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Mr. Gilbert K. Alford, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Alford:

Imagine what a surprise it was to receive a letter from a Gilbert Alford when I have a younger brother (age 75 this month) Gilbert Alford living in Horry County (my native home) S. C. Anyway I was glad to get your letter.

Since 1966 I have been trying to locate the date of birth and where born of my Great Great Grandfather Arthur Alford, Sr. and his wife Clarky.

I try to answer all requests for data pertaining to the Alford or Watts (my mothers side) line at no charge. Nor do I plan to ever charge anyone. When I can supply desired information that is reward enough to me.

I hope you have issue # 5 published July 1976, of the Alford Family Bulletin which contains an article by the late Mr. Hugh Edwin Alford of Pike County, Miss. giving the origin of the Alford name and other Alford data. If you do not have it I'll be glad to send you photocopies (poor copies) of the article. I am sorry that because of poor health she (Mrs. Bowman) ceased publication of the Bulletin.

The first data I have on Arthur Alford, Sr. is a deed recorded in the Horry County, S. C. Courthouse, on June 3, 1803 for 424 acreas, furniture, horses, cattle, hogs and negroes. I have a hand written copy of his will.

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I am sending you a manuscript listing the direct descendents of Arthur Alford, Sr. through my generation. Included are other data of interest to other Alfords.

I was born December 8, 1900 on a farm in Horry County S. C. Conway is the county seat and Myrtle Beach in Horry County is a popular summer resort. Had my first stroke in June 1974. I walk with a cane.

I enjoyed your letter very much and hope this will be the beginning of a pleasant correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

L E Alford
Lewis Emerson Alford

Enclosure: Manuscript

P.S. When I retired I had on hand quite a lot of audit report letterheads, which I am using on genealogical correspondence.

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