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Dear Mr or Mrs Alford:

Recently when I was in the San Francisco Library I came upon a book of family bibles in Tennessee. I am doing Alford family research myself, and was pleased to find pages of a Bible copied from one belonging to Carl Alford from Terrell City, Tennessee.

My Great-Great Grandfather Charles Alford lived near Philadelphia, Tenn. which at that time (1840-1850) was part of Roane County.

I noticed that many of the Alford names listed in the Bible also appear in my family, such as Charles, Benjamin, Mary, Martha, William and Robert.

I found in the 1850

Census for Roane County, Tenn.,
John Alford, age 64, and his
wife Jane, age 58, both from
North Carolina. They had five
children, Lucie, Thomas, Margaret,
Rebecca and Alexander, all born
in Tennessee. Was this family
related to you? My Great-Great
Grandfather Charles also lived
in Roane Co at that time.
He was 61 years old and was
also from North Carolina. I
think he and John were
brothers although I have no
proof of that. Charles had
a daughter named Rebecca also,
and a son William Alexander.
My Grandfather was Thomas
Alford so again there is a
similarity in names.

From what I've been
able to discover in records,
Charles Alford left North Carolina

shortly after 1800 and settled
in East Tennessee. I think
he had 2 brothers John and
William. At different times
he lived in Knox, Sevier, Monroe
and Roane Counties. He lived
in Terrestone Co, Alabama between
1820-1830 where my Great Grandfather
Matthew was born, but moved
back to East Tennessee where
he lived until 1850 near
Philadelphia. About 1850 several
of the Alfords moved to
Macoupin Co. Southern Illinois
to continue farming. My Great-
Grandfather Matthew left Illinois
about 1863 and settled here
in Northern California.

If anyone in your family
is interested in, or has any
information concerning Alford
family history, I would
sure like to hear from them.

I've tried to find out
what part of North Carolina
the family is from but so
far have been unsuccessful

Sincerely,

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