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Mr. Orville Alford Route 2, Box 390C Pineville, KY 40977

Dear Orville:

Thanks for the letter of February 7 and the information on your Alford line.

With the worksheet you sent I can now see your connection with JOSEPH ORVILLE ALFORD and his father ORVILLE FELTON ALFORD. Your 3rd great grandfather John Alford who married Dirisa / Diarissa / etc. is your common ancestor.

John was also Joseph Orville's 3rd great grandfather. While you descend from John's son Daniel L. Alford, this other branch descends through John's son John Russell Alford.

Pat and Orville F. Alford have worked long and hard on finding more about John and Diarissa, but have little more than you have. They have obtained a copy of a Rutherford County marriage record of January 12 1826 between a John Alford (also written as Halford) and what appears to be Dirsy Lunsford. It certainly fits well.

We are collecting considerable data on Halfords of that area of North Carolina but have yet to find one who would fit.

Pat and Orville are founding members of our association. You might like to join while it is still possible to be classed as a charter member. I've enclosed a leaflet on the organization.

I'm sending Pat and Orville a copy of this letter so they can see we are in touch with a distant cousin.

Sincerely,

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