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Mrs Lou Floy Milligan
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Dear Mrs Milligan:

In the last issue of the Independent Republic Quarterly I note that you are interested in the Alford and Watts families.

I am enclosing what data I have on the Alford family from my own father back to my great-great grandfather, Arthur Alford, Sr. Also included are photo-copies taken from The Magazine of American Genealogy, s October, 1929 issue.

I am having difficulty in learning where Arthur Alford, Sr was born and reared before going to Horry County, S.C.. You will note on the enclosed photo-copies names of 50 Alfords that served in the American Revolution. It seems reasonable to assume that Arthur Alford, Sr was connected with one of the Alfords that served in the Revolutionary war.

Also enclosed is a photo-copy giving all the data which I have on the Watts family. As soon as I can obtain more data on the Alford line I plan on devoting more time in my search for data on the Watts family.

Any assistance you are able to provide me in my pursuit of data on the Alford and Watts families will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Alford,

It is thrilling to run into, or hear from a fellow genealogist. I am a busy mother of four children - and run errands for everyone - there is hardly time now to search for ancestors. Perhaps in years to come I can do more. Now I'm trying to get what the older folks remember before they die.

I keep running into the name Clarky Alford + Flossie?

I have lots of unorganized notes. It is hard to find anything.

I have some census records in Horry, Columbus, + Brunswick Co.

My husband's people are from Brunswick County. Milliken, Smith, Hewitt, Ludlum, Gore, Long, Simmons

My daughter's teacher is Mrs. Collin Hucks - from Horry Co. Katie Bell Hucks Milligan or Lois might help you on Hucks line.

In Horry Co, Probate Court records - I ran across a fascinating paper.

"William Alford deeded 300 acres on Braxton Branch of Maple Swamp to his only lawful heir John Alford. John Alford married Dolly Carrell. They had a daughter Priscilla Alford who married Wm Norris of N.C. Other children were Duke^w, Dotty who married Robert Allen, and John? -

Mary - died but was married to Joshua Long. Mary's children were Mary Eliza, Mantha, Susanna, Elizabeth, and Joshua."

His cousin + neighbor of mine in his 90's always talked about Josh Long - finally it dawned on me this Josh Long (his great-grandfather was Joshua Long, husband of Mary Alford.) Mantha named a son Josh who named a son Duke.

A lady working on Horry County - sent me the children of Duke Alford.

Now I'm trying to find Dotty Allen.

Mantha, Susanna, and Elizabeth have fascinating stories - I'm looking for Mary Eliza and little Josh now.

Do any of these names mean anything to you?

Eli Watts, Sr. owned a lot of land.
I believe that Eli, Sr's father was
John Watts who was son of Berryman
Watts.

Berryman Watts and Richard Watts
were in Bladen Co. in ~~1790~~ 1790. R Watts
was in Columbus in 1810. Berryman
Watts willed many children hundred
of acres in Columbus county in 1811.
He had a son John, a son Richard,
Penelope, etc. I have a copy someplace
around here.

There was a Barnabas Watts and
Alexander Watts in Columbus 1840-1850?

There was a Galesbury Watts at
Nakina (which was once called Wattsville)

The 1850 & 1860 record of Wattses in
Horry county are mostly initials.

I'm so glad you are working
on the Wattses.

I believe the Wattses of Horry County
are related to my Wattses. Ellen Watts
Blanton, widow of Judge Blanton of Horry said
the Wattses were related.

Columbus County was formed from
Bladen & Brunswick in 1808.

Must run - write again soon -

Good luck on your search,

Louise Milligan

