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ALFORD INVENTORY, 1850

We began the work on our inventory of Alford's in 1850 in issue number 4, last July. We have reached what we consider the second major milestone. For all practical purposes we have an identification of all the Alford families living at the time of the census in 1850, or at least those recorded in the census.

While the list beginning on the facing page is not complete will all the various spellings such as Alford, Alfred, Alvord, etc. we do feel it is just about complete on those where the census data was recorded under the Alford spelling. *LUCILLE MERKHAM ADVISES US THAT WE SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE ALFORD IN OUR SEARCH.* If our information showed the name with a spelling other than Alford, then the spelling variation is shown. If only a first name is listed, then the last name was recorded as Alford.

The information has come to us from many sources and in many formats. Most, however, came from Lucille Merkhams, who must have sent us nearly half of our "index" type data. Some of the information we received was not easy to read and we must surely have some transposition errors in the list. We are also known to make typographical errors, which even the computer can't help, so we encourage you to recognize the possibility of error, and ask you to bring any you see to our attention.

It had been our plan to include with this listing a map showing graphically the distribution of Alford's in 1850, but we had to skip it because of lack of space. If you think it would be worthwhile, let us know and we will include it in a later issue.

The next milestone will be the accumulation of data on each family so that we can prepare a complete list of ALL Alford's who were living in 1850. This list will be much too large to be published in the newsletter so it will be published as a separate item and offered to our subscribers at cost. Those who contribute 5% or more of the detail will receive a copy free. All contributors and participants in the data collection will be recognized and identified in the publication. If this is to be finished anytime in the next few years, we must have your help. In our "Newkirk" project, we had several around the country who volunteered to do research with the census microfilms. They wrote up the data and sent it to us and we put it in the computer. If we must do all the research it will take us many years to finish the project.

If you have any family detail from the 1850 census, it would preclude further research if you would send it to us. We have already extracted all that published in the various issues of Mrs. Bowman's *ALFORD FAMILY BULLETIN*, so if you are familiar with that, you need not duplicate it.

If you are willing to take on some research for us, let us know which state or states you would prefer to do. We will send you a tailored listing of that state. It will show those families on which we already have data, and will be sequenced by county and page number to assist in your research. The data may be sent on regular notebook or blank paper, but if you would prefer to use forms, and do not have any available, advise us, and we will send blank worksheets.

We will be publishing progress reports and summary information as this project continues. In the meantime, we would like to

also work on data from other census years from 1790 (or before) to 1910. We have begun files on all years and may find it possible to publish 1790 data in the newsletter, before we have the 1850 project finished. We hope that all of you who have any Alford (all spellings) census information, which you have not sent us already, would send it to us soon.

The accompanying list is in alphabetical order regardless of the state in which the census was conducted. Remember that they were enumerated as "Alford" unless the spelling is shown otherwise. If you know of cases where the spelling other than "Alford" was wrong, then tell us about it and we will correct our record. An asterisk (*) indicates that this person was probably not the head of a household, but was living in the household of another person, named other than Alford.

The column headed "TWP" for township, actually contains an assortment of data such as district, division, ward, beat etc. In some cases we had no information at all. We would appreciate any corrections you can provide for these.

We know from experience that page numbers can be very confusing as some microfilm may show what appears to be three or more different page numbers. If you see one that is obviously wrong, please tell us about it. If you can fill in a blank, we would certainly appreciate it. Most important of all, if you are using the data as a guide to searching the microfilm, don't give up if you don't find the family on the page we have listed. We do regret having misled you.

In a few instances we had data that raised questions as to the appropriate county in which the census was conducted. This was particularly true in the state of Tennessee. We would appreciate any corrections you might send on the county entries.

In some of our work we have seen situations in which it appeared that a family was counted in two different places. Maybe they moved from one county or state to another during the census. If you know of such cases, please bring them to our attention.

The data we have on Michigan is a mess when it comes to identifying county and township. If you have any information that would help us translate the four character code that identifies the county and township, and will send it to us, we will clean up these records.

It was not our intention to include any other than Alford (various spellings) in this list. When entries show a second name such as Clay and Black, we took them to be middle names.

We hope to eventually relate every 1850 Alford family to their corresponding census family of other years, to descendant families in subsequent census records, to Alford's living today, (and we have records on thousands), and most important to you and your family. If you can relate any of the Alford families identified in this list to other Alford records, please tell us about it. If you have family group records on any of these families which you have not sent to us, please send them.

If you think any of these families may be your ancestors, and you want to know if we have anymore information on the family, give us a call or drop us a note.

Remember we need your help to continue. Those doing Alford research in the years to come will recognize and appreciate you.

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A. J.	* TN	LINC	26
A. S. ALFRED	GA	HOUS 5 DI	308
ABIGAIL	OH	COLU CENT	349
ABRAHAM	* LA	POIN NONE	30
ABRAHAM ALFRED	PA	FAYE JEFF	282
AC_OMINA ALVORD	NY	LIVI NORT	357
ADALINE	MO	JEFF	488
ADDISON ALFRED	PA	MONT NORR	245
ADNA	VT	WIND WILM	238
ALBERT	MO	NEW	281
ALBERT	NY	LEWI DENM	211
ALBRO	IL	WILL CRET	167
ALBRO ALFRED	IL	COOK CHIC	346
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ALFRED A. ALVORD	NY	BROD LISL	274
ALFRED ALVORD	NY	KING WILL	299
ALFRED B.	CT	HART HART	343
ALLEN ALFOOD	NC	FRAM DUNS	320
ALMAN B.	AL	PIKE NONE	183
ALMONINA ALVORD	NY	CORT LAPE	411
ALSEY	KY	CALL DIST	437
ALVEN ALVORD	MA	HAMP SHAD	315
AMES	NC	WAKE WEST	206
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AMOS ALVORD	NY	HERK FRAN	97
AMOS ALVORD	NY	OSTE WORC	182
ANDREW	PA	INDI WHIT	26
ANDREW	PA	TIOG CHAT	148
ANDREW	TN	HARD	695
ANDREW	VA	AUGU 21/2	363
ANDREW	* TN	MADI	26
ANDREW ALFRED	IN	MARI PIKE	437
ANDREW J.	MS	TALL 12 S	392
ANDREW V. ALFERD	* TN	MADI	83
ANN	MD	KENT 1 DI	259
ANN	NY	WAYN LYON	448
ANN	OH	DELA DELT	182
ANNA ALVARD	MA	HAMP SHAD	316
ANNE ALFRED	GA	CHAT 13 D	241
ARABELLA ALVORD	NY	CORT HOME	269
ARBA	CT	LITC BARK	
ARNOLD	NY	ST L MADR	295
ARTHUR ALFERD	SC	HORR NONE	16
ARTHUR ALFRED	PA	LAWR SUTH	135
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BARBARA	NC	ROBE UPPE	320
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BEDEE ALFRED	CT	LITC HARW	245
BEN	GA	MUSC HARR	376
BEN E.	GA	COLU NONE	242
BENJAMIN	SC	MARI NONE	104
BENJAMIN A. ALFREIND	GA	HANC 108D	20
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BENJAMIN ALVOID	UT	SALT NONE	40
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EDITORS COMMENTS

Well, you must have been wondering what had happened to us. For the first time since we started publishing the newsletters, we are what we consider late with an issue. We have a lot of excuses that relate to many problems, but they are our problems, and there is no need to bore you with them.

We do need to mention one of the problems though as it relates to you, and maybe promises we made to you. We did some poor planning which resulted in our having about twice as much material for this issue as we could afford to print. We have had to add two extra pages to this issue as a result, but we don't intend for this to get to be a habit. Early on we prepared some elaborate feedback from the previous issue and had coordinated it with Mrs. Tressie Bowman and Dr. C. D. Alford. We made our first field trip in November and picked up lots of goodies, and had planned to share some of them with you, especially some from Mr. Claude A. Alford of Pike County, MS who at age 85, is still residing in the home in which he was born. You will enjoy Ranelle Fosters "I'm My Own Grandpa" when we can publish it.

Since our last publication, Mr. Hayden Alford of Jackson MS has passed away. For many years he has been one of the national leaders in the area of Alford family history and genealogy. We had planned to do an extended notice on him and his death.

We have had some thrilling reports from several of you who have found more ancestors through the newsletter and we are anxious to report on them.

All of the above and more will have to come in later issues.

You won't find most of the family sketches in this issue. We had prepared over two pages on the Thomas Alford line, two on Jacob of 1738, almost two full pages on the Alvord's, and we finished what we have on Jacob Alford of Kentucky, but none of it is included. We did them first without thought for how much space the data bank or the 1850 inventory was likely to take. We had promised several cousins that we would have something on my great great grandfather Jacob Alford, son of Julius Alford in this issue, and we dared not include it. It is more extensive than usual and took five pages.

We had already planned to not include the usual charts which graphically display parts of several generations of an Alford family. Some have suggested that these are obsolete and of little value. If you think otherwise, let us know and we will continue them.

Alfs frequently ask for copies of our back issues. We have copies from number 4 on, but do not have copies of the first three issues. The copy we have is so poor that they do not reproduce well so we are not going to try and make copies of them. We will, hopefully in the next issue, begin repeating, and updating if appropriate, those articles from the first three issues. Most significant in this group will be issue number three which contained much data on Lodwick/Lodowick, son of James and father of 20 or so children. Probably before the year is over we will do an update on Lodwick. If you have information on him which you have not sent us, now would be a good time to send it. (If anyone needs copies of issues number 4 or 5, they are available for \$2.50 each)

In the next issue (it was planned it for

this one) we are going to begin including at least one photograph, preferably a head and shoulder portrait. If you have one you would like included send it to us. The photograph will not be damaged and will be returned to you after we have the newsletter printed. We would like to include an extensive biographical report on the person when the picture is printed, so send along all the data you have on them. It is going to cost us \$4 extra per photograph to include these. At the rate of one per issue we will cover this expense, but if the demand gets great, and we need to include more than one per issue, then we will have to start charging to include your ancestors picture.

Other than the short ALFORD EXCHANGE about all you will find in this issue, is the article on Jacob Alford, the 1850 Alford inventory report and the data bank printout with all the Alford's whose first name begins with "C".

The improvements that you find in this issue were made possible by the purchase of a bigger and better computer system. We have contacted some of you directly about part of our increased effort. We will tell you more about it, and the things we can do for you in a later issue.

In the previous issue we mentioned "Coat of Arms". We have since received a wealth of information on the subject from Jim Edwards; Marilla Alford Blau has agreed to help us with some comments; and we have purchased a book and done some studying on our own. For now, suffice it to say, if you have not designed and registered your own Coat of Arms, then none you see are yours. There is no such thing as a coat of arms for a surname. The one printed on the newsletter contains many of the more common features, and seems to be the one most frequently, though incorrectly, considered to be the coat of arms for the Alford family.

We continue to add Alfs to our list of contacts, but we will not be satisfied until we are in touch with everyone in the country who has an interest in Alford family history. If you know of someone who is, and who you haven't told us about, let us know so we can contact them.

ALFORD EXCHANGE

6-45 Jessie T. Wallace, 3118 Knoll Lane NW, Rochester, MN 55901 is also a contact on our Chapman project. In a recent letter he wrote: "My wife noted that you may be able to help us in a different way. She has an ancestor named MARGARET ALFORD. Margaret was born ca 1595 in England and married Richard Norman. She died in 1645. Richard died in 1682 at Marblehead, Essex Co., MA. I realize that there is very little information here, but we would appreciate it if you would see if you have any further data on her family."

6-46 Mary A. Edwards, 23 Ozark Lane, Arnold, MD 63010 responded to our entry concerning the exchange in *THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER*. Mary is seeking information on MR. ALFORD who married Nancy A. Edwards who was born July 27 1816, probably in Greenville, South Carolina. They were supposed to have lived in Gadsen, Etowah County, Alabama, and may even have been married there.

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ALFORD DATA BANK

With this issue we are introducing a new format for our data bank printouts. It is approximately the *final* format, subject to your approval.

On the facing page, and the 14 pages that follow, is a print out of most of the Alford's in our record who have a first name beginning with "C". We think this feature is probably the most important and most useful part of our newsletter. We intend to give priority to this list in each issue and will permit it to occupy up to 16 pages of any issue. When the size of a file exceed 16 pages, then we will split it in half and cover it in two issues. Let us know if you think the data bank is taking too much space, and what you would prefer in its place.

There are three major differences in this print out and those done previously. First, we are showing three lines of data instead of one. Second, with the three lines, we are now able to give more information than before, and finally, because of complaints about our small print, the print is larger.

The new information contained in this print out is: birth and death data on the spouse of the Alford. Previously we just gave the name of the spouse and the date and place of the marriage. While our previous computer file permitted us to record the cemetery and burial place, our output format did not have room to publish the data. We have added that on the top line of this new format. Finally we are showing the source of our information.

The format is described on the top of each section of the printout. (We may not do this in future issues) We will explain the format in detail in this issue, and trust you will remember it, or refer back to this issue, when reading subsequent printouts. Notice the LINE 1, LINE 2 AND LINE 3 at the top of the printout. Line 1 is the Alford and his birth and death date and place, and the cemetery name and location. Dates, as before are expressed year, month and day; with "E" meaning it is our estimate, < meaning before that date and > meaning after that date. A "w" after a death date means it is the date of the will. Locations are expressed as State and County in most cases. Sometimes towns or cities are used instead of county. We hope to eventually convert all to county for ease in computer searching. Line 2 is data on the spouse, beginning with the number of the marriage, if the Alford had more than one. Birth and death data are as just described and instead of cemetery, this line contains the date and place of marriage to this spouse. Line 3 lists the parents (c/o = child of) of the Alford, with the fathers first name (last name always Alford unless Line 1 suggests another spelling) and the mothers first name and maiden name. On the right side of the third line is our source reference.

You can see that when we have a complete record on an Alford, you will see information on three surnames, the Alford, his spouse and his mother.

There is an important difference in the sequence of this listing and those printed previously. In the past they were arranged alphabetically according to the first few letters of the first name, and the initial or second name did not count. With the current system, all characters in the "name" field influence the arrangement. Even characters such as the @ which means we have information

that suggests she might be an Alford by marriage, ie an Alford wife.

Probably our most frequently asked question is, "Where did you get that information?" We hope to answer most of these with this new entry. There are basically three kinds of references. One is books and they are recognized by a number followed by a "B". 1B is Hugh Edwin Alford's "In Search of My Alford Ancestors", 2B is Harlee's "Kinfolks", 3B is Boddie's "Historical Southern Families", 4B is Naomi Hailey's "The Alford-Drake Family", and 5B is a "book" written on the Ginn family. Numbers following the "B" are page numbers.

The second type of reference is census data, and it can be identified by those references beginning with three numbers to denote the year, ie 880 means 1880 (we don't intend having to worry about before 1000 or after 1999). Following the number will be a two character abbreviation for the state if the census data is from a detailed census. If it is from an index or soundex then an "I" will separate the year and the state.

The third type of reference is your data and is the computer code we use for you in our records. In most cases it is your initial. If you are not sure, it is the code that appears on the expiration line of your mailing label, just above your name. We know these alone will not help you. In a few months we hope to have an annual directory available. It will list all of our contacts along with their codes and addresses. They will be available for \$2.50 each.

The fourth type of reference is to our own files or records and is identified by "A", "G" etc which describe different types of our records. All of these are composites or copies of something you have sent. If you need to know more about our source on these, you must contact us.

We have used the computer to analyze this list based on the Alford's first name, the spouse, the parents, and the dates of birth. We used separate listings for each, studying them in detail to try and eliminate duplications and obvious errors. We know we missed some. We need your help to fill in blanks, convert initials to names, to correct errors and to tell us when two records are actually the same person.

We would normally give you a brief analysis concerning time periods, locations and related families, but will skip that for lack of space in this issue.

We also had planned to include "Pedigree Puzzles" based on some of the more obvious questions raised by the data in the printout. Lack of space precludes such a feature in this issue. In the next issue we will have the "D" file and so far it looks to be only about half the size of the "C" file, but then there are three more months in which to collect data. Send us yours if you have not already done so.

Help us to make this an accurate and useful tool for, not only the Alfs of today, but also for those doing Alford research in the years and decades to come. Note that we exclude none of the names, regardless of the time period (we will include those born yesterday if you send us the data), as long as we have one piece of information about them besides their name. (Some of these "one bits" of data did not print in this issue because it is in a Memo field. We made inked annotations).