

**Known Descendants of  
JOSEPH W. ALFORD  
1816 LA - 1878 LA**

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1. **Joseph W. Alford** #1207 b. about 1816, Washington Parish, LA, (son of Jacob Alford #25 and Frankie Seaborn #26) 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:*
  2. i **Frances McClendon** #5124 b. 1854, Sabine Parish, LA. She was Joseph's step-daughter and was with the family in 1860 and 1870.
  3. ii **Joanna Alford** #5125 b. 1859, Sabine Parish, LA.
  - + 4. iii **John Jephtha Alford** #5126 b. Mar 1 1862.
  - + 5. iv **Julius Isadore Alford** #5127 b. Dec 18 1866.
  6. 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

The family was enumerated in 1910 and 1920 in Sabine Parish as follows: 1910 Rolly D. Moss 32 LA LA LA Farmer Julia E. Moss 37 LA MS AL Julius (son) 4 LA LA LA

They had been married for 9 years and it was the first marriage for both of them. She had one child who was living.

1920 Roley Moss 42 LA Farmer Ella Moss 45 LA MS AL Cessie (son) LA LA LA

Second Generation

4. **John Jeptha Alford** #5126 (1.Joseph<sup>1</sup>) b. Mar 1 1862, Coburn, Sabine Parish, LA, m. (1) Mar 17 1887, **Catherine Cordelphia Williams** #5131, b. Nov 27 1871, Sabine Parish, LA, (daughter of L. Dowell Williams #5165 and Martha Conley #5166) d. Aug 18 1919, m. (2) **Jo Craig** #5132, m. (3) **Julie Montgomery** #5133. John died May 23 1929, Middlecreek, Sabine Parish, LA, buried: Davis Cemetery, Sabine Parish, LA. Most of the data for this family came from family group records prepared by Mrs. Tressie Bowman based on input from a son - Edward Ivy Alford  
**Catherine:** Derived from a combination of input from Edward Ivy Alford, a son, and the censuses of 1900 and 1910. Edwards data was unreasonable for marriage and birth of first children. Debbi Logan say married Nov 17 1890 Natchitoches, LA. That would have been after birth of first two children. The LDS-IGI shows 1880 which is probably what Debbi intended. Also known as Kathleen Williams.
- Children by Catherine Cordelphia Williams:*
7. i **Joanne E. Alford** #5135 b. Mar 2 1888, Middlecreek, Sabine Parish, LA, m. Dec 24 1913, in Sabine Parish, LA, **Andrew J. Montgomery** #5156. Joanne died Nov 22 1914, Sabine Parish, LA,<sup>1</sup> buried: Davis Cemetery, Sabine Parish, LA.
  8. ii **Effie Bell Alford** #5136 b. Aug 4 1889, Sabine Parish, LA, m. (1) \_\_\_\_ 1922, **Frank Majestic** #5157, m. (2) **John Gandy** #5158. Effie died Jan 24 1969, Sabine Parish, LA, buried: Mt. Carmel Cem., Sabine Parish, LA.
  - + 9. iii **William Riley Alford** #5137 b. Mar 11 1891.
  - + 10. iv **Louis Jeptha Alford** #5138 b. Sep 8 1892.
  11. v **Lennora E. Alford** #5139 b. Feb 3 1894, Sabine Parish, LA, d. Aug 9 1895, buried: Davis Cemetery, Sabine Parish, LA.
  12. vi **Lillian May Alford** #5140 b. Jul 3 1895, Sabine Parish, LA, m. May 3 1914, **Thaddeus G. Colburn** #5161, d. \_\_\_\_ 1940. Lillian died Jul 21 1963.
  13. vii **Maud E. Alford** #5141 b. Jun 9 1897, Sabine Parish, LA, m. Nov 28 1917, **William C. Cobb** #5162. Maud died \_\_\_\_.
  14. viii **Edward Ivy Alford** #5142 b. Oct 9 1898, Sabine Parish, LA, m. Feb 26 1922, in Sabine Parish, LA, **Myrtie Framton** #5163. Edward died Mar 26 1975.
  15. ix **Anna Catharine Alford** #5143 b. Jan \_\_\_\_ 1900 CA, Sabine Parish, LA, m. May 4 1919, **Thomas J. Coburn** #5164. Anna died \_\_\_\_ 1966.
  16. x **Loyd W. Alford** #5144 b. Nov \_\_\_\_ 1901, Sabine Parish, LA, d. Dec 29 1902, Sabine Parish, LA, buried: Davis Cemetery, Sabine Parish, LA.
  17. xi **Ella E. Alford** #5145 b. Sep 9 1904, Sabine Parish, LA, d. Dec \_\_\_\_ 1945, Sabine Parish, LA. Ella was retarded.
5. **Julius Isadore Alford** #5127 (1.Joseph<sup>1</sup>) b. Dec 18 1866, Sabine Parish, LA, occupation Farmer, m. Feb 2 1888, in Bellwood, Natchitoches Parish, LA, **Mary Mahaley Simmons** #5134, b. Jan 20 1871, Mississippi, (daughter of Sanders Simmons #13250 and Nancy Russell #13251) d. Jan 20 1949, Angelina Co., TX, buried: Gann Cemetery, Angelina Co, TX. Julius died Mar 19 1936, Angelina Co., TX, buried: Gann Cemetery, Angelina Co, TX. Enumerated Desoto Parish, LA in 1910. Death certificate #629 copy on file with AAFA Census, Louisiana, 1870, 1880 & 1900, Sabine Parish; 1910 Desoto Parish. 1920 Texas, Angelina County. Family Bible - page on file AAFA  
**Mary:** Birth date is in Bible Record - page on file with AAFA. Death Certificate - copy on file with AAFA. Bible Record - page on file with AAFA. Marriage Certificate - copy of file with AAFA.

*Children:*

<sup>1</sup> Debbi Logan says married in December.

- 18. i **Hattie Ollie Alford** #5146 b. Sep \_\_ 1890, Sabine Parish, LA, d. \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Census, 1900, Louisiana, Sabine Parish
- 19. ii **Caroline Alford** #5147 b. Dec \_\_ 1891, Sabine Parish, LA, d. \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20. iii **Kate Alford** #5148 b. Feb 10 1892, Louisiana, d. \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Texas Delayed Birth records Census, 1900 Louisiana, Sabine Parish.
- + 21. iv **Seaborn Edward Alford** #5149 b. Aug 23 1893.
- + 22. v **Julius Leslie Alford** #5150 b. Feb 20 1895.
- 23. vi **Nellie Alford** #5151 b. Feb \_\_ 1897, Louisiana, d. \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
- 24. vii **Della R. Alford** #5152 b. Jan \_\_ 1899, Louisiana, d. \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Census, Louisiana, 1900 Sabine Parish, 1910 DeSoto Parish, 1920 Texas, Angeline County.
- 25. viii **Gertrude Alford** #5153 b. Jan 13 1903, Louisiana, d. \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Texas Delayed Births - as extracted by Lucille Mehrkam says born Jan 13 1911 but that does not track with date in three census records. Census, Louisiana, 1900 Sabine Parish, 1910 DeSoto Parish, 1920 Texas, Angeline County.
- + 26. ix **Gertha Ethel Alford** #5154 b. Dec 23 1904.
- 27. x **Ellen Mary Louella Alford** #5155 b. Oct 19 1906, Louisiana, d. \_\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
- 28. xi **Willie L. Alford** #14619 b. Sep 29 1910, Louisiana, d. Nov 1 1963, Texas, buried: Gann Cemetery, Angelina Co, TX. Census, Texas, 1920, Angelina County
- + 29. xii **Herman Lavonia Alford** #14620 b. Jun 22 1912.

#### Third Generation

- 9. **William Riley Alford** #5137 (4.John<sup>2</sup>, 1.Joseph<sup>1</sup>) b. Mar 11 1891, Sabine Parish, LA, m. Sep 9 1917, in Natchitoches Parish, LA, **Vertie Sparks** #5159. William died Feb 10 1997.  
*Children:*
- + 30. i **Wilmer R. Alford** #16686 b. Aug 1 1918.
- 10. **Louis Jephtha Alford** #5138 (4.John<sup>2</sup>, 1.Joseph<sup>1</sup>) b. Sep 8 1892, Sabine Parish, LA, m. Dec 19 1919, **Sarah Jane Cobb** #5160, b. 1898, (daughter of William D. Cobb #22190 and Martha Ricks #22191) d. 1962, buried: Ft. Jesup Cemetery, Sabine Parish, LA. Louis died Mar 8 1961, buried: Ft. Jesup, Sabine Parish, LA. Found no SSN for him.  
*Children:*
- + 31. i **Louis Hester Alford** #22093 b. Oct 13 1920.
- 32. ii **Hazel Alford** #22098 m. \_\_\_\_\_ **Lawrason** #22099.
- 21. **Seaborn Edward Alford** #5149 (5.Julius<sup>2</sup>, 1.Joseph<sup>1</sup>) b. Aug 23 1893, Louisiana, m. **Iva Lorene Smith** #14737, b. Oct 28 1895, Louisiana, d. Jan 14 1991, Lufkin, Angelina Co., TX. Seaborn died Dec 8 1972, Angelina Co., TX, buried: Gann Cemetery, Angelina Co, TX. SN 462-18-6329. He and family - and family of brother Julius Leslie - were in Marion County, Texas in 1920. Texas Delayed Birth records Census, 1900 Louisiana, Sabine Parish.  
*Children:*
- 33. i **Arthur Alford** #14738 b. Abt \_\_ 1916, Texas.
- 22. **Julius Leslie Alford** #5150 (5.Julius<sup>2</sup>, 1.Joseph<sup>1</sup>) b. Feb 20 1895, Sabine Parish, LA, m. Jan 18 1914, in Shelby Co., TX, **Omie Runnels** #14739, b. about 1896, Texas. Texas Delayed Birth records Census, 1900 Louisiana, Sabine Parish; 1920 Texas, Marion County.  
*Children:*
- 34. i **Luther Alford** #14740 b. Dec 5 1914, Texas, d. Aug \_\_ 1983, Rock Island, Marion

County, Texas. SSDI: 466-07-7446

- 35. ii **Dorothy Alford** #14741 b. Jun \_\_ 1920, Marion Co., TX.
- 36. iii **Helen Louise Alford** #25913 b. 1927, Texas, m. **Isam Brisco, Jr.** #31053.
- 37. iv **Tootsie Mae Alford** #25914 b. Aug 14 1932, Orangefield, Orange Co., TX, d. Apr 16 2005. See her obituary from Alford genforum.

26. **Gertha Ethel Alford** #5154 (5.Julius<sup>2</sup>, 1.Joseph<sup>1</sup>) b. Dec 23 1904, Many, Sabine Parish, LA, ref: ger904la, occupation Office Manager, m. Jun 1931, divorced 1936, **John Henry Wilcox, Jr.** #13252, b. 1901, d. 1986. Gertha died Nov 22 1997, Lakewood, Jefferson Co., CO, buried: Cremated. Census, 1910 Louisiana, DeSoto Parish, 1920 Texas, Angeline County Texas Delyed Birth Certificate; Bible Record - page on file with AAFA. Most of the data on this record came from daughter Helen Steele, AAFA #904.

*Children:*

- + 38. i **Mary Helen Wilcox** #13253 b. Sep 30 1935.

29. **Herman Lavonia Alford** #14620 (5.Julius<sup>2</sup>, 1.Joseph<sup>1</sup>) b. Jun 22 1912, Center, Shelby Co., TX, m. Jan 6 1934, **Linnie Lee Swor** #14621, b. Feb 10 1914, d. Jan 29 1997. Herman died Mar 24 1976, Texas, buried: Fielders Cemetery, Angelina Co., TX. All data on him other than family connection, which came from 1920 Angelina County, Texas Census came from his obituary. A copy is on file with AAFA. SSDI: SSN 452-14-9766

*Children:*

- 39. i **Donald Fred Alford** #14622 b. Dec 28 1934, Angelina Co., TX.
- + 40. ii **Marlin Leslie Alford** #14623 b. Aug 18 1936.
- 41. iii **Dale Alford** #14625 b. Jul 2 1938, Angelina Co., TX.
- 42. iv **R. L. Alford** #14624 b. Apr 5 1941, Angelina Co., TX.
- 43. v **Ronald Wayne Alford** #14626 b. Jan 18 1947.

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