

Proposed North Carolina Project

As discussed in the article above, almost half of the lines of AAFA members terminate with James Alford of Virginia. All of these lines subsequently go through North Carolina. Some remain in North Carolina for only one generation, but some are there to this day. Practically all of the members with these lines are still in need of data on their North Carolina Alford ancestors.

Separate from the above lines are about eight others that terminate in North Carolina. These members have never been able to make a connection to carry them further than North Carolina, most in the nineteenth century. All of these need more work

on the ultimate North Carolina Alford ancestors.

There is obviously a need for organized, possibly professional research on North Carolina Alford. A review of work being done by Gil Alford and by some of the Association members reveals that work is especially needed



in wills and records of division of estates, particularly in the first half of the nineteenth century and in the areas of Wake, Franklin, and surrounding counties.

If the officers decide that the Association should proceed with research in North Carolina, a plan will be required from Genealogist-Historian Nancy Dietrich. Much has been published by Gil Alford about North Carolina Alford, but there is no single compilation as there was for early Virginia Alford, and Gil has other information that has not been published.

No special provision has been made for funding this work (donations), but the proposed 1988 budget includes some North Carolina research, the resources coming from the regular operating funds.