

(Many that require
little or no writing)

TWENTY-FIVE WAYS TO TELL THE FAMILY STORY

Bob Alford



THE ISSUE

- You have worked hard on your family history.
- You have discovered some amazing things .
- You want to share your discoveries with your family.
- No one cares.
- You are afraid it will all be lost when you are gone.



YOU NEED A
WAY TO
ENGAGE THEM

- You could write a Family History Book... But that task seems overwhelming.
- There are other ways,
- Some big, some small
- Some that require writing, but many don't
- They can be used alone or together to engage your family and tell the family story

From this



#1
DIGITALLY
LABEL YOUR
OLD PHOTOS

To this

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OLD PHOTOS



Alphonse Labadie Family 1948

**Edward, Juliette (Lestage), Roland Landry, Sr. Irene, Bro. Albert, Laura (Chaves), Joseph
Therese, Alphonse, Anna, Carol**

WHICH ONE
WILL THE
FAMILY KEEP?



Alphonse Labadie Family 1948

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USE POWERPOINT (OR OTHER GRAPHICS SOFTWARE

- Draw a box
- Place photo in the box
- Size as desired
- Type text in box below photo
- Select the box, picture, and text
- Group
- Save as picture

EDITING TEXT

- Once the captioned photo is saved as a picture, the text becomes part of the picture and is not editable.
- To edit or replace text
- Insert captioned picture into PowerPoint
- Draw a solid box over the text
- Type new text in the box
- Select the box, picture, and text
- Group
- Save as picture

#2 MAKE A FAMILY TREE COLLAGE

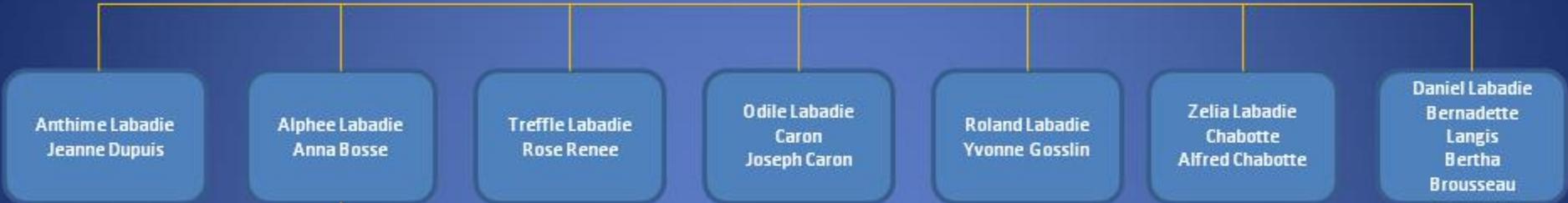
- Using PowerPoint
- Create suitable background on a blank slide
- Place photos based on their relationship
- Label all photos
- Draw lines to show relationship
- Save whole slide as a jpeg

My Family Tree

Edward Labadie



Clovis Labadie
Alphonsine
Hebert



Anthime Labadie
Jeanne Dupuis

Alphee Labadie
Anna Bosse

Treffle Labadie
Rose Renee

Odile Labadie
Caron
Joseph Caron

Roland Labadie
Yvonne Gosslin

Zelia Labadie
Chabotte
Alfred Chabotte

Daniel Labadie
Bernadette
Langis
Bertha
Brousseau



Joseph Emile
Labadie
Laura Chaves



Sister Irene
Labadie



Brother Albert
Labadie



Edward
Labadie
Juliette Lestage
Labadie



Therese
Labadie Landry
Roland Landry



#3
MULTI
GENERATION
PHOTOS



Four Generations – February 2019
Edward Labadie, Muriel Alford
Christine. Talia Rose



Three Generations
Joseph(Emile) Alphée, Clovis Labadie



Harriet Sultzer Messer
Beulah Elizabeth Hathaway
Beulah Messer Hathaway
July 1908



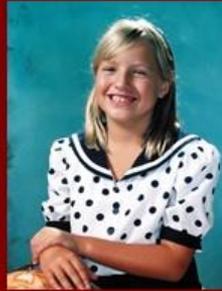
#4 CHILDHOOD SCHOOL PICTURE COLLAGE

- Almost all children have their picture taken each year at school.
- Most parents have these stored away somewhere.
- Make a collage of these showing the child growing.
- Frame it and put it on your picture wall or give it to them as a gift.
- It is unique and will probably get passed down to future generations

Growing up Christine Amanda Alford



Growing up Betsy Anne Afford



Growing up Susan Elizabeth Alford



#5 A FAMILY PICTURE WALL

- Create a picture wall in your home of family pictures.
- Include as many generations as you can.
- My wall has six generations.
- My kids never fail to look at all the pictures on the wall each time they visit.
- It often starts a conversation about past generations.
- Now that my children have children of their own, they show the pictures to their kids and tell them who the people are.



Photos



Pat's Home 1964



The Allard Brothers and their Wives 1978
Great Big Brother, Bill and Betty, Steve and Marie, Bob and Betty, George and Beth,
Evelyn, and his Grandmother Margaret



Bill, Bob and Grandmother 1980



Agnes Lebeda 100th Birthday with Family





#6
BOWTIE
FAMILY
PICTURE
TREE

- Create a bowtie chart of you, your children, and your ancestors.
- Have it printed and framed and put it on your picture wall.



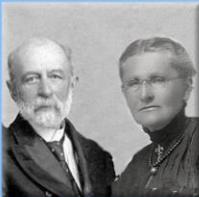
David Lewis Stockwell Alford
1/2/1849 - 1/19/1920
Phoebe Elizabeth Busdick
9/28/1852 - 11/19/1874
Married 1872 - Seneca Lake, NY



Lillian Lodema Colver
5/14/1856 - 12/21/1944
(Shown with 2nd husband, James Lockhart)
Heman Burton (not shown)
1/19/1834 - 11/19/1889
Married 3/22/1872 - Lake George, NY



Bailey John Hathaway (B)
2/11/1829 - 1/2/1909
Margaret Skinner (not shown)
9/22/1831 - 10/3/1895
Married 1/13/1858 - Hudson, NY



Thomas Henry Messer
8/20/1826 - 10/24/1906
Harriet Emma Sulzer
1840 - 1/17/1919
Married 5/10/1867 - Putnam, NY



Charles Busdick Alford
6/2/1873 - 12/7/1946
Margaret Rosay Burton
2/6/1876 - 7/19/1945
Married 10/16/1900 - Lake George, NY



Irving Scott Alford (Scott)
1/20/1907 - 3/10/1986
Beulah Elizabeth Hathaway (Betty)
11/1/1907 - 10/13/2002
Married 8/27/1927 - Storville, NY



Frank Randal Hathaway
5/22/1865 - 5/15/1954
Beulah Shalzer Messer
5/13/1870 - 3/13/1940
Married 9/12/1892 - Yonkers, NY



Christine Annabel Alford (Chris)
2/18/1979 - Manchester, CT
Jeffrey Odeley
12/4/1966
Married 7/2/2017 - Grass Valley, CA



Betty Ann Alford
4/4/1981 - Bridgeport, CT
Jeffrey Colbeck
9/14/1973
Married 10/10/2016 - Sacramento, CA



Susan Elizabeth Alford
8/22/1983 - Bridgeport, CT
Lance Ponce
12/4/1956 - Oceanside, CA
Married 3/14/2015

Our Alford-Labadie Family



Albee Arzob Labadie
8/7/1889 - 12/7/1989
Marie Anna Bovee (Anna)
8/31/1891 - 6/30/1964
Married 6/29/1915 - New Bedford, MA



Edward Maurice Labadie (Ed)
9/11/1923 - 5/5/2020
Juliette Doute Leavay (Julie)
12/19/1927 - 1/28/2008
Married 5/31/1948 - New Bedford, MA



Robert Scott Alford (Bob)
March 15, 1944
Sarah Labadie
January 17, 1935
Married June 24, 1972 - Hartford, CT



Joseph Amador Leavay (Amadio)
12/6/1900 - 12/24/1985
Zella Belliveau
7/29/1906 - 8/29/1982
Married 10/22/1923 - New Bedford, MA



Joseph Clavin Labadie (Clavin)
2/9/1864 - 4/1/1937
Marie Alphonsine Hebert (Alphonine)
5/21/1865 - 1/21/1957
Married 11/3/1888 - Grande Pointe, Ontario, Canada



Emilee Emile Bovee
9/24/1864 - 4/10/1912
Marie Alberta Alphonsine Bibeaux (Albina)
12/25/1867 - 4/12/1955
Married 4/10/1888 - Lewis, Quebec, Canada
(Anna is standing)



Felix Benjamin Leavay
8/14/1877 - 5/26/1945
Sophronia Parnando
5/12/1875 - 2/26/1943
Married 6/15/1899 - New Bedford, Massachusetts



Francosa Belliveau
9/25/1855 - 10/9/1938
Adla LaBlanc
12/21/1863 - 1/17/1933
Married 10/7/1895 - Kent, New Brunswick, Canada

#7 FAMILY PICTURE BOOKS

- Use your labeled photos to create the story of an ancestor's life, their ancestors, and their descendants.
- There are many online printers that provide layout and editing tools you can use and will print and bind the books for you.
- Improve the content by adding a few memories.
- Be sure to use very high-quality acid-free paper and quality binding.
- Well designed books will last many lifetimes and will be passed from generation to generation.
- Give copies to all your children and others descended from the subject couple.



Once Upon
Scott and Elizabeth



Once Upon a Lifetime
Edward and Juliette Labadie



#8 MILITARY MEMORABILIA DISPLAY

- If you have an ancestor in your family who served in the US Military, create a display box of their military memorabilia.

Courtesy of Frank Van Vleck
Past President and long-time
member of the
Trilogy Genealogy Club.

Records and medals can be
obtained from the VA Office
of Public and
Intergovernmental affairs.

https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/benefits_chap15.asp

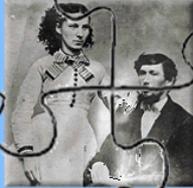


ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL - 50 years
AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL
WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
NATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL - with 4 service stars
UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL
SHARPSHOOTER BADGE with Rifle Bar
MARKSMAN BADGE with Carbine Bar



#9 FAMILY JIGSAW PUZZLE

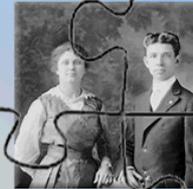
- Does your family or any member of it enjoy jigsaw puzzles?
- Take any family photo or chart and have a jigsaw puzzle made.
- There are many companies on the Internet who will do this.
- How about your bowtie chart?
- Do the puzzle with your family and you can share memories and tell stories about each generation as you go.



David Lewis and Phoebe Elsbeth
17/1849 - 1/1920
3/28/1852 - 8/18/1914
Married 1872 - Saratoga Lake, NY



Charles Brundick and Mary Ann Boney
4/21/1846 - 1/1916
2/5/1878 - 7/19/1945
Married 1870 - Lake George



Alphonse and Marie Anne
8/7/1889 - 12/7/1989
8/23/1891 - 4/30/1964
Married 6/29/1913 - New Bedford, MA



Joseph and Marie
2/9/1864 - 4/17/1957
5/21/1865 - 1/23/1957
Married 11/5/1888 - Grand Point, Ontario, Canada



Lilian and Hiram
5/14/1854 - 12/23/1944
Married 1872 - Lake George, NY



Irving and Beulah
1/20/1907 - 3/10/1986
11/17/1907 - 10/13/2003
Married 8/27/1924 - Saratoga, NY



Robert and Janet
March 13, 1944
Married June 24, 1970 - Saratoga, NY



Edward and Juliana
9/11/1923 - 5/5/2009
Married 5/31/1948 - New Bedford, MA



Emile and Marie
9/24/1864 - 7/30/1912
Married 4/10/1888 - Lake Umbagog, Vermont



Bailey and Margaret
2/11/1829 - 1/24/1909
Married 1/13/1858 - Saratoga, NY



Frank and Sarah
9/1865 - 9/15/1954
Married 1/13/1940 - Yonkers, NY



Catherine and Jerry
2/18/1919 - 1/19/2014
Married 7/2/2017 - Saratoga, NY



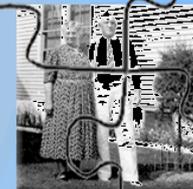
Betty and Jeffrey
4/4/1961 - 8/22/1993
Married 10/16/2014 - Saratoga, NY



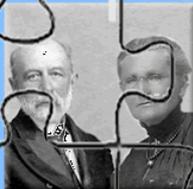
Susan and Abigail
8/22/1993 - 8/22/1993
Married 10/16/2014 - Saratoga, NY



Joseph and Helen
12/19/1900 - 12/24/1985
Married 10/22/1923 - New Bedford, MA



Felix and Sophie
8/24/1877 - 2/26/1963
Married 6/15/1899 - New Bedford, Massachusetts



Thomas and Helen
8/20/1816 - 10/7/1906
Married 10/16/1867 - Putnam, NY



Susan and Elizabeth
2/18/1919 - 1/19/2014
Married 7/2/2017 - Saratoga, NY



Betty and Jeffrey
4/4/1961 - 8/22/1993
Married 10/16/2014 - Saratoga, NY



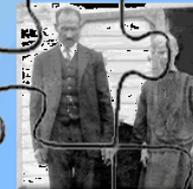
Susan and Abigail
8/22/1993 - 8/22/1993
Married 10/16/2014 - Saratoga, NY



Joseph and Helen
12/19/1900 - 12/24/1985
Married 10/22/1923 - New Bedford, MA



Felix and Sophie
8/24/1877 - 2/26/1963
Married 6/15/1899 - New Bedford, Massachusetts



Francis and Phyllis
9/5/1885 - 10/9/1938
Married 1/7/1895 - Kent, New Brunswick, Canada

Our Alford-Labadie Family

#10 CUSTOM MUG

- Have a custom mug or other item made with pictures or information about your family.
- Give them to your children or other family members to interest them in what you are doing in your family history research.
- If you have a family website, include the URL on the mug.

Where Family and History Come Together





#11
FAMILY
PHOTOS
ON
CHRISTMAS
TREE
ORNAMENTS

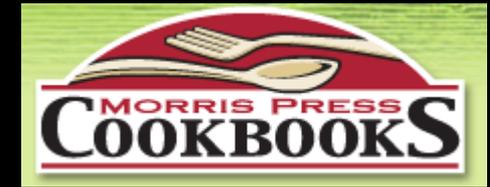


#12 FAMILY HISTORY QUILT OR TAPESTRY

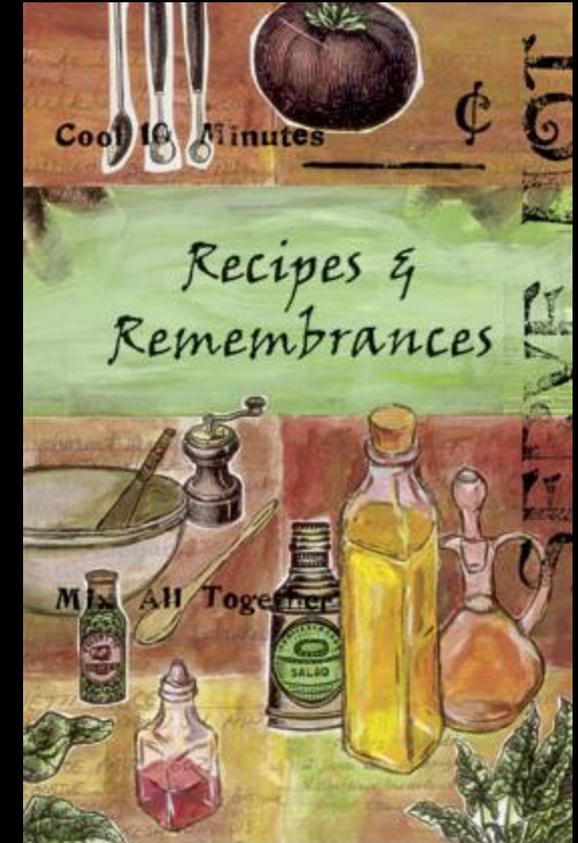


#13
FAMILY
HISTORY
COOKBOOK

- Do you have favorite recipes that came for your parents or grandparents?
- Do have memories of them serving these dishes?
- Create a recipe book for future generations.
- Include pictures of the person you got the recipe from along with a picture of the dish.
- Include a few memories of the first time or a memorable time when grandma served this dish.



- There are companies that specialize in cookbooks.
- One of these is morriscookbooks.com
- They have templates, stock covers you can customize and lots of other things you can use to create a great cookbook that your family will cherish and pass down to future generations.



#15 YOUR OWN STORY WITH PICTURES

- Didn't you ever wish that one or all of your ancestors had left you the story of their lives in their own words?
- Someday we will all be someone's ancestor too.
- At least make a picture book on your life.
- It should be mostly labeled pictures, but as you put it together, write down the memories that come back to you.
- Someday your great-great-grandchild will love reading those thoughts, and you will connect with those you will never have a chance to meet.

Once Upon a Lifetime



Bob and Muriel Alford

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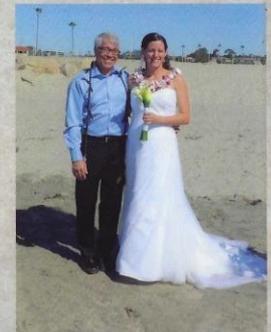
Christine Amanda



Betsy Anne



Susan Elizabeth



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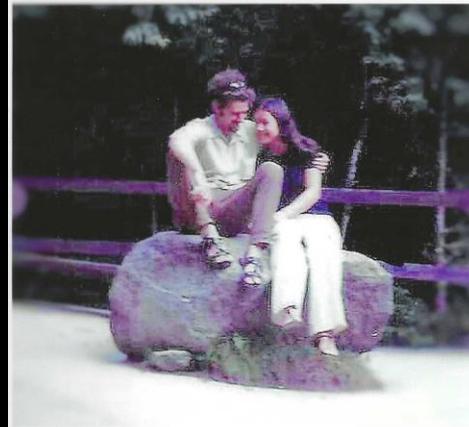
Alford Family 1913

Front Row: Betty, Scott, George, and Culver

Back Row: David, Charles, Dick, Margaret, and Grandma Lockhart

There were a total of six boys and two girls in the Alford family. This picture was taken before the two youngest children were born. This was a tight knit family. They remained close friends all of their lives.

Love and Courtship



Muriel Remembers: We started as friends and lab partners in college and fell in love. We worked well as a team and continue to do so to this day.

Bob remembers: Friends and family were shocked by our engagement after such a short period of dating, but we had been friends for several years. I was headed to Boston to attend Northeastern University in the Fall. I knew I had found the love of my life, and didn't want her to get away.

Bob remembers: We met at HSTC in the Fall of 1969, but it was not love at first sight. I immediately found Muriel attractive, but quickly learned she had a boyfriend, and from what she told us, they seemed to have a serious relationship. I was focused on my studies and set aside any thoughts of pursuing her. We were friends and became part of the same group that often studied together and sat together at lunch.

In our senior year, we became lab partners. I remember being impressed with how intelligent she was and in her high work ethics. She was fun to be with, and I enjoyed talking with her. The more we worked together, the more I was attracted to her. Fortunately for me, the feeling was mutual. We started dating in the Spring of 1971 and announced our engagement at graduation that year.



#16
GROWING UP
(YOUR NAME
OR
YOUR CHILD'S
NAME)

- We all have many childhood memories, many that are easily stirred by photos our parents took.
- As parents, we also have a lot of memories of our children growing up.
- Combine those photos with your writing skills to tell the story of your childhood or the childhood of one or more of your children.
- It is easier than you think.
 - Go through your pictures
 - Write down the memories they stir.
 - Once you have a collection of those, put them together to tell the story of what it was like growing up.



I remember having my own little wheelbarrow and garden tools and helping my dad.....



#17 INTERVIEW A RELATIVE AND DOCUMENT THEIR STORY

- Sit with a relative and get them to talk about their childhood.
- Use a voice recorder if necessary.
- Write what they tell you, quoting them exactly as much as possible.
- Ask them for old photos of their childhood and discuss the photos with them.
- Include the photos and their comments in the document.
- Review everything with them to make sure the story is true to their memories.
- It will become a family treasure that your family will keep and read long after you and the subject are gone.

From
MAma
Remembers
MaMa

As told by Beulah
Elizabeth Hathaway
Alford (Bettie) to her
daughter Janet Alford
Davis In 1996.

PREFACE

Memories are elusive. They come and go as life around us develops. Lonely moments can bring a storm of them, busy ones a few more. As we age, the memories increase and, in some cases, become more real than the present. However, one must not live in past memories but must make life so full there will be many more to be remembered later.

I read an interesting article in the June 1985 issue of Reader's Digest, "The Healing Meadows of Memory" by Jack Denton Scott. It really expressed what I have felt memories do for us. He suggests "taking a memory break" as you would a coffee break - just forget your surroundings for a few minutes and live in a memory. He refers to memories as photographs - I think of them as short movies.

Nights that do not bring sleep I've used to see how far back I can remember. It surprises me that these memories have been kept so long in my brain. So many crowd my brain to be told.

Beulah Elizabeth Hathaway Alford
Colchester, Connecticut

18 BIOGRAPHIES OF ANCESTORS

- Our ancestors were real people, and their story deserves to be told.
- Many parts of their lives have disappeared in the mists of time, for some ancestors more than others.
- By tracing them in time and placing them in location, there is still a story to be told.
 - Where were they born?
 - Who were their parents?
 - Who did they marry and how did they meet?
 - Who were their children?
 - Where did they live? Where did they move to? Why did they move?
 - What footprints did they leave in the places where they lived?
 - What was happening in the world during their lifetime?
 - Much more....

- The first biography I did was challenging.
- I chose one of my great-grandmothers as the subject. I never knew her as she died shortly before I was born, but my older sisters remembered her and could tell me about her.
- I also found records of her life in the towns in which she lived.
- I also had some photos of her, her second husband, the house where she lived, and of her children.
- It took quite a while to get the first one to the point where I was satisfied with the result. It was only four pages long.

- With the first one done; I did biographies of my grandparents.
- Again, I was helped by photos and my sisters' memories.
- With my Hathaway grandparents I had to do a bit more research.
- Their early lives were complicated and no one alive seemed to know what had happened or why.
- With online records I was able to determine a lot, and it made an interesting story.
- I shared the results with my sisters and some of my cousins and got their feedback. The existence of these biographies brought out a lot of memories from some of my cousins, and I was able to correct and enhance on my first attempts.
- I evolved a standard format and outline for the biographies.
- I had some photos of more distant ancestors and some family stories told to me by my older siblings and my cousins. Some of these stories seemed a bit far-fetched, so research was in order.

- As I gradually worked backward through my family history, I discovered some fascinating ancestors. My appreciation of them, all they had gone through, and all they did to build the world we live in, increased dramatically.
- I have found it useful and interesting to study the history of the area and time in which my ancestor lived. I often find them, by name, in historical records. Incorporating the history makes a much more interesting story.
- I have now written biographies on well over 50 of my ancestors. Twenty-five of the earlier ones are posted on the club website (and have been for a long time.)
- The writing has become much easier over time, and I no longer have to think about the format. Developing a new biography is now about 80% research and 20% writing. This is exactly the opposite of the first one.
- My biographies are 10-20 pages long instead of 3 or 4.

#19 HISTORY INCORPORATING ANCESTOR'S STORY

- Sometimes the history is the story
- In this case, instead of a biography, you can write an historical account that incorporates your ancestor's role.
- Examples:
 - I have an ancestor who came on the Mayflower.
 - I have several ancestors who came on the Winthrop Fleet.
 - I have an ancestor who was heavily involved in the founding of Rhode Island.
 - I have ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War
- If you have an ancestor that was involved in any notable historical event, or who was in a position to be "an eyewitness to history," this can be an interesting approach.

At the March meeting of the Trilogy History Club, and again at the April meeting of the Trilogy Genealogy Club, I presented:

“The Revolutionary War, Up Close and Personal”

This is the true story of a small boy born about 30 miles from Boston during the period leading up to the Revolution. His father and his older brothers fought in Washington’s Army, his uncle was a major in the minutemen, the British attacked the small town he lived in in the middle of the night, his sister’s home was burned to the ground, and the British took her father-in-law prisoner.

I have official colonial records and firsthand accounts written by people who were there. It is an exciting story from a unique time in history.

Several years later, after we moved to Royal Oaks, I presented this talk to the community, and it was well received.

When tied to historical events, people who have no interest in Genealogy will find your ancestor’s story interesting.

#20 WRITE A CHILDREN'S BOOK BASED ON YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

- Do you have an ancestor who as a child
 - Immigrated to America?
 - Traveled west on a covered wagon?
 - Lived through an historical event?
- Write a story about that “adventure” from the eyes of that child and explain how he or she is related to your current family.
- Another idea, write a story about all of the countries in your child’s heritage.
- For example, I have grandchildren that have ancestors who were French, English, Portuguese, Native American, and Hawaiian. I could write a book, “Where Did I Come From,” and explain all this ancestry in terms understandable to children, and then note that they are American, as they were born in America.

#21 FAMILY FACT BOOKS WITH COPIES OF OLD DOCUMENTS

- Do you have a lot of data on your family, but don't feel comfortable writing?
- You can put together a book just showing the facts without much creative writing.
 - Get the data from your tree.
 - You can use tools on the Internet to print charts.
 - Include copies of old documents or historical records.
 - Include any old pictures that you have.
- If you have this professionally printed and bound it can make a great family gift that will last for generations,

#22 PRINTED FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS

- Perhaps the ultimate way to Tell the Family Story is to write a book or books on your family history.
 - Bound, high quality books last for centuries.
 - Unlike notebooks or digital records, your descendants are likely to keep these and pass them on to future generations.
- “But writing a book is difficult and time consuming. I can’t do that!”
 - I once thought that too.
 - Start with writing biographies.
 - You can even publish short biographies as booklets.
 - When you have enough booklets, you can combine them into a book.

The Tree of Life



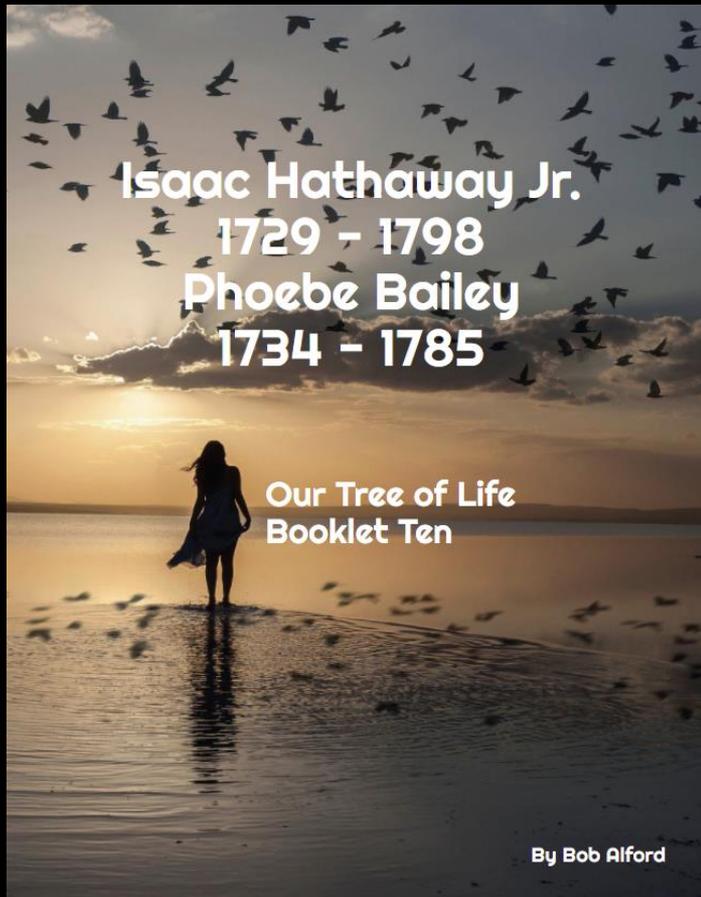
Our Alfords
Bob Alford

The Tree of Life



Our Hathaways
Bob Alford

I have two notebooks of biographies
That I have written over the last ten years



- Later, I decided that the notebooks would probably not survive for long.
- Focusing on my Hathaway colonial ancestors, including maternal ancestors of Isaac Hathaway Jr. and Phoebe Bailey, I began developing a series of short eBooks.
- I now have 60 of these published on Amazon and on my personal website.

Our
Hathaway
Burt Warren Church
Chase Wood Barnes Bailey
Barron Tucker Sprague
Trowley Walker Lewis
Sherman Ward Holland Odding
Ancestors

Colonists to
Revolutionaries

By Bob Alford

Our Tree of Life - Volume One

- I combined the content of these booklets as chapters in a printed book, with a preface and one additional chapter.
- I published it as a soft cover book on Amazon.
- I added additional material to that and had it privately printed as a hardcover book for my family.
- I believe the hardcopy version is of high enough quality that it will be kept and passed down to future generations, even if the current holder has little or no interest in family history.
- My goal for 2022 is to complete the second volume, which will cover my Alford colonial ancestors.

#23 VIDEO SLIDE SHOW WITH NARRATION

- Do you have experience using video editing software?
- If not, are you comfortable with graphics editing tools and willing to learn something new? Video editing is not difficult with modern tools and can be fun once you learn how to do it.
- Create a slide show about an ancestor and narrate it.
- If you have learned how to use PowerPoint, you can learn to do this.
- Another way to do it is to create a PowerPoint presentation, then use a video screen capture to create the video from the slides and your voice as you present the PowerPoint slides.
- This doesn't require video editing, although being able to enhance the results with a video editor may be a plus.

#24 INTERVIEW A RELATIVE ON VIDEO, EDIT AND NARRATE

- Do you have a living relative who has memories that you would like to capture?
- Sit down and interview them and capture the interview on video using your smart phone, iPad, or video camera.
- Load the results into a video editor, add slides and photos and perhaps some narration.

#25 PERSONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEBSITE

- Create your own personal family history website.
- This can be done without writing any code.
- You must be comfortable using the computer and the cloud and understand some of the basics of networks (or know someone that does) to set it up, but once it is running, it can be edited and updated just as easily (or easier) than using Ancestry or MyHeritage.
- You can copy and load trees to and from other sites like Ancestry.



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THE REV. CHARLES B ALFORD AND MARGARET BURTON ALFORD



The Alford Family, taken around 1914. Charles and his wife Margaret were my paternal grandparents. My father is shown second from the left in the bottom row. To learn more about the Alford family and their ancestors, click on the picture above.

WELCOME!

Most of our Alford and Hathaways came to colonial New England in the early to middle colonial period. They were pioneers, soldiers, farmers, blacksmiths, and entrepreneurs. They found a land rich for development, but fraught with dangers. Life was not easy, and the challenges they faced to build a new world for themselves, their children, and for us, are hard for us to envision and appreciate.

The details of their lives have faded into the mists of time, yet they left their marks on history, and we can find them, learn about them, and come to know them through their works and deeds. They are worth knowing. They made the world we live in and they made us who we are.

The names and dates in the tables and charts don't begin to tell us what we Need to know. These are but elements of a roadmap to guide us along the way. The stories lie in the pictures, biographies, and documents attached to each family. New documents and additional information is being found and added all the time. And with each additional piece of information, the story grows richer and their Lives and ours become more meaningful.

Come, meet our Alford and Hathaway families, and all the others listed below, for maternal ancestors are as important as paternal ones and only eight generations back we had over one-hundred grandparents.

If you have a comment, or better yet something to share, please contact me at webmaster@rtreeoflife.com.

FRANK RANDEL HATHAWAY AND BEULAH MESSER HATHAWAY



The Hathaway Family, taken around 1943. Frank and his wife Beulah were my maternal grandparents. My mother is not shown in this picture. To learn more about the Hathaway family and their ancestors, click on the picture above.

TOP 100 SURNAMES IN OUR FAMILY TREE

Alford Aston Bailey Baldwin Barron Bartlett Barton Benjamin Bigalow Bill Bliss Bolles Boxall Brewster Brown Burt Carpenter Chapin Chase
Chisum Church Coles Cooke Countryman culver Cunningham Curry Curtice Davis Dewey Doerge Drake Eames Edwards Foster Fournier Fowler
Fox Freeman French Gleason Gorton Greenway Haralamides Hathaway Hawxhurst Haynes Higley Holcomb Holcombe Hoskins Hughes Hulins
Hunniford Ioakimides Iordanides Isleib Jackson Johnson Judd Loomis Lynes Matchett May McGarry Merrill Messer Michelman Moore Murphy Ollari Owen
Pearson Porter Power Pratt Reynolds Sherman Simmons Sinnamon Skinner Smith Sprague Squire Stevenson Stratton Strong
Symington Thorne Vennard Walker Warren Warrin Webb Wilson Wolcott Wolmer Wood Woods Youngs

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Charles Burdick Alford

♂ 1873 - 1946 (73 years)

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Name	Charles Burdick Alford	
Born	2 Jun 1873	Cropsey, Illinois P
Gender	Male	
Died	7 Dec 1946	Albany, NY P
Person ID	110	Alford Hathaway
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Father	David Lewis Stockwell Alford , b. 2 Jan 1849, Schuyler Falls, NY P , d. 19 Jan 1920, Belvedere, Illinois P (Age 71 years)	
Mother	Phoebe Elizabeth Burdick , b. 28 Mar 1852, Peru, NY P , d. 19 Mar 1874, Saranac Lake, NY P (Age 21 years)	
Married	1872	Saranac Lake, NY P
Family ID	F11	Group Sheet Family Chart

Family	Margaret Roxey Burton , b. 5 Feb 1876, Lake George, NY P , d. 19 Jul 1945, Lake George, NY P (Age 69 years)	
Married	16 Oct 1900	Lake George, NY P
Children	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Culver Burdick Alford, b. 15 Aug 1901, d. 24 Aug 1977 (Age 76 years) Margaret Elizabeth Alford, b. 30 Jan 1903, d. 1950 (Age 46 years) George Peritz Alford, b. 14 Jan 1905, Johnsonville, NY P, d. 1980 (Age 74 years) + Irving Scott Alford, b. 20 Jan 1907, South Glens Falls, NY P, d. 10 Mar 1986, Middletown, Middlesex, Connecticut, USA P (Age 79 years) David Burton Alford, b. 16 Jan 1909, Lebanon Springs, New York P, d. 10 Oct 1984, Schenectady, New York P (Age 75 years) Nelson Richards Alford, b. 30 Jun 1912, d. Jul 2002 (Age 90 years) Flora Agnes Alford, b. 27 Jun 1914, Gloversville, NY P, d. 3 Oct 1959, Albany, NY P (Age 45 years) Charles Edmund Alford, b. 16 Jun 1919, d. 3 Jan 1999 (Age 79 years) 	
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- Having your own site requires that you have a hosting account with an Internet hosting provider, which requires an annual fee.
- This is the origin of rtreeoflife.com

- I hope this has given you some ideas that you can use.
- Start small and do something easy.
- Build on that and find more ways to document your family.
- Create things that your children, their children, and their children will keep and pass down to future generations.
- Don't you wish your ancestors had left something like this for you?
- Someday you too will be someone's ancestor.



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