

Guy Alford Pt. 9: William Alford's 1822 Will

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[See "Guy Alford," p. 30, AAFA ACTION March 1991 for background on Guy Alford.]

Continuing the pattern set in previous installments, we are publishing data from pages 46-46C, which pertain this time to the will of William Alford. As is our practice we try to check Guy Alford's work with another source. In this case we had a photocopy of the will reproduced by the Georgia Archives from the actual will book. This copy was submitted by Arlene Alford AAFA #154 of Lakeland FL. We found several differences including two omitted paragraphs, several omitted words and several words, including names, transcribed incorrectly. What follows is a true and faithful transcript of the record in the Georgia Archives, which was no doubt Guy Alford's intention. His comments still appear at the end.

Will of William Alford, Sr.

Source: Pages 286, 287, Will BKK L, Hancock Co. Ga

In the name of God Amen. I William Alford, Senr. of the County of Hancock & State of Georgia being in perfect health and of sound & disposing mind & memory and calling to mind the frailty of life knowing that is appointed for all men to die do make ordain constitute & appoint this my last will & testament in manner & form following viz - First I bequeath my soul to God that gave it, my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors.

Item - As touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my loving son Jacob Alford the land & plantation whereon I now live two hundred acres in quantity.

Item - The whole of the balance of my estate both real & personal to be equally divided between all of my beloved children seven in number, viz John Alford, Milly Reed, William Alford, Junr., Jane Ellis, Owen Alford, Jacob Alford & Martha Newsom.

Item - I give & bequeath unto Micajah Middlebrooks the sum of two dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath unto Joshua Grace the sum of two dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath unto Alford Middlebrooks two dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath unto my loving grand daughter Elizabeth Driskell one hundred & fifty dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath unto my loving grand daughter Ann Vinson the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars cash.

Item - I give & bequeath to my loving grandson Cannon Grace the sum of three hundred & fifty dollars cash.

And I do hereby nominate & appoint my loving friends Joel D. Newsome & Hardy Jernigan executors of this my last will & testament and do hereby revoke and disannull (sic) all former wills by me made and published and pronounce this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 31st day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty two.

his
William X Alford (seal)
mark

Witnesses:

Henry Dortch
Levi Cobb
James Marchman

Georgia, Hancock County
Inferior Court sitting for Ordinary purposes (1st Monday) 2nd day of May, 1825. Present their Honors -

Hartwell Gray)
William A. Cobb) Justices.
Gideon Halsey)
John Turner)

The last will & testament of William Alford, Senr., late of this county, decd, being produced in open Court by Joel D. Newsome one of the nominated executors therein - and being fully proved to the satisfaction of the Court by the evidence of Levi Cobb & James Marchman two of the attesting witnesses thereto sworn in open court- It is ordered that said will be admitted to record. And the said Joel D. Newsome appeared in person & renounced the executorship of said will on his part.

Georgia, Hancock County -
Inferior Court sitting for Ordinary purposes Monday 13th of June 1825. Present their Honors -

Hartwell Gray)
John Turner) Justices
Wm A Cobb)
John J Gilbert)

Hardy Jernigan one of the nominated executors of the last will &c of William Alford, senr. decd, appeared

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From Virginia Land Patent Book 16 as published in MAGAZINE OF VIRGINIA GENEALOGY, Vol. 24 No. 3, August 1986:

"William Rennolds, ELIZABETH ALFORD, the wife of SALVATOR ALFORD and Mary Rennolds, Spinster, 300a, in Goochland Co., on S. side of John's Cr. falling into James R., by Little Cr. (p 153 & 154) 18 August 1735."

From a published version of Goochland Co. VA Deed Book 4, pages 7 and 49:

"Page 36. Jul 20, 1742 from James Goss and Mary Anne, his wife, of the Parish of St. James and G, to William Bauton [Banton?] of same, for 16 pounds, a certain tract of land in G on the south side of James River containing 200 acres and being part of 400 acres granted to said Mary Anne by patent, and bounded by [trees]. Signed - James Goss, Mary Ann Goss. Wit - Robt Walton, James Robinson, SILVATOR ALFORD. Recorded Jul 20, 1742."

"Page 373. Jun 19, 1744 from William REYNOLDS, SALVATA ALFORD & Elizabeth, his wife, and Daniel Wilmore, and Mary, his wife, of G, to John Spurlock of G, for 4 pounds, one dividend of land on the south side of James River in G and on the west side of Johns Cr, and bounded by Stephen Hughes and Charles Railey, and to contain 30 acres, being part of 300 acres granted unto William REYNOLDS, ELIZABETH ALFORD, and Mary REYNOLDS by patent. . . ."

From Bedford Co. VA DEED BOOK A-1 1754-62:

Deed from William Dooley to SILVATOR ALFORD - paid 31 pounds for 200 acres lying on north side of Stanton River on south side between Green Springs Creek and Zachariah Denny line. Witt: Paul Chiles, John Beasley, Ann Chiles. Rec.

Jan 1, 1761.

Page 10 Deed from William Dudley to SILVATOR ALFORD - paid 25 pounds for 200 acres lying on north side of Stanton River on lower side of said tract between Green Spring Creek and Zachariah Denny line. Land originally granted to John Johnson by patent. Witt. Paul Chiles, John Beasley, Ann Chiles. Rec. March 23, 1761.

The will of SALVATOR ALFORD, Bedford Co. VA, dated 15 Oct. 1776, leaves his land, all his stock and cattle, remainder of estate, a Negro woman, and 5 Negro children to his son WILLIAM ALFORD (only son mentioned). Daughters mentioned were JUDITH VEST, LEWCY VEST (Lucy is Dorothy's ancestor), MARY MULINS, MELICIENT BROIUS (?), and ELIZABETH EDDS. Lucy's first child was born 1759, so she was probably born about 1740.

In the deeds in Pittsylvania Co., VA (split from Bedford Co. in 1767) was a WILLIAM ALFORD buying land on the Stanton River, 22 Mar. 1773, and selling this land, 12 June 1776. He also bought land on Nixes Creek, 20 Aug. 1777, and he and his wife, Marthy, sold this land, 12 Mar. 1787. No record was found for the disposal of the property which WILLIAM ALFORD inherited from his father SALVATOR ALFORD.

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SARAH ALFORD

Albert Partee, 1410 Parker Place, Brentwood, TN 37027-7018, needs help with research on the family of his great-great-grandmother SARAH ALFORD. Sarah was born 27 Nov 1828 and died 26 Oct 1859. She was married to James George DeJarnatt on 28 March 1848. He was born 1 Feb 1816 and died 23 Feb 1867. They lived in Rutherford County, TN. A portrait of Sarah hangs over the fireplace of Albert's grandmother. ♦

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in open Court & renounced the executorship of said will on his part.

Guy Alford's comments:

This note incomplete: did not have time to check other recorded facts about Wm, Sr. his estate and children. I want to definitely determine these points, if possible:

- (a) Is Wm. Sr. the son of Willie named in will of James Alford, Hancock Co.? [AAFA/GKA No!]
- (b) Is Wm. Jr. named in Wm. Sr's will the father of John, Green B. and William of Putnam Co., my relatives? [AAFA/GKA No!]

Also determine, if possible, something about the descendants of the other children named in Wm. Sr's will. [AAFA/GKA Stay tuned to AAFA ACTION for more on this branch of the family.]

AAFA [GKA] comments:

Most who are familiar with this William Alford think he is probably Lodwick Alford's son who was born 1734 in Virginia—notwithstanding a discrepancy of a few years in age when viewed in light of a newspaper article reporting his death. Younger brothers born in North Carolina, James Alford, Julius Alford, and probably Isham Alford all went to Georgia. (Isham did go to Georgia but there is some doubt about his being a son of Lodwick.) James even settled in Hancock County where William died. Several nephews also moved to Georgia.

There is some evidence now that Lodwick also went to Georgia. [See "Lodwick Alford Sr. in Early Georgia" in AAFA ACTION Winter 1994, p. 36.] ♦