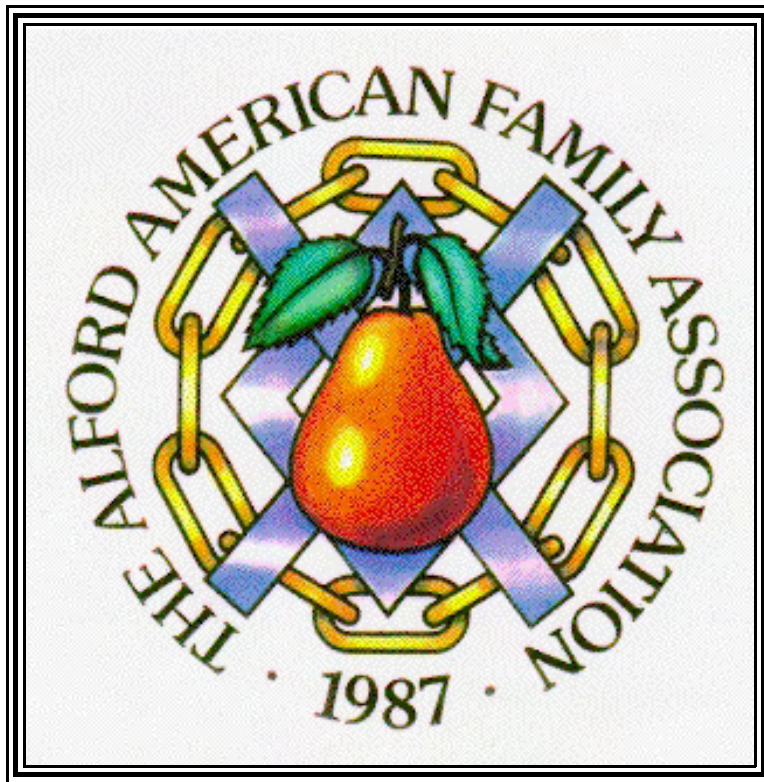


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The association was established for the following purposes:

1. To collect, record, preserve, disseminate, and perpetuate biographical and historical information on Alford's (including 100+ spelling variations) and their ancestors.
2. To educate members, particularly those of the younger generations, on the Alford family history and how it relates to the history of our nation.
3. To further fellowship and camaraderie within the living Alford family.

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Editorial Comments

[This page is directed primarily to those who are reading it on line and some of the comments may seem dumb to those getting it via the U.S. Mail.]

Did you notice in the last issue—there were meeting pages included in the front. If you have not done so please tear out the first meeting page, complete the registration form on the reverse side and get it in the mail. Some of your editors have done so already. Meet us in St. Louis in October.

By now most of you have received the latest issue— #91. Could you feel how slim it was? Don't bad mouth the slimming because it will probably save you money in the long run. It will sure be a savings for AAFA. Lynn Shelley has already commented about the reduced postage required for #91. The quarterly you have been receiving cost far more to print and mail than dues cover. There will be one more slim down. After this issue the editing team does not plan to include an obituaries section. There is nothing that would compare with the AAFA Obituaries page on the website. If you have not been there go and take a look. It will take your breath away if you explore just a little. Go to:

www.alfordassociation.org/obits.html. Now that we have the quarterly cut down to what appears to be an affordable size we would like to have more member input. It must be apparent to you that we have tried to make this a member oriented publication. All we are missing is member input. Won't you please send something to alford_staff@www.alfordassociation.org

We apologize for the wasted blank page found at the back of #91. Usually if one has 52 pages, an even number, then the pages come out right. But since the printed version is something of an image of the online version the cover becomes page 1, and we failed to account for that.

You will see a few subtle changes in the way we are entering information on the UPDATES page of the web site— to make it more user friendly. We are trying to make it easier for you to do some exploring from that page since some of you seem to just refuse to go exploring otherwise.

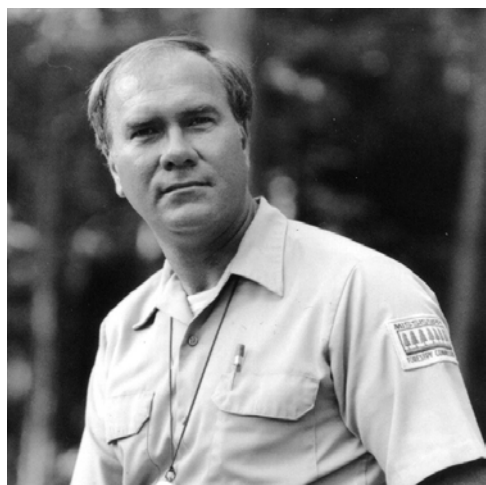
We have the impression that there were basically two reasons that some of you did not want to go to an online version of the quarterly. One was just that you don't like to read on line and would prefer to

hold the publication in your hand. I think most of your interim editors feel much the same but we are aware that we can print or download the online version and get something to hold in our hand. The other main reason is that you are not familiar with the ends and outs of using the Internet or more specifically, the AAFA home page. Gil Alford has volunteered to help those who need some coaching in exploring our home page. Get in touch with him at 1-314-831-8648 and he will help you immediately or arrange more appropriate time with you. During the phone coaching period you will both need to be at your computer.

The ad hoc editing team just about has the quarterly to the size and content desired as well as nearly back on schedule. The Summer issue is scheduled for completion in August. We are now looking for someone to take over the job as full-time editor. Why not volunteer now and work with the team through the next issue to transition you into the job. Just send an email to alford_staff@www.alfordassociation.org

The President's Corner

Emmette Earl Alford, President, AAFA #0439



An old saying fits my comments in this quarterly: "You don't know where you are going unless you know where you have been."

The Alford American Family Association (AAFA) had its beginning or incorporation in 1987 and grew out of the work of many Alfords around the country whose efforts were coordinated by Gilbert K. "Gil" Alford, Jr., compiler and publisher of an Alford newsletter *About Alfords*.

The first directors were Gilbert K. Alford, Jr., from St. Louis, Missouri, Julius Mosby "Pooley" Alford, from McComb, Mississippi, and Lodwick H. "Wick" Alford from Sea Island, Georgia.

The first officers were President, Retired Navy Captain Lodwick Alford; Vice-President, Ambassador Weston Adams; Secretary Nancy Alford; and Treasurer, Julius M. Alford. Pamela Alford Thompson was appointed as the editor of AAFA publications, Nancy Alford Dietrich as Genealogist and Historian, and Gil Alford as, for want of a better title, Executive Assistant and the keeper of the database. Gil was the driving force behind AAFA, (continues so today).

The first annual meeting of the AAFA was held in Atlanta, Georgia in 1988 with 11 member families present with a total of 14 persons. In 1989 our membership had grown to 250 members with the meeting held in Houston, Texas. Since then we have

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met in:

Raleigh, NC (1990), Jackson, MS (1991), Destin, FL (1992), St. Francisville, LA (1993), Richmond, VA (1994), Decatur, AL (1995), Springfield, MO (1996), Pleasanton, CA (1997), Paducah, KY (1998), San Antonio, TX (1999), Augusta, GA (2000), Raleigh, NC (2001), Salt Lake City, UT (2002), Little Rock, AR (2003), Baton Rouge, LA (2004), St. Louis, MO (2005), Nashville, TN (2006), Vicksburg, MS (2007), Columbia, SC (2008), Dallas, TX (2009), and last year (2010) in New Orleans, LA.

The Board of Directors will decide at the annual meeting the location of our next meeting. Expected attendance, member attendance history and travel have played a major role in determining the state in the past couple of years.

The annual Jephtha Alford reunion was held in Mt. Hermon on April 23rd with the families of Alonzo, Iddo, Banton and Leoda in attendance. Our AAFA founder, Gil Alford, wasn't able to attend but was there in spirit. Officers elected or reelected were Mitchell Traina, President; Michael Traina, Vice President (Iddo Alford descendants); Mike Alford, Treasurer (Alonzo descendant); JoAna Brock Breland, Secretary (Leoda Alford descendant).

The North Bend's Neshoba County Alfords reunion was held on June 11th in Philadelphia, MS. I don't have a report on the attendance but I imagine it was near the 50 mark or greater.

Robert L. "Bobby" Alford of Monticello, MS, AAFA # 1261, informed me that their family reunion (Homewood Community in Scott County, Ms.) will be held on September 3rd and they will celebrate the 100th birthday of his mother, Martha "Muff" Alford who still does garden work. I plan on attending this wondrous occasion.

Treasurer's Report

Robert D. Alford, AAFA #0197

Income Statement for Year to Date June 30, 2011

Receipt		
Dues (10 New Members)	2,975.00	
Donations		
Unspecified	190.00	
DNA Test Fund	<u>85.00</u>	
Total Donations	275.00	
Annual Meetings		
2010	64.00	
2011	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Annual Meetings	<u>64.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 3,314.00
Disbursements		
Annual Meetings		
2010	47.73	
2011		
Hotel	<u>250.00</u>	
Total 2011	<u>250.00</u>	
Total Annual Meetings	297.73	
AAFA Action		
Printing	2,595.00	
Postage	700.00*	
Supplies	<u>222.03</u>	
Total AAFA Action	3,517.03	
Office Expenses		
Postage	45.56	
Printing	8.28	
Supplies	<u>32.97</u>	
Total Office Expenses	<u>86.81</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 3,901.57
Net Income		<<u>\$ 587.57</u>>

* \$747.10 has been charged but will not be paid until July, 2011.

Checking Account Reconciliation

Beginning Balance January 1, 2011	\$ 12,057.58
Net Income	< 587.57 >
Ending Balance June 30, 2011	<u>\$ 11,470.01</u>