

For many years, the Alford Genealogical Society and other genealogists have searched for the authentic records to verify their ancestral lines. Here, now, are the records of Dr. Corrington Loyal Alford. His hours and hours of research can be a tremendous help to not only the Alford line, but to others who have searched for their family ancestral lines.

Dr. Alford's manuscripts consist of over four hundred pages of names, dates, birthplace, married names, children and occupations. He also has written some stories about these people and their families.

These manuscripts of Dr. Alford have been carefully handed down in our family. I have felt that his work should be published, as I feel he would have wanted it. I would have liked to publish his work in his own handwriting but it is very difficult to read. I will, however, include a copy of some of the original pages. This will be a benefit to others that seek the links to their own family history.

Dr. Alford compiled his work into ten sections in one large manuscript. He also has two reference books where he recorded the letters of the families he received information about. These two volumes I have decided to publish in the original writings, as they coincide with the main, larger manuscript. I did not verify or modify the existing research and all information is presented here as it was written in the original manuscript, the spelling and punctuation were not changed.

I would like to add that I take no credit for any of this work. I give all the credit of this research to my grandfather, Dr. Corrington Loyal Alford. I would, however, like to thank my editor, Mrs. Beverly Merritt for the many many hours she has spent typing this manuscript for me. I couldn't have done it without her. My thanks to my Aunt Gladys Drummond for letting me copy pictures from the old Alford family Bible.

I'd also like to thank my husband for enduring the many hours helping me to figure out the difficult handwriting of Dr. Corrington Loyal Alford.

Finally, thanks to my mother, June M. (Collins) Robbins. You gave me encouragement to finish this work. Also, for helping me to locate the Alford grave site, in Logansport, Indiana & taking the pictures. Without your help, this work would never of been possible.


Carol J. Benedict
Great-great-granddaughter of Dr. C. L. Alford


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Preface

As a descendent of the Alford's - or of that most distinguished Genealogical Tree - I became deeply interested for a number of years in the work of tracing our past family lineage and by the course of facts gleaned from "History" and through family Records furnished me by our kinsmen in name, which has enabled me to compile the following pages of their History - although in an **imperfect** manner or only a **partial pedigree** of the Alford_Genealogical Tree.

I found compiling a History of this kind was of great expense and work and ... cheerfully agree with many other genealogists and understand it is a great undertaking - as it required much research in obtaining Historical Records as well as Family Records - compiling and arranging these in line of lineage to give a biographical sketch as of a family pedigree - wherein **many errors are sure to be found** - and it is a great task - and they who undertake such a work will surely appreciate the labor and time, patience, skill and means to accurately accomplish a full degree of this kind - worthy of honor. 

The source of our investigations and research, were informed by other Alford's, that a like history was written and published by some one of the Alford's a good many years ago and that a copy was in the possession of a Miss F. Alford of Cleveland, Ohio and that this copy was loaned by her to a Mr. Alford of New York City or State and further trace of it could not be found - so as to enable us to find a copy or promise any farther trace of such a work. Since writing the above, **received a letter from Prof. Samuel W. Alvord 252 Ashley St, Hartford, Connecticut: Stating he had some 700 pages of Manuscript** - and intended having it printed in book form.  If such is the case and could have procured a copy it might have enabled me to add and make this work more complete.

To those who have so cheerfully assisted me in this family record, return them my sincere thanks, hoping the time may come when they will greatly appreciate this work, which has taken so much time in compiling. .

There were many of the Alford's who could have furnished me with their Family Records - with but little loss of time as I sent them Record Blanks requesting them to fill out and return to me - giving full names of parents children - births - marriages - deaths and location and traditions, etc, as far back as they possibly could in past history - but they did not seem to appreciate the work - neglecting to return the ... Family Record and this compelled me to omit their names and history from this work

I remain respectfully yours,
C. L. Alford M.D., Ph.D.
Logansport, Indiana 1904