

Notice that this letter is obviously not being presented in chronological order. It was just handy but it is important for two reasons. First it shows that after twenty years Pat is still sending Alford information. Secondly it shows the extreme to which she goes to find data. As she said in her letter the letter she sent was found in a book that she had borrowed.

I'm only including the first page of the letter she enclosed. There are six pages, but most of them include information on living persons and I don't want that posted on the website. All of the data has been entered in the computer genealogy file and does appear in genealogies, ahnentafels, family group records, etc.

Gil Alford

Sept. 18, 83

Dear Gil + Mary,

I'm trying to mail you information as soon as I get it.

I found this letter in a Simmons book that, Bob Simmons R/O of Clyde Simmons let me keep for a few days. - (Clyde Simmons was Mr. Claude Alford's sister Lillie's son.) Hope that some of the info. will be useful.

I talked with the Smith sisters who are also descendants of Edwin Alford. If I can get them interested, will be a lot of help. They are retired school teachers and have been everywhere searching for their ancestors. They are also my son in law - Don's first cousins.

as usual in a hurry
Pat

Uncle Delis' Family April 3, 1981

Dear Clyde,

I hope this information will help you. I don't have any pictures that would help you, except one of Delis and Lottie. Most of the pictures I have are just snapshots and are all kind of old.

I will get a copy made of Delis & Lottie and mail it to you. I enjoyed reading your letter. It was very interesting and hope my news will be a help to you. I'll tell you a little bit about my family. I have three children two boys and a girl.

My oldest is Richard, married at the age of 38. Married a woman with two daughters. He works for Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. His wife ^{June} works for Interstate Commerce Commission. Lives in Riverdale, Md.

My second child, Brenda, married at age 23 to Robert A. Jennings. They have one daughter Beth Anne, 11 years of age. Bob works for Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. and Brenda works at Prince Georges General Hospital and is a secretary to the administrator of the hospital.

My third child Edward married at 21 years to Linda Chick. They have three girls ages 10, 8, + 2. He is in business for himself.

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and does wall papering and painting. He also lives in Riverdale, Ind.

Delis, my husband worked in dry cleaning in his early years. In later years he worked on marble, granite and stone. He worked two years on the museum of History and Technology in Wash. D.C. He died rather suddenly. After several strokes he only lived thirty eight days. It was quite a shock to all of us. I live alone in a senior citizens building in Cottage City, just a few miles from the district line.

When this book is finished I would like to have a copy.

Well! I guess I've talked enough about my family. I wish we all didn't live so far apart. I hope this letter finds all of you in good health.

Love to all,
Helen Albond

and Lamenda Fortenberry

magnolia, Miss.

Forestville, Md.

Delis Collier Alford b. Nov. 8, 1880 - m. Charlotte M. Linkney

Oct. 9, 1880. Feb. 4, 1904 11

Delis - died Oct. 24, 1970

Lottie - " March 8, 1952

Both are buried in Fort Lincoln Cemetery

11 children: Colmar Manor, Md.

A. Ethel May Alford b. ^{Wash. D.C.} Sept. 16, 1904 d. Feb. 25, 1981

Jack Holliday b. Oct. 7, 1900 d. Jan. 9, 1965

m. Nov. 1, 1921

Jack M. Holliday m. Joy Jack Jr. d. Oct. 7, 1997
b. Dec. 28, 1925

B. Alton B. Alford b. ^{Wash. D.C.} March 29, 1906

Bessie Durner b. Jan. 9, 1909

m. June 7, 1930

Alton B. Alford Jr. b. Aug. 11, 1934 -5

C. Edwin Franklin Alford b. ^{magnolia, Miss.} March 28, 1908 m.

Catherine Fleshman b. April 5, 1900

m. May 5, 1930

a. Edwin F. Alford Jr. b. March 6, 1932

b. Jack Byron Alford b. Oct. 24, 1934

D. Helma Valere Alford b. ^{Wash. D.C.} July 15, 1909 d. Sept. 5, 1997

Paul Eugene Miller b. July 16, 1907 d. May 28, 1997

m. March 25, 1929

Helen requests a copy of the book (1)