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The association was established for the following purposes:

1. To collect, record, preserve, disseminate, and perpetuate biographical and historical information on Alford's (including 100+ spelling variations) and their ancestors.
 2. To educate members, particularly those of the younger generations, on the Alford family history and how it relates to the history of our nation.
 3. To further fellowship and camaraderie within the living Alford family.
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The President's Corner

Max Ray Alford, President, AAFA #0230

The end of an era is close at hand. I am talking about the demise of the printed AAFA Action quarterly. As a matter of fact, it will be the end of the quarterly as we have known it for the last 25 years. When the last quarterly (Issue #98) is published, we will be just two issues short of a full 25 years. Issue #1 of the quarterly was published in the spring of 1988 and consisted of eight pages. The back page had 45 member Alford lineages. See more in the membership article. www.alfordassociation.org/ACTION/a-act01r.pdf

Since then, the number of pages has increased dramatically to as many as 232 pages (give or take a few) in the issue published right before one of the Louisiana meetings. If you were to average out the number of pages per quarterly, you would probably arrive at a number somewhere in the range of 50 to 60 pages per issue.

Please don't conclude from the demise of the printed quarterly that the demise of the AAFA can't be far behind. Nothing could be further from the truth. We will be operating under a different set of circumstances but we do plan to continue the Association for a very long time. Since there are no longer any annual dues coming in, the Association will have to pull the purse strings a little tighter. Of course, not having a quarterly to publish any longer will eliminate the biggest expense of the Association but there will remain costs associated with our operation such as the cost of the web site, for example. There are no salaried employees of the Association. The Board and the officers along with other people who contribute their time and sometimes, their money to doing research or writing programs for the AAFA or maintaining the web site or planning the meetings or inputting data, etc. are all volunteers and receive no compensation at all for these services. Without this valuable contribution, the AAFA could not have existed for the past 26 years.

The current membership file contains about 800 members who are not deceased and whose address has not been rejected by the post office. Those 800 members are about evenly split between those who have advised AAFA of their email addresses and those who either don't have email service or who, for one reason or another, have not informed the AAFA of their email address. As we get away from the printed quarterly, the electronic media will become more and more important especially when it comes to the AAFA communicating with its members. The AAFA OnLine Newsletter will

be the chief means of the Association communicating with the members. This will be a one-way communication. In other words, the AAFA will be able to send messages to members but members will not be able to communicate with the AAFA. Members will be able to communicate with the AAFA via email by sending their communications to alford_staff@alfordassociation.org. If you have an email address but haven't sent it to the Association, please do it now. Please include enough information that we will be able to identify you. Perhaps include your mailing address and full name or in lieu of that, your membership number would be great. We do not, repeat, do not either give out or do we sell your email address to anyone. We have had occasions when a member would send us some change to his or her information and sign the message "Joe" or "Mary." You would be surprised how many Joes or Marys we have in our membership file. Once you have advised us of your email address, then you can send an email to aafa-onl-subscribe@yahoo.com. You do not need to type anything in the body of the message nor do you even need anything on the subject line. You need to advise us of your email address first before sending the message to the Yahoo Groups because the AAFA OnLine Newsletter is for members only. If we cannot identify you as a member, you will be blocked from subscribing to the newsletter.

We also have a Yahoo group called "About Alford." Unlike the online newsletter it is open to non-members and it is two way communication whereby when an email is sent to the group, or a reply is sent, a copy goes to all subscribers. Options are available to prevent any email box overload. You are encouraged to subscribe by sending an email to: [About_Alfords-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto>About_Alfords-subscribe@yahoo.com). Same rules apply as above.

We do not want to lose contact with any of our members. And, we will, in all probability, from time to time communicate with the AAFA members via the U.S. postal service but such communications will be very limited. If you have any questions, please send an email to the alford_staff email address in the above paragraph.

Ninety-seven down and one to go.

Treasurer's Report

Robert D. Alford, Treasurer, AAFA #0197

Income Statement for Year to Date, June 30, 2012

Receipts:

Dues and Memberships:		
Dues (Includes 1 New Member)	350.00	
Memberships (7)	35.00	
Total Dues and Memberships		385.00
Donations:		
General	70.00	
DNA Test Fund	0.00	
Member Memorials	0.00	
Specified ¹	267.14	
Total Donations		337.14
Annual Meetings:		
Registration	0.00	
Tours	0.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	
Total Meetings		0.00
Total Receipts		\$ 722.14

Disbursements:

Annual Meetings:		
Hotel	0.00	
Tours	0.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	
Total Meetings		0.00
AAFA Action (Quarterly):		
Printing	1,363.00	
Postage	880.08	
Supplies	0.00	
Total AAFA Action		2,243.08
Office Expenses:		
Copying	0.00	
DNA Test Kits	0.00	
Internet Site	0.00	
Legal Fees ²	2,500.00	
PO Box Rental	120.00	
Postage	212.25	
Printing	0.00	
Safe Deposit Box (Photo Archives)	0.00	
Supplies	54.89	
Total Office Expenses		2,887.14
Total Disbursements		\$ 5,130.22

Net Income **<\$ 4,408.08>**

Checking Account Reconciliation

Beginning Balance	January 1, 2012	\$ 13,601.52
Net Income for 2012		<4,408.08>
Ending Balance	June 30, 2012	<u>\$ 9,193.44</u>

¹ Specified for Expenses Paid by a Member Directly

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