

Peachman Alford, Part I

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Many years ago, long before AAFA or even before "About Alford's," Lucille was collecting anything and everything she could find about Alford's—particularly Texas Alford's. Were it not for her it is unlikely that "About Alford's" would ever have been published or the Alford Association would ever have been formed. For more on that see AAFA ACTION #45, Summer 1999, page 45.

Lucille was also a major contributor to the "Alford Family Bulletin" published in the 1970s by the late Mrs. Lewis O. "Tressie" Bowman - also a member of the AAFA Hall of Fame.

This article is rather lengthy and will be published in installments in future issues based on space availability. The original manuscript contained many family photos that could not be copied here. A copy of the original is available at AAFA Central.

There are instances where some data may be in error. If anyone encounters such errors and has evidence with proper dates, names, etc., please forward this to the editors and we will make appropriate corrections in future issues. Ed.

CENSUS HISTORY OF: Peachman Alford

1820 Marion Co., SC Census

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Peachman Alford

1 0 0 1 0 0 - 2 0 1 0 0

1 male 0-10

b. 1820-1810 Adv. 1815

1 male 16-26

b. 1804-1794 Adv. 1798

2 females 0-10

b. 1820-1810 Adv. 1815

1 female 16-26

b. 1804-1795 Adv. 1800

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John G. Solomon

1 0 0 1 0 0 - 1 0 0 1 0

1830 Orangeburg, St Matthews Parish., SC Census

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Peachman Alford

3 1 0 0 0 1 / 0 2 2 0 0 1

3 males 0-5

b. 1830-1825 Adv. 1828

1 male 5-10

b. 1825-1820 Adv. 1823

1 male 30-40

b. 1800-1790 Adv. 1795

2 females 5-10

b. 1825-1820 Adv. 1823

2 females 10-13

b. 1820-1815 Adv. 1818

1 female 30-40

b. 1800-1790 Adv. 1795

1840 Abbeville Dis., SC Census

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P. Alford

1 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 - 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0

1 male 0-5	b. 1840-1835 Adv. 1838
2 males 10-15	b. 1830-1825 Adv. 1828
1 male 30-40	b. 1800-1790 Adv. 1795
1 female 5-10	b. 1835-1830 Adv. 1833
1 female 10-13	b. 1830-1825 Adv. 1828
1 female 15-20	b. 1825-1820 Adv. 1823
1 female 30-40	b. 1810-1800 Adv. 1805

1850 Escambia Co., FL.

Pensacola Dist., 10 Oct. 1850

100 103	Peachman Alford	50 m w	SC 1800 Farmer \$1800
	Eliz. H.	41 f w	SC 1809 [d/o Stephen Crenshaw]

1860 Mobile Co., AL

Pg. 823, Mobile City

1430 493	Peachman Alford	61 m w	VA 1799
	Elizabeth	56 f w	SC 1804; [nee Crenshaw]

Pg. 235, Henry L. Whipple in Montgomery Co., AL. Census; s/o Elizabeth (Crenshaw) & Welcome Whipple.

2. (1). PEACHMAN ALFORD was born ca 1795 in VA. He is listed in the 1820 Liberty (now Marion) Co., SC Census with wife and three children. Also listed in the 1820 "List of Insolvent Debtors of Marion Dist., SC". He was a purchaser in the Estate of John Henry, dec'd. in 1821 in Marion Co., SC¹.

m1 ca 1816/17 in NC to a daughter of Henry H. Nelson (no proof), b. ca 1795; she must have died between 1830 & 1836? Peachman is listed in the 1830 Orangeburg Co., St. Matthew Parish, SC census with wife and eight children. The will of Henry H. Nelson dated 1838 in Abbeville Co., SC lists Peachman Alford, Enoch Nelson, William Nelson and Henry Harvey Nelson, minor². Peachman is found in the 1840 Abbeville Co., SC census.

m2 on Dec. 1837 in Lowndes Co., AL to Eliz. (Crenshaw) Whipple, b. 1804-09 SC; d. 24 Dec. 1861 Mobile Co., AL; d/o Stephen Crenshaw, b. SC. D. 1827 Lowndes Co., AL; widow of Welcome Whipple; d. 24 Nov. 1836 Lowndes Co., AL; buried at Halyneville's first burial ground.³

Children: Dr. Henry L.; James O.; Jesse; Emily C. m 12 Jan 1845 to Abner, Arch, Jarrett and Susan L. Whipple; m 1 Dec. 1840 to Benjamin Harrison.

¹ Marion Co., SC Probate Records, Vol 1 by Utley. 1985

² Guardianship Bond for \$10,000.00, Abbeville Dist., SC.

³ The First Decades 1830-1900 pg. 56 - Lowndes Co. Cemeteries

Peachman purchased⁴ on 21 Dec. 1837 in Abbeville Dist., SC, by two notes for total of \$3,000 from Henry M. Lipford for "cost of a negro boy named Nat, seventeen years old. A negro woman named Patty about twenty seven years old; a negro girl named Tilda about twenty three years of age. A negro woman named Sophy about 43 years of age. One bald bay horse about seven years old, one sorel mare about 10 years old, one blind boy stud horse about 8 yrs. Old. Two sorel mares each about two years old. A road wagon and harness, sixteen head of meat cattle, about twenty head of stock hogs and the usual Plantation tools."

Peachman Alford purchased on 22 Dec. 1843 39 9/12 acres including the Methodist meeting house where it now stands on line of counties of Monroe and Coneuch Co's, AL from Joseph M. Parmer. He is listed in the 1850 Esca. Co., FL and 1860 Mobile Co., Al censuses. He died in Mobile, Al in Aug. 1862 and Elizabeth died in Mobile on 24 Dec. 1861. Both buried in the New Magnolia Cemetery, Mobile, AL.

It is believed (no proof) that his mother was a Peachman. I find a Henry Peachman in the 1780 Augusta Co., VA Chronicles⁵ and a John Henry Peachman who purchased at a sale in Charleston Dist., SC on 22 Oct. 1821 as did Peachman Alford.⁶

I have NO PROOF of his family but believe he was a brother to my Wm. B. Alford, born ca 1803-06 in SC and brother to Elizabeth Alford, born ca 1808 in SC. Wm. B. was in Monroe Co., AL by 1842 and Elizabeth was in the 1850 Marion Co., SC census, as Eliz. Alford and 1860 Marion Co., SC as Eliz. Harrell. These three families are the ONLY Alford families in the United States that I have been able to find that carried the Peachman name from one generation to another.

2. (3). ELIZABETH (ALFORD) HARRELL born ca 1808 in Marion Co., SC, the name of her father is unknown but believe she is the sister of Peachman in the 1850 Marion Co., SC census as Eliz. Alford and 1860 Marion Co., SC census as Elizabeth Harrell.

Children of Eliz. Alford.

3. (1). Unity Alford
3. (2). Chancey Alford
3. (3). John William Alford, b. 1844 Marion Co., SC

Children:

4. (1). Emanuel Peachman Alford, b. 1874

Children:

5. (1). Emanuel Peachman, Jr. b. 1923.

4. (2). Ellie Parker Alford, b. 1892 Marion Co., SC died 1968 in Williamson Co., SC

Children:

5. (1). John Henry Alford, b. 26 July 1926 Florence Co., SC

Children:

6. (1). Gerald T. Alford, b. 30 Dec. 1950

6. (2). John Philip Alford, b. 1952

3. (4). Martha Alford, b. 1847 Marion Co., SC

3. (5). Calhoun Alford, b. 1850 Marion Co., SC

⁴ Vol. K pg 25-26, Abbeville Dist., SC

⁵ Vol. I of Chronicles of the Scotch -Irish Settlement in VA (1745-1800). By Chalkley. (Augusta Co., VA). "8-15-1780 - pg 266. Hugh Nelson bound to peace on complaint of Henry Peachman.

⁶ An Index to Deeds of SC and Charleston Dist. 1785-1800.

AAFA ACTION #53

LINEAGE CHART OF
 William B. Alford b. ca 1806SC
 and
 Sarah Ann (Snowden) Thames

Children:

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|----------------------|------------|--|
| 1. John Peachman "P" | b. 1841 AL | m1 Martha Solomon
m2 Margaret Jane Mostyn |
| 2. Sarah A. | b. 1843 AL | m1 Green Roberts
m2 Gum? |
| 3. Harrison E. | b. 1845 AL | m Thaney Roberts |
| 4. Georgianna | b. 1850 AL | |

Children of Sarah Ann Snowden and Wm. Tyler Thames

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|-----------------------|------------|--|
| 1. Mary Marintha | b. 1826 AL | m. John R. Rose |
| 2. Henrietta Lucinda | b. 1830 AL | m James Monore Roberts |
| 3. Eliza | b. 1832 AL | m Green Roberts, Sr. |
| 4. Jane Elizabeth | b. 1834 AL | m1 Tom Anderson
m2 William Rodgerson |
| 5. William Tyler, Jr. | b. 1837 AL | m Mattlia A. Morrison |
| 6. Evaline | b. 1839 AL | m1 Henry Jackson
m2 Dr. Thomas W. Rodgerson |

CENSUS HISTORY OF: William B. Alford and Sarah (Snowden) Thames Alford

William B. Alford first appears in the AL records when he signed a bond for the marriage of Stephen Wright and Mary Johnston on 20 Aug. 1840 in Monroe Co., AL. He married Sarah Ann (Snowden) Thames in Monroe Co., AL on 10 Nov. 1840. A. B. Olford signed bond at Monroe Co., AL for Friendly Thames and Lurana Sturdvant on 15 May 1842.

1830 Monroe Co., Al

William Thames 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1
 [Sarah Ann Snowden m1 ca 1832 William Tyler Thames]

1850 Monroe Co., AL

#417 B. Alfred	47 m w	SC 1803: Overseer
Sarah	43 f w	SC 1807; [nee Snowden,; wd T. Thames]
Heneretta E. Thames	18 f w	AL 1832
Eliza "	16 f w	AL 1834
Jane "	15 f w	AL 1835
William "	14 m w	AL 1836
Eveline "	12 f w	AL 1838
Peachman J. Alfred	8 m w	AL 1842; [m1 Martha Solomon] [m2 Margaret Jane Mostyn]
 Sarah A. "	 6 f w	 AL 1844
Harrison "	4 m w	AL 1846
Georgianna "	11/12 m w	AL 1850

1854-55 Scholastics School Census of Grimes Co., TX

Enumeration of the free white population between the ages of six and sixteen years in Grimes Co. for A.D. 1855.

	M	F	Total	
Dist. 1 - Sand Hill				
Mrs. D. Midkiff	2	1	3	
Dist. 11, Plantersville				
Gwyn Morrison	1	3	4	
Jesse Grimes	0	1	1	
G (reen) Roberts	4	1	5	[wife Henrietta Thames]
Mrs. S. Alford	2	2	4	[Sarah Mother of Henrietta; w/o Wm. B. Alford]

1854 Tax Records

No Alford, Olford, Alfred or Aulford found

1858 Census of Grimes Co., Tx

	males 18-45	males U-18	males 0-65	females 0-18	children 6-18	children U-6
Wm. Heager	1	0	0	1	0	1
James Lawrence	1	1	9	1	1	2
Gwyn Morrison	0	2	1	2	5	2
Mrs. Evaline Jackson	0	0	0	1	0	1; [nee Thomas]
John Ogg	2	2	0	1	0	3
Jacob Stifflemire	0	2	1	1	5	0
John M. Springer	2	1	1	1	1	1
Otto Hegar	1	2	0	1	7	0
Wm. & John Rogerson	2	0	0	1	0	2
Dugal McAlpin	0	0	1	0	0	0
James S. Glass	1	0	0	1	2	2

1860 Grimes Co., TX Census

#797 William Allfred 54 m w NC 1806 - Overseer
Living in HH of Mrs. D. L. Medcalf/Midkiff

NEED PROOF THIS IS WM. B. ALFORD?

2. (2). Our documented history starts with WILLIAM B. ALFORD, b. 1806 in SC; the name of his father is unknown. Harry "Big Harry" Alford said his grandfather married three times, he was a little Scotchman, wore a patch over one eye, and traveled between MS and TX. The last time he saw his grandfather was at the funeral of his brother, Julius Peachman Alford on 28 March 1901.

It is believed that the W. Allferd, born 1806 in NC, as listed in the 1860 Grimes Co., TX census, is old Wm. B. NO PROOF. According to Emma (Shropshire) Lay's Diary, "Mr. Alford and Harry came up from Cypress to visit

in Feb. and March 1865.⁷

If he lived to be 95 years old he should be in the 1870 thru 1900 censuses . I have checked the AL, MS, LA and TX censuses and have been unable to find William B. in any of them.

Harry "Little Harry" Alford said there were three graves on the old Alford place at one time. Probably William, Sarah and Georgianna??

Married 10 Nov. 1840 Monroe Co., AL to Sarah Ann (Snowden) Thames, daughter of William and Elizabeth Snowden and widow of William T. Thames, Sr.; she was born 22 Feb. 1806 in SC. Sarah and the children are listed in the 1855 School census of Grimes Co., TX, living next door to her son-in-law and daughter, Greene Roberts, Sr. Unable to find her in any census records of Texas.

LINEAGE CHART OF
JOHN PEACHMAN "P" ALFORD, b. 1841 AL
1m Martha Solomon
2m Margaret Jane Mostyn

Children of John Peachman Alford and Martha (Solomon) Alford

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|----|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Charles Alford | b. 1866 AL |
| 2. | John | b. Jan. 1870 AL |

Children of John Peachman Alford and Margaret Jane (Mostyn) Alford

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| 3. | Frances R. Alford | b. 1868 TX; d. 1869 |
| 4. | Johnie W. | b. 1870 TX; d. 1873 |
| 5. | Henry E. | b. 1873 TX; d. 1878 |
| 6. | William B. | b. 1875 TX; d. 1878 |
| 7. | Maggie Grace | b. 1877 TX; 1m Thomas E. Broers
2m Rev. J. Newton Clayton |
| 8. | Adae Elvira | b. 1880 TX; m Drury Izard |
| 9. | Alice Bell | b. 1882 TX; m John Edward Ogg |
| 10. | Julius Peachman | b. 1884 TX; d. 1901 |
| 11. | Millie Eveline | b. 1887 TX; m James Page |
| 12. | George Emmett | b. 1889 TX; m Jessie Riley |
| 13. | William Harry | b. 1892 TX; m Lydia Thomas |
| 14. | Effie Lee | b. 1896 TX; d 1899 |
| 15. | Ida Lue | b. 1898 TX; d 1900 |

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⁷ Diary of Emma Shropshire. (M. A. W. Lay).