

Membership

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Right now, the membership roll has 1,392 members. Of the 1392 members, 258 or almost 20% have passed away. The Memorial Albums seem to be growing in way too rapid a fashion. As you probably already know, once on the membership roll, the name will stay there as long as there is a membership roll.

Another group of members on the roll are those whose address on the membership roll is no longer valid based on the last time AAFA tried to make a written contact and the instrument was returned by the post office with no forwarding address. A lot of these returns were quarterlies. There are 218 members or almost 16% who have invalid addresses.

We also have a large number of new members that for whatever reason do not renew their active membership. As I write this, there are 206 members (almost 15%) who failed, for whatever reason, to renew their active membership after the initial year. However, some of these are new members whose dues haven't reached expiration yet so the true number of new members who don't renew will be a little lower than that number. Normally, the member does not provide us a reason for not renewing. Some are gift memberships and almost invariably the person receiving the gift is not as hooked on genealogy as the person giving the gift.

The numbers add up to 682 members or almost half of the membership who have passed away or we no longer have contact with. What does this all mean for the future of the Alford American Family Association? The total count of active members is 273. Over the last ten issues of the quarterly, an average of just fewer than 300 members received a copy of a quarterly. We had a high of 340 active members for issue 89 to a low of 262 active members for issue 92. The trend is a

little scary. At the rate we are losing members or at least the ability to contact them, the AAFA is in danger of slowly but surely dying away.

We must do something to rejuvenate the Association. And plans are afoot to do just that. But we are going to need every member's help. We would appreciate any input you may have, either positive or negative. Please remember, we are a rather sensitive group so please phrase the negative in the nicest way possible. You may submit your suggestions via email to alford_staff@alfordassociation.org or via postal mail to me at 427 Wheatridge St, Mesquite, TX 75150.

One of the things we were hoping would add a little excitement to the mix was DNA testing. And it has created some buzz with some of the results. There have been a few surprises and some confirmations of long suspected but never proven relationships. However, we have a long way to go with it. There are only 84 members of the Alford Surname Group and of those, seven are female and nine males whose last surname is not Alford. We haven't had many new members to the surname group lately. We would like to encourage all Alford males to take the DNA test. It is somewhat expensive but at the next family reunion, take up a collection and then have one of your male Alford kinfolk volunteer to take the test. It is a painless procedure and can be done in just a few minutes. If you have any questions, you can contact me at mralford@swbell.net or visit Family Tree DNA at <http://www.familytreedna.com>.

Until next time, I hope to see you at the St. Louis meeting.

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Lost Members

In his article on the membership Max mentioned that we have 218 members for whom we do not have a valid postal mailing address. In most cases this is based on having mail returned by the Postal Service. We are calling them "lost members" and we hope that some of you will volunteer to help us find these folks. In fact, we have already found a few of them and there are less than 218 listed below. It is probable that some of you can help. For example two of those listed below are children of an active member. Maybe you have friends, kin or neighbors listed here.

We have a three step search plan that involves telephone, Internet address search, and Social Security Death Index search in the event the member is deceased and we have not learned of the death. For the actual search effort we will provide a more detailed list.

Won't you please volunteer to help. If we can get enough volunteers we will set it up as a project and appoint a project officer to lead.

ASN - NAME & SPOUSE (IF KNOWN) - ADDRESS - CITY - ST - ZIP - PHONE

0061 Alford William R. 1123 S. Tyler Street Covington LA 70433 504 892 3800
0069 Thrash Dolores M. & William D. P. O. Box 365 Rutledge GA 30663 404 557 2556
0077 Cannady Faye A. & Ralph Lee 14D Park Village Lane Greensboro NC 27455 910 282 8632
0081 Skelton John E. & Ruth M. 201 Holly Street Hartwell GA 30643-2211 706 376 8618
0083 Smith Robert W. R. 5447 Marcia Avenue New Orleans LA 70124 504 488 6466
0084 Alford Robert Allen R. & Elizabeth J. 11988 Forest Oak Court Baton Rouge LA 70815 504 272 6948
0090 Jordan Stanley H. 4311 N. 15th Drive Phoenix AZ 85015-4714 404 461 4275
0093 Baugh Janet F. & Homer William 10422 Landsbury Court Baton Rouge LA 70809 504 293 4863
0108 Johnson Danise 922 Alan Lane Caldwell TX 77836 409 567 3946
0114 Alford Jimmy & Freda R. 5370 Normandy Road Memphis TN 38119 901 683 9851
0131 Rayford Bess Post Office Box 1004 Henderson TX 75653-1004 214 657 2178
0132 Alford R. Mark & Patricia T. 16934 Hidden Timber Wood San Antonio TX 78248 512 492 8843
0140 Allen Joann & Lloyd Edward Route 2, Box 124 Girard IL 62640 217 627 2305
0146 Sizemore Ann A. & Larry W. 21520 Memorial Ave.- Matoaca Petersburg VA 23803
0148 Alford Robert A. & Marian M. 805 Loop 534 Apt 141 Kerrville TX 78028-2582 210 997 5494
0150 Alford Barney M. & Jean P. 847 Hillside Avenue Lake Wales FL 33853 813 676 4850
0155 Estes Jacquelyn & Larry Leon 107 Countrywood Circle Clinton MS 39056 601 924 3426
0156 Alford Karen Route 1, Box 50 Pheba MS 39755 601 494 6712
0159 Russell Susan & Wayne Elmore 410 Columbia, #405 Magnolia AR 71753 501 234 7369
0160 Alford Nancy E. 6063 Crab Orchard San Antonio TX 78240-2227 214 242 7552
0162 Alford John Morris & Susan T. 1108 Palmer Place Alexandria VA 22304-1936
0165 Cable Edna Juanita 1408 Sunny Lane Ardmore OK 73401
0167 Stone Sophia One Everett Pl. New Orleans LA 70115
0172 Spicer Frances A. 4078 Meadowdale Lane Dallas TX 75229
0183 Coyner Robert Perry & Barbara Lee 546 Kingfisher Sugar Land TX 77478 713 491 0734
0184 Tyner Bess Hubbard & Kenneth B. 116 E. Ransom Street Fuquay-varina NC 27526-2426 919 552 7809
0185 Alford Mary 6721 Calvados Avenue Jacksonville FL 32205 781 1970
0191 Cook Evelyn Alford & Floyd L. 5221 Lido Lane Houston TX 77092 713 682 5525

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0244 Alford Michael Bruce & Cynthia Coy Post Office Box 1162 Caldwell TX 77836
0251 Vorman Joyce Alford & Edward J. Rural Route 2, Box 139aa Great Barrington MA 01230 413 528 4185
0253 Miller George G. & Sarah A. #21 Road 6319 NBU 11b Kirtland NM 87417
0254 Alford John P. 7300 Carson Trail NW Albuquerque NM 87120-2907
0256 Alford Robert Warren 411 South Davis Drive Arlington TX 76013
0261 Bryan Lynn 5140 N. E. 34th Portland OR 97211
0266 Alford Richard L. & Marilyn M. Post Office Box 176 Carmen ID 83462 208 756 3246
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0277 Milligan Lou Floy & Henry Rural Route 3, Box 302 Tabor City NC 28463 919 653 2272
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0282 Alford Margaret Jean 8061 Shadow Canyon Drive Tucson AZ 85715-5715 602 749 3666
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0297 Alford Peggy 11320 Prospect, N.E. #C Albuquerque NM 87112
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0301 Ward Mildred & William R. 348 Water Street Indiana PA 15701 412 349 8602
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0353 Hissom Tamra B. 6111 Winsome, Apt 80 Houston TX 77057
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0359 Garrett Sheryl T. & Joseph G. 159 Poplar Street Prattville AL 36066 205 365 3445
0360 Ritchie Leatha Perry & Robert 109 Brannigan Place Cary NC 27511-5660 804 730 2124
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0367 Hocker Gail T. 9631 Stikine Juneau AK 99801-9309 907 789 9507
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0379 Kennedy Imogene K. & Leon (Deceased) Post Office Box 322 Conroe TX 77305 713 367 5182

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0404 Stevens Muriel Hope 243 Friscoville Avenue Arabi LA 70032-1026 504-277-8969
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0416 Spain Marie Route 2, Box 275 Waxahachie TX 75165 214 576 3478
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0617 Alford Emanuel "Al" & Geneva Post Office Box 15110 Pensacola FL 32514 904 944 3308
0620 Warren Dora Jay 24 North Jackson Street Crystal Springs MS 39059 601 892 3058
0623 Alford Dixie L. 1407 Hermosa Drive S.E. Albuquerque NM 87108
0627 Bartholomew Kelley R. & Dwight Argil 1353 Oak Manor Dirve Fayetteville AR 72703-3527 501 443 2450
0629 Alford James B. & Judy K. 4753 Atlanta Court Jacksonville FL 32210
0638 Swan James Alan & Patti H. 6741 Pine Springs Road Meridian MS 39305-9720
0645 McGuyer Pat & Vernon Post Office Box 879 Corsicana TX 75151-0879 762 1547
0660 Townsend Joann Burnside & Robert Paul Route 1, Box 202 Pollok TX 75969-9712 409 853 2776
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0676 Clyburn Virginia E. & Bill R. 836 King Street Defiance OH 43512 419 784 2013
0682 Alford Nedra Jean 19725 Renwood Avenue Euclid OH 44119-1538
0689 Alford Michael R. & Diana Jennings 723 Hampton Aveune Schenectady NY 12309
0692 Alford H. Bennett 1523 Pine Street New Orleans LA 70118-5353
0694 Alford Victor Ray 817 Jacqueline Drive Huntsville AL 35802
0696 Alford Tim & Charlotte D. P.O. Box 15 Kentwood LA 70444 205 760 9437
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0737 Allen George D. & Anne C. 3430 Nighthawk Court Punta Gorda FL 33950 941 575 2012
0747 Gould Janice Boyd & David D. 543 Overlake Dr. E. Bellevue WA 98004 206-455-3276
0750 Richardson Sandra Ann 405 Warren Terrell TX 75160 214-563-7212
0759 Turner Elizabeth Ann J. & C. Rupert 13510 Perthshire Houston TX 77079 713-461-6287
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0821 Alford Jack Allen & Barbara Marie 11204 Tanya Trail Austin TX 78726
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0833 Nelson Deane A. & Donald David 3674 N. Stevens Place Coeur d'Alene ID 83815-1802 208 765 0765
0847 Alford Robert M. & Marcy G. 10 Red Cedar Dr. Columbia SC 29229 803 736 6946
0852 Johnson David Orville & Elaine Strader 12204 Aberdeen Leawood KS 66209 913 345 1055
0853 Henderson Nancy Wolfe 205 Lahaina St Hilo HI 96720 808 935 9038
0861 Denney Barbara P.O. Box 1112 Antlers OK 74523 405 298 6250
0863 Farmer Zelma Lorine & Carl Farmer 2441 N. Harvard Ave., #31 Tulsa OK 74115-3149
0882 Hering Kathleen Alford & Henry Lee 14558 Carolcrest St. Houston TX 77079-6508
0883 Robinson Tamara Alford & Talbort Casey 351 Arbor Vista Blvd. Jackson MS 39209
0884 Hogberg Barbara B. & David Edward 20480 Roundup Circle Elkhorn NE 68022 402 289 2598
0892 Wilson Deldana L. Rt. 1 Box 940 Burnsville NC 28714 704 682 2299
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0910 Alford Danny Ray 1607 Woodhaven Seagoville TX 75159 972 287 8013
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0943 Cruger Janelle Adams 605 Clark Blvd McMinnville TN 37110
0950 Harris Tony Sponsor never furnished address 12345
0958 Sisk Ronald Sponsor never furnished address 12345
0970 Alford Howell & Madeline 860 Beaverloop Dr., N.W. Salem OR 97304 503 399 8612
0971 Alford Howard & Teresa 878 Lakeview Ave., #4 South Lake Tahoe CA 96154 916 542 3938
0972 Alford Mike & Suzanne 231 East Fairview Blvd Inglewood CA 90302-1325 310 412 4818
0973 Alford Owen & Lori 465 West 22nd St. Tracy CA 95376 209 835 6553
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1040 Nedved Charlotte Ann 1003 Main St Tyndall SD 57066-2251 605 336 2701
1042 Watkins Billy A. & Catherine 'Kitty' 417 E. Christopher Drive New Castle IN 47362 765 521 4828
1044 Bishop Myra Alford & Bill 2114 Stonewalk Houston TX 77056
1073 Simmons Helen Ruth Bell & Glen Dea Star Route Kirby AR 71950 501 398 4447
1078 Miller James P. P.O. Box 1218 Sand Springs OK 74063 918 245 7992
1085 Harrings Randie Kay 1728 Fairmount Ave. Ft. Worth TX 76110 817 927 8016
1087 Ruedlinger Mary K. & Michael R. 3520 Stringtown Rd. Evansville IN 47711 812 425 9364
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1110 Alford Vera Angela 2525 Bolton Boone #1806 Desoto TX 75115 972 572 2673
1111 Askew Merry R. C. P.O. Box 1365 Stillwater OK 74076 405 377 4479
1125 Wilkie Gloria E.K. 6400 N W 17th Court Bell FL 32619 904 935 9227
1126 Oberle Donna 1340 Heritage Dr. #148 Northfield MN 55057
1144 Dunn Patsy R. Alford 5971 Falcon Lane Mableton GA 30126 770 948 1683
1146 Morgan John T. & Judy C. 2305 Meadow Lark Lane Columbia MO 65201 573 442 5922
1174 McLane Kelly 202 Wayne Ave. Valdosta GA 31602
1186 Alford Christine & HC 66 - P.O. Box 1514 Island Park ID 83429 208 558 7691
1198 Alvord Kenneth R. & Clara A. M. Frey Oldfield Village, 332 Barbara Dr. Wauseon OH 43567 419 533 6281
1221 Hodges Craig Jefferson 5900 N. Country Club Little Rock AR 72207 501 951 5225
1222 Hodges Matthew Richard 3939 Morrison ST., NW Washington DC 20015 202 339 6878
1238 Tullos Judith Ann S. 4914 Cross Keys Baton Rouge LA 70817 225 752 3907
1240 Riggs Mary Barres & Robert Daniel P.O. Box 2229 University MS 38677-2229 662 236 3017
1253 Herman Elizabeth L. M. & Edward Matthew 5717 Brookstone Drive Acworth GA 30101 770 419 7872
1255 Davis Melanie W. & Charles Franklin 5107 O'Bryan Ave Gulfport MS 39507 225 864 7339
1260 Evans Vicki Jane Love & Jimmie Dale Evans 1468 Park Ave. Birmingham AL 35217-3463 205 808 3681

New Member Lineages

#1390	Timothy Irvin Jones	6663 West Moltke Avenue	414-875-1543
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We listed Timothy in the previous issue but did not show his ancestry as he had not replied to our coordinating message. We still have no reply but will proceed without it.

1. **Timothy Irving Jones** #34814 b. private, Jefferson Co., KY.

Parents

2. **Jacob Olan Jones** #34813 b. private, Bulloch Co., GA, m. private, in Effingham Co., GA, 3. **Frances Annette Perry** #34812, private, Chatham Co., GA.

Grand Parents

6. **Frank Maxwell Perry** #34811 b. Jun 9 1910, Decatur Co., GA, m. Jul 2 1932, in Chatham, 7. **Helen Lois Farthing** #34810, b. Oct 13 1910, Chatham Co., GA, d. Apr 10 1984, Waycross, Ware Co., GA. Frank died Aug 29 1970, Orange Co., FL.

Great Grand Parents

14. **Irving Colquitt Farthing** #3531 b. Dec 4 1885, Morgan Co., GA, m. Dec 1 1907, in Laurens Co., GA, 15. **Mamie Clyde White** #3532, b. Oct 12 1884, Wilkinson Co., GA, d. Apr 21 1957, Chatham Co., GA. Irving died Jan 19 1974, Chatham Co., GA.

Great Great Grand Parents

28. **Reuben Theodore "Fred" Farthing** #3463 b. Feb 24 1854, Morgan Co., GA, m. Dec 19 1878, 29. **Martha Jane Alford** #3287, b. Jul 21 1861, Morgan Co., GA, d. Jan 1 1958. Reuben died Jul 22 1932.

3rd Great Grand Parents

58. **William Benjamin Alford** #3271 b. Apr 1825, Morgan Co., GA, m. Jan 25 1849, in Morgan Co., GA, 59. **Susan Bryant** #3280, b. about 1826, Warren Co., GA, d. Oct 12 1906, Laurens Co., GA, buried: Bethsadia, near Dublin, Laurens Co. GA. William died Oct 12 1906, Emanuel Co., GA, buried: Bethsadia, near Dublin, Laurens Co. GA.

4th Great Grand Parents

116. **William Alford** #3267 b. about 1794, North Carolina, occupation farmer, m. (1) Nov 7 1812, in Franklin Co., NC, 117. **Mary Ann Mason Gay** #3268, m. (2) Jan 3 1830, in Putnam Co., GA, Jane Avery Kinman #3272, m. (3) Mar 4 1842, in Putnam Co., GA, Rebecca Vining Thornton #3277. William died Mar 17 1883, Putnam or Morgan Co., GA.

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5th Great Grand Parents

232. **Kinchen Alford** #3356 b. 1768, Bute Co., NC, m. May 16 1789, in Franklin Co., NC, **233. Linda Williams** #3357. Kinchen died after 1850, Franklin Co., NC.

6th Great Grand Parents

464. **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) **465. Unknown** #4651. Lodwick died 1800, Franklin Co., NC.

7th Great Grand Parents

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

8th Great Grand Parents

1856. **John Alford** #4656 b. about 1645, probably Virginia, died Mar 14 1710, New Kent Co., VA.

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1. **Thomas L. Epich** #34819 b.private.

Parents

2. **Raymond J. Epich** #34820 b. private, Cook Co., IL, m. private, in Cook Co., IL, **3. Patrician Ann Alford** #34818, b. private, Cook Co., IL.

Grand Parents

6. **Murray Childs Alford** #13466 b. May 9 1896, Texas, occupation RR Special Officer, m. 1926, **7. Celia** _____ #34823, b. 1919, Illinois. Murray died Aug 25 1981, Dallas, TX.

Great Grand Parents

12. **Alsey Alford** #13437 b. Jan 24 1860, Freestone Co., TX, m. Sep 11 1884, in Freestone Co., TX, **13. Mary Virginia Childs** #13463, b. Mar 1 1866, Texas, d. Jul 13 1961, Hamilton Co. TX, buried: Hico City Cem., Hico, Hamilton Co. TX. Alsey died Jan 1942, Hamilton Co. TX, buried: Hico City Cem., Hico, Hamilton Co. TX.

Great Great Grand Parents

24. **Mac Jimpsey Anderson Alford** #9234 b. 1830, Lawrence Co., TN, m. (1) **25. Sarah S.** _____ #15344, b. about 1828, Alabama, m. (2) Dec 24 1868, **Elizabeth "Lizzie" E. Waldrom** #13436, b. Sep 15 1844, Alabama, d. Oct 6 1915, Freestone Co., TX, buried: New Antioch Cem., Freestone Co., TX. Mac died 1881, Freestone Co., TX.

3rd Great Grand Parents

48. **Alsey Alford** #7165 b. Sep 20 1802, Franklin Co., NC, m. 1825, in Lawrence Co., TN, **49. Celia**

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Williams #7175, b. 1801, North Carolina, d. 1886, Texas. Alsey died 1854, Galveston Co., TX.

4th Great Grand Parents

96. **Ira Bailey Alford** #7163 b. Jul 15 1781, Franklin Co., NC, m. Jul 24 1800, in Franklin Co., NC,
97. Nancy Williams #7164, b. Jul 25 1780, Wake Co., NC, d. Mar 21 1863, Lawrence Co., TN.
Ira died 1836-40, Lawrence Co., TN.

5th Great Grand Parents

192. **Isaac Alford** #5168 b. about 1748, Bute Co., NC, m. **193. Mary Alford** #7096, b. estimate 1755,
Bute Co., NC, d. Franklin Co., NC. Isaac died Franklin Co., NC ?.

6th Great Grand Parents

384. **Julius Alford** #27 b. Sep 1717, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., VA, occupation farmer, m.
385. Lucy _____ #28, d. after 1790, Franklin Co., NC. Julius died 1771, Bute Co., NC.
386. **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) **387. Unknown** #4651. Lodwick died 1800, Franklin Co., NC.

7th Great Grand Parents

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

8th Great Grand Parents

1536. **John Alford** #4656 b. about 1645, probably Virginia, died Mar 14 1710, New Kent Co., VA.

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Darrell Lynn Alford Newell, AAFA #1392

1. **Darrell Lynn Alford** #34825 b. private, Vicksburg, Warren Co., MS, m. private, in Vicksburg,
Warren Co., MS, **Bob Newell** #34826.

Parents

2. **Thomas Gladwyn Alford** #28180 b. Dec 6 1928, Warren Co., MS, m. Jun 23 1946, in Claiborne
Co., MS, **3. Lois King** #28186, b. private, Warren Co., MS. Thomas died Oct 30 2002, Vicksburg,
Warren Co., MS, buried: Cedar Hill Cem, Vicksburg, Warren Co. MS.

Grand Parents

4. **Walter Hudson Alford** #27291 b. Nov 14 1886, Charleston, Tallahatchie Co., MS, m. Dec 11
1918, in Tallahatchie Co., MS, **5. Nannie Mae Goodwin** #28178, b. Mar 2 1898, Mississippi, d.
Sep 21 1971, Warren Co., MS, buried: Cedar Hill Cem, Vicksburg, Warren Co. MS. Walter died
Nov 15 1958, probably Warren Co., MS, buried: Cedar Hill Cem, Vicksburg, Warren Co. MS.

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Great Grand Parents

8. **John Hudson Alford** #27277 b. Oct 1845, Tallahatchie Co., MS, m. (1) Unknown wife _____ #28264, m. (2) Oct 16 1879, in Lafayette Co., MS, **9. Mary Essie Douglas** #27284, b. Nov 29 1844, Mississippi, d. after 1920. John died 1925, buried: Dogan Cem., Tallahatchie Co., MS.

Great Great Grand Parents

16. **Hudson Alford** #27241 b. about 1805, North Carolina, m. **17. Mahala Owen** #27248, b. about 1812, South Carolina, d. 1855, Tallahatchie Co., MS. Hudson died before Jan 1853, Tallahatchie Co., MS.

3rd Great Grand Parents

32. **Cade Alford** #27237 b. about 1771, North Carolina, m. **33. Elizabeth Crudup** #27238, b. about 1785, North Carolina, d. before 1840, Tallahatchie Co., MS. Cade died before Nov 1842, Tallahatchie Co., MS.

4th Great Grand Parents

64. **James Lodwick Alford** #25958 b. Feb 7 1749, Edgecombe Co., NC, m. **65. Susannah Ross** #25959, b. 1752, North Carolina, d. 1831, Wake Co., NC. James died 1820, Wake Co., NC.

Lynn reported a father for James Lodwick Alford which conflicts with information that we have. Rather than show him here and give credibility to something AAFA considers incorrect we have stopped the lineage here. We have corresponded with Lynn on the subject but received no reply to date.

From The Mail Bag

As part of our effort to make this a more member oriented publication We are introducing this new feature where we will share with you information, received from members and others, which we think will interest you and which is not likely to be shown elsewhere for some time. Information that is considered personal or private will be replaced with the word private.

From Ramona Alford Darden, AAFA #0715, Meetings Chair

Received a call from Vesta last evening, she has had her final evaluation at MD Anderson and will be in the hospital this Friday to begin treatment. Her schedule will be one week in the hospital for treatment and home two to three weeks then back for the next treatment. This will go on for 8 treatments they will then re-evaluate her progress to see what is next. She said she would not be going to the reunion, but still hopes she might show up for just the meeting. I could tell how disappointed she was not to be with everyone.

Please keep Vesta on your prayer list. I will keep you posted as I get word.

Ramona

[For those who might not know, Vesta was recently diagnosed with colon cancer. She had planned to make the meeting in October just as she has for each meeting in many years past. If you would like to send her a card and need her address it is: Vesta Bowden, 15661 Meadow Village, Houston, TX 77095]

From Mike and Betty Heazel, AAFA #0664

We have been having our troubles over here. We sold our house in Severna Park and moved into a retirement home. Trying to take care of a house, with steps, was too much. The move was timely since my prostate cancer began kicking up again. All kinds of pills, chemotherapy, etc. We are supporting all of the doctors in Baltimore. Fortunately the cancer has stabilized, for now, and hopefully will stay that way.

This makes it very difficult to travel, or even go more than a few miles, so we can not make it to the reunions. We hope that there is a good turn out for the upcoming reunion.

Mike and Betty

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From Delores Ann Sharp, not a member

I have been researching my family history for about two years, and came across the Known Descendants of Harvey Alford list on Rootsweb awhile ago. I added the information to my family tree on ancestry.com and had meant to send the author information on my family. I am the great-granddaughter of Mary Bethel and James K Alford. My father was Marvin Vincent Faver, who was their grandson, his father and mother were Mollie Alford & Oscar Faver. I have been going through some old papers and I came across a letter that Winston B. Murray wrote my mother back in 1993 asking for information. I did a search on his name and came up with the AAFA site. I'm sorry to hear that he has already passed away, and that my mother never sent him the information he was asking. I am sending this information to you now - I don't have the family group sheet he mentioned in the letter but I will send as much information as I can (forgive the format):

Marvin Vincent Faver b: 26 Nov 1913, Texas d: 16 Aug 1992, Mt Pleasant, Titus Co., TX

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Married to: Annie Faye Jackson b: 4 May 1931, Idabel, McCurtain Co., OK d: 8 Oct 2009, Athens, TX
Both are buried next to each other at Nevill's Chapel Cemetery in Mt Pleasant, TX

Children of Marvin & Annie:

Delores Ann Faver (me) b: private, Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX

Married: Billy Dewayne Barganski, b: private, Victoria, TX on private

Children of Delores & Billy:

Stephani Michelle Barganski b: private, Mt. Pleasant, TX

Married: Donald Maurice Green

Children of Stephani & Donald:

Blaise Jackson Green b: twin, Lafayette, IN

Shalyn Analise Green b: twin, Lafayette, IN

Cody Dewayne Barganski b: private, Mt Pleasant, TX

Erin Nicole Barganski b: private

Divorced from Billy on Apr 3 2003

Married James Christopher Sharp b: private on Aug 25 2009

Mildred Darlene (Millie) Faver b: private, Cleburne, Johnson Co., TX

Married: William Allen Johnson b: on private, Mt Pleasant, TX

Children of Millie & Bill:

Alan Scott Johnson

Divorce from Bill

Married: David Paul Laird

From Debbie Zaharis, not a member. Pam Thompson says they have been in touch.

To whom it may concern,

I have downloaded more photos of the Alford family onto the Find-A-Grave website. I have added Daniel Lee Alford, Jr. and his wife, Catherine Grace, from the Masonic Cemetery in Caldwell, Texas.

www.findagrave.com

Debbie Zaharis

From Sherry Handfinger, AAFA #1237

I really miss seeing all of you Alfords!! The timing has been bad for me to attend the Alford reunion - work meetings in October. I hope you continue to hold these reunions as hopefully, I will make one of them again. I've never been to St. Louis and would have enjoyed that venue. Please give my best to everyone and a big "hello" to Gil. By the way, another Alford has passed away in my family: Waldo Stone died in Elizabeth City, NC about a month ago. I don't have the specifics but she was around 95-96 years old. She was my grandmother's 1st cousin and she was a member of the AAFA. [Waldo was not a member, but she was present at the 1990 NC meeting with her daughter, Susan Herring, who is a deceased member of AAFA_Editor]

Take care,

Sherry Handfinger

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From Pam Alford Thompson, AAFA Obits Project Officer, #0030

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Susan Annette Stone Herring, AAFA #0334, died in 2006. Her In Remembrance with a photo is here:

<http://www.alfordassociation.org/IRs/0334.htm>

Waldo Stone's obit, with a photo, is here--don't think she was a member:

<http://www.twifordfh.com/nellie-stone/>

--Pam

This is to notify you that my mother, Gladys Lucile Wimberly Cook Suggs passed away August 14, 2011. Her full obituary can be found at [The Galveston County Daily News](#). You'll noticed that she was the daughter of Jessie Alford and her parents were Wiley and Susan Traylor Alford. Please forward to your Obit committee.

Thank you. Pat Cook Thorn

Ebbie Alford, AAFA #0237, was present at the 2008 meeting in South Carolina. August 24, 2011, he sent to AAFA POB a piece titled Burton Alford, and which began: I read Volume XXXIII, Number 1, Summer 2010 Page 90 Famous Alford's, submitted by Emmette Earl Alford, AAFA #0439. Alford's do love to hear about famous people in our family lineage. But, we should also keep records of famous villains.

We shouldn't forget a villain by the name of Burton Alvord, who went from Sheriff to Outlaw in the state of Arizona, in the late 1800s. I will enclose a photograph of Burton Alford and a small report on his criminal activities.

From there he began to cover some of the tales of Burt Alvord. Since Burt had been covered in considerable detail in a series of three articles in 1996-97 the piece was referred to the Editorial Board for a decision as to what to do with Ebbie's article. The decision was that since it had been previously published, and the new piece had no additional information that it should not be published. An email was sent to Ebbie advising him.

For those who are interested in seeing the previously published information, it has been posted to the website in one file. Go to www.alfordassociation.org/ACTION/burt_alvord.pdf.

Last week, Peggy Alford Schuster, AAFA #0666 emailed several of us a piece she had received taken from August 4 edition of The Tylertown [MS]Times. The article was done by Dell Magee Clawson who is AAFA #1243 and does a series in the paper under Know Your Ancestors. The title of this piece is Magee's Creek Baptist Church and Darbun, Part 81. There was nothing new in the article. Most of the content can be found in the AAFA genealogy of that branch at www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/wil804ga.pdf

If you don't have access to the above file and need a copy send an email to alford_staff@alfordassociation.org or send a note to AAFA, POB 1297, Florissant MO 63031.

Getting To Know Members

Please help us satisfy a thirst for more information about members. Nothing personal, just overall history and description. Some members have contributed articles with photographs which may be seen via the link below. [www.alfordassociation.org/bio.html]

In some cases folks have sent published articles about one of our members. We would be most pleased to receive either.

AAFA MEMBER HONORED

D. L. Alford, Jr.

The following resolution was received several years ago, but we did not get it published in a timely manner.

D. L. Alford, Jr. AAFA #0054 served AAFA in a number of ways. After the initial meeting in Georgia with only about a dozen persons present, D.L., who was not in attendance, invited the association to Texas in 1989 and promised a successful meeting. He delivered in a big way.

He was appointed to the board of directors in 1989 and served through 1995. In 1989 he was also appointed as Vice-President, Texas and served as such for several years.

The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 787

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The passing of D. L. Alford, Jr., on December 9, 2002, at the age of 87 brought a great loss to the family and friends of this notable family man and civic leader, and it is indeed appropriate honor his memory at this time; and

WHEREAS, A Caldwell native and fifth generation Texan, Mr. Alford was born January 24, 1915, to Daniel Lee Alford, Sr., and Annie Klukan Alford; he was a descendant of Philip Bruce Scott, who came to Texas from Tennessee in 1831 to join Robertson's Colony in what is now Burleson County and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alford was a lifelong lover of music who attended Baylor University on a music

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scholarship after graduating from the Caldwell public school system; during his years at Baylor he was a member of the Golden Wave Band and formed Dan Alford and his Varsitonians, a popular dance orchestra that played throughout Texas for several years and

WHEREAS, He entered the insurance business and later established his own underwriting company, D. L. Alford, Jr., Insurance; on December 26, 1939, he married the former Catherine Grace Guynes, who preceded him in death after more than 60 years of marriage; during World War II he served his fellow citizens as a field American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alford's civic endeavors included charter membership with the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, which he served as president, board member, and industrial committee chairman, and the establishment of the Burleson County Industrial Foundation; he also was director of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Brazos Valley Development Council and was an alderman on the Caldwell City Council; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known by friends as "Mr. Rotary," this esteemed gentleman held leadership positions with Rotary International on the local, state, national, and international levels; in 1979 he served as district governor of District 587, and throughout his long and productive tenure with the organization he worked tirelessly to aid those in need; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell and an associate member of First United Methodist Church of Caldwell, Mr. Alford was a deeply religious man whose faith, integrity, and generosity were equaled by few; his loss has left a void in the lives of those who knew and loved him, yet they can take solace in the fact that he lived a truly joyful and meaningful life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of D. L. Alford, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his sons and daughters-in-law, Lee Alford III and Mary Collerain Alford and James Joseph Alford and Kathy Burgess Alford; to his four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and to the other relatives and many friends of this esteemed gentleman; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of D. L. Alford, Jr.

Cook of Colorado

Signed by Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 787 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 10, 2003.

Seal

Signed by Chief Clerk of the House

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Catherine and D.L. Alford Jr.
1991 Jackson, MS Meeting



D.L., Catherine & Cousins, VA-94



D.L. Alford & Cousin Dovie Alford
Aboard Ship in Jamestown, VA 1994



President on right awarding certificates of appreciation to retiring members of board of directors L to R: D.L. Alford, Jr, Gilbert K. Alford, Jr., Julius M. "Pooley" Alford, and Captain Lodwick H. Alford. The latter three were the original board members and founders of AAFA.
Decatur, AL 1995

Virginia and Alabama photos by Janice & John Smith

58 Years In Nursing

ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL

McComb, MS

June 23, 1999

By Bess Simmons

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"Nobody in the world has had a career like mine," said Nancy Herrington, as she reminisced about 58 years in the nursing profession.

As a young girl Herrington was Frances Alford, who attended Enon High School north of Tylertown. She graduated in April of 1941.



This 1940s photo shows Nancy Herrington as a young nurse on the steps of The Infirmary, once located in downtown McComb, where the parking lot of McDonald's is now located.

"I had applied to nursing schools in Hattiesburg, New Orleans and maybe other places, as well as the McComb Infirmary hospital here in McComb. When I visited there (the infirmary), I knew right away. It was 'the place'," she said.

The hospital was once a large, rambling two-story structure on Delaware Avenue, where McDonald's parking lot is now located. The students lived in a big white frame house across the street. It was home, too, to the registered nurses on staff.

Frances soon became 'Nancy' to everyone. She doesn't recall why.

Many of the leading doctors of the community were on staff and also served as the girls' instructors. Dr. L. W. Brock (father of Drs. Ralph, Jep and Jim Brock) owned the Infirmary.

Nancy graduated from the Infirmary in 1944. Even before she finished, she said Dr. Brock hired her as floor supervisor. Shifts were 12 hours back then. The Infirmary had 20-25 rooms, some of them wards.

Nancy married Roy Herrington in 1945. "This was during the war. I met him at a dance at the U.S.O. Center, on the second floor of the building, corner of State and North Broadway Streets, " she said, noting that this is where Dance Movements

by Susan is now located. Nancy said she believes the downstairs was the Ford Motor Co. agency.

After Roy's military service, he went to work for Hartman Funeral Home, located then on Delaware Avenue, where Cothorn Real Estate now is located. Roy was later in the furniture business

for years. He died in 1980.

Nancy stayed at the Infirmary until the mid 1950s. She then worked for Dr. Willis Cotton, an eye, ear and nose specialist. She said he sent her to Charity Hospital in New Orleans to learn to assist him in

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surgery.

"I was so impressed with anesthesia procedures. It was fascinating," she said. Soon Roy was encouraging her to attend anesthesia school. "That would mean I would have to go off and leave you," she told him. Still, he persuaded her to follow her dream. She returned to Charity and went to school continuously, no days off, no vacation, no time off.

After graduating she worked with Dr. Cotton until he became ill. When he was hospitalized in New Orleans, she nursed him there until he died.

Dr. Brock asked her to return to the Infirmary and be their anesthetist. She stayed five years and then went to McComb City Hospital, which later became the Sam Alford Building, corner of Maryland and 4th Streets downtown.

Several years later the Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center became a reality. Nancy went there to be part of the anesthesia team.

Later Nancy went to University Hospital in Jackson. With her work there, she traveled extensively, she said. Through Dr. Hardy, pioneer in heart surgery, she got permission to go into operating rooms and observe open heart surgeries in a number of places. She recalls that in Keyso University Hospital in Japan, she observed operations all day long.

As Roy's heart problems became more severe, the couple went to Baton Rouge to be near relatives. After he died, she became an oncology nurse, at Woman's Hospital. "Working for the group of anesthesiologists was the most rewarding part of my profession. My chief, Dr. Tahvaldare, never forgot anything. She always had the answer for any questions. She was our friend, always willing to do things right."

On her last day at work, there was a large sign on the door with the words, "In honor of Ms. Nancy Herrington, 20 years of dedicated anesthesia service at Woman's Hospital."

"I was so overcome, tears came in my eyes. I will always be grateful for my time with them and the almost 58 years I have been in the nursing profession. It is good, now, to rest and visit a bit, but I always enjoyed my work," she said.

AAFA NOTES: Nancy is AAFA 0708. She has attended nine AAFA meetings with her sister Catherine Alford Ellard, and brother-in-law Bruce Ellard.

Alford Lineage: Frances 1922 MS¹, Benjamin C. 1885 MS², William H. 1855 MS³, Henderson 1829 MS⁴, William 1804 GA⁵, Jacob 1761 NC⁶, Julius 1717 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸.

Her complete Alford lineage was published in AAFA ACTION, #28, Spring 1995, and is on the web site at www.alfordassociation.org/tafels/tafel_0708.pdf.

Photo on right was taken in 1999 (year the article was published) at the San Antonio, TX meeting. Nancy is now in assisted living facility (Camilla Estates) in McComb, MS. Photo by Janice Smith.



Went To College on 4-H Projects

We have part of a page from a very old newspaper on which there is no date. It was from the *Forestry Edition–Enterprise Journal*. [To learn more about 4-H go to www.4h.org]

There is a photo, not legible enough to copy, but it shows a fellow in argyle socks measuring or doing something with some logs.

The photo caption: EMMETTE EARL ALFORD, JR. WINNER OF \$1,600 SCHOLARSHIP. He will study forestry at Mississippi State University.

An accompanying article has headline: **Jayess Student 4-Her Wins Scholarship.**

Emmette Earl Alford Jr. of Route 3, Jayess, was awarded a \$1,600 college scholarship by Homelite Division of Textron Corp.

He will attend Mississippi State University to obtain a professional degree in forestry. The scholarship will provide \$400 per year for four years. Emmette was a freshman at Southwest Mississippi Junior College at Summit last year.

The scholarship was awarded on basis of 4-H Club achievement, high school record, leadership ability and worthiness of applicant. Emmette has carried out 4-H Club projects in forestry, wildlife, corn, cotton, entomology, health, dairy, garden, pasture, safety, soil and water conservation, tractor maintenance, beef and leadership.

He attributes his achievements to the inspiration, information and guidance received through his work in these projects. As a district winner in wildlife management he was awarded a .410 gauge shotgun in 1960.

The sponsor provides four \$1,600 scholarships each year – only one is available in the twelve southeastern states. A Mississippi boy has won the scholarship for the southeastern states four of the last five years.

There is another accompanying article with headline: **Went to College on 4-H Projects** by Emmette E. Alford for the Enterprise-Journal. [Editor estimates it was written about 1960/61]

Photos shown were not part of the article but are from that period.

Had it not been for 4-H Club work, I would not be a freshman at Southwest Mississippi Junior College today. Four H Club work has helped me prepare myself for my profession when I finish college.



Emmette Earl Alford, estimating timber for a 4-H project.
1960

I became a member of the 4-H Club in 1954 [when he was age 11] and since that time, have carried out the following projects: Forestry, Wildlife, Corn, Cotton, Entomology, Health, Dairy, Garden, Pasture, Safety, Agricultural, Soil and Water Conservation, Leadership, Tractor and Beef. Forestry has been my main project throughout my 4-H career.

TO 20 ACRES

I have increased my forestry plot to 20 acres. Most of the timber on my forestry plot is composed of slash and longleaf pines.

In 1955, a forest fire went across one acre of my plot, nearly destroying it. But today, over one-half of the acre has reseeded naturally.

Through my forestry plot, I have learned many new things. I have learned to make the best out of the worst, to estimate timber, to market my trees accurately and to control forest fires and tree diseases.

In 1956, I planted an acre of bi-color lespedeza on my forestry plot for my quail refuge. I used the underbrush which I cut out of my plot to make brush piles for the protection of my wildlife.



PRUNED TREES

I have increased my farm forestry management program this year. I have pruned some of my timber because of diseases and overcrowded stands. To control the turpentine beetles which attacked the base of my weakened pines, I sprayed the base of the pines with B.H.C. [benzene hexachloride _ ed] powder.

To protect my forestry plot from fire, I plowed a 3,000 foot fire lane. I have cut a considerable amount

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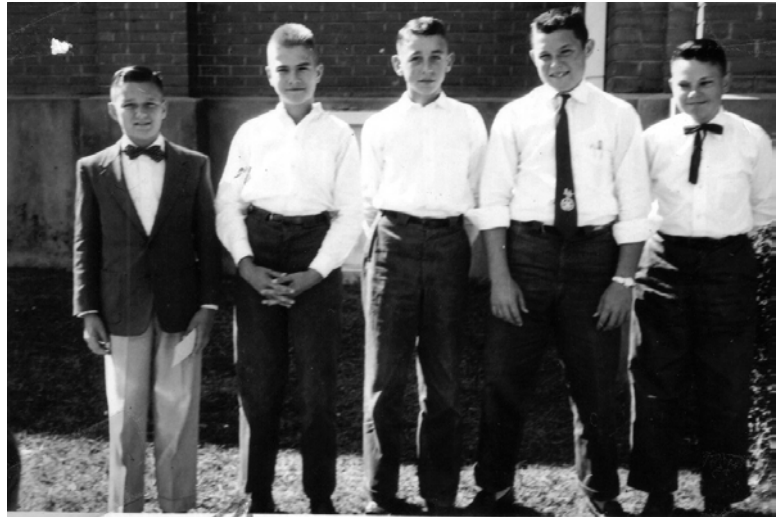
of underbrush out of my plot this year to permit my young trees to get sunlight and room for their growth.

My life's ambition has been to become a professional forester. My work in the 4-H Forestry project has helped me to definitely make up my mind to go to college and major in forestry.

Progress in America is measured by the mechanical genius to develop and harness power to do my 4-H Club work accurately and sufficiently.

LEARNED MUCH

I have learned through 4-H that fellowship and leadership accompanied by unselfish fellowship can accomplish much good in my community and club.



Emmette Earl Alford, 2nd from left, as part of 4H forestry judging team. 1956

I have learned through 4-H the way to live a clean healthy life. I have developed through my 4-H Health project good habits that will always be valuable. When I joined the 4-H Club, I pledged..."My health to better living for my club, my community and my country." My health, whether it is physical, mental, or emotional is left up to me to improve myself as an individual, my family, and my club and community.

GREATEST SERVICE

Four-H Club work's greatest service is the development of the Heart. Four-H Club work helps to keep one's mind busy; therefore, it will help mold our character. Four-H teaches that it isn't if you win or not, but how you play the game that counts. Four-H trains one to respect the rights of others and to obey his parents. Four-H also teaches one to take an active part in all church affairs, because without the help of God to help us make the right decisions, we would not accomplish much. I believe as a result of 4-H Club work, I can be a better citizen in my club, my community and my country.

Earl's recent comments about all this: Alford's involved in Forestry is fairly common in our neck of the woods. Kenneth Alford from the Homewood community of Scott County, MS has a degree in Forestry. Lee Alford from 1112 River Road, Summit here in Pike County is a graduate of Northern Arizona University. He is now retired but once was Vice President of the Southern Region of Weyhauser Timber Company. I need to visit him sometime. Several years ago (20 plus years) the state tree farm winner in Texas was a

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Alford. I need to check with Texas A&M and get his name- will wait until they join the SEC-ha. Scared to mention this to John Smith, but will at the meeting. Also Janice and John are tree farmers in East Texas. James Alford's dad Richard "Dick" Alford and his grandfather Ellis E. Alford were longtime pole and piling timber buyers in the area. The business still exists under Don Alford's name and called Amite Pole and Piling company located in Gloster, MS.

Timber was a vital means of making a living for my Grandfather Samuel and all his family. The present Gym at Salem High School was built from timber off my grandfathers property. He was a very generous man.

Remember When . .

With this segment we are introducing a brand new feature which has a widely varying subject base and infinite possibility for expansion. We hope that in the future we can include some memories from all of the members. There is no special requirement, format, size or anything. We just want your comments about your memory of one thing or another from your life or the life of your family. When possible we would like to have photographs to accompany the piece submitted. The following are just some examples to stimulate your thinking and to get you started. Such short stories from you can grow to larger family history.

Electric Power

Remember when most of rural America did not have electric power? We hear a lot in the news now about the millions of folks along the east coast who are without power as a result of hurricane Irene. Maybe you were not aware of it, if you were even around at that time, but in 1934 only 11% of the U.S. farms had electricity. In Germany and France it was just the opposite 90% had power. I was around then, but I don't remember ever living in a house without electric because we always resided in small towns. Each year when we would go visit my grandparents, both paternal and maternal, we would find them without electricity as they lived in the country.

In 1935, under the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, President Roosevelt issued an executive order establishing the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). Perhaps you have not heard of that. By the late 1970's 99 out of every 100 farms had electricity.

I like to think that I personally had something to do with this electrification of rural America. In 1943 I was between college and the Army. I had started in L.S.U. (Louisiana State University) in 1942 but my heart was not in it. I majored in funology and flunked almost everything else. I was anxious to go to war, but at age 17 I had to have parent permission. By March of 1943 I had convinced my mother that if she signed a consent for me to enlist it would not be my death warrant and she relented. From Baton Rouge I went to New Orleans with a classmate who lived there and was familiar with the U.S. Marines recruiting station. I got the papers I needed and did what little I could to enlist without my consent form. I returned to Baton Rouge and called for someone to pick me up as my luggage would be too much for Greyhound. My father drove down from Ferriday, LA and picked me up. He later told me that was the darkest day of his life. (He was an L.S.U. graduate). By the time I got home mother had read some bad news about military deaths overseas and chickened out.

So there I was unemployed. The unemployment rate that year was about 1.2%, down from an all time high of almost 25% in 1933 ten years before. I first went to work as a roughneck on an oil rig two of them in fact, one after the other. Convinced that there was a better way to make a living I went to work for a company doing seismograph work exploring for oil first in Mississippi and then in Florida. After a while I decided I wanted to go back home where I could see the person I would later marry.

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Being unemployed again I saw an ad indicating help was needed for a survey crew working, more or less for R.E.A. Actually it was working for Frank Horton, Consulting Engineers from Missouri who had a contract with the Gulf States Utilities company to stake out power lines in the rural area around Ferriday where the work had been underway for sometime. I started out as a chainman which amounted to pulling the long steel measuring tape and driving stakes in the ground. Before long I was promoted to instrument man which allowed me to use the transit and be more involved in the survey. Shortly after the first of 1944 we finished the job in Ferriday and my boss, a fellow I remember as Red Sloan, was moved to north Louisiana where electric lines were to be surveyed in Bossier Parish. He asked me to go along.

Red and I, the only two who were not locals, stayed at the Inn hotel in Shreveport but we worked out of Bossier City. We shared a hotel room as well as a double bed. Can you imagine doing that today? Things were going fine until about late March when I received my letter from the President telling me that I was to report to the reception center in April. Red told me that he thought his company could get me a deferment if I would agree to remain with them, but I was still anxious to get into service, even if it was not the Marines.

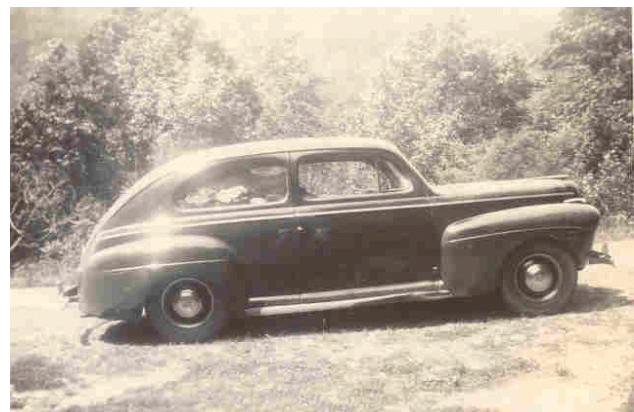
But before going I had helped stake out many miles of electric lines and had the pleasure of seeing a number of farm families with the smile on their faces knowing that we were the forerunner of them getting electric power. Sorry, no photographs of this. __ Gil Alford

First Car

Remember the first car you every owned? We bought it in 1945 after I returned from my six month tour in Europe in World War II. Yes, I just barely made it but that s another memory. Mary and I had been married just about a year then and had earlier spent some time together in North Carolina where I bummed rides, hitch-hiked, or car pooled but that too is another memory. We had no idea what the future held, but it seemed that no matter what a car would be necessary.

All this thinking and talking was while I was on furlough spending time with Mary and her folks and with my folks. Our first hurdle was finances. With my \$50 pay as a private or \$54 as Private First Class over the last year, I had not accumulated any wealth. About all I had was my last paycheck. While I had been overseas Mary was working and living at home with her parents she managed to put a little away in war bonds. I thought my father-in-law would die of apoplexy at the thought of us (me) using Mary s bonds to buy a car. But, we proceeded, and Mary s dad convinced me that I did not know how to purchase a car and he offered to do it for us.

Remember there had been no car production in the U.S. for the previous several years. I don t remember how he did it but he arranged for someone to find us a car and it wound up being purchased in Arkansas, Eldorado I



1941 Ford four door. Our first car.

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believe, and driven back to Ferriday, LA. I think Mr. Newkirk was more concerned about being sure Mary's bonds were not wasted than he was in getting us a good car.

What we got was a pretty clean and serviceable 1941 Ford four door sedan. I remember it well because the previous owner had stuck several bird decals on the dash and because it had a Southwind hot air heater that did not require the cooling system to get hot to heat the car. This car with the new square box styling sold for about \$860 new and our used one cost \$300 and no car payments. Ford built 691,455 cars that year, 2nd in the industry.

We must have kept that car for about three years because when we replaced it we were living on the post in government quarters. There was no car production in the US in 1943-1945 because all the auto plants were in war production of a variety of products. As I remember we had just walked past this 46 Ford Convertible on a used car lot in Fayetteville and I thought we just had to have it. Remember we were all of 22 then. I don't know what the cost was for a plain 46 convertible, but the more expensive Ford Sportsman convertible, which had wood paneling on the sides and back like the old station wagons went for \$1982. I also don't know what we paid for the used one, but I'm pretty sure there were car payments. Although Ford produced 467,413 cars this year, supposed to be 1st in the industry according to Ford, the company posted a \$8.1 loss. There were three things I learned to dislike about that car. First the rag top just was not tight enough and would let in cold air and some rain. I also thought the homemade skirts that the previous owner had screwed onto the back fenders looked cheap.



Our 2nd car, 46 Ford convertible



Our third car on the left, 46 Nash Ambassador. Don't worry about the girls in foreground, that's another story.

But the main thing was that ignition key which worked off the steering column and would lock the steering wheel when the key was removed. We lost our keys and you cannot imagine all the difficulties one had trying to deal with that in those days. Of course today I guess all ignition systems are keyed to the steering column.

We finally got it working again and took it to town and traded for a nice clean 4-door 1946 Nash Ambassador which sold new for \$1342 but we got it used for less. Nash built 94,000 cars that year and ranked 8th in the industry. Our first new car was a 1947 Kaiser but that's for another time.

In Remembrance, Members

By Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #0030

ROBERTA SUE ALFORD FOLDS

AAFA #0049

1928 2010



[A similar article was published in the Jackson County Floridian on 4 May 2010].

A.S Turner and Sons Funeral Home
Atlanta, Fulton Co., GA _____ May 2010

Roberta Alford Folds was born November 17, 1928 in Jackson County, Florida, to the late Mary and Claude Alford. She died on April 30, 2010 at her home in Decatur, Georgia following an extended illness.

A graduate of Florida State University with a BA in Journalism and a Masters in

Public Administration, she remained a loyal Seminole throughout her life. In addition to spending time with her family, Roberta loved gardening, Braves baseball, travel, cooking, reading, and crossword puzzles. The cornerstones of her life were her family, the United Methodist Church, the Democratic Party, and her Southern heritage. While living in Augusta, GA from 1962-1973, she served as a volunteer at University Hospital, was active in the St. John's UMC United Methodist Women, and was President of the Kingston Garden Club. She treasured her friendships in the Seekers Class at Oak Grove UMC in Decatur and appreciated their support during her illness. She instilled in her daughters, Susan and Becky, the importance of kindness, respect, and loyalty to others and was a wonderful wife, mother, and homemaker.

In addition to her daughters, she is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, Milton; her brother, Eugene Alford and his wife, Elizabeth, of Shady Grove, FL; son-in-law, Adnan Rukieh of Chicago; and many nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by her sister, Mattie Lou Dellinger.

Visitation with the family will be from 4-6 pm on Sunday, May 2 at A.S. Turner & Sons Funeral Home, 2773 N. Decatur Rd., Decatur. Funeral services will be held in the sanctuary of Oak Grove UMC on Tuesday, May 4 at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to the Butterfly Garden at Oak Grove UMC, 1722 Oak Grove Road, Decatur, GA 30033, Mountain View Personal Care Home at 3675 Kensington Road, Decatur, GA 30032, or to the Foundation of Wesley Woods, Inc. 1817 Clifton Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30329. A. S. Turner & Sons

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Roberta A. Folds (SS# issued in GA), last residence Decatur, Dekalb Co., GA.

Roberta and her husband Milt hosted the very first AAFA meeting in Atlanta in 1988. Not only did they make the hotel arrangements, etc., they had the entire group (14!) to their house on Friday evening for a buffet dinner. They have been quiet recently but she will be sorely missed.

Her lineage: Roberta Sue 1928 FL¹, Claude Lamar 1895 FL², Walton Buddy 1862 FL³, Wiley Walton 1811 GA⁴, Cullen 1775 NC⁵, James 1740 VA/NC⁶, Lodwick 1710 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸, John 1645 VA⁹.

PATRICIA ANNE BROCK SMITH

AAFA #0064
1932 MS 2010 MS



ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL

McComb, Pike Co., MS 3 September 2010

Patricia Anne Pat Brock Smith, 78, of the Progress community, died Aug. 31, 2010, at the Cardiovascular Institute of Mississippi in McComb.

Visitation is 5 to 9 tonight at Hartman-Hughes Funeral Home in Tylertown and 10 a.m. Saturday at Silver Springs Baptist Church until services at 11. The Rev. Byran Wilkinson and the Rev. Wayne Hall will officiate. Burial will be in the Silver Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was born July 15, 1932, in Walthall County, to Leslie William and Dollie Lura Smith Brock.

She owned and operated Smith's Grocery in Progress. She was a member of Silver Springs Baptist Church, which she served as treasurer and taught a Sunday school class. She was a member of Silver Springs Seniors and was a hospice volunteer. She was a member and former president of the Pike-Amite-Walthall Library Board.

Mrs. Smith was a 1949 graduate of Lexie High School, where she played basketball. She loved working with genealogy and was a member of the Alford American Family Association, from which she received a Hall of Fame award in 2009. She was a beloved member of the Progress community and will be

greatly missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 49 years, Fay Seward Smith; one sister, Peggy Brock Stringer; one granddaughter, Tara Smith Leonard and two sisters-in-law, Nathalee Smith Comeaux and Wilma Smith Butler.

Survivors include two sons, Michael D. Smith and Kim Lee Smith, both of Progress; a daughter, Patricia Gail Smith Hall (AAFA #1258) of Tylertown; a sister, Joana Brock Breeland (AAFA #1142) of Tylertown; a brother-in-law, Cletus Stringer of Southaven; four grandchildren, Tricia Ann Hall and husband Ray McElveen and their children, Will and Mary Grace; James Don Hall Jr., and wife Tena and their daughter, Jaden; Judy Larisa Hall and husband Randall Sheets Sr. and their children, Regan, Larisa, Randall Jr., Zachary and Genell; Dustin Michael Smith and wife Shellie and their children, Sadie Claire, Everhett and Austin; and Jermiah Williams and Samarah Leonard, whose mother was the late Tara Lee Smith Leonard; two step-grandchildren, Jody Lee Stone and children Jody JoJo Jr. and Aimee, and Randall Sheets Sr., as mentioned above.

Pallbearers will be James Hall Jr., Dustin Smith, Ray McElveen, Randall Sheets Sr., Wade Brown and Mac Breeland. Honorary pallbearers will be the deacons of Silver Springs Baptist Church.



*Photo from Silver Creek Cemetery, Dykes Crossing, Pike Co., MS www.findagrave.com
Permission granted by the photographer, Wayne Ellzey*

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Patricia B. Smith (SS# issued in MS), last residence McComb, Pike Co., MS.

AAFA has set up a special Memorial Page for Pat. From there you can access letters, photos, and other items pertaining to her life and her interest in AAFA and her family's genealogy.

Her Alford lineage from her maternal grandmother: Frankie Leoda 1888 LA³, Jephtha Martin 1862 LA⁴, John Seaborn 1807 LA⁵, Jacob 1761 NC⁶, Julius 1717 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸, John 1645 VA⁹.

WILLIAM JOSEPH JOE ALFORD
AAFA #0088
1923 NC 2010 VA



Photo from the Daily Press

DAILY PRESS

Newport News, VA Sunday, 29 August 2010

HAMPTON William J. Alford Jr. (Joe), 86, left to join his much loved wife, Jeanne, on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

He was preceded in death by Jeanne and a grandson, Benjamin Brand; and daughter-in-law, Cheri Alford.

Joe was a much loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, Marine, engineer, civil servant and patriot. He was a graduate of Granby High School and Virginia Tech, where he earned his bachelor s degree in Aeronautical Engineering and pursued a master s degree.

He proudly served in the United States 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.

He is survived by his sons, Joe of Yorktown, Tom and wife, Donna of Hampton, and Stephen of Destin, Fla.; daughter, Bonnie Alford-Restaino and husband, Jerry of Suffolk; seven grandchildren, Mary Jeanne Ball of Ashburn, Va., Kimberly Shray of Virginia Beach, William Alford of Williamsburg, Jerry Restaino of Suffolk, and Megan Alford, Chandler Alford, and Alexander Alford, all of Destin; four great-grandchildren, Chelsea Jenkins and Benjamin Shray of Virginia Beach, and Jessica Ball and Benjamin Ball of Ashburn. He is also survived by his niece, Patsy Alexander of Norfolk.

A memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Berceuse Funeral and Cremation Traditions, 2609 Cunningham Dr., Hampton, VA 757-825-8070. View and post condolences on our online guestbook at dailypress.com/guestbooks.

In another article:

THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

Norfolk, VA Sunday, 29 August 2010

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Joe was a much loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, Marine, engineer, civil servant and patriot. He was a graduate of Granby High School and Virginia Tech where he earned his bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering and pursued a master's degree. 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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A memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Berceuse Funeral and Cremation Traditions, 2609 Cunningham Drive, Hampton, VA, 757-825-8070.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that William J. Alford (SS# issued in VA) was born 27 Dec 1923, last residence Suffolk, VA.

Joe was the Virginia State Representative for AAFA. Joe and Jeanne attended AAFA's 1992 annual meeting in Destin, FL.

His lineage: William Joseph 1923 NC¹, William Joseph 1886 NC², Alonzo Alfred 1860 NC³, Jesse 1836 NC⁴, Edmund 1814 NC⁵, Jesse bef 1765 NC⁶.

EARSEL KATHERINE ALFORD LUKE BENDER
AAFA #0260
1923 2011



Earsel, about 1966



Earsel, about 1986

THE CLARION-LEDGER

Jackson, Hinds Co., MS Wednesday, 15 June 2011

Earsel Alford Luke Bender, 88, passed away June 13, 2011, at Hospice Ministries, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 15, from 12:00-2:00pm at McClain-Hays Funeral Home, Philadelphia, Mississippi, with services to be held at 2:00pm in the Chapel. Interment will follow at Sandtown United Methodist Church Cemetery, Philadelphia, Mississippi. A Celebration of her Life will be held afterwards for family and friends at the home of Dezmon and Marie Alford. The Reverends Steve Bryant and Benny Alford will officiate.

Earsel was a member of the Grace Chapel Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Madison, Mississippi.

The loving daughter of William Lace Alford and Myrtle Copeland Alford, Earsel Katherine Alford was born May 19, 1923, in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and raised in the Bond Community. She was the fifth of nine children.

She was married to Felton Ray Luke, on December 19, 1942, a member of the Army Air Corps. During his tour in the European Theater during WWII, Felton was shot down over the French Alps. He was rescued and nursed back to health by the French Underground, then smuggled to Spain for ultimate return

to England and the U.S. During his wartime service, Earsel lived with Felton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Luke of the Coy Community in Kemper County, Mississippi.

Upon his return after WWII, Earsel began her life as a military wife. Two daughters, Rahye Carol and Reitha Gayle, were born to this union. Air Force life involved extensive travel and relocations including Montgomery, Alabama; Syracuse and Newburg, New York; Belleville, Illinois; Rapid City, South Dakota; Panama Canal Zone; Bermuda; Fort Worth, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. Felton died in 1964 following a lengthy illness.

Earsel married Donald L. Bender, another Air Force officer, on March 3, 1967. Don, too, was widowed and they both were very fortunate to find each other. In their 44 years together they lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico for 20 years followed by moves to Meridian, Mississippi; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Madison, Mississippi. They enjoyed traveling, bowling, cooking, gardening, camping and card games. Don has worked incessantly on the Alford and Luke genealogy and created an extensive database for family lines. He visited Earsel daily in her sickness, caring for her with all his heart.

As a mother, Earsel was thoughtful, kind and loving; her daughters loved her dearly and feel blessed to have had her in their lives. She will be missed so very much for she was always there to give advice and support as nobody other than a Mom can do. Earsel loved nothing more than family gatherings and on occasion when she would have everyone together in one place, memories were to be made. Whether all embarked on a camping trip in their RV to the nearby Jemez Mountains, trips cross country, visiting relatives, enjoying the holidays, or cooking a feast, she was a shining light to all who knew her and the memories she created will always be treasured.

Earsel was active in Officer's Wives Clubs, served as a Grey Lady, modeled, worked tirelessly in the Albuquerque Newcomer's Club and was a member of the Women's Professional Bowlers Association for many years. She will always be remembered for her sense of fashion and her elegant style.

Survivors include her husband Donald L. Bender of Madison, Mississippi, daughters Rahye Carol Luke of Venice, Florida; Reitha Gayle Luke Parkin (David) of Fort Worth, Texas; Linda Kay Bender Boldt (Charlie) of Urbandale, Iowa; sisters, Evelyn Alford McCardle, Gulfport, Mississippi; brothers Tom Alford (Hildred) and Dezmon (Marie) of Philadelphia, Mississippi. Grandchildren include Angela Carol Puckett Bennett (Scott), Alpharetta, Georgia; Kristy Parkin Byers (Steve), Kelsie Katherine Parkin, Buford, Georgia; and Tony Boldt (Dawn), Omaha, Nebraska. Great-grandchildren include Nicholas and Parker Bennett, Alpharetta, Georgia; and Payton and Kylie Boldt, Omaha, Nebraska; and a host of dearly loved nieces and nephews.

Earsel was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Hubbard, Howard and Austin Alford, and sisters Inez Alford Ferguson and Ellie Ree Alford Seale.

The family would like to recognize the staff at Siena 1, St. Catherine's Village of Madison, Mississippi, for their years of loving care for Earsel. Memorials in her memory may be made to the Mississippi Alzheimer's Association, Mississippi Chapter, 196 Charmant Place, Suite 4, Ridgeland, MS 39157, or to a charity of your choice.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm death date of Earsel K. Bender (SS# issued in MS) but list her birth date as 11 May 1923, last residence Madison, Madison Co., MS. Her husband, Don Bender, obtained her birth certificate, which says 11 May 1923. However, they always celebrated her birthday on May 19!

We included the obituaries of her siblings Ellie Ree Alford Seale, Susan Inez Alford Ferguson, Thomas Benjamin Alford, Henry Howard Alford, and Hubbard Hamilton Alford in Mississippi Obituaries.

For more information about this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, Known Descendants of John Henry Alford b. ca 1816 NC. [www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/joh816nc.pdf]

Her lineage: Earsel Katherine 1923 MS¹, William Lace 1887 MS², Benjamin Franklin 1855 MS³, John Henry 1816 NC⁴

JAMES ARTHUR ALFORD
AAFA #0384
1922 1992



James Arthur Alford s high school graduation picture



James & Wilda on their wedding day, 27 April 1946

Source unknown

Berks Co., PA _____ December 1991

Included in *AAFA ACTION*, March 1992

James A. Alford, 69, widower of Betty (Kenderdine) Seyfert-Alford, of Birdsboro [Berks Co.] RD 3, died Friday afternoon at his home after a lengthy illness.

Born in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, he was a son of the late James L. and Freda C. (Holzmuller) Alford.

Mr. Alford was a reactor operator and foreman for the former Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. plant in Pottstown and the Occidental Chemical Co. plant in Pottstown for a total of 38 years, until his retirement in 1985.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving as a mechanic for the Flying Tigers bomber group.

Mr. Alford was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Pottstown; the German Club of Pottstown; VFW Post 411 and American Legion Post 626, both of Birdsboro; the Sportsmen's Club of Birdsboro; and Gibraltar Fire Co.

Surviving are two sons, James R. Alford, at home, and David R. Alford of Pottstown; two daughters, Carol, wife of Kenneth Rhoads of Pottstown and Eileen, wife of Ronald Boone of Virginia Beach, Va.; one brother, Walter Alford of Fayetteville; two sisters Doris, wife of Sebastian Vetri of Telford, and Thelma, wife of Robert Harman of Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Alford is also survived by a friend, Wilda M. (Rogers) Alford-Harmon, with whom he resided.

A funeral will be 10 a.m. Tuesday from Warker-Troutman Funeral Home, 726 High St., Pottstown.

\ The Rev. Dr. Roland C. Turnbach, Pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, will officiate.

Burial will be in Highland Memorial Park.

A viewing will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of Robert Moses, Continental Bank and Trust Co., 205 High St., Pottstown, 19464.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that James A. Alford (SS# issued in PA) was born 5 Jan 1922 and died 6 Dec 1991, last residence not listed.

We included the obituary of his sister Thelma Frieda Alford Harman, AAFA #0397, in Arizona Obituaries.

\ His sister Doris Alford Vetri, AAFA #0303, served as AAFA Treasurer for many years.

James married Wilda Mae Rogers on 27 Apr 1946, and she was the mother of his children. Doris, James' younger sister, reports that for a time when she was a teenager, James and his family lived next door to his parents, and Doris frequently babysat for James's children. James and Wilda eventually divorced and remarried. James remarried Betty (last name unknown), and Wilda married _____ Harmon. Both James and Wilda outlived their second spouses. Wilda moved back to Pennsylvania and back in with James when he developed cancer and took care of him until he died.

For more information on this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, Known Descendants of John Alford, b. ca1801 NC. [www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/joh801nc.pdf]

His lineage: James Arthur 1922 PA¹, James Luther 1898 TX², George Washington 1855 AL³, John Madison 1826 GA⁴, John 1801 NC⁵.

RICHARD MELVILLE ALFORD
AAFA #0633
1925 IL 2009 ID



Photo from Mountain View Funeral Home

LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE

Lewiston, Nez Perce Co., ID 8 January 2009

Dr. Richard (Dick) Alford passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at Lewiston.

Richard Melville Alford was born May 21, 1925, to Fred E. and Lillie M. Nelson Alford in Waukegan, Ill. He graduated from Waukegan High School in February 1943, and then entered the University of Michigan as a pre-med student. During World War II he served in the Navy College program, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa., in 1945, and entering the University of Michigan Medical School in October 1945. He graduated from medical school in 1949 and did his internship at Research Hospital in Kansas City, Mo. He went on active duty again in the Navy with about eight months duty in the Korean Theater. While on active duty, he met Roberta (Connie) Jean Conrad of Orinda, Calif., on a blind date in San Francisco.

Following his service in the Navy, he spent one year in a general practice residency at Ravenswood Hospital in Chicago. While there, he married Connie on Feb. 21, 1953. He was offered a position with one

of the doctors at Ravenswood to enter private practice and accepted. After 14 years of practice in Chicago, and the birth of three children, they decided it was too crowded and chose to come to Lewiston to get away, going into practice with Drs. Baldeck and Bond at the Clearwater Valley Medical Center. He was one of those instrumental in starting the present Valley Medical Center. Dick was active in the American Academy of Family Practice and served as president of the Idaho chapter for one year. He was the medical director of the Lewiston Care Center for 17 years. After 27 years of practice in Lewiston, he retired.

During retirement, he became interested in genealogy and, with the aid of the Alford American Family Association, was able to trace his family ancestry back to the 1400s. He later served two years as president of that association. He also learned that he and "Butch" Alford have a common ancestor who came to New England in the early 1630s. He was also a member of the local genealogical society.

Dick was a lifelong Methodist, serving on many church boards and was one of the founders of the Good Shepherd Methodist Church in Park Ridge, Ill. His love of God continued in the family's move in 1967 to Lewiston, where he was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lewiston. Dick was a dedicated member of The Gideons International and was active in Habitat for Humanity, Nez Perce County Historical Society and the Lewiston Foundation of Education Boards. He had a passionate interest in researching the use of T3 in thyroid medication, settling on the natural desiccated thyroid as being the alternative to T4. (He delivered more than 700 babies, with only two being premature). He wrote many letters to the Tribune sharing his beliefs.

He is survived by Connie, his wife of 55 years daughter Carolyn of Moscow a son, Craig Alford and his wife, Mary, of Renton, Wash. and a daughter, Merry Warr and her husband, Wayne, of Twin Falls grandchildren Mark and Jessica Moore of Seattle, Craig Alford, USN, of Brunswick, Maine, David, Scott and Peter Alford of Renton a brother, Harold Alford and wife, Edie, of Mountain Home, Ark. cousins Jim LeFebvre and his wife, Karel, of Santa Rosa, Calif., Gale LeFebvre and his wife, Mary, of Kenai, Alaska, and Don Johnson and his wife, DeEtte, of Annandale, Va.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lewiston First United Methodist Church, 1906 Broadview Drive, Lewiston. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

The family requests donations to the Gideon's International, P.O. Box 751, Lewiston, ID 83501 or the First United Methodist Church, in lieu of flowers.

Mountain View Funeral Home in Lewiston is handling arrangements. Please sign the online guest book at www.mtviewfuneralhome.com.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Richard M. Alford (SS# issued in IL), last residence Lewiston, Nez Perce Co., ID.

Dick was the fifth president of the Alford American Family Association, serving 1999-2001.

His lineage: Richard Melville 1925 IL¹, Fred Eugene 1890 IL², Ernest Cutler 1861 IA³, Wyllis Duane 1829 NY⁴, Orison 1806 NY⁵, Abner 1767 MA⁶, Elijah 1732 CT⁷, Josiah 1696 CT⁸, Josias 1649 CT⁹, Benedict 1619 England¹⁰, Thomas 1598 England¹¹.

FRED W. DOLLAR
AAFA #0671
1921 TX 2010 TX



BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION EAGLE

Bryan, Brazos Co., TX 8 September 2010

Lt. Colonel Fred W. Dollar (U.S. Army, Retired) went to be with his Lord September 5, 2010, at the age of 89. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 9, 2010 at Memorial Funeral Chapel in College Station. Funeral Services are set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, September 10, 2010 at Memorial Funeral Chapel in College Station. Interment will follow in College Station Cemetery with full military honors.

Col. Dollar was born June 19, 1921 in Henderson, Texas to Floyd W. and Minnie L. Dollar. He was a graduate of Texas A&M University class of 1944, and attended the Subsistence Technology Course at the Food and Container Institute in Chicago, Cornell University Institutional Management School and Advanced Food Service Courses at Fort Lee Virginia. He was inducted into the Army in March of 1943 and had a distinguished career in the Quarter Master Corps. During World War II he participated in the Utah Beach landing expediting food and supplies from ships for General Patton's and Bradley's forces. He spent the rest of the war in Europe. During the Korean conflict he went 90 consecutive nights with only occasional naps in order to feed over 300,000 allied troops and prisoners of war. The food on hand was often limited to only two or three days supply.

His innovative nature became apparent in the military where he designed and patented several items. He improved food safety for our troops by implementing the shipment of fully cleaned poultry instead of un-cleaned "New York Dressed" refrigerated chickens a revelatory idea at the time. He also

arranged for the Army to purchase layer packed chicken parts, which is now known as portion control chicken seen in grocery stores today.

Col. Dollar retired from the Army in 1965 with 22 years of service to become the Director of Food Service at Texas A&M, a job he held for 22 years. While Director of Food Services the University changed from family style feeding of 8,000 students to a modern campus dining operation feeding 65,000 meals per day. His expertise was recognized worldwide for changing the way students eat and how food is prepared and served. His many innovations were recognized by some of the food industry's top honors. He received the prestigious International Food Service Manufacturers Association (IFMA) Silver Plate Award in 1978 for College Food Service, Institutions Magazine Ivy Award voted on by food service operations throughout the nation, and the National Association of College and University Food Service (NACUFS) Ted Minah Award of Outstanding Service in 1977 and NACUFS Lifetime Achievement Award in 1990, Texas Restaurant Association Hall of Honor, Texas A&M University Distinguished Faculty Staff Award and many more honors. The Texas A&M Board of Regents honored his service by naming the Fred W. Dollar Food Service Center for him and made him Food Service Director Emeritus.

He was active in many professional organizations including the Texas Restaurant Association, National Restaurant Association, NACUFS, and was a founding member of the Society for Advancement in Food Service Research. He was President of the Texas Restaurant Association, President of the NACUFS Region VII, President of the Society for Advancement in Food Service Research, chairman of the Legal and Legislation Committee for NACUFS and a sought after speaker for many organizations. Fred Dollar was an innovator in the food service industry, introducing the first food court on a college campus opening before the advent of mall food courts. He designed three new serving systems that improved speed of service and selection. He was instrumental in the commercial development of pre-cooked bacon, use of impingement jet technology and revolutionizing methods for college food service. His motto of "Quality First" was seen in the Texas A&M food service operations and was recognized by his peers in the food service industry. He was a tireless worker.

He was a devoted Christian and was a Deacon in The Bryan Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Aggieland, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shriners, American Legion and many other organizations.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Dollar and a daughter, Annette Dollar, his parents and two sisters.

Col. Dollar is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Frances Crenshaw Dollar; his daughter, Lydia Arlene Juneck and son-in-law, Ivo Juneck; granddaughter, Suzanne Crawford and her husband, Jerod Crawford; and one great grandson Matthew Crawford.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to your favorite charity. Condolences can be made at www.memorialfuneralchapel.com.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Fred W. Dollar (SS# issued in TX), last residence College Station, Brazos Co., TX.

For more information about this family, see AAFA's published genealogies, Known Descendants of William Henry Alford and Known Descendants of Julius Alford 1717-1771. [www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/wil811nc.pdf] & www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/jul717va.pdf]

His lineage, from his paternal grandmother: Amanda Melvina 1852 GA³, Thomas Jefferson 1832 GA³, William Henry 1811 NC⁴, Job 1763 NC⁶, Julius 1717 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸, John 1645 VA⁹.

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ANTHONY HOWELL ALFORD
AAFA #0970
1925 2005

STATESMAN JOURNAL

Salem, Marion Co., OR 16 October 2005

SALEM A. Howell Alford Survived by wife, Madeline Alford. Family services will be held at Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn. Arrangements by Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records show that A. Howell Alford (SS# issued in MN) was born 15 Dec 1925 and died 14 Oct 2005, last residence Salem, Polk Co., OR.

We included the obituary of his twin brother, Howard Anson Alford, in California Obituaries.

Howell was the son of Thomas Lauhon Alford and Gertrude Mary Walter.

His lineage: Anthony Howell 1925 OK¹, Thomas Lauhon 1891 TX², James Noel Welch 1864 TX³, Jacob Lauhon 1834 LA⁴, Needham Judge 1789 NC⁵, Jacob 1761 NC⁶, Julius 1717 VA⁷, James 1687 VA⁸, John 1645 VA⁹.

WILLIAM EDWARD EDDIE ALFORD, SR.
AAFA #1161
1916 AL 2005 AL



We don't have an obituary for Eddie, but his son, William E. Alford Jr., wrote this remembrance in January 2006:

December 29, 1916 June 28, 2005

Eddie Alford passed away in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on June 28, 2005 after a long illness. Although he had settled in to living away from Samson in his last years, he always delighted in the place that he loved. At the very last, he asked to be taken back home. I gently reminded him that Tuscaloosa was his home now and he said, Well yes, that s true. But I want to be where people think the way that I think, and talk the way I talk, and care about the things that I care about & and that s called a home. Sometimes he was a bit of a poet. Sadly, I couldn t take him back to Samson he was too ill. But his thoughts were still with all those people from that little town in the Wiregrass that he gave most of his life to support and nurture, and in so many ways that most may not even know about. He loved you all so much that a lesser heart would burst.

AAFA NOTES : SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of William E. Alford (SS# issued in AL), last residence Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa Co., AL.

His lineage: William Edward 1916 AL¹, Edward Gillispie 1878 AL², Richard Reddin 1843 AL³, Henry Miles 1815 SC⁴, Job 1763 NC⁵, Julius 1717 VA⁶, James 1687 VA⁷, John 1645 VA⁸.

In 2003 Eddie published his autobiography: *The Smoke Eater of Geneva County: Autobiography of Eddie Alford*.

The book is available from AuthorHouse.com

[www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/BookDetail.aspx?Book=251224], where you can read a short excerpt.

The book s synopsis:

As the Chief of the Samson Fire Department for 46 years he cared for the town s welfare and devoted himself to that for 24 hours each day; with a constant presence on the city streets most of his long work life he saw their lives unfold; running a wrecker service, he saw their tragedies and hardships; working for the City for over 20 years taking care of its concerns through so many political administrations, he saw the mundane and the sublime. Likely there is no other person outside of a small-town doctor who may have been so involved with the lives of his neighbors.

More information about the book from his son:

About the first third of the book is his recollection of Richard Redden and his memories of growing up on the farm with the other children of Edward Gillispie Alford (Son of Richard Redden). Eddie was a consummate amateur and he and I delighted in finding documents, letters, and photos that commemorate our regional and family history. One photo included in the book is a picture of a gathering of Civil War Veterans around 1910 with Richard Redden and very likely his brother Mose, although he has not been identified. Two grandchildren of Richard Redden independently picked him from the photo, and it was even quite obvious to me since I also picked him out before the others due to the remarkable resemblance to my grandfather, Ed Gillispie &. Eddie's original manuscript, a passionate work that he chronicled primarily to share with his family members, was over 800 pages, but from publishing necessity had to be edited to around 400.

About the Author from AuthorHouse.com:

The town of Samson, Alabama was hardly ten years old when William Edward Alford was born in 1916 to a hardscrabble pioneer existence just outside its borders. Among the youngest of 13 brothers and sisters, he spent the early years of his life in the isolated farm communities of rural south Alabama. The deprivations of the times and particularly the hardships of the Depression prevented his obtaining an education past elementary school. However, his enthusiasm for learning produced a well-read, self-educated man who welcomed and embraced new technology. In his eighties, he learned the intricacies of word processing with a personal computer to record the memories that spanned a period from the first automobiles, electricity, and telephones, to the wonders of the Internet.

He moved from the farm to the town of Samson in 1938, seeking a better life, and filled with the youthful enthusiasm for new experience. The circumstances of his life soon led him to a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community involvement. He served as a member of the Samson Volunteer Fire Department for 56 years and as Chief of the Department for 46 of those years. He was one of the first men from the rural southern counties of Alabama to go to the State Fire College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1949 to learn the more formal training and operating procedures that are essential to successful firefighting organizations. Throughout his 46-year career as Chief of the SFD, he worked diligently to improve the department until it had emerged from a small hole-in-the-wall facility with very old equipment (including a Model T Firetruck) to a modern facility with multiple firetrucks, rescue vehicles, full safety equipment, and a modern functional building rivaling that of most professional departments. He also shared the training, experience, and insights obtained from his education with other towns and communities in the area, thereby helping to advance the progress of the entire county.

His vocations over his lifetime were on the streets of Samson where he was involved in the Civil Air Patrol during the Cold War, organization of the first Rescue Squad, wrecker service, clerical work, and finally as the general City Superintendent. He worked in various public-related endeavors throughout multiple city administrations longer than any other official, volunteer or employed, in the city's history. In a sense, his autobiography parallels much of the history of the City of Samson and provides a cultural documentary of very rural life in a small farm-based town that is unique in its perspective.

William Edward Alford Jr.'s Introduction to the book:

When I was a child and our large extended family would get together for a visit, all my young cousins would gather out in the yard, running and playing children's games. The older folk would usually segregate, with the women in the kitchen chatting as they prepared a meal, while the men sat and talked in the living room or on the porch. Both groups would tell wonderful stories of their younger days and howl with laughter, slapping their knees until they cried with joy. I would often slip away from the children's yard play and sit in the room with them and listen intently to every word. The laughter; the emotion; the *stories*! This was important stuff—it caused such an effect on people. Much more important stuff than mere kids' games that one could play anytime.

I spent the first eighteen years of my life in the town of Samson, Alabama and I thought I knew it pretty well from my own experience and the spoken history that I remembered from those days as a youth, sitting and listening at the adults' feet. When I

was about thirteen, I became interested in preserving all that wonderful spoken history of the family and began to write some of it down in a diary with my father's help. But like many youthful projects, it somehow slipped away and was never completed in any detail. Perhaps that was the genesis of this book.

I had begun the diary as a way to learn something about family members that were long gone. When I would visit a cemetery with my parents, I would see on the tombstones a name and the dates of birth and death. I found it so sad that the entirety of a life is reduced to so little—the essence of the person is lost forever. By recording what is remembered of those who have passed on, we can keep alive something of what it was like to have known them. We give life between those dates.

Many years later when my father retired and began to write the story of his life, I was so very pleased that he would preserve that oral tradition. When my mother's poor health motivated their move up to my home in Tuscaloosa, I began to transcribe his book into my computer as he read aloud from his handwritten copy. I was soon astonished. I only *thought* I had known all about Samson. After all, it was so small, and not much of anything ever happened. *A lot* happened! *High Noon* shoot-outs in the middle of the street; powerful city barons controlling the politics and the lives of the citizens; unsolved murders; family tragedies and heroics—Mayberry meets Peyton Place. Whew!

My Dad was uniquely positioned to know a lot about the community surrounding him. As the Chief of the Samson Fire Department for 46 years he cared for the town's welfare and devoted himself to that for 24 hours each day; with a constant presence on the city streets most of his long work life he saw their lives unfold; running a wrecker service, he saw their tragedies and hardships; working for the City for over 20 years taking care of its concerns through so many political administrations, he saw the mundane and the sublime. I can't think of anyone but a small-town doctor who may have been so involved with the lives of his neighbors. This personal history combined with a prodigious memory that astonishes me to this day (he can still recite catalog numbers for specific auto parts for almost all the vehicles in the 1950s when he worked at the Ford Dealership) make him the ideal candidate for such a project.

Our little family was strongly impacted by Dad's commitment to his purpose in the community. We rarely went anywhere out of town since there was always the possibility of a fire and he was best suited to handle that circumstance. Our days and weekends were structured around the need to maintain vigilance over the fire department as well. Every single day he would visit the station (usually *twice* a day), crank the trucks, and check all the equipment to be sure that it was fully operational when it would be needed. Mom and I would sit and wait in the car (not *always* patiently) while he made his endless checks. You would be surprised how many times the engines would *not* crank and his actions to remedy that situation perhaps saved someone's home or life. Every Sunday (his only day off work) Dad would take me down to the Fire Station to help wash and often wax the trucks and do routine maintenance on them. When I was a kid, I couldn't understand why he was so dedicated—he didn't get one penny more for any of the time he spent on his precious days off. I now know that witnessing those years of dedication taught me more about what it is to be a man and a good person than probably any other life experience. He had that same dedication and commitment in caring for my Mom in her desperate hours of illness and helplessness at the end of her life.

I also now know that there is such a thing as *slow* heroics. Long term, day-to-day activity that is heroic when seen in its entirety and which doesn't attract the same daily attention as the spectacular events of heroes on the evening news. All around you are unrecognized heroes committed and dedicated to improving the lot of their fellows, or struggling courageously with enormous burdens. I know my Dad is my hero and I am proud to be his son.

I recall the ending of the movie, *The World According to Garp*, when Garp has been shot and realizes he is dying. He turns and asks his wife to remember. When she asks what he wants her to remember, he says, "... everything! In this book, Eddie has, for all of us, remembered *everything*.

URIEL BUTLER ALFORD, JR.

AAFA #1193

1928 AR 2007 NV



LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

Las Vegas, Clark Co., NV Wednesday, 31 October 2007

Lt. Col. Uriel B. Alford Jr. Pappy, retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, took off on his final flight Oct. 27, 2007.

He was born April 26, 1928, in Little Rock, Ark., to Marguerite and Uriel B. Alford Sr. His wife, Gretchen Rose Alford, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his mother, Marguerite Alford (age 101) of Little Rock; his daughter, Angelyn Alford; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Jacquie Alford; grandchildren, Sydney, Cameron, Becca, and Shelby, all of Henderson; his granddaughter and son-in-law, Jaymie and Blaise Herberg; and great-granddaughter, McKenna Rose, all of San Diego.

As a decorated fighter pilot, he served in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. His last assignment was base commander of Indian Springs Air Force Base. He retired in 1976, after a 26-year career in the U.S. Air Force. After his retirement, he worked for Lewis Homes of Nevada selling real estate. Pappy was an accomplished diver and obtained his private pilot's license at the age of 14, and had his own plane by age 16. He was born to fly and also enjoyed boating, fishing, and his friends and family.

Services will be at 1:20 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Odyssey Hospice.

AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Uriel Butler Alford (SS# issued in AR), last residence Henderson, Clark Co., NV.

His lineage: Uriel Butler 1928 AR¹, Uriel Butler 1905 AR², John B. 1866 AR³, Leander 1814 NC⁴, Andrew 1787 NC⁵, William 1751 ?⁶.