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Mr. Gilbert K. Alford, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Alford:

Enclosed is my check for \$12.00 for your publication About Alford's.

Also, I would like to purchase any back issues which you might have available. Please let me know what you have and the price.

Mr. Lodwick H. Alford of Sea Island, GA wrote me about you after I had answered a query he had in a local genealogical paper. I knew that ~~there~~ was an Alford Association some years ago in the DC-MD area ~~some years ago~~ and we had the publications in our genealogical library here. I am happy to learn of your interest and that you are doing so much to keep the Alford family lines researched.

Lodwick Alford said that he was going to send my first letter to him along to you, but I want to get a record of what you are doing and was happy that he shared with me his copy of Number 3.

I xeroxed some items from my Alford file which I have collected over the years and sent them to him. I would be glad to share any data I have ~~which~~ may be of interest to you. I can see by the number 3 issue that you have done a tremendous amount of work. However, as I told Lodwick, I have found documentary proof that Mary Alford, daughter of Lodowick Alford of Franklin County was married to Issac Alford who almost certainly was a son of Julius Alford. So Mary's son Bailey was legitimate as was my great great grandmother Elizabeth Alford who married Willie Clifton in 1802.

My letterhead is not to show that I am a professional when it comes to relatives. I share all my family research with others and it matters not to me how distant they are. When I moved to Raleigh about ten years ago after selling my business and retiring, having done many years of genealogical research, I decided that I needed to keep busy. I took some advance courses in research and applied for national certification. The tests they gave were not too hard to pass, so I began to do some research for others. This worked out fine for awhile until I decided that no one was going to publish my own family genealogy unless I did. It has been hard to do both, but I am about to get mine ready for publishing.

Let me know if I might be of help in getting your (and my) Alford's.

Sincerely,

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