

three "Sand Town" or "Sandtown" listing- Newton, Wilkes and Campbell/Fulton Counties.

The reference to **SIPPY ALFORD**, which I think you had before, is interesting. Although they are "cousins" and Sippy did live in Georgia for awhile I was surprised to see such an apparent *closeness* existed. As you know Spire was the grandson of Julius Alford born about 1749 in North Carolina. Sippy was the son of ole' Julius' brother Kinchen Alford. Sippy and a couple of brothers and a sister, none of whom did too well in their fathers will, all moved to Georgia. As far as I know Sippy was the only one to go to Texas. Pat Fite of Houston is a descendant of his and we have a good bit of information on his branch.

Anything I say about the list of Alfords who were in the Creek War will be most speculative. I'm going to try ordering some of their records from the archives to see what turns up.

There was a **BURRELL HALFORD** in Alabama but I have not checked the age to see how he fits. He turned up in the Mississippi 1850 census as a Alford. Alabama was loaded with Halfords as well as Alfords.

JEFFERSON ALFORD was probably Jefferson from St. Clair and Cherokee Counties, son of Baldy Alford who was son of Isham Alford who was another brother of ole Julius who lived in Georgia. He was Paul Warren Alford's (Al state rep in Decatur) ancestor and he and I have been doing a lot on his branch. Talked to Paul on phone yesterday.

J. ALFORD and **L.F. ALFORD** who were with Spire in Robinson's company might have been first cousins (almost step brothers) James Andrew Alford who later went to Texas and Lodwick C. P. (F vs P) who you know also later went to Texas. Jim Alford would know and I may have it here if you could tell me which pile to look in Ha! Ha!

Any time you see a potential Texas connection (need) in your Alfords I suggest you refer it to Lucille Mehrkam in Houston. She knows more about Texas Alfords than anyone living and she is our Texas Genealogist. She is at 1070 Gardenia, Houston 77018-4313. She is also very informed on many Alabama Alfords as hers were there for some time.

Now – Back to what I was about to write you. As you may know we have been trying to have "genealogies" at our meetings to cover most of the families that will be represented by those present or that were prominent in the meeting state. Up until last year we used printouts of my old format from dbase IV. Last year we began using indexed register reports printed out with Brother's Keeper. With it we can now reasonably include all the descendants of females regardless of surname. Of course your branch was prominent in Alabama and I expect several from that branch to be

present in Decatur so it has received some priority in genealogy building this year. I've already entered much data and have sent preliminary printouts to several female descendants to get additional data. I deliberately left you and your branch out of that effort with the hope that I would be able to get a GEDCOM file from you. I don't remember if we've *talked* about this before or not - seems we have and I ought to check your file. Anyway- if you or Wanda are using a genealogy program would you please send me a high density MAC disk (or a DOS disk- any size or format) with the descendants of the earliest Alford you list- along with the spouses and parents of spouses if your export utility will include them. I'll convert the GEDCOM to Brother's Keeper- print out a register report and then split out the sub-branches that I don't have in the computer and import them into my file. If you wish I'll send you a GEDCOM file on MAC disk for any bunch you want. If you don't have GEDCOM ability then I need a hardcopy of all you've never sent me on the descendants of the female's in your branch of the Alford's. Well in advance of the meeting I'll be sending you a draft printout on the descendants of Spire for review and comment.

Congratulations on your great find and for the fantastic letter/article you developed from it. I trust you did send this to Pam on disk.

I look forward to seeing you and Wanda in just eight months or so.

Sincerely,

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