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I have been researching my husband's family tree for about 12 years, but I just recently started on the Alford side of the family. Zilpha Jernigan b. about 1776 married Arthur Alford about 1793 in Wayne Co., NC. They had a son Arthur Alford born June 10, 1794. Zilpha divorced Arthur Alford and gave her son the Jernigan name. She later married Amos Wiggs. I have seen in other researcher's work where Arthur died about 1797, but I have found no record to prove it. I am wondering if he could be the same person as Theophilus Alford who died before 1800.

Court records show Theophilus to be a scoundrel. Zilpha's father died in 1792 and Theophilus (Arthur) could have married her for her inheritance. It is probable that he was married before Zilpha given the difference in their ages and this would explain the 1790 census.

Folder: 1791 Indictment of Matthew New by (Dobbs Co., yeoman), James Holmes (Dobbs Co. yeoman) and Theophilus Alford (Wayne Co. yeoman) for attempting to defraud James Atkinson (Edgecombe Co.) of his rightful pay as soldier in the Continental line. Atkinson was a soldier in the NC line on the Continental establishment in 1783, and was entitled to \$26 and 2/3. Newby, Holmes, and Alford forged a power of attorney on 2 occasions, naming Alford as his attorney, and authorizing William Skinner, commissioner of loans, to give Alford all of Atkinson's arrears of pay. (on back: Says 3A True Bill .2 Also says 3Nol pros. as to all three2) .

Date: 21 July 1791 (both POALs)

Date of Event

County: Dobbs/Wayne/Edgecomb

Folder 1791 (second folder)

State vs. Theophilus Alford: David Cogdell charges the defendant with 5.7.10 (pounds) for appearing on his behalf in the case.

Date: 28 Sept 1791

Date of: Charge made

County: Not given

Folder: 1791 (second folder)

State vs. Theophilus Alford: William Whitfield charges the defendant with 4.8.8 (pounds) for appearing on his behalf in the case.

Date: 29 Sept 1791

Date of: Charge made

County: Not given

Folder: 1791 (second folder)

State vs. Theophilus Alford: Absalom Williams charges the defendant with 5.5.8 (pounds) for appearing on his behalf in the case.

Date: 28 Sept 1791

Date of: Charge given
County: Not given

Folder: 1791 (second folder)
State vs. Theophilus Alford: Ezekial Slocurn charges the defendant with 5.7.4 (pounds) for appearing on his behalf in the case.
Date: 28 Sept 1791
Date of: Charge made
County: Not given

Folder: 1791 (second folder)
Appearance bond for Theophilus Alford with Malcolm Gillis, Charles Sanders, and Joseph Hale bondsmen. Alford to appear and answer a charge of perjury and defraud.
Date: 1 Aug 1791
Date of Bond
County: Craven

Folder: 1792 (second folder)
Summons for Theophiilus Alford, with bondsmen Malcolm Gibbs. Charles Saubders, and Joseph Hall to forfeit bond in which Alford failed to appear and answer a charge of perjury.
Date: 19 Sept 1791
Date of: Summons
County: Wayne