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Editor's Comments

Well, we have been at this editing thing for a little over a year now. It seems as though we have started to catch up with the production schedule of four a year but there are times when we have the feeling we are getting further behind.

Given the busy schedule we have preparing to attend the Salt Lake City meeting, it is not likely we will have all four issues for 2002 done before the end of the year. With the input we have received from many of the regular contributors we are fairly confident we will have the Summer 2002 issue out before the end of the year. It is assured we will be caught up early next year.

We have reinstated a column, *In Remembrance*, that has appeared in past issues of the quarterly. This will be the first of the series as we find out more of our families and friends.

You should find the story of the Hoge Family interesting as it relates to our Alford's. It is extracted from a presentation made by Mike and Betty Heazel at the meeting in Raleigh last year.

The final episode of the Peachman Alford Family provided by Lucille Clepper Mehrkam is part of the *Genealogies* article this time. Also included is information about William Henry Alford and Job Alford, submitted by John Rogers, a long-time member.

The Census Committee continues to provide information about the Alford's in various states and years of the Federal Census. This issue includes Minnesota and Illinois.

Ruby Alford Heard provided us stories about the Whit Alford Family. The articles detail two different family reunions. We have articles every year about the annual meeting which is a reunion of sorts but the membership might be interested in hearing about your local gatherings. Let's see if we can't have more of these sent to us.

Getting to Know Our Ancestors has the continuation of the diary of Walter Tynes. Also included is a history of Jacob Lawhorn Alford, Bynum Alford and David Gaston Alford.

The piece that contains land records from Michigan is of special

interest to the Editors as Jim's Alford great-grandfather is included.

We see many regular names in story bylines but would like to see some new ones. We are sure all of you have a story about your family or ancestors that would be of interest to the membership. Send us an article and pictures if you have any.

Those of you who have access to the Internet should visit the AAFA Web site. Stephanie Alford, our Web master, has done a fine job of reorganizing and updating the site. There is still much to do and she is putting a lot of time into this effort.

We have included an article written by Stephanie detailing her efforts on our behalf to improve and expand our Internet presence.

Jim & Sue
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Editors