

Membership

Max Ray Alford, AAFA #0230 Membership Chair & DNA Project Officer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I briefly touched on the DNA testing in the last report. As I said before, the AAFA is keenly interested in the testing as it relates to genealogy. The Association encourages not only members but also anyone with the surname Alford to have their DNA tested.

Let's review some guidelines concerning DNA testing and the Alford surname. The most important guideline is that the person being tested must be a male and a direct descendant of an Alford line. There are two exceptions to this guideline. If you have documented proof of an adoption where the biological father was an Alford yet the adoptee now has the name of the adopted parents, DNA testing would confirm that. The second guideline is that if there exists old family lore of a name change in the long ago past from Alford to something else, DNA testing could confirm that or disprove it. There is one thing to remember about the DNA testing – DNA results are much better at determining a non-relationship than a relationship. If you will notice, when there is a match, Family Tree DNA expresses the probability of a relationship as a percentage and it is never one hundred per cent. But yet, if there are quite a few non-matching markers (for instance, a 9 of 12 match means there is probably not a relationship and any less than 9 of 12, the subjects are definitely not related), it can be stated with some degree of certainty that no relationship exists.

Wait a minute, if mankind began with Adam and Eve or as the DNA genealogists purport, the man in Africa, wouldn't that mean we are all related? Well, yes but you must remember as far as genealogy is concerned, we are only looking back to the era where surnames came into popular use which in the overall scheme of things is not all that long ago. So if, say your name is Smith and you have a perfect 67 of 67 marker match with an Alford, you are most likely related but the Most Recent Common Ancestor would probably have lived in the time prior to the use of surnames. In that case, there would never be any chance of finding any written documentation (even on cave walls) that would confirm that.

We do have some members of the Alford Surname Group whose surname is not Alford. Most of them do not have any documentation of an adoption or a name change. They simply joined the Alford Surname Group because their DNA results matched up more closely with the Alford than with their surname. There is nothing that says they cannot join the Alford Surname Group. However, I would hate for them to start focusing more on the Alford surname and less on their own surname. We do have individuals in the Alford Surname Group who are adopted and the biological father was an Alford as well as some whose line have family lore of that name change I spoke of earlier.

I encourage you to visit Family Tree DNA at <http://www.familytreedna.com/>. They have a vast amount of knowledge concerning DNA testing and genealogy. If you cannot find what you are looking for there, contact me at mralford@swbell.net and I will try to find it for you.

IMPORTANT! Remember, if you order a test from Family Tree DNA, do the ordering through the Alford Surname Group for a substantial savings in the cost of the tests. You can have your tests done by other labs. If you want to join the Alford Surname Group though, please make sure that the test results are compatible with Family Tree DNA and can be converted to the Family Tree DNA format. If you are in doubt, contact me with the name of the company you want to use and I will find out that information for you. Remember also that Family Tree DNA charges for the conversion. So please factor that in to your costs if you are simply looking for a cheaper price.

New Member Lineages

Because of the very short time between this issue and the previous issue there are not many new members to be reported this time.

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1. **Randy Edwin Alford** #34808 b. private, Charleston, Charleston Co., SC, m. private, in Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, LA, **Lois Anne Kaiser** #34809.

Parents

2. **Alvin Donald Alford** #21940 b. private, Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish, LA, occupation retired, U.S. Navy CPO, m. private, in Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish, LA, **3. Glyndon Eldora Brock** #34807.

Grand Parents

4. **William Alvin Alford** #12962 b. Mar 11 1900, Sunny Hill, Washington Parish, LA, m. **5. Audice Josie Bickham** #21935, b. Jul 29 1906, Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish, LA, d. Dec 7 1972, Franklinton, Washington Parish, LA, buried: Mt. Pisgah Cem., Mt. Hermon, Louisiana. William died Sep 15 1948, Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish, LA, buried: Mt. Pisgah Cem., Washington Parish, LA.

Great Grand Parents

8. **Abraham Otto Alford** #12957 b. Feb 25 1880, Mississippi, m. Jun 3 1900, in Washington Parish, LA, **9. Lulu Bell McElveen** #12961, b. May 29 1885, Louisiana, d. Jan 31 1942, buried: Pleasant Hill, Washington Parish, LA. Abraham died Aug 25 1956, buried: Pleasant Hill, Washington Parish, LA.

Great Great Grand Parents

16. **Abraham Alford** #12951 b. about 1844, Mississippi, m. **17. Rufina P. Harrell** #12952, b. Feb 1849, Mississippi.

3rd Great Grand Parents

32. **Unknown Alford** #12946 m. **33. Matilda** _____ #12947, b. about 1811, South Carolina.
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#1388 Mary Thornton McGuire 5813 Jason Street 713-777-9602
LOD775NC/JAM687VA Houston, TX 77074-7739 mstxmac@yahoo.com

1. **Mary Thornton McGuire** #31666 b. private, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA.

Parents

2. **Edward Leo McGuire, Jr.** #31663 b. Oct 27 1914, Tauton, MA, m. Apr 24 1942, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, **3. Mary Evelyn Bell** #31661, b. Sep 4 1916, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, d. Jan 4 2011, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA. Edward died Jul 13 1983, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA,

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buried: Forest Lawn Cem., Caddo Parish. LA.

Grand Parents

6. **Thornton Fletcher Bell** #31656 b. Oct 10 1878, Caddo Parish, LA, m. Aug 11 1915, in Keatchie, De Soto Parish, LA, **7. Nannetta Pauline Schuler** #31658, b. Sep 20 1882, Keatchie, De Soto Parish, LA, d. Feb 29 1968, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA. Thornton died Oct 28 1938, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, buried: Forest Lawn Cem., Caddo Parish. LA.

Great Grand Parents

12. **Thomas Fletcher Bell** #31653 b. Aug 24 1834, Lancaster Co., VA, m. Jan 7 1874, in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, **13. Mary Cornelia Buckelew** #31640, b. Oct 20 1843, Dadeville, Tallapoosa Co., AL, d. May 28 1933, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, buried: Forest Lawn Cem., Caddo Parish. LA. Mary m. (1) Silas W. S. Culp #31652, b. Oct 26 1831, New York City, NY, d. Jan 6 1873, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA. Thomas died Nov 14 1912, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, buried: Forest Lawn Cem., Caddo Parish. LA.

Great Great Grand Parents

26. **Moses Scott Buckelew** #5694 b. Nov 25 1817, New York, NY, m. Jan 1841, in Selma, Dallas Co., AL, **27. Martha Angelina Norsworthy** #5693, b. 1826, Georgia, d. Dec 28 1890, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA. Moses died 1902, Longview, Gregg Co., TX.

3rd Great Grand Parents

54. **Fred Norsworthy** #5691 m. Jul 18 1821, in Greene Co., GA, **55. Mary Erasmus Alford** #5690, b. about 1802, Greene Co., GA, d. about 1853, Newton Co., GA. Mary m. (2) _____ Spencer #5692.

4th Great Grand Parents

110. **Lodwick Alford** #5677 b. Feb 2 1775, North Carolina, m. May 16 1798, in Greene Co., GA, **111. Judith Jackson** #5678, b. Feb 2 1778, Greensboro, Guilford Co., NC, d. Jun 30 1844, Georgia, buried: Alford Cemetery, LaGrange, Troup Co., GA. Lodwick died Jul 22 1857, West Point, Troup Co., GA, buried: Alford Cemetery, LaGrange, Troup Co., GA.

5th Great Grand Parents

220. **Julius Alford** #5497 b. estimate 1750, North Carolina, m. about 1773, in North Carolina, **221. Rebecca Jackson** #5498, b. about 1748, North Carolina, d. after 1825, Greene Co., GA. Julius died Aug 25 1820, Greene Co., GA.

6th Great Grand Parents

440. **Lodwick Alford** #3085 b. about 1710, New Kent Co., VA, m. (1) Elizabeth _____ #4641, b. Apr 29 1717, New Kent Co., VA, d. May 29 1735, New Kent Co., VA, m. (2) Susanna _____ #3086, b. Sep 25 1718, m. (3) **441. Unknown** #4651. Lodwick died 1800, Franklin Co., NC.

7th Great Grand Parents

880. **James Alford** #29 b. about 1687, probably New Kent Co., VA, died about 1730, New Kent Co., VA.

8th Great Grand Parents

1760. **John Alford** #4656 b. about 1645, probably Virginia, died Mar 14 1710, New Kent Co., VA.

Photos: Louisiana Meeting, 2010

Submitted by Janice and John Smith, AAFA #0152, Members AAFA Hall of Fame and Walt Smith, AAFA #1247



Deloris Bitting gave a presentation on the family of Edwin Barksdale Alford born in 1792 in North Carolina for the Alford Forum on Saturday afternoon.



Peggy Schuster gave an interesting talk on John Alford born 1801 in North Carolina.



Ramona Darden gave an informative talk on the descendants of William Alford born in 1755 in Virginia for the Forum.



On Sunday afternoon after the tours, the group went to eat at Mulates in downtown New Orleans. Shown from the left are Peggy Schuster (under the hat), Evelyn Mistich, Lynn Shelley, Holly Alford, Pauline and Earl Alford, Ramona Darden, Vesta Bowden, Helen Steele, and Joyce and Wayne Alford.

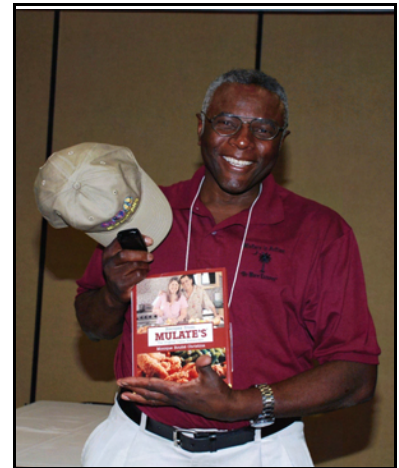


James Alford shows the jar of local honey from Houmas House that he won as a prize.

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Zorica Mladenovic, Stefan Alford, and Mac and Dragana Alford posed after dinner on Saturday.



Reginald Alford shows off the cookbook from Mulate's that he won.



Janice Smith was lucky to win the throw made by Earline Alford showing the Alford insignia in the center and all of the states where we have had meetings shown with the state outline and the state bird. Evelyn Mistich made the presentation.



Joyce Alford won a print of the Oak Alley Plantation.



Earl and Pauline Alford are shown in Jackson Square near Cafe Du Monde.

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Delfina and James Alford attended their second AAFA meeting.



Joyce and Wayne Alford are shown on Sunday night after we returned to the research room to pack up everything.



Kael Alford attended the Saturday afternoon session and took many photos of the group. Her father is an AAFA member, and since she was working in New Orleans, he insisted that she drop by to take some pictures for him.



Bob and Helen Steele are shown after the Saturday night banquet.



Janice Smith and Lynn Shelley are shown on the porch at Oak Alley Plantation. Some of the oak trees can be seen behind them.



Vesta Bowden is holding a prize that she won. The title of the book is Off The Beaten Path Louisiana.



Jim and Deloris Bitting posed for a photo after the Saturday night banquet.



Mary and Nolan David Alford are shown after the banquet on Saturday night.



Evelyn Mistich is shown with a prize that she won. It is a replica of a candle that plantation owners would light when their daughter had a gentleman caller. If he liked the young man, the candle could be adjusted so that it would burn a longer time. If he did not care for the young man, it would be set to burn down in a shorter length of time.

Web Site Updates

WEEK OF MAY 22

AAFA NEW MEMBER AHNENTAFELS SEE ALL

AAFA #1387 Randy Edwin Alford
AAFA #1388 Mary Thornton McGuire

As indicated in the Editorial Comments there was not much done on the website since the last newsletter because of the short time lapsed and that most members who work on the website are also responsible for this interim issue of the quarterly.

Depicted on this page is a reduced size view of the AAFA home page or web page. It is not linked so there is no need to click anywhere. This is for the benefit of those who have spent little time there. The working area begins with the heavy blue (on most browsers) navigation bar under the logo. Several links can be found there and the actual links vary from page to page. Only on the home page one can also find links to ALL other parts of the site. Just below the welcome paragraph are two “con-venience” links, one to a new member application form and the other to a page where one can begin to order a DNA test. Below these is what might appear to some as a table or two columns containing links to eight major subject areas. They are ABOUT AAFA where one can find just about all or any thing about the association. Next is PHOTOGRAPHS that links to a photo gallery of Alford ancestors maintained by Janice, John and Walt Smith. Following that is one of two links concerning members or membership. This one does not list or mention members but talks about the subject of members or MEMBERSHIP. The next one concerns the ANNUAL MEETINGS OR REUNIONS and is in two parts. Depending upon the time of the year information may be found for the next meeting and there is another link that takes one to reports and information about previous meetings—some with photos. In the next “column” is a link to a page with various information about MEMBERS and every member is mentioned. Below that is DATABASES where you will find a wealth of information about Alford of the past. This is by far the largest and most active part of the site. Next is RELATED LINKS where one can find a few links that have some connection to AAFA. To the extent we know them we do link to all the other member pages. In the center, below these eight grouped links, is another link to the Updates page as well as a link to a page with some Frequently Asked Questions. Finally there is a FIND box which will provide you with links to just about any word found on the site. If one needs it, below that box is a link to send an email to AAFA.



In Remembrance, Members

By Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #0030

FLORA BELL KING ALFORD
AAFA #0517
1912–2010

Banks Funeral Home
Sylvester, Worth Co., GA—_____ October 2010

Mrs. Flora King Alford, 98, of Macon, GA formerly of Sylvester died Sunday October 10, 2010 at her granddaughter's residence in Macon.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday 11:00 AM at Banks Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at the Hillcrest Cemetery [Sylvester] with Rev. Dan Williamson officiating.

A native of Turner County, GA, Mrs. Alford had lived in Sylvester since 1978 moving from the Shingler Community and later moving to Macon in 2004. She was a homemaker and a member of Pinson Memorial United Methodist Church where she was a member of the United Methodist Women, the Pinson Angels and was a member of the Maude O'Sheal Sunday School Class.

Survivors include her grandchildren, Dale Carr Reid and her husband Richard of Macon, GA, Alan Carr of Conyers, GA, Glenn Carr of Macon, GA, and Dean Carr of Crawfordville, Fl.; 10 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Alford was preceded in death by her parents Green Clyde and Ida Lee Cooper King, her husband William Leorus Alford who died on November 2, 1985, a daughter Sara Clyde Carr and a grandson Brian Carr.

For those desiring memorials may be made to the Pinson Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 118, Sylvester, GA 31791 or to your favorite charity.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

Sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com. Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester, GA is in charge of arrangements.

In another article:

ALBANY HERALD

Albany, Dougherty Co., GA—Monday, 11 October 2010

ALBANY—Mrs. Flora King Alford, 98, of Macon, GA formerly of Sylvester died Saturday October 9, 2010 at her daughter's residence in Macon. The funeral service will be held Tuesday 11:00 AM at Banks Funeral Chapel with interment to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery.

A native of Turner County, GA, Mrs. Alford had lived in Sylvester since 1978 moving from the Shingler Community and later moving to Macon in 2004. She was a

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homemaker and a member of Pinson Memorial United Methodist Church where she was a member of the United Methodist Women, the Pinson Angels and was a member of the Maude O'Sheal Sunday School Class.

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For those desiring memorials may be made to the Pinson Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 118, Sylvester, GA 31791 or to your favorite charity. The family will receive friends on Monday (TODAY) from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM at Banks Funeral Home. Sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester, GA is in charge of arrangements. Banks Funeral Home Sylvester 229/776-2055.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Flora K. Alford (SS# issued in GA) was born 9 Oct 1912 and died 10 Oct 2010, last residence Macon, Bibb Co., GA.

Her newspaper obituary states her date of death incorrectly.

Flora's husband, William Leorus Alford, died before AAFA was created. She joined after his death.

For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, *Known Descendants of James Lodwick Alford (1749–1820)*.

Her husband's lineage: William Leorus 1911 GA¹, William Leorus Haywood 1863 NC², Green Haywood 1820 NC³, Greene 1787 NC⁴, James Lodwick 1749 NC⁵.

EARL JOHNSTON ALFORD
AAFA #0518
1921–2005

ST. AUGUSTINE RECORD

St. Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL—Tuesday, 17 May 2005

Earl Johnson Alford, 84, of St. Augustine, died May 14, 2005, at Moultrie Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Alford was a native of Sylvester, Ga., and had resided in St. Augustine since 1950. Alford was an aquarist at Marineland of Florida, and a member of the Elks. Alford served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a member of Ancient City Baptist Church.

Services: Noon Wednesday at Craig Funeral Home Chapel. Calling hours: 11 a.m. until the hour of service at the funeral home. Burial: Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors: Daughters, Lynn Gibson and Patricia Hubbard; six step-grandchildren and other relatives.

In charge: Craig Funeral Home and Crematory.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Earl J. Alford (SS# issued in NC) was born 3 Jan 1921, last residence St. Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL.

See the obituary of his wife, Marydel Smith Alford, in this compilation.

AAFA records spell his middle name Johnston.

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For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, *Known Descendants of James Lodwick Alford (1749–1820)*.

His lineage: Earl Johnston 1921 GA¹, Earl Johnston 1893 NC², Columbus Augustine 1850 NC³, Green Haywood 1820 NC⁴, Greene 1787 NC⁵, James Lodwick 1749 NC⁶.

BETTY JANE KEY
AAFA #0612
1927–2007

COMMERCIAL APPEAL

Memphis, Shelby Co., TN—Thursday, 7 June 2007

Betty Jane Key, 80, of Memphis died Friday June 1, 2007 at the Methodist University Hospital. She was born May 15, 1927 in Kansas City, Missouri the daughter of the late Franklin S. and Della A. Carpenter Key.

She was formerly employed with Memphis Title Company. She was a member of numerous Genealogical Associations in Virginia, Arkansas, Mississippi and Missouri and was a Matriarch of the First Block of North Auburdale.

Betty is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Philip D. and Carolyn Key of St. Louis, Missouri; a grandson in heart, Brian Phebus of Memphis; a neighbor, Ray; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday at the Heath Colonial Chapel.... Burial will follow in Linwood Cemetery....

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Betty J. Key (SS# issued in AR), last residence Memphis, Shelby Co., TN.

Betty's most recent Alford ancestor is her great-great-grandmother Elizabeth Alford, 1764 VA, who married William Waller Key on 20 Dec 1790.

Betty's Alford lineage: Elizabeth 1764 VA⁵, William 1734 VA⁶, John 1696 MD⁷

JAMES RICHARD ALFORD
AAFA #0902
1933–2008

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

St. Louis, MO—Tuesday, 30 September 2008

Alford, James R. September 27, 2008, Lake Sherwood, MO. Beloved husband of Sandra Alford (nee Hof); dear father of Dennis R. (Karen) Alford, O'Fallon, MO and Vicki S. (Danny) Reynolds, Byrnes Mill, MO; dear grandfather of four and step-grandfather of two.

Services: Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Wednesday at Miller Funeral Home, 1206 Jefferson St., Washington, MO. Funeral Service will be 11:00 a.m.,

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Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at Miller Funeral Home. Burial will be private. Memorials may be made to BJC Hospice, 9890 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63124.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that James R. Alford (SS# issued in MO) was born 5 Dec 1933, last residence Marthasville, Warren Co., MO.

We published the obituary of his brother Jack Chester Alford (born 1931) in the Summer 2006 issue of *AAFA ACTION*. In Jack's obituary, his parents were identified as Fred and Vanburin Tinsley Catiller.

When he joined AAFA, James identified his parents as Buford Franklin Alford, born about 1895 in TX, and Van Buren Tinsley, born 1907 in AR. James said they married 23 December 1928 in St. Louis, MO.

From Sandra Catiller Anderson's online family tree ERLINK "<http://geocities.com/tennesseedog2003/johntcatiller.html>" My Family Connection: Van Buren married (2) Frederick Lincoln Catiller on 18 October 1940, also in St. Louis, MO. Neither of her marriage records has been found in Missouri Marriage Records, 1805–2002 (Ancestry.com).

The marriage certificate of Buford Franklin Alford, age 33 of St. Louis, and Miss Burin V. Tinsley, age 21 of Success, MO, confirms that they married in St. Louis on 23 Dec 1928. AAFA's Missouri marriage records lists the marriage of Beauford Franklin Alford and Van Buren Tinsley.

Buford/Beauford Alford has not been found in any censuses or in WWI Draft Registrations.

Vanburen Vera Catiller died in South Gate, Los Angeles Co., CA, 19 February 1984 (California Death Index). She was born in AR on 19 Sept 1907, mother's maiden name Horn.

1930 CENSUS

St. Louis (District 570), MO

Dwelling #166 [Home for the Aged: "St. Louis Altenheim"]:

Buren Alford	employee	22	AR	KY	AR	married	maid
						age 21 at first marriage	

Sandra Alford, wife of James, sent AAFA a letter in 1997 [www.alfordassociation.org/IRS/0902_letter.pdf] that included scanned copies of the marriage certificate of her husband's parents, a photograph of his father, her husband's birth certificate, and other items of interest.

NAOMI ALFORD JACOBS
AAFA #0952
1920–2000

CHARLESTON GAZETTE

Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV—Tuesday, 11 April 2000

Naomi A. Jacobs, 79, of Charleston died April 10, 2000, in Heartland Nursing Center after a long illness.

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She was a homemaker and a Protestant.

Surviving: daughters, Terah A. Jacobs and Wanda Halstead, both of Charleston; son, William H. Alford [*sic*—should probably be Harlan Jarrett Jacobs] of Charleston; sister, Margie M. Sisk of Owensboro, Ky.; brother, William H. Alford of Owensboro; one granddaughter; three great-grandchildren.

Service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at J.E. Johnson Funeral Home, Kanawha City.... Burial will be in Floral Hills Garden of Memories, Sissonville....

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Naomi A. Jacobs (SS# issued in KY) was born 15 Nov 1920, last residence Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV.

We included the obituary of her brother Armond Alford in West Virginia Obituaries; and of her sister Christine Elizabeth Alford Harris Dawson, AAFA #0960, in Kentucky Obituaries.

Naomi's son Harlan Jacobs (AAFA #0953), probably the misnamed son William H. Alford in her obituary, died in 2001. See AAFA Member Memorials for his In Remembrance.

Naomi's cousin Jimmie R. Alford, AAFA #0500, gave AAFA gift memberships to many of his relatives who were Alford descendants.

For more information on her family, see AAFA's published genealogy, Known Descendants of William Alford and Mary Miller.

Her lineage: Naomi 1920 KY¹, Harlan 1894 KY², Delaney 1871 KY³, Wilson L. "Cap" 1840 KY⁴, William 1804 VA⁵, William 1775 VA⁶.

HARLAN JARRETT JACOBS

AAFA #0953

1943–2001

DAILY MAIL

Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV—_____ January 2001

Harlan J. "Jay" Jacobs, 57, of Charleston died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, at home after a short illness. He was an electrician for Clearon Corp. with 34 years of service and was a Navy veteran.

Surviving: sisters, Terah A. Jacobs and Wanda S. Halstead of Charleston; niece, Terri L. Harless of Hurricane; two grandnephews and two grandnieces.

Service will be noon Saturday at Wilson Funeral Home, Charleston, with the Rev. Anthony Mason officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hills Garden of Memories, Sissonville. Friends may call from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that Harlan J. Jacobs (SS# issued in WV) was born 20 Jan 1943, last residence not listed.

Harlan's mother, Naomi Alford Jacobs (AAFA #0952), died in 2000. See AAFA Member Memorials for her In Remembrance.

For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, Known Descendants of William Alford and Mary Miller.

His Alford lineage, from his mother: Naomi 1920 KY², Harlan 1894 KY³, Delaney 1871 KY⁴, Wilson L. "Cap" 1840 KY⁵, William 1804 VA⁶, William 1775 VA⁷.

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CHRISTINE ELIZABETH ALFORD HARRIS DAWSON
AAFA #0960
1929–2002

LEADER-NEWS

Central City, Muhlenberg Co., KY—_____ May 2002

OWENSBORO—Ms. Christine Elizabeth Dawson, 72, of Owensboro [Daviess Co.] died Thursday, May 16, 2002 at Owensboro Mercy Health System.

Ms. Dawson was born in Muhlenberg County on December 30, 1929. She was an electronic chip maker at Harris Semi Conductor in Florida.

Survivors include three sons, William (Cindy) Harris of Coffee Spring, AL, Anthony (Brenda) Harris of Owensboro and Roger (Judy) Harris of Samson, AL; one brother, William Alford of Owensboro; one sister, Patricia Mason of Nelson; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 18, 2002 at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City.... Burial followed in New Harmony Cemetery [Midland, Muhlenberg Co.].

In another article:

MESSENGER-INQUIRER

Owensboro, Daviess Co., KY—17 May 2002

Christine Elizabeth Dawson, 72, of 4866 Millers Mill Road, Owensboro, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at Owensboro Mercy Health System. The Muhlenberg County native made electronic chips at Harris Semiconductor in Florida.

Survivors include three sons, William Harris of Coffee Spring, Ala., Anthony Harris of Owensboro [AAFA #0950] and Roger Harris of Samson, Ala.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, William Alford of Owensboro; and a sister, Patricia Mason of Nelson.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City. Burial will be in New Harmony Cemetery in Midland. Visitation is after 4:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Christine E. Dawson (SS# issued in KY), last residence Owensboro, Daviess Co., KY.

See the obituaries of her siblings Naomi Alford Jacobs, AAFA #0952, and Armond C. Alford in West Virginia Obituaries.

KY Births lists Christeen E. Alford born 30 Dec 1929 in Muhlenburg Co., mother's maiden name Ellen James.

AAFA has no record of a sister in this family named Patricia Mason. Patricia Sisk Mason, AAFA #0957, is Christine's niece, the daughter of her sister Margie Alford Sisk.

Christine's cousin Jimmie R. Alford, AAFA #0500, gave AAFA gift memberships to many of his relatives who were Alford descendants.

For more information on his family, see AAFA's published genealogy, Known Descendants of William Alford and Mary Miller.

Her lineage: Christine Elizabeth 1929 KY¹, Harlan 1894 KY², Delaney 1871 KY³, Wilson L. "Cap" 1840 KY⁴, William 1804 VA⁵, William 1775 VA⁶.

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JACK LELAND ALFORD
AAFA #0961
1920–2006

SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
San Diego, San Diego Co., CA—Sunday, 5 March 2006

Alford, Jack Leland—Born November 19, 1920 in Long Beach, Calif.; passed away in San Diego February 11, 2006.

Born into a Navy family, Jack attended Punahou School in Hawaii and the Harvard School in Los Angeles as a young man. Jack went on to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and was an active member of the class of 1941 alumni group. He was commissioned as a Ensign in 1942 and served as an aircraft maintenance officer at Pearl Harbor and North Island Naval Air Station through the end of World War II. After the war he returned to Cal Tech, where he received his Masters and Doctoral degrees in Engineering, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

After post-doctoral work in earthquake research, he was employed as a research engineer in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and headed the engineering division of the US Naval Ordnance Test Station. He also worked at Technicolor Corporation as Assistant Technical Director. Later, at Aerojet, he headed the design project for the fuel tanks on the first NASA lunar landing module. Those fuel tanks can still be seen today on the Landing Module at the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C.

In 1959 Jack was hired as one of the first three members of prestigious Harvey Mudd College's engineering department, where he eventually served as Chairman for eleven years and held the Dutch Kindelberger Chair. In 1963, he developed the college's very successful Engineering Clinic, which allows students to gain "hands-on" engineering experience by working on company-sponsored research and design projects. The clinics are still an integral part of college's curriculum. Jack retired from Harvey Mudd in 1990.

An avid sailor in his spare time, he was an active member of the Balboa Yacht club, where he chaired the committee that ran the annual Ensenada Yacht Race in the 1970s. Since his retirement, he enjoyed living in the San Diego area and was especially active as a president and board member of the Pacific Regent, where he resided with his wife.

Jack is survived by his wife Elizabeth Humann of San Marino, his son Chris of Huntington Beach and his daughter Margaret of Springfield, VA as well as four granddaughters. In accordance with Jack's wishes, his remains were placed in the care of the Neptune Society and his ashes will be scattered at sea. A private memorial was held at Pacific Regent for family and friends....

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Jack L. Alford (SS# issued in HI), last residence San Diego, San Diego Co., CA.

His lineage: Jack Leland 1920 CA¹, Leon Otto 1893 LA², Andrew Jackson 1854 LA³, Julius Harmon 1819 MS⁴, Julius 1785 NC⁵, Hudson 1760 NC⁶.