

## Gil Alford and the AAFA

The relationship between the Association and the operation which Gil Alford conducts has raised some questions and caused some confusion.

At present they are two separate and distinct operations. It is coincidental that Gil Alford, with his ongoing Alford work, is also the state agent and executive assistant for the Association.

Two separate files are maintained, two separate bank accounts have been established, and mail is addressed to different locations. When correspondence or checks are received which do not recognize this distinction but contain payments to both Gil and the

Association, it complicates booking and filing for both Gil Alford and the Association. It is therefore important that AAFA members keep this distinction in mind when corresponding with Gil.

With very short notice, the files and material belonging to the Association could be packed and shipped to another person who might assume some or all of the duties being performed by Gil Alford.

Gil intends to continue his newsletter, *About Alford's*, and other publications for several years. In these publications Gil will note that he is affiliated with AAFA, but that the publications are

not the product of it. Some books will be reviewed and approved by the Association and labeled as being sponsored by it.

There should not be any conflict between what is published in Gil Alford's *About Alford's* and the Association newsletter. Gil's publication addresses all Alford's of all times. The Association coverage will concern the Alford's more closely related to those who are members of the Association. Much of *AAFA Action* will deal with the work of the Association and not just genealogical data.

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Many of the subscribers to *About Alford's* are not Association members, and not all Association members subscribe to *About Alford's*. When Gil discontinues his newsletter, those subscribers who are not Association members will be faced with the decision to either join the Association or do without an Alford family newsletter. It is recommended that at that time the Association newsletter be expanded. Gil has given the Association permission to then use the newsletter name if it so desires.

When Gil prepares copies of material that the AAFA Genealogist-Historian, the Publications Editor, or other officers might use, he will provide them, with the Association bearing the basic cost of copying and mailing.

The Association has permission to use or copy any and all material prepared by Gil Alford, and at the conclusion of his work, all files, records, computer disks, books, Alford inventory, plus a computer system will become the property of the Association.