# **Obituaries**

Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #0030

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CHARLES W. ALFORD

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Thursday, 1 December 1881

We noted in last week's items that Mr. Samuel Alford's children, who had been lying sick with the typhoid fever, were improving and would soon enjoy good health again, but Charley, their only boy, about nineteen years of age, became suddenly worse on Tuesday week and grew worse rapidly until Wednesday evening about five o'clock, when, surrounded by heart-broken father, mother, sisters, and friends, he passed into the mysteries of death. The last few hours of his life his mind was perfectly clear, and he not only asked those around him to pray but he prayed long and earnestly for himself, and died believing in the redeeming power of Christ, which is a great consolation to the bereaved family. He selected the text which he wished to be the subject of the discourse at the funeral. It was the subject of the last sermon that he was permitted to hear, and seemed to have left a deep impression....

AAFA NOTES: See the obituaries of his parents, Samuel W. Alford and Maria Elizabeth Fisk Alford; and his sister Gussie Alford Tallmadge in this compilation.

His memorial at Find A Grave, Plattville Cemetery, Plattville, Kendall Co., IL, says he was born 4 May 1862 and died 23 Nov 1881.

In the Winter 2000 issue of *AAFA ACTION*, we published <u>'Alford' Bible Records</u>, by Lynn Shelley, AAFA #0484, an article about Orman Alford's family. Tony Kirk, AAFA #1005, contributed these old obituaries for this family.

His lineage: Charles W. 1862 IL<sup>1</sup>, Samuel W. 1823 VT<sup>2</sup>, Orman 1795 VT<sup>3</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>4</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>5</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>6</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>7</sup>, Benedict 1619<sup>8</sup>.

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DARREL H. ALFORD

DAILY JOURNAL Kankakee, Kankakee Co., IL—Wednesday, 12 April 2006

Darrel H. Alford, 77, of Kankakee, died Monday (April 10, 2006). Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Friday until the 10 a.m. funeral services at Laird Funeral Home in Elgin. Burial, with honors, will follow at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

Mr. Alford was born Dec. 13, 1928, in Vienna, the son of Harry and Aline (Ryan) Alford. He served during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Army.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Timothy Alford of Kaneville, Ronald and Ingrid

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Alford of South Elgin; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; nine brothers and sisters, Glenda, Roger, Russell, Agnes, Ralph, Helen, Jack, Virgil and Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

One sister, Dorothy; and two brothers, George and Wayne, are deceased.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates Darrel H. Alford (SS# issued in IL), last residence Cicero, Cook Co., IL. See the obituary of his brother George D. Alford in this compilation.

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EARL WAYNE ALFORD

*THE PANTAGRAPH* Bloomington, McLean Co., IL—Sunday, 4 November 1990

FORREST [Livingston Co.]—Earl Wayne Alford, 45, of Forrest, died at 7:05 a.m. yesterday (Nov. 3, 1990) at his home. Death was due to natural causes, according to the Livingston County coroner's office.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury [Livingston Co.], the Rev. George Hiland officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Catholic Church Cemetery, Fairbury. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the memorial home with a prayer service at 8 o'clock. Mr. Alford was born Sept. 23, 1945, in Beaver Dam, Ky., a son of William Earl and Eufaula Gray Alford. He married Carol Nolan on Oct. 18, 1969, in Pontiac. She survives.

Other survivors include his father, Fairbury; a son, John William, at home; a daughter, Wendy Renee, at home; and a brother, Glenn, Saunemin.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Mr. Alford has been a Forrest resident for six years and was a Fairbury resident from 1970 to 1984. He was employed by Hoffman Tool and Die and Technical Metals Inc., both in Fairbury, for 16 years. A memorial fund has been established for Mr. Alford's children.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records do not list his death.

For more information on his family, see AAFA's published genealogy, <u>Known Descendants of</u> <u>William Alford and Mary Miller</u>.

His lineage: Earl Wayne 1945 KY<sup>1</sup>, William Earl 1926 KY<sup>2</sup>, Chester Lee 1902 KY<sup>3</sup>, Delaney 1871 KY<sup>4</sup>, Wilson L. "Cap" 1840 KY<sup>5</sup>, William 1804 VA<sup>6</sup>, William 1775 VA<sup>7</sup>.

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# EMMA CRESS ALFORD

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Wednesday, 7 October 1942 Mrs. Emma Cress Alford passed away Sunday evening in the home of her son and daughter-inlaw, Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Alford, where she had been taken several days ago.

She was born in Pennsylvania, June 10, 1869, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cress. She came to Illinois with her parents in 1883, when they located in Plattville.

She was married to Myron Alford on April 11, 1888, at Plattville. The following children came to bless their home; Frank, Flossie (Mrs. Arnold Day), who passed away in 1932, and Helen Gregory of Oswego. She had two brothers, Milton of Elgin, and Clarence of Aurora, one sister, Mrs. Jennie Tremaine, who passed away in 1917. There are nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mr. Alford preceded his wife in death in 1940.

Mrs. Alford was a member of the Plattville Methodist church, a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and had completed the course in home nursing of the Red Cross.

She had served as a nurse in this community and throughout the county, endearing herself in the homes as she cared for the new babe and mother, cheering the convalescent and when the last sad hour of departure came she comforted those who grieved at the passing of a loved one.

Mrs. Alford, for many years frail in body, revealed a spirit of fortitude and bravery which was an outstanding characteristic of her life. Through days of cruel pain she ever sought to conceal from her loved ones her pangs of suffering. A good fight this wonderful woman fought through all her days. She kept her faith and courage until her call came to dwell in a land where suffering cometh not again.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Plattville Methodist church.... Pall-bearers were Hollis Blackman, Ira Convis, Bert Tremaine, Stanley Naden, Alfred Heap and Lorenzo Fox. Burial was in the family lot in the Plattville cemetery.

AAFA NOTES: See the obituary of her husband, Myron Alford, in this compilation.

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EVELYN SUE HARDING ALFORD Mother of Glenda Gale Alford Shafer, AAFA #1004

*EDWARDSVILLE INTELLIGENCER* Edwardsville, Madison Co., IL—26 May 2006

Evelyn Harding Alford, age 84, of Granite City, died on Thursday, May 25, 2006.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 26, at Thomas Saksa [Funeral Home, Granite City, IL]. Interment will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, at Hickman City Cemetery in Hickman, Ky.

Memorials are suggested to St. Thomas Hospice, 8230 South Madison Street, Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

In another article:

# ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

St. Louis, MO-Friday, 26 May 2006

Alford, Evelyn Sue, of Tinley Park [Cook Co.], IL, on May 25, 2006. Visit 4-8 p.m. Fri., May

26, at Thomas Saksa F.H., Granite City, IL. Funeral Sat.

In another article, written by her daughter Glenda Alford Shafer:

Born: February 2, 1922 in Hickman, Kentucky
Married: (the late) James Edward Alford
Died: May 25, 2006 in Lemont, IL at the age of 84; cause of death: Alzheimers
Daughter of: (the late) Leonard Harding and (the late) Mary Harding (nee Ezell)
Mother of: Gale Shafer (Todd)
Grandmother of: Patricia Greiman and Kenneth Shafer (Jenni)
Great-grandmother of: Melissa Greiman and Jayna Greiman
Sister of: (the late) Glynnes-Edwards (the late Billy), (the late) Ezell Harding, Tracy Harding (Betty), and Ruth Norville (Atha)
Aunt of: Billy Charles Edwards (Rosalyn), June Colwell (the late Phil), Jack Harding, Kenneth
Harding (Wanda), and Kathy Cusumano (Jim), Joe Tracy Bonderant (Janice)
Dearest friend of: Dorothy Johnston
She will be missed by all who knew her but most especially by her companions Blondie and Goldie.
50-year resident of Granite City, IL; member of the Johnson Road Baptist Church
Retired from: the Granite City Army Depot and from the Granite City schools food service system.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Evelyn S. Alford (SS# issued in KY) was born 2 Feb 1922, last residence Lemont, DuPage Co., IL.

For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, <u>Known Descendants</u> of Elkanah Andrew Alford, 1844 TN - 1918 TN.

Her husband's lineage: James Edward 1920 TN, John W. 1897 TN, William Andrew 1870 VA, Elkanah Andrew 1844 TN.

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GENEVA GWENDOLYN ALFORD CROWE JEFFERS Mother of Sharon Gale Crowe Klehm, AAFA #1080

Source unknown

\_\_\_\_\_, IL—\_\_\_\_ December 2006

Geneva Alford Jeffers, 83 of Chatsworth [Livingston Co.], IL died at 7:55 A.M. on Wednesday, December 27, 2006 at her home.

She will be cremated. There will be no additional services at her request.

Geneva was born July 17, 1923 in Ohio County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Chester and Letha Alford.

She is survived by her daughters: Sharon (Henry) Klehm, Chatsworth, IL and Beverly (L.B.) Nieswander, Melvin, IL and two grandchildren: Emily (Bryan) Gruszka and Wesley Klehm, II.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: William and Willis Alford and a sister: Paulette Luttrell.

Martin-Burke Funeral Home in Chatsworth, IL is handling her arrangements.

In another article:

*THE PANTAGRAPH* Bloomington, McLean Co., IL—Friday, 29 December 2006

CHATSWORTH—Geneva Alford Jeffers, 83, Chatsworth, died at 7:55 a.m. Wednesday (Dec. 27, 2006) at her home.

Service: She will be cremated.

Visitation: There will be no additional services at her request.

Survivors: her daughters, Sharon (Henry) Klehm, Chatsworth, and Beverly (L.B.) Nieswander, Melvin; and two grandchildren.

Martin-Burke Funeral Home in Chatsworth is handling her arrangements.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Geneva Jeffers (SS# issued in KY), last residence Chatsworth, Livingston Co., IL.

See the obituaries of her siblings Linda Paulette Alford Luttrell, William E. Alford, and Willis Alford in this compilation.

For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, <u>Known Descendants</u> of William Alford and Mary Miller.

Her lineage: Geneva Gwendolyn 1923 KY, Chester Lee 1902 KY, Delaney 1871 KY<sup>3</sup>, Wilson L. "Cap" 1840 KY<sup>4</sup>, William 1804 VA<sup>5</sup>, William 1775 VA<sup>6</sup>.

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# GEORGE D. ALFORD

Source unknown

\_\_\_\_, IL—\_\_\_\_ October 1998

George D. Alford, 64, of Kempton [Kankakee Co.], died Saturday (Oct. 17, 1998) at St. James Hospital, Pontiac.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Hertz-Thoma Chapel of Kankakee....

He was born Sept. 8, 1934 in Vienna, the son of Harry and Aline Rion Alford. He served in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Alford was a construction worker for local firms.

Surviving are two sons, Jimmy of Kentucky and John of Virginia; four sisters, Agnes Stokes of Kempton, Helen Martin of Kankakee, Virginia Farino of Florida and Glenda Alford of Clifton; six brothers and two sisters-in-law, Darrel of Bourbonnais, Virgil and Jean Alford of Farmington, N.M., Roger and Marty Alford of Aroma Park, Ralph Alford of Bradley, Russell Alford of Kankakee and Jack Alford of Las Cruces, N.M.

Deceased are his parents, one sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Archie Favors and one brother Wayne.

In another article:

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Bloomington, McLean Co., IL-Tuesday, 20 October 1998

KEMPTON—George D. Alford, 64, of 310 Township Line Road, Kempton, died Saturday (Oct. 17, 1998) at OSF Saint James Hospital, Pontiac.

Cremation rites were accorded. Hertz-Thoma Chapel, Kankakee, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the family.

Mr. Alford was born Sept. 8, 1934, at Vienna, Ill., the son of Harry and Aline Rion Alford. Survivors include two sons, Jimmy Alford of Kentucky and John Alford of Virginia; four

sisters, Agnes Stokes, Kempton; Helen Martin, Kankakee; Virginia Farino of Florida; and Glenda Alford, Clifton; and six brothers, Darrel Alford, Bourbonnais; Virgil (Jean) Alford, Farmington, Minn.; Roger (Marty) Alford, Aroma Park; Ralph Alford, Bradley; Russell Alford, Kankakee; and Jack Alford, Las Cruces, N.M.

His parents; one sister, Dorthy Favors; one brother, Wayne; and one brother-in-law, Archie Favors, preceded him in death.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of George D. Alford (SS# issued in IL), last residence Kempton, Ford Co., IL.

See the obituary of his brother Darrel H. Alford in this compilation.

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GRATIA E. ALFORD GRABEL

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—\_\_\_\_ February 1933

Gratia E. Alford, only daughter of Franklin and Lydia Alford, was born January 29, 1854 and passed away February 3.1933 at the home of her son, Roy with whom she has spent the last few months and which was also her girlhood home, until her marriage to the late L.J. Gabel February 24, 1875. She reached the age of 79 years and 5 days.

Mrs. Gabel leaves to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother, one daughter, Grace Corah, of Fresno, California; one son, Roy Gabel, of Plattville; four grandchildren, Evelyn Bryant, Dorothy, Alta Mae and Russell Gabel; and a great granddaughter, Catherine Patricia Bryant. Her brother, Myron Alford, also survives her as do a number of other relatives, and a large number of friends.

Her husband L.J. Gabel, preceded her in death six years ago and a son, Ormon, passed away four years ago.

The funeral services were held Monday, February 6 at 1:30 at the home, the Rev. James C. Nansen of the Na-au-say Presbyterian church, assisted by the Rev. D. H. Ross, of the Plattville Methodist Episcopal church, conducting the services.... Burial was in the Na-au-say cemetery, in the family lot.

**AAFA NOTES**: See the obituaries of her parents, Orman Franklin Alford and Lydia Bowles Alford; and her brother Myron Alford in this compilation.

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Her lineage: Gratia E. 1854 IL<sup>1</sup>, Orman Franklin 1821 NY<sup>2</sup>, Orman 1795 VT<sup>3</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>4</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>5</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>6</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>7</sup>, Benedict 1619 England<sup>8</sup>.

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#### GUSSIE ALFORD TALLMADGE

# KENDALL COUNTY RECORD

Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL-Wed., 28 December 1898

Mrs. Gussie Alford Tallmadge was born at Plattville, Ill., April 27, 1869. She had always lived in this community except when away teaching school. She graduated from Jennings Seminary, Aurora, June, 1892. For about five years she was a teacher. At the age of thirteen she united with the Methodist Episcopal church.

She was married to Mr. Charles Tallmadge, September 23, 1896; died at St. Luke's hospital, Chicago, after an illness of five weeks. She leaves a husband, father, mother and four sisters to mourn her loss.

The funeral services occurred in the Plattville M.E. church Monday, December 26....

Gussie, as she was familiarly called, was very active in church work, being a teacher in our Sunday school for many years and an ardent worker in the Epworth League. She was faithful to her church and Christ to the end and we think of her now as "gone home" to glory.

**AAFA NOTES**: See the obituaries of her parents, Samuel W. Alford and Maria Elizabeth Fisk Alford; and her brother Charles W. Alford in this compilation.

Her memorial at Find A Grave, Plattville Cemetery, Plattville, Kendall Co., IL, confirms her birth date and says she died 23 Dec 1898.

In the Winter 2000 issue of *AAFA ACTION*, we published <u>'Alford' Bible Records</u>, by Lynn Shelley, AAFA #0484, an article about Orman Alford's family. Tony Kirk, AAFA #1005, contributed these old obituaries for this family.

Her lineage: Gussie 1869 IL<sup>1</sup>, Samuel W. 1823 VT<sup>2</sup>, Orman 1795 VT<sup>3</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>4</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>5</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>6</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>7</sup>, Benedict 1619<sup>8</sup>.

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#### HAROLD DEAN ALFORD

*THE PANTAGRAPH* Bloomington, McLean Co., IL—Saturday, 19 August 1989 EL PASO [Woodford Co.]—Harold Dean Alford, 50, of El Paso, formerly of Las Vegas, Nev., a selfemployed electrical contractor, died at 2:10 a.m. yesterday (Aug. 18, 1989) at Danville Veterans Administration Medical Center. He had been ill six weeks.

His graveside funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, the Interveterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County officiating.

There will be no visitation. Metzler-Froelich Memorial Home, Bloomington, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Alford was born March 28, 1939, in Normal, a son of Joseph T. and Mabel A. Rich Alford.

Survivors include his mother, of El Paso; one son, Dean, with the Air Force in Wyoming; three daughters, Angela, Bonnie Jean and Josephine Alford, all of California; one brother, Robert J., Carrie; and one sister, Mignonette Wise, Peoria.

His father preceded him in death.

Mr. Alford was a self-employed electrical contractor in Las Vegas, Nev., for five years.

An Army veteran of Vietnam, he was a member of the Disabled American Veterans

Association, the Las Vegas American Legion Post and St. Mary's Catholic Church, Peoria.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of H.D. Alford (SS# issued in IL), last residence not listed.

See the obituary of his mother, Mabel A. "Peg" Rich Alford, in this compilation.

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## JEANNETTE E. TUCKER ALFORD

#### PLEASANTON OBSERVER

Pleasanton, Linn Co. KS-Saturday, 25 May 1889

Mrs. Jeannette E. Alford departed this life, Sunday morning, May 19, at nine o'clock, at her home in Plattville, Kendall Co., Illinois.

Deceased was born in the town of Peru, Clinton county, N.Y. in October, 1833. When she reached the age of two years her parents emigrated to Kendall county, Illinois. She was married to C.H. Tucker in July, 1854, at Aurora, Illinois. In 1858 herself, husband and two children emigrated to Kansas in company with E.M. and Levi P. Tucker, settling at Hail Ridge, June 2, 1858. She resided there until 1866, when herself and husband, with E.M. Tucker, moved to Mound City, where the two latter were engaged in the mercantile business and remained there until the promising town of Pleasanton sprang into existence in 1869, when they came to this city and were here before even a railroad had reached it.

On the thirtieth day of July, 1876 her husband, C.H. Tucker crossed the river to the unknown world beyond. She continued to reside in Pleasanton most of the time until July 12, 1888, when she was married to Frank Alford, of Plattville, Kendall County, Illinois, to which place she removed and resided there until her death.

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She was brought to Pleasanton for interment on Tuesday, May 21, and was consigned to the tomb the following day, after a very appropriate and impressive funeral sermon by Rev. Thos. Stephenson, at the M.E. church. Her last illness lasted about four weeks. She suffered but little and died in great peace and resignation. She joined the Methodist church when she was sixteen years old and has been a constant member ever since.

The saddest event of her life was when she and her husband, C.H. Tucker, lost three children to [illegible] in one week, in 1861, and buried two of them that died the same night in one grave at Hail Ridge Cemetery.

She leaves three daughters, Fannie, Minnie and Allie, to mourn her loss. They will, in the future, reside with their stepfather in Illinois. That the deceased was well known here, and that she was highly respected by all who knew her was demonstrated by the large number who attended the funeral exercises and followed the remains to their last resting place in the Pleasanton cemetery.

#### In another article:

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Wednesday, 22 May 1889

Mrs. Frank Alford, living near Plattville, died last Sunday at the residence of her husband, and the remains were brought to Yorkville Monday afternoon and taken to her former home in Pleasanton Kansas, for burial.

## In another article:

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Wednesday, 22 May 1889

Mrs. Frank Alford died at her home on mile north of Plattville Sunday, May 18, 1889. The funeral was held at the house Monday, conducted by Rev. G.P. Sullivan, after which the remains were taken to Pleasanton, Kansas, for interment. All sympathize with the bereaved husband and daughters in their deep affliction

AAFA NOTES: See the obituary of her second husband, Orman Franklin Alford, in this compilation.

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LINDA PAULETTE ALFORD LUTTRELL Aunt of Sharon Gale Crowe Klehm, AAFA #1080

*THE PANTAGRAPH* Bloomington, McLean Co., IL—Thursday, 14 December 1995

FAIRBURY—The memorial service of Linda Paulette (Alford) Luttrell, 52, of 304 W. Livingston, Fairbury, will be at 7 p.m. today at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, Andrew Diestelkamp

officiating. She will be cremated. There will be no visitation. She died at 4:25 p.m. Tuesday (Dec. 12, 1995) at her residence. Memorials may be made to Dominy Memorial Library, Fairbury.

Surviving are her husband, Argil Luttrell; two daughters, Rebecca Luttrell, Joliet, and Sara Luttrell, Fairbury; one son, Jason Luttrell, Fairbury; two brothers, William Alford, Chatsworth, and Willis Alford, Fairbury; and one sister, Geneva "Jenney" Jeffers, Chatsworth.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Linda P. Luttrell (SS# issued in IL) was born 4 June 1943, last residence not listed.

See the obituaries of her siblings Geneva Gwendolyn Alford Crowe Jeffers, William E. Alford, and Willis Alford in this compilation.

For more information on her family, see AAFA's published genealogy, <u>Known Descendants of</u> <u>William Alford and Mary Miller</u>.

Her lineage: Linda Paulette 1943 KY, Chester Lee 1902 KY, Delaney 1871 KY<sup>3</sup>, Wilson L. "Cap" 1840 KY<sup>4</sup>, William 1804 VA<sup>5</sup>, William 1775 VA<sup>6</sup>.

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# LOMIRA ALFORD

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD

Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL-Thursday, 30 June 1881

At Plattville. Wednesday morning, June 29, 1881. Lomira Alford, aged 49 years; sister of Franklin and Samuel Alford. Funeral at the house Thursday, 10 a.m.

**AAFA NOTES**: See the obituaries of her mother, Polly Kellogg Alford; and her siblings Orman Franklin Alford and Samuel W. Alford in this compilation.

In the Winter 2000 issue of *AAFA ACTION*, we published <u>'Alford' Bible Records</u>, by Lynn Shelley, AAFA #0484, an article about Orman Alford's family. Tony Kirk, AAFA #1005, contributed these old obituaries for this family. Tony reports that Lomira "never married and spent the last years of her life as a caregiver for her Uncle Clark B. Alford."

Her lineage: Lomira 1832 NY<sup>1</sup>, Orman 1795 VT<sup>2</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>3</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>4</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>6</sup>, Benedict 1619 England<sup>7</sup>.

### LYDIA BOWLES ALFORD

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Wednesday, 28 April 1886

.... It is indeed hard for any who have known the sweet life whose going out we write in sadness here, to realize that upon Mrs. Frank Alford's fair form has closed forever the sable door of the windowless temple of rest. She passed from this life to that one of lovely, peaceful rest, on Monday evening, April 19th, after weeks of terrible suffering; but through it all she bore up nobly

until the last, when God relieved her of pain and called her home. Cancer of the bowels was the cause of her death. She leaves a husband, son and daughter to mourn her departure. The burial took place on Wednesday afternoon following her death....

**AAFA NOTES**: See the obituaries of her husband, Orman FranklinAlford; and her children Myron Alford and Gratia E. Alford Gabel in this compilation.

Her Find A Grave memorial is in Plattville Cemetery, Plattville, Kendall Co, IL. Her birth date is listed as 5 Sept 1835, and her death date as 19 Apr 1886.

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MABEL A. "PEG" RICH ALFORD

JOURNAL STAR Peoria, Peoria Co., IL—27 July 1999

EL PASO—Mabel A. "Peg" Alford, 87, of 301 E. Jefferson St. died at 5:15 p.m. Sunday, July 25, 1999, at BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Normal. Born Dec. 27, 1911, in Deer Creek to Joseph William and Sarah Evaline Boley Rich, she married **Joseph T. Alford** on Nov. 8, 1936, in Mattoon. He died March 3, 1982. One son, Harold, four brothers and four sisters also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Robert (Judy) of Cary; one daughter, Mignonette (Dale) Wise of El Paso; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was a member of El Paso United Methodist Church. She also was a member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Rebekah Lodge 210; Order of the Eastern Star, James Thompson Chapter 147; Order of the Amaranth, Queen Christina Court 4; and Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Joppa Shrine 54. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Froelich Memorial Home in El Paso.... Burial will be in East Lawn Memory Gardens in Bloomington....

In another article:

## THE PANTAGRAPH

Bloomington, McLean Co., IL-27 July 1999

Mabel "Peg" Alford, 87, of 301 E. Jefferson St., El Paso, died at 5:15 p.m. Sunday (July 25, 1999) at BroMenn Regional Medical Center, Normal.

Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Froelich Memorial Home, El Paso.... Burial will be in East Lawn Memorial Gardens, Bloomington. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the memorial home, with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m...

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or the Leukemia Foundation.

Mrs. Alford was born Dec. 27, 1911, at Deer Creek, a daughter of Joseph William and Sarah Evaline Boley Rich. She married Joseph T. Alford on Nov. 8, 1936, at Mattoon. He died March 3, 1982.

Survivors include a son, Robert J. (Judy) Alford, Cary; a daughter, Mignonette (Dale) Wise, El Paso; and four great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren: Cindia Fletcher, Doug (Leah) Fletcher, Tod (Judi) Alford, Dawn (Jim) Eaton, Dean Alford, Angie Alford, Bonnie Jean Alford, and Josephine Alford. She also was preceded in death by a son, Harold Alford; four brothers; and four sisters.

Mrs. Alford was a member of the United Methodist Church, El Paso; Independent Order of Odd Fellows Rebekah Lodge 210; James Thompson Chapter 147 Order of the Eastern Star; Order of the Amaranth Queen Christina Court 4; and Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem Joppa Shrine 54.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Mabel A. Alford (SS# issued in IL), last residence El Paso, Woodford Co., IL.

See the obituary of her son Harold Dean Alford in this compilation.

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#### MARIA ELIZABETH FISK ALFORD

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Wednesday, 15 June 1910

PLATTVILLE [Kendall Co.]—After months of suffering from cancer, Mrs. Elizabeth Alford passed to her eternal home on Wednesday morning, June 8. The funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon....

Although Mrs. Alford was a great sufferer in her illness, yet she was patient and was full resigned to the divine will. Her faith never faltered for an instant and Jesus Christ was all the time with her, and her mind and mental powers were clear to the end....

Maria Elizabeth, only daughter of Alanson and Laura Fisk, was born at St. Albans, Vt., January 20, 1830, and died at her home at Plattville, Ill., June 8, 1910. Her parents moved to Clinton county, New York, and she grew to young womanhood in the vicinity of Plattsburg. She was educated at Franklin Academy, Malone, N.Y. She began to teach at the age of seventeen and was a teacher for eleven years. She was one of the teachers who received training at the Hartford Normal school, an institution that was promoted for the purpose of improving the district schools of the western states, especially Indiana and Illinois. To secure trained teachers to take up this pioneer work a summer normal school was conducted and teachers were given transportation to the West.

Miss Fisk was sent to Southern Indiana, near Veway. She taught in a log schoolhouse and also helped to organize a Sunday school. Later she crossed the Ohio river and was governess in the family of a Kentucky gentleman. Miss Fisk's father was a staunch abolitionist and for years had prayed and voted for the abolition of slavery. Though employed in a slave holding family she maintained her principles and denounced the unrighteousness of slavery. She did this and at the same time gained the respect and friendship of her employers. She returned to her home in the East for a short time.

In the spring of 1858 she came to Illinois to visit her aunt, Mrs. William Burt, and to teach the summer school in the McKanna district.

She was married to Samuel W. Alford of Plattville, Ill. Oct. 24, 1858. To this union were born one son and six daughters. The eldest daughter died in infancy; Charles W. died November 23, 1881; Mrs. Gussie Tallmadge died December 23, 1898. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and four daughters. Mrs. Luaret E. Howland, Edgewater, Colo.; Laura, Amoret, and Nettie of Plattville and five grandchildren. One brother, Augustin Fisk, lives near Plattsburg, N.Y. Her oldest brother Charles W., was killed in the battle of Shiloh; her brother Stephen died in Salisbury prison, S.C.

**AAFA NOTES**: See the obituaries of her husband, Samuel W. Alford; and her children Charles W. Alford and Gussie Alford Tallmadge in this compilation.

Her memorial at Find A Grave, Plattville Cemetery, Plattville, Kendall Co., IL, confirms her birth date but says she died 18 June 1910, which must be an error because the newspaper obituary is dated June 15.

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MYRON ALFORD

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Wed., 11 December 1940

Myron Alford, 80 of Plattville passed away at the Copley hospital Monday, December 2, 1940. He was born in Plattville August 26, 1860 and spent his entire life in that community. He was a retired blacksmith.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, Emma, a son Frank of Seward and a daughter Mrs. Helen Gregory of Oswego.

Services were held at the Plattville Methodist church Thursday, at 2 p.m.... Burial was in the Plattville cemetery.

Pall-bearers were Ira Convis, Hollis Blackman, Stanley Daden, Alfred Heap, William Reed and William Arundale.

**AAFA NOTES**: See the obituaries of his parents, Orman Franklin Alford and Lydia Bowles Alford; and his sister Gratia E. Alford Grabel in this compilation.

In the Winter 2000 issue of *AAFA ACTION*, we published <u>'Alford' Bible Records</u>, by Lynn Shelley, AAFA #0484, an article about Orman Alford's family. Tony Kirk, AAFA #1005, contributed these old obituaries for this family.

His lineage: Myron 1860 IL<sup>1</sup>, Orman Franklin 1821 NY<sup>2</sup>, Orman 1795 VT<sup>3</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>4</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>5</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>6</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>7</sup>, Benedict 1619 England<sup>8</sup>.

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ORMAN FRANKLIN ALFORD

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Wednesday, 28 September 1910

Old Settler Called Home

The funeral services of Frank Alford, Sr. were held at the home of Lewis Gabel in Na-au-say,

Sunday afternoon, September 25, 1910, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Harris of the Na-au-say church officiating.

Orman Franklin Alford, son of Orman and Polly Kellogg Alford was born in Peru, Clinton county, New York, June 8, 1821, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L.J. Gabel at 4:30 Thursday afternoon, September 22, 1910, aged 89 years 3 months and 14 days.

He leaves to mourn his loss one son, Myron Alford of Plattville, and one daughter, Mrs. L.J. Gabel of Na-au-say; one brother, Samuel Alford of Plattville and six grandchildren, Frank, Flossie, and Helen Alford and Mrs. William Armbruster of Plattville and Orman and Roy Gabel of Na-au-say.

He came to Illinois with his parents in 1844 and settled near Plattville [Kendall Co.]. In 1849 the family with the exception of Franklin moved to California. He remained at Plattville and in 1850 bought a farm near there. He was married February 19, 1852 to Miss Lydia Bowles of Peru, New York and they came west to make a home on the farm he had bought in Illinois and they lived there until his wife died on April 19, 1886. He was a member of the Plattville Methodist church for forty-six years.

**AAFA NOTES**: See the obituaries of his mother, Polly Kellogg Alford; his first wife, Lydia Bowles Alford; his second wife, Jeannette E. Tucker Alford; his children Myron Alford and Gratia E. Alford Gabel; and his siblings Samuel W. Alford and Lomira Alford in this compilation.

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His lineage: Orman Franklin 1821 NY<sup>1</sup>, Orman 1795 VT<sup>2</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>3</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>4</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>6</sup>, Benedict 1619 England<sup>7</sup>.

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POLLY KELLOGG ALFORD

KENDALL COUNTY RECORD Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Thursday, 8 February 1877

At her home near Plattville on Sunday morning, February 4, 1877 of old age, Mrs. Polly Alford aged 85 years and six months.

The deceased leaves two sons, Franklin and Samuel, and one daughter, Lomira and a number of grandchildren to mourn her loss. Grandmother now rests in her heavenly home.

## In another article, same source:

The third one that has passed away is Mother Alford, at the advanced age of 85 years and six months. All that need be said of her is that she spent nearly all her days in God's service, and has gone to reap her reward.

**AAFA NOTES**: See the obituaries of her children Orman Franklin Alford, Samuel W. Alford, and Lomira Alford in this compilation.

Her memorial at Find A Grave, Plattville Cemetery, Plattville, Kendall Co., IL, confirms her death date and lists her birth year as 1791.

Polly's husband and 2 of her sons were killed by a falling tree on the Lassen Trail in CA on 31 October 1849. See a photo of the descriptive memorial plaque at <u>The Alford-Cameron Gravesite</u> [http://outdoors.webshots.com/photo/1043758282027597259luAkiX].

Her husband's lineage: Orman 1795 VT<sup>1</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>2</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>3</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>4</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>5</sup>, Benedict 1619 England<sup>6</sup>.

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## SAMUEL W. ALFORD

[Although Samuel died in CA, we are also including his obituary here because of his close ties to IL.]

# KENDALL COUNTY RECORD

Yorkville, Kendall Co., IL—Wednesday, 10 March 1915

Samuel W. Alford was born near Burlington, Vt., January 13, 1823 and died in Garden Grove, Calif., February 18, 1915, aged 92 years, 1 month, 5 days.

He lived to young manhood near Plattsburg, New York. He made his first trip west at the age of nineteen. In 1849 he went to California. Returning with his mother and sister in 1852 he settled on a farm north of Plattville where he lived nearly fifty-nine years. On October 28, 1858 he married Elizabeth Fisk of Plattsburg, New York. She died June 8, 1910. There were born to them six daughters and one son. One daughter died in infancy, one at the age of 29 and the son at the age of 19. There remain four daughters—Miss Amoret Alford of Port Byron, Ill., Mrs. Luraet Howland of Edgewater, Colorado, Miss Laura and Miss Nettie of Garden Grove, California. There are five grandchildren—Charles, Laura, Martha, Stephen and Ruth Howland.

Mr. Alford came to Garden Grove three years ago where he has lived a quiet Christian life. The funeral services were held at the Free Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Anderson, being assisted by Rev. Mr. Thomas of the Baptist church and Rev. Mr. Morgan of the Mennonite church. Interment was at Westminster cemetery Orange county, California, February 20, 1915.

**AAFA NOTES**: See the obituaries of his mother, Polly Kellogg Alford; his wife, Maria Elizabeth Fisk Alford; his children Charles W. Alford and Gussie Alford Tallmadge; and his siblings Orman Franklin Alford and Lomira Alford in this compilation.

A memorial for Samuel W. Alford (1823–1915) is at Find A Grave, Plattville Cemetery, Plattville, Kendall Co., IL. The obituary says he was buried in CA.

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In the Bible record referenced above, Samuel's birth date is listed as June 13, 1832, but the obituary and the 1900 census list the month as January.

His lineage: Samuel W. 1823 VT<sup>1</sup>, Orman 1795 VT<sup>2</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>3</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>4</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>6</sup>, Benedict 1619 England<sup>7</sup>.

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SARAH E. SEYMOUR ALFORD

WAVERLY JOURNAL Waverly, Morgan Co., IL—Friday, 23 March 1917

# MRS. ALFORD FOLLOWS HUSBAND TO GRAVE

Mrs. W.D. Alford passed away Monday evening at 6:40 o'clock at her home northwest of Franklin, after an illness of less than a week's duration, of pneumonia. It was but five short days ago that death, in the same guise, took William D. Alford, the husband of the deceased. Mr. Alford passed away Wednesday night, March 21.

Sarah E. Seymour was born December 6, 1858, the daughter of Edward B. and Anna Seymour. She was born near Franklin and that community has since been her home. In youth she became a member of the Methodist church and at Providence she was known for her steadfastness and devotion. Her circle of friendship was wide and enduring and all who knew Mrs. Alford will cherish her memory with love and respect.

Deceased was married to Mr. Alford March 16, 1906. Two sisters survive, Mrs. J.A. Stice and Mrs. C.E. Criswell. A third sister, Mrs. J.H. Wheeler passed away three years ago. She leaves also four step children, for whom she filled a mother's place with unremitting devotion. They are Mrs. Leila Asplund, Chicago; Frank Alford, Indianapolis, Ind.; Roy Alford, Mapleton, N.D., and Ernest Alford at home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Providence church southwest of Franklin. Interment was in Providence cemetery.

*In another article:* Source unknown Morgan Co., IL—\_\_\_\_ March 1917

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. W.D. ALFORD Body of Franklin Woman Laid to Rest Beside that of Husband in Providence Cemetery

Funeral services for Mrs. W.D. Alford were held Wednesday forenoon at 11:30 o'clock at Providence M.E. church. The pastor, the Rev. W.E. Keenan was in charge of the services, attended by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends. Mr. Keenan was assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. J.W. Kettle of Rushville.

The music was furnished by a mixed chorus, composed of members of the choir of Providence, Durbin and Franklin M.E. churches. Miss May Boulware was at the piano. There was one quartet number, "Going Down the Valley One by One," sung by Mr. Keenan, Ed. F. Seymour, Loren Seymour and Norma Seymour. The flowers were cared for by Misses Meta Darley, Mary Darley, Della Spires and Ola Gibson.

Burial was made in Providence cemetery. The bearers were Ross Seymour, Earl Seymour, Robert Seymour, Henry Stice, Otto Spires and Marion Spires.

Sarah E. Seymour, daughter of Edward D. and Anna W. Seymour was born December 6, 1858, and died March 26, 1917, after an illness of only 5 days. She was born near Franklin and that community has always been her home. In early girlhood she was converted and united with the Providence M.E. church, and has always been known for her steadfastness and devotion to the Christian faith.

On March 14, 1906, she was united in marriage with Wm. D. Alford, who passed away just five days before she was called to her reward.

She is survived by her sisters, Mrs. A.J. Stice of Urbana, Ill. And Mrs. C.E. Criswell of this community. A third sister, Mrs. J.H. Wheeler, passed away three years ago. She was also preceded in death by her three brothers, Albert, who died in infancy, Oliver T. in March, 1899, and M. S. Seymour March 8, 1917. Her mother passed away in August 1906, and her father in December 1909. She leaves also four children for whom she has filled a mother's place with unremitting devotion. They are Lela Asplund, of Chicago, Ill., Frank L. Alford of Indianapolis, Ind., Roy E. Alford, of Mapleton, N. Dakota, and Ernest Alford at home.

Her circle of friendship was wide and enduring and all who knew her will cherish her memory with love and respect.

AAFA NOTES: See the obituary of her husband, William D. Alford, in this compilation.

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## WILLIAM D. ALFORD

#### MACOUPIN COUNTY ENQUIRER

Carlinville, Macoupin Co., IL —\_\_\_\_March 1917

William D. Alford was born near Lowden, Tenn. [probably Loudon, Loudon Co., TN], Dec. 28 1850, and fell asleep in Jesus, March 21, 1917, at his home in Franklin [Morgan Co., IL].

He was the youngest child of William and Jane Riddle Alford. He came to Illinois with his parents at the age of six months. A few months after they came to Illinois the mother died. The father was so grief stricken he returned with the family of five children to his native stated in the wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen. Not being contented the father and family returned and settled near Palmyra. Here the deceased grew to manhood.

He was married to Mary E. Spires, March 8, 1877. To this union was born five children, namely, Charles F. who died in infancy, Lela M. Ashland of Chicago, Frank L. of Indianapolis, Ind., Roy E. of Mapleton, North Dakota, and Ernest F. at home. the mother died June 18, 1904.

On March 14, 1907, he was married again to Sarah E. Seymour, who survives him.

Besides his sorrowing wife and children he leaves to mourn two grand-children, Anita Lucille Asplund and Mary Elizabeth Alford; one brother, C.F. Alford, Virden; two sisters, Martha Wood of Stockton, Mo; and Margaret Ross of Joliet; and one half-sister Jane Conlee of Carlinsville. His father, one sister, Mary Ann Millier, and one half sister, Etta M. Alford, preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W.E. Keenan at Providence M.E. Church, where he was laid to rest by the side of his wife and mother of the children. The pall-bearers were his nephews, W.T. Alford, O B. Conlee, Alva Conlee, Marion Spires, Otto Spires and Ross Seymour.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful and were in charge of Lila Seymour, Meta Darby, Olla Gibson, Rebecca Schebel and Della Spires.

## In another article:

WAVERLY JOURNAL Waverly, Morgan Co., IL—Friday, 23 March 1917

William D. Alford was born near Lowder, Tenn., December 26, 1850, and fell asleep in Jesus, March 21, 1917 at his home in Franklin, Ill.

He was the youngest child of William and Jane Riddle Alford. He came to Illinois with his parents at the age of six months. A few months after they came to Illinois the mother died. The father was so grief stricken he returned with the family of five children to his native stated in the wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen. Not being contented the father and family returned and settled near Palmyra. Here the deceased grew to manhood.

He was married to Mary E. Spires March 8, 1877. To this union were born five children: Charles E., who died in infancy; Lela M. Asplund, of Chicago; Frank L. of Indianapolis, Ind.; Roy E., of Mapleton, N.D.; and Ernest F., at home. The mother died June 15, 1904.

On March 14, 1907, he was married again to Sarah E. Seymour. He is also survived by two grand-children, Arita Lucille Asplund and Mary Elizabeth Alford; one brother, C.F. Alford of Virden, two sisters, Martha Wood of Stockton, Mo., and Margaret Ross of Joliet; and one half-sister Jane Conlee of Carlinville.

One sister, Mary Ann Weller and one half sister, Etta M. Alford, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W.E. Keenan at Providence M.E. church where he was laid to rest by the side of his wife and mother of the children.

The pall bearers were his nephews, W.F. Alford, O.B. Conlee, Alva Conlee, Marion Spires, Otto Spires and Ross Seymour.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful and were in charge of Lela Seymour, Meta Darley, Olla Gibson, Rebecca Schibel and Della Spires.

AAFA NOTES: See the obituary of his second wife, Sarah E. Seymour Alford, in this compilation. For more information about this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, <u>Known</u>

Descendants of Charles Alford, 1790 NC - 1858 IL.

His lineage: William D. 1850 TN<sup>1</sup>, William Donald 1817 TN<sup>2</sup>, Charles 1790 NC<sup>3</sup>.

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# WILLIAM E. ALFORD

Uncle of Sharon Gale Crowe Klehm, AAFA #1080

MESSENGER-INQUIRER

## Owensboro, Daviess Co., KY-6 April 1999

FAIRBURY, Ill.—William E. Alford, 72, of Fairbury died Sunday, April 4, 1999, at Asta Care Center in Pontiac, Ill. He was born in Centertown [Ohio Co., KY??], was a crusher operator at Fairbury Stone Co. and was a member of Midwest operating engineers in Joliet, Ill. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eufaula P. Gray Alford, on Aug. 28, 1987; and a son.

Survivors include a son, Glenn G. Alford of Belton, MO; four grandchildren; four greatgrandchildren; a brother, Willis Alford of Fairbury; and a sister, Geneva Crow of Chatsworth, Ill.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home in Fairbury. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Fairbury.... The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to OSF St. James Hospice of Central Illinois....

In another article:

*THE PANTAGRAPH* Bloomington, McLean Co., IL—Tuesday, 6 April 1999

FAIRBURY—The funeral of William E. Alford, 72, of Fairbury will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury. The Rev. Russell Jackson will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, Fairbury. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the memorial home.

He died at 11:55 a.m. Sunday (April 4, 1999) at the Asta Care Center, Pontiac. Memorials may be made to OSF Saint James Hospice of Central Illinois.

He was born May 16, 1926, at Centertown, Ky., the son of Chester Lee and Letha Jane Martin Alford. He married Eufaula P. Gray on Jan. 29, 1944, at Hartford, Ky. She died Aug. 28, 1987.

Survivors include his son, Glenn G. (Beth) Alford, Belton, Mo.; his brother, Willis (Joyce)

Alford, Fairbury; his sister, Geneva Crow, Chatsworth; four grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren.

One brother, two sisters and one son preceded him in death.

**AAFA NOTES**: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of William E. Alford (SS# issued in KY), last residence Forrest, Livingston Co., IL.

See the obituaries of his siblings Linda Paulette Alford Luttrell, Geneva Gwendolyn Alford Crowe Jeffers, and Willis Alford in this compilation.

For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, <u>Known Descendants</u> of William Alford and Mary Miller.

His lineage: William E. 1926 KY, Chester Lee 1902 KY, Delaney 1871 KY<sup>3</sup>, Wilson L. "Cap" 1840 KY<sup>4</sup>, William 1804 VA<sup>5</sup>, William 1775 VA<sup>6</sup>.

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# WILLIS ALFORD

Uncle of Sharon Gale Crowe Klehm, AAFA #1080

# DAILY JOURNAL

Kankakee, Kankakee Co., IL-Tuesday, 17 January 2006

Willis Alford, 73, of Fairbury [Livingston Co.], father of a Piper City resident, died Friday (Jan. 13, 2006) at his home. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, and from 9 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Fairbury, until the 10 a.m. services..... Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, Fairbury.

Mr. Alford worked for American Screen and Pittsburg Tube Co., Fairbury, retiring in 1994. Mr. and Mrs. Alford were foster parents for more than 25 years, taking in more than 25 foster children. He was born May 11, 1932, in Ohio County, Ky., the son of Chester Lee and Letha Jane Martin Alford. He was educated and worked in the coal mines in Kentucky before moving to Illinois. He was affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Fairbury and a member of the Central States Threshermen's Reunion and the Central States Labor Union Local 16. He was a hunter and a fisherman. He was known as a breeder of German Shorthaired Pointers.

Surviving are his wife, the former M. Joyce Fosdick, whom he married Nov. 22, 1962, in Fairbury; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Duane Ifft, Darlene and Kenneth Zapp, all of Fairbury; one son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Denise Bailey of Piper City; one sister, Geneva Crowe of Chatsworth; and nine grandchildren.

Deceased are one daughter, Gloria Alford; one grandson, Joel Ifft; a brother and sister in infancy; one brother, William Alford; and one sister, Paulette Luttrell.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Willis Alford (SS# issued in KY), last residence Fairbury, Livingston Co., IL.

See the obituaries of his siblings Geneva Gwendolyn Alford Crowe Jeffers, William E. Alford, and Linda Paulette Alford Luttrell in this compilation.

For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, <u>Known Descendants</u> of William Alford and Mary Miller.

His lineage: Willis 1932 KY, Chester Lee 1902 KY, Delaney 1871 KY<sup>3</sup>, Wilson L. "Cap" 1840 KY<sup>4</sup>, William 1804 VA<sup>5</sup>, William 1775 VA<sup>6</sup>.