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Dear Mrs. Mehrkam:

We received your letter and Alford Book on Saturday and we received your note and the additional sheets today. We will be eternally grateful for the information in the book. We will probably go to the printer tomorrow to make copies of everything that will reproduce. The pages that will not reproduce we want to try and type into the computer before we send the book back.

We notice that a lot of what was published in Mrs Bowman's "Alford Family Bulletin" came from you. Is there a chance that there is a lot of duplication between your informal notes and what she published? We have not had time to make a detailed comparison. Some of the other pages such as the English family charts will probably not reproduce and we want to try and capture all that information.

In your letter that came with the notebook you said "I am sending the Alford Bulletin instead of cards as I believe it will be of more help to you." Does that mean that your cards were prepared from the bulletin? I personally found the one sample card you sent on my great grandfather to be better organized than the entries in the bulletin. Enclosed is a copy of the computer record I made from your card. Also enclosed is the sample card you sent. I am planning to profit by your admitted mistake. I am going to show references or sources to the extent I can.

In your letter of Aug 29 you mentioned the family listed in KINFOLKS. We are not familiar with KINFOLKS. Is it by chance the title of the publication from which you took the article ~~you sent from which you took the article you sent on~~ William B. Alford? It was labeled Montgomery County History 1981 so I assumed that was the title of the publication. We do want to write Mrs. McClenny, but do not want to make any inappropriate references. Thank you for her address and for Mrs. Thurman's.

How long may we plan to keep your book for the purpose of typing what will not reproduce? Would you like for us to return that part that we can reproduce and send the other later or would you rather it be kept all together. If you wish we will return it all just as soon as we make copies of that which will reproduce. *we will just forget the others*

We did not know that Mrs Bowman had discontinued her bulletin. We have written to her explaining our plan. Her daughters Alford line and mine are the same down through Jacob and Frankie. There sure are a lot of conflicting reports on Jacob, his wives, his children and his parents.

Sincerely,

Gil Alford