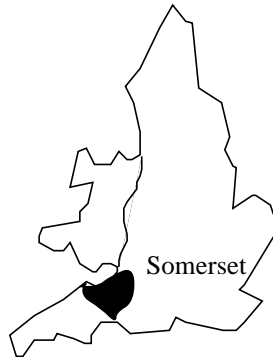


## Alexander and Agnes Alford

At the end of Josiah Alford's *ALFORD FAMILY NOTES*, which we have been serializing, is an "Appendix of Wills." Rather than wait until we finish publishing the content of the book to publish these wills, we will try to print some in each issue. This will be useful since they will be referred to in the footnotes or remarks that accompany member lineages.

The following two wills appear on pages 196–197.



### Alexander Alford

Alexander Alford, clerke, of Whitestauton, co. Somerset, 1576 (Westmounckton Test.). "In the name of God, Amen. The xxth day of Decembre in the yeare of our Lorde God 1576. I Alexander Alforde of the p'ishe of Whitestanton in the countie of Som'st clerke beinge whole and p'fecte of remembrance thanks be unto almightie God Do ordaine and make my testamente and last will in manner and forme followinge that is to say that I first I bequethe my soule to Almightye God and my bodie to therthe to be buried in the churchyard of Whitestanton aforesaid. Itm. I geve and bequeathe to the said p'ishe church xijd. I geve to my sonne Salamon my tablebords. Itm. I geve to euerie of my children iijjd. a pece. All the rest of my

gooddes and cattells and Debtes not geven nor bequethed in this my p'sente laste Will and Testamente I Do geve and bequethe unto Agnes my Wief whome I make my whole and sole Executrix to use and dispose the same as it semethe beste to her discretion. Yereunto bearethe wittnes—Tristram Easton and Richard Brownsey."

Sum Invent. iijli. xviijs.

*Court of the Archdeacon of Taunton, Vol. v, fol. 318.*

### Agnes Alford

Agnes Alford, widow, of Whitestanton, co. Somerset, 1577. "I Agnes Alforde, widoe, in the p'ishe of Whitestanton, beinge in p'fecte mynde and memory and sicke of bodie do make this my laste Will and Testamente as followethe. Firste I bequethe my soule to Almightye God my Saviour in whome is my truste to be saved by his blood shedding for me and all other. Itm. I bequethe my bodie to be buried in Xtian buriall. Itm. To my mother church of Bathe and Wells iijjd. Itm. I geve to Jone Symes my best gowne . . . to my daughter Mary a platter and a salteseller . . . to my daughter Alice one smocke and one aprone . . . to Jone Paine one stocke of bees . . . to my daughter Elinor my blacke frocke, a podinger, a sawcer . . . unto my sonne Willyam a borde that dothe stande uppon the benche . . . to John a stocke of bees . . . to Salamon a frize gowne . . . to Bartholomew a douste bed, ij feather pilloes, a bolster and a paire of blanketts, a covlett. The residue of my goodes to Brigett my daughter my full Executrix." (Made the ixth of November 1577, proved iij December 1577.)

*Court of the Archdeacon of Taunton, Vol. v, fol. 316. ❖*