first husband of Elizabeth Penton. Elizabeth and her 2nd husband, Hiram Lewis were enumerated with William in 1850 on Nov. 10, 1850, no Ward shown, page 466, J A Brown Ass't Marshal. They were in h/h 405/405, line 3 with Hiram Lewis, wife Elizabeth & 4 Lewis children ages 2-13 all born in LA. Living next door h/h 404/404 are Elizabeth's parents Abner Penton & Rebecca [Barnhart] Penton."

Children:

+ 99. i **William Richard Alford** #16088 b. Oct 1832.

13. **Joseph W. Alford** #1207 (1.Jacob¹) b. about 1816, Washington Parish, LA, m. Sep 3 1857, in Sabine Parish, LA, **Catherine Euphemia Cook McClendon** #1215, b. 1818, Alabama, d. Oct 26 1884. Joseph died Aug 18 1878, Sabine Parish, LA. In 1850 Joseph was still living in Washington Parish with his mother. He was enumerated as Joseph Olford 34 LA and _____ Olford (f) 80 NC. He was a farmer with \$2500 property. In 1860 and 1870 he was living in Many, Ward 7, Sabine Parish, Louisiana. His wife was shown as the head of the household in 1880. See AAFA ACTION, Vol VIII, No 4, Spring 1996, page 50 for an article about Joseph.

Children:

100. i **Frances McClendon** #5124 b. 1854, Sabine Parish, LA. She was Joseph's step-daughter and was with the family in 1860 and 1870.
101. ii **Joanna Alford** #5125 b. 1859, Sabine Parish, LA.
- + 102. iii **John Jeptha Alford** #5126 b. Mar 1 1862.
- + 103. iv **Julius Isadore Alford** #5127 b. Dec 18 1866.
104. v **Julia Ivey Alford** #5128 b. Jan 1874, Sabine Parish, LA, m. **Rolly Dawson Moss** #22210, b. 1878, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish, LA. Julia died Jul 5 1960, Sabine Parish, LA, buried: Mt. Carmel, Sabine Parish, LA. Obituary: Sabine Index, Many, LA, July 8, 1960

Mrs. Ella Alford Moss

Last rites for Mrs. Ella Alford Moss, who died July 5, were conducted at 3 p.m., July 5, at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, with Rev. Monroe Roberts officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery, under the direction of Warren Funeral Home. The only survivors are some nieces and nephews.

According to Family Search (LDS records/Ancestral File), the wife of Rolly Dawson Moss (son of John Moss and Eliza Honeycutt) was Julia Ella Alford, daughter of Joseph Warren Woods Alford (where did they get those middle names?) and Catherine Euphemia "Fanny" Cook, born Jan 10, 1872, Sabine Parish and died July 5, 1960, Many, Sabine Parish. He is listed as ROLLIE R. in his funeral home record and Rollie D. in his obit. I cannot verify or document this information at this time. We have Julia Ivey as the daughter's name and Jan. 1874 as her birth date with no further info. Don't know what to suggest next. -- Lynn Shelley (email) 7/2/2004, 5:37 PM

Checking 1920 and 1910, I find the following:

1920 Sabine Parish, Police Jury Ward 1 Roley Moss 42 born LA Farmer Ella, 45,
LA MS AL; Cessie, 14 (son) LA LA LA.

1910 Sabien Parish Rolly D. Moss 32 LA LA LA Farmer Julia E. 37 LA
MS AL Julius (son) 4 LA LA LA They had been married 9 years (1st marriage
for both) and she had had one child who was living, probably named Julius Caesar
Moss?

I guess we need to find a marriage record, but this does seem to support what was found
in LDS records. I should also look for a death of their son before 1945.

--Lynn Shelley (email) 7/2/2004, 6:00 PM

Rolly: I am as stumped as you are as to the identity of Ella Alford Moss. She is clearly
different from the one who died in 1945, yet is buried (at least according to cemetery record) next
to Rollie Moss who had a wife named Ella Alford Moss that died in 1960. The obit of Rollie D.
Moss clearly states that his widow (no children) is Ella Moss of Many. He died because he was
struck by lightning while standing on his front porch. His wife was standing beside him but was
only knocked from the porch and temporarily stunned.

His funeral home record lists Ella Moss as his spouse but no father or mother. His place of birth
was Natchitoches, LA, in 1876. No other pertinent information is given. The funeral home record
of Ella Alford Moss also does not list parents but does say her maiden name was ALFORD. Her
birth date and age are also not given. Next of kin is listed as L. Alford with a question mark. She
was buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery but with no children and a deceased husband, I'll bet there is
no stone. I don't know what to suggest. I haven't checked the marriage records but, like you,
checked 1930 census. There was no Rollie/Rolly Moss anywhere in the US which fits. I guess I'll
try 1900-1920 and see what I can find. --Lynn Shelley (email) 7/2/2004, 5:10 PM

14. **Martha Alford** #1208 (1.Jacob¹) b. about 1820, Washington Parish, LA, m. Nov 25 1839, **William
J. Stovall, Sr.** #1216, b. Nov 11 1818, Tennessee ?, d. about 1876, buried: Stovall Cemetery,
Marion Co., MS. Martha died about 1860, buried: Stovall Cemetery, Marion Co., MS.

William: Bud Ellzey provided all the data on William and his descendants.

Children:

- 105. i **Martha Stovall** #14984 b. Feb 13 1839.
- + 106. ii **Mary Stovall** #14985 b. Nov 20 1840.
- 107. iii **Nancy Carolina Stovall** #14986 b. Dec 31 1841.
- 108. iv **Emeline Stovall** #14987 b. Apr 22 1843.
- 109. v **Francis Stovall** #14988 b. Jul 1 1845.
- + 110. vi **William J. Stovall, Jr.** #14989 b. Jun 6 1849.
- 111. vii **Myra Elizabeth Stovall** #14990 b. Mar 30 1853.
- + 112. viii **Warren H. Stovall** #14991 b. May 24 1857.
- 113. ix **John T. Stovall** #14992 b. Sep 3 1861.