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Dear Mr Alford

My mother was an Alford and I have amassed quite a stack of information on the family. Some years back, it was told that in 1634 four Alfords came from England and settled in Salem Mass. Later two or three of the immigrants or their descendents came south and that all Southern Alford families are descended therefrom. I'm leaving out details of course. Recently Gil Alford of St Louis sent me a little brochure written by an Alford from Mississippi now deceased proving, at least to my satisfaction, that the connection between north and south families doesn't hold up. I won't say it is impossible but a lot more proof would be needed than similarity of a few names. The Mississippi cousin believed that the Virginia Alfords of New Kent County came directly to Virginia from England. I had accepted the old story on faith which is something genealogists should NOT have. I just had no reason to question them previously. I had already decided that all Southern Alfords are not related although many of them are. In the Boddie books, Boddie mixed the New Kent Virginia Alfords with some North Carolina one of whom I had discovered claimed, at least, to have been born in Ireland. Apparently a considerable portion of southern Alfords are descended from the alleged Irishman. Most including myself and probably yourself do descend from the New Kent Alfords.

The name "Clarky" caught my eye and memory but there could be more than one Clarky in the Alford family. OR, your Arthur Alford could have married a cousin, Clarky Alford daughter, perhaps, of Sion Alford and Clarky McTyer (or Tyler). Let me go back to Lodowick/Lodwick Alford :

Lodowick Alford son of James Alford 1685-1721. Lodowick had 3 or 4 wives, 3 for sure

s William Alford, oldest son, my ancestor, Only son I think by Lodowick's wife Elizabeth, 1734-1825

s Jacob Alford 1738-1794 son by w/Susannah, A JP in Robeson Co NC
2w Mary Pace b 1750, m 1769

s Sion Alford was in Robeson Co NC in 1830, md Clarkey as above
da Elizabeth Alford 1789-1823 md John Drake 1806, many ch &
other descendents

s Sion Jr md Elizabeth Little in Robeson Co NC in 1833
above are only ch of Sion I know about.

s Lodwick Alford Jr Maj Wake Co Reg 1773 b 1743 md Judith Jackson in
Greene Co GA in 1798

s Green Alford md Nancy Rose Liles in Wake Co NC in 1813

Lodowick had many other children. I put those in for a

purpose. In Gil's Alford Newsletter, there is a comment by Charles Sleight of 7413 Sportsman Drive, Fall Church VA 22043 saying that his great grandmother Susan Alford married an Adams, Susan's father was Nathaniel Green Alford and grandfather was Lodwick Alford AND I am under the impression that they ended up in South Carolina and might possibly tie in with your Alfords. I wrote to Chas Sleight to see if his Nathaniel Green could be the Green above or, if not, his Lodwick was the Lodwick Jr above but I have not yet heard from him.

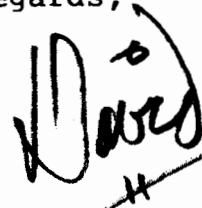
Well there are a couple of leads for you. Sometimes when you have an opportunity you might send me a copy of your line since I am interested in all descendents of the New Kent County Virginia Alfords.

If you are interested in Gil Alford's news letter, you can send him \$10 for a one year subscription. He was going to give it away but found that impractical and more expensive than he could afford. His address is 1403 Kingsford Drive, Florissant MO 63031.

Good luck and

Sincere regards,

David



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