

Other Settlers of the Alford Name in America

(Reprinted from the Burke and Alvord Memorial.)

William Alford came from London, Eng., about the year 1634 and settled in Salem, Mass. He was a member of Skinner's company. His wife, Mary, joined the church in 1636, and had Nathaniel baptized in 1637; Samuel, Feb. 17, 1639; Bethia, June 26, 1642. "He had also Elisha, Mary and Elizabeth." Savage says: "He had favored the party of Wheelwright and, under the name of Mr. Alfoot on the record in 1637, was disarmed by the General Court, and thereupon removed for a season to New Haven, and there had probably two or more of his children born before 1654." He was of Boston, March 4, 1650-1. According to the following deposition he was born about the year 1603:

"The deposition Mr. William Allford, aged 50 years, or thereabouts saith that that he the said William Allford, with Joseph Allsop of New Haven, being att the Monhatoes about 16 daie sence; and descouring with the pr'sent Gou'r of the Monhatoes that some had a hand in the plott concerning the Indians cutting of the English; hee said hee had noe hand in any such plott; but confessed that in case any English should come against him, then hee would strengthen himselfe with the Indians as much as hee could; further the said Gou'r said that if the English would quarrell with him they needed not to do it on the Indian account, but upon the quarrell between the states of England and holland;

"This Testimony next above written was given in upon oath by Mr. William Alford att Stamford, the 9th of May 1653.

before mee Francis Newman"

(Plymouth Col. Rec.)

He returned to Mass., settled in Boston, was a merchant, and by another wife, Ann, had John, born Nov. 29, 1658, who died aged two months. He died Jan., 1677.

We find upon the early records of the County of Essex, Mass., that there was an Abraham Alved.

"Gent men & honest friends pray be pleased to paye unto my frend Edward Joanes the severall sums of Suger which you owe me which each Gentleman's sume is heare under neath mentioned & directed to you & every of you severally for ye each p ticular sum or sums, taking the said Joanes his receipt for any sume you for my acct. & in for soe doing you will oblige him

Yo-rs to serve you to his power

ABRAHAM ALVED.

To Coll Timothy Cornhill y	45 74
To ditto for one tunn of cask	3 60
To Thomas Hart for	1 55
To Elizabeth Smale	1 74 for acct of Thomas Webb
To Mr. John Bawden	15 74 bill
To Mr. John Cates (or Gates)	2 25 bill
To John Seddon for	10 00 bill paid by acct
To William Bragg for 2 Barrells of tar	6 00 bill

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A copy of this Acco-t or order I have received of Mr. Abram Alveds and am to be accountable to him or order; for what I shall receive of it.

Witness my hand this 25 January 1666-7.

EDWARD JOANES."

We also find a Benjamin Alford upon the records of the County of Essex at Salem:

"Benjamin Alford, Whereas there was an obligation und-r ye hands of John Ruck, Bartholomew Gedny, John Price, John Higginson & Hilliard Veren bearing date No. 26, 1674 for three hundred forty eight pounds starl. payably to John ffoott or assigns, the saith ffoott sending over power to me whoose name is under written for receiving of ye same I doe by these presents acknowledge to have received of ye above named p sons ye full sum of three hundred forty eight pounds in merchantable fish in tyme as was expressed in said bond & do acquit & discharge ye said persons above named from al or any pt of said sum haveing received full satisfaction, as witness my hand dated Aug. 9, 1675.

BENJAMIN ALFORD"

(Reg. Deeds, Vol. 4:98.)

"John ffoot of Bristol merchant now in London late resident in Boston N. E. constitutes Benjamin Alford of Boston aforesaid Merchant his true and lawfull Attorney. May 10, 1675. ((Vol. 4:120.)

There are two documents upon Court files where Benjamin Alford, Oct. 31, 1676, as an attorney of John Sweeting of London, gave his deposition with regard to the payment of a bill to John Shepherd, master of the "Thomas and Mary."

Benjamin Alford was a merchant of Boston, and was a member of

the artillery company in 1671. Savage says that he married Mary, daughter of James Richards, Esq., of Hartford, and had Mary, born Sept. 15, bapt. Oct. 14, 1683; John, bapt. (at third or O. S. church), July 5, 1685; Benjamin, born Oct. 5, bapt. Oct. 10, 1686; Judith, bapt. Sept. 16, 1688; James, born July 19, bapt. July 26, 1691; Sarah, born March 17, bapt. March 18, 1694; Thomas, whose date is not found.

He had been a prisoner in Barbary and after his return was a man of importance in Boston. His will of Feb. 19, 1697, (probated thirteen years after) provides for his children and widow. His widow with his brother-in-law, Benj. Davis, he makes executors.

His eldest son, Hon. Col. John Alford of Charleston, was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1714; was one of the King's Counselors and was distinguished as founder of the Alford Prof. of Nat. Theology at Harvard.

Col. John Alford, in his will, left a large sum for promoting the Gospel among the Indians in North America. (Patent for Plymouth, Vol. 2.)

"Hon. John Alford married Margaret, daughter of Col. Thomas Savage, merchant of Boston, Nov. 12, 1713, and died in Charlestown, Sept., 1761, aged 76, highly respected for his moral worth and left no children."

There was a Henry Alvord, or Alford, very early in New England, according to Plymouth Colony Records.

April 20, 1679, John Alford of Salem, seaman, conveyed his new dwelling house in Salem to Edmond Batter of Salem, merchant. He was in Salem in 1668. Col. Remain Alford of New London died Aug. 12, 1709, aged 63.

There was a John Alford, justice in Dorchester Co., Md., in 1681. John Alvord was a soldier in the Esopus, N. Y., in 1687, (N. Y. Col. Rec.). A few later immigrants, especially in the South, have added to the Alford population.



SAMUEL MORGAN ALVORD (1845)
WHO FINANCED THE WORK UNDER MR. BOUSTELLE
TEACHER OF CLASSICS



JOHN WATSON ALVORD (1842)
WHO INVESTIGATED THE FIELD AND LOCATED
CIVIL ENGINEER



CORIDON ALEXIS ALVORD (1870)
WHO FINANCED THE WORK UNDER MR. BOUSTELLE
PRINTER IN NEW YORK CITY



REV. FREDERICK ALVORD (1851)
WHO SECURED THE BOUSTELLE MANUSCRIPT
CONGREGATIONAL CLERGYMAN