Descendants of John Redden Alford 1820 SC - 1895 TX

[This is a draft version of a work in progress. It is not complete and may contain error. The 5th and 6th generations were eliminated to protect the privacy of most of the living descendants. Additions and corrections should be sent to alford_association@sbcglobal.net.]

1. **John Redden Alford** #1 b. 1820, South Carolina, occupation Teacher/Farmer, m. **Nancy Harrison** #2, b. 1823, Wilkinson Co., GA, (daughter of James Harrison #4 and Delanie Justice #3) d. 1886, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. John died Aug 21 1895, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX.

Census: In 1850 he was listed as Redding Hallford in Rocky Mount District, Lowndes Co., AL. He was a teacher, 35 b. SC; Nancy 27 GA, all children b. AL: Rebecca 8, James R. 6, Mary C. 4, John 3 and Sarah E. 1.

He and his family appear in the 1870 Milam County, Texas census but they have not been found in 1860 Alabama census though that is where they should have been in those years.

Feb 14 1844, from "Alabama Records," Vol 1 102, p. 25 Loundes Co., Circuit Court. Dolin vs Gardner - judgements dated 1841 mentioned in suit; one deed from Irwin Walker and Hayes Walker to Owen Alford, dated Feb 14 1844, Witnesses L.W. Ramsey & Joseph Halford; deed from Owen Halford to defendant dated 31 Oct 1844, at bottom of which is covenant warranting title to grantor, executed by Redding Halford and Williamson Harrison, delivered to D. Gardner (the defendant) 1 Mar 1844. [William Harrison could be the father of Nancy Harrison who married John R. Alford.]

Dec 3, 1859 - A Reddin Alford and wife Nancy of Covington Co., AL was listed in Deed Book H., page 228 as selling land to Wesley Morris of Butler Co.,

Feb 1 1861 - A Redding Alford (Hallford) of Covington Co. AL was listed as selling land to Samuel Adams: N of SE, Section 20, Twp 9 R15. Deed Book 1, page 290-291.

He appears on tax rolls of Milam Co. TX in 1870 owning 5 horses and 4 cows worth \$650.

1870 he was enumerated in Milam Co., TX as John Reden farmer 53 SC with wife Nancy 48 GA; children all b. AL: James R. 25, Rebecca 27, Hurst J. 18, Thomas 16, Martha C. 14, Nathaniel 10, Frances (f) 4.

Data on the more recent families came from either descendants or the Texas 1900 and 1910 censuses.

Children:

- + 2. i **Rebecca Alford** #5 b. 1842.
 - 3. ii **James R. Alford** #11 b. Aug 11 1844, Alabama, d. Oct 4 1872, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. Beverly Grace Alford, AAFA #0916 shows his death to be Oct 4, 1877.
 - 4. iii **Mary C. Alford** #12 b. 1846, Alabama, m. **Jim Andrew Harris** #13. May have been married to a Scallion, also.
 - 5. iv **John W. Alford** #14 b. Jan 1 1848, Alabama, d. May 20 1870, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. He may be the son that legend has died from wounds suffered in the Civil War.
 - 6. v Clementine Alford #489 b. 1847, Alabama, m. _____ Scallion #490. She is listed as a child by Beverly Grace Alford.
- + 7. vi **Sarah E. Alford** #15 b. 1849.
- + 8. vii **Hurst Justice Alford** #17 b. Jun 23 1852.
- + 9. viii **Moses Thomas Alford** #363 b. Nov 6 1853.
 - 10. ix **Martha C. "Mattie" Alford** #378 b. 1856, Alabama, m. **William Fine** #379. Beverly Grace Alford has Mattie Alford m. Williem Fine and Martha Alford m. Burell Harris.
- + 11. x Nathaniel Jefferson Alford #380 b. Aug 14 1861.
- + 12. xi **Emma Francis Alford** #432 b. Apr 14 1866.

Second Generation

- 2. **Rebecca Alford** #5 (1.John¹) b. 1842, Alabama, m. **William Bural Harris** #6, b. about 1848, Missouri, (son of James Harris #442 and Martha _____ #443). Information on the descendants of Rebbeca Alford was supplied by Rose Alford Shelton via email, April 1, 1999. *Children:*
 - 13. i **John W. Harris** #7 b. 1872, Texas.
 - + 14. ii **Mary Delaney Harris** #8 b. Sep 3 1874.
 - 15. iii **Lee Harris** #444 b. Nov 24 1875, Texas.
 - 16. iv Nancy Jane Harris #9 b. Nov 17 1876, Texas, m. J. N. "Nute" Loving #446. Nancy died Jan 20 1972, Marietta, Love Co., OK.
 - 17. v **Thomas J. Harris** #10 b. Feb 23 1879, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. **Daisy A.** _____ #445. Thomas buried: Love Co., OK.
- 7. **Sarah E. Alford** #15 (1.John¹) b. 1849, Alabama, m. **Jim Ralston** #16. Could have been married to a Thorndale, also. Another notes says lived in Thorndale. Ralston estate approved May 10, 1899. Redden Alfor asked for guardianship of Sarah 17, Martha 13, Thomas 11 and Isabella 9. Matthew and Gabriella were listed with question mark on the family group record.

Jim: It is said that he killed a man named Powers and left town never to be heard from since. *Children*:

- 18. i **Sarah Ralston** #491 b. 1872.
- 19. ii Matthew Ralston? #492.
- 20. iii Gabriella Ralston? #493.
- 21. iv **Martha Ralston** #496 b. 1876.
- 22. v **Thomas Ralston** #494 b. 1878.
- 23. vi **Isabella Ralston** #495 b. 1880.

8. **Hurst Justice Alford** #17 (1.John¹) b. Jun 23 1852, Alabama, m. Jun 20 1878, in Milam Co., TX, **Mary Luvenia "Molly" Eads** #18, b. Dec 7 1861, Springfield, Greene Co., MO, (daughter of Greene Eads #20 and Louisa Hooser #19) d. Mar 10 1947, Dime Box, Lee Co., TX, buried: Gay Hill Cemetery, Milam Co., TX. Hurst died Oct 11 1902, Gay Hill, Milam Co., TX,¹ buried: Gay Hill Cemetery, Milam Co., TX. Obituary: Rockdale Reporter, Oct 16, 1902

Death of H. J. Alford

At his home near Rockdale H. J. Alford died last Saturday after an illness of only a few days.

Mr. Alford was a popular independent candidate for Constable and one of our best citizens. He leaves a wife and several children besides a number of brothers, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of the entire community. Milam County can ill afford to lose such citizens as Mr. Alford. **Marv**: AAFA has a copy of her obituary.

Children:

- 24. i **John R. Alford** #21 b. Aug 18 1879, d. Sep 26 1902, buried: Gay Hill Cemetery, Milam Co., TX. He died from Tuberculosis
- + 25. ii **Ida Lavenia Alford** #22 b. Mar 11 1881.
 - 26. iii **Mattie Lou Alford** #29 b. May 22 1882, d. Aug 1 1889, buried: Gay Hill Cemetery, Milam Co., TX.
- + 27. iv **Alice Delia Alford** #30 b. Aug 15 1885.
- + 28. v **Thomas Ewin Alford** #38 b. Dec 23 1887.
 - 29. vi **Emily Jane Alford** #341 b. Feb 26 1890, d. Sep 29 1891, buried: Gay Hill Cemetery, Milam Co., TX.
 - 30. vii **Eva May Alford** #342 b. 1892, d. Aug 18 1893, buried: Gay Hill Cemetery, Milam Co., TX.
- + 31. viii **Luther Alford** #343 b. Jul 22 1894.
 - 32. ix **William J. Alford** #346 b. Oct 24 1896, d. Aug 1 1898, buried: Gay Hill Cemetery, Milam Co., TX.
- + 33. x **Emery James Alford** #347 b. Mar 2 1899.
- + 34. xi Aaron Otto Burleson Alford #357 b. Feb 6 1902.
- 9. **Moses Thomas Alford** #363 (1.John¹) b. Nov 6 1853, Alabama, m. Feb 28 1877, in Milam Co., TX, **Harriet Letha Galbreth** #364, b. Apr 30 1859, Alabama, d. Aug 11 1921, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. Moses died May 6 1932, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. DC #22467

- 35. i **Nancy E. Alford** #365 b. 1879.
- 36. ii **Martha E. Alford** #366 b. Jan 1882, Texas.
- 37. iii **Rosa Delaney Alford** #367 b. Oct 2 1886, Texas, m. **Weeks** #368.
- 38. iv **Nat J. Alford** #369 b. May 1889, Milam Co., TX, d. Jun 24 1981, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Odd Fellow Cem., Milam County, Texas.
- + 39. v **Jestus S. Alford** #370 b. May 16 1889.
 - 40. vi **James Byron Alford** #373 b. Jan 1892, Texas.
- + 41. vii **Lora Mae Alford** #374 b. Apr 2 1894.
 - 42. viii **Elmer R. Alford** #377 b. Jul 30 1897, Texas, m. **Inez** _____ #440, b. Aug 23 1896, ref:

¹ Death Certificate #17535

453-40-5880, d. Dec 1986. Elmer died 1986, buried: Forest Grove, Milam County, Texas.

11. **Nathaniel Jefferson Alford** #380 (1.John¹) b. Aug 14 1861, Alabama, occupation deputy sheriff, m. (1) Mar 10 1881, in Milam Co., TX, **Emma J. Richards** #381, b. Sep 1863, Arkansas, (daughter of Joseph M. Richards #383 and _____ Irving #382) d. about 1885, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX, m. (2) Jan 7 1886, in Milam Co., TX, **Izora Elmira Young** #384, b. Sep 10 1868, Heampstead Co., Arkansas, d. Oct 5 1925, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas. Nathaniel died Jun 24 1921, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas. Some of the information on this family came from a family group record prepared by Darryl M. Reed of Friendswood, TX in 1999. [referred to as "Reed" herein.]

Reed show him born near Mobile, AL.

He was killed in an automobile accident in which his neck was broken and his head crushed. AAFA has a copy of his death certificate #17535 and a special "write-up.".

Emma: Patricia Alford (PA) pedigree shows her born in Cook City, IN. So does Beverly Grace Alford - her cousin.

Izora: Death Certificate 10115 (RAS).

Children by Emma J. Richards:

- 43. i **Pervie C. Alford** #385 b. Mar 18 1882, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, d. Jul 5 1883.
- + 44. ii **Ottie Bervie Alford** #386 b. Sep 28 1883. *Children by Izora Elmira Young:*)
 - 45. iii **Lottie May Alford** #409 b. Nov 2 1886, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. **Eugene Russell Wolf** #410, b. Feb 9 1875, d. Mar 9 1959, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried:
 IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas. Lottie died Feb 23 1965, Rockdale, Milam,
 Co., TX, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas.
 - 46. iv Ella Lee Alford #411 b. Jun 9 1888, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. (1) Lewis Baggett #412, b. 1889, d. 1932, IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas, m. (2) _____ Laramore #486. Ella died Dec 19 1967, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas.
 - 47. v **Emma Bell Alford** #413 b. Jul 14 1890, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, d. Aug 30 1892, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX. Reed shows her death as July 3, 1892.
 - 48. vi Maude Dell Alford #414 b. Jul 14 1892, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. Robert E. Lee Crane #415, b. 1894, d. 1948, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas. Maude died Jun 20 1965, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas. Reed shows her birth as July 22.
 - 49. vii **Infant Boy Alford** #487 b. Nov 15 1894, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, d. Feb 7 1895, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX. Reed is the source for this child.
- + 50. viii William Earnest Alford #416 b. Dec 23 1895.
 - 51. ix **Bulah Draper Alford** #419 b. Feb 1 1898, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. Oct 2 1934, **James Pascal Pogue** #420, b. Dec 13 1894, d. May 1 1965, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas. Bulah died Aug 19 1982, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas.
- + 52. x Nathaniel Ezekiel Alford #421 b. Nov 8 1900.
- + 53. xi **Redden Alford** #428 b. Dec 14 1903.

12. **Emma Francis Alford** #432 (1.John¹) b. Apr 14 1866, Alabama, m. Jul 14 1886, in Milam Co., TX, **Thomas Jefferson Carver** #433, b. Apr 29 1863, Texas, d. Oct 30 1945, Milam Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. Emma died Feb 19 1954, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. Beverly Grace Alford has her birth year as 1888 rather than 1886.

Thomas: Source family group record was very dim and difficult to read. Some names or dates may be incorrect.

Children:

- 54. i **Edgar Carver** #497 b. Sep 10 1887, d. Sep 13 1962, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX.
- 55. ii **Effie Carver** #502 b. Mar 12 1889, Hamilton Chapel Community, d. Nov 1 1989, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. AAFA has news clipping recognizing her 100th birthday. AAFA also has a copy of her obituary.
- 56. iii **Thomas N. Carver** #498 b. Jan 21 1892, d. Feb 14 1874, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX.
- 57. iv **Lula Lee Carver** #501 b. Jun 22 1894, d. Apr 25 1977, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX.
- 58. v **Ida Carver** #499 b. Oct 25 1896, d. Dce 27 1897.
- 59. vi **Marion Carver** #500 b. Jan 19 1899, d. Dec 21 1899. Dates as in source family group record. Obvious error.
- 60. vii Oscar LeRoy Carver #506 b. Feb 18 1901, d. Dec 10 1970, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX.
- + 61. viii **Jewel Carver** #503 b. Jan 28 1903.
 - 62. ix Allie Mae Carver #505 d. Jun 30 1985, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX.
 - 63. x **Lottie Alice Carver** #504 b. Mar 4 1905, Hamilton Chapel Community, d. Feb 2 1980, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. AAFA has a news clipping. She was killed when struck by a car when walking across the street in the middle of the block. Happened in Houston. AAFA has a copy of her obituary.

Third Generation

- 14. **Mary Delaney Harris** #8 (2.Rebecca², 1.John¹) b. Sep 3 1874, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. in Burneyville, Love Co. OK, **Ludwell Lee Adams** #447, b. Apr 30 1872, Burneyville, Love Co. OK, d. Dec 15 1952, Ardmore, Carter Co., OK. Mary died Jul 23 1943, Springer, Carter Co. OK. *Children:*
 - 64. i **George William Adams** #453 b. Jan 6 1898, Burneyville, Love Co. OK, d. Jun 24 1898, Burneyville, Love Co. OK.
 - 65. ii **Eula Lee Adams** #454 b. Jun 19 1898, Burneyville, Love Co. OK, m. Oct 18 1914, in Burneyville, Love Co. OK, **John Lee Brown** #461. Eula died Aug 9 1979, Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.
 - 66. iii **Edgar Adams** #455 b. Nov 24 1902, Love Co., OK, m. Oct 27 1934, in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, **Melma Dee Shelton** #462. Edgar died Aug 3 1954, Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.
 - 67. iv **Thomas Jefferson Adams** #456 b. Oct 26 1905, Pike, Love Co., OK, m. Dec 6 1930, in Ardmore, Carter Co., OK, **Edith Pauline Tanner** #463. Thomas died Jun 20 1948, Terral, Jefferson Co., OK.
 - 68. v **Jewel Adams** #457 b. Aug 4 1907, Pike, Love Co., OK, d. Mar 22 1916.
 - 69. vi Claude Adams #458 b. Mar 14 1911, Marietta, Love Co., OK, m. Dec 22 1934, in

- Springer, Carter Co., OK, Willie Ann Olene Overturf #464. Claude died Apr 11 1959, Ardmore, Carter Co., OK.
- 70. vii **Maude Adams** #459 b. Mar 14 1911, Marietta, Love Co., OK, d. Aug 18 1911, Marietta, Love Co., OK.
- + 71. viii Minnie Emmaline Adams #460 b. Feb 2 1901.
- 25. **Ida Lavenia Alford** #22 (8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Mar 11 1881, m. Jan 8 1902, **Pete Keen** #23. Ida died Feb 28 1917, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Kæn Cemetery, Milam County, Texas. *Children:*
 - 72. i **Lawrence Keen** #24.
 - 73. ii **Inez Keen** #25.
 - 74. iii **Alice Keen** #26.
 - 75. iv **Pete Keen** #27.
 - 76. v **Lee Keen** #28.
- 27. **Alice Delia Alford** #30 (8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Aug 15 1885, m. Jan 9 1907, **Oliver Augustus Kyle** #31. Alice died Apr 15 1954, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. The ALFORD FAMILY book by Rose Alford Shelton has Alice Delanie.

Children:

- 77. i **Thelma Kyle** #32.
- 78. ii **Will Hurst Kyle** #33.
- 79. iii **Thomas Jack Kyle** #34.
- 80. iv **James Oliver Kyle** #35.
- 81. v Harry Burleson Kyle #36.
- 82. vi Henry Eugene Kyle #37.
- 28. **Thomas Ewin Alford** #38 (8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Dec 23 1887, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. Apr 11 1907, in Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, **Carolina "Lina" Rose** #39, b. Oct 13 1889, Lott, Falls Co., TX, (daughter of George Washington Rose #41 and Ida Mae Smith #40) d. Mar 9 1987, Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. Thomas died Jan 23 1964, Houston, Harris Co, TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. AAFA has copies of obituaries for both of them.

- + 83. i **Doris Edith Alford** #42 b. Apr 30 1908.
 - 84. ii **Johnny Justice Alford** #60 b. Jul 16 1910, d. May 5 1911, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. He died from Meningitis.
- + 85. iii **Clarence Ewin Alford** #61 b. Apr 25 1912.
 - 86. iv **Ida Luvenia Alford** #197 b. Oct 17 1915, d. Mar 9 1923, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. She was dragged to death by a horse.
- + 87. v **Oliver Franklin Alford** #198 b. Jun 5 1918.
- + 88. vi **Mary Naomi Alford** #259 b. Feb 3 1921.
- + 89. vii **Carolyn June Alford** #274 b. Feb 25 1925.
- + 90. viii Wilburn Sessions "Bill" Alford #290 b. Jul 4 1928.
- + 91. ix **Weldon Sessions Alford** #308 b. Jul 4 1928.
- + 92. x **James Aaron Alford** #335 b. Jan 8 1931.
- 31. **Luther Alford** #343 (8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Jul 22 1894, m. **Annie Yarborough** #344. Luther died May 17 1913, buried: Gay Hill Cemetery, Milam Co., TX. He died from blood poison.

Children:

- 93. i **Luther Woodrow Alford, Jr.** #345 b. Dec 5 1913, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, ref: 465-28-8284, d. Jun 7 1989, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Hagen Cemetery, Crockett, TX.
- 33. **Emery James Alford** #347 (8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Mar 2 1899, m. Sep 10 1918, in Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, **Annie Mae Matthews** #348, b. Jul 1 1898, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, (daughter of Gilbert Matthews #434 and Rena Marsh #435) d. Jun 24 1995, Ft. Worth, Tarrant Co. TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. Emery died Feb 6 1975, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. He suffered with Emphazema but died of heart failure.

Annie: Obituary, Rockdale Reporter & Messenger, Jun 29, 1995.

Children:

- 94. i **Ida Lucille Alford** #349.
- 95. ii **Mary Lee Alford** #350 m. ____ **Harris** #439.
- + 96. iii **Emery Oliver Alford** #351 b. Sep 27 1922.
 - 97. iv **Dixie Lou Alford** #352 m. **Cleveland** #436.
 - 98. v Carrie Alice Alford #353 m. ____ Guthrie #438.
 - 99. vi Clarence Alford #354.
 - 100. vii **Annie Mae Alford** #355 m. ____**McKee** #437.
 - 101. viii Gilbert Hurst Alford #356 b. Jul 15 1924, ref: 460-30-9011, d. Feb 16 1992.
- 34. **Aaron Otto Burleson Alford** #357 (8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Feb 6 1902, m. Dec 11 1925, **Willa Mae Booth** #358. Aaron died Jul 20 1977. He suffered with Emphazema.

Children:

- 102. i **John Alford** #359.
- 103. ii **Emma Willene Alford** #360.
- 104. iii **Thelma Alford** #361.
- 105. iv **Lee Hurst Alford** #362 b. May 1 1932, ref: 455-52-2155, d. Jul 1983, San Gabriel, Milam Co. TX, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas.
- 39. **Jestus S. Alford** #370 (9.Moses², 1.John¹) b. May 16 1889, Texas, ref: 462-62-2966, m. **Josephine**#371. Jestus died Jun 1963, Texas. SSDI indicates death in 1963 but cemetery shows June 1965.

Children:

- 106. i **Roy Jestus Alford** #372 b. Feb 16 1919, Milam Co., TX, ref: 466-56-2675, m. **Jean**_____#441. Roy died Sep 29 1987, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: IOOF
 Cemetery, Milam County, Texas.
- 41. **Lora Mae Alford** #374 (9.Moses², 1.John¹) b. Apr 2 1894, Texas, m. **Luther Wise** #375, b. Mar 7 1894, ref: 455-32-5276, d. Feb 1965.

- 107. i **Luther Wise** #376 b. Nov 7 1920, ref: 465-10-7300, d. Jul 24 1991.
- 44. **Ottie Bervie Alford** #386 (11.Nathaniel², 1.John¹) b. Sep 28 1883, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. Dec 2 1902, in Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, **Lillie Dale Overman** #387, b. Dec 4 1884, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, (daughter of Noah Franklin Ulysses Overman #389 and Nancy Alice Hughes #388) d. Feb 1 1972, San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas, buried: Cedar Hill Cem., Ozona, Crockett Co TX. Ottie died Nov 25 1963, Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, buried: Cedar Hill Cem., Ozona,

Crockett Co TX.

Children:

- + 108. i **Forrest Ralphe Alford** #390 b. Sep 16 1903.

 - 110. iii **Nathaniel Franklin Alford** #397 b. Oct 5 1907, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, d. Jan 8 1908, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX.
- + 111. iv **Ottie Quebe Alford** #398 b. Apr 2 1912.
 - 112. v **Bruce Lee Alford** #407 b. Sep 7 1914, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, ref: 466-07-9367, m. **Myrtle Ritter** #408, b. Oct 7 1916, ref: 452-48-9001, d. Mar 18 1998, San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas. Bruce died Jul 19 1993, San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas.
- 50. **William Earnest Alford** #416 (11.Nathaniel², 1.John¹) b. Dec 23 1895, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, ref: 452-10-8357, m. **Vivian Mane Cohidge** #417. William died Jan 1971, La Marque, Galveston Co., TX. In registration for draft in WWI he said he was born 1896 in Hicks, TX. Reed has his birth as Dec 13., but SSDI has dates shown in this record.

Children:

- 113. i Nathaniel Jefferson Alford #418 b. Dec 11 1922, Milam Co., TX, ref: 449-28-8023,
 m. Patricia Mistretta #510. Nathaniel died Aug 20 2008, LaMarque, Galveston Co.,
 TX.
- 52. **Nathaniel Ezekiel Alford** #421 (11.Nathaniel², 1.John¹) b. Nov 8 1900, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, occupation city manager, m. (1) Feb 14 1924, in Milam Co., TX, **Bess Cecile Clark** #422, b. Jan 12 1903, Karnes Co., TX, (daughter of Jim Clark #424 and Mattie Worley #423) occupation school teacher, d. Sep 4 1974, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas, m. (2) Oct 21 1975, **Addie Tanksley** #425, b. Jul 15 1902, d. Jan 29 1994, Cameron, Milam County, Texas, buried: Capitol Memorial Park, Austin, TX. Nathaniel died Aug 17 1994, Cameron, Milam County, Texas, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas.

By Gwen Neumann Submitted by Janice Smith, AAFA #152

The following article was written by Gwen Neumann of Plano, Texas about her stepfather. Gwen was the first President of the Collin County Genealogical Society and one of the chief organizers of the Society over twenty-five years ago. She is a friend of Janice Smith. There are several members of AAFA who also descend from this Alford line: Beverly Grace Alford #916, and her sister Lana Kay Alford Manning #1106, descend from Nathaniel Jefferson Alford, Zeke's father. Rose Alford Shelton #192, and Jeffery Evan Alford #485, descend from Nathaniel Jefferson's father, John Redden Alford through Nathaniel's brother Hurst Justice Alford and Hurst's son Thomas Ewin Alford.

NATHANIEL EZEKIEL "ZEKE" ALFORD 1900-1994

Every once in awhile, a man like Zeke Alford comes along. He was what people would call a good

man--not saintly, but good. The list of people he helped all of his adult life is long, although not many people knew this. Maybe the hard times he and his family had during the Depression contributed to the giving man he became. This is not to say that he did not have a temper- he did-but on the other side of the coin, there was the gentle, sentimental man. He was definitely a man's man, though. So now I'd like to tell you a little about the life of my stepfather, Nathaniel Ezekiel Alford of Rockdale, Texas.

"Zeke" Alford was born in Rockdale, Milam County, Texas on November 8, 1900, and died in Cameron, Milam County, Texas on 17 August 1994. He was the son of Nathaniel Jefferson Alford and Izora Young. The elder Alford was a lawman in Rockdale. His mother was a home-maker. Zeke had five sisters and three brothers. N.J. Alford was born in Alabama, and Izora Alford was born in Arkansas. In 1919, after he graduated from high school, he was offered a scholarship to Texas A&M University to play baseball. Unfortu-nately, he had to turn it down because his family needed his help supporting the younger children. He did this gladly, but baseball remained one of his greatest interests for all of his life. Since he could not give it up entirely, he turned to semi-pro ball which was great fun for him, and it was not full time. Maybe it was not as glamorous as pro-ball, but it fulfilled his need to play.

On 14 February 1924, he married Bess Clark, the daughter of Jim Clark and Mattie Worley [born Jan 12 1903]. They lived in Rockdale for all of the fifty years of their marriage. Bess died in the fall of 1974, after a long battle with cancer. [She died Sep 4 1974, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas.] In the 1930's, he began to run the first of his two service stations in Rockdale. This would be his occupation until the mid-1940's. Zeke became city secretary and city manager in 1947, a position he held until 1974. For many years he was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Rockdale. He served as a deacon as long as his health allowed, this being a "job" that he was very proud to do. He loved the outdoors. One of his favorite pastimes was hunting quail. Zeke kept on hunting until he was about eighty years old. (One of the first things he gave to me were several pedigree charts about his bird dogs.)

To the marriage of Bess and N.E. Alford was born one son: N.E. Alford, Jr. He was born 17 July 1929. After graduating from school in Rockdale, he attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He went on to a Baptist seminary where he became an ordained minister. Zeke, Jr. decided, however, that teaching was his calling, and he touched many lives while teaching math in Rockdale. On 26 March 1974, he married Pamela Love. They divorced in August of 1986. Although they had no children, he helped her raise her two daughters, Kelley and Stacey, as if they were his own.

Zeke Sr. and his friend Fred Bethay went to Conroe, Texas, to spend Easter in the spring of 1975. They were visiting a friend, Vera Gay whom they had known for many years. During the afternoon, they decided to make a telephone call to Austin, Texas, to my mother, Addie (Tanksley) Blomquist, a widow to whom Zeke had been engaged in 1920 when she and Vera taught school in Hamilton Chapel near Rockdale. So, for the first time in more than fifty years, the four of them talked together. Zeke Sr. and Addie started dating soon thereafter and decided the spark was still there. He and Addie came to Dallas during that summer and purchased her engagement ring. (She asked that I let anyone else wear her ring after she no longer could, and we are honoring that request.) On 21 October 1975, they were married. They were together until her death on 29 January 1994.

The year 1976 was a great one for the Alfords! Zeke decided to run for mayor, and he won. He served one term as mayor. He used techniques he had learned as city manager in his new position,

and he had a very fruitful term. One of his special interests was to see that Rockdale had a good, modern water supply and to try to help Rockdale attract businesses.

In the late summer of 1993, Zeke's health took a turn for the worse. His heart and arthritis got steadily more out of control. He moved to a nursing home in Cameron, Texas, which is about fifteen miles from Rockdale. Addie, to have constant care, soon joined him there so they could spend their last months together. He died there on 17 August 1994. He is buried in Rockdale beside his first wife. [Addie died Jan 29 1994.]

Addie: SSN# 449-61-2936

Children by Bess Cecile Clark:

- 114. i **Nathaniel Ezekiel Alford, Jr.** #426 b. Jul 17 1929, m. Mar 26 1974, divorced 1986, **Pamela Love** #427. Family group sheet submitted by Rose Shelton shows birth in 1933. Date shown was from an article written by his step-sister.
- 53. **Redden Alford** #428 (11.Nathaniel², 1.John¹) b. Dec 14 1903, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. **Avis Mae Wilson** #429, b. 1904, d. 1981. Redden died Dec 29 1943, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: IOOF Cemetery, Milam County, Texas.

Children:

- 115. i **Redden Norris Alford** #430 b. Apr 16 1926, Milam Co., TX.
- 116. ii Charles Edgar Alford #431 b. Apr 14 1931, Milam Co., TX.
- 61. **Jewel Carver** #503 (12.Emma², 1.John¹) b. Jan 28 1903, m. **McGinnes Clark** #507, b. Oct 13 1900, d. Sep 8 1960, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. *Children:*
 - 117. i **Edwin Clark** #509 b. Feb 22 1925, d. Feb 29 1925.
 - 118. ii **Rufus Clark** #508 b. Feb 28 1926, d. Aug 14 1992.

Fourth Generation

- 71. **Minnie Emmaline Adams** #460 (14.Mary³, 2.Rebecca², 1.John¹) b. Feb 2 1901, Burneyville, Love Co. OK, m. Dec 24 1928, in Springer, Carter Co., OK, **Morgan Henry Tanner** #465, b. Nov 25 1886, Comanche Co., TX, (son of William Thomas Tanner #466 and Mary Roundtree Rogers #467) d. Mar 27 1960, Ardmore, Carter Co., OK. Minnie died Feb 16 1995, Ardmore, Carter Co., OK. *Children:*
 - 119. i **Lillie Mae Tanner** #468 b. Nov 29 1929, Springer, Carter Co., OK, m. Jul 21 1949, in Terral, Jefferson Co., OK, **Roy Elwood Coffey** #473.
 - 120. ii **Billy Ray Tanner** #469 b. Nov 29 1929, Springer, Carter Co., OK, d. Jan 3 1930, Springer, Carter Co., OK.
 - 121. iii **Thomas Lee Tanner** #470 b. Apr 12 1932, Springer, Carter Co., OK, m. Jul 27 1951, in Miami, TX, **Lorene Margaret Graham** #474. Thomas died Feb 20 1960, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Co., OK.
 - 122. iv **Carl Reece Tanner** #471 b. Nov 12 1934, Springer, Carter Co., OK, m. (1) Aug 18 1956, in Marietta, Love Co., OK, **Linda Richards** #475, m. (2) **Joy Sue Choate** #476.
 - + 123. v **Nelda Faye Tanner** #472 b. Apr 6 1937.
- 83. **Doris Edith Alford** #42 (28.Thomas³, 8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Apr 30 1908, Travis County, Texas, m. Sep 6 1929, in Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, **William Mason Brown** #43, b. Mar 11, d. Sep 4 1978, Houston, Harris Co, TX, buried: Forest Park Lawndale, Houston, Texas. Doris died Aug 18 2000,

Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Park Lawndale Cem., Houston, TX. ALFORD FAMILY book by Rose Alford Shelton has Dalphine "Dovie" Edith Alford for Doris Edith Alford. Her obituary as "Edith" was published in AAFA ACTION #63, Winter 2004, page 48.

William: ALFORD FAMILY book by Rose Alford Shelton has Mason William Brown. *Children*:

- + 124. i **Marilyn June Brown** #44 b. Jun 29 1930.
- + 125. ii **Harold Lee "Bucky" Brown** #56 b. Jun 8 1932.
- 85. Clarence Ewin Alford #61 (28.Thomas³, 8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Apr 25 1912, Precinct 4, Milam Co., TX, m. Nov 9 1935, in Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, Carrie Alice Nickels #62, b. Mar 12 1919, Hicks, Lee Co., TX, (daughter of George Washington Nickels #64 and Sarah Frances Cotton #63) d. May 13 1990, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. Clarence died Jun 18 1986, Marlin, Falls Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove Cem, Milam Co., TX. His obituary was published in AAFA ACTION #39, Winter 1998, Page 32.

Carrie: Her obituary was published in AAFA ACTION #39, Winter 1998, page 98. *Children*:

- + 126. i **Alice Faye Alford** #65 b. Nov 2 1936.
- + 127. ii Clarence Wayne Alford #115 b. Feb 3 1939.
- + 128. iii **Twila Jean Alford** #123 b. Jun 8 1941.
- + 129. iv **Rita Joyce Alford** #140 b. Nov 16 1943.
- + 130. v **George Oliver Alford** #162 b. Aug 23 1947.
- + 131. vi **Rose Marie Alford** #180 b. Nov 18 1949.
 - 132. vii **Curtis Aaron Alford** #195 b. Apr 5 1955, Sugarland, Fort Bend County, Texas, m. Nov 27 1990, in Bremond, Robertson County, Texas, **Linda Lee Hirsch** #196, b. Aug 8 1952.
- 87. **Oliver Franklin Alford** #198 (28.Thomas³, 8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Jun 5 1918, Tanglewood, Lee Co., TX, occupation rancher/farmer, m. (1) Sep 21 1939, **Ada Valerie Newcomb** #199, b. Mar 10 1923, Caldwell, Burleson County, Texas, (daughter of Eugene Creath Newcomb #201 and Abbie Pearl Flannigan #200) m. (2) **Connie Davalin** #202. Oliver died Dec 27 2001, Marlin, Falls Co., TX, buried: Gause City Cem., Milam Co., TX. Frank served in the U.S. Navy in WW II. His obituary was published in AAFA Action #63 Winter 2004, page 49. Earlier data showed him born Giddings, Lee County, Texas

Ada: She was called "Valerie Willard" in her son's obituary. She must have married Oscar Willard who was shown as John Paul's stepfather at his death in 1992.

Children by Ada Valerie Newcomb:

- + 133. i **Donald Franklin Alford** #203 b. Aug 1 1940.
- + 134. ii **Thomas Eugene Alford** #208 b. Aug 10 1942.
- + 135. iii **Jimmie Earl Alford** #213 b. Dec 23 1943.
- + 136. iv **Janice LaJuan Alford** #218 b. Aug 6 1946.
- + 137. v **Judith Sue Alford** #225 b. Jun 6 1948.
- + 138. vi **Sharon Laverne Alford** #231 b. Oct 26 1949.
 - 139. vii **William Oliver Alford** #240 b. Dec 5 1950, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, occupation rancher, d. Mar 28 1982, St. Tammany Pr., LA, buried: Gause Cem., Gause, TX. AAFA has a copy of his obituary.
- + 140. viii John Paul "Frog" Alford #241 b. Jul 29 1952.
- + 141. ix **David Norman Alford** #244 b. Sep 30 1953.
- + 142. x **Michael Allen Alford** #251 b. Oct 5 1955.

88. **Mary Naomi Alford** #259 (28.Thomas³, 8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Feb 3 1921, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. Jun 26 1938, **Cleburn Alva Tuma** #260, b. Sep ll 1910, (son of Alvin Tuma #261) d. Aug 1965.

Cleburn: The ALFORD FAMILY book by Rose Alford Shelton lists middle name Alvin. *Children*:

- + 143. i **Carolyn Ann Tuma** #262 b. Feb 11 1940.
- + 144. ii **Bobby Douglas Tuma** #267 b. Dec 28 1942.
- 89. **Carolyn June Alford** #274 (28.Thomas³, 8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Feb 25 1925, Hicks, Lee Co., TX, m. Mar 26 1945, in Houston, Harris Co, TX, **Lester Julian Fenn** #275, b. Mar 16 1918, Leesburg, Camp County, Texas, (son of Miller Alto Fenn #277 and Annie Julian #276). *Children:*
 - + 145. i **Gary Lester Fenn** #278 b. Sep 6 1946.
 - + 146. ii **Greg Alan Fenn** #284 b. Jul 15 1956.
- 90. **Wilburn Sessions "Bill" Alford** #290 (28.Thomas³, 8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Jul 4 1928, Forest Grove, Milam, County, Texas, occupation mining, m. Jan 20 1952, **Elois McGoldrick** #291, b. Sep 28 1933, Cameron, Milam County, Texas, (daughter of Jeff Davis McGoldrick #293 and Leona Weidman #292). Wilburn died Dec 14 2003, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Fforest Grove Cem., Milam Co., TX. AAFA has a copy of his obituary.

Children:

- + 147. i **Rebecca Jane "Beckie" Alford #**294 b. May 6 1954.
- + 148. ii **Karen Beth Alford** #299 b. Nov 20 1956.
- + 149. iii **Reggie Carlton Alford** #303 b. Jun 23 1963.
- 91. **Weldon Sessions Alford** #308 (28.Thomas³, 8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Jul 4 1928, Forest Grove, Milam County, Texas, m. Jun 12 1948, in Forest Grove, Milam County, Texas, **Betty Jean McQuinn** #309, b. Jan 26 1929, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, (daughter of Braxton Bragg McQuinn #311 and Elsie Marie Yoakum #310).

Children:

- 150. i **Deborah Sue Alford** #312 b. Mar 6 1952, Cameron, Milam County, Texas, m. Aug 13 1977, in Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, **Johnnie Eugene Kaderka** #313, b. Jun 15 1949, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, (son of Eugene Kaderka #315 and Joyce Simcik #314).
- + 151. ii **Donna Jean Alford** #316 b. Dec 8 1955.
- + 152. iii **Patti Dawn Alford** #322 b. Dec 10 1959.
- + 153. iv **Kenneth Bruce Alford** #329 b. Jan 31 1961.
- 92. **James Aaron Alford** #335 (28.Thomas³, 8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Jan 8 1931, New Salem, Milam County, Texas, m. Jun 1 1957, **Ruby Lee Remmert** #336, b. Nov 10 1940, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, (daughter of Eldo Remmert #338 and Alma Schroder #337).

- 154. i **Ricky James Alford** #339 b. Dec 2 1957.
- 155. ii **David Wayne Alford** #340 b. Aug 31 1960.
- 96. **Emery Oliver Alford** #351 (33.Emery³, 8.Hurst², 1.John¹) b. Sep 27 1922, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, occupation oil field tool pusher, d. Sep 3 1998, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, buried: Forest Grove

Cem, Milam Co., TX.

Children:

- 156. i **Emory Eugene Alford** #448.
- 108. **Forrest Ralphe Alford** #390 (44.Ottie³, 11.Nathaniel², 1.John¹) b. Sep 16 1903, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. May 22 1924, in Shelby County, Texas, **Anna Love Samford** #391, b. Aug 8 1903, Shelby County, Texas, (daughter of James S. Sanford #393 and Pearl Menefee #392). Forrest died Jan 22 1958, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, buried: San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. *Children*:
 - 157. i **Patricia Alford** #394 b. Dec 11 1936, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.
- 111. **Ottie Quebe Alford** #398 (44.Ottie³, 11.Nathaniel², 1.John¹) b. Apr 2 1912, Rockdale, Milam, Co., TX, m. Jul 4 1935, in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas, **Dovie Labracea Lee** #399, b. Sep 9 1913, Dewar, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, (daughter of James William Lee #401 and Margaret Luella Free #400) d. Aug 10 1983, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, buried: Cedar Hill Cem., Ozona, Crockett Co TX. Ottie died Jan 31 1992, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, buried: Cedar Hill Cem., Ozona, Crockett Co TX.

- 158. i **Wanda Darylne Alford** #402 b. Dec 3 1938, San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas, m. Dec 27 1959, in Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, **Robert Neubauer** #403.
- 159. ii **Beverly Grace Alford** #404 b. Dec 24 1943, McCamey, Upton County, Texas. Beverly is charter member #0916 ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.
- 160. iii **Lana Kay Alford** #405 b. Dec 9 1947, m. **Keith Manning** #406. Lana Kay is charter member #1006 ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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