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Dear Sir:

Based on our correspondence, you seem to have several of the natural qualities of an Alford. I must have close to one hundred (100) close relatives, but I do not know a one of them that is sincerely interested in genealogy. So, after reviewing my kin, as well as others, it seems that you are the one who has already started in the genealogical business and I wish to make you an offer of a gift if you are in a position to accept.

I have a copy of a hand written will of my great, great grandfather and the contents of my great grandfather's estate.

Also, I have correspondence in my files of those I have served and many that I have not served (probably 2 or 3 dozen or more). There are a dozen copies of the Alford Family Bulletin which is devoted entirely to the surname Alford. It is published by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman, Sr., 4400 East West Highway #1121, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, and is the best source of data I have yet found on the Alford surname.

I also have approximately 100 or more copies of deeds recorded in Horry County, South Carolina from 1800 to after 1900. These were furnished to me by my niece, Mrs. Gladys Allen. Included are printed copies of the 1790 census on the following states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

I possess one copy of the magazine The American Genealogy from Ae to All which includes soldiers and sailors of the American Revolution, immigrants to America before 1750 and other data.

The aforementioned materials are too bulky to mail, so if you are interested enough to make a trip to Tampa I will gladly present them to you as a gift.

I am 83 years old and had my first stroke in 1974. I was in the hospital twice in 1982 and again in October of 1983. I have had to use a walker for two or more years now as my equilibrium has gotten much worse recently.

Although my wife and I are not in good health, We do have a good housekeeper, so you could arrange to spend the night with us while we get all this data together.

Please let me know if this offer interests you and with best wishes I am

Yours truly,

*L. E. Alford*  
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