

Inquiries

Attention Alabamians! From AAFA Central

Those of you who live in Alabama or have interest in Alabama Alford's may be able to help with this one. It is another one of those AAFA "system inquiries." (See *AAFA ACTION #54*, Vol XIV No 2, Fall 2001, p 59) It was prompted by three subjects in the third section of the WW I Texas draft registration data and we will begin with them and work back to James Alford born about 1850 in Alabama.

Please respond to AAFA, POB 1586, Florissant, MO 63031-1586 or GAlford2@cs.com.

Dozier Alfred, born June 19, 1898 registered Sep. 12, 1918 in Marshall, Harrison Co., TX and gave his address as Longview and his nearest relative as James Alford.

Marvin Alfred, born Apr. 23, 1896 registered June 5, 1917 in precinct 19, Harrison Co. TX and gave his address as Longview and listed no nearest relative.

In both above cases the registrar wrote their names as Alford but their signature was Alfred.

William Birte Alfred, born Feb. 17, 1883 registered Sep. 12, 1918 in Harrison Co. but the town or precinct was not legible. His address and place of employment was in Hallsville, TX which is in Harrison Co. His next of kin was Lucinda Alfred.

There is no evidence of two of these fellows in either the 1920 or 1910 Harrison Co. census. Longview is not in Harrison Co, but is in Gregg Co. They were not there either. But just "up the road a piece"—about five miles—is Upshur Co.

In 1920 Upshur Co. we found three Alfred families. (1) Marven 23 TX and his wife Willie 16 MS. (2) Sam M. Alfred 32 AL his wife Pearl 35 TN and children Gracie 5, Hilton 3 and Gladys 1 all born in TX. (3) Jim R. Alfred 63 AL his wife Julia 53 GA and Dasia (son) 21 TX.

In 1920 Harrison Co. we did find W. B. Alfred 33 AL with his wife Lucinda 42 AL. Rebecca Johnson SM 57 TX was enumerated with them.

In 1910 Upshur Co. we found two Alfred households. (1) James R. 61 AL his wife Julia 47 GA and children Daniel M. 22 AL, Annie D. 16 TX, Marvin 14 TX, Dozier 12 TX and Myrtle 8 TX. (2) William B. Alfred 25 AL boarding with Horace M. Hall.

The family has not been found in 1900 but in 1880 Cherokee Co. AL we had a James R. Alford 27 AL, Julia 18 GA with Mandy less than a year old.

From an obituary copied by Lucille Mehrkam in Longview library, for Samuel Matthew Alford of Gilmer, Upshur Co., TX we learn that the Daniel M. in the census is really Samuel M. It listed him as age 92 with two sons Russell and Hilton, a sister Annie Jones, and brother Marvin. Data from his social security records, SSN 458-05-0612, show him born Oct. 23, 1887 and died Feb. 1980. Another obituary submitted by Pat Fite for him also lists three daughters: Mrs. Grace Fenton, Mrs Gladys Willtrout and Mrs Etta Hill. Samuel Matthew Alford born Oct. 23, 1888 in Alabama will be in a later WWI Texas draft registration data segment. He signed as Alford.

An obituary for Bishop Marvin Alfred was published in AAFA ACTION #30 Vol 8 No 2, Fall 1995, pg 12 showing him born Apr. 23, 1896 in Gregg Co. His wife was Willie Dee and they had sons Richard and Hamp as well as sister Annie Jones.

From the above we can compile a family record as follows:

James R. Alford, b. ca 1849 AL, married about 1879 in Alabama Julia _____. She was born about 1863 and they both died in Texas after 1920. They had:

- a. Mandy a female born Cherokee Co. AL about 1880,
- b. William Berties born Feb. 17, 1883 AL m. Lucinda _____
- c. Samuel Matthew born Oct. 23, 1887 AL m. Pearl _____ and died 1980 Gilmer, Upshur Co., TX
- d. Annie D. born 1894 TX married _____ Jones.
- e. Marvin Bishop born Apr. 23 1896 TX m. Willie Dee b. 1904 MS,
- f. Dozier b June 19, 1898 TX
- g. Myrtle b. 1902 TX.

In 1850 Cherokee Co. AL there was an Elizabeth Alfred 36 TN who was listed with five children and one was James M. age 1. WAS THIS OUR JAMES R. WHO MOVED TO TEXAS? IF SO, WHO WAS HIS FATHER?

On the same census page in 1850 - just 3 houses away - lived Richard Alfred 60 SC. WAS THERE A RELATIONSHIP?

WHERE WERE THEY IN 1860 & 1870?

If you need some pages from our census extracts to work on this please let us know what you want.

The following are queries that were submitted by Peggy Alford Schuster, AAFA #0666.

Adeline Alford

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ALFORD-SIMS-GOODMAN

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Wish to contact any descendant of Adeline Alford's marriage to Thomas Sims on 15 March 1836 Lowndes Co., MS and her second marriage to David Goodman on 29 September 1844 Lauderdale Co. MS. In particular Glenda Myers, descendant of Gillam Gilbert Goodman. Not to be confused with the Adeline Alford who married a Bryan(t), our Adeline was born on 1820 in Georgia or North Carolina; 1830 in Pickens Co., AL; 1840 probably Noxubee Co. MS; 1850 Newton Co. MS.; and died May 1859 Simpson Co. MS.(1860 Mortality Schedule). As an older sister to my gr-gr-grandfather John Madison Alford, her descendants may have clues to their father John and unknown mother. Will gladly exchange info-not computer friendly.

Frances Alford

This inquiry came from India Penney. She is looking for a Frances Alford. This inquiry came as a result of her submitting a request to Gil Alford for information that is not in our database.

I am searching for the ancestry of Frances ALFORD, my husband's great-grandmother. She was probably born between 1850 and 1852 in Alabama. (The 1880 census lists her as 29 - which would be a birth year of 1850 or 1851 ... the 1900 census says she is 48 and born in June 1852.)

Her parents were either both born in Alabama (per 1880 census) or her father was born in Georgia and her mother in South Carolina (per 1900 census.) The fact that she, herself, was born in Alabama is verified by both the 1880 and 1900 census, as well as by the death certificate of her eldest child. The only evidence to the contrary is the 1920 census for her second child, which states Frances ALFORD was born in Georgia.

Frances married Baylor PALMER on 30 December 1866 in Lauderdale, Mississippi (per LDS). She would have been between 14 and 16 years old. Actually, the LDS lists her name as F. S. ALFORD. The use of periods and underline is somewhat confusing. It would suggest either that the letters between the F and S of Frances were illegible, or that her first and middle initials are F. and S., or ... ?? The possibilities are boggling.

Frances and Baylor's first child, Bertha, was born 25 August 1868 either in Virginia (according to Bertha's death certificate) or in Alabama (according to the 1880 census.) Her being born in Virginia is not out of the realm of possibility, as Baylor PALMER was born in that state. She was given the middle name HAFFNER - which I mention only because it sounds like a family name and might provide a clue.

Frances' next two children, Etta and Gertrude, were born in Mississippi -- and a family document suggests that it may have been Natchez. I haven't yet found Frances and Baylor in the 1870 census (my index source is incomplete) but by 1876, Frances and Baylor were in Texas, where they had their last three children: Imogene, Tom and Kate. They lived in both Travis County (1880 census) and Houston, Harris County (1900 census.)

If it's of any help, Bertha's married name was GINGER. Etta was first married to James ALBRIGHT whom she divorced after roughly 25 years and at least 9 children, and then married a man named SHULTIS. Imogene, whose full name was Marian Imogene but who called herself Mary, married Clifford PENNEY. All three ended up in California. Mary Palmer Penney's 1949 obituary leads me to believe that Gertrude never married and was living in Amarillo Texas, and that Tom and Kate were by then deceased.

I have only been working on this for a year (and I am a neophyte) but I can't find Frances ALFORD's parents, or anything else that "proves" her existence prior to her marriage.

Can anyone help? I can be e-mailed at INDIAVAN @ AOL.COM - or written to at 540 South Reese Place, Burbank, CA 91506.

Thanks in advance for any effort,
Best regards,
India Penney

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including pictures. There's much more to come. Gil has been working on an "Alvord" section he is anxious to get up. My job along the way is to make sure we maintain a strong, vital presence on the internet, offering our members information and education about their ancestors.

I thank AAFA for its patience through these Web growing pains and especially to Max and the Web Committee for not asking me to change my name to

Smyth. Their guidance and patient answers to my questions has made this task easier.

As always, if there's something you would like to see on the Website or you have comments about the current content, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm an email away - SEAMaiden@lunisea.com.

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