

## *From the Genealogist's Desk*

### Ancestor Tables

Many association members have received the first version of the computerized ancestor tables being prepared for all members. These early products were prepared using ancestor charts members sent to Gil Alford over the past several years. Most have little or no information about ancestral lines of those other than Alford.

The expanded tables being prepared will list all ancestors known to the member. Once all the pedigree charts are in, Gil and the computer will make a master list of ancestors. It will be distributed to the membership either through the newsletter or by special mailing, and each member will receive a printout of their particular chart.

Those of you who have not submitted

an updated pedigree chart, please do so and include all lines as far back as you can. If you need forms let Gil know. Those who have marked up their original printouts should soon be receiving the revised charts.

We hope that by making this information available to all the members that some of you will find connections other than your Alford's which will ultimately lead to more Alford information.

A partial copy of my ancestor table is included on page 16 of this issue so you can see what is being done.

### Publications with Alford Content

There must be millions of genealogical books in print and even millions more that are out of print. Almost every one is a prospect for Alford

information. It is not intended that we would ever attempt to acquire even small percentage of these books, but working together we ought to be able to extract the content of many of them. Gil Alford and I have gotten together and have assembled a fair collection of Alford references, but there must be much more that you can add. If you have, or discover, Alford references which you have not sent to Gil or me, please extract the information (copy pages if possible) and send to me. Please include either a copy of the title page or all pertinent bibliographic data. We are maintaining a computerized list of the references we have and have started another list of the references which looked promising but contained no Alford information. Information from members on references like these would also be helpful.

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