

Alford Research

Alford Land Records in Michigan *Submitted by Gil Alford, AAFA #0019, Member AAFA Hall of Fame*

Much of the data for this list came from a CD prepared by the Government Land Office, Bureau of Land Management. Most of that data plus other information, including an image of the original certificate, can be found online at <http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov>.

A brief explanation of the format might be useful. The top line contains the name of the patentee, the date he signed the documents (the date the land left government ownership) and the name of the land office. The bottom line contains a title authority such as 3 stat .566 dated April 24, 1820 setting up cash sale transactions. An exception to the bottom line occurs when there are any AAFA notes in which case they are at the bottom.

The other line/s shows the document number, the county in which the land is located, the aliquot or expression that specifies just what piece of land is involved the piece of the section like the south 40" from Dallas. The section number comes next followed by the township (N or S) and the range (E or W), and finally the acreage. Note that when two or more parcels are involved with the same accession number only one record has the acre count the other shows zero.

All ranges (R) are measured east or west from the 19th (Michigan-Toledo Strip) Meridian. In Michigan there is only one meridian. If one draws a line north and south along the county boundary between Crawford & Oscoda counties and the boundary between Gratiot & Saginaw counties that line will follow the Michigan Meridian.

All townships (T) are measured north or south from a baseline that runs across the state on a line that runs along the county boundaries below Allegan, Barry, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston and Oakland counties.

Michigan Land Office Locations at census time.

1830: 2- Detroit & Monroe (territory at the time)
1840: 5- Detroit, Genesee, Ionia, Kalamazoo & Monroe
1850: 5- Detroit, Genesee, Ionia, Kalamazoo & Sault Ste. Marie
1860: 5- Detroit, East Saginaw, Ionia, Marquette & Traverse City
1870: 5- Detroit, East Saginaw, Ionia, Marquette & Traverse City
1880: 4- Detroit, East Saginaw, Marquette & Reed City
1890: 2- Grayling & Marquette
1900: 1- Marquette

AMERICUS ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1837/04/10 Detroit Land Office
15139 1 Oakland Co. NWSE Sec: 27 T: 2 N R: 7 E Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

CHARLES ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1884/07/15 East Saginaw Land Office
1420 1 Ogemaw Co. NE Sec: 36 T: 24 N R: 1 E Acres: 160
Title authority: Act May 20 1862, 12 Stat. 392 Homestead Entry, Orig.

DANIEL ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1838/09/11 Bronson Land Office
8553 1 Kalamazoo Co. SE Sec: 32 T: 2 S R: 10 W Acres: 0
8553 2 Kalamazoo Co. W1/2SW Sec: 32 T: 2 S R: 10 W Acres: 240
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry
Remarks: Daniel Pomroy was also a patentee.
AAFA Notes: This record was not on the CD but was taken from the web site. Acreage was not applied to each

parcel but rather to the document or accession serial number. We have applied them as best we can but use the information accordingly. An ambiguous date format was used "11/6/1834" and it is not known if that is mo/da/year or da/mo/year. We have applied it as the former.

DANIEL ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1838/09/10 Bronson Land Office
8654 1 Kalamazoo Co. NW Sec: 1 T: 2 S R: 12 W Acres: 0
8654 2 Kalamazoo Co. NWSW Sec: 1 T: 2 S R: 12 W Acres: 211
8655 1 Kalamazoo Co. S½SE Sec: 35 T: 1 S R: 12 W Acres: 80
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

DANIEL ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1839/10/01 Genesee Land Office
1725 1 Genesee Co. W½NE Sec: 18 T: 7 N R: 5 E Acres: 80
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

EDWIN HOLFORD Date transferred from USA: 1878/06/13 Ionia Land Office
3311 1 Lake Co. SE Sec: 6 T: 19 N R: 13 W Acres: 160
Title authority: Act May 20 1862, 12 Stat. 392 Homestead Entry, Orig.

ELIPHAZ ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1834/11/06 White Pigeon Prairie Land Office
2686 1 Kalamazoo Co. NW Sec: 35 T: 1 S R: 9 W Acres: 0
2686 2 Kalamazoo Co. W 1/2 Sec: 35 T: 1 S R: 9 W Acres: 21
2687 1 Kalamazoo Co. E1/2NE Sec: 34 T: 1 S R: 9 W Acres: 77
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry
Remarks: Ezekiel Cravath was also a patentee.
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ELISHA ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1839/05/01 Kalamazoo Land Office
22328 1 Berrien Co. NE Sec: 9 T: 7 S R: 19 W Acres: 160
22329 1 Berrien Co. SE Sec: 4 T: 7 S R: 19 W Acres: 160
22330 1 Berrien Co. NW Sec: 23 T: 7 S R: 19 W Acres: 158
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

ENSIGN ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1835/09/02 Detroit Land Office
7285 1 Oakland Co. SWNW Sec: 2 T: 1 N R: 7 E Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

ENSIGN ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1835/11/23 Detroit Land Office
9737 1 Oakland Co. SENW Sec: 2 T: 1 N R: 7 E Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

GEORGE ALFRED Date transferred from USA: 1848/07/01 Detroit Land Office
28935 1 Hillsdale Co. NESE Sec: 36 T: 8 S R: 3 W Acres: 40
29019 1 Hillsdale Co. NWSE Sec: 36 T: 8 S R: 3 W Acres: 0
29019 2 Hillsdale Co. SESE Sec: 36 T: 8 S R: 3 W Acres: 80
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

HENRY ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1857/09/01 Genesee Land Office
6268 1 Tuscola Co. N Sec: 2 T: 11 N R: 8 E Acres: 227
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

HENRY HOLFORD Date transferred from USA: 1855/12/15 Ionia Land Office
13038 1 Montcalm Co. SESW Sec: 13 T: 9 N R: 7 W Acres: 40
13039 1 Montcalm Co. SWSW Sec: 13 T: 9 N R: 7 W Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

HUMPHREY HOLFORD Date transferred from USA: 1855/12/15 Ionia Land Office
13178 1 Montcalm Co. SENW Sec: 13 T: 9 N R: 7 W Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

HUMPHREY HOLFORD Date transferred from USA: 1875/04/20 Ionia Land Office
2376 1 Lake Co. NE Sec: 6 T: 19 N R: 13 W Acres: 160
Title authority: Act May 20 1862, 12 Stat. 392 Homestead Entry, Orig.

JAMES ALFORD Date transferred from USA: 1902/03/07 Marquette Land Office
3736 1 Chippewa Co. S½NW Sec: 34 T: 46 N R: 1 E Acres: 80
Title authority: Act May 20 1862, 12 Stat. 392 Homestead Entry, Orig.

JOSIAH ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1835/09/15 Monroe Land Office
2962 1 Lenawee Co. W½SE Sec: 33 T: 7 S R: 3 E Acres: 80
3031 1 Hillsdale Co. E½NW Sec: 15 T: 6 S R: 1 W Acres: 80
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

JOSIAH ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1835/10/01 Monroe Land Office
3735 1 Lenawee Co. SWNE Sec: 3 T: 8 S R: 3 E Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

MARSHALL ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1835/09/15 Monroe Land Office
3030 1 Hillsdale Co. W½NW Sec: 15 T: 6 S R: 1 W Acres: 80
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

MARSHALL ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1835/10/01 Monroe Land Office
3774 1 Hillsdale Co. NWNE Sec: 15 T: 6 S R: 1 W Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

MARY ALFORD Date transferred from USA: 1893/09/23 Marquette Land Office
18678 1 Houghton Co. N½NW Sec: 33 T: 51 N R: 36 W Acres: 0
18678 2 Houghton Co. SWNW Sec: 33 T: 51 N R: 36 W Acres: 0
18678 3 Houghton Co. NWSW Sec: 33 T: 51 N R: 36 W Acres: 160
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

NATHANIEL HOLFORD Date transferred from USA: 1878/06/13 Ionia Land Office
3243 1 Lake Co. SW Sec: 6 T: 19 N R: 13 W Acres: 136
Title authority: Act May 20 1862, 12 Stat. 392 Homestead Entry, Orig.

OBED ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1837/03/18 Monroe Land Office
5121 1 Washtenaw Co. NWNE Sec: 22 T: 4 S R: 3 E Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

OBED ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1839/03/20 Monroe Land Office
7118 1 Washtenaw Co. SWNE Sec: 22 T: 4 S R: 3 E Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

OLIVER ALFORD Date transferred from USA: 1833/06/04 White Pigeon Prairie Land Office
448 1 St. Joseph Co. W½SW Sec: 6 T: 6 S R: 9 W Acres: 79
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

OLIVER ALFORD Date transferred from USA: 1838/09/10 Bronson Land Office
7354 1 St. Joseph Co. NE Sec: 8 T: 6 S R: 9 W Acres: 160
7355 1 St. Joseph Co. SENW Sec: 8 T: 6 S R: 9 W Acres: 0
7355 2 St. Joseph Co. NESW Sec: 8 T: 6 S R: 9 W Acres: 80
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

ROSWELL ALFORD Date transferred from USA: 1831/01/03 Detroit Land Office
3619 1 Wayne Co. E½NE Sec: 13 T: 1 S R: 9 E Acres: 80
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

RUSSEL ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1833/08/01 Detroit Land Office
6562 1 Oakland Co. N½NE Sec: 3 T: 1 N R: 7 E Acres: 122
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

RUSSELL ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1835/09/02 Detroit Land Office
7054 1 Oakland Co. SWNE Sec: 3 T: 1 N R: 7 E Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

RUSSELL ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1834/09/10 Detroit Land Office
7948 1 Oakland Co. NWSW Sec: 3 T: 1 N R: 7 E Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

THADDEUS ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1825/03/07 Detroit Land Office
619 1 Oakland Co. E½NE Sec: 26 T: 3 N R: 9 E Acres: 80
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

WILLIAM ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1837/08/16 Detroit Land Office
24281 1 Livingston Co. NE Sec: 26 T: 4 N R: 6 E Acres: 160
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

WILLIAM ALFORD Date transferred from USA: 1840/10/10 Kalamazoo Land Office
23543 1 Kalamazoo Co. N½SW Sec: 14 T: 1 S R: 12 W Acres: 80
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

WILLIAM ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1861/04/01 Ionia Land Office
17316 1 Montcalm Co. SESE Sec: 9 T: 12 N R: 5 W Acres: 40 *
17390 1 Montcalm Co. SWSE Sec: 15 T: 12 N R: 5 W Acres: 40
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry
AAFA Notes: * The CD shows the document number to be 17316 but the web site has it as 17306. After downloading a copy of the certificate - which was a "copy 8/20/92" the number is seen as 17316 though the ink for the 2nd "1" is wider than the 1st "1."

It is interesting to note that while the county provided in the record is the county in which the land is located the patentee may be from another county. In this case William A. Alvord is styled as "of Gratiot County."

WILLIAM ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1861/04/01 Ionia Land Office
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry

WILLIAM ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1877/07/20 Ionia Land Office
3044 1 Gratiot Co. SWNW Sec: 26 T: 11 N R: 4 W Acres: 40
Title authority: Act May 20 1862, 12 Stat. 392 Homestead Entry, Orig.

WILLIS HOLFORD Date transferred from USA: 1878/12/30 Reed City Land Office
3407 1 Lake Co. SW Sec: 32 T: 20 N R: 13 W Acres: 160
Title authority: Act May 20 1862, 12 Stat. 392 Homestead Entry, Orig.

WOLCOTT ALVORD Date transferred from USA: 1852/03/25 Sault Ste. Marie Land Office
718 1 Keweenaw Co. NW Sec: 8 T: 58 N R: 28 W Acres: 160
Title authority: Act Apr 24 1820, 3 Stat. 566 Sale-Cash Entry