

Husband: **Daniel Alford** #195

Born: Mar 1853 in: North Carolina  
 Baptized: in:  
 Died: Jul 6 1913 in: East Hartford, Hartford Co., CT  
 Buried: in:  
 Other: in:  
 Ref: Occupation:  
 Father: Henry Alford #204  
 Mother: Mary Rosa \_\_\_\_\_ #205

Some of the data for this family was supplied by Daniel's granddaughter Gloria Ellen Martens.

CENSUS: 1900 June 9, Hartford, CT, boarding with Ann Woodbeck of Colt Street, East Hartford Town. Enumerated as black. Daniel was 47 b. Mar. 1853 and was employed as a cook. He was born in North Carolina as were both his parents. Hattie P. was 20 b, Jan 1880. She was born in Connecticut, her father in Massachusetts and mother in Canada. They had been married zero years. Both could read and write.

1910 April 22, Hartford, CT, residing Ensign Street, East Hartford. Enumerated as black. Daniel worked as a farm laborer. They had been married for ten years and Hattie had given birth to five children of which 4 still lived. In this census Hattie and both her parents were shown as born in Connecticut. Daniel 55 Hattie 30 Roswell A. 9 Florence R. 7 Daniel D. 5 Mary 2

1920 Jan 29, Hartford, CT, residing South Windsor Town. Living with Leroy P. and Hattie Strong. The wife is Hattie 39, and enumerated as white. The Alford children listed as sons and daughters were: Roswell Alford 19 Florence Alford 15 Daniel Alford 13 Mary Alford 11 Jennie Alford 8

Research notes and observations by Lynn D. Shelley, AAFA research chair - Jan. 23, 2010.

I assume the names of Daniel's parents came from the granddaughter? In trying to find him before 1900, I did find a Daniel in 1880 with a wife (Bettie) and several children (4) in Johnston Co. NC. On the same page is a J.B. Alford with wife Mary who were the age to be his parents. All of them in 1880 are listed as Mulatto. Looking back to 1870, there is a J.B. with wife Mary with a Daniel H. FREEMAN living with them. He was born 1848, not 1853 but could he be the same one as in 1880? I did not try to follow any of the children listed in 1880 but should try to do that. In 1900, Bettie Alford living in Smithfield (same place as in 1880), Johnston Co. NC is listed as a widow with three more children (has had 7 total which matches the 4 in 1880 plus three more) all born after 1880.

If J.B. Alford was Daniel's father, he has Franklin Co. NC listed as his birthplace in 1870.

I thought if Daniel was a light skinned mulatto, he could probably have passed for a

white but he still seems to have put black on the census records (or else whoever the census taker was put it without asking him??). Mulatto was a choice in the census but would northern census takers be aware of what that was?? Anyway I assume if Hattie was married to someone who said they were black, she was probably also listed that way as long as she was married to Daniel.

However, when looking up Henry Powers with wife Mary (parents of Hattie), you will find in the 1880 census that Henry is listed as a Mulatto and his wife and children are all listed as being white which would have been why Hattie considered herself white. If Hattie was only 1/4 black and Daniel was 1/2 or less black, then their children probably could have easily passed for white. Maybe his children (if the Johnston Co. NC family is his) in NC were darker than he was and he went north where he could pass for white. This would not be the first time I have heard of such things although most I heard of went west instead of north.

Anyway, I don't know for sure if the Daniel in Johnston Co. is identical to the one in Hartford, CT, but several facts seem to indicate this (date and place of birth, absence in NC in 1900 and presence in CT at that time; new marriage to Hattie in 1900).

Also, the husband of Hattie in 1920 (and 1930) is Leroy P. Strong. In 1920 they have a child who is 6 (named Agnes per ANCESTRY) but I think in 1930 it is a male named Edgar??. In 1930 they also have a daughter named Frances who is 7. Florence (Daniel's daughter) has married a Hendricks and she and her two children are living with the Strong family as is Daniel's youngest daughter Jennie in 1930. Roswell Franklin Alford is married to Mildred G. and is living in Hartford. I could not find the son Daniel in 1930.

The CT Death Index has death date for Roswell Franklin Alford (also in SSDI-049-09-3399) as 6 Aug 1983 in Wethersfield, CT. At the time of his death he was married to Hanna and was a retired supervisor for Traveler's Insurance Co. This same database has the death of Daniel D. Alford as 22 Jun 1990, in Enfield, Hartford, CT. He never married and was a maintenance worker for a catering company from what I can tell.

This gives you a couple more dates to add to the FGS. I don't know about any of the other siblings or descendants. If there was a male descendant from whom we could get DNA, that would be interesting.

---Lynn

Wife: **Harriett Pricilla Powers #197**

Married: in:  
Ceremony: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: Year:

Born: Jan 12 1880 in: Hartford, Hartford Co. CT  
Baptized: in:  
Died: in:  
Buried: in:  
Other: in:  
Ref: Occupation:

Father: Henry Powers #206

Mother: Mary McSeary #207

She was also known as "Hattie" and "Annie."

1 M <b>Roswell Franklin Alford #198</b> sp. Mildred G. _____ #776	Born: Sep 30 1900 Married: Died: Aug 6 1983 Buried:	East Hartford, Hartford Co., CT Wethersfield, CT
2 M <b>Richard H. Alford #199</b>	Born: Mar 31 1902 Died: Apr 11 1902 Buried:	East Hartford, Hartford Co., CT
3 F <b>Florence Ruth Alford #200</b> sp. _____ Hendricks #775	Born: Sep 22 1903 Married: Died: Buried:	East Hartford, Hartford Co., CT
4 M <b>Daniel D. Alford #201</b>	Born: Apr 6 1905 Died: Jun 22 1990 Buried:	East Hartford, Hartford Co., CT Enfield, Hartford Co., CT
5 F <b>Mary Elizabeth Alford #202</b>	Born: Jan 22 1908 Died: Buried:	
6 F <b>Jennie Phylis Alford #203</b> sp. Howard Victor Martens #208	Born: Oct 30 1911 Married: Died: Sep 11 1995 Buried:	East Hartford, Hartford Co., CT New York

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