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He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a naval aviator in the Pacific Theatre in World War II and attained the rank of captain. Joe was employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Langley Research Center for 31 years. He held several patents in the field of aeronautics and was instrumental in developing the design of the variable sweep wing.

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From: William J. Alford, Jr.

July 21, 1969
309 Beechmount Dr.
Hampton, Virginia
23369

Mrs. Donald M. White,
8409 East 46th Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana
46226

Dear Mrs. White,

I noted with pleasure your
Question numbered "A2279 - ALFORD - BAKER -
HOOG - HOWE" to "Climbing The Family Tree"
by Hugh Watson, contained in The New Dominion
Magazine Section of the July 20, 1969 issue of
The Daily Press, Newport News - Hampton, Va. I am
not sure that I can help your search but
I am interested in being of service if possible.
I am also interested in learning as much
as possible of the ALFORD pedigree since
I belong to this family tree.

Although this is my first endeavor
in this field and I am inexperienced in its practice

I hope my budding zeal will prove useful. Since I don't know how best to start I will assume that providing what I know of my own heritage will at least break the ice.

My name is: William Joseph Alford, Jr.; born December 27, 1923 in Norfolk, Virginia to William Joseph Alford, Sr. of Conatae (Near Tarboro) N.C. (Born November 28, 1886) and Irene Alberta Morris (previously married to Martin Mason of Roanoke, Va) of Norfolk, Virginia (Born January 5, 1885)

I am married to the former Jeanne Sabina Higgins of Portsmouth, Va (Born November 25, 1925). We have four children: (1) William J. Alford, III (Born in Norfolk, Va, August 2, 1946), married to Barbara Aetmeyer of Fairfax, Va; (2) Bonnie Jeanne Alford (Born in Norfolk, March 15, 1950); (3) Thomas John Alford (Born in Newport News, Virginia, January 28, 1954); (4) Stephen Michael Alford (Born in Hampton, Va, December 22, 1958).

My father, William D. Alford, Sr. was born to Alongo A. Alford (birth date and place unknown but presumably in North Carolina) and Effie Whitehurst (Birth details unknown). He was the eldest of thirteen children (himself, John, Alfred, Cleo, Paul, Annie, Effie, Elsie May, Sally, Alongo, and three others I can't recall). As far as I know I am his only surviving son. He died ~~in~~ June of 1962

My mother, Irene Alberta Morris, was born to (?) Richard R. Morris of Norfolk (supposedly a direct descendant of Robert Morris of revolutionary war fame) and Julia Francis Cherry, also of Norfolk. She had ~~four~~ ^{three} brothers: Robert Morris, Herbert Nash Morris, and Richard R. Morris, all of Norfolk, Va. She died in April of 1961.

I do not know the lineage past this point although I understood from my father that his side of the family was of Scotch Origin.

I noted in your published statement to Mr. Watson that "A 32-page, legal length, history has been written on the Bedford line --" I would be very interested in obtaining a copy of this document - particularly if it will provide information to my side of the tree. Please let me know how this might be accomplished. I would also appreciate any tutelage you might provide on pedigree charting.

I am an Aeronautical Engineer with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, employed at the Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. I have been with this organization and its predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics for 20-years. I am planning a trip, for NASA, to Europe in early September. I will visit Holland, France, and England. If this visit would provide a chance for some research, I would be glad to undertake it.

I would be very pleased to have your
reply. Thank you,

Joe Buford

8 JUNE 1970

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MR. WILLIAM J. ALFORD, Jr.,
309 Beechmount Drive,
Hampton, Virginia 23369

*See her
letter
9/3/90
(DMW)*

Dear Mr. Alford:

I am indeed sorry to have been almost a year in answering your kind letter and hope you will forgive me. My husband was hospitalized soon after we returned from vacation last summer and my two elderly relatives have also been hospitalized off and on this past year and we are now in the process of moving them to smaller quarters in the upper part of the state and endeavoring to empty the family homestead which has an accumulation of over 75 years of living, for it originally belonged to my grandparents.

I am delighted to learn of your interest in the Alford line and am enclosing all the information I have been able to collect to date of the early ancestors.

We need the marriage records of James Alford to Hannah Baker in 1813. This probably would be found in Montgomery or Giles County since he was born in Giles County 21 Dec. 1791. Hannah Baker was born in 1791 too in Virginia and assume it probably was in the same area. She was the daughter of Joseph Baker Sr. and Hannah ? Baker. James died in 1861 in Alfordsville, Indiana and is buried near there. Hannah died in Chautauqua County, Kansas and is buried north of Peru, Kas.

Any deeds or wills that can be found for the Baker and Alford families would help greatly. Please send me copies and I'll reimburse you.

The 32 page legal length history of the "Alford Line" was written by Mrs. Gallagher and will be revised as soon as some more current material can be sent to her. A copy of it is in the Salt Lake City, Utah, Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and it is possible that a microfilm might be obtained of it. You might write them and ask. Most microfilm tapes cost about \$2.50 when bought outright. They can be had on loan also for a two week period I believe. A Xerox copy would run nearly \$12.00 I believe.

My son, Richard B. White is a Warrant Officer aboard the aircraft carrier, Forrestal at present in the Mediterranean, out of Norfolk, Va. and due back there on the 8th of July. His family resides in Florida near Orlando so rather believe we'll be seeing him this summer in Orlando but if we do go to Norfolk and can find the time to contact you, will of course do so.

My husband and I are planning semi-retirement in the spring of 1972 and will be moving to Florida at that time. Thereafter I do hope to be able to devote a great deal more time to the research.

Thank you again for your interest and many of us will be ever grateful for any information you may be able to find. You mentioned that you believe the ancestry is of Scottish origin, this is interesting for I've been inclined to look into the English records if and when I might find any available.

8409 East 46th Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana 46226

Sincerely yours,

Mary B. White
Mrs. Donald M. White

Memo from
JOE ALFORD

WJZ #81

Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Alford
309 Beechmount Dr.
Hampton, VA 23669

SEPT. 26, 1988

DEAR ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY
ASSOCIATION:

I NOTED WITH KEEN
INTEREST THE ANNOUNCEMENT
IN THE SEPTEMBER 18, 1988
ISSUE OF "THE TIMES-PIAYUNE"
OF NEW ORLEANS, LA. CONCERNING
THE ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY
ASSOCIATION. ENCLOSED PLEASE
FIND A CHECK FOR \$10⁰⁰....
REGISTRATION FEE. PLEASE SEND
INFORMATION AS TO WHEN
ANNUAL DUES ARE REQUIRED.

My BRANCH OF THE FAMILY
MAINLY RESIDES IN THE AREA
NEAR TAPPERO, N.C. ALTHOUGH I
Edgecombe Co DE-Tech, INC.
UNDERSTAND THEY ARRIVED THERE
VIA GEORGIA
(OVER)

I AM VERY INTERESTED ²
IN THE FAMILY GENEALOGY
AND HISTORY AND I HAVE
SOME INFORMATION TO CONTRI-
BUTE IF IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL.

PLEASE ADVISE AT
EARLIEST CONVENIENCE HOW
MY FAMILY MAY BECOME
INVOLVED.

Sincerely
William Joseph Alfred, Jr.
(Joe)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 1586, Florissant, MO 63032-1586

I, or we, the below listed person, or family, desire to become members of the ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION. Enclosed is a check, made payable to Alford American Family Association (or AAFA), in the amount of \$18 to cover the one time registration fee of \$10 and the first year dues of \$8.00.

NAME OF HUSBAND OR SINGLE MALE APPLICANT: <i>WILLIAM JOSEPH ALFORD, JR., OBB</i>	DATE OF BIRTH: <i>12/27/1923</i>
NAME OF WIFE OR SINGLE FEMALE APPLICANT: <i>JEANNE HIGGINS ALFORD</i>	DATE OF BIRTH: <i>11/27/1925</i>
NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH OF SINGLE CHILDREN (UNDER AGE 21) TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Use separate page if necessary):	

TITLE AND NAME TO BE USED FOR MAILING (Please print or type): <i>MR. WILLIAM J. ALFORD, JR.</i>	
POST OFFICE BOX OR STREET ADDRESS: <i>309 BEECHMOUNT DRIVE</i>	APARTMENT/SUITE NR.:
CITY, STATE, COUNTY, ZIP CODE: <i>HAMPTON, VIRGINIA - 23669</i>	PHONE (Include area code): <i>804-851-3564</i>

ANCESTOR SUMMARY OF ALFORD DESCENDANT.

(Complete to extent known. We will send you a more complete worksheet as part of the new member packet.)

See # 123 LONNIE ALFORD +144

FATHER'S NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: <i>WILLIAM JOSEPH ALFORD (SR) - 11/23/86; CONOTOE, N.C.</i>	HIS WIFE'S NAME: <i>IRENE ALBERTA MORRIS MASON ALFORD; 1/5/1785</i>
GRANDFATHER'S NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: <i>ALONZA ALFORD ALFORD - 10/22/1860; CONOTOE(?) N.C. EDENBORO</i>	HIS WIFE'S NAME: <i>SALLY JANE BULLOCK ALFORD; 6/16/1869</i>
GREAT GRANDFATHER'S NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: <i>JESSE ALFORD</i>	HIS WIFE'S NAME: <i>DELLA MOODY ALFORD 5/15/1743</i>
2ND G GRANDFATHER'S NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:	HIS WIFE'S NAME:
3RD G GRANDFATHER'S NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:	HIS WIFE'S NAME:
4TH G GRANDFATHER'S NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:	HIS WIFE'S NAME:
5TH G GRANDFATHER'S NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:	HIS WIFE'S NAME:

SIGNATURE: <i>William J. Alford, Jr.</i>	APPLICATION DATE: <i>10/31/88 (1/4/89)</i>
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FOR ASSOCIATION USE ONLY: Reg (Due Receipt) Article Cert Card Received
EXPIRES: MEMBER NR. AAFA *088 WJL*

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