

# Membership

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

Although it certainly didn't seem like it a month or so before, the meeting turned out to be rather successful. The weather was just great. There was no rain and the temperature was fine. We got to meet some new members and renew old friendships. The food was particularly good, perhaps the best we have ever had.

You will be noticing in the weeks to come, a push to create committees in an effort to get work done that has been on the back burner for a long time. We hope to get a lot of the data that resides in Alford Central (Gil's basement) on the Alford web site ([www.alfordassociation.org](http://www.alfordassociation.org)). We are going to need help and a lot of it. We have a small core of members who volunteer for any job that comes along. While we appreciate that, there comes a point where they get overloaded. So, we are going to need more of you members to volunteer to help. We don't require nor do we expect you to work on anything you are not comfortable doing. Nor do we expect you to put in twenty-four hour days, not even eight hours a day. A lot of the work we need done doesn't even require you to leave your house. It does require a computer and in some cases, an Internet connection. There will be as much training as you require. You will not be left alone to figure out on your own how to do the work.

Already, we are forming committees on such things as IT (Information Technology), Genealogy, and Cemeteries. We hope to form committees for Membership, Research, Meetings, Publications, DNA, Finance, Obituaries, and Photo & Publicity just to name a few. As you can see, we are going to need a lot of you to volunteer in order to make this work. Without you, we are defeated before we even get started. It will not and cannot get done without you members stepping forward.

We had quite a few members volunteer at the meeting for the Cemetery Committee. The work of this committee consists of selecting a state (see <http://www.alfordassociation.org/ceme.html>) that no one has volunteered to do so far. You can even see a good estimate of how many pieces of data you will be working with. Send an email to [alford\\_staff@alfordassociation.org](mailto:alford_staff@alfordassociation.org) (there is an "\_" between the "alford" and the "staff") telling us which state you would like to do. You might list two or three just in case someone else has selected your first choice. We won't assign you all that you list, only the first that is available on your list of choices. You will be sent (via email) the program written by Wayne Parrish (mbr #1254). It is not a complicated program to install or use. It will be set up for your chosen state. You can then work on it as often as you like. As I said, it all can be accomplished without leaving your home.

Hopefully, most of the committees will work in a similar fashion at least the part about accomplishing the work without leaving home. If you see a committee on the list above, please don't hesitate to let us know that you are interested. We will be contacting members as we go along asking them to help us out by serving on one or more of these committees. Please don't wait for that contact. Please volunteer now and pick a committee that interests you.

See you next quarterly.

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# New Member Lineages

*Gil Alford, AAFA 0019, Corresponding Secretary*

*We have made a slight change for the sake of member privacy. We will no longer include address, phone number or email address of the new member. If you are a member of AAFA and need the information contact us and it will be provided. If you are not a member but want to get in touch with one of these new members then contact us with your name, phone number and address as well as email address along with the reason for the need and we will reach the member and give them your information. It will be up to them to contact you. To contact us either send an email to [alford\\_staff@alfordassociation.org](mailto:alford_staff@alfordassociation.org) or send a note/letter to AAFA, Attn: Contacts, POB 1297, Florissant, MO 63031.*

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#1393 Christele Alford Van Dan                      WIL804GA/JAM687VA                      Tylertown, MS

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1. **Christele Alford** #10826 b. private, m. **Robert Van Dan** #16777.

#### Parents

2. **Farrol Jasper "Preacher" Alford, Sr.** #5322 b. Dec 19 1916, Walthall Co., MS, m. 1936, **3. Mildred Lowrey** #5329, b. Sep 10 1920, d. Dec 16 2009, Tylertown, Walthall Co., MS. Farrol died Feb 14 2001, Tylertown, Walthall Co., MS, buried: Elliott Cemetery, Tylertown, MS.

#### Grand Parents

4. **Samuel Nathaniel Alford** #5294 b. Aug 29 1885, Pike Co., MS, m. Apr 8 1908, in Pike Co., MS,
5. **Hattie Jane Magee** #5303, b. Aug 6 1890, d. Apr 18 1973. Samuel died Jul 8 1961, buried: Elliott Cemetery, Tylertown, MS.

#### Great Grand Parents

8. **Needham Jasper Alford** #3611 b. Sep 21 1862, Pike Co., MS, m. (1) Dec 22 1887, in Lawrence Co., MS, **9. Nancy Isobella Collins** #3677, b. Dec 6 1864, Lawrence Co., MS, d. Jan 20 1894, Pike Co., MS, buried: Walthall Co., MS, m. (2) Oct 13 1896, in Pike Co., MS, Lucy Margaret Collins #3678, b. Sep 11 1856, Lawrence Co., MS. Needham died Nov 21 1907, Pike Co., MS, buried: Bacot Cemetery, Walthall Co., MS.

#### Great Great Grand Parents

16. **Henderson Alford** #1259 b. about 1829, Pike Co., MS, m. **17. Frances Sibley** #1268, b. Jun 20 1843, Mississippi, d. Feb 20 1900, buried: Bacot Cemetery, Walthall Co., MS. Henderson buried: John Bascot Place.

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### 3rd Great Grand Parents

32. **William Alford** #1206 b. about 1804, Georgia, m. about 1828, **33. Eveline Ginn** #1212, b. about 1809, Mississippi. William died after 1860, Pike Co., MS.

### 4th Great Grand Parents

64. **Jacob Alford** #25 b. Aug 15 1761, Franklin Co., NC, occupation farmer, m. (1) about 1784, in North Carolina, Elizabeth Bryant #5173, b. Jun 20 1765, d. 1789-92, Cumberland Co., NC, m. (2) about 1792, in probably Cumberland Co., NC, **65. Frankie Seaborn** #26, b. about 1770, North Carolina, d. about 1859, Washington Pa., LA. Jacob died Jul 16 1824, Washington Pa., LA.

### 5th Great Grand Parents

128. **Julius Alford** #27 b. Sep 1717, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., VA, occupation farmer, m. **129. Lucy** \_\_\_\_\_ #28, d. after 1790, Franklin Co., NC. Julius died 1771, Bute Co., NC.

### 6th Great Grand Parents

256. **James Alford** #29 b. about 1687, probably New Kent Co., VA.

### 7th Great Grand Parents

512. **John Alford** #4656 b. about 1645, probably Virginia, died Mar 14 1710, New Kent Co., VA.
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#1394 Benita Magee-Cartwright      J0H807LA/JAM687VA      Belleville, IL

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1. **Benita Magee** #4365 b. private.

### Parents

2. **Beverly Troy Magee** #4359 b. private, Franklinton, Washington Parish, LA, m. private, in Franklinton, Washington Parish, LA, **3. Kathryn Burkhalter** #4361, b. private.

### Grand Parents

4. **Tate Marvin Magee** #4284 b. Dec 18 1899, Clifton, Washington Parish, LA, m. Apr 14 1926, in Lexie, Walthall Co., MS, **5. Myrtha Ohlen Alford** #4278, b. Aug 31 1903, Mt. Hermon, Washington Parish, LA, d. Feb 11 1997. Tate died Nov 29 1977, Franklinton, Washington Parish, LA.

### Great Grand Parents

10. **Joseph Benjamin Alford** #351 b. Jan 30 1876, Washington Parish, LA, m. Jan 27 1898, in Washington Parish, LA, **11. Rosa Ann Burch** #362, b. Jul 17 1876, Louisiana, d. Jan 25 1950, buried: Bogue Chitto Cem. Washington Parish, LA. Joseph died Nov 18 1954, Washington Parish, LA, buried: Bogue Chitto Cem. Washington Parish, LA.

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### Great Great Grand Parents

20. **Seaborn Lochran Alford** #192 b. May 19 1844, Washington Parish, LA, m. (1) Apr 25 1861, in Pike Co., MS, **21. Laura Malissa Angeline Ellzey** #193, b. Apr 25 1844, Mississippi, d. Mar 19 1903, buried: Alford Cemetery, Washington Parish, LA, m. (2) Sep 18 1909, in Washington Parish, LA, Candace Bankston #194, b. Oct 27 1881, d. Nov 22 1955, buried: Bogue Chitto Cem. Washington Parish, LA. Seaborn died Nov 22 1919, Washington Parish, LA, buried: Alford Cemetery, Washington Parish, LA.

### 3rd Great Grand Parents

40. **John Seaborn Alford** #23 b. Oct 11 1807, Washington Pa., LA, occupation farmer, m. 1834, **41. Margaret Brumfield** #24, b. Feb 9 1819, Pike Co., MS, d. Sep 8 1885, Washington Pa., LA, buried: Alford Cemetery, Washington Pa., LA. John died Nov 15 1891, Washington Pa., LA, buried: Alford Cemetery, Washington Pa., LA.

### 4th Great Grand Parents

80. **Jacob Alford** #25 b. Aug 15 1761, Franklin Co., NC, occupation farmer, m. (1) about 1784, in North Carolina, Elizabeth Bryant #5173, b. Jun 20 1765, d. 1789-92, Cumberland Co., NC, m. (2) about 1792, in probably Cumberland Co., NC, **81. Frankie Seaborn** #26, b. about 1770, North Carolina, d. about 1859, Washington Pa., LA. Jacob died Jul 16 1824, Washington Pa., LA.

### 5th Great Grand Parents

160. **Julius Alford** #27 b. Sep 1717, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., VA, occupation farmer, m. **161. Lucy** \_\_\_\_\_ #28, d. after 1790, Franklin Co., NC. Julius died 1771, Bute Co., NC.

### 6th Great Grand Parents

320. **James Alford** #29 b. about 1687, probably New Kent Co., VA,

### 7th Great Grand Parents

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

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#1395 **James Malcom Alford**

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**Montgomery, AL**

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1. **James Malcom Alford** #5873 b. private, Montgomery Co., AL, m. private, **Florence E. Hester** #5874.

### Parents

2. **Raymond Talmadge Alford, Sr.** #5852 b. Jun 26 1896, Pike Co., AL, m. (1) Jan 23 1916, in Montgomery Co., AL, divorced 1940, Corintha Victoria McMoy #5853, b. Mar 7 1896, Bullock

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Co., AL, d. Aug 27 1980, Montgomery Co., AL, buried: Aug 29 1980, Ramer Cemetery, Montgomery Co., AL, m. (2) divorced 1945, **3. Irene Nix Martin** #5868, m. (3) Decie Hunt Simmons #5869, b. 1913, d. Sep 28 1982, Montgomery, Montgomery Co., AL, buried: Owens Cem., Pratville, Montgomery Co. AL. Raymond died Nov 25 1978, Montgomery Co., AL, buried: Nov 27 1978, Ramer Cemetery, Montgomery Co., AL.

### Grand Parents

4. **William Jackson Alford** #4904 b. Oct 18 1875, Montgomery Co., AL, m. (1) Aug 1 1895, **5. Ida Idelle Wright** #4911, b. Aug 29 1873, Alabama, d. Dec 30 1914, Alabama, m. (2) Jan 18 1915, Mamie Gussie Faulk #10050, m. (3) Mary Frances Cloun Harris #10053, b. Apr 4 1891, d. Oct 26 1964. William died Jul 15 1964, Alabama, buried: Salem Cem., Bullock Co., AL.

### Great Grand Parents

8. **Warren Montgomery Alford** #4895 b. Oct 1 1843, Montgomery Co., AL, m. Nov 15 1866, in Montgomery Co., AL, **9. Eloise "Ella" Frizzle** #4897, b. 1850, Alabama, d. 1910, Alabama, buried: Old Salem Cemetery. Warren died Oct 13 1920, Alabama, buried: Vernledge Meth Ch Cem, Crenshaw Co. AL.

### Great Great Grand Parents

16. **Henry Dortch Alford** #4764 b. Nov 23 1822, Hancock Co., GA, m. Sep 7 1843, in Montgomery Co., AL, **17. Martha Jane Walker** #4894, b. Oct 11 1828, South Carolina, d. Jul 25 1901, Bullock Co., AL, buried: Salem Cem., Bullock Co., AL. Henry died Feb 3 1908, Montgomery Co., AL, buried: Salem Cem., Bullock Co., AL.

### 3rd Great Grand Parents

32. **William Alford, Jr.** #4649 b. about 1774, Virginia, m. about 1805, in Hancock Co., GA, **33. Mary Ellis** #4686, d. after 1860, Bossier Parish, LA. William died about 1831, buried: Old Port Cem., Sparta, Hancock Co., GA.

### 4th Great Grand Parents

64. **William Alford** #4642 b. about 1741, Virginia, m. **65. Martha** \_\_\_\_\_ #4643. William died Apr 21 1825, Hancock Co., GA.

### 5th Great Grand Parents

128. **Salvator Alford** #16789 b. about 1716, Virginia, m. **129. Elizabeth Reynolds** #16790, b. about 1717, Goochland Co., VA. Salvator died before Nov 1777, Bedford Co., VA.

## From The Mail Bag

AAFA frequently receives emails from both members and non-members requesting information about AAFA and their “Alford” ancestors, and sometimes offering new information about “Alfords.” We love hearing from folks and do our best to answer questions and point to resources. We think there’s value in sharing these exchanges—if you can provide answers to any of these correspondents, feel free to contact them directly, and copy [alford\\_staff@alfordassociation.org](mailto:alford_staff@alfordassociation.org). We’d also like to hear from you if you have any suggestions for improving “From the Mail Bag.”

✪ **Deborah Compton** (we have no email address) **regarding Della Missouri Alford**

Date: 10/7/11

I am looking for Della Missouri Alford. She married Daniel Clark Turner. She had two sons RD Turner and Ollie Turner.

And if we have the same Della Missouri Alford, I am hoping you go past her to RD Turner. RD Married Mary Lucille Smith. Mary Lucille died early and RD Turner remarried Jewell ??

Anything you can share with me would be greatly appreciated. Rusk County Court House burned down many years ago and records were lost.

RD Turner was my grandfather. RD has two sons Raymond Turner and Robert Turner. Robert Turner is my Dad.

Deborah Compton  
816-694-9864  
Kansas City, Missouri

*Response from AAFA’s Research Chair, Lynn Shelley:*

Della Missouri Alford, daughter of Redden Alford and Delia Jeannette Moore (Della is BK#2039 in the Isham Genealogy) married Daniel Clark Turner (born Aug. 12 1878, Nacogdoches Co. TX, son of William Leonard Turner and Elizabeth Burt) on Nov 3, 1912, Anderson Co. TX. Son Ollie A. Turner was born 1915 in Anderson Co. TX and son RD was born 1919. Daniel's WWI Draft Reg. was in Anderson Co. TX and they are there in 1920. In 1930 they are in Houston, Harris Co. TX and they seem to have died there, Della on Dec 4 1971 and Daniel died Jan 16 1974. Don't know where they are buried. Della's parents and relatives are buried in Crawford Cemetery in Slocum, Anderson Co. TX.

RD Turner married Mary Lucille Smith who died Feb 15 1958. He later married Jewell Jones. He died in 1997, Smith Co. (I think). I could not find anything for Ollie.

RD and Mary Lucille Smith Turner had two sons: Raymond Daniel Turner, b. Oct 22 1941, Smith Co. TX and Robert Glenn Turner, b. Dec 29 1942, Rusk Co. TX.

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Now I can't find where or what I originally found for the death of RD Turner but I did find the death certificate for Ollie Alfred (probably Alford) Turner. He was born Nov 7 1914, Anderson Co TX and died Nov 2 1963, Texas City, Galveston Co. TX. Buried San Leon Community Cemetery, San Leon, Galveston Co TX. His wife at the time was Clarice Turner but I haven't found a marriage record. His DC is available on Family Search. He died of coronary occlusion.

### ✪ **Peggy Attwood** ([twoshadesofblue2004@yahoo.com](mailto:twoshadesofblue2004@yahoo.com)) regarding **Louisa Alford**

I have been researching my own family history for two years and have recently made arrangements to meet with my local DAR historian to begin filling out family forms.

My great-grandparents were Cornelius Winston and Annie Lois Ellis. Annie Lois's mother was Louisa Alford who married Addison Dameron Ellis.

I have a marriage certificate for the Ellis-Alford marriage.

My difficulty has come in confirming Louisa Alford's parents' names. Some information on Ancestry.com has Louisa listed as a child of Nathaniel Green Alford and Nancy Liles Alford.

Could you please help me gather correct information on Louisa Alford and also, the names and birth years of all the children of Nancy Liles Alford and Nathaniel Green Alford?

At this point, my frustration lies with the information freely posted on Ancestry.com that is often conflicted and based on little, if any true documents. For me to confirm that I am a descendant of Nathaniel Green Alford and James Lodwick Alford, his father, I need to confirm my connection to Louisa Alford and Nathaniel Green Alford.

I appreciate all of the information that the Alford family association has posted because it is easily found searching on the internet and has answered many questions.

Thanks so much,  
Peggy Kelley Mack

*Response from AAFA's Gil Alford:*

Dear Peggy,

Thank you for letting us hear from you.

I regret to say that we have no information that would prove your Louisa Alford is a child of Green Alford and Nancy Liles. By the same token we have nothing that would prove she was not their daughter. Please go to our genealogy on the descendants of James Lodwick Alford at [www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/jam749nc.pdf](http://www.alfordassociation.org/GENEALOGY/jam749nc.pdf). Our source of information on this comes from members of that branch, which I suspect was based on family tradition as much as anything. More on that later.

You will see that the family of Green Alford (Nathaniel has not been proven) and Nancy Liles does include two daughters whose names begin with an "L." Few of us would bet on the spelling of names from that period. Lunary, who m. Fielding Moring was b. about 1817 and Luvuna b. about 1825. We know nothing more about her.

The late Captain Lodwick H. Alford, U.S. Navy (retired) was the source of most of our information. For years there was some question about Green's parents since he was not listed in his parents' will. Please see the article at [www.alfordassociation.org/ACTION/aact4855.htm](http://www.alfordassociation.org/ACTION/aact4855.htm) in which Capt. Alford explains his search.

Lynn Shelley who is our AAFA research chair is getting copies of this correspondence and she may have other ideas. We will be publishing your inquiry/email in a forthcoming issue of our quarterly.

Regardless of the outcome of your search we would like to have feedback from you so that we can include information from Louisa Alford down to Peggy Kelley Mack in our data.

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Good luck with DAR.

Gil Alford, AAFA Corresponding Secretary [Co-Founder & Past President]

*Response from Peggy:*

Dear Gil,

Thank you for the quick response today. Here's what I refer to as "shurethangs"....

I know my great-great grandmother was Annie Lois Ellis. I have the family tree settled for her family. She married my g/g/g grandfather Cornelius Winston. He was born in Franklinton, NC and his parents home is still standing off Rt. 15 near Creedmore, NC and is occupied by the same couple that's been there 30 years. It is listed on the National Registry of historical homes

I have census records for Obediah and Permelia Winston...and Cornelius and Annie Lois Ellis Winston.

Annie Lois Ellis Winston and her brothers appear on census records from the Wake and Franklin County, NC areas as children of AD Ellis and Louisa B. Ellis.

The other "surethang" is this document:

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| Groom:      | Adison Ellis                             |
| Bride:      | Louisa Alford                            |
| Bond_Date:  | 15 Dec 1841                              |
| Bond #:     | 000152909                                |
| Level Info: | North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868 |
| ImageNum:   | 000118                                   |
| County:     | Wake                                     |
| Record #:   | 01 137                                   |
| Bondsman:   | William Pace                             |
| Witness:    | Jas T Marriott                           |

That's where I'm stuck.....who was Louisa Alford? Who were her parents? How do I get to documents from Wake County that might enlighten me as to who Louisa B. Alford Ellis was?

With my research on the Ellis family, I was lead to the connections to the Alford family. As a quick summary of my connection:

Obediah and Permelia Bullard Creedmore, NC; Cornelius and Annie Lois Ellis Creedmore, Franklinton NC and Winter Haven FL; John Wingate Winston and Clara Deborah Oetgen (Charleston, SC and Tampa, FL); Tritus Gaston Kelley and Ernestine Clara Winston (Tampa, FL and other Southern cities....); William Allen Mack(second husband) and Peggy Kelley Mack (Myrtle Beach, SC)

Gil, thank you!

Peg



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✪ **Kathy Hensley Cooke** ([repete58@windstream.net](mailto:repete58@windstream.net)) regarding **Elsie Cole Alford**

I am researching my nephew's mother's Alford line ....

Can you help me? I am trying to find out more information on Elsie Cole Alford...she was married to Homer J Alford. He died in 1930 they had three children Mary, Melvin and Maggie.

Can you tell me what the names of Elsie Cole Alford's parents was? Or when and where she died?

Thank you so much for your time.

Kathy Hensley Cooke

*Response from AAFA's Research Chair, Lynn Shelley:*

Dear Kathy,

Can you give us some places--where they lived, married or where the children were born? I know Homer was born in Warren Co. KY and died in Larue Co. KY. What about dates of birth for the children or Elsie? We have Mary born 1925 and died 1943 but do not have birth dates for Melvin or Maggie (we have her as Louise and that she married Clifton Webb). Do you know if Elsie married again after Homer was killed? He is supposedly buried in Bowling Green but I have not found him on Find A Grave or in our KY cemetery records. Any further information you can give us on the children or Elsie would be appreciated. We can't find the family in 1930 in census records. Not knowing when Elsie was born, it is not easy to find her on an earlier census.

[These folks are from the WIL775VA branch of the family and Homer J. Alford is BK#359]

*Response from Kathy:*

Lynn,

Thank you for answering my email...I wish I knew more about the family...but I am in the dark about when she was born, where she was born, if she remarried or not...I was hoping to get more info from you...

If I find anything I think that you might like to have I will update you... I have not been able to find them on the 1930 census either... I can hardly wait for April so that we have access to the 1940 Census...

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✪ **Carl Davis** ([ciddddavis@citlink.net](mailto:ciddddavis@citlink.net)) regarding **Judge J.W. Alford**

Hello,

We are the maternal Williams side and Rachael Williams B1871 Whitley county KY is my grt grn mothers sister. We are also interested in Alice Williams B1881 to see who her parents were. Does anyone have pictures of Judge J W Alford family would be willing to share ?

I found Orville and Pauline in the Knox county KY book.

Thank you very much

Carl Davis Crossville TN

✪ **Peggy Alford Schuster**, AAFA #0666, ([peggyschuster@att.net](mailto:peggyschuster@att.net)) sent the following:

While surfing Ancestry.com, I came across these that you may or may not have:

Zeb D. Alford born ca1926 married Margaret \_\_\_\_ 20 March 1948; had 4 children; divorced 9 March 1984 Harris Co. TX; married Joan S. Chasan 5 August 1984 Harris Co. TX.

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Elton L. Alford divorced Virginia \_\_\_\_ 23 January 1981 Camp Co. TX; they had married 16 Nov 1979; had 2 children.

He was born ca1940, she ca1935. (doesn't seem to belong to Marmaduke of JOHN180INC)

Elton L. Alford divorced Patricia J. \_\_\_\_ 15 June 1979 Smith Co. TX; they had married 4 Nov 1977 - no children. He was born ca1940, she ca1952. (not JOH180INC)

Mary H. [ALVORD] divorced Charles N. ALVORD 19 May 1969 Taylor Co. TX; they had married 16 August 1968 - no children. She was born ca1929, he ca 1935/

Margaret H. [Breazeale] divorced Roy Clifton Alford 9 Feb. 1979 Brown Co. TX; they had married 18 Jan. 1946 - says no children---but they had dau. & son who were grown. (this is JOH80INC) He is son of Elton Clyde "Bud" Alford.

Lavona [Alford] divorced James Doyle Alford 5 March 1968 Dallas Co. TX; they had married 28 May 1958 - 3 children. She was born ca1925 and he ca1922. (this is JOH801NC - Doyle is son of Claude D. Alford)

[My first cousins - JOH801NC]

Truman G. Alford (b.ca1944) divorced Jill E. [Goins] 19 Oct. 1989 Bexar Co. Tx; they had married 23 April 1984 - 0 ch.

Truman G. Alford (b.ca1944) divorced Caroline L. [Roberson] 7 Nov. 1983 Bexar Co. TX; they had married 17 June 1971 - 1 child.

Leo D. Alford (b.ca1947) divorced Patricia M. \_\_\_\_ (b.ca1959) on 15 May 1984 Collin Co. TX; they had married 10 Dec. 1980 - 1 child. [Marriage record says Hilda Patricia Mazin Flores]

Leo D. Alford (b.ca1946) divorced Deloris J. [Dolores Jean Irwin] on 19 December 1980 in Tarrant Co. TX - no marriage date shown.

[don't know who these are, but not my kin]

Harvey L. Alford (b. ca 1937) divorced Katherine M. \_\_\_\_ on 13 February 1989 Dallas Co. TX; had married 3 Oct. 1988 - 0 children.

Mack Alford, Jr. (b.ca1932) divorced Mildred L. [Alford] on 9 Apr 1987 Gregg Co. TX

There's a marriage record for Mack Jr. (b.ca1931 - age 56) to Betty J. Jackson (b.ca1954 - age 33) on 16 May 1987 in Gregg Co. TX --- don't know if it's the same guy.

That's all for today. ps

☛ **From Renee** \_\_\_\_ (rdb2120@gmail.com) regarding DNA:

Hi - I'm lost when it comes to the DNA testing available. I am female (one brother). My Alford line runs through my mother's gr grandmother, which would be my brother's and my gr gr grandmother. Will any of the tests work for my brother or myself to try to determine which lineage we're connected to?

Thanks!

rdb

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*Response from AAFA's President Max Alford:*

Dear rdb,

Unfortunately, your only hope in finding out which Alford line you are descended from would be to find out if your gr gr grandmother had a brother. Then, if she did, you would need to trace that line back to the present to find a male Alford that descended from your gr gr grandmother's brother. I don't know how well versed you are in DNA testing so I may bore with stuff you already know but, It doesn't matter if you subscribe to the Adam and Eve theory of the Bible or the geneticists' theory of that single male in Africa, either one means we all descended from that single male, His Y-DNA was passed from him to his son to his son, etc. That in turn means the Y-DNA of someone named Smith (for example) might be a perfect match to someone named Alford. The problem of ever finding any documentation about the relationship would be impossible because barring an adoption or a name change, the most recent common ancestor probably lived before surnames came into use and before any written records existed unless, of course, you count the paintings on cave walls. That is why it is important to only look at the DNA of males with the same surname as yours.

I am not sure where you got my email address, the World Families Alford Surname Group or the Alford American Family Association but if you were to send as much information as you know about your gr gr grandmother to [aafa\\_staff@alfordassociation.org](mailto:aafa_staff@alfordassociation.org) (there is an \_ between aafa & staff), perhaps they could come up with which line your gr gr grandmother belongs to and if you are really lucky, maybe someone from that line has already had their DNA tested. There no charge from the AAFA for providing this information and you will not be hounded to join the AAFA,

I hope that I have answered your question. If not, please let me know where I am lacking as far as a response is concerned and I will try to clear things up.

Max

*Response from Renee:*

Max

Your answers were on spot. My gggrandmother did have a brother, John who I believe married Ella Hare in 1891 in Jackson County (Marianna), FL. John's father was John Alford (b: 1819 - SC) and married Eliza (Elizabeth) Tharp. I am having trouble proving as to what Alford lineage he descended from. I have my STRONG suspicions that he came from John Alford (b: 1776-NC who lives next door in the 1850 Jackson County FL census) and I have recovered Horry County records proving he's the same John Alford from Horry. I just have nothing definitive to prove John (b: 1819) is his son.

I will send what I have to the e-mail address you provided, and I have printed a membership form as well.

Now that my gggrandmother had a brother, what's my next step for DNA?

Thanks for everything,

Renee

*Response from AAFA's Research Chair, Lynn Shelley:*

Gil,

Could the John Alford with wife Nancy and all of those children in Jackson Co. FL in 1850 be the son of John Alford and Chloe Pope? The Nancy who is 50 could be his daughter or a second wife?? Most of the trees on Ancestry have only Archibald (probably from our online database) as a child but with dates and pictures of Baldy, son of Isham. How can someone born 1776 be the father of someone born 1784? There are a lot of Alford's buried in Jackson Co. FL but I don't know any of them very well and our FL cemetery records are not accessible on the website.

Do we have another ID for this John?

Lynn

✪ **From Kathy Schultz AAFA#0568** (kathyschultz@earthlink.net) **regarding Lost Alford's**

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Hello again, Gil.

I'm happy for you that the Cardinals are going to the World Series! And it was great to see you and Mary again in St. Louis.

I just got my AAFA Action today with the list of "Lost Alford's." I tried finding one and will look for a few more around here, but here is the information I found on Jimmy and Freda Alford:

James Wesley Alford, Jr., 89

Freda R. Alford, 81

New Address: 3323 Tournament Drive South, Memphis, TN 38125-8808

New Phone Number: (901) 748-3768

Sons: James Wesley III, Steven A., Alan

(None probably at same address, but I am not sure about that.)

This address is south of us here in Germantown, but, because it is outside the Germantown city limits, it is a Memphis address.

They still own Jimmy Alford Studio, Inc., with two locations:

3061 Millbranch Road, Memphis, TN 38116; (901) 332-1512 and 332-2611 (where I believe the photo processing is done and their offices are located)

6685 Quince Road, Suite 10, Memphis, TN 38119; (901) 753-9898 (which, I believe, is a branch photography studio).

They have a web site: <http://alfordphoto.com>

Jimmy W. Alford, Jr. is still shown as the owner, CEO and president. You will be glad to know that they have a Better Business Review rating of A+. He was the photographer who used to take our class pictures when I was in junior and senior high school.

Later, if you can't find him at the Tournament Drive address, you will probably be able to get in touch with one of his sons through the company address.

I hope this helps, and, let me know if I am supposed to send information I find to you, to Robert, or to somebody else.

Kathy

🌟 **From Maurine Bryan** (no email address) **regarding AAFA merchandise:**

Hello, is there an online store associated with the AAFA? I just discovered the site. I am an Alvord descendant. My maternal grandfather was Frank Alonzo Alvord, grandma was Lela Staub Alvord, and my mom is Beverly Jean Alvord. They are listed on your site.

I love the AAFA logo and would like to get items that have it: are there mugs, t-shirts, any books available for purchase?

Thank you,

Maurine Bryan

# Remembrances

*Benita Magee-Cartwright, AAFA #1394*

*I just drafted up a story for the next quarterly if you want it. It's a mini-diary (very short-1 page) that my Aunt Carolyn found in my Maw-Maw's things and she mailed it to me. It's not exactly in the greatest format but as it was written. It was little tid-bits she wrote in a Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book in pencil. It was very yellowed with age, but I managed to copy it before I left. I have today off from work so I thought, I had better get busy and transcribe that before I couldn't read it any more. It actually gave me much more than a smile. It gave me a great timeline for Maw-Maw and Paw-Paw's early life and reminded me to be careful of what looks like trash could be oh so much more. I've attached it if you want it. Not sure if it's publish worthy, but I'm glad to have it for myself regardless.*

*During the roaring twenties, life was full of many economic challenges and modernized changes. It was a very Progressive Era, when moving pictures, automobiles, radio, television, and many new products and technologies were on the rise. Prohibition, flappers, cotton clubs, and the start of the great depression changed the way people lived. None of those things seemed to be of any importance to my grandmother, Maw-Maw, when she wrote in her diary. Her name was Myrtha Ohlen Alford Magee. She was a strong Christian lady with an unflinching faith. She always had a fresh pot of coffee on the stove because sure enough, someone always came by the house for a visit. We kids could hardly wait for who ever arrived that day and coffee in our special cups. (We grandkids had our own special mini coffee cup and saucer.) I have so many memories of time spent at Maw-Maw's house, but nothing really compared to waking up in the morning to the smell of fresh bacon and listening to "Swap Shop" (a radio show in Franklinton, Louisiana), that is, until I read her diary. It just reminded me of how simple life was in those years and how much she cared about the little details in all our lives.*

*The following is a mini diary written by Myrtha Ohlen Alford Magee and taken from Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book Designed for Farmers, Mechanics and all People. The original diary was written in pencil and very difficult to read as the diary had yellowed a great deal with age. It was discovered among my Maw-Maw's belongs upon her death and is transcribed here by her granddaughter, Benita Magee-Cartwright. The following uses her own words: —Benita Magee-Cartwright, AAFA #1394*

On Wednesday night, April 14, 1926, 7:30 o'clock, Tate M. Magee and Myrtha Alford were married at Dixie, Mississippi at Brother W.F. Hutson's home. We lived at his Dad's until October then went over to Denham Springs and lived two weeks. Happy days there we spent then came back to his Dad's. Cut Culp wood and had lumber sawed to build us a home. Almost completed it. Then my Dad and Ma moved to Bogalusa. Third day of February we moved up there and made a crop. Lived there with Boyce and Euston. Tate bought out pressing shop September 1, 1927 from Thad. Then on October 15th, we bought and moved to Franklinton, Louisiana in the old Foil home. Lived with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Schilling until next February when he bought and moved out. Euston stayed with us about six weeks and went to school.

The proud days of our married life was when on February 3, 1929 a big 8 lb. boy was born to us naming him Beverly Troy Magee. His first visit out of the house was over to Mrs. Wallace's to listen to the radio on 27 February. On the 28th, Troy made his first smile at us. On the 3rd of March, we carried the boy

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riding up to his Granddad Magee's. On the 11 , we went to his Granddad's again and spent p.m. On the 17th, we carried the boy to Bogalusa to see Granddad Alford. On 20th, me and Troy went to Bogalusa and stayed until 24th then came home.

Troy went to sleeping by himself on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. At five months old, he weighed 18 pounds. At five and half, he had a tooth. At six months, had two teeth and weighed 19 pounds. He was sitting along at five months. At seven and a half, he was crawling on knees and has six teeth; two under and four upper. At six months, he could call "Da Da" and "Mamama". At eight and half months, weighs 21 pounds. Quit nursing at nine weeks old at night, only at 7:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. When nine months old, cut his hair like a man. Cute. Made him look two years older. On Armorerist Day, he started pulling up to chairs at nine months one week old. At ten months, got his first pair of high top shoes. When eleven months old, had two pairs of coveralls and weighed 24 1/2 pounds. Ate his first Christmas dinner in Bogalusa at Mamas. Got his first rocker chair from Grandma and Pa Magee 1929 for Christmas.

Began to stand alone January 12. First little step up at Granddad Magee's, Thursday, January 16, 1930. Ate his one year birthday dinner at Granddad Alford's. At one year, had nine teeth and loved walks, pretty good. At 12 months and two weeks had eleven teeth, also walking good. At thirteen months, can say "right there", "scat", "spot", "get up", "bye-bye", "Dady", "Mama", "kitty", and "shoo" at chickens. At 15 months, can talk pretty good. Can't connect words. Has 14 teeth. Weaned him when 13 1/2 months. Wasn't a bit of trouble. At 16 months, had 15 teeth. When 18 months, had 16 teeth. Could say a few words. When one and half years, weighed 28 pounds. When two years old, weighed 30 and has 20 teeth. When 2 1/2 years old, he has almost got two more teeth.

*That is all she wrote in her little diary and was enough for me to laugh and even cry some happy tears. I sure miss her. Just reading the words "scat" and "shoo" really cracked me up laughing because it sounded so much like her. I caught myself saying "scat" to my granddaughter when she sneezed the other day. Now I know where I got that from. —Benita*



### **ACTUNG!! ATTENTION!! HEY YOU!!**

How about sharing one or two of your memories with us! It can be about anything, anywhere and anytime—good times, bad times or funny times— as long as it is **your** memory. If you don't want to be bothered with fixing it up pretty with margins, corrected spelling, punctuation, and such then don't worry about that. We'll fix that with the computer. Make it as long as you want to, but as informative as possible Just send us "the words" from your memory and we will do the rest. We will even send you a draft for approval before publication if you would like. You could put some icing on the cake by sending an applicable photo along with it.

# **In Remembrance, Members**

*By Pamela Alford Thompson, AAFA #0030*

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MARGARET FAYE LEONARD WINDHAM

AAFA #0031

1924 TX –2010 NM



*Photo from [French Funerals and Cremations](#)*

*ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL*

Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., NM—Thursday, 1 April 2010

Margaret Faye (Leonard) Windham, 86, a resident of Albuquerque since 1955, died Monday, March, 29, 2010.

She is survived by her children, Donald Ray Windham and his wife Jeanne of Edgewood, New Mexico, and Louise Payne and her husband Roger of Albuquerque; grandchildren, Arthur Windham, Albuquerque, Donald Windham II, Moriarty, Stormy Gilmore and husband Clay of Roy, Utah, Carla Ludington and husband Doug, and Rus Payne and wife Keri all from Los Lunas, N M, Katie Fry and husband Brooks of Kaktovik, AK, Jacob Payne and wife DeAnn of Tulsa, OK, and Emilee Payne of Thatcher, AZ. She has 16 great-grandchildren; sister Betty Jo (Jodie) Aves of Albuquerque; and nieces, Catherine Aves Flint of Albuquerque, Martha Atkins of San Antonio, TX; and nephew John Atkins of Los Angeles, CA.

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She was preceded in death by her husband James Robert (Tex) Windham; son Joseph Windham; and sister Dorothy Atkins.

Margaret was born in Ranger [Eastland Co., TX] and grew up in Odessa Texas. She was a graduate of Texas Tech, University majoring in Home Economics. She taught school in Texas, Colorado, and New Mexico including Continuing Education for University of New Mexico. Margaret was active in genealogy becoming a certified genealogist and past President of the New Mexico Genealogical Society. She was also active in the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of the Cosmopolitan Club. She was an avid quilter, Iris Gardener, and Dallas Cowboy Fan.

Services will be held Saturday April, 3, 2010 with viewing from 1:00-1:45 p.m. with the Service at 2:00 p.m. at French Mortuary, 10500 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112 with Rev. John Kees officiating. Interment will be on Monday April 5, 2010 at the National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions could be made to the Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Ave, Waco, Texas, 76708 1-800-853-1272 or a charity of their choice. Please visit our online guestbook for Margaret at RememberTheirStory.com French 10500 Lomas Blvd. NE (505) 275-3500

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records show that Margaret Faye Windham (SS# issued in TX) was born 27 Feb 1924, last residence Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., NM.

Margaret's closest Alford ancestor was her third great-grandmother, Jenny Alford, wife of James Joseph Austin.

Her Alford lineage: Jenny 1780 VA<sup>6</sup>, William 1738 VA<sup>7</sup>, John 1696 ??<sup>8</sup>.

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## WILEY HARRISON CROUSE

AAFA #0034

1919 NC –2003 NC

### *CHARLOTTE OBSERVER*

Charlotte, Mecklenburg Co., NC—Wednesday, 9 April 2003

Wiley Harrison Crouse, 83, of Plantation Estates in Matthews, went to be with his Lord, Sunday, April 6, 2003. He was born in Winston Salem, NC, on December 2, 1919 to the late Jacob F. and Etta Walker Crouse and was predeceased by his brother, Jake Crouse and sisters, Elizabeth Walker and Ruth Guerrant.

Mr. Crouse attended The Citadel and UNC in Chapel Hill. He served five years with the US Army and during WWII served in the Quartermaster Corps. Wiley married Camille Willingham Izlar September 25, 1942, and during their life together had five children and eleven grandchildren; Camille and Jerry Gaddy of Matthews, and their children, Stephanie and Kimberly, Emily and Gary Creech of Norfolk, VA, and their daughter, Rachel, Mollie and Charles Heaton of Matthews, and their children, Shannon and Kristina, Mary Ross and Bill Caldwell of Charlotte, and their children, Bill, Rob, Michael and Stuart, and Harrison and Lindsay Crouse of Charlotte and their children, Keith and Brandon. He was also very proud to have three great-grandchildren.

Wiley greatly loved and enjoyed his family and they adored him. His quick wit and outstanding humor contributed to the happiness of those around him. Mr. Crouse was a lifelong member of Home Moravian Church in Winston Salem and his childhood home is nearby. He was a descendant of Moravian



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pioneers including the Winkler family of the well-know Winkler's Bakery. During his younger years, he was active in his church, Scouts, Civitan Club, and the old Charlotte Rescue Squad. He retired from Washington National Insurance Agency and he and Camille lived in the Charlotte Dilworth area for 38 years before moving to Plantation Estates over 13 years ago.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 2003 at the Moravian Graveyard, God's Acre, in Old Salem with The Rev. C. Scott Venable III, Pastor of Home Moravian Church officiating. A Celebration of Wiley's Life will be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2003 at Plantation Estates with Dr. James Doss Peace of Moravian Church officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given in Wiley's name to Home Moravian Church, Drawer J, Salem Station, Winston Salem, NC 27108, or the Humane Society of Charlotte, P.O. Box 221028, Charlotte, NC 28222. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Gaskin Services in Matthews.

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records confirm the birth date of Wiley H. Crouse (SS# issued in NC), last residence Matthews, Mecklenburg Co., NC, but list his death date as 7 Apr 2003.

Wiley and his wife Camille, who also has Alford ancestry, attended AAFA's 1990 meeting in Raleigh, NC.

His lineage, from his great-great-grandmother: Margaret 1773 NC<sup>5</sup>, William 1751 NC<sup>6</sup>.

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## GLADYS JANE ALFORD ROCKHOLD

AAFA #0161

1919 VA – 2002 LA

### *THE TIMES-PICAYUNE*

New Orleans, LA—21 November 2002

Gladys Alford Rockhold, age 83 yrs., at her home on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at 7:40 AM. Beloved wife of the late Ray Edward Rockhold, whom she was married to for 61 years and died within 47 hours after his death. [He died Monday, November 18, from SSDI and his obituary published November 19.]

Mother of John Charles Rockhold, Thomas Richard Rockhold [AAFA #0616] of Plano, TX, Jane Charlotte Haydel, Carol Sue Rockhold and the late Robert Edward Rockhold. Mother-in-law of Nancy Lincks Rockhold and Craig David Haydel. Grandmother of David Charles Rockhold and wife, Christy, Sean Edward Rockhold, Mandi Rockhold of Plano, TX, Jeff Edward Haydel and wife, Judy of Starkville, MS and Cynthia Dawn Haydel. Great grandmother of Isabella Faye Rockhold.

Graveside services for both Mr. & Mrs. Rockhold were held from Garden of Memories on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at 3:00 PM. Tharp-Sontheimer-Tharp, 4127 S. Claiborne Ave., in charge of arrangements. Information: 821-8411.

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records do not list her death. From AAFA records, she was born 28 Dec 1919 in VA, the daughter of James Edward Alford and Bessie Viola Jory.

Her lineage, from AAFA records: Gladys Jane 1919 VA<sup>1</sup>, James Edward 1877 GA<sup>2</sup>, James Needham 1855 GA<sup>3</sup>, John W. 1831 GA<sup>4</sup>, Needham 1785 NC<sup>5</sup>.

**BETTY LYDIA ALFORD DAVIS**

AAFA #0223

1908 LA – 2010 TX



*Photo from Star-Telegram*

***STAR-TELEGRAM***

Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX—11 November 2010

Betty –Granny” Davis of Fort Worth passed away Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, one week short of her 102nd birthday. Service: Betty was laid to rest Monday, Nov. 8, in a family graveside service in Laurel Land Memorial Park, next to her husband, Daryl. . . .

She was tough, strong-willed, talented and generous. She stood her ground, and was always ready give guidance and share her wisdom with those she loved. Betty set out on her own as a teenager in Lake Charles, La., working for attorney Robert Stone who, with his wife, became her dearest friends and mentors. She took the Louisiana Bar. She married Daryl Davis, a young oil man, in 1934 and settled in Midland and had two children, Gwen and Stoney, and ultimately retired in Fort Worth in the mid-1960s. She was active in the Fort Worth Women’s Club and Meals on Wheels. She loved to cook, sew, play bridge, travel and spend time with her friends and family.

In 2008, she celebrated her 100th birthday with a gathering of four generations of family. Betty lived an extraordinary life, and all who knew her were blessed to live in her presence, and better for it. We will all miss her.

Betty was preceded in heaven by her husband of 49 years, Daryl Davis; her sisters, Jo and Vesta; and one granddaughter, Amy.

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Survivors: Children, Gwen Sharp of Houston and Stoney Davis of Aspen, Colo.; grandchildren, Tami Budd, Robert Hissom, Stone Davis and Ted Davis; and great-grandchildren, Susey, Tommy, Nicholas, Alexander, Nicole, Ashton and Cooper.

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records show that Betty A. Davis (SS# issued in LA) was born 6 Nov 1908, last residence Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX.

We included the obituaries of her father, Murray Luther Alford Sr.; and half-brothers Murray Peter Alford and Murray Luther “Plug” Alford Jr., AAFA #0236, in Louisiana Obituaries; sister Edna Vesta Alford Giddings, AAFA #0223; and half-siblings Helen Singer Alford Cook and Jacob Harris Alford Sr. in Texas Obituaries; and her sister Josephine Louise Alford Carrigan, AAFA #0235, in California Obituaries.

A photo of her gravestone is at her [Find A Grave memorial](#).

For more information about this family, see AAFA’s published genealogy, [Descendants of Jacob Alford, b. 1761 NC](#) and the genealogy of Jacob’s son, [John Seaborn Alford 1807 LA](#).

Her lineage: Betty Lydia 1908 LA<sup>1</sup>, Murray Luther 1873 LA<sup>2</sup>, Marshall Thomas 1839 LA<sup>3</sup>, John Seaborn 1807 LA<sup>4</sup>, Jacob 1761 NC<sup>5</sup>, Julius 1717 VA<sup>6</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>7</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>8</sup>.

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## MARY LEE CHANEY ALFORD HODNETT

AAFA #0224

1912 MO –2005 TX

### *STAR-TELEGRAM*

Fort Worth, Tarrant Co., TX—13 June 2005

FORT WORTH—Mary Lee Alford Hodnett, 92, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died peacefully Friday evening, June 10, 2005, at her residence.

Funeral: 10 a.m. Monday at the grave, with the Rev. Michael Wacshevski, associate minister of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth, officiating. Burial: Following committal services, Mary Lee will be laid to rest next to her husband, Paul, in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Visitation: She lay in state from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Robertson Mueller Harper.

Memorials: Dr. Hodnett’s family respectfully suggests that memorial contributions may be made in her name to First Presbyterian Church; or to a charity of choice.

A native of Holden, Mo., Mary Lee Chaney was born June 27, 1912, the daughter of Walter Lee and Laura Myrtle James Chaney.

She was married to **Paul Joseph Alford**, who died in 1953.

Mary Lee graduated from high school in Warrensburg, Mo., and received her B.S. in English from Central Missouri State College.

After moving to Fort Worth, she attended Texas Christian University, where she received an M.S. in art and later her Ph.D. from North Texas State University in psychology.

Using her teaching skills, she taught art in the Fort Worth Public School District before moving to California to be an art professor and taught at San Jose State University.

Instrumental in art therapy programs in Texas, Dr. Hodnett returned to Fort Worth to teach at the University of Texas at Arlington.

In 1971, Mary Lee married Lin Sinclair Hodnett, who also preceded her in death.

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Survivors: Son, James P. Alford and his partner, Marsha Mefferd of Ingram; daughter, Susan Alford Dickerson and her husband, Dan of Anson; grandchildren, Julie Anne Harter, James Allan Alford, Charlie Dickerson and Sidney Dickerson Polk; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Carol Chaney Atkins of Albuquerque, N.M.; and three nieces....

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Mary L. Hodnett (SS# issued in MO), last residence Ingram, Kerr Co., TX.

According to AAFA records, Mary's husband was Paul Julius Alford, born 16 Sept 1900 in Galena, KS, and died 22 Aug 1953 in TX. Paul Julius Alford is also his name on his U.S. Passport Application (Ancestry.com). Mary was his third wife. Their son, James Patrick Alford, is AAFA #0115, and their daughter, Susan Alford Dickerson, is AAFA #0475.

Mary was the active AAFA member since her husband died in 1953.

\*See AAFA's Published Genealogies, #3.

Her husband's lineage: Paul Julius 1900 KS<sup>1</sup>, Julius Sherrel 1880 TX<sup>2</sup>, Erasmus 1842 TX<sup>3</sup>, Lodwick C. Pierce 1812 GA<sup>4</sup>, Lodwick Cade 1775 NC<sup>5</sup>, Julius 1750 NC<sup>6</sup>, Lodwick 1710 VA<sup>7</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>8</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>9</sup>.

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## JOSEPHINE LOUISE ALFORD CARRIGAN

AAFA #0235

1906 LA –2001 CA



Written by her granddaughter, Seanne Carrigan, AAFA #0335

Josephine Alford Carrigan was born 22 July 1906 in Tangipahoa Parish, LA. In 1936 she married Marvin D. Carrigan in Houston, TX. Josephine died at age 94 on 3 February 2001 in Pleasanton, Alameda Co., CA.

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Throughout her married life to my grandfather, Marvin Carrigan, she always took in boarders. During World War II my grandparents lived in Richmond, CA, the home of Rosie the Riveter. They had a small boarding house where those riveters lived. Although her house was full, she always had room for one special boarder who came on the weekends and school holidays from a nearby school: her niece, Mattie Lou. She would come to stay with her family and sometimes meet up with her mother, Vesta, who was stationed Fort Ord, CA.

After the war, Josephine continued to take in boarders wherever they lived. This became a business in the 1950s when she and my grandfather opened their first convalescent hospital. As she grew more confident in this business, she noticed that not everyone cared for their patients as they should, so she got other like-minded owners together and formed the California Nursing Home Association. She helped with the passing of legislation to govern the care and wellbeing of the patients in nursing homes throughout the state. As these standards were put in place, other states followed suit in issuing similar rules to protect those in nursing homes.

After her husband died in 1965, Josephine continued to work until 1988, when her family got her to retire by selling the last business she ran, a residential care facility, for the elderly—where she was the oldest of them all!

When she wasn't working, she was traveling with her good friend Esther Hutchins, honorary Alford, around the world. As far as anyone can tell the only two places they never visited were the southern part of Africa and Cuba.

Josephine's favorite travel story is from her trip to China. Josephine and Esther were on one of the first tour groups allowed into the country. They saw everything and had a wonderful time, until they reached the Great Wall of China. The rest of the members of her tour group were exhausted—they looked at the Wall said, "That's nice. When do we get to go the hotel?" Josephine, the oldest one on the tour, asked if anyone wanted to go onto the top of the Wall. They all replied that they were much too tired, so Josephine took guide in tow, climbed the stairs, and looked at and out from the top of the Great Wall of China. Coming back down she saw her tour looking at her with amazement. All she could do was chuckle and say if she was here she was going to look at the top too. In her later years, her big trip of the year was the Alford Family Reunion. She would plan her trip the week after she got back from the last. She would start working on members of the family to go with her. She succeeded in getting almost everyone to at least one meeting, if only for dinner. At the Pleasanton meeting she managed to get her son, both granddaughters, a brother, two sisters, nieces and nephews and a cousin she hadn't seen in thirty years.

It was at this meeting the Alfords learned that her two passions were baking and canning. Everyone at the meeting received a jar of jam made by Josephine and Esther. What most didn't know was that two months after the meeting she baked 60 pecan pies for friends and family. This was down from the high of 112 she had baked a few years before.

Josephine is survived by her son Daniel; her grandchildren Ray [AAFA #0538], Seanne [AAFA #0335], and Shannon [AAFA #0539]; her great-grandchildren Keeley, Kendall, and Stephen; and many nieces and nephews scattered throughout the country.

When Josephine passed away in the winter of 2001, she missed the birth of her great-great-grandson by three and half months. His name is Joseph Tyler, who by all accounts has the temperament, charm, and look about him that reminds many of his great-great-grandmother Josephine.

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Josephine L. Carrigan (SS# issued in CA), last residence Pleasanton, Alameda Co., CA.

We included the obituaries of her father, Murray Luther Alford Sr.; and half-brothers Murray Peter Alford and Murray Luther "Plug" Alford Jr., AAFA #0236, in Louisiana Obituaries; and her

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sisters Edna Vesta Alford Giddings, AAFA #0233, and Betty Lydia Alford Davis, AAFA #0223; and half-siblings Helen Singer Alford Cook and Jacob Harris Alford Sr. in Texas Obituaries.

A photo of the gravestone she shares with her husband, Marvin D. Carrigan, is at her [Find A Grave memorial](#).

For more information about this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, [Descendants of Jacob Alford, b. 1761 NC](#) and the genealogy of Jacob's son, [John Seaborn Alford 1807 LA](#).

Her lineage: Josephine Louise 1906 LA<sup>1</sup>, Murray Luther 1873 LA<sup>2</sup>, Marshall Thomas 1839 LA<sup>3</sup>, John Seaborn 1807 LA<sup>4</sup>, Jacob 1761 NC<sup>5</sup>, Julius 1717 VA<sup>6</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>7</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>8</sup>.

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### PATRICK EDWARD ROPER

AAFA #0307

1932 MS – 2007 MS



#### *THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, Hinds Co., MS—Tuesday, 11 May 2010

Patrick Edward Roper, 79, passed away Sunday, May 9, 2010, at Central Mississippi Medical Center. Visitation will be 1pm-3pm today at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst. Graveside services will be 3pm today at Hazlehurst Cemetery. Stringer Family Funeral Home in Hazlehurst is handling arrangements.

Mr. Roper was a graduate of Hazlehurst High School. He attended Mississippi College, Ole Miss, and graduated from Tulane. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict. He loved his family, God and Country. He was an avid gardener of Daylilies and Iris. He was the family historian and loved genealogy.

He was preceded in death by brother, Charles Roper; and sisters-in-law, Mable Roper, Mildred Roper and JoAnne Roper.

He is survived by wife, Patricia Roper; daughter, Laurie Elizabeth Roper of Jackson; brother, W. A. Roper of Jackson, Robert Blair Roper of Dunkinville, TX, and Warren L. Roper of Jackson; and sister, Marilyn Driskell of Brookhaven.

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**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records show that Patrick E. Roper (SS# issued in MS) was born 4 June 1930, last residence Jackson, Hinds Co., MS.

Patrick contributed much genealogical information to AAFA.

For more information about this family, see AAFA's published genealogy, [Lodwick Alford \(ca1710–1800\) Genealogy, Three Generations](#) and the genealogy of Lodwick's son, [Jacob Alford 1738 VA](#).

His Alford lineage, from his mother: Marie Lynn 1895 MS<sup>2</sup>, William Blair 1871 MS<sup>3</sup>, William Warren 1845 MS<sup>4</sup>, Julius Caesar 1808 NC<sup>5</sup>, James 1764 NC<sup>6</sup>, Jacob 1738 VA<sup>7</sup>, Lodwick 1710 VA<sup>8</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>9</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>10</sup>.

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### EDGAR GRIFFIN –GRIF” ALFORD, JR.

AAFA #0452

1947 MS – 2009 MS



*Edgar Griffin Alford and his wife, Carolyn Kitchens Alford*  
Photo from [Making Everlasting Memories](#)

#### *THE CLARION-LEDGER*

Jackson, Hinds Co., MS— Monday, 16 February 2009

Edgar Griffin Alford, Jr., 61, died Saturday, February 14, 2009, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland.

A Requiem Eucharist will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home in Ridgeland is assisting with arrangements.

Grif was born on June 12, 1947, in Jackson, and he was the son of Edgar Griffin Alford, Sr. and Doris Baldwin Alford. He graduated from Murrah High School in 1965 where he was a member of the

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high school band and played bass in the local rock band, The Viscounts. Grif continued his education at Mississippi State University earning his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1970. While at Mississippi State, Grif was a member of the Famous Maroon Band, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity and numerous electrical engineering honorary societies. After graduation, he accepted a position with Mississippi Power and Light (Entergy) in the Distribution Engineering Design Division where he planned, designed and operated electrical distribution systems. Grif also coordinated design for electrical service to residential, commercial and industrial customers. While working in the Distribution Division, Grif also served his country as a member of Mississippi Army National Guard. As a 1st Lt, he served as the Executive Officer of Co D, 467th Engineering Division and was responsible for monthly training and annual active deployments for the 100 man reserve unit. In 1992 Grif transferred to the IT Field Services Division of Entergy. As a member of IT Services, Grif preformed installs, moves and changes of Dell workstations, laptops, desktops and servers. Grif was a certified Dell technician and a Certified Network Engineer. In 2003 Grif retired from Entergy, and his love of computers led him to begin his own business, My IT Guy. For three years, he troubleshot computer issues and educated businesses and individuals in the use of computers. Grif was active in the Lions Club International, serving as the Jackson Central Lions Club president from 1999-2000 and serving as the Sports Chairman and Director of the MS Lion's Youth Conference for boys.

Grif was an active communicant of the Episcopal Church for thirty-five years, the last sixteen at St. Philip's Episcopal Church where he was a former Vestry member and a member of the choir. Grif loved singing in the choir and playing the guitar. He would often play the guitar at numerous Cursillos, where he served on many staffs, and at Camp Bratton-Green. He currently was learning to play the mandolin.

Grif was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed bicycling, hiking, geocaching and spent many happy times on the reservoir on his sailboat. He enjoyed playing tennis and woodworking and was very proud of the three rocking chairs he made with Greg Harkins.

Grif loved spending time with his family and taking his grandson, who was the light of his life, to the park. He will be remembered by his family as a loving husband, a devoted father and beloved grandfather and a cherished son, brother and friend.

Survivors include his wife of thirty-five years, Carolyn Kitchens Alford of Madison; daughters, Sarah Alford Ballard (Nate) of Jackson and Leahbeth Alford Turpin (Buddy) of Jackson; grandson, Whit Alford Turpin; mother, Doris Baldwin Alford of Jackson; brothers, David Baldwin Alford (Deborah) of Brandon and Andrew Stephen Alford of Florence; sister, Claudia Alford Stribling (Jay) of Jackson; mother-in-law, Carolyn Kitchens of Vicksburg; brother-in-law, Allen Kitchens (Linda) of Vicksburg; sister-in-law, Cheryl Kitchens Aull (Joe) of Asheville, NC; brother-in-law, Don Kitchens (Kristi) of Germantown, TN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Philip's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 5400 Old Canton Rd, Jackson, MS 39211 or to Camp Bratton-Green, C/O Gray Center, 1530 Way Road, Canton, MS 39046.

*In another article:*

*MADISON COUNTY JOURNAL*

Ridgeland, Madison Co., MS—Thursday, 19 February 2009



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Edgar Griffin Alford, Jr., 61, of Madison, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009, in Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland. Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 17, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home in Ridgeland is assisting with arrangements.

Mr. Alford was born on June 12, 1947, in Jackson, the son of Edgar Griffin Alford, Sr. and Doris Baldwin Alford. He graduated from Murrah High School in 1965 where he was a member of the high school band and played bass in the local rock band, The Viscounts. He continued his education at Mississippi State University earning his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1970. While at Mississippi State, he was a member of the Famous Maroon Band, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity and numerous electrical engineering honorary societies. After graduation, he accepted a position with Mississippi Power and Light (Entergy) in the Distribution Engineering Design Division where he planned, designed and operated electrical distribution systems. Mr. Alford also coordinated design for electrical service to residential, commercial and industrial customers. While working in the Distribution Division, Mr. Alford also served his country as a member of Mississippi Army National Guard. As a 1st Lt, He served as the Executive Officer of Co D, 467th Engineering Division and was responsible for monthly training and annual active deployments for the 100 man reserve unit. In 1992 he transferred to the IT Field Services Division of Entergy where he preformed installs, moves and changes of Dell workstations, laptops, desktops and servers. Mr. Alford was a certified Dell technician and a Certified Network Engineer. In 2003 he retired from Entergy, and began his own business, My IT Guy. He was active in the Lions Club International, serving as the Jackson Central Lions Club president from 1999-2000 and serving as the Sports Chairman and Director of the MS Lion's Youth Conference for boys.

Mr. Alford was an active communicant of the Episcopal Church for 35 years, the last 16 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church where he was a former Vestry member and a member of the choir. He would often play the guitar at numerous Cursillos, where he served on many staffs, and at Camp Bratton-Green. His hobbies included bicycling, hiking, geocaching, sailboating, tennis and woodworking.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Carolyn Kitchens Alford of Madison; daughters, Sarah Alford Ballard of Jackson and Leahbeth Alford Turpin of Jackson; one grandson; mother, Doris Baldwin Alford of Jackson; brothers, David Baldwin Alford of Brandon and Andrew Stephen Alford of Florence; sister, Claudia Alford Stribling of Jackson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the St. Philip's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 5400 Old Canton Rd., Jackson, MS 39211 or to Camp Bratton-Green, C/O Gray Center, 1530 Way Rd., Canton, MS 39046.

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Edgar G. Alford (SS# issued in MS), last residence Madison, Madison Co., MS.

We included the obituary of his father, Edgar Griffin Alford Sr., AAFA #0423, in Mississippi Obituaries.

Grif attended the 1991 AAFA meeting in Jackson, MS. He was the son of Edgar Griffin Alford, Sr., AAFA #0423, who was also present at the meeting.

His lineage: Edgar Griffin 1947 MS<sup>1</sup>, Edgar Griffin 1920 MS<sup>2</sup>, Leonidas Marcellus 1878 MS<sup>3</sup>, Stewart Floyd 1835 GA<sup>4</sup>, Julius C. 1798 GA<sup>5</sup>, Julius 1750 NC<sup>6</sup>, Lodwick 1710 VA<sup>7</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>8</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>9</sup>.

**VESTA ALFORD GIDDINGS BOWDEN**

AAFA #0537

1930 TX –2011 TX



Photo from [Brookside Funeral Home - Cypress Creek](#)

*HOUSTON CHRONICLE*

Houston, Harris Co., TX—22 October 2011

Vesta (Alford) Giddings Bowden was welcomed into Jesus' loving arms on the morning of Thursday, October 20, 2011. She was born September 6, 1930, in New Gulf, Texas.

Vesta is survived by her daughter, Mary and her husband, Randy Mellard; her son, Bert and wife, Connie Bowden, and her daughter Cherie Bowden. She was dearly loved by her nine grandchildren; Jeff, Michael, Katie, Jack, Thomas, Ben, Jarred, Christie, and Cathlyn. She was adored by her three great-grandchildren; Katelyn, Michael, and Chloe.

She will be honored at a visitation from 6-8 PM on Saturday, October 22, at Brookside Funeral Home-Cypress Creek. Her Memorial Service will be in the chapel of First Methodist Church Westchase, 10570 Westpark Drive in Houston at 1:30 PM on Sunday, October 23 with Rev. Leo Tyler officiating. The burial will be held by the family Prairie Lea Cemetery in Brenham, TX.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to do so may contribute to Houston Hospice, [www.houstonhospice.org](http://www.houstonhospice.org).

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**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Vesta Alford Bowden (SS# issued in TX), last residence Houston, Harris Co., TX.

We included the obituaries of her mother, Vesta Edna Alford Giddings, AAFA #0233; and her aunts Betty Lydia Alford Davis, AAFA #0223, and Helen Singer Alford Cook; and her uncle Jacob Harris Alford Sr. in Texas Obituaries; her grandfather, Murray Luther Alford Sr.; and uncles Murray Peter Alford and Murray Luther “Plug” Alford Jr., AAFA #0236, in Louisiana Obituaries; and her aunt Josephine Louise Alford Carrigan, AAFA #0235, in California Obituaries.

Her middle name, Alford, appears incorrectly in the obituary as if it were her maiden name. From Gil Alford, AAFA #0019:

Vesta was very special to Mary and me. I dare say that we knew Vesta longer than we knew just about anyone else on this list or in AAFA. And we knew her longer than anyone else in AAFA knew her—except for maybe a few of her first cousins.

Vesta was a 2nd cousin once removed which means her mother Vesta Alford Giddings was my second cousin, but until the early 1980’s we had never heard of either of them. When we did first hear from them it was so early in our experience with Alford history and genealogy that my system of capturing information about contacts and Alford was not even yet in gear.

It all happened when early one evening we had a phone call and it was Vesta Alford Giddings saying she was in the area visiting her daughter. Said that she had heard what I was doing or about to do regarding Alford and she and her daughter wanted to come over and visit. (I’m sure she had heard about us from a mutual cousin, Haidee Alford Reeves, AAFA #0210.)

We invited them over and learned that Little Vesta, as we later called her, worked very nearby for one of the McDonnell Douglas companies. Vesta Alford Giddings’ grandfather and my grandfather were brothers. She had married a fellow who was a surgeon in either the Navy or the Air Force, and she had retired as a nurse and was also in the service. We had a long warm and interesting visit and I learned a lot more about my kin.

Many of us got to know big Vesta, and her siblings, very well. Vesta, who became AAFA #0223, and her sister and brothers were present at the 2nd AAFA meeting in Houston in 1989 and she continued, never missing a meeting until 1998. We lost her in 1999. Vesta Jr. became AAFA #0537, and we got to know her better in the 1992 meeting in Destin, FL. She still worked for a living and had children to worry about. She returned for the 1995 meeting in Decatur, AL, and then made all the rest of the meetings up through 2009, except for 2006 in Nashville. For both Vestas it just seemed like “they were always there.” Little Vesta served on the AAFA Board of Directors from 2007 until just before her death. I’ll never forget the good times we had together at the AAFA meetings—especially on the tours.

For more information about this family, see AAFA’s published genealogy, [Descendants of Jacob Alford, b. 1761 NC](#) and the genealogy of Jacob’s son, [John Seaborn Alford 1807 LA](#).

Her Alford lineage, from her mother: Edna Vesta 1905 LA<sup>2</sup>, Murray Luther 1873 LA<sup>3</sup>, Marshall Thomas 1839 LA<sup>4</sup>, John Seaborn 1807 LA<sup>5</sup>, Jacob 1761 NC<sup>6</sup>, Julius 1717 VA<sup>7</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>8</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>9</sup>.

**JANE WALLACE ALFORD**

AAFA #0550

1913 TN – 2009 TN

*THE TENNESSEAN*

Nashville, Davidson Co., TN—Saturday, 14 February 2009

Alford, Jane Wallace Age 95 of Lewisburg, TN, passed away February 10, 2009 at NHC Lewisburg. She was the daughter of the late Cecil Cundiff Wallace and Angie May Gill Wallace. She was married to the late **William Howard Alford, Jr.** and was preceded in death by three brothers, Cecil Gill Wallace, John Laws Wallace and George Bascom Wallace.

Mrs. Alford was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lewisburg. She was a Charter member of the Robert Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Lewisburg Study Club, and was active in many local and national genealogical and historical preservation organizations. She compiled *Revolutionary War Patriots of Marshall County, Tennessee* and contributed to other published works. She is listed in *Who's Who of American Women*, 6th Edition, 1970–1971. Mrs. Alford was instrumental in a special DAR project to rescue and restore a small log cabin, thought to be the meeting house of the first Marshall County Court.

Mrs. Alford is survived by three daughters, Jane Alford McBride, Huntsville, AL [AAFA #0792], Mary Alford Wellford, Jacksonville, FL and Nancy Alford Prosser, Lewisburg, TN. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Amy McBride King, Huntsville, AL, Paul M. McBride (Courtney), Lake Sherwood, CA, William H.A. McBride, Washington, DC, Sarah McBride Cordle (Matt), Lexington, KY, Angie G. Wellford, Atlanta, GA, John L. Wellford III, Atlanta, GA, Mary Gill Prosser Wallace and Catherine Prosser, Nashville, TN; and a sister-in-law, Virginia Word Alford (Mrs. Tom) of Lewisburg, TN; four great-granddaughters and four great-grandsons, and nieces and nephews also survive her.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alford will be Saturday at 1 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of Lewisburg, with Revs. Mark Irvin and Tom Smith officiating, with burial immediately following at Lone Oak Cemetery.

The family will be at the church one hour prior to the funeral hour. Honorary Pallbearers are her four grandsons and John L. Wellford, Jr., Matt Cordle and Drew Davidson.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 325 W. Church St., Lewisburg, TN 37091; Log Cabin Fund, Robert Lewis Chapter DAR, c/o Mary Ann Roberts, 508 Cornersville Rd., Lewisburg, TN 37091; or Marshall County Memorial Library, 310 Farmington Rd., Lewisburg, TN 37091. Bills-McGaugh [Funeral Home] (931) 359-2521.

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records show that Jane W. Alford (SS# issued in TN) was born 8 Aug 1913, last residence Jacksonville, Duval Co., FL.

Jane's husband, William Howard Alford, died in 1972. Jane was the genealogist in the family as well as the AAFA member.

She and her daughter Jane McBride attended the 1995 meeting in Decatur, AL. She corresponded with Gil Alford extensively over the years, starting in March 1983, before AAFA was established.

Her husband's lineage: William Howard 1904 TN<sup>1</sup>, William Howard 1883 TN<sup>2</sup>, John Nelson 1850 TN<sup>3</sup>, William Madison AL<sup>4</sup>, John Bibb 1790 VA<sup>6</sup>, John 1760 VA<sup>7</sup>, William 1738 VA<sup>8</sup>, John 1696 ??<sup>9</sup>.

**THELMA ALFORD McGEORGE**

AAFA #0603

1916 TX –2005 TX



*Thelma Alford McGeorge at AAFA's 1993 Annual Meeting in Louisiana*

***SHREVEPORT TIMES***

Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA—Thursday, 7 July 2005

TOMBALL/HEMPHILL, TX—Former Shreveport resident, Thelma Alford McGeorge, 88, died July 1 in Tomball [Harris Co.] Texas. She and her twin, Elmer, were born October 28, 1916, in Sabine County, Texas. Their parents were Adron and Ada Alford. She received her RN degree in 1938 from the Lillian Jolley School of Nursing in Houston. Most of her nursing career was spent at the Willis Knighton Clinic or the VA Hospital in Shreveport. She was a Daughter of the Republic of Texas, and a member of the American Business Women's Association. She enjoyed her work and membership with the Daughters of the Nile. In Shreveport, she was a member of Ford Park Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Sue Friday and husband Tom, Patsy Phelps and husband Phil. Four grandchildren: Pat Phelps and wife Lisa, Jon Friday, Paul Phelps and wife April and Amy Friday DeCaron and husband Bruce. She also has four great grandchildren.

She enjoyed traveling, dancing, and shopping. She was proud of being a nurse. Most important to her were her family and many friends, and she would travel hundreds of miles to attend a wedding or graduation or see a new baby.

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Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 9, 2005 at 10:30 a.m., Starr Funeral Home Chapel in Hemphill Texas, with Bro. Bob Gwin of Camp Springs Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Dale Ener, Pat Phelps, Jon Friday, Paul Phelps, Tom Friday and Phil Phelps. Honorary pallbearer is Jimmy Ladner.

Memorials may be made to Camp Springs Baptist Church, c/o Delores Stewart, P.O. Box 596, Hemphill, Texas 75948.

Starr Funeral Home, Inc., Hemphill, TX 409-787-3331.

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Thelma A. McGeorge (SS# issued in TX), last residence Spring, Harris Co., TX.

We included the obituary of her twin brother, Elmer Adron Alford, AAFA #0608, in Texas Obituaries.

Detailed information on their Alford ancestry was included with Elmer's "In Remembrance" article in the Spring 1999 issue.

Elmer and Thelma attended AAFA's 1993 meeting in St. Francisville, LA, and were celebrating their 77th birthday later that month. Unknown to them, Gil Alford obtained from their children several funny and interesting stories from their childhood that he told after the Saturday night dinner. At first they didn't know who he was talking about, but when they figured it out and Gil identified them, wishing them a happy birthday, they had tears in their eyes. We missed seeing them at future meetings, which they could not attend because of Elmer's wife Willie Jean's health.

Her lineage: Thelma 1916 TX<sup>1</sup>, Adron Corbet 1893 TX<sup>2</sup>, Jessie Powell 1870 TX<sup>3</sup>, Needham Bryant 1836 LA<sup>4</sup>, Needham Judge 1789 NC<sup>5</sup>, Jacob 1761 NC<sup>6</sup>, Julius 1717VA<sup>7</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>8</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>9</sup>.

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## PATRICIA ANN ALFORD GRANBERG

AAFA #1228

1932 MS –2007 TX

### *AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN*

Austin, Travis Co., TX—Sunday, 6 May 2007

David William Granberg and Patricia Ann Granberg were taken by the Lord on May 2, 2007, at the age of 82 and 75. They just celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary October 30th.

Patricia was born January 16, 1932, in Jackson, Mississippi. She was a devoted member of the Texas Cattlewomen, Hill Country Cattlewomen and Trinity Lutheran Church. She was also a faithful volunteer at Gem of the Hills Senior Center, Blanco Volunteer Fire Department, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Keep Blanco Beautiful and Blanco Community Learning Center.

David was born February 13, 1925, in San Antonio, Texas. He moved to Blanco after World War II and began ranching. After the market for mohair went below 15 cents, David decided to open Granberg Fertilizer.

The fertilizer business was truly a family affair where he, Patricia and their sons worked. David worked every day of his life and expected everyone around him to do the same. His day started at 4:00 a.m. when he called life-long friends to check the markets and the weather.

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David and Patricia had a great love for their family and friends, and loved to entertain at the ranch they called home for over 50 years. In their leisure time they traveled the world with various friends. They are survived by their children Bob and Cyndy Hounsell, Paul and Lisa Granberg, Connie Granberg and Henry Knox, Theresa and Ed Mallett, Severn and Pam Granberg; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Granberg Ranch, Sunday, May 6, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., where everyone can enjoy the land that they loved. From the light in Blanco take FM 1623 West. Turn left on RR 1888. Turn left on CR 104 (Crabapple Road). Go 3.7 miles to Granberg Ranch gate on the right. Signs will direct you.

The family asked that in lieu of flowers, a donation to the New Hope Lutheran Church, PO Box 1377, Blanco, TX 78606; and Hill Country Cattlewomen Scholarship Fund, Attn: Tina Loeffler, 2305 Deer Trail, Lampasas, TX 76550 be made in their memory.

*In another article:*

*SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS*

San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX—Sunday Saturday, 5 May 2007

After 57 years side by side in marriage and business, it was fitting—but no less tragic—that death claimed Pat and David Granberg together.

Flooding swept the couple off the entrance road to their Kendalia ranch late Wednesday and their bodies were discovered Thursday afternoon downstream on the West Crabapple Creek.

—When I heard a couple drowned on Crabapple Road, the first people I thought of was them, because they were together a whole lot,” family friend and Kendall County Commissioner Darrel Lux said Friday.

Authorities said David Granberg, 82, apparently helped Pat, 75, from her Chevrolet Tahoe when the creek pushed the SUV off the crossing as she arrived home from church at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Connie Granberg wasn’t surprised her —fiercely independent” dad didn’t summon authorities or impose on neighbors for help when the normally dry creek overflowed on the ranch her father had owned since 1941.

—It was just a freak accident,” she said, speculating that a wall of water hit her parents as they waded from the vehicle.

A memorial service is set for sundown Sunday at —the Howling Place,” a hill at their ranch at 634 W. Crabapple Road, where they raised five children, plus goats and cattle.

Besides tending livestock, the couple kept busy at Granberg Fertilizer Sales in Blanco, a firm they ran with sons Severn and Paul, who is also a Blanco County commissioner....

**AAFA NOTES:** SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Patricia Ann Granberg (SS# issued in TX), last residence Blanco, Blanco Co., TX.

We published the obituary of her brother Julius Anderson —Jake” Alford Jr., AAFA #0717, in *AAFA ACTION*, Spring 1999, In Remembrances.

For more information on this family, see AAFA’s published genealogies, [Known Descendants of Julius Alford \(1717–1771\)](#), [Three Generations](#) and [Jacob Alford about 1781 NC](#) (5 Generations).

Her lineage: Patricia Ann 1932 MS<sup>1</sup>, Julius Anderson 1903 MS<sup>2</sup>, Harvey Warren 1865 MS<sup>3</sup>, Jacob A. 1835 AL<sup>4</sup>, Julius 1803 NC<sup>5</sup>, Jacob 1781 NC<sup>6</sup>, John 1747 NC<sup>7</sup>, Julius 1717 VA<sup>8</sup>, James 1687 VA<sup>9</sup>, John 1645 VA<sup>10</sup>.