Known Descendants of
John William Alford and Lennae W. Roden

An earlier version of this genealogy was published in AAFA ACTION #75 Vol XIX, No. 3, Winter 2007, page 55 ff. That version included five generations and photographs. This is a work in progress and like most genealogies is not complete. It is also thought to contain some error. This more public version contains only three generations in a effort to protect the privacy of the living. There has been some update since the published version.

1. John William Alford #169 b. about 1801, Georgia, m. Mar 16 1825, in Greene Co., AL, Leanne W. Roden #170, b. about 1805, South Carolina, (daughter of Joshua Roden #518 and Charity Carter #519) d. after 1880, probably Carroll Co., MS. John died before 1860, probably Carroll Co., MS.

The marriage in Greene Co., AL suggests a possible connection to Jacob Alford born 1781 NC who was son of John and Chloe Pope Alford. However, as John William he is not the son of Jacob as Jacob's son was John C. There is also a possibility of a connection to Jacob's brother Abraham or Abram Alford who was born about 1787 in North Carolina and settled in Greene Co, AL. Abraham had a son John H. Alford b. about 1818 who married (1) Mary E. Barnes and (2) Margaret Williams. While his brother Jacob Alford apparently did spend some time (about 1800-1812) in Georgia, there is no evidence that Abraham spent time in Georgia, where our John says he was born in the 1850 MS census. An 1829 sheriff's return of a subpoena in Joshua Roden's estate placed John W. Alford, subject of this record, in Pickens Co., AL.

CENSUS: 1830 Pickens Co., AL, page 133 John Alford 12100-11001. This John's wife is too old to be Leanna, and there are too many children. It is proposed that John William is off on militia duty, Leanne is with her widowed mother in Greene Co., AL and their two known children are seven houses away being cared for by Leanna's sister and her husband Peter Oldham. 1830 Greene Co., AL., page 391 Peter Oldham 20001-20001; page 391 Charity Roden 11111-0011101. This conclusion was drawn from analysis of the probate of the Joshu Roden estate.

1840 in Carroll Co., MS: They were the only Alford. The family was listed as 211001-011001 which suggests 4 sons and 2 daughters at that time. That tracks well with what we have in the genealogy.

1850 Carroll Co. page 244, house 673, family 740 (all b. MS except parents) John 49 GA farmer, Luanna W. 45 SC, Leanna 16 Ms, Levi 14 12, Theodore 10, Patrick 8, Cornelia 6, Louisa 4, and John 2.

Son James H. and daughter Mary were married before this enumeration. James H. and his family were enumerated next door. See their records.

Also in 1850 Carroll Co was a James Alford 22 MS, laborer living with the McAlister family and a John Telford 53 SC Shoemaker. They are not known to be connected to this family.


In 1870 John's family had exploded into four households. His widow was enumerated July 29 on
page 532, house 83, family 83 as Laura 52 SC with Janette Smith 1 MS. Laura's name could be Launa-difficult to read. (In 1880 Jennie Smith was enumerated as an "orphan" 11 MS, living with her aunt in the household of John Walter and Jannet Alford. Her identity is not known.).

Son James H., listed as J.M. was enumerated next door to his mother, house 82, family 82. Son Levi is nearby in house 89, family 89. Son Theodore was enumerated earlier on July 1 in a different area on page 540, house 70, family 70.

1880 Carroll Co., Enumeration District 21, Dwelling 19, Family 20, June 8 & 9, Leanna, age 77, was enumerated with her son William and his wife Genobia/Zenobia.

John's death date is based on the fact that he was not in the 1860 Carroll Co., MS census, though his wife and family were. Peggy Schuster says he was not on the Mortality Schedule. Another clue is that the last known child was born about 1848.

Leanna's name was found spelled a number of ways in various documents: Leanna and Luanna & Roden, Rodden, and Reden. Leanna and Roden are being used here based on Joshua Roden's estate records.

In the 1850 census she was 45 [b. 1805], in 1860 54 [1806], in 1870 she was 52 [obviously an error or she was cheating], and in 1880 she was 77 [1803] so it's probable that the 1805 came from the census.

The marriage date came from an Alabama marriage listing. Peggy Schuster says she married "with consent of parents" which means she was underage. If she was born in 1805 then she would have been 20 in 1825. Since we don't know the legal age for marriage was in Alabama in 1825 we cannot use the marriage to get close to a birth date. "About 1805" is not precise and should be considered to encompass whatever date would fit the marriage situation,

Gaps in births suggest that perhaps he was off fighting Indians or they had several stillbirths.

Children:

+ 2.  i  James Henry Alford #171 b. Dec 1825.
+ 3.  ii  Mary Alford #172 b. 1828.
+ 4.  iii  Leanna Alford #173 b. about 1834.
+ 5.  iv  Levi Alford #174 b. about 1836.

6.  v  Obadiah Alford #175 b. about 1838, Mississippi, d. Dec 25 1864, Giles Co., TN. It was probably this Obadiah who was a private in Co. B, 28th Mississippi Cavalry, CSA who is buried in Chestnut Grove Cemetery on top of Anthony Hill, Giles Co., TN. This is the same CSA unit in which his brother Theodore served - and survived, but his horse died on Dec. 25, 1864.

It is thought that Obadiah was killed, along with 42 other Confederate soldiers in the battle on Anthony Hill on Christmas day in 1864. Anthony Hill is about four miles south of Pulaski.


9.  viii  Cornelia J. Alford #177 b. about 1844, Mississippi.
10. ix  Louisa Virginia Alford #178 b. about 1846, Carroll Co., MS.

+ 11. x  John William Alford, Jr. #179 b. about 1848.

Second Generation


CENSUS:

1830 Greene Co., AL page 391 in household of Peter G. Oldham.

1840 Carroll Co., MS page 43 in household with parents.

1850 Carroll Co., Southern Township, Page 244, House 674, Family 741: James H. 24 AL Farmer, Elizabeth 24 GA, Mary 4 MS, Henry 3 MS, John 1 MS.

1860, Sep1, Carroll Co., Bright Corner Post Office, 3rd Police District, Page 928, House 52, Family 54: J.H. 33 AL, Elizabeth 33 GA, M.C. (f) 14 MS, H.J. (m) 12 MS, Jno W. 10 MS, T.D. (m) 8 AR, G.F. (m) 6 MS, T.A. (m) 3 MS.

1870, Jul 29 & 30, Carroll Co., Bright Corner Post Office, Twp 18 R 2E, Page 532, House 82, Family 82: J.M. 44 AL, Elizabeth 44 GA, John Walter 20 MS, T.J. (m) 18 AR, G.F. (m) 15 MS, Thomas A. 13 MS, B.F. (m) 7 MS, L.A. (i) 4 MS, B.P. (f) 3 MS, Mariah 1 month (Apr), Virginia 24 MS.

1880, Jun 8 & 9, Carroll Co., Enumeration District 21, Page 69, Dwelling 17, Family 18: James 55 AL, Elizabeth 55 GA, James 23 MS, Benjamin 17 MS, Lucy 15 MS, Bery 13 MS, Mariah 11 MS.

1900, Carroll Co. Enumeration District, Page 90, James H. 74 (12-1825) and Elizabeth 74 GA (10-1825) were enumerated with their son John W [Walter]. 51. See his record for more.

Children:

12.  i  Mary C. Alford #181 b. about 1846, Mississippi.


15.  iv  T. D. or T. J. Alford #184 b. about 1852, Arkansas.

Census, 1860, Carroll Co., MS shows him as T. D. - born AR Census, 1870, Carroll Co., MS shows him b.Arkansas also but adds confusion to the initials which might be L.D., T.J. or F.D. Census: 1880, Carroll Co., MS shows him as T.L. - born MS. He seems to disappear after 1880. Peggy Schuster suggests it is probably T.J. for Thomas Jefferson and called Jeff.

16.  v  George F. Alford #185 b. about 1854, Mississippi. Enumerated as G.F. with parents in 1860 6 & 1870 15 and with brother Henry James in 1880 as George. No George or G.F. in 1900 Carroll Co. census.


18.  vii  Benjamin Franklin Alford #187 b. Oct 6 1863, Carroll Co., MS, m. Etta ______ #635.
Benjamin died May 7 1947, Holmes Co., MS, buried: Mount Pleasant Cem., Holmes Co., MS.

   20. ix Barry P. Alford #189 b. about 1867, Mississippi.
   21. x Mariah / Myra Alford #190 b. Apr 1870, Mississippi, m. Gross Lawrence #626.

   Mariah died 1946, Peoria Co., IL. One month old at time of 1870 census.


   John's name was spelled Brownson in the 1860 Carroll Co. census. Included with the family in the 1860 census was one Elizabeth Lynch, age 3 who is thought to be the daughter of Mary’s sister Leanna who must have died about 1857.

   Children:

   22. i Joshua J. Brunson #367 b. 1848, Carroll Co., MS.
   23. ii Daniel Hollis (Horace) Brunson #368 b. 1850, Carroll Co., MS.
   24. iii Eliza G. Brunson #369 b. 1853, Carroll Co., MS.
   25. iv John W. Brunson #370 b. 1855, Carroll Co., MS.
   26. v Leana A. Brunson #371 b. 1857, Carroll Co., MS.
   27. vi Jno Obadiah Brunson #372 b. 1860, Carroll Co., MS. He was enumerated as 2 months in the 1860 census.
   28. vii Ella Brunson #575 b. 1863, Carroll Co., MS.
   29. viii Ephraim Brunson #576 b. 1867, Carroll Co., MS.


   Children:

   30. i Elizabeth "Pattie" Lynch #234 b. about 1856.

   Leanna, Elizabeth's mother, probably died shortly after the birth of "Pattie" although she was not on the mortality schedule according to Peggy Schuster. In 1860 Carroll Co. 3-year old Elizabeth Lynch was enumerated in the family of her aunt Mary Alford Brunson and her husband John Brunson. In 1870 "Pattie Lynch" was enumerated with Levi and Martha Alford and their daughter Florence.

5. Levi Alford #174 (1.John¹) b. about 1836, Mississippi, m. about 1868, in Mississippi, Martha _____ #193, b. about 1850, Carroll Co., MS.

   CENSUS: 1850 Carroll Co., Levi was enumerated with his parents. See their record.

   1860 Carroll Co., Levi was enumerated with his widowed mother and was the senior male in the household. See mother's record.

   1870, Jul 29 Carroll Co., Bright Corner Post Office, Township 18, Range 2 E, page 532 house 89 and family 89: Levi 33 MS, Martha 20 MS, Florence 7 months b. Nov, Pattie Lynch 14 MS.

   1880, June 21 Carroll Co., Blackhawk, Enumeration District 20, Page 59, Dwelling 46, Family 46,
(all b. MS): Levy 45, Martha 30, Maud 10, James H. 8, Lillian 6, Geneva 4, Maggie 2. Next door is Levi's nephew John Alford, son of his brother James Henry Alford.

We see no more of them in the census.

Children:

31. i Florence Maud Alford #194 b. Nov 1869, Mississippi. Month of birth provided in 1870 census.

32. ii James H. Alford #195 b. about 1872, Mississippi.

33. iii Lillian Alford #196 b. about 1874, Mississippi.

34. iv Geneva Alford #197 b. about 1876, Mississippi.

35. v Maggie Alford #198 b. about 1878, Mississippi.

7. Theodore Alford #119 (1 John 1) b. Aug 1839, Carroll Co., MS, m. about 1868, in Mississippi, Harriet Ann Stallings #120, b. 1843, Mississippi, (daughter of William Stallings #373 and Mary A. Winney #374) d. 1887, Coila, Carroll Co., MS. Theodore died 1909, Coila, Carroll Co., MS. He had black hair and brown eyes.

There is some question about his middle name. (1) AAFA member Emma Alford Gilmer included "Shadron" as a middle name in some information she sent but without any documentation. (2) AAFA member and Theodore descendant "Pete" Alford says he does not agree with it and they have never seen anything to support the middle name. The middle name has not been found in any federal census record. Peggy Schuster is of the opinion that "Shadron" came about through reading of corrupt census record in which poorly written "Theodore" was read as Shadron. Nell Deets Walker called and promised some documentation, but it had not arrived.

CENSUS: 1850 Carroll Co., MS he was enumerated as age 10 MS with his parents. See their record.

1860 Carroll Co., MS he was enumerated, 21 MS, with his widowed mother. Older brother, Levi, was the senior male in the household.

1870, July 1, Carroll Co., MS Township 18 R 3 E, Page 540, House 70, Family 70, (all b. MS): Theodor 27, Harriet 21, William 4 months, b. Feb.


1900, Carroll Co., Beat 4, Sheet 161 B, as Aloford, (all b. MS): Theodore 60 (8-1838) widower, William 29 (2-1871), Josie 26 (9-1873) widow, 2 children, 2 living, Robert 23 (5-1877), Hattie 20 (5-1880), Zachariah 18 (3-1882), Henry/Harry 14 (10-1885); Granddaughters [children of Theodore's widowed daughter Josephine] Clara Higgan 10 (1-1890), May Higgan 8 (6-1892).

He was private in Co. B 28th Mississippi Cavalry. He enlisted in Jackson MS May 5, 1862 for three years or duration of the war. Enlisted by Capt. J. P. Scales. His records listed him as T., Theo., The., and Theodore. He was reported AWOL from the Feb 14, 1864 muster. However a Report of Casualties in Maj. Gen. Forret's Cavalry Corps in the TN Campaign during the months of Nov &
Dec 1864 reported him slightly wounded in right leg. His horse was killed in battle Dec 25 1864. Paroled at Granada, MS June 1865. This is the same CSA unit in which his brother, Obadiah was killed on Christmas day in 1864.

Children:
37. ii Annie Alford #164 b. about 1872, Carroll Co., MS. Was it this Annie who married Roand Wimberly Feb 5, 1892 in Leflore Co., MS?
+ 38. iii Josephine Alford #163 b. Sep 1873.
40. v Hattie Alford #166 b. May 1875, Carroll Co., MS.
41. vi Zack Alford #168 b. about 1877, Carroll Co., MS, d. before 1881, Carroll Co., MS. He was enumerated with the family as age 3 in 1880. He must have died as a child late in 1880 or 1881 and brother Zach Ariah was born in 1881.
42. vii Theophilus Alford #167 b. about 1879, Carroll Co., MS.
+ 43. viii Zach Ariah Alford #1 b. Mar 25 1881.
+ 44. ix Harry Edward Alford #235 b. Oct 8 1885.
45. x Henry Alford #236 b. Abt 1887, Mississippi.


He enlisted June 1861 at Carrollton, MS and served in 4th Mississippi, Co. H

CENSUS:

He was enumerated with his parents and families in 1850 and 1860 Carroll Co.

The family was not found in either the 1870 or 1880 MS census.

1900, Holmes Co., Patrick 58 12-1841, Ema 50 5-1850, Callie 22 4-1878, George 20 4-1880, Henry 17 8-1882, Julia 16 5-1884, Cora 9 12-1890, and Essie 8 12-1892. Nearby were the families of sons Oscar, Charlie and James W. (should be John W.).

1910. Holmes Co., Patrick 67 MS, Emma L. 65 MS, Omiga 22 MS, Cora 19 MS. Nearby were the families of sons Charlie B. and John W.

1920, Holmes Co., Pat 78 NC, Emma 76 Ga, Callie Irvins (daughter) 40 MS, Elphlu Irvins GD 10, Julia M. GD 9.

1930 - not found yet.

Children:
+ 46. i John W. Alford #200 b. Mar 17 1867.
+ 47. ii Charles Benjamin Alford #201 b. Dec 1868.

49.   iv  Walter Alford #511 b. Feb 1877, Carroll Co., MS.  He was enumerated with his brother, John W. in 1900.

50.   v  Callie Alford #204 b. Apr 1878, Mississippi, m. (1) ____ Irwins #577, m. (2) ____ Ray #214.

+ 51.  vi  George Bedford Alford #205 b. Apr 28 1880.

52.   vii Henry Alford #206 b. Aug 1882, Mississippi.

53.   viii Julia Alford #207 b. May 1884, Mississippi, m. I. P. Douglas #586.

In 1930 they are in Hinds Co., MS: Issac P. Douglass 44, Julia O. 45, Christine 12, Estelle 10, Juanita 8, Ada 5, and Isaac P. Jr 3 and 2 months. All and their parents were b. in MS.

54.  ix  Omiga D. Alford #208 b. about 1888, Mississippi.

+ 55.  x  Cora Alford #209 b. Dec 24 1890.

56.  xi Essie Alford #210 b. Dec 1892, Mississippi.


Family tradition tells us that there was a son named John William, Jr., however we have no documentation to support that.

CENSUS: In 1850 he was enumerated as John 2 and as J.B. 12 in 1860.

1880 Carroll Co. MS: William 30, Genobia 23, Cary (f) 2, Alvin 3 months, His mother, Leanna 77 SC.

Children:

57.  i  Cary Alford #225 b. Mar 1878.

58.  ii  Alvin Alford #226 b. April 1879, m. Nov 1 1908, in Carroll Co., MS, Josie Henry #228.


Third Generation

13.  Henry J. Alford #182 (2.James2, 1.John1) b. Dec 23 1847, Carroll Co., MS, m. 1869 by est., Laura B. McCommon #223, b. Jan 28 1849, d. May 12 1891, Carroll Co., MS, buried: New Hope Cem., Carroll Co., MS.  Henry died Jan 8 1928, Carroll Co., MS, buried: New Hope Cem., Carroll Co., MS.  AAFA has traditionally shown him as Henry James Alford but at present is not able to find the source for "James." One source on the Internet shows him as Henry Jesse.  AAFA census data shows him as "Jeff" in 1920, but that might have been "Jess."

CENSUS:


1880 Carroll Co. James 33, Laura 30, Delia 10, Salley 8, Oney 5, Smith 3 and brother George 26.

1910 Carroll Co. [names very faint and difficult to read]: A father, age 62, is listed with Smith Alford 32 and his family. See record for James Smith Alford.

1920 Caroll Co.: It was probably Henry James who was enumerated with his son Smith in 1920 as father Jeff age 72

Published cemetery records show Laura died in 1891 (as stated above) yet she was enumerated in the 1900 census as Laura B. b. Jan 1849. This seems possible because whoever gave information to the enumerator could have misunderstood the census data rules.

Linda Chandler has her middle initial as "E" apparently from cemetery data.

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Looking for more information on wife Jannet, we found no persons named Jannet, of any surname, listed in the 1860 Carroll Co. census.

CENSUS:

1880 Carroll Co., MS: John 32, Jannet 32, Molly 10, Jas S. 8, Saml. J. Tilden Alford 4, William C. 10 months, b. July, sister Eliza (sister) 28 (relationship: "lives with brother"), orphan Jennie Smith 11 (relationship: "lives with aunt"; parents b. GA and MS). All were b. in MS. No other record lists Eliza, but in this census both she and John say their parents were b. GA and SC.

1900 his parents, James H. and Elizabeth, were enumerated with him. Also in the family was one child, a son Everett 18. There is an error in this census regarding John's wife Mary. She was enumerated as age 22, married 20 years, and having had 1 child who is living. She had in fact been married seven years and there has been no evidence of a child from this marriage.

1910 Carroll Co.: Walter 60--3rd marriage, 17 years, and wife Mary 32--1st marriage. Next dor is son John Everett Alford.

1920 Carroll Co., MS: J.W. 70, Mary 43.
Marriage Book 12 pg 451.

Children by Jannet ______:

64. i Molly Alford #376 b. about 1870, Carroll Co., MS.
65. ii James S. Alford #377 b. about 1872, Carroll Co., MS.
66. iii Samuel J. Tilden Alford #378 b. about 1876, Carroll Co., MS. (Samuel J. Tilden was the governor of NY and the 1876 Democratic presidential candidate.).
+ 68. v John Everett Alford #227 b. Jan 22 1883.


CENSUS: 1900, Choctaw Nation Thomas A. 43 MS, Effied 30 AR, Charles W. 6 AR, Margie L. 4 AR, Earnest E. 2 AR.

Linda Chandler has him born in Greenwood, Leflore Co., MS. Place shown probably came from his death certificate. At the time of his death from respitory failure due to cerebral hemorrhage from arterilsclerosis he lived at 1200 E. Beverly, Ada OK

Children:

70. ii Sadie Mae Alford #627. Died at about 2 1/2 years.
71. iii Margie Lee Alford #629 b. Oct 1895, Arkansas, d. 1915, Hart, OK, buried: Hart Cem., Pontotoc Co. OK. She did not marry.
73. v Gladys Mae Alford #630 b. 1912, m. _____ McFadden #631.

19. Lucy Leah Alford #188 (2.James², 1.John¹) b. Jul 31 1865, Carroll Co., MS, m. Jan 26 1882, in Carroll Co., MS, William Andrew Wilson, Jr. #222, b. Sep 20 1854, Mississippi, (son of William A. Wilson, Sr. #632 and Emily Stigler #633) occupation physician, d. Feb 2 1920, Oklahoma, buried: Ringling, Jefferson Co., OK. Lucy died Jul 5 1898, Indian Territory, buried: Graham Cemetery, Carter Co., OK. He married twice after her death and there were children but it is difficult to relate each child to a mother.

He moved to Franklin Co., AR in 1883. He was married three other times.

Children:

+ 75. i Willie Wilson #618 b. Oct 27 1889.
76. ii Norma Wilson #622 b. Feb 22 1893, Nacona, Montague Co., TX, m. Jan 19 1911, in
Cornish, Jefferson Co., OK, Roy C. Downing #634. Norma died Dec 15 1970, buried: Resthaven, Oklahoma City, OK. Norma was also married to a Reed and Brantley, but the dates or sequence of the marriages is not known.


The marriage record has him as W.B. Alford.

CENSUS: 1900 Carroll Co., MS as Alaford, William and Josie were enumerated in the household of his father, Theodore. William 29 (2-1871), Josie 26 (9-1873).

1910 Bolivar Co., MS: (Apr 19) W.B. 39--m. 11 years, Josie P. 19--2 children, 2 living, Joseph E. 2, Charles 6 months. All and their parents were b. in MS. They are living between families of William's brother Robert and his sister Josephine.

Note the contradiction in the age of wife Josie. The 1900 information seems more probable since that census recorded the month and year of birth as well as the age. Furthermore, they were m. 11 years in 1910, so age 19 is obviously incorrect.

Children:
+ 77. i  Joseph Ely Alford #278 b. about 1908.
  78. ii Charles Teal Alford #510 b. 1909.


Much of the information on Josephine's descendants was submitted by AAFA member #0782 Harriet Ann Gilmer Burks. AAFA has a copy of her obituary.

Josephine's first husband probably died before 1900, when she is listed as a widow.

CENSUS:

1900, Carroll Co., MS: (listed in the household of her parents): Josie 26 (9-1873)-widow, 2 children, 2 living, Clara Higgan 10 (1-1890), May Higgan 8 (6-1892).

1910 Carroll Co., MS: B.F. Neighbor 44-m. 9 years, wife Josephine 36-4 children, 4 living, step-daughter Clara H. Haggin 17, step-daughter Mary O.L. Haggin 16, daughter Willi Lee Neighbor 7, son Theodore T. Neighbor 6, and boarder Allen J. McPherson 22. All were b. in MS. Next door is her brother William Ely Alford.

1920 Bolivar Co., MS: Benjamin F. Nabors 54, wife Josi 48, daughter Willie L. 18, son Edward 7, [step-]daughter Clara Stewart 26 widow, niece Frankie 1 and 6 months, niece Gladys 5, grandson Howard 3 and 3 months, granddaughter Levonia 7, and 3 lodgers. All were b. in MS.
1930 Bolivar Co.: Edward Nabors 18 single, mother Joe 58 widow, and boarder William Wilson 20 single. Living in the 2 previous houses are the families of Josephine's daughters Willie and Clara.

Children by Willie Heggins:
+ 79. i Clara Hattie Heggins #314 b. Jan 1890.
+ 80. ii Mary Heggins #315 b. Jun 1892.

Children by Benjamin Frank Nabors:
+ 81. iii Willie Lee Nabors #411 b. Jul 26 1902.
82. iv Theodore Nabors #588 b. about 1904, Mississippi.
+ 83. v Edward Nabors #412 b. 1911.


Marriage Book 4, page 233- He shown as R. E. Alford.

CENSUS: 1880 & 1900 Carroll Co., MS he was enumerated as Robert, age 7 and 23, with his father and family.

1910 Bolivar Co., MS: Robert E. 30--m. 6 years, Ella 28--3 children, 3 living, Velma 4, Earl 2, Harry Lee 8 months. All were born in MS. Next door is the family of Robert's brother William Ely Alford.

About 1912 he moved to Wills Point, Van Zandt Co., TX.

1920 Van Zandt Co., TX: Robert L. 39, Ella R. 36, Velma 14, Earl 12, Harry S. 9, Gladis 7, Finey (f) 5, Melrose (m) 4, Leonard W. 11 months. The last four born Texas, the others born Mississippi.

1930 Van Zandt Co., TX: Enumeration District 234-2, sheet 3A (stamped page 11), dwelling 46, family 46: Robert L. 48 MS, Ella R. 43 MS, Harry L. 20 MS, Gladdice 17 TX, Finnie 16 TX, Melrose 13 TX, Lenard W. 12 TX, Drue C. (f) 8 TX, Laverne 6 TX, Bob 1 4/12 TX.

He signed WW I draft registration, Sep 12 1918 in Wills Point, Van Zandt Co., TX as R.E. A farmer, he was tall and slender with brown eyes and black hair. He registered as Robert Lee age 43, born May 29, 1875. His address was Route 1, Grand Saline, Van Zandt Co., TX. - Data extracted from microfilm by Peggy Alford Schuster, May 9, 2002.

There is some controversy regarding his actual name. Peggy Schuster offers the probability that in the draft registration recorded above he told the officials that he was Robert Ely Alford. Pronouncing the name as "E- Lee" not as "E-Lie") and the tired and over worked official heard only the "Lee." Perhaps the "E." was for Earl.

Children:
+ 84. i Clara Velma Alford #270 b. private.
85. ii Earl Alford #271 b. 1908, m. private, in Van Zandt Co., TX, Eula Pettiet #584.
86. iii Harry Lee Alford #272 b. Feb 1909.
87. iv Gladys Alford #274 b. 1913, Texas.
88. v Phynie Alford #275 b. 1914, m. divorced, Walter Peden #277. Phynie died 2006. Her name also spell Finey and Finnie. Death date per phone call from Nell Deets Walker to Peggy Schuster.
+ 89. vi Melrose Alford #273 b. private.
90. vii Leonard W. Alford #472 b. 1918, Texas, occupation pharmacist & optical work, m. Elizabeth Helen _____ #517. Information about wife and occupation based on incomplete data from city directories.
91. viii Drucilla Alford #280 b. 1922, Van Zandt Co., TX.
92. ix Laverne Alford #473 b. 1924, Van Zandt Co., TX.
93. x Robert Ely Alford, Jr. #281 b. 1928, Van Zandt Co., TX.


His name can be found written as Zachary A. and Zachariah. His son, Theodore "Pete" tells us that he signed his name as Zach Ariah or Zach A.

His birth date on headstone is 1882, but for his WW I draft registration he said it was 1881.

CENSUS:

1920 Bolivar Co, MS: Zack 39, Addie 35, Hattie M. 15, Jennie L. 12, Joseph P. (m) 4, James N. 1 and 7 months and lodger Ewell _____ 15. There was an error in this census which showed daughter Joseph P. as a male.

1930 Bolivar Co, MS: E.A. 49, Addie 45, Jennie 12, Pernella 14, Jas 11, Eloise 8, Theo 5, Emily 2.

AAFA has a copy of his obituary.
Her birth date was taken from her headstone. AAFA has a copy of their marriage record. The license was dated July 25 and the actual marriage was performed July 27.
AAFA has a copy of the marriage license record for this marriage.

Children by Addie Mae Johnston:
+ 94. i Hattie Mae Alford #3 b. private.
+ 95. ii Jennie Lynn Alford #4 b. private.
+ 96. iii Joseph Prenella Alford #5 b. private.
+ 97. iv James Lydell Alford #6 b. private.
+ 98. v Eloise Alford #7 b. private.
+ 100. vii Emlia Virginia Alford #9 b. private.

Harry had light brown hair. His SSN: 426-52-4243. AAFA has a copy of his obituary.

**CENSUS:**


Carrie had black hair until she died. She studied nursing at Mississippi's first school of nursing in Jackson, MS. Her middle name has been spelled Stalene as well as Stelene which is correct. SSN 587-86-4954; AAFA has a copy of her obituary.

**Children:**

101. i **Dorothea Louise Alford** #238 b. Jun 5 1912, Acona, Holmes Co., MS, m. Apr 18 1931, **James Victorious Kober** #244, b. Dec 16 1910, Greenville, Washington Co., MS, d. Nov 23 1987, Jackson, Hinds Co., MS. Dorothea died May 9 1996, Brandon, Rankin Co., MS, buried: Lakewood Memorial South, Jackson, MS. Her SSN 427-03-1850. They had no children. She moved to Flowood, Rankin Co. about 1956. Both Dorothea and James had black hair until their deaths.

102. ii **Fannie Lucille Alford** #239 b. Mar 5 1916, Mississippi, d. Jul 18 1917, Bolivar Co., MS, buried: New Cleveland Cem., Bolivar Co., MS. Fannie was known as "Little Sister." Her "mother was attending an ill patient and took Fannie with her, but warned family not to let her eat anything. They gave her a cold biscuit for she was crying and the child became ill and died. Amebbie disentery," (sic) according to family tradition.

103. iii **Emma Agness Alford** #240 b. private.


105. v **Billie Alford** #242 b. private.

106. vi **Edgar Earl Alford** #243 b. private.


**CENSUS:**

1900 Holmes Co., MS: Jno W. 38 (4-1861)-m. 9 years, Mary 40 (3-1860)-5 children, 2 living, Clyde 8 (5-1892), Earnest 1 (2-1899), brother Walter 23 (2-1877). All and their parents were b. in MS. Birth data in this census, apparently incorrect, conflicts with AAFA data for John, Mary, and Clyde.
1920 Holmes Co.: John 51, Mai 50, Levil 16, Ruth 15, Ruby 12. All were b. in MS.


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Marriage Book G, page 364 listed Mariah as "Mary White." Buried as Mariah Frances Alford. She was enumerated as Mai in 1920 and May in 1930.

Children:

+ 107. i Clyde L. Alford #290 b. Feb 1 1891.


109. iii Infant Son Alford #494 b. Feb 18 1893, Holmes Co., MS, d. Feb 18 1893, Holmes Co., MS, buried: County Line Baptist, Holmes Co. MS.

110. iv Earnest Alford #291 b. Feb 1899, Mississippi.

+ 111. v Landrum L. Alford #292 b. Jan 25 1903.


When Ruth and her husband were enumerated in 1930 they were living with her parents. SSDI has her birth as Sep 14 1904. Last residence was in Durant, Holmes, Co., MS SSN 426-05-0175.


CENSUS:

1900 Holmes Co., MS: Charlie 31 (12-1868)-m. 7 years, Lula 23 (10-1876)-3 children, 3 living, Clairbon G. 6 (2-1894), Leonard 3 (12-1896), Bonney (m) 1 (11-1898). All and their parents were b. in MS.

1910 Holmes Co., MS: Charles B. 40, Lula 35-6 children, 6 living, Grover C. 17, Leonard 14, Bonnie L.12, Rie (m) 10, Thelma 5, Louise 3. All and their parents were b. in MS.

1920 not located.

1930 Tallahatchie Co., MS: Charlie 60-age 21 at first marriage, Lula 5_ [number illegible]-age 16 at first marriage.

Children:
+ 114. i Grover Cleveland Alford #299 b. Jan 15 1892.
+ 116. iii Bonnie Lee Alford #301 b. Nov 12 1898, Mississippi, m. (1) Leon Kelly #599, m. (2) James E. Stewart, Sr. #600. Bonnie died Mar 15 1972, Mississippi.
+ 117. iv R. E. Alford #302 b. about 1900, Mississippi.
+ 118. v Thelma Eudora Alford #303 b. Mar 5 1905, Mississippi, m. Roy Carson #601.
+ 119. vi Louise Alford #304 b. about 1907, Mississippi.


He moved from Vaiden to Jackson about 1941.

CENSUS:

1900 Holmes Co., MS: Oscar 27 (6-1872)--m. 1 year, Leola 18 (4-1882), Levi 7 months (11-1899). All and their parents were b. in MS.

1910 Carroll Co MS: J.O. 37, Lola 34--5 children, 5 living, Pat 9, Walter 8, Wilmer[Wilburn] 6, James 4 and Lois 1. All and their parents were b. in MS.


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Marriage book H, page 430. See her death certificate

Children:


122. ii Walter Levy Alford #307 b. about 1902, Mississippi.
+ 123. iii Wilburn Alford #308 b. private.
+ 124. iv James Whitfield Alford #309 b. private.
+ 125. v Lois Alford #310 b. about 1909, Mississippi.
51. **George Bedford Alford** #205 (8.Patrick², 1.John¹) b. Apr 28 1880, Mississippi, occupation carpenter, m. (1) Jul 22 1904, in Carroll Co., MS, **Parris Shine** #215, b. 1882, Mississippi, m. (2) Feb 8 1915, in Carroll Co., MS, **Myrtle King** #216, b. 1897, Mississippi. George died Nov 15 1968, Clarksdale, Coahoma Co., MS.

CENSUS:

1910 Carroll Co., MS: George 30-m. 5 years, Paris [Indexed as Paris and looks like Paris] 28-2 children, 2 living, Alberta (f) 2, Arthur Edwin 4 months. All and their parents were b. in MS.

1920 Vaiden, Carroll Co., MS: (Jan 3): George 39, Myrtle 23, Arthur 10, Rubuy 4 and 1 month, and Girtis (f) 1 and 3 months.

1920 (Jan 28) Hector, Mississippi Co., AR: D.F. Jennes [probably should be Jennings] 34 TN, Parris 33 MS, Mattie 11 M, Arthur 10 MS, Blanche 7 MS, and Marvin 4 MS.

1930 Carroll Co., MS: in the household of J.N. Maxwell, boarder George Alford 50 MS divorced.

1930 Cooter, Pemiscot Co., MO: Pairis Jennings 45 MS widow, son Marvin Jennings 14 MO (parents TN and MS), daughter Blanch Alford 17 MS, son Arthur Alford 20 MS married, daughter-in-law Kathleen 18 MO, and boarder Hulbert Robinson 36 TN widowed.

SSDI records, SSN 425-34-8676, list his last residence as Greenville, Washington Co., MS.

AAFA has a copy of his obituary.

Marriage Book 4, page 229, he listed as G.B. Alford.

Marriage Book 6, page 472. He was listed as G. B. Alford.

*Children by Parris Shine:*

128. i **Alberta Alford** #311 b. about 1908, Mississippi.
129. ii **Arthur Edwin Alford** #312 b. about 1910, Mississippi.
130. iii **Blanche Alford** #464 b. about 1913, Mississippi, m. **Holland Pounds** #468.  *Children by Myrtle King:*
131. iv **Ruby Nell Alford** #463 b. about 1916, Mississippi, m. **Joe W. Davis** #467.
132. v **Gertie Alford** #460 b. about 1919, Mississippi, m. _____ **Findley** #461. Her father's 1968 obituary called her Gertie Findley and her brother Jack's 2003 obituary called her Gertie Langley.
133. vi **Juanita Alford** #462 m. **Robert Bible** #466.
134. vii **Arold A. "Jack" Alford** #349 b. private.
135. viii **Roberta Alford** #465 m. **Vick Huckaba** #469.


CENSUS: 1920 Bartholomew, Drew Co., AR: Sam Parham 31 MS, Cora 29 MS, and Edwin 6 MS
Children:

136.  i  Edwin Parham #470 b. 1914.
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