

April 27-82
H. K., and Mary.
I'm going to
go ahead, and
send this, as
Fay is going
into town this
morning, and
can take it
by Post office.
will try and
write you a
letter later.
Pat.
you can have
this copy.

NOTE: THIS MATERIAL MAY BE

After I retired and began to delve into our family history I had the impression that my cousin Thelma Smith Uhlman was probably the best place to start.

For about the past quarter century she had, apparent to me at least, been doing more about family heritage and history than anyone else. I had attended one of our annual family reunions about 20 years before. I probably met Pat Brock Smith at that reunion but I honestly don't remember.

I wrote to Thelma and a copy of her response is included elsewhere on this page of letters. She passed me to Pat Brock Smith and what a blessing that was.

Within a week I had a "letter" from Pat as seen on the left of these notes. Pat never let the absence of stationery get in the way of corresponding. The "note" on the left was written on 3 ½ strips that she had obviously cut from something else. She, and her husband Fay, ran a store in Progress, MS. Once I got a "letter" she had written on a brown paper bag. Perhaps it will be added to this collection later.

The page numbers are mine, and please forgive the holes punched in the paper so that it could be saved.

On her 2nd page she mentions Mrs. Duncan Murphy who was Pearl Steveanna Alford a first cousin once removed who I never met. I don't have the enclosure that Pat sent handy but I am familiar with the document because AAFA member E. Russ Williams, who was a professor of history at NE La University in those days, had used it in a book he published. When I questioned him on he said it was the result of research she had done to get her in The Colonial Dames. It contained several mistakes especially as pertains to Julius H. Alford b. 1819 in MS of St. Helena Parish who was NOT the son of our

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This information
is written by
a Mrs. Duncan
Murphy, a
descendant of John
Seaborn Alford, same
as we are.

Notice that she
writes that Jacob
was son of John
Alford Senior.

I have other
information that
our Jacob was
son of a Julius
Alford. I have
not had time to
really check this
part over. This
copy was just

Jacob Alford. His Julius or "our" Julius was b.
1797 in GA and was of Natchitoches and Sabine
Parish.

The Anne Alford who she mentions is a member
of AAFA and has attended at least one meeting.
Her father, the late Dr. Charles Alford is also a
member and I have visited with him in person in
Hammond.

By the way. My family always called me G. K.
or G. K. Jr. (or worse) and I never really cared
for it. After getting into genealogy and finding
out what a problem initials could be I liked it
even less. In the army and my civilian work I
was usually just known as "Alford" or "Al." So
don't you call me G.K. My wife still gets away
with it.

given ^③ to me
last week by
a Anne Alfred
whose father
Dr. Charles Alfred
of Homewood, Pa.
a descendant of
Nedham Alfred.
~~the~~ ^{is} trying to
prove that Nedham
was also son of
Jacob, a maybe
my first wife.

I do not believe that
Edwin ^{Barksdale} Alfred (this
is my husband's
ancestor) was son
of Elizabeth, all
other information
show that he was son

Frankie ^④ Barksdale
Seahorn. His
middle name was
Barksdale. I have
been to his grave
and the date of
birth & death
are correct or
same as in her material
I'm sorry that my
writing is so bad
and worse since I'm
trying to get this
in today's mail
will write more
later.

Patricia Brock Smith

G.K. + Mary. ⁽⁵⁾
will mail you a copy of will
by Julius Alfred next week. I also
have 28 pages of a book written by
Hugh Edwin Alfred ^{information} very good.
Pat