

I have known or known about Corrington L. Alford and his efforts in behalf of Alford family history and heritage almost from the first of my endeavors in this area. In the 4th issue of About Alford published 1 July 1983 I included an old letter of May 13 1898 from Julius Alford in MS to his nephew in NC talking about letters and forms he had received about the family genealogy. You can see that at www.alfordassociation.org/AA/aa4c.pdf. It is in the first column and the comments are in the next to last paragraph. Scroll down to page 5.

For a real published item on Corrington and his father see alfordassociation.org/BIOS/bio_loyalandcorrington.html but this makes no mention of Loyal's family history efforts. All of my files on these folks were transferred to Jim and Sue Adams when then took over management of the Benedict Alford file.

I made numerous efforts to run down the results of this work but it was difficult because like myself, Corrington "daughtered our" as we say or had only daughters. Several years ago I was contacted by Carol Benedict who told me that she was a gr,gr,granddaughter of Corrington and that she had all of his work and was planning to publish it. I tried to talk her in to sharing it with AAFA and letting us publish. She declined saying she wanted to be sure it was published as near like the original as possible and like she thought Corrington would have done it. I asked her to let me know when the work was finished so we could purchase a copy. She did a better job publishing it than we would likely have done as our plan was more towards the website. I never heard any more from her. Carol was born March 14, 1948 in Indiana and died Jun 26, 2010 in Missouri.

On Feb 24 just a couple days before my heart attack I had a phone call from Katie Crank who now has the Corrington Alford collection. ~~Attached is a copy of an email I sent to Katie, Earl and Lynn.~~ Then came the hospital stay and when I got home we had a copy of the book prepared by Carol Benedict and that is what this is all about. I propose that we put it on the website on the Corrington L. Alford Collection page. You will see that Carol has her work copyrighted. Katie says she does not know who might "hold the copyright" at this time but that we have her permission to copy and she will confirm that in writing.

Corrington's work covers all branches of the family and is not limited to the Benedict branch so I have not dumped this on Jim & Sue but will handle as a team project from here.

The first 163 pages of Carol's book is her typed version of Corrington's note. They were divided into ten numbered sections plus a section called "Brief Notes of Letters." I plan to make a separate web page for each of the sections. The last 50 or so pages are high quality annotated photographs. I plan to send these "originals" to J&J after I have scanned them to pdf files. They can do as they wish with the photos but to the extent (unknown at present) that I use them on the webpage, I'll use pdf versions. Following the first pages transcribed by Carol are 98 pages of handwritten notes which Carol labeled "... copied from Reference Books of Dr. C. L. Alford." These are notes about all branches of the family and they were numbered by Dr. Alford and the numbers are not consistent with Carol's numbers. I think all of this will go on the website but I don't have it organized into pages yet. There are two pages that are poor copies of the Oliver Alford bible. He is BK563 and these pages will be sent to Jim and Sue. I don't think the quality is

good enough for the website. Katie has originals of a lot of stuff, some probably not in the book, that we hope to use on the site.

There are about a dozen other pages of miscellaneous stuff that will be dealt with appropriately.

The attachment called "front.pdf" is Carol's intro and Corrington's preface. I've demonstrated in this file the technique I plan to use when dealing with what we see as untrue data in the transcription. I'll use this and highlighting to add AAFA interest. I'm not sure to what extent I can use the notes in the handwritten pages, but I will work it out.