

Alford Research

SOME ALFORD RECORDS FOR ROCKINGHAM CO., VA.

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Their letterhead used to read: THE MORANS ALL LAWYERS, Ruth E. Moran, John C. Moran — Of Counsel: Susan Moran, Michael John Moran. John is deceased but Ruth has been active in our organized Alford effort for over 16 years. Susan and Michael are still practicing. When John died in 1987 the firm owned two office buildings and other propertied. Ruth closed the law office and has continued in the real property business ever since. About 19 years ago she was the president of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society for three years, and she recently completed four more years as the president. Now she is the vice president. She is also on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Historical Society of which she has been a member for 18 years. She has served them mostly on the library committee. She is a member of DAR and other such organizations.

Rockingham County, Virginia Deed Book 2 page 389

This Indenture made this 19th day of August 1813 by and (between) George Alford and Mary his wife of the County of Mon(roe) and State of Virginia of the one part and John Alford of the County and State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that said George Alford and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars to them in hand paid by the (said) John Alford the receipt whereof the said George Alford and Mary his wife do hereby acknowledge acquit and (deed) him the said John Alford. They the said George Alford and Mary his wife hath granted bargained, sold, alien (release), confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain alien release and confirm unto the said John Alford his (heirs) and assigns from all their right title to and inter(est) the real estate to them left by the last will and testament of John Alford Deceased dated the 25th day of October 1809. The same more or less and now on record in the county of Rockingham reference thereunto being had will m(ore) fully appear, situated laying and being in the Count(y) of Rockingham on the waters of Mill Creek all of which be the same more or less together with the appearances there unto belonging or in any wise appurtenanting to have and to hold our said claim of land with its appurtenances unto the said John Alford and his heirs or assigns to the sole use and behoof of him the said John Alford and his heirs or assigns forever. And the said George and Mary his wife and their heirs all and singular the premise heretofore granted shall and will from time to time and in all times hereafter warrant and forever defend the said claim of land with its appurtenances unto the said John Alford and his heirs or assigns against the just claim of any person or persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said George Alford and Mary his wife have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered } In the presence of us }	George Alford (Seal) Mary Alford (Seal)
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At Monroe August Court 1814
This Deed of Bargain and Sale from George Alford and Mary his wife to John

Alford was acknowledged in Court the the Said Mary being first privily examined as the law directs relinquished her right of dower therein whereupon the same is ordered to be Certified to the County Court of Rockingham there to be recorded.

A Copy Test Isaac Hutcherson C.M.C.

In the Clerks Office of the County Court of Rockingham the 1st day of

This Deed from George Alford Mary his wife to John (Alford) was this day presented to me Henry J. Gambill Deputy Cler[k] the said County and the same having been duly [ackno]wledged in this County Court of Monroe and Certifi[ed] according to Law is admitted to Record.

Teste H.J. Gambill D.C.R.C.

Rockingham County, Virginia Deed Book 3 page 124

This Indenture made this 17th day of August 1813 between John Boone and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Alford and Jean his wife, John Alford and Margarett his wife all of the County of Monroe and State of Virginia of the one part and Henry Alford of the Same County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said John Boone and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Alford and Jean his wife John Alford and Margarett his wife for and in Consideration of the sum of Fourty Dollars to them in hand paid by the said Henry Alford the receipt whereof they the said John Boone and Elizabeth Boone his wife, Joseph Alford and Jean his wife John Alford and Margarett his wife do thereby Acknowledge acquit and Discharge him the Said Henry Alford. They the Said John Boone and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Alford and Jean his wife, John Alford and Margarett his wife hath granted bargained Sold aliened and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell alien Release and Confirm unto the Said Henry Alford his heirs and assignes forever, all their right title to and interest in the real Estate to them left for the last will and testament of John Alford Deceased Dated the 25th day of October 1809 be the same more or less and now on record in the County Court of Rockingham reference thereunto being had will more fully appear. Situated lying and being in the County of Rockingham on the waters of Mill Creek all of which be the Same more or less together with the appertenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold our Said claim of land with its appurtenances unto the Said Henry Alford and his heirs or assignes forever to the Sole use and behoof of him to Said Henry Alford and his assigns forever, and the Said John Boone and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Alford and Jean his wife, John Alford and Margarett his wife, and their heirs all and Singular the Premises heretofore granted shall and will from time to time at all times hereafter warrant and forever defend the said claim of land with its appurtenances unto the said Henry Alford and his heirs or assignes for ever against the just claim of any Person or Persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof we the Said John Boone and Elizabeth his wife, Joseph Alford and Jean his wife John Alford and Margarett his wife hath hereto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year just before written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of us

his
John X Boon (L.S.)
Joseph Alford (L.S.)
Jeane Alford (L.S.)
Elizabeth Boon (L.S.)
Peggy Alford (L.S.)
John Alford (L.S.)

Virginia At a Court of Quarter session held for the County of Monroe on Tuesday August 17, 1813 and the 38th year of the Commonwealth. This Deed of Bargain and Sale from John Boon and Elizabeth his wife Joseph Alford and Jane his wife John Alford and Margarette his wife to Henry Alford was acknowledged in Court by the Said Boon and Elizabeth his wife Joseph Alford and Jane his wife and Margaret Alford they the Elizabeth, Jane and Margaret being first privily Examined as the law directs relinquished their rights of Dower therein whereupon the Same is continued for further acknowledgment.

A Copy Teste Isaac Hutchison C.M.C.

Tuesday 19th August 1813

This deed of Bargain & sale from John Boon & to Henry Alford was further acknowledged in open Court by John Alford a party thereto whereupon the said Deed is ordered to be certified to the County Court of Rockingham there to be Recorded.

A Copy Teste Hutchison C.M.C.

In the Clerks office of the County Court of Rockingham April 5, 1816. This Deed from John Boone & others to Henry Alford was this day presented to one willim Harron Deputy Clerk of the Said County and being acknowledged the County Court of Monroe and duly certified is admitted to record.

Teste William Harron D.C.R.C.

Rockingham County, Virginia Book 3 page 224

This Identure made the 3rd day of (March) Henry Alford of the County of Monroe & State of Virginia (and John) Pence of the County of Rockingham & state aforesaid of the -----, Witnesseth that the said Henry Alford for and in consideration -----of one hundred and Sixty Three Dollars lawful money of Virginia in hand paid by the Said John Pence the receipt whereof (is hereby) acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold and by (his pre)sents doth grant Bargain & sell unto the Said John Pence (his heirs) and assigns all the right title and Interest in the real estate (left) by last will and Testament of John Alford Dec'd dated the 25 of October 1809 and duly recorded in the County Court of Rock(ingham) Together with the Shares of John Boone, Joseph Alford and John (Alford) by deed of Bargain and Sale conveyed to the Sd Henry Alford a(nd said) Land lying and being in the County of Rockingham in the C(ounty) of Rockingham on the waters of Mill Creek Together with a(nd) singular its appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise app-----ing to have and to hold the said land with its appurtenance to the Sd John Pence and his heirs and assignes forever to the S----- and behoof of him the Sd John Pence and his heirs and Assig(s for)ever and the Said Henry Alford all and singular the pr----- heretofore granted shall and will forever Warrant and D-----.

In witness whereof the Said Henry Alford hath hereunto (set) his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

H.K. Cockran) Henry Alford (L.S.)
James Welch)
Jno Bywaters)
Thos E. Fletcher)

In the Clerks Office of the County Court of Rockingham ---- of March 1816. This Deed from Henry Alford to John Pence (is) this day presented to me William Herow Deputy Clerk (of) Said County and was proved by the Oath of Thos C. Flet---. Witness thereto and on the 22nd day of March was further

pr(esented John Bywaters another of the witnesses and on the 12th day -----was fully proved by James Welch & third witness thereto a(nd) admitted to Record.

Teste W. Herron D.(C.R.C.)

Rerecorded from "Burnt Records" under act of Assembly approved November 18th 1884. Test D.H. Martz D.C.

Rockingham County, Virginia Deed Book 4 page 253

This Indenture made this 23rd day of August in (year) of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and sixteen By and betw(een) Thomas Alford and Elizabeth his wife & Nancy Alford of the one part (and John Carpenter of the other part all of the County of Rockingham, State of Virgiiia. Witnesseth that the said Thomas Alford and E(lizabeth) his wife and Nancy Alford for the consideration of the sum (One) Hundred and Fifty Dollars to Them in hand paid by the said (John) Carpenter at or before the Sealing and delivery of these p(resents) receipt whereof they hereby acknowledged have Bargain (sell and convey) and by these presents do hereby Bargain sell and

-----y achors it being all their rights Title interest ----- and to all the lands left to them the said Thomas Alford and Elizabeth his wife and Nancy Alford by the last will and Testament of John Alford Deceased father of the said Thomas Alford and Nancy Alford. Said will of Record in the County Court office of Rockingham and dated the 25th day of October 1809 which will leaves to Thomas Alford himself thirty achors and to his sister Nancy Alford Twenty ackers and ten achors which is willed to them on Benjamin Alford accompt. The right of said ten ackore being in them the Said Thomas Alford and Nancy Alford by said will all which laids lyes joining each other as stated in Said will and whenever the new lines it is already understood that the said Thomas Alford and wife and Nancy Alford doth by their presents Bargain sell and convey their whole rights Titles Interest and Claims both at Law and Equity in and to Said land with all its ways waters and priviledged and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining to the only proper use and behoof of him the said John Carpenter his heirs and assigns forever and the said Thomas Alford and wife & Nancy Alford doth covenant for themselves and their heirs the said lands and premises to the said John Caprenter his heirs and assigns free from the claim or claim by them the said Thomas Alford and wife, Nancy Alford or their heirs or clame or clames of any person or persons lying any claime or clames thereunto forever. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 23rd day of August 1816.

) Thomas Alford (L.S.)
) her
Signed Sealed & Delivered) Elizabeth X Alford (L.S.)
) mark
In the presence of) her
) Nancy X Alford (L.S.)
) mark

Rockingham County to wit:
We Archibald Rutherford and Joseph Cravens Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Elizabeth Alford wife of Thomas Alford parties to a certain Deed for the conveyance of land to John Carpenter bearing date the 23rd day of August 1816 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our said Courtyard being examined (by) us privily and apart from her said Husband and having her (freely

acknowledge the same to be the act and deed of) the said Elizabeth (and declared that) she had willingly signed sealed and delivered (the same and that she wished not) to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 23 day of August 1816.

A. Ru(therford)
Jas Crav(ens)

In the Clerks office of the County Court of Rockinham August -----
This Deed from Thomas Alford & others to John Carpenter was (pres)ented to me Wm Herron Deputy Clerk of the Said County and acknow(ledged) the parties thereto and admitted to record.

Teste Wm Herron D.C.R.C.

Rerecorded from "Burnt Records" under act of Assembly approved November 18th 1884.

Teste D.H. Martz D.C.

ALFORD - PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LIST - ROCKINGHAM CO., VA.

YEAR	NAME/TITH	TITH	HORSES/ CATTLE	COMPANY/CAPTAIN
1782	John Alford	1	4/6	
	John Alford	1	5/13	
1783	William Alford	1	9/13	Capt Wm Smith
	John Alford	1	4/4	Capt Wm Smith
	John Alford	1	4/12	Capt Geo Weston
	John Alford	1	2/6	Capt J. Harrison
1784	John Alford	1	4/2	Capt Geo Chrisman
	William Alford	1	0/4	Capt Joseph Smith
1785	John Alford	1	2/6	Capt Garton
	William Alford	1	0/3	Baxter & Smith
1786	William Alford	1	8/2	
	John Allford	1	5/3	
	William Alford	1	0/3	Smith & Baxter
	John Allford	1	3/5	Capt Huston
1787	William Alford		6/9	1
July 9	John Alford	2[16/20]	4/4	3
Apr 5	John Alford		3/7	
1788				
Apr 5	John Alford	1[16/20]	3	5
Apr 5	John Alford, Junr		0	5
1789				
Apr 2	John Alford	1[16/20]	3	4
				Capt Geo Huston
1790				
Apr 12	John Alford	2[16/10]	3	4
				Capt Geo Huston

1791	Apr 16	John Alford	2[16/20]	5	4	
1792	July 6	John Alford	2[16/20]	5	4	Capt Geo Huston [North River & Shanandge(?)]
1793	Apr 4	John Alford		4	4	
1794	May 13	John Alford		4	4	

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DATE	NAME/TITH	HORSES	COMPANY/CAPTAIN
1795			
Apr 13	Henry Alford		4
Apr 13	John Alford	4	4
1796			
Apr 16	Robert Alford		
Apr 16	John Alford, Sen	2	
Apr 16	John Alford Jr		
Apr 16	Henry Alford	1	
1797			
May 10	John Alford, Sen	2	
May 10	Henry Alford		
May 10	Benjamin Alford		
May 10	Margaret Alford	1	
1798	John Alford	3	Tax 27 cents
1799			
June 20	John Alford	1	Tax 12 cents
1800			
June 30	John Alford		
1801			
Apr 3	John Alford	1	Tax 12 cents
1802	- no Alfords listed		
1803			
June 9	John Allford 1 Tith[21]	1	Tax 12 cents
1804	Either I overlooked the Alfords or none are listed. REM		
1805	Benjamin Alford 1 Tith		
1806	John Alford 1 male 16+	1	Tax \$1 & 2 cents
1807	John Alford 1 male 16+	1	Tax 12 cents
1808	- Tax Books Missing for Rockingham County		

1809	John Alford	1 male 16+	1	Tax 12 cents
1810	John Alford	1 male 16+	2	Tax 24 cents
1811	no Alford's listed			
1812	no Alford's listed			

Rockingham Co., Va Tax List pg. 2

DATE	NAME/TITH	TITH	HORSES	CATTLE	TAX
1813	Nancy Alford	1 Tith (?)	2		32 cents
	Thomas Alford	1 Tith	2		32 cents
1814					
Mar 24	Thomas Alford	1 Tith	2	3	
Mar 24	Nancy Alford	1 Tith		1	
1815					
Mar 24	Thomas Alford	1 Tith	2	3	
Mar 24	Nancy Alford			1	
1816	Either I overlooked the Alford's or none are listed. REM				
1817					
Mar 3	Thomas Alford	1 Tith	3 horses		54 cents

Chronology of the John Alford [of Rockingham Co, Va] Family

1755 - John Alford on delinquent Tax Record, Augusta Co., Va.

1774 Dec 5 - John Alford weaver contributed to the relief of the patriots of Boston (1) 1 pr shoe buckles; (2) 1 qt whiskey (3) a pair compasses (4) 3 dozen buttons..

1776-1782 - During the War of the Revolution, the membership of the old Peaked Mountain Church at Cross Keys of Rockingham County, Va. served three companies; the membership that lived in the Mill Creek and William's Valleys first served in Capt. Thos. Hewitt's Company. Among those who served besides, John Alford, were George, John, and Nathan and Stephen Houston; Robert and James Hook; Robert and James Scott; James Gilliland, John Taylor, William Davidson, and William Heney.

1782 - John Alford - 1 Tith - 4 horses - 6 cattle [S1]
 John Alford - 9 white souls - no dwelling - 2 other buildings. -from list of Michael Rorak [p 76 S2]

1782 - John Alford - 1 Tith - 5 horses - 13 cattle [S1]
 John Alford - 10 white souls - 1 dwelling - from list of Capt Wm. Herring. [p 77 S2]

1782 May 27 - Deed from Benjamin Harrison and wife to John Alford.-

1783 - John Alford -

1783 Nov 25 - Houston vs. Stephenson. Nancy Allford 4 days, John Allford 4 days.

1784 Dec - To John Alford the sum of 0/10/0 for a saddle impressed to carry Stephens to Richmond.

1785 - John Boon and Elizabeth Alford married in Augusta Co. John Boon b. 1755 d 17 July 1835.

1787 - George Alford first on Greenbrier Co., Tax List. .

1787 Rockingham Co., Tax List

Alford, William - self - 0 0 6 horses 9 cattle

Alford, John - self - 2(males 16-20) 0 0 4 horses 4 cattle

Alford, John - self - 0 0 3 horses 7 cattle

[From 1787 Census of Virginia by Schriener-Yantis & Love]

1788 - Military "Vouchers" of Capt George Huston's Co.

John Alford & son Benjamin - 3 horses

John Alford, Jr.

10th Legion Tithables - John Alford with 2 sons Benjamin

and John Alford, Jr., - 5 horses.?????

1788 - Joseph Alford first on Greenbrier Co., Tax List. [b. 1767]

1789 - Landowners in Rockingham Co. [Ralph Loftus Commissioner Military District #4 - John Alford - 180 acres.

1792 - Joseph Alford and Jennie Gwyn in Greenbrier Co., Va - Nov 5, 1792.

1793 - George Alford and Mary Burnsidess married in Greenbrier Co., Va., 14 Feb 1793.

1797 - Thomas Alford and Betsy Miller; James Miller surety married Sept 29, 1797.

1798 - Albraham Funk & Sarah Allford married Oct 15.

1799 - John Alford & Margaret Alford married Oct 10.

1802 - Henry Alford and Eleanor Milling d/o James Milling married Aug 9, 1802.

1809 Oct 25 - Date of John Alford's will.

1813 Aug 19 - Deed from George Alford and wife Mary of Monroe County, Va sold to John Alford Monroe Co., Va. for \$20.00 real estate on the waters of Mill Creek in Rockingham Co. left to them by the "last will and testament" of John Alford, deceased, dated 25 Oct 1809.

[signed]

George Alford Mary Alford
Recorded in Rockingham Co. August 1814.

1813 Aug 17 - Deed between John Boone and Elizabeth, his wife; Joseph alford and Jean, his wife; John Alford and Margarett, his wife, all of the county of Monroe, State of Virginia and Henry Alford of the same county and state, in consideration of \$40.00, the real estate in Rockingham Co., left to them by the last will of John Alford, deceased, dated 25 Oct 1809.

Signed by John (X) Boon, Joseph Alford, Jeane Alford, Elizabeth Boon, Peggy Alford, John Alford.

Filed in Rockingham April 5, 1816.

1816 Aug 23 - Thomas Alford & Elizabeth, his wife and Nancy Alford sold to John Carpenter, all of Rockingham Co., Va., for the sum of \$150.00 lands left to them by the last will and testament of John Alford, deceased, father of Thomas and Nancy Alford. will dated 25 October 1809. will leaves to Thomas Alford 30 acres and to Nancy Alford 20 acres, and 10 acres which is willed to Thomas and Nancy on Benjamin Alford's accompt.

Signed by Thomas Alford, Elizabeth (X) Alford, Nancy (X) Alford

[NOTE: Thomas & wife Elizabeth and sister, Nancy, sold 60 acres for \$150.00 - REM]

1816 ----- 30 - Henry Alford of Monroe Co., Va., in consideration of \$163.00 dollars sold to John Ponce of Rockingham Co., Va., real estate left by the last will and testament of John Alford, deceased, dated 25 Oct 1809 and duly recorded in Rockingham County, together with the shares of John Boone, Joseph Alford, and John Alford by deed conveyed to Henry Alford, said land lying on the waters of Mill Creek in Rockingham County.

Signed by Henry Alford.

Proved by witness, Thomas E. Fletcher on March __ 1916; by witness, John Baywaters on 22 March 1816, and on the 12 day of _____ was fully proved by James Welch and admitted to record.

Not identified as to date:

List "B" - Militia Company # 4

04/05 Alford, John

Boon, John

List "B" Militia Company #3

07/09 Alford, John

04/05

Executor Bonds Rockingham Co., Va

Date	Decedant	Executors	Bond	Bondsman
1782 Mar 25	James Shannon	Martha Shannon	300 lb	Benj. Harrison & Wm. Alford
1810 Oct 16	John Alford	George Huston & John Huston	100 Lb	Bond not signed
1810 Oct 16	John Alford	George Huston & John Huston	80 Lb	Robert Gray

Date	Decedant	Orphan	Guardian	Bond
1832 Mar 19	Thomas Alford Jacob Shaver,	James Alford Bondsman	John Alford	20 Lb