

**William A. "Bill" Mitchiner, AAFA #0010**

*The following introduction was provided by Wick Alford #0011.*

*Many of our present day members of AAFA may not be aware that Mr. William A. "Bill" Mitchiner, AAFA #0010 of Raleigh, North Carolina, was an early Genealogist of our Alford Family Association. The announcement was published in June 1989 in AAFA ACTION #5. It was a great day because Bill was a professional certified genealogical researcher. Somewhat over his objections we persuaded him to be our Genealogist on a temporary basis because we knew he was having family health problems. Then when our third annual meeting and reunion came along in October 1990 in Raleigh, he was a tower of strength in helping us plan and organize that gathering.*

*Indeed, prior to the meeting he showed me [Lodwick Alford] how to research the Archives in Raleigh and walked me through the various steps for fruitful research. Then with patience, courtesy and good humor he got my older sister Beatrice Alford Parramore and one of my sisters-in-law Juanita Alford interested in Alford family research. At the banquet in Raleigh we all remember Bill and his lovely lady Lena afforded elegant class to that special occasion.*

*The following is as submitted by Bill Mitchiner.*



William A. "Bill" Mitchiner

There is not much to tell about me, but you asked and I'll do the best I can.

I was born and grew up in Franklin County, North Carolina just a short distance from where two Alford brothers, Lodwick and Julius came from Virginia and

settled about the middle 1700s.

I had no idea that I am descended from both Lodwick and Julius Alford until years after I started doing family history research. Lodwick Alford had a daughter Mary Alford who married her first cousin Isaac Alford. Their daughter Elizabeth Alford married Wiley Clifton and this couple were my great great grandparents.

I graduated from NC State University in Business Administration and was in the retail Electric Appliance and TV business for some nearly fifty years.

Because I was a manager, my dear late wife Lena and I had the privilege of travelling to all the states in the US and all the countries of the Western Hemisphere, several trips to Europe, four trips to Africa and two trips around the world. This was between 1955 and 1980.

In 1989 I published a 365 page hardback genealogy of my surname and at the present time, in my 90th year, spend time on the Internet sharing family lines with friends and relatives.

**My ancestors must be in a witness protection program.**

**It's 2001.... Do you know where your Gr-Gr-Grandparents are?**