

## *"Alford" Burials*

*While this particular issue deals with Georgia what we are saying here applies to all states so you folks with no interest in Georgia just read on and when you get to Georgia substitute the names of the states where you have Alford interest.*

We had planned to include the information we have on Alford burials in Georgia in this issue but after working with the data it seemed best to solicit your help and then publish the data. As we do a set it will also be placed on our web site.

In the past we have published "Cemetery Data" in the quarterly, and for research at the meetings we have the AAFA Cemetery Data Book as well as "Cemetery Data" in the state books. With the next issue we will begin publishing essentially the same information but in a different format, and it will be called "Alford Burials". The list format will be similar to the marriage information on pages 49-59 in this issue with one line for each subject showing name, dates of birth and death, cemetery name and place.

There are two reasons the data is not on this page. (1) We have so little it seems hardly worthwhile. (2) the data is not in shape for publication. We have fragments in four different kinds of files and that must be consolidated in a single standard file.

When you consider the size of the state of Georgia, the thousands of Alfords who have lived and died there over the last 225 years our paltry list of less than 200 burials is shameful.

Burial information can be some of the most useful of all genealogical information. It usually provides information on the dates of birth and death, but it can also show parental and spousal relationships.

We are depending upon all of you to send, as soon as possible, burial information on your "Alfords" and other "Alfords" for which you can obtain the information. Go to the local cemeteries and find all of the "Alford" gravestones and record all the inscriptions. If you know the relationship between those being listed then include that, but be sure to explain it is your information as opposed to part of the inscription or cemetery record. Provide the same information on nearby graves that appear to be part of the plot or family and describe how they are arranged with respect to one another. It is possible that some cemeteries will have additional information in the sexton's office or office of others responsible for the cemetery. Visit your local libraries and look for books and periodicals that have been compiled showing cemetery data.

Many individuals and local genealogical societies have ongoing projects to record all cemeteries in a specified area. If you do find published "Alford" cemetery data please send a copy of the title page, the index page with "Alford" and the pages that list "Alford." Sometimes you will need adjacent pages to show all pertinent data about the cemetery. Some have taken photographs and sent them.

If you want a draft copy of our current list let us know. We have already downloaded the "Alford" cemetery data from USGENWEB on the Internet.

Provide the full name of the cemetery as well as its location by town, county and, if rural, how one finds the cemetery from the nearest town which you should identify. If applicable send information about the cemetery and its condition.

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