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Mrs M.J. Farthing,  
Brooklet, Georgia,

Dear Aunt Mat:

I have, within the past few days, gotten information from an old Old Alford Bible, from Roy S. Alford of Willedgeville, who is a native of Putnam County, Georgia, and a son of Uncle Jack (John A. Alford). You will see his relationship from the facts I give below.

This will supply each of us with some of the data we wanted awhile back.

First, I will start with our oldest ancestor, numbering each generation.

William B. Alford was born in Wake Co. N.C. in 1789 and died in Putnam County, Georgia, in 1882.

He married Mary Mason, but no dates of her birth and death shown. I will continue my research to establish these points, if possible.

Second.

It shows John A. Alford, to be a son, who was born July 10, 1815; died August 22, 1910; married Jerusha Paschall, who died Sept, 1892. Allen S. Allen was their son.

And Allen S. Alford married Julia Ann Avery. He was born Sept 4, 1848; died August 17, 1934, in Columbia, S.C. and she was born Jan 27, 1852, died Sept 30, 1925, in Eatonton, Putnam Co. Ga. They had these children: (All born in Putnam Co.)

Lelia Ophelia Alford, born Aug. 17, 1875  
Clarence Brown Alford, born Nov 20, 1876  
Julian Hartridge Alford, born July 7, 1878  
Roy Stephens Alford, born Nov 19, 1879  
Paul Coffey Alford, born April 25, 1883  
John Gordon Alford, born July 28, 1886  
May Alford, born May 1, 1890

Third, This was Uncle Jack's Bible, I assume. Hence, Carline was his sister, and William and Greene, brothers. You will, of course, remember. I often heard Uncle Ben (your brother) refer to Allen Alford; my mother said he married a Paschall. My father

*Uncle Jack*

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also made the same statement several times, I recall. Roy S. when he visited with me at my home here, a week ago, said that his father and grand father were both named Allen - namely, His grandfather, John S. (Uncle Jack to us) and his father, Allen S. and that his father was the youngest Confederate to go to the war from Putnam County.

I shall not give other names supplied by Roy S. for they would not be pertinent to our immediate problem.

Four. with the above information, can you supply more details about your father's family - brothers and Sisters, etc?

What do you about your grandfather, William B. Alford? \_\_\_\_\_

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His wife or your grand mother? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did you hear either of your grand parents say anything about these points, or is there any tradition in the family about these points?

Why they came to Georgia \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did they first settle in Warren or Hancock County, in Georgia \_\_\_\_\_  
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When did they settle in Putnam County, Ga., if you remember or know the tradition \_\_\_\_\_

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Did he or other members of the family visit with relatives in Warren and Hancock or adjoining counties? If so, gives names and other details. \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you ever see or know any of the family located in Hancock, Warren, Greens or adjoining Counties? \_\_\_\_\_

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I am enclosing a copy of the will of James Alford, the father of the Willie Alford named in his will. Did you ever hear members of the family mention James Alford as an ancestor? If so, give details \_\_\_\_\_

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It will give you the names of his children. I assume the Willie named as a son was our ancestor, William B. If so, he was born in N.C. according to the Bible records furnished me by Roy. S Alford. Frankly, I am a bit confused and plan to clear up these points: Mentioned in Jas Alford's will are two sons, Allen and Willie. Which is our ancestor? Mrs U S. Gunn, (Olive Alford and daughter of a John Alford, I believe, (Kinchen, named in the will, is her ancestor) who was killed by lightning), told me our ancestor was the son, Willie, which would, of course, be the William B. On the records I find at the State Dept of Archives and History, I have ran into two William B Alford's, one William, Sr. and another William, Jr. There is also two Allen Alford's on record, Allen, Sr and Allen, Jr. and at times, in these old records, the senior or junior are not used. (The same applies to Kinchen Alford, with a senior and junior.)

The Bible record, I must assume, is correct and  
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