

Our History, Part II

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In the previous issue we shared with you the nitty gritty details about how this all got started and went on to provide you with the content of some of the very early input we received from the Alford Genealogical Community. The first respondents or contributors were 1. Lee Ann Turner #0020, 2. Lucille Mehrkam #0032, 3. Deena Cross Smith #0126, 4. Mary Louise Reynolds, 5. Ranelle Foster and 6. Edna Jean Alford Mead. (There is no relationship between the numbers showing their order of response and the AAFA numbers. In fact some did not join AAFA.) It should be noted that as best we can tell none of these six folks are related to the same Alford and none are related to me.

The next one up, #7, was from Myra Ozier Hunt, and was hand written and covered seven pages. Please note that this is what she sent, it does contain some discrepancies, and is not an AAFA position. Her source was way off on the early part but the data on her closer family was the basis for AAFA's genealogy on that branch. This one introduced me to James William Zion Alford and the idea of such a person seemed to be running rampant throughout the Alford genealogical community when I got involved in the early 1980's. It took several years to put him to rest.

I'm using curly brackets { } to enclose my or AAFA comments since she used both parenthesis () and square brackets []. I'm using a different font for the transcript of their letters to set them apart from my text. I'm staying as close to the original content as possible but am not deliberately perpetuating spelling errors which Word Perfect is so determined to fix.

9-5-82

Dear Cousin Gil,

Am sending a gob of data for you to wade thru - have fun!! I just haven't had time to ferret it all out and you may get further info from the ones who wrote to me. When you get thru with the papers I'd like to have them back as I have not recorded the info elsewhere - so I trust you, OK?

Now, my Alford's: [The following was given to me by an elderly lady in Montgomery Co. Ala]:

(1) William (2) Benedictine (3) Alexander Alford, born in London, England, went to Boston, Mass in 1635.

(1) William had son Benjamin, born in Boston in 1650. Benjamin had son James b. 1691. James had son Capt. James William Zion Alford, b 1740, died 11-16-1812 Hancock Co. GA.

{AAFA Note: There was a William, Benjamin and James in New England, but there was a different James in Virginia. James in Virginia is more likely the son of John Alford of Virginia. A James Alford, son of Lodwick and grandson of James, was born in 1740/41 and he did die in Hancock Co. in 1812. There has been no official record to prove William Zion as part of his name. I am not commenting on all incorrect or inconsistencies so don't take it for granted that it is correct if there is no AAFA comment. She used a check mark for ditto and I've tried to perpetuate that.}

James William Zion Alford with several brothers and families migrated to Wake Co., NC before 1767 as a son James William Zion Alford, Jr. was born in 1767 in Wake Co., NC married at age 18 and a son William was born in 1787. Moved to Hancock Co., GA and married Mary Ellis (Figgs?) Daughter of Levin Ellis, Hancock Co. (See Culver Spillers Family History by Lor Spillers published in 1963).

{AAFA Note: AAFA research chair, Lynn Shelley, has proved that the William Alford who first went to Georgia from Virginia was the son of Salvator Alford and not part of the Lodwick Alford branch. He did have a son William Jr. b. about 1787 who married Mary Ellis. He later received a passport to travel through Indian Country, and some of his family moved to Bossier Parish, LA where his wife was enumerated with their son James.}

Will abstract of James Wm Zion Alford s/7-29-1812 p/2-7-1814

Wife: Lurane; dau. Pherbe, son, Cullen, Kinchen, Allen, Willie; son in law Solomon Lockett, John Bush, Collen Wooten, Richard Thornton;

Exu: Wife, Luranie, Cullen & Allen Alford.

{AAFA Note: See AAFA ACTION, Summer 1993, Vol. 6, No. 1 #21, page 53 Guy Alford, Part 8: James Alford's Will for a complete transcript of his will and a discussion by the late Guy Alford. For a transcript of his obituary see AAFA ACTION, Fall 1993, Vol 6, No. 2, #22, page 27 Obituary of James Alford, 1740 - 1812. This James Alford was not a part of the same branch of the family as the Williams mentioned by Myra. He was a son of Lodwick Alford.}

Children of William Alford & Mary Ellis (Figgs?) Alford

1. James W.

2. John F. Alford b. ca 1824 married (1) 1-7-1844 Henrietta Alford, 1st cousin (dau. Of Mary & John H. Alford) married (2) Marion S. Phelps 10-20-1855

3. William G. Alford b. 1810 married Cassandra Carter b. 1815. One known child: Wm. G. Alford, Jr. b. Nov 1848 married 1-18-1872 Elsey Jane Ozier b. Dec 1849 [Note, my fathers sister, no less !!!]

Ch:

1. Perry Alford

2. Ida

3. Marvin

4. Mary Jane (Mamie) married Lee Morrison 10-11-1905

5. Arnold Alford b. July 1883

4. Hamlin Alford b. ca 1820 married (1) Emily A. Howell 4-13-1841 (2) Frances E. Edwards 10-18-1849

5. Almon Alford b. ca 1815 married (1) Harriet Eubanks 8-13-1835 (2) Sarah Ann Wood 11-18-1856

Ch: {by first wife - numbers added}

1. Columbus b. 1838

2. William b. 1840

3. Emily b. 1842

4 Martha b. 1846

6. Levin Ellis Alford b. 8-21-1841 Hancock Co., GA d. 8-30-1896 Montgomery Co., Ala buried Pine Level United Meth. Ch. Cemetery, Montgomery Co. Al. married 12-11-1834 Charlotte Derrick (dau. Of John & Mary Derrick) b. 1-12-1812 Lexington Dist S.C. d. 10-14-1880 Montg. Co., Ala. buried Pine Level United Meth. Ch. Cemetery, Montgomery Co. Al

Ch.

a. John Wm. Alford b. 10-10-1835 Montgomery Co. Al married 10-15-1857 Emily Jane Alford, 1st cousin.

Ch - Emma J. b. 1860

b. Henry Judge Alford b. 12-30-1837 Montg Co. Al d. after 1900 married 4-26-1861 Henrietta Copeland,

Pike Co. Ala. b. 1842 d. before 1900 census.

Ch.

(1) Mary Elizabeth Alford b. 1862

(2) Judge Hilliard b April 1866

(3) Henrietta b 1873

(4) David b. 3-18-1876 d 10-6-1881

(5) Charlie b 10-4-1879 d 7-13-1885

(6) Wallie T. b June 1880

(7) Cleveland H. b. Apr 1884

Judge Hillard married Lousna J. (?) B. Sept 1867

Ch:

Zelma E. b. Sept 1886

Mary L. b. Oct 1888

Judge B. b. Oct 1892

Husted R. b. Oct 1895

c. Mary Ann Alford b. 4-28-1840 Montg Co Ala. m. 2-24-? Akeous Beasley son. Dr. James Wm Beasley of Montgomery Ala m. (1) ___? 4 sons died at several months old, wife died at 30 years. m. (2) Jemmie Hazeltine Dismukes, April 1897 dau of Dr. Benj Jackson Dismukes & Eliz Brienday

d. Sylvanus Walker Alford b. 10-14-1842 Montg Co. Al married (1) Martha Blackburn 10-1-1861 Pike Co. Al b. ? d before 1870

Ch:

(1) Levin Ellis Alford b. 1866 married Lackey I. Downing 1-6-1886 b. Sept 1865

Ch:

Annie M.
Helon
Susan
Grover C.
Malcolm

(2) Solomon Columbus b. June 1868 married Eliz Ellis born 4 1860
Ch Martha b. 11 1888

married (2) Liza Reynolds 8-8-1870 d. ca 1872

married (3) Jane (wid.) Mann ca 1873 d. ca 1874; 3 step children:

Cora Mann b. 1866,
Charley b. 1868,
Sidney 1870

married (4) Jane Bolger ca 1875

Ch
Martha M b. 1876
Julius b. 1878
Walker b. 1879

e. Frances (Fanny) Jane Alford b. 3-20-1845 Mont Co. Al married James Pugh

Ch:

Willie Pugh married Albert Cantey

Gussie Pugh a Benbow

f. Jacob Wesley Alford b. 2-1-1843 d. 5-24-1929 married 2-8-1870 Montg Co. Al Lydia M. Pugh b. 11-1846

dau of Lewis Pugh & C. N. Pugh

Ch:

(1) Martha b. 1871

(2) James T. b. 2-14-1873 d. 1-19-1937 married Josephine ?

Ch:

James R.

Mary L.

(3) Fannie b. 1876

(4) Jane b. 1878

(5) Thaddeus W. b. 12-5-1879 d. 10-25-1880

(6) Myrtle G. b. 3-18-1882, d. 8-2-1885

(7) William C. b. Nov 1844 (sic)

(8) Georgia R. b. Feb 1888

(9) Levin Lewis b. 4-1891 d. 1978 married Mary Lou Smiley 11-23-1991

g. James Middleton Alford b. 6-5-1851 Jones Co. Fla d. 9-15-1851

h. Julius E. Alford b. 6-3-1855 Montg Co. Ala married Mamie Williams

Ch:

Julius Jr. b. Feb 1897

7. Cullen Alford b. 1800 married 8-22-1836 Rebecca Ann Hodges b. 1870

8. Henry D. Alford b. Nov 1822 married 9-27-1843 Martha Jane Walker b. Oct 1826.

Ch:

a. Harriet b. 1859

b. James b. 1862

c. Obadiah b. 1868 married 10-10-1892 Martha Saunders

Ch:

Augustus

Willey

Martha

Susan

James L.

Sidney

Sarah

Georgia B.

9. Josiah Alford married Eunice Mooney 12-8-1836

10. Mary M. Alford b. 1837 Ala married 1-7-1862 Lawyer G. Smilie b. 1836 (son of Mary Smilie)

Ch:

a. William L. Smilie b. Oct 1862 married Artemissie O Neal b. Jan 1869 Ala dau of Thos Benj & Louisa McMillan O Neal

Ch:

- (1) Minnie L. b. March 1886
- (2) Tilden L. b. Feb. 1888
- (3) Mary Lou b. Feb. 1890 m. Levin L. Alford
- (4) Willie D. b. Feb. 1892
- (5) Cora E. b. June 1894
- (6) Henry C. b. June 1896
- (7) Luther J. b. Dec 1898

- b. Robert b. Ala. 1865
- c. Cassandria b. Ala. 1868
- d. Ola b. Ala. 1870
- e. Mary b. Ala. 1872
- f. Andrew W. b. Ala. 1876

11. Elizabeth Alford married 2-3-1855 Asa J. Carter

My Line

12. Sarah Minerva Alford b. Dec 1827 Hancock Co., GA married 2-18-1841 James Henry Ledbetter b. 1823 Hancock Co. GA d. before 1880.

Ch:

1. Alphonso Montgomery Ledbetter b. Dec. 18 1842 married Sarah Elizabeth Adams on 2-7-1866 Montgomery Co., Ala dau. of Wm Thomas & Eliza Caffey Adams

Ch:

- (a) Frances Edna Ledbetter
- (b) Eufaula Ledbetter
- (c) Emma Jane Ledbetter m. William Capers Ozier (my mother)
- d Willaim Thomas Ledbetter
- e Selman Alphonse
- f Talulah Ledbetter
- g Sweetie Cara
- h James Elonza
- i. Grover Cleveland
- (I have all vitals on above)

The father of the above 12 children died before Mary Ellis Alford migrated to Ala. She & her son, James, entered land near Mt. Meigs, Ala. William is buried in old part of Cemetery in Sparta, Hancock Co., GA.

Just notes taken at random:

Kinchen Alford married Miss Ansenath Wooten 1-18-1866

Phereba Thomas Kendall of Warren Co. 12-19-18??

Phereba Daniel Hickman 12-17-1878

Jacob Alford - Martha Culver 2-2-1818

John L. Alford - Susan H. Temple 10-12-41

Obadiah Alford - Martha Saunders 10-10-1827

Robert Alford -? Mason 10-23-1806

Deaths: Benjamin Alford, age 46, (b.1768) died Savannah Ga. 9-17-1814 Native of Westfield, Mass. Short res. in Savannah

Mariah Culver b. 1815 dau. of Auguste Culver and Mary Wales (both died Hancock Co. GA.) Married Levin Handy Ellis in 1833, grandson of Levin & Isabel Ellis & son of Isaac Ellis and Jane Alford, dau. Of Wm & sister of my great grandmother Sarah Minerva Alford Ledbetter.

I have more somewhere, including several Alford Family Bulletins. We have our home up for sale & we are in the process of trying to weed out & throw away some 30 years of accumulations. I think this will keep you busy for a while, cuz-

Sincerely,
s/Myra Ozier Hunt

Joy S. Laney was the eighth person to respond. A transcript of her letter follows. She enclosed a very complete

pedigree chart plus three pages of single spaced typed Alford data. She mentioned the information she sent to Dave Price #0168 which he did send on to me. It included 27 pages of single space typed Alford information that she had transcribed from work done by Bobby P. Alford AAFA #0669, Elizabeth Duncan AAFA #0366 and from Boddie s Historical Southern Families, Vol. XII.

8 Sep. 1982

Dear Mr. Alford,

I m terribly sorry about the delay. It has been a mad house around here, trying to get my 3 sons and myself registered in school, and get on a schedule.

Please, excuse this messy typing, but I have no coping machine near. I did type a lot of info you could have probably gotten copys from others, but thought I might could save you some money. I researched at a library and sent copies on Alford s from Ga. To David Price. (I didn t keep copies because they were only of his Alford family.) he should send you copies free, since it did not cost him a thing. {They really did not pertain to Dave s family and he did send me the originals.}

You ll notice from my chart (front and back) I believe I m back to Jones Alford, possibly Lemuel Alford. If you come across any info on them I would deeply appreciate it! Since I m trying to go back to school and finish I won t have much time for any research at present. If I hear from anyone though I will send you a note.

Address:

David Price, Jr. (retired Certiffee Public Acc.)
1954 Old Hickory Boulevard
Brentwood, Tenn. 37027

(I sent him: 1830 Ala. Alford Index census, 1820 Ga., 1850. 1812 Tax. GA., Passport on William Alford (in to Indian Territory, If I remember correctly), Early Settlers of GA., Hist. Of Greene Co., GA., marriage (Alford), Alford in Penn. Post Office, Land Lottery 1827, 1821, and 1 in 1820)

Elizabeth A. Duncan
P.O. Box 387
Sisters, OR 97759
{Now living in Alaska, AAFA #0366. We have a copy of her book.}

Bobby Alford (Babe Ruth Baseball, Tenn. Commissioner)
1106 Hickory St.
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

Mrs. Shirley Alford (Nov. 16, 1979)	husb.:	Oliver Carroll Alford {AAFA #0212}
6814 Spindle	Fath.:	O.C.
Houston, TEX 77086	Gfat.:	James Edward
(add. She gave me;)	G gf:	Redin
Eileen Alford		b. 2 Jan 1859
3524 Miller Rd.		GA., d. 28 Dec 1834
Scottsdale, Ariz. 85251		Anderson Co. TX

{Eileen was a correspondent, subscriber to About Alford s but she died before AAFA was formed.}

Mrs. Karyn Ek. Schultz
1521 S. W. Borland Road
West Linn, OR 97068
{We were never able to make contact with her}

Alford Family Bulletin no answer
Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman
#1121 Topax House
4400 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20014

{Mrs. Bowman turned over most of her Alford collection to us. She is now deceased, AAFA #0039, and a member of the AAFA Alford Hall of Fame.}

I hope I have helped in some way.

Good luck,
s/Joy

The ninth response came from Jacqueline Alford. She was one of just two folks with the name Alford on that original list from Everton's Roots Cellar. She sent a pedigree on her husband's Alford ancestors who go back to Leander Alford of KY. It was received Sep. 14, 1982 and contained the following note:

Thank you for your letter and I would appreciate any help you could give me in the future. I am working on my own families also with the names of Rice, Cox, Riggs, and Paul.

Number ten was not on the Roots list but he was mentioned by Mary Louise Reynolds in her letter and I wrote to him as soon as I had his address. He was the late David Price, Jr. AAFA #0168 and a member of the AAFA Hall of Fame. He proved to be one of the most active of all my contacts. I think everyone who was involved with our Alford genealogy in the mid 1980's knew about Dave Price. Here's his first letter:

David Price, Jr. Retired
Certified Public Accountant
1954 Old Hickory Boulevard
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

12 Sep 1982

Dear Gilbert Alford

Since I received your letter, I have been sitting at my typewriter busting my buns trying to get the bulk of my Alford data into a form that will permit me to ask you questions about computerizing the data. In my haste, I have xed out material, made many typos AND I imagine there are some errors in typing. I did leave out part of my schedule 1 and tacked it onto the bottom.

Much of my data came from the Boddie Books Southern Historical Families and a couple of other titles that run 20 Volumes; however, much of the data is also hammered out thru research and correspondence. I did not include the part from Artimus Salathiel Alford to me but will send you that later. My mother was an Alford; so, I do have much data on that line. Mother died at Duck Key Florida early last year (1981) at age 92.

I will within a few days check the carbon of what I am sending you and there will probably be a few typing corrections. The reason for my rush is that I am on the verge of purchasing a mini-computer myself and would like to get your opinion. I know nothing of computers and have been looking at the Apple and Radio Shack. The local places do not have soft wear for genealogy. A fellow in Greenville Texas got out a system for the RS Model II and another has worked out a system for Model III using the first one's system to develop the second. I don't like them and will try to tell you what I want.

I want a system that will give printouts in the form I am sending my Alford genealogy to you. I prefer not to number each person; but only the schedules of family groups with the children of the person at the top of the line. I have used this system to produce 3 small booklets on genealogy and a 200 page book on the Grimmett family. You will note that not only children but sometimes grandchildren and even great grandchildren might be shown. That is done when I see that a line will run out and it eliminates multiple schedules where a schedule might have only parents and one child otherwise. The first two schedules are slightly different than the others and represent the first system I adopted. Beginning with schedule 3 I use the plus (+) mark to identify the children of the ones with names at the beginning. Thus where s. or da are shown for son & daughter one knows immediately that it represents a grandchild or other than child. It is a small point but I find it better to explain. Likewise I am sure that you will have no trouble with my abbreviations. Months are the first 3 letters of each month. States are the capitalized abbreviations used by the post office. m & md might seem strange. I use md immediately before the names of the person married; whereas, m precedes the place or date of marriage. It has been a space saver getting as much genealogy as possible on one line. With a computer, it might be better to put the spouse on a separate line.

If I asked the computer for Chirena Alford, for instance, I would hope to get schedule 12 on the monitor where I could see her ancestors and descendants. The numbers in the left margin are cross reference numbers to other schedules. No number beside the name Chirena indicates that I need no other schedule to see her descendants. Going to the top of the schedule I get her parents and the 2 in the margin tells me what schedule to go back to in tracing her parents.

Now in addition to the schedules shown, I would like schedules for raw data census, cemetery, wills and the like. Much that I have been unable to fit into my genealogy but think it might be useful later on. So, if I asked for, for instance, John Alford, I would get perhaps several schedule numbers and also Alford data pages 3, 5 & 10 for instance.

Then I could ask for any of those schedules and raw data page numbers as needed. This is one of the important things I want as I spend many hours now searching for the place where names appear in my genealogies.

To complicate it more, I have maybe 25 other lines I am working on besides Alford. There might be a John Alford in one of the other lines and would like to get the information when needed. Now that is a lot of data and what has kept me wondering in my vast ignorance of computers as to just what I need. If I have different lines on disks, could I get an index listing telling me what disk to use? Or perhaps I need a Winchester {hard disk} to store the data. I also have another use for a computer which will require a big memory. It is not complicated. It is just the memory that I will need.

Should I label different lines with letters - perhaps A for Alford although there are more than one A line. Thus A19 would mean schedule 19 in the Alford file. I would not particularly care for print-outs of the raw data (Maybe I shouldn't close that door) but the normal printout wanted would be in sequence schedules from any particular genealogical line and an index of the names in any of the lines alphabetically by last name then first name and this would not require the raw data schedules to be included. I suppose that I could change my mind on that. Also, I see no present desires for pedigree charts.

Would you recommend only a letter quality printer as yours appears to be? Some of the cheaper models appear to do what I want but I have heard warnings on that score.

Now if you will give me the benefit of your own computer experience and apply it to my situation here is what I would like to know:

- 1- Do I need a Winchester
- 2- Should I get a quality printer?
- 3- Will there be any problem about the computer doing what I want?
- 4- Would I be able to program what I want or is it a job for a professional computer programmer?
- 5- Do you have any suggestions that might improve over what I now visualize as what I need?

The Radio Shack is supposed to be coming out with a small size Winchester for use with their Model III but I don't want to wait forever. If you can give me an answer to the above as quickly as practicable, I will appreciate it.

Sincere regards,

s/David Price
David Price

His letter came with a printout of his schedules. There were about 40 pages and 66 schedules. You could never tell about Dave's pages though. Some of them were cut to the size of a half page and some would be over a page and one-half but all on the same sheet, cut where his schedule ended and folded to fit into the standard 8 ½ by 11 size. Sometimes he would tape in an insert, usually pasted into a space much smaller than the insert itself.

I responded to the above letter with five pages on September 15th and had another one from him on September 17th. I think from then on until his death I never was able to keep up with him, his data and his questions. He never found the genealogy program he wanted, he never changed from the very unorthodox format he was using with a typewriter though he did computerize it with a word processor, and I never fully understood it.

In a future issue we will begin a series of articles using his data and his format as it existed at about the time of his

death. I tried this once before in AAFA ACTION Summer 1997 Vol. X, No. 1 #37, page 53. I was working on the next segment when I hit a bump where he cited me as a source for some information and I never could find the information. I never got back to the project. The Alford genealogical community and Dave Price deserve to have his work published and I will get at it soon.

Dave was not well and never did make it to a meeting. He was inducted into the AAFA Hall of Fame and on the way home from our meeting in Decatur, AL in 1995 Mary and I stopped by his home in Brentwood, TN and gave him his Hall of Fame Proclamation. It was the only time I was to see him face to face. See AAFA ACTION Summer 1996, Vol. IX, No. 1, # 33, page 39 for a report on his induction into the Hall of Fame. Dave died July 30, 1998. His obituary and the AAFA In Remembrance article were in AAFA ACTION Summer 1999, Vol. XII, No. 1, #45 pg 22.

Elmer K. Miller of Dayton, OH was the next person to respond. Elmer retired soon after the initial contact and moved to Georgia, but he did not desert our Alford effort. Although he dried up his reservoir or dead Alford data years ago he still sends obituaries and news clippings when he comes across them. He has the record for one of the largest item sent. I mean dimensions of the page rather than number of pages it measures 14 x 24 inches. He is from yet another branch of the family, Charles Alford b. 1799 in VA who migrated to Kentucky, AAFA 0984. Here is his first letter. He refers to my writing a second time and that must have been a mistake on my part caused by the referrals coming from different folks. I received his letter on September 18, 1982. His was not dated.

Gilbert K. Alford Jr.
1403 Kingsford Dr.
Florissant, MO 63031

Dear Mr. Alford:

From the top, I must apologize for having caused you to write to me the second time before I had replied to your first letter but due to the press of summer chores and activities your first letter had joined several dozen others to await its turn to be replied to.

I have only been researching my Alford line 18 months or so, after pretty well milking my Miller line dry over the past six years. My present main thrusts are the beginning of the work necessary in preparation for the publication of The Miller Family History, the entry of over 1,000 ancestors and their data into a newly acquired genealogical program for my Apple II and the continued pursuit of the progenitors of my 4 Grt Grandfather Jacob {Alford} and Grandmother Nancy Hunter. At first glance at one of your enclosures, Jephtha Morris Alford Branch, I thought the Jacob and Nancy might be mine but mine were 50 to 75 years prior. I'll enclose a pedigree chart and other data that I think may help in your Alford project.

Coincidentally, I too am at the beginning stages of a Miller Researcher National Crossreference Service (sounds impressive anyway) with 150 names I have compiled data from during correspondence with other Miller genealogists. I think there is a real need since so many are discouraged from even beginning Miller research because the name is the sixth most common in the U.S.

Yes, count me in as a supporter of your much needed Alford Clearing Center. By the way, I know of another here in Dayton, who with your permission, I'll see gets a copy of your letter and related matter and I imagine he'll be interested too. Several others across the country, I'll send their names and addresses for you to do with as you please. On second thought, I notice that most are from the GH Roots Cellar so you already have them so I'll not bother you with more paper. I will however send some misc. data that seems to have a Missouri connection and if you are anything like me, you will want to investigate even the remote possibility of new related information.

Perhaps about 1985 when I plan on beginning semi-retirement (summer work for pay only) I'll better be able to devote the amount of time to all my family lines and projects that they require. At one time I planned on writing several hundred Alfords whose names I have from several southern telephone books, just on the stray chance of find other Alfords, who might be researching, have extended family knowledge and be interested in their own family and willing to share it. But from past projects of this type I find the majority don't even know or care who their grandparents were and postage costs have stifled that.

I must compliment you on your neat and crisp letter and other documents that I recognize as being word process generated. I for some reason still grab this old Brother {typewriter} when the need arises rather than put the Apple on line and boot my Apple Writer. Perhaps after a year and a half into my retirement I'll be more skilled in word processing but being a visual, self taught typist either way is not easy. Either way, I'll try not to be intimidated by your expertise.

Must close for now as the work hour is just 70 minutes away and I am unbathed, unfed and unshaven and it takes 10 of those minutes to get there.

Sincerely,
s/Elmer
Elmer K. Miller
3517 Pobst Dr.
Dayton, Ohio
45420

The above represent five of the eleven folks who responded in September. The first six were in the previous issue of the quarterly. None of the eleven were from the same branch of the Alford family even remotely kin and none were related to me. Look for six more in the next issue from still other branches of the Alfords. We will finish those who responded in September 1982. With the exception of one, their names and addresses came not from the Roots Cellar but from referrals in the eleven we have reported on thus far. All but one or two of them are AAFA members, but most you will not recognize.