

Library Progress Report

The Alford Library has gathered a substantial amount of new material during the last quarter. Those of you who have contributed, THANK YOU!

There is evidently a lot of Alford data in genealogical record books, local histories, and biographies, and with your help we are rapidly accumulating and cataloging it.

Last quarter we published AAFA book holdings for North and South Carolina. In this issue you'll find our holdings for Georgia and Maryland, with a new format which should be more helpful in your research. Instead of simply listing the pages AAFA holds, the contents of the pages are now briefly listed. In addition, you'll find a notation indicating whether we hold all the pages that contain Alford's or spelling variations from that book, as found in the index. The books have been grouped by county and city as well.

This format should enable you to easily determine if you'd like to order copies of pages from the Librarian, Nancy Dietrich. When you write to Nancy, let her know the author and name of the book as well as which pages you need. Please include a stamp or a quarter for every five pages to cover postage. At this time, Nancy is not charging for the copies themselves, but that may change!

The Book List is currently over 20 pages, all in the new format, and it is being updated constantly—as you send in copied pages and transcriptions. An

additional "No Listings Book List" is about 5 pages. Nearly all the states represented are in the southeastern U.S. If you would like a copy of either or both of the Book Lists, send \$1 to cover copying and postage to Pam Thompson, Publications Editor.

If you would like to contribute to the Alford Library, these pointers will make your work easier and more valuable:

- contact Nancy Dietrich if you're going to do a lot of work in one state or county so she can steer other contributors to different states—or let you know that someone else is already working heavily in that area
- check the Book Lists first so you don't duplicate
- xerox the title page, making sure it contains all the relevant publication data
- check the index for all Alford's and spelling variations, including Olford
- xerox the Alford portion of the index or note on the back of the title page whether you've copied all the Alford's and variations
- include all title page info when you transcribe by hand.

We hope everyone who has access to genealogical references will periodically spend an hour or two copying Alford data. Help contribute to this impressive resource—and don't forget that Gil Alford is adding every single reference you find to the AAFA Alford database!

