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Early Records of "Alfords" in Barbados

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The records that follow were taken from sources as noted. Barbados and America by David L. Kent

At this time, it is not known whether or not these individuals ever came to the United States, whether they went back to England or remained in Barbados. Except in the instances indicated below, it is also not known how they were related to "Alfords" in England or to those who did come to the U.S. Most of the "Alfords" seem to have been present in St. Michael Parish which is the location of Bridgetown/St. Michael Town. There seems to have been some of the upper class as well as others of the working class.

The following quotes are taken from the Preface of Omitted Chapters from Hotten's (see bibliographical data below): "Barbados played a unique role in the settlement of colonial America. Thousands upon thousands of Englishmen, Scotsmen, Welshmen, and Irishmen sailed first to that small West Indian island before immigrating to the mainland colonies. Some stayed in Barbados only a short time. Others, of course, settled there, but many of their descendants later planted new roots in New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia."

NOTE: Dates with slashes indicate that the date (months January through March) was from the Old Style Calendar where the New Year began on April 1. The new calendar began in the 1750's but it appears that Barbados (like other places) was behind in adopting it.

page 197 [only page AAFA has] a Mr. **Benjamin Alford** is listed as a 21-year-old in a census list whose date is unknown, not married and has no children

BARBADOS RECORDS (all compiled and edited by Joanne Mcrec Sanders, Sanders Historical Publications, Houston, TX)

Baptisms, 1637-1800, 1984

page 12, **Thomas Alford** baptized 11 Apr 1669

Elisabeth Alford baptized 25 Oct 1669

page 14, **Roger Alford** baptized 10 Sept 1671

Christopher Alford baptized 4 Mar 1671/2

page 16, **Richard Alford** baptized 21 Sept 1673

page 23, **John Alford**, son of **Richard and Rose Alford**, baptized 6 Nov 1683

page 29, **Sarah Alford**, daughter of **Thomas and Priscilla Alford**, baptized 13 Jun 1689

page 30, **Thomas Alford** was the godfather of a 5-year old negro girl, **Mary Cuffy**, baptized 17 Nov 1689

page 32, **Richard Alford**, son of **Thomas and Priscilla Alford**, baptized 10 Mar 1691/2
 page 34, **Benjamin Alford**, son of **Joseph and Mary Alford**, baptized 8 Mar 1693/4
 page 72, **Dorothy Alford**, daughter of **William and Dorothy Alford**, born 9 Oct 1723, baptized 9 Jan 1723/4
 page 87, **Benjamin Alford**, godfather of Samuel, son of Henry Whitaker and Jane Clarke, baptized 21 May 1728
 page 97, **Samuel Alford**, son of **Philip and Mary Alford**, born 9 Dec 1731, baptized 11 Dec 1731
 page 108, **Thomas Alford**, son of **Philip and Mary Alford**, born (and baptized?) 29 Nov 1739
 page 134, **Elizabeth Ann Alford**, dau of **Samuel and Charity Alford**, born 2 Nov 1756, baptized 7 Nov 1756
 page 164, **Angel Temperance Alford**, daughter of **Thomas and Ann Alford**, baptized 10 Sept 1771
 page 169, **Aslabie Christian Lake Alford**, daughter of **Thomas and Ann Alford**, baptized 1 Jan 1774

Marriages 1643-1800, Volume I, 1982 [No Alford in Vol. II] ALL ST. MICHAEL PARISH

page 2, John Abram and **Eliza Elfard**, 9 May 1649
 page 30, **Richard Halford** and Jane Barker, 24 Mar 1669
 page 31, **Azariah Elford** and Mrs. Susanna Bevin, 14 Aug 1670
 page 49, **Richard Alford** and Mrs. Rose Capps, 5 Jun 1681
 page 52, **Richard Alford** and Dorothy Clarke, 2 Aug 1682
 page 55, Joseph Thorne and **Barbary Alford**, 29 Jun 1683
 page 68, **Thomas Alford** and Priscilla Fawne, 29 Jul 1688
 page 74, **Joseph Alford** and Mrs. Mary Gelhampton, 22 Jan 1690/1
 page 88, Capt. John Garvey and **Mrs. Mary Alford**, 15 Dec 1695
 page 99, William Reid and **Mrs. Elisabeth Alford**, 20 Feb 1700
 page 109, Robert Jacobs and **Mrs. Sarah Alford**, 20 Jan 1705/6
 page 111, Capt. John Francklin [sic] and **Mrs. Sarah Alford**, 23 Feb 1706/7
 page 150, **Phillip Alford** and Mrs. Mary Hagbourne, spinster, 22 Aug 1730
 page 176, **William Thomas Halford**, and Elizabeth Craine, 16 Nov 1745
 page 195, **Samuel Alford** and Charity Sherrain, 17 Aug 1755
 page 229, **Thomas Alford** and Ann Rooks, 4 Jun 1770

Wills and Administrations, Vol. I (1639-1680), 1979

page 3, Will of **Nicolas Alford** of St. Peter's Parish, dated 20 Sept 1649, proved 22 Jul 1650 [RB6/11, p. 448]. Names wife **Ann Alford** and children **James Alford**, **Angell Alford**, **Marie Alford**, **Ann Alford**, **Joane Alford**, and **Nicolas Alford**, all at 18 [to inherit at age 18?]
 page 3, Will of **Richard Alford**, dated 13 Jul 1680, proved 23 Jul 1680 [RB6/14, p. 88]. Names wife **Alice Alford** and sons **Thomas Alford**, **Peter Alford**, and **Roger Alford**.
 page 4, Will of **Ann Allford (Alford)**, widow of **Nicolas Alford**, dated 20 Nov 1650, recorded 22 Oct 1650 [RB6/11, p. 449]. No heirs or survivors named.
 page 155, **Richard Allford** named as godchild of Joane Grubb in her will dated 13 Oct 1650 and recorded three months later.
 Page 159, **Gregory Alford** of Lyme Regis, England named as uncle and **Richard Alford** (also presumed to have been of England) named as grandfather in will of Gregory Hallett, dated May 1679, proved 11 June 1679.
 page 185, **Christopher Alford** cousin and main heir of John Hopcott in will dated 12 Dec 1657 and proved about a month later.
 page 224, **Sam Alford**, witness to will of Capt. Anthony Long, gentleman, dated 24 Apr 1667
 page 331, **Ruth Halford** named as sister of Nathaniel Smith in will dated 19 Feb 1650 [estate and goods in New England; will proved in Boston, MA at the request of the executors]

Wills and Administrations, Vol. II (1681-1700), 1980

page 5, **Prisilla Alforde**, will dated 13 Jun 1693 and proved 21 Jun 1693; names son **Richard Alforde**, guardians of whom were to be John Meddy and Alexander Lampter
 page 5, **Thomas Alforde**, cooper; will dated 28 Mar 1693 and proved 21 Jun 1693; names wife **Priscella Alforde** and son **Richard Alforde**
 page 58, **Phillip Alford**, one of two executors of will of Henry Chapman, St. Michael's Parish, 4 Feb 1696/7

- page 69, **John Allford**, a witness to the will of Priscilla Cole of St. Thomas Parish, 4 Nov 1685
- page 89, **Richard Alford**, merchant of St. Michael's Town named executor of will of Thomas Dean, surgeon, 20 Jul 1684
- page 99, **Benjamin Alford**, son of **Joseph Alford** deceased, named as one of the heirs of Thomas Duboys, Esq. in his will dated 8 Apr 1699
- page 103, **James Alford** a witness to the will of Christopher Eastwick, dated 24 Jun 1687
- page 120, **Thomas Alford** named as brother in will of John Foord, dated 3 Feb 1691 [but in father's 1684 will on same page, brother is named as Thomas Foord?]; of St. Andrew's Parish
- page 148, **Joseph Allford**, merchant, named as cousin in will of William Hagthorp, planter, of St. Michael's Parish, dated 25 Aug 1693 [other heirs included Halletts and Duboys]
- page 150, **Joseph Alford** of Barbados named as cousin and **George Alford** of Lyme Regis, County Dorset, England, named as cousin and **William Alford**, grandson of George Alford—all named as heirs in will of Richard Hallett of Lyme Regis in his will dated 13 Oct 1691, proved 17 Mar 1694/5
- page 194, **Sarah Alford**s [sic], wife of **Phillip Alford**s, named as daughter of Henry Jones of Philadelphia County, PA in America, in his Aug 1688 will which was proved and executed in PA although some legatees resided in Barbados
- page 243, **Thomas Alford** witness to will of Henry Mills, cooper, dated Aug 1692

Wills and Administrations, Vol. III (1701-1725), 1981

- page 13, **Amy Halford** witness to will of Elizabeth Austin, spinster, dated 21 Jul 1719
- page 45, **Phillip Alford** witness and named in will to give aid to sisters of Thomas Browne of St. Michael's Parish in his 25 Dec 1725 will
- page 82, **Phillips Alford** named as apprentice in will of Edward Cordwent, merchant of London, dated 28 Apr 1719
- page 119, **William Halford** witness to wills of James Fen (10 Aug 1721) and Michael Fenn (26 Jul 1718), both of St. Michael's Town
- page 154, **William Halford** witness to will of Joseph Harbin of St. Michael's Town, dated 26 Aug 1719
- page 289, **William Halford** witness to will of William Roberts, Esq., merchant of St. Michael's Parish, dated 9 June 1718
- page 320, **Benjamin Alford** named as undutiful son and only given 1 shilling in will of Mary Squire of St. Michael's Town, dated 8 May 1722
- page 330, **Sarah Allford** widow, named as granddaughter of John Swinsted of St. Peter's Parish in his will dated 4 Mar 1700

Genealogies of Barbados Families [from Caribbeana and The Journal of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society], compiled by James C. Brandow. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1983.

- page 120, 13 Mar 1687, **Joseph Alford** was a witness to securities held against the estate of Nathaniel Kingsland, deceased.
- page 372, same date and same information as above.
- page 646, 8 Apr 1699, in a will written by Thomas Duboys/Dubois of St. Michael Parish (who was bound for England), **Benjamin Alford** son of **Joseph Alford**, deceased, was left 25 pounds. This Thomas Duboys died on his passage to England.

Omitted Chapters from Hotten's: Original Lists of Quality...and Others Who Went from Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1600-1700 (Census Returns, Parish Registers, and Militia Rolls from the Barbados Census of 1679/80), edited by James C. Brandow. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982.

- page 88, **Robert Allford** in a list of all people buried in St. Peter's Parish from 25 Mar 1678 to 29 Sept 1679.
- page 102, **William Haford** and **Nicolas Afore** on militia list dated 6 Jan 1679/80
- page 134, **James Alford** on militia list dated Jan 1679/80
- page 140, **Walter Halfard** (elsewhere Halfeyard?) on undated militia list
