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Texas Alford Confederate Pension Requests

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have extracted the Alfords from a list of more than 54,000 who made application for a Confederate pension from Texas. Descendants can write to Texas and refer to the name and Pension Number for a copy of the file.

This information was downloaded from the Internet. To access, start from the address:

http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/links/ links1.htm

After the page comes up, select the link: "Search the Texas Confederate Pension Applications."

These are the results of a search on the surname "Alford." I checked the variations Hallford, Allford, and Alvord and found no records.

Note: If no Pension Number appears after the Husband's name, no Pension Number was found.

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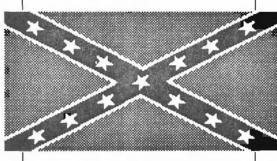
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ALFORD CONFEDERATES FROM TEXAS

 Claimant: Alford, Aaron R. Pension #: 30150 County: Hamilton

 Claimant: Alford, Addie Pension #: 42242 County: Harrison Husband: Josiah Perry Alford

 Claimant: Alford, Allen Josiah Pension #: 16522 County: Shelby • Claimant: Alford, Amelia B. Pension #: 49217 County: Young Husband: James Hamilton Alford

 Claimant: Alford, Augustus Orion (Mrs)
Pension #: 45485
County: Rusk
Husband: Augustus Orion

• Claimant: Alford, Charles Nielson Pension #: 21385 County: Johnson

• Claimant: Alford, E.L. Pension #: Application Rejected County: Harrison

 Claimant: Alford, Edmond Lafayette (Mrs)
Pension #: 39767
County: Tarrant
Husband: Edmond Lafayette Alford

> Claimant: Alford, Georgia Hellena
> Pension #: 21626
> County: Shelby
> Husband: John Allen Alford
> Pension #: 11121

• Claimant: Alford, J.C. Pension #: 18167 County: Morris

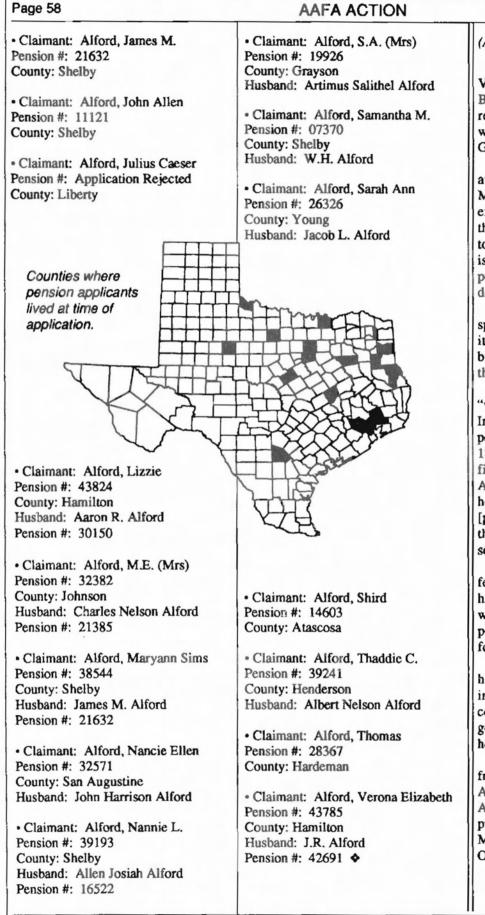
• Claimant: Alford, J.P. Pension #: Application Rejected County: Harris

• Claimant: Alford, J.R. Pension #: 42691 County: Hamilton

 Claimant: Alford, Jackson Pension #: 03446 County: Robertson

• Claimant: Alford, James F. Pension #: Application Rejected County: Fisher

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Virginia. The government kept Booth's body until 1869, when they returned his remains to his mother, who buried him in the family plot in Green Mount Cemetery in Baltimore.

William Trimble, a Baltimore attorney and president of Green Mount's board of directors, said the effort to exhume Booth fails to meet the necessary legal test. "There has to be a valid, substantial reason. This is being done 130 years later by a person related [to Booth] in the sixth degree," Trimble said.

"The question is who really speaks for John Wilkes Booth. Well, it's his mother. She no longer speaks, but her actions speak to us down through the ages," Trimble said.

Alford described Booth as a "very, very successful actor." Ironically, Lincoln saw Booth perform on several occasions in 1863, Alford said. Booth did not fight in the Civil War, a decision Alford said "was the biggest mistake he ever made. He had very intense [pro-Southern] beliefs and service in the war could have provided him some sort of outlet."

According to Alford, the man federal troops killed in April, 1865, had "J.W.B." tattooed on his arm and was carrying Booth's diary and personal letters. "That's a problem for conspiracy buffs," Alford said.

Trimble said Alford and other historians are testifying to protect the integrity of history. "They're concerned that bad history not drive out good history. That the truth prevail," he said.

Alford received a PhD. in history from Mississippi State University. An earlier book of his, "Prince Among Slaves," about an African prince who was held as a slave in Mississippi, was published by Oxford University Press. ◆