

Guy Alford, Part Five

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With this installment we begin to bring you the real content of Mr. Guy Alford's papers—the product of his research. Included in this issue is material from Guy's pages 2–24. Readers will find that some of what they see in these next segments will not be new to them—remember though that Mr. Alford did his research 40 years ago. **Had he published his work instead of dying he would have been a "pioneer" with much of this data.**

Guy Alford used a mimeographed form on which to enter his information and as a result much of each page is taken up with the form. For your benefit his data is being extracted and provided in a more usable format. Our format will generally show Guy Alford's page and source followed by the name(s) emphasized in the article. Comments labeled "Comment:" are those of Mr. Guy Alford written just as he wrote them.

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Original List of Persons of Quality Who Went from Great Britain to the American Plantations, by John Camden Hotten .

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Nic^o Alford

"Passengers wch Passed From ye Port of London. . . .

"13 die octobris 1635. .

"Aboard the Amitie George Downes Mr bound to St Christophers . .

"Nico: Alford 28"

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Richard Alford

Capt. Smith's Plant.

"The Muster of Capt Roger Smith's Men Over ye Water"

Richard Alford aged 26 years".

Comment: This is a record made and kept in England and the purpose, I assume, was to keep track of Englishmen living in the overseas colonies or rather plantations, as they were called in those early times.

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Original List of Persons of Quality 1600-1700, by John Camden Hotten (G A Baker & Co N Y 1931)

Richard Alford

Parish Registers - Barbados - Ano. 1680
"List of the inhabitants in and about the Towne of St Michaels with their children, hired Seruants, Prentices, bought Seruants and Negroes."

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Rich'd Alford & wife

Children	2
hired Seruants & Prentices	3
bought Seruants	3
Slavs	5

"Total of Inhabitants 404

"Mend that ye Town of St Michael only have. returned an Acct of children.

"Total Inhabitants	
men	404
Children	402
	806
Total white Sruants	412
Total Negroes	1325"

Comment: In my notes I have a reference to "Richard Alford aged 26 yeres", included in a muster of the Inhabitants in Virginia. This could be the same man. At this period, it should be remembered, that the small, struggling settlements on the mainland of North America were, at first, called plantations. And in this period, Barbados was a port through which traffic to and from the 'over seas' plantations cleared. Barbados was in the West Indies. . . .

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Nottingham's Wills and Administrations, Accomac Co. Va, 1663-1800,
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David Allford

Witness on will of John Taylor. Will not dated. Probated: Feb 1, 1708.

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Clemen's Marriage Records Before 1699

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Elizabeth Alford and Nathaniel Hudson
Married: 1 Dec 1659, Boston, Mass.

Elizabeth Alford and Jacob Winfrey
Married: 1698, New Kent Co. Va.

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Josiah Alford and Hannah Westover
Married: 22 May 1693, Simsbury, Conn.

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Archives of Maryland, Vol. 18
Muster Rolls of Maryland Troops
1775-1783

P. 474 Alford, John

P. 424 Alford, Thomas

P. 273 Alford, Wm

Pages 10–16

US Census, Virginia (page references are to reprint of original report)

Amelia Co. 1790. Page 83

William Alford

White souls 10
Dwellings 2
Other Bldgs 3

John Alford

White souls 3
Dwellings 1
Other Bldgs 5

Amherst Co. 1790. Page 47

William Alford

White 8
Black 0

Lancaster Co. 1790. Page 56

Zacariah Alford

White 5
Black 0

Lancaster Co. 1790. Page 91

Zacheriah Alford

White souls 5
Dwellings 1

Northumberland Co. 1790. Page 76

John Alford

White souls 9
Dwellings 0
Other bldgs 2

Orange Co. 1790. Page 98

William Alford

White souls 0
Dwellings 0
Other bldgs 4

Comment: These facts indicate that this Wm Alford was single at the time report was made.

Rockingham Co. 1790, Page 77**John Alford**

White souls 10

Dwellings 1

Other Bldgs 0

Page 18*Old Tenth Legion Marriages in Rockingham Co Va. 1778-1816*, by

H.M. Strickler

In this order, the compiler undertook to set down, in columns, first, year, then name of groom, name of bride, name of bride's father, if shown on record, and surety on the matrimonial bond. . . .

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1799. Alford, John; Mary Alford; Henry Alford; Abraham Funk, surety; Robert Alford made affidavit as to age of bride.

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1785. John Boon; Elizabeth Alford, John Alford, father; John Alford, surety.

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1798. Abraham Funk; Sarah Alford; John Alford, father; John Alford, surety.

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1812. Tom Alford, surety on bond of John Carrell and Susannah Kealing, widow of William Kealing.

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1781. Wm Alford, surety on bond of Wm Rice and Eleanor Denison. Daniel Denison gave consent.

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1785. Wm Alford, surety on bond of John Jones Saint? (Sutt?). Bride's name not of record. Seemingly, this is a marriage bond, although it is so labelled. Facts indicate it might have something to do with Henry E. Ervin, a schoolmaster.

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Wm Alford, surety on bond of John Jones Sutt and Mary Smethers. Father's name not given. No consent shown but an affidavit by Mary Smethers says she is of age of consent and that her former, Stephen Smethers, now married to another woman and that she believes the report to be true. July 10, 1785. Groom signs as James Saicth John (not name spelling on record, above). (I suppose this man's name to be James St John.)

Comment: There are a lot of Williams

and Johns in our family and there could be some connection here. A check of the county and other records might reveal the connection, if any. . . .

Page 19*Nottingham's Wills and Administrations, Accomac Co Va 16631800, Page 8***William Allford**

Witness and legatee

Will of Tobias Selvey

Dated: Feb 14, 1681

Probated: Feb 16, 1681

Witnesses: William Alford, John

Smalley Executrix: Three daughters (below)

Legatees: To dau. Matilda Harrison, Joseph Harrison (under age); daus. Climencye, Elizabeth and Mathilda, 50 acres.

To Wm Allford, if he stays with me until I die & serves his time justly, 1000 pounds of tobacco.

Three daus. residuary legatees and executrix.

Comment: Wm Allford probably an indentured servant or brought over from England under a contract, to serve for a period of years.

Page 20*US Census, State of Virginia, 1790* (Counties of residence given after each head of family)

P. 78 Alford, John, Amelia Co.

3 white souls

1 dwelling

5 other buildings

P. 83 Alford, William, Amelia Co.

10 white souls

2 dwellings

2 other buildings

P. 47 Alford, William, Amherst Co.

8 white

0 black

P. 56 Alford, Zachariah, Lancaster Co.

5 white

0 black

P. 91 Alford, Zachariah, Lancaster Co.

5 white souls

1 dwelling

P. 76 Alford, John, Northumberland Co.

9 white souls

0 dwellings

2 other buildings
P. 98 Alford, William, Orange Co. (a bachelor, I assume)
0 white souls
0 dwellings
4 other buildings
P. 77 Alford, John, Rockingham Co.
10 white souls
1 dwelling
0 other buildings

Comment: Other notes will show Alford's in N.C. on the 1790 Census (the first U S Census). The official Virginia Census reports were destroyed in 1814, when the British Army burned the Capitol in Washington. I understand these facts were obtained from available Virginia tax lists and for the year 1790 or the nearest year thereto. They were published in lieu of the lost original records. In the interest of time and labor, as well as convenience, I have grouped all of the names, from the same source, under a single note.

Page 21*US Census, Fluvanna Co. Virginia 1790*

P. 19 Ancil Allford

2 whites

2 blacks

Page 22*The Douglass Register* (from marriages of record, Parish Register of Goochland (Va) William Douglass, Minister, 1750-1779).

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Drury Alford and Bettie Cannon
Listed as "of Louisa, 1782, Mar. 13."

Page 23*The Douglass Register, Page 150*

Jacob Alford and Ann Hunter

Page 98: Marriage of Jacob and Ann Hunter of Dec 10, 1799.

Page 150: Children of Jacob Alford and Ann Hunter are listed.

Page 24*The Douglass Register* (from the Parish Register of Goochland (Virginia) by Wm Douglas, Minister, 1750-1797).

Page 211: Anselm Alford and Ann Tony

Listed as "Both of Fluwanna, 1783". ♦