

Inquiries

Polly Alford Brink

Mrs. Linda M. Brink, 28204 NE 177 Street, Lawson OK 64062, AAFA #385 is seeking information on POLLY ALFORD the third great grandmother of her husband. Polly may have been born in Marathon, Cortland County, NY. Her husband, Nicholas BRINK was christened June 8 1777, probably in Broome County, NY. They had several children, one born about 1806. Does anyone have any information on Polly Alford?

Elizabeth Alford Williams

Mrs. Gail T. Hocker, 9631 Stikine Street, Juneau, AK 99801, AAFA #367 is the sixth great granddaughter of ELIZABETH ALFORD who married James WILLIAMS. Their son Alfred Williams was born 1749 in Virginia and died 1835 in Howard County, Missouri. He moved to Missouri in 1817 after staying for a while in Kentucky. Can anyone connect this Elizabeth to the known Elizabeth Alford's in Virginia in the early 1700's?

William Alford

Mrs. Greta M. Allen, Route 1 Box 769, Point Pleasant, WV 25550, AAFA #175 reminds us that she needs more information on WILLIAM ALFORD born 30 November 1751 and died 8 November 1811. In 1800 he was living in Wilkes County, NC near John Ashley, and he died near Winston Salem. William married Mary WARREN and they had MAREY ALFORD born about 1779, probably in Wilkes County, NC, and died before 1860, probably in Roane County, WV. She married John Wiley ASHLEY 8 March 1799 in Wilkes County, NC. Other AAFA members share this ancestor with Greta and all would

appreciate your assistance in learning more about William.

James Alford

Lona M. Contreras, 4881 Avalon Street, Eugene, OR 97402, AAFA #157 wants a connection for her JAMES ALFORD of London Grove, Chester County, PA. James and his wife Elizabeth had at least two children: ANN ALFORD born 13 February 1776 and died 29 October 1862. She married William HOOPEES 8 March 1797 at London Grove. The other child was ENOCH ALFORD who married Mary UNDERWOOD 16 June 1803 in Bradford.

Zina Alford

Judith Ann Morreels, 955 Upland Road, York PA 17403, AAFA #337 sent her material just as we were getting ready for the Raleigh meeting. It has taken until now to catch up with all the back log. Her lineage was published in the last issue but there is more information that might provide the clue by which you can help Mrs. Morreels. ZINA ALFORD married Aurilla ORTON about 1812 in Lisle Center, Broom County, NY. They later lived in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio. Their son WILLIAM C. ALFORD, born 18 August 1815 in Steuben County, NY, was a prominent citizen of Findlay. Another son, Judith's ancestor, was ALLEN ALFORD who was born 3 December 1828 in Erie County, NY. He married Ellen MOODY and they moved first to Missouri and then to Humbolt County, CA, near Eureka. They had a ranch near Eureka where Judith's mother once visited in a stage coach from the Bay Area of California. Allen and Ellen had a daughter, ALICE IVY ALFORD who was born 1861 in Ohio and married ALBERT JAMES

RACE. This latter couple was Judith's great grandparents.

Henry Alford of Carroll Co., MS

Years ago Monte Jean Frame, 229 East Kerr, Midwest City, OK 73110 AAFA #371 met Elizabeth Alford William, of Greenville, MS AAFA #40, probably in a library in Arkansas. Liz told Monte Jean to contact Gil Alford about her HENRY and MOLLY ALFORD, and we have been searching every since. The following is what we have learned over the years, but we are still lacking.

There is a possibility that Henry and Molly came from around Black Hawk, MS. They had a daughter, LUCY LEAH ALFORD born 31 July 1865 in Mississippi (according to the 1910 census in Alabama).

A cousin of Monte Jean's informed her that the names of Lucy's siblings were: TOM ALEXANDER ALFORD, WALTER ALFORD, JEFF ALFORD, NATHANIEL ALFORD, SHAB (spelling not certain) ALFORD, "PECK" ALFORD (could have been Nathaniel) BENNY ALFORD and MYRA ALFORD who married Gross LAWRENCE of Peoria, IL. Myra died in Peoria in 1946. Apparently there was also a brother named FAY ALFORD. Fay was the informant for the data on the death certificate and Monte Jean identified him as a brother.

Lucy married Dr. William Andrew WILSON 26 January 1882 in Carroll County, MS and she died 3 July 1898 in Graham, OK. Dr. Wilson was born 26 September 1854 in Mississippi, attended University of Louisville Medical School and a medical school in Alabama. William and Lucy had a daughter Willie Wilson, born 1889 in Mulberry, AR. Willie was Monte Jean's mother.

Monte Jean visited EUGENE

ALFORD of Ada, OK. Eugene is the son of TOM ALFORD 1856-1947, Lucy's brother. Tom Alford married Effie Eullia STEPHENS. Tom's death certificate shows he was born 29 October 1856 and died 15 April 1947. We have information on the children of Tom and Effie but their names do not seem pertinent here. Tom's death certificate shows his father to be Henry Alford, but mother is not named.

The above are all the pertinent facts as we have them from Monte Jean. The following are some propositions for your consideration as you begin to try to solve Monte Jean's problem. Black Hawk, MS, a small town in southern Carroll County about a mile from the Holmes County line, had a population in 1880 of 200.

There is a family in the Carroll County censuses of 1850, 1860 and 1870 that just begs to be identified as Lucy's family, but we are lacking the final nail. Lets start with 1870, which would be Lucy's first census and work backwards.

James H. Alford, born about 1826-27 in Alabama and his wife Elizabeth, born about 1826-27 in Georgia appear in all three censuses with the same names, ages and places of birth. A 4 year old female is enumerated in the family in 1870 with the name L. A. Allow some latitude to translate that into Lucy Leah. With a census date of June in 1880 and a birth in July 1865 one would expect a five year old. There was a younger male, B. T. or B. J. who could be Benny or Jeff Alford. There was a B. L. Alford, whose sex is not known, born about 1863. There was a THEARMAL A. ALFORD (Thearmal doesn't sound logical and it might have been Thomas). This could be the Thomas Alexander Alford, father of the cousin that Monte Jean visited. There were two other males, G. F. and T. J. or F. D. F.D. was shown as born in Arkansas. Either could have been FAY ALFORD. It is noted that a LAFAYETTE ALFORD married

JENNIE ALFORD in 1893 in Webster County—could this be FAY ALFORD? The 1870 family also had a one year old HARRIETT ALFORD and a 24 year old VIRGINIA ALFORD. A 20 year old Walter Lathim was also enumerated. Could that actually be the WALTER ALFORD who was supposed to be in the family?

As we go back to the 1860 census we find 3 year old T. A. Alford, who again seems to be a good candidate for Thomas Alexander. An 1857 census date is very close to an actual October 1856 date. Then there was G. F. and F. D. as before. F. D. was shown as born in Arkansas. There is a JOHN W. ALFORD age 10 in this census. Could it be John Walter matching the 20 year old Walter from 1870? There was a 12 year old Henry J. in 1860 that we did not find in 1870 unless it is the W. J. Alford who has married Laura and is living next door. (H. and W. sometimes look very similar in the census) There is a 14 year old Mary C. in 1860 and would seem to be the same as the Virginia in 1870—except for the name mismatch.

In 1850 James H. and Elizabeth have three children, Mary age 4, Henry age 3 and John age 1, and these match almost exactly with the 1860 family.

It is true the cousin identified some siblings which are not accounted for, but it seems there is a close enough match to merit checking further into this family.

It is almost certain that JAMES H. ALFORD, the father in the family described above, was the son of JOHN ALFORD who resided in the next house in the 1850 census. John, whose wife was Luanna, was born in Georgia about 1801 and Lueanna was born in South Carolina about 1805. John and Luanna were the ancestors of a couple of AAFA families.

Ancestry Tables Status

By George Miller, Member #253
Ancestry Tables Project Officer

I want to first say hello to all the members and let you know that it is time to get excited about Ahnentafels, commonly referred to as ancestry or pedigree charts. I have accepted the task of compiling all of your pedigrees and putting them into a format for easy reference. I believe this will prove to be a very major undertaking, and I'm ready to start the project.

Over the past year I have studied the early work done by Gil Alford, and I have developed a computer system for data entry. In the next issue of *AAFA ACTION*, I will provide an insert which is a modified form of a pedigree chart that most members should be quite familiar with. Due to limitations on printing and mailing costs for the quarterly, I will only be able to provide each of you with one chart, which you may duplicate. Most of the members will require multiple copies of the chart. Along with the chart I'll provide a list of instructions to explain its layout and format.

I'd like to thank the members who have already submitted their information to me. All of you responded so fast to my initial inquiries that I was flooded for some time! At this point, I have complete charts for over 17% of the membership. I hope that the rest of you will be just as responsive, and I will soon be swamped with information again!

Missing: Booklist Additions

This popular feature will return to *AAFA ACTION* next quarter. Pam Thompson, Booklist compiler, couldn't get it done this quarter!