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L.E. Alford, 2536 West Curtis, Tampa, Fla. 33614
(Hillsborough)

William Alford, age 26, a printer came from London on the ship "Sophia" to Maryland, as an Indented Servant, from the Port of London in Oct. of 1774.

Mary Alford, age 21, a spinster, came from London on the ship "Sophia" to Maryland, as an Indented Servant, from the Port of London in Oct. 1774.

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In "Genealogical Helper" for Sept/Oct. 1977
on page 514 Mrs. Carol (Phillips) Sechrist of
3033 Hill Street, Huntington Park, CA 90255
(Los Angeles) Desc P of Elizabeth Alford m
Samuel Bregg, Loudoun CO VA.

December 1, 1977

Mrs Irene Whatley
Rt 1, Box 79B
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Dear Mrs Whatley:

Thanks for your letter of October 26 in which you gave the name of "Alford".

I am still searching for the dates of birth and death of my great-great grandfather, Arthur Alford and where he was born.

I am also a subscriber to the Genealogical Helper.

Again, thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Yours truly,

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Mrs. Irene Whatley
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Richards, Texas
Feb. 4, 1978

Dear Mr. Alford,

I have been taking notes on your Alford name as I ran across it in my search of my families. I will try to write what I found on your name and suggest a few things you can do to locate info. on your family.

First, I think you will have to search back in the New England States. My search led me to the Mass. area. I found the Alford name there in a catalogue I have, ^{that is} put out by ~~The~~ Goodspeed's Book Shop, Inc. 15 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108. The price of it is \$1.50. The catalogue I have is catalogue 582. on page 82 of this catalogue under no 3066 Massachusetts vital Records to 1850- there is a book listed on the Alford.
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family - 32 pages printed in 1902 price
\$10.00.

This tells me the family has a
written history and that a town
named for the Alford family was
in Mass. before 1850. you can order
the book from Woodspeed's Catalogue.

also, I ordered the will of
Arthur Alford fromorry County
S. Carolina for \$3.00. It might tell
you something. you may already
have it - if not - you may have
mine. It lists Arthur Alford,
his wife Clarky Alford, a son Herie
Alford, a son Arthur Alford (who
must be a Jr. or Arthur II), a daughter
Mehaley (Ludlum) wife of Thomas
Ludlum, a daughter Eliza Alford,
a son Warren Tress Alford, a
daughter Clarky Alford, a daughter
Unity Alford, a son Meredith
Alford, a William Alford who
owned a plantation - I think half
of this plantation was purchased
by Arthur Alford.

The executors of this will were
John Johnson and George Williams

who I think will prove to be a distant relative of my Williams family.

The will was signed by Arthur Alford on the 17th day of April, 1827 in the 51st year of the American Independence.

Signed in the presence of
Henry Hemingway
Jordan Smith
Hezekiah Catret

Recorded in Will Book A. Page 43
Recorded May 26th 1827
John Durant Ordinary, H. D.
Box 1 Bundle 1.

The receipt I got showing I paid \$3.00 for the will was from office of Judge of Probate
Horry County
Conway S. C.

and signed by Frances Walker
assistant clerk of Probate for
Horry County, S. C.

I also have a census list on 26 Alford people on the 1840 Alabama Census, and 25 Alford people on the 1850 Georgia Census.

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I have other information on alleged people in Texas and other places but will not send it in this letter as this is all one envelope will hold.

Hope you can use this info. & that you find your family's roots in the Massachusetts area.

If you want the census records I have you may have them. I am 73 yrs. old, a retired school teacher, and nearly blind so I cannot do the census lists for you unless I have a lot of extra time to do them. I have to use a reading glass and can only read on days when my health permits.

Let me hear from you on how you come out on the Massachusetts area, etc. I need to feel useful and that I can help someone else now and then.

Sincerely,
Irene Whatley

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February 17, 1978

Mrs Irene Whatley
Rt 1 Box 79B
Richards, Texas 77873

Dear Mrs Whatley:

Your letter of February 4, 1978 providing suggestions in genealogical research was most highly appreciated.

For your information I was born and reared in Horry County, South Carolina. Being a member of the Horry County Historical Society, in 1966, while on a visit to Conway, I stopped by the office and copied from their records the names of my great-great grandfather and his children and of my great grandfather, Arthur Alford and his children.

I am enclosing photo-copies of my great-great grandfather to, and including, my father's family. You will note that births and deaths dates of my great-great grandfather and my great-grandfather are missing . I also have a photo-copy of my great-great grandfather's will and the probate records of my great grandfather

I have an index to the names of the following states; Conn., Maine, Md., Mass., N.H., N.Y., N.C., Pa., R.I., S.C., and Vt.. And I have the complete 1790 Federal Census pm the state of North Carolina. I have not been able to connect any of the names stated therein with my line of Alfords.

I can readily understand the physical conditions which you mentioned in your letter. Both of my eyes were chopped on about five years apart for cataracts. I just passed my 77th birthday in December.

I will be glad to cooperate with you in any way I can in our search for genealogy. Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Richards, Texas
aug. 21, 1978

Mr. L. E. Alford,
2536 West Curtis
Tampa, Florida 33614

Dear Mr. Alford:

I think I have found where you can get all the info. on your family line from England to their arrival in America.

I am a member of the Connecticut Nutmegger Genealogy Society. I get a copy of their monthly Nutmegger Book. In the last issue I found the Parish Register of Alford - where it is in England and where it is located in America.

You can get someone who does research in Washington, D.C. to search the records there and get you all the info. you need.

on page 19 of the Nutmegger magazine (or Book) for June 1978.

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 found this information:
 The Parish Register of Alford is
 found in Wll, Lincolnshire
 County, England. a copy of the
Parish Register of Alford is in
 the Rare ~~Room~~ Book Room of the
 Library of Congress in Washington,
 D.C.

(I found this (below) in the
Heads of Families at the first
U.S. Census in 1790 in N.C.

Benjamin Alford
 3 white ~~families~~ ^{females} including
 heads of families.
 2, 7 free white males under 16 yrs.
 1, 7 free white males of 16 years
 and upward including heads of
 families.

This tells me that Benjamin
 Alford had 2 sons under 16 yrs.
 and 2 daughters and a wife.
 (p. 150) of the Census Records.

on a list of certified
 persons to do genealogy for
 others is the following name

who does searching for others
in the national archives, only:

Miss Sadye Hiller
1421 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

I hope this will help you
get your info.

I am about to finish the
last washer of clothes for
today.

Now I have fears to
can. I've spent all the morning
running around outside in
the dew trying to help two
Mexican men locate and
take a trailer up the road
to my neighbor who sent
them after the trailer.
Neither one of the Mexican
men could speak our
language and I couldn't
speak theirs but I finally
understood their motions
enough to get the trailer
(over)

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hitched to their tractor and
on the way back to my
neighbor's house.

Can you feature an
old 73 yr. old nearly blind
woman running around
helping 2 Mexican men
hunt for things to hitch
the trailer on to the tractor.

My son works all day
as an electrician and is
gone from home all day, so
if a neighbor sends his hired
help to borrow some of my
son's machinery, I have to
go unlock the gate and let
them inside the pasture to
get it.

I have to hang the last
washer of wearing clothes,
(good ones) we wear out in
public.

Hope this info. helps you
out. Postage has gone up so
high recently I have to curtail
my correspondence unless
everybody who writes for

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help sends me a self addressed stamped envelope to send them a letter back.

How is your health holding out? I keep so busy I don't have time to notice aches and pains unless they get to be unbearable. Then I visit a doctor for help.

If you want me to try and get your information from the national archives send me a list of just what you want and I will make a try at finding out for you.

I'm almost sure the Parish Register of Alford will tell you about Arthur Sr. when he came to America and on what ship he came on - also some of his background.

Let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely
Irene Whatley.

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September 27 1978

Mrs Irene Whatley
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Richards, Texas 77873

Dear Mrs Whatley:

Thank you very much for your interesting letter of August 21 1978 and the references to data obtainable on the Alford ancestry.

With all the activities you mentioned being engaged in you are certainly a spry "young un".

I also have a photo-copy of my GGGrandfather Arthur Alford's will but I do not understand that William Alford was a son. My niece, Mrs Gladys Allen is employed in the Borry County Courthouse and each week as her time permits she is mailing me portions of all legal documents relating to all the Alfords from 1803 to January 1 1930. The names John, Jesse-Susanna, Barby, Moses and William Alford appears before 1814 and some of them later.

A lady in Santa Ana, California provided me with this Alford data. Children of John Alford of Holt Castle: (1) John who sold Holt Castle and died in 1600. (2) Arthur Alford, (3) Lancelot, (4) Edward (1597). She also writes she/unverified information that had landed three Alford brothers left Wales and arrived in Charleston in the early 1600's.

I appreciate your suggestions regarding information available in certain Parishes and may later call on you for assistance providing the cost is not prohibitive.

Will you please do me a favor? Please use only one side of the paper when writing, me. My correspondence is filed with Acco fasteners which necessitates turning the file around and the paper upside ~~te~~ down to read the message.

My recent ailments are trouble with/eyes otherwise can you imagine a 77 year old youth being as frisky as a three year old colt in a rye pasture?

Sincerely yours

Enclosure: SASE.

Your letter did not contain one.