

June 13, 1977

Dear Uncle Lewis,

How are you and Aunt Catherine getting along?² I hope you both are doing well. We are doing just fine. Mama and Daddy seem to be in good health. They are busy with the garden this time of the year. It will soon be time to freeze beans and corn for the winter. I planted three rows of beans. I think this is all I can do with two babies. They are a hand full.

I have been trying to work on the History that you need. It is a slow process. I have been working two nights a week now for about two months. One of my secretaries is out on maternity leave so I have very little time left. We are trying to finish the Budget for the Fiscal Year 1977-78 and time is running out. I hope that when this is finished I will have more time to devote to looking up the records. I have just purchased a \$10,000.00 copy machine for my office so this should help in making the copies. Enclosed is a copy of a deed from Mederith Alford to Levi Alford recorded March 21, 1850, Book L, Page 444. Some of these are real interesting to read.

It is almost time to go home so I will close for now. Write when you have time and let us know how you are.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gladys".

[AAFA Note: A handwritten note attached to the document in this case said "Enclosed with letter dated 6-13-77 from Gladys Allen." We were able to find a copy of that letter in L.E. Alford's collection and it appears above. In 1978 Gladys was Clerk of the Horry County Council.]

The subject document, which was listed on page 2 of L.E. Alford's deed index. Recorded Dec. 3, 1849 in book L page 444.

SLAVE

The State of South Carolina
 Henry District
 Know all men by these presents that we Meredith Alford and Levi Alford in the District of Henry and State aforesaid in consideration of one dollar to us paid by John Smith of Henry District (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) do hereby give grant bargain sell and convey unto the said John Smith his heirs and assigns a certain negro woman named Jimmy to have and to hold the aforesaid negro woman Jimmy to himself his heirs and assigns forever and for the consideration aforesaid and for diverse other good and valuable considerations we do hereby release and quit claim unto the said John Smith his heirs and assigns all our right and claim to the negro aforesaid.

In Witness whereof we the said Meredith Alford and Levi Alford have hereunto set our hands and seals this thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Meredith Alford
 Levi Alford

In presence of
 J. J. Anderson
 Arthur H. Crawford
 J. V. Anderson

South Carolina
 Henry District
 Personally appeared before me J. J. Anderson
 and made oath to the facts therein set forth
 Arthur H. Crawford was present and saw Meredith Alford and
 Levi Alford sign seal and deliver the within Bill of Sale unto
 John Smith for the use and purpose therein contained
 Shown to before me
 March 1 1850
 W. J. Graham

Recorded March 2 1850