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Dear Gil,

I thought it might be a good idea to write you and bring you up to date about what is happening here in KY. I am going to list several citations that you already know and a few that I am sure you have not seen. Perhaps you can help me:

- 1771 Charles Alford witnessed for James Alford's purchase of land May 9 (100a) from Drury Howard in Goochland, Co., VA BK 10:133 (Charles Alford was about 27 years old see citation of 1804)
- 1773 Charles Alford witnessed the will of Humphery Parrish in Goochland, Co. VA Geneal. 8:102
- 1774 Survey done for John Woodson and Charles Alford in Albemarle Co., VA (397¼ a., 55 of which fell in Louisa Co., VA. VA Survey Bk pg 109
- 1774 Inventory of items from Thomas Prosser & Co., Richmond, VA Mercer Co., Circuit Court records, box A-1 (copy on Alf 30c) Items were charged but apparently never paid for.
- 1778 Rowan Co., NC Tax List - Charles Alford £371.13 (Abstracts of Wills & Estates of Rowan Co., NC 1753-1805 & Tax Lists of 1759 & 1778 by Linn, Jo White)
- 1779-1780 Charles Alford and Hansil were living at Bowman's Station two miles east of Harrodsburg, KY during this terrible winter. Hansil Alford was old enough to sign a petition the spring of 1780. (Pg 58 Petitions of the Early Inhabitants, John P. Morgan & Co., Louisville, KY 1914) *
- 1783 May Court. John Smith, plaintiff vs Charles Alford , defendant. Lincoln Co.,KY
- 1783 August Court. Smith vs Charles Alford in Lincoln Co., KY Charles Alford was allowed to take depositions of Frederick Prescott and John Dixon of NC, witnesses for him in the suit with Smith. There is no record of depositions by these men.
- 1785 June Court. Charles Alford received the right to take depositions of John Howard and Hansil Alford in Smith vs Charles Alford. Order BK. #2 Lincoln Co Courthouse

Stanford, KY

1785 Peter Boucher defendant to Charles Alford. Charles sued Peter Boucher for many items the last being "six days for work for son at 2/6" (amounting to) £3 or half pay. Mercer Co Courthouse, box A-1. Since there were only two Alford's in KY at this time I have to assume this was Hansil.

1786 Charles Alford vs Thomas Jeffrys and William Jeffrys. KY

1787 Charles Alford on Andrew Beall's List of Insolvents and Removals owing 0.17.0 - sworn constable, (and 1 unnamed tith) Alf -VA (KY)#120

1788 Charles Alford vs Prosser and Trent of Richmond, VA in Mercer Co., KY

1789 Charles Alford vs Peter Boucher in Mercer Co, KY

1792 Charles Alford bought 162 acres in Mercer Co., KY

1794 Charles Alford vs Prosser and Trent. Mercer Co., KY Hansil Alford being of full age remembers "Charles paid James Overton debt owed to Prosser and Trent. Mercer Co. Circuit Court Records.

1796 Charles Alford vs Prosser and Trent Mercer Co., KY

1796 Charles Alford bought land (119acres) in Garrard Co., KY. Garrard Co Deed Bk A

1800 Charles Alford was appointed to survey the road from Bellisfetts Mill to E. Smith Order BK 1:12 Garrard Co., Aug Court 1800 pg 428

1804 Charles Alford "deposed" he was about 60 years old. Forest Calico See Draper collection.

1809 Charles J. Alfred b. Fluvanna, VA and died 1 Jan, 1875 in Weston, WV. He married Agnes Langford in 1830. This line of Alfreds according to Robert E. Alfred Jr, could remember when they used both Alford and Alfred as their family name.

1818-1819 Charles Alford died in Garrard Co., KY

*The men who spent the winter of 1779-1780 were listed as heads of households therefore I believe that Polly was with her husband and son.

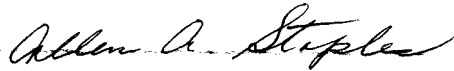
This was a very bad winter and the Bowman Station people arrived in KY too late to finish suitable shelters. Apparently there were many deaths particularly children. This may account for the gap in ages of Charles Alford's children. History records that all waterways froze solid. Cattle and buffalo bunched up for warmth but froze where they stood.

The enclosure mentioned below was withdrawn as the family is not related.

Please find enclosed the latest from Garrard Co - the Alford Bible. I have never heard of these people but it makes me wonder if Charles Alford might be from New York State. My great grandfather, O.P. Alford I, took his wife to White Sulphur Springs, NY where she had her first child, Smith Edison Alford. Audrey America Alford settled in New York City. My grandfather, Oliver Perry Alford was in business in NYC until his insurance business took him to Pittsburgh, PA and then to Chicago.

I am therefore starting to look in New York for Alfords and of course wouldn't mind some help.

Sincerely,

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