

ANSWER KEY

Marthetta Alford – 1940 census

1. Ella Alford is Marthetta's mother; Marthetta is Ella's daughter.
2. Marthetta was born in Illinois.
3. Ella Alford was born in Kentucky.
4. Ella is widowed (wd). Who was her husband? When did he die? When were they married?
5. Beatrice Poole is Ella's step-granddaughter.
6. Cora is Ella's sister.
7. Cora is widowed.
8. Cora Brooks was also born in Kentucky.
9. The race of the family is negro (neg).
10. Ella rents her home.
11. The house number is 5707. (*Not pictured*): The street is Perry Avenue.
12. Most of these people were living in the same place in 1935 (Cook County, Illinois). They moved between 1940 and 1935.
13. Marthetta has completed 1 year of college.
14. Marthetta was a beauty instructor.
15. Approximate Ages: Ella 58, Marthetta 25, Dorothy 22, Cora 68, Beatrice, 9. Marthetta, Dorothy, and Beatrice are single. Marthetta was the respondent. Beatrice was born in Missouri and in 1935 lived in St. Louis, not Cook County.

Marthetta Alford – 1930 census

1. The county and state are located in the top left corner of the census records.
2. Ella was still listed as being widowed.
3. Beatrice was not living with the family in 1930; she was likely not even born yet if she was around 9 in the 1940 census.
4. Marthetta and Dorothy were attending school.
5. Everyone was able to read and write.
6. Kentucky was the birth place of every individual's mother and father.
7. Ella was the only one in the family who was working; she was a Laundress.

Marthetta Alford – 1920 census

1. Ella is not listed in the first image because she is listed on the bottom of the previous page.
2. Edward and Anna Brown's family was also living at 5418; it was a multi-family household.
3. Cora is the sister-in-law to the head of household.
4. James Alford was the head of household.
5. Marthetta is 5 and 7/12 months old. She was born around June 1914.
6. James Alford, James B. Alford, and Rebecca Langford are all "new" names to research.
7. James is a laborer in a Tool? Coal? Factory.
8. Cora and Rebecca Langford work in a canning factory.
9. James was born approximately 1906 in Ohio.