

Benedict Alford's Revolutionary War Service

Extracted by Gil Alford from pension files MICRO COPY 804-31 CT VA MA Pension # S8016

Benedict¹ Alford (Benedict⁴, Benedict³, Jeremiah², Benedict¹) was born in Windsor, Connecticut in 1757. He died in 1838. He was married prior to 1790. His wife was born about 1757.

February 1 1776 he enlisted under Captain A. Prior to serve for six months. He remained two months and secured a substitute.

(John Seaborn, cont. from p. 18)

- xvi. Jephtha Martin Alford, born July 22, 1862 in Washington Parish, Louisiana; he died there May 26, 1948 and is buried on the property that was once his farm in a small Alford Cemetery. He married (1) Fannie Ophelia PURVIS about 1885. Fannie was born October 1869 and died March 10, 1896. He then married (2) Laura Jane WARNER May [April] 12, 1897, who was born March 8, 1871 and died March 31, 1939.
- xvii. Hosea Alford, died young.
- xviii. Otis Alford, died young.
- xix. M. Luther Alford, born 1877, died young.

OTHER DISCREPANCIES:

One account shows an Esther (Alford) Stringfield born 1838 living with the family in 1860, but the birth dates don't fit unless she was a twin of Francis Jane or Marshall Thomas.

Jesse #xiii, had sons named Hosea and Otis so #'s xvii and xviii may not belong here.

John Griffin #x, had a son named Luther, so #xix also may not belong here. ♦

June 1776 he enlisted in a company of volunteers under Captain Jonathan Farret of Pittsford, Vermont to serve during the campaign. There were two other companies in the battalion commanded by Captains Matthew Lyon and John Farret. He was in the regiment of Colonel Samuel Safford and served six months in the states of Vermont and New York under General Gates until discharged in December.

From April 1-1777 he served two months in Captain Simeon Wright's Company in Colonel James Mead's militia regiment. When his term expired he enlisted with Captain Jesse Sawyer's Company, Colonel Herrick's Rangers for six months, continuing until December.

He volunteered and took command of a detachment of militia to guard and escort prisoners from Bennington to Hartford, serving three months.

From April 1778 he served the remainder of the year as a minute man in and near the town of Rutland where the garrison was under the command of Colonel Thomas Sawyer of the Vermont Militia, Colonel Warners Regiment. He then served with Captain Bronson of the Continental Line six months and was discharged.

In 1780 he volunteered to go with a company of Militia under Captain Samuel Clark of Williamstown, Massachusetts to neighborhood of New York, served one month and was discharged.

In October 1780 he volunteered under Captain N. Smedley to go to Castleton, Vermont and was discharged after one month.

He served one six month term of service as an acting sergeant, but afterwards remained a private.

During his military service he took part in the evacuation of Ticonderoga when the American fleet was destroyed, the battles of Mt. Hope, Bennington, and Lake George landing.

Benedict resided in Ridgeway, Orleans County, NY in 1826. His wife was 67 years old and very deaf. He had one daughter with two small fatherless children and a motherless grandchild. He was a farmer.

George Alford, a brother, resided in Monroe County, Michigan in 1826. George Alford attested to fact that he had 18 months service 1776-1778. George made affidavit January 22, 1833 at which time Benedict was still in Ridgeway, NY.

By February 14, 1837, Benedict Alford resided in Troy, Geauga County, Ohio with his son Benedict Jr. He applied to have his pension changed from New York to Ohio. His wife survived him nearly a year. Benedict Alford, Jr. resided in Troy, Ohio in 1859, aged 73. He had cared for his parents for 30 years. He had two brothers—one went to Missouri and the other to Canada. Neither brother had been heard from for 40-50 years.

February 14 1837 Benedict Alvord, Jr., of Geauga County, Ohio attested to the affidavit of Benedict Alford. He received a pension of \$60 per year.

During his lifetime Benedict lived in:

Williamstown, MA	until 1783
Rutland, VT	2 years
Burlington, VT	3 years
Farrisburg, VT	7 years
Georgia, VT	6 years
Williamsborough, NY	14 years
Cayuga Co, NY	2 years
Ridgeway,	
Orleans Co NY	5+ years
Gauga Co. OH	2 +/- yrs ♦