

## THE ALFORDS OF SOMERSET and THE ALFORDS OF WESTON ZOYLAND, ETC.

### THE ALFORDS OF SOMERSET

This family has been established in the county of Somerset from a very early date, and the following records may appropriately be given here before coming to the authentic line of the present day.

In 1292, 20 Edward I, certain lands at Barrington and Chillington, co. Somerset, were held "by the service of finding a man on foot to serve at the Castle of Aldford, Cheshire, in time of war".

In 1327-8 the names of Thomas Alford and John Alford appear under the parish of Henstridge, co. Somerset. (*Subsidy Rolls, Somerset.*)

In 1335-6, 9 Edward III, John Alford of Williton, co. Somerset, clerk, made a grant of a tenement at Williton. (*Hist. MS. Com.*, vol. xvi, p. 74.)

In 1484 there died an Allford, Vicar of Cannington, near Bridgwater. "There was an inscription in Brass under the Altar steps" to his memory, in which he was also called "a Benefactor". (*Collinson's "Somerset"*. [In a footnote:] Collinson's "Somerset"—This book, published in 1791, contains many references to the Alford family, under Parishes of Weston Zoyland, Curry Rivel, Ashill, and Chard. The recently published Index gives these in due order. Samuel Alford of Heale House, Vicar of Curry Rivel, and a Justice of the Peace for the county, was one of the original subscribers.)

In 1520 Thomas Alford acted as patron of the living of Pilton, a village five miles north of Alford. (*Weaver's "Somerset Incumbents"*.)

1523. Hundred of Whiteley, Somerset (in which Hundred Weston Zoyland is included), 14, 15, Henry VIII. "Henri Alford, 20s; George Alford, 20s." (*Subsidy Roll*, 169/175.)

1524-5. Hundred of Abdick, 16 Henry VIII. "Ile Abbots, John Alforde." "Bickenhall, John Alford." (*Subsidy Roll*, 169/154.)

In 1538 William Alford was witness to the Will, dated 22 Marche, of Thomas Silveston of Hinton St. George, co. Somerset.

1545-6. 37 Henry VIII. Hundred of Whiteley (in which Weston Zoyland is included), "John Alford". (*Subsidy Roll*, 170/226.)

1548. Pilton, with the chapel of Wootton, near Shepton Mallet. "John Alforde and Richard Kinge hold vi acres of land there, and render per annum xs." (*Survey of Chantries, Somerset*, p. 303.)

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We now come to the present line, which—from the marriage of Henry Alford of Weston Zoyland with Julian Woodroffe in 1564, through three-and-a-half centuries, down to the present time—is recorded in the Heralds' College.

These Alford of Somerset were landowners in the county, as is still the case, and two members of the family were county magistrates—the family being one "of evidently good position in the county for the last three hundred years" —but they became known chiefly as a clerical family, "a veritable family of the priesthood", six successive generations, in two diverging but unbroken lines, having taken Holy Orders.

These two lines are commonly known as "the Bishop's" and "the Dean's" branches, referring respectively to Charles Richard Alford, D.D., formerly Bishop of Victoria, and to Henry Alford, D.D., late Dean of Canterbury.

The divergence of these clerical branches came through the two sons of Thomas Alford, Vicar of Weston-Zoyland and of Ashill, and Prebendary of Wells, who died 1777.

(1) **Thomas Alford**, the elder son, became Vicar of Ashill and of Chard, married the daughter of the Reverend John Coles, "near 50 years Vicar of Bridgwater", and died 1805. His son Charles Alford was fifty-five years Rector of St. Audries, West Quantockshead, married Elizabeth Symes, and left four sons, of whom the eldest, Charles Richard Alford, became Bishop of

Victoria in 1867, and died, head of this family, in 1898.

(2) **Samuel Alford**, the younger son, became Vicar of Curry Rivel and Dean of St. Burian, while his grandson was Dean of Canterbury. He inherited the Heale estate from the family of his grandmother Frances Powell, which estate still remains in that branch, being now held by his great grandson Robert Alford J.P., of Heale House.

A flourishing branch of the Alford family is found in Australia—a late divergence from the "Bishop's branch",—also a still more recent settlement in Canada, springing from the "Dean branch".

From the Alfords of Somerset came also the Alford and Alvord families of the United States of America.

#### THE ALFORDS OF WESTON ZOYLAND, ETC

Having noted the foregoing introductory chapter a few records of medieval Alfords, which doubtless by fuller search could be added to, we now commence the line of the proven pedigree of Somerset Alfords, which is record in the books of Herald's College.

I. **Henry Alford** of Weston Zoyland, near Bridgwater is the first of this family whose name appears in the registers of that parish. His father was dead, but his mother still living, when he married there, October 24, 1564, Julian Woodroffe; and the mention later of some marriage settlement shows that the family were in good circumstances.

The children of Henry Alford and Julian his wife were :

- i. Matthew Alford, baptized at Weston Zoyland, 1567, of whom next (2).
- ii. Joan, baptized at Weston Zoyland, 2 March 1569-70, a legatee in her father's will 1575; and
- iii. A child whose identify is uncertain.

Henry Alford's life was a short one, for he died about 1575, but his burial is not recorded in the Weston Zoyland register, and it may be inferred, as we know from his will that he was "in the wars", that he died away from home. Of this document the following is an abstract:

Henry Alford of Weston Zoyland, Somerset, dated 14 December 1569, proved 22 April 1575. "In the name of God, amen, the fourtene daye of December in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God, 1569. I, Harry Alford of Weston Zoyland, in the countie of Somerset, nowe in good healthe and perfect rememberance do make my last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge. First I give and bequeathe my soule to Almightye God, and my bodye to the grounde. Item I give to eche one of my three children...to my sonne Mathewe...to my daughter Joane...All suche goodds as was appointed unto me by promise of my Mother at the daye of my marriage that I shoulde have after the deathe of my Mother. Yf it please God that I do not come home againe from the servinge ye Queene's Majestie [Queen Elizabeth], then my Will is that my mother shall have the on halfe at her owne pleasure, and thother halfe remaine to my children after my Mother's decease. The rest of all my goodds I geve and bequeathe unto Julian my wife, whom I ordeyne and make my executrix."

Witnesses: Thomas Atway, John Wescot, Robert Alford. "Probatim xxii die mensis Aprilis 1575."  
*Wells Probate Registry Book*, xvii, fol. 233.

The "wars" alluded to were the troubles in connection with the Spanish Armada. Henry Alford probaly went to Ireland under Captain Shute, who, in 1569, took over "a hundred men from Somersetshire, 49 from west of Parrett, and 51 from east of Parret". They served at Limerick and in Cork, and Henry Alford apparently did not return. His wife survived him, and on 25 October 1575, eleven years and a day after her first marriage, she was married to Nicholas Rede.

2. **Matthew Alford**, son of the above Henry Alford, was baptized at Weston Zoyland in 1567. He is mentioned in his father's will in 1569. He married on 18 October 1590, Mary Trevillian of Drayton, co. Somerset, the marriage being recorded in the Weston Zoyland registers, and mentioned in a deed still in the possession of the Trevillian family, whose beautiful seat, Middeney Place, is little more than a mile from the Alford estate of Heale. The will of Ralph Trevillian, 1628 (*Somerset Wills*, ii, 20). also speaks of "Mary my sister, wife of Matthew Alford of Weston". His wife Mary Alford was buried 5 June 1612, and he married secondly, 7 October 1633, Agnes Croydon. He was buried at Weston Zoyland, 1 May 1639.

The children of Matthew Alford and Mary and his wife were:

- i. Andrew Alford, baptized at Weston Zoyland, 2 March 1595-6, and buried there 21 October 1598.
- ii. Agnes, baptized at Weston Zoyland, 11 March 1597, and buried there 10 January 1598-9.
- iii. Thomas Alford of whom next (3).
- iv. Agnes, baptized as "filia...Alford" on 27 December 1602, may have been another daughter.
- v. Richard Alford, baptized at Weston Zoyland 31 December 1609. He married at Weston Zoyland, 2 May 1635, Thomzen Coggan. No children are named in his will, nor are any entered to him in the register. He was buried at Weston Zoyland, as "Mr. Richard Alford", 29 April 1641. His will is as follows:

Richard Alford of Weston Zoyland, Somerset, 1642. "To be buried in the churchyard of Weston Zoyland.... To the cathedral of Wells.... To the church of Weston Zoyland.... To the poor of Weston Zoyland £10.... Thomas Alford and Richard Alford, sons of Thomas Alford of Weston.... Arable land in Broadway in Weston Zoyland.... William Symes son of Anthony Symes, my Godchild.... To Edward Crocker of North Curry, a bay mare.... Thomasine my nowe wife executrix." Dated 21 April 1642. Proved at Wells, 25 June 1642.

*Wells, Orig. Wills.*

3. **Thomas Alford** of Weston Zoyland, son of the above Matthew Alford, was baptized there 12 September 1599. He married (1) at Weston Zoyland, 14 October 1628, Ales Sealey, who with her infant daughter, was buried there 22 January 1635-6. Their children were apparently three, whose names are curiously entered to the mother, and not as usual to the father,

- i. Joan, "dau. of A. . .Alford", baptized 4 October 1629, buried 10 January 1639-40.
- ii. Mary, "dau. of A. . .Alford", baptized 29 May 1632, buried 30 September 1638.
- iii. Agnes, "dau. of Al. . .Alford", baptized 22 January 1635-6, and buried with her mother the same day.

Thomas Alford married (2) Mary Somers. She possibly survived her husband, and may be the Mary Alford, who was married to William Bragge at Weston Zoyland 21 October 1671. They had issue:

- iv. Ann, baptized at Weston Zoyland, 10 September 1636.
- v. Thomas Alford, baptized 27 September 1638, and named in 1642 in the will of his uncle, Richard Alford, but of whom we have no further trace.
- vi. Richard Alford, of whom next (4).

The signatures of this Thomas Alford and his second wife, Mary Somers, are here given:

He died in 1666, and was buried at Weston Zoyland, 28 July.

A memorial of this Thomas Alford, senior, exists in an old "Breeches Bible", which descended from the Alfords of Weston Zoyland to Samuel Alford of Heale and his family, and is now the property of Miss Alford of Heale. On the flyleaf is the inscription:

"Thomas Alford of Weston Zoyland, in the county of Somerset."

There then follow signatures of several of his descendants as owners of the Bible in succeeding years.

4. **Richard Alford**, youngest child of the above Thomas, was baptized 9 October 1641, at Weston Zoyland. He married when about twenty-three years of age, his wife's name being Lætitia, or by contraction Lettice. Their children were:

- i. Mary, baptized at Weston Zoyland, 25 February 1665-6. No further record of her is found.
- ii. Mary, baptized at Weston Zoyland, 19 February 1671-2. No further record of her is found.
- iii. Thomas Alford, of whom next (5).

A deed in the Bristol Chapter Office bears the signature of Richard Alford, dated 1673, by which the Dean and Chapter granted to him for ten years some land at Isle Abbots, a few miles distant. He was churchwarden of Weston Zoyland from Easter 1685 to Easter 1686, just at the time of the Momouth insurrection, and (like his cousin, Gregory Alford, at that time mayor of Lyme Regis.) was on the side of the king, maintaining the loyalty of the family. The parish books contain a reference to the "fight that was in Langmore the 5th July", and the "Battle of Sedgemoor", fought all round Weston Zoyland

on July 6, 1685, between the forces of King James II and those of Monmouth, which battle ended so disastrously for the latter. This entry is in the handwriting of "Richard Alford, Churchwarden". He says:

"There were kild upon the spott, of the King's souldiers sixteen, five of them buried in the Church, the rest in the churchyard, and they all had Christian burial. One hundred or more of the King's Souldiers wounded, of which wounds many died. There was kild of the Rebels upon the spott about 300, 22 hanged with us. About 500 prisoners brought into our Church, of which there were 79 wounded, and 5 of them died in our Church."

Richard Alford's account as churchwarden include the following items:

"Expended on the Ringers, 6th July, in remembrance of the great deliverance we had on that day, 7s. Expended upon the day of thanksgiving after the fight, upon the Ringers, 11s. 8d. Expended when Monmouth was taken, upon Ringers, 8s. 6d. Paid for Frankincense to burn in the Church after the Prisoners was gone out, 5s. 8d. Paid for ringing when the King was on the More, 5s. Expended in beere the next day, when the King came through Weston, 8s. 10d."

In agreement with these entries, Seyer's *History of Bristol* says, "next morning early the King went to Bridgwater and to King Sedgmoor to view the place where his army overthrew the Duke of Monmouth".

Richard Alford died in 1693, and his widow seven years later. Their monumental inscription remains on a flat stone in the nave of Weston Zoyland Church, as below, and the Wills of both follow:

"Juxta hunc locum jacent  
Richardus Alford et Lætitia,  
Quorum alter 5 Decembris 1693.  
Altera 30 Augusti 1700,  
Sepulti fuerunt."

"I, Richard Alford of Weston Zoyland, being sick in body, but of good and perfect memory thank bee to Almighty God, do make, constitute, ordain, and declare this my last will and testament, First I com'itt my soull unto Almighty God, from whom thro' the meritts of Jesus Christ I hope to receive full remission of all my sins, but my body to be interred in such place as my executors shall appoint. And as for my temporal estate, goods and chattels, I give and dispose as followeth. Inprimis I give to my son Thomas £300. Item I give unto my cosen, Edward Coggan, my middle suit of apparell. I constitute my wife Lettice ye executrix of this my last will. In witness, etc." Signature and seal. Inventory £492. Proved January 10, 1693, at Wells.

*Wells, Bishop's Court, No. lxxii.*

Lettice Alford of Weston Zoyland, co. Somerset, 1700 "I, Lettice Alford of Weston Zoyland, in the co. of Somerset, beinge sick of body but of perfect mind and memory.... To my son Thomas.... to my daughter Alford [daughter-in-law], my best sta'mell flannell, my silk scarf and my best suit of apparell and my best straw hatt.... To my sister Keysar.... to John the son of John Spark of Chedzoy.... to my servant Thomas Lockyer.... to my servany-maid Eliz. Palmer my flannell with black lace and two caps. Fourty schillings to be bestowed for the use of some poor of the parish of Weston Zoyland in devotional books at the discretion of my son Thomas. My grand-daughter Lettice executrix, over whom I appoint my son Thomas and Richard Sparke guardians." Dated Feb. 29, 1699. Proved at Wells, Jan. 30, 1700. Inventory, £188. Signature and seal.

*Wells, Bishop's Court, No. liv.*

A relic of Richard Alford still exist in an old oak chair, bearing his initials, and the date 1676. This chair has passed through the Alfords of Curry Rivel to the Rev. D.P. Alford of Taunton.

5. Thomas Alford, only son of Richard and Letitia Alford, was baptized 27 December 1672, at Weston Zoyland. In him the family commenced that clerical career, for which it is now so well known, continued thorough six generations to the present day. He matriculated at All Souls College, Oxford, as "son of Richard Alford, of Weston Zoyland, Somerset", in 1688, age 16, and proceeded M.A. from St. Mary Hall in 1695. He was presented by the Powell family to the vicarage of Curry Rivel in 1697, and married, 10 November 1698, Frances, daughter of Samuel Powell, esq., of Heale House in that parish. This estate ultimately passed to her grandson, the Rev. Samuel Alford, on the death, in 1787, of his cousin, Miss Mary Powell, and in the Alford family it still remains.

Thomas Alford and Frances his wife had the following five children, whose baptisms are all recorded in the Curry Rivell registers:

i. Letitia, baptized 13 September 1699, m., licence, 13 November 1718, at High Ham, co. Somerset, though neither were resident in that parish, the Rev. John Gould, then of Chistock, co. Dorset, and afterwards the rector of Farway, Devon, where she died in 1730.

ii. Richard Alford, baptized 27 May 1701, died of fever 4 May 1711, and was buried at Weston Zoyland. On a flat stone in the nave is the following inscription:

"Juxta quoque jacent  
Richardus et Marmaducus Alford,  
(Fratres ejusdem Samuel)  
Quorum, ille ardenti fæbor corruptis  
Paucos post dies animam extrahavit,  
Hie (triste dictu) aqua suffocatus expiravit  
Alter sepultus fuit 4 Maii 1711,  
Alter vero 20 Septembris 1712."

iii. Thomas Alford, of whom next (6).

iv. Samuel Alford, baptized 4 July 1705, was buried a bachelor, 29 May 1730, at Weston Zoyland. He matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford; graduated B.A. 1776, M.A. 1729, and became curate of Axbridge. A flat stone in the nave of Weston Zoyland church is inscribed as follows:

"H.S.  
Corpus Reverendi Sam Alford  
A.M. admirandæ spei juvenis.  
Maturum, heu crudeli mamu decersit, et omnes  
Omnium suorum spes decepit,  
Magnum ingenii specimen, dum vixit nobis exhibuit.  
Majora, si diutius vixisset, polliciturus.  
Obiit Anno salutis, 1730; ætatis, 24."

His will describes him as "of Axbridge, Somerset, clerk", and is dated May 5, 1730. "To my sister Lætitia Gould, wife of the Rev. Mr. Gould, rector of Farway, co. Devon, £30. To Sarah Law, eldest daughter of the Rev. Mr. Law, vicar of South Brent, two mourning rings, and £10 per annum.... To the poor of Curry Rivell and of Weston Zoyland, £5 each.... My brother Thomas Alford, vicar of Weston Zoyland, executor and residuary Legatee." Proved at Wells, June 10, 1730, by "Thomas Alford, Clerk, executor". *Wells, Archdn. Court*, No lv.

v. Marmaduke Alford, born 1 May, baptized 19 May 1708, was drowned 20 September 1712, according to the inscription, given above under his brother Richard.

The will of Elizabeth Powell, 1702 (*Somerset Wills*, iii, 79), bequeaths "to Thomas Alford 20/- to preach my funeral sermon", and mentions "my granddaughter Frances Alford." Thomas Alford died at the early age of 36. His will follows:

Thomas Alford of Curry Rivell, in the co. of Somerset, clerke. (1708. "Copi vera." Original Probate copy. Taunton Archidiaconal Registry,) "First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body I leave to be interred. Also I give and bequeath unto my wife Ffrances the six hundred pounds that I am obliged to leave her, by virtue of a bond given by me unto my father-in-law Mr. Samuel Powell in her behalfe before marriage. Allso I give unto my daughter Lettice one hundred pounds to be paid in two months tyme after my decease. Allso I give unto my son Thomas twentie pounds; allso I give unto my son Marmaduke twentie pounds; all these sumes of good and lawful money of Great Brittain. Also I give five pounds to be bestowed in books, and my will is that the books may be "The Whole Duty of Man", to be distributed amongst the parishioners of Curry Rivell aforesaid. Lastly I make and appoint my sons Richard and Samuel joynt Executors of this my last Will and Testament, to whom, except what is before disposed of, I give and bequeath all my goods and chattels and effects whatsoever, and over whom I appoint as Tuters and Guardians dureing their

minority my ffather-in-law Mr. Samuell Powell & Martyn Tatchell. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this 27 daye of July, Anno Dom. 1708."

Frances Alford retired as a widow to Farway, near Ottery St. Mary, in Devonshire, where her daughter's husband, the Reverend John Gould, was rector, There she lived for thirty years, and there she died and was buried.

Monumental Inscriptions.

Curry Rivel, Somersetshire:

"Thomas Alford, A.M.,  
hujus parochiæ vicarius, qui in  
medio vitæ curriculo, heu ! finem attigit,  
longiori vita dignus, nisi meliori dignior.  
Obiit omnibus suis admodum flebilis,  
sed nulli flebilior quam charæ uxori,  
quæ hoc novissimo pignore  
pium animi ardorem testari voluit.  
Anno salutis 1708, ætatis suæ 36."

Farway, Devonshire:

"Underneath lyeth interred ye body of  
Mrs. Frances Alford,  
Relict of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Alford,  
late Vicar of Curry Rivell in the Co. of Somerset,  
and daughter of Samuel Powell, Esq., of the same parish.  
She departed this life  
September 20, 1738, aged 61."

Family Books.

A "Breeches Bible" (distinct from that already mentioned), contains some doubtful entries, commencing with this Thomas Alford.

An old volume of Clarke's Grolins, contains the following entries:

"Thos. Alford fil. Thos. the owner of this Book Anno Domini 1722. Orl. Coll., E Univ. Oxou."

"E Libris Thomæ Alford, Æn. Na. Coll., Oxon., 1765, ex Agro Somersetensis." The three successive Thomas Alford's are thus mentioned together.

The compiler has also inherited some five and twenty old books which were the possession of one or another of all the five generations senior to himself, carefully preserved and marked with the names of the original owners.

6. **Thomas Alford**, eldest surviving son of the above Thomas Alford and Frances his wife, was baptized at Curry Rivel 15 June 1703. He matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford, in 1721, aged 19, but migrated to Brasenose College, and proceeded B.A. in 1724, and M.A. 1728.

Taking holy orders, he was presented in 1727 to the vicarage of Weston Zoyland by the Brydges family, with which family the Alford's of Berkshire (descended from Holt and Alford) were connected by marriage. He held with it the rectory of Ashill, and also became prebendary of Wells, holding the stall of Combe from 1738 to 1742, and the stall of Ashill from 1742 to his death in 1777. He inherited from his father property at Weston Zoyland, particulars of which may be seen in his will, while from the same source we learn that not only was he rector of Ashill as well as vicar of Weston Zoyland, but that the living

of Ashill was his property, together with some land and the house in which he lived (a curate apparently serving Weston Zoyland). The land was till recently known as "Alford's fields". In conjunction with a Mr. Winn he founded a charity school for poor children at Weston Zoyland in 1774. He was also a Magistrate for the county of Somerset. The will, 1741, (Taunton Probate Registry), of "John Allen of Bridgwater, Doctor of Physick", appoints "my trusty and well beloved friend Thomas Alford of Weston Zoyland, Clerk, Trustee". He "married Mary, daughter of Richard Standfast of Cheddon Fitzpaine, in the co. of Somerset, gentleman". Their children were:

i. Richard Alford, baptized at Weston Zoyland 29 May 1736, died at Exeter 29 May, and was buried 4 June 1782, at Ashill. His monumental inscription follows:

"Underneath lies the remains of  
Mr. Richard Alford, Gent.,  
eldest son of the Rev. Thomas Alford  
Vicar of this parish.  
He died at Exeter, May 29, 1782.  
Aged 46."

He succeeded under his father's will to the property at Weston Zoyland, which on his death passed to his brother, the Rev. Thomas Alford. He married Sarah Cass who died 1795, but they left no children.

ii. Thomas Alford, baptized 31 March 1739, and buried at Weston Zoyland 27 May following.

iii. Thomas Alford, of whom hereafter heading Table X [not printed in this issue].

iv. Frances, born 1745, married as Fanny Alford, spinster, by license, at Ashill, 30 March 1770, Rev. Nicholas Vere, rector of Uplyme. Through her some of the Weston Zoyland property passed away from the Alford family. She died in 1810.

v. Samuel Alford, of whom hereafter, heading Table XI [not printed in this issue].

In these two surviving sons of the Rev. Thomas Alford—Thomas and Samuel—came the modern division of the Somersetshire Alfords into the two branches, now commonly known as "the Bishop's" and "the Dean's".

Thomas Alford lost his wife in 1763, he himself living until 1777, when he died, at the age of 74.

His will is here given, and the monumental inscriptions follow.

Thomas Alford of Ashill, in the co. of Somerset, clerk, 1777. "To my eldest son Richard Alford all my messuage and tenement lying in the Parish of Weston Zoyland, commonly known by the name of Sanson's. To my son Richard a copyhold estate belonging to the Vicarage of Weston [Zoyland], granted by me to my three sons, Richard, Samuel and Thomas, after the custom of the Manor, for the term of his natural life, and after his decease to my sons Samuel and Thomas successively. To my second son Thomas Alford the parsonage of Ashill with all its rights, with a power of settling it on his wife and children.... Also to my son Thomas two pieces of ground adjoining the parsonage.... To my third son Samuel Alford the sum of £650 at 4 per centum. To my daughter Fanny a copyhold estate belonging to the Vicarage of Weston [Zoyland]. And whereas I am possessed of two Leasehold Estates, one of which lies at Liney, and the other at Lakewell, within the Parish of Weston aforesaid, I give the said Estates to my daughter Fanny. My MSS. to my son Thomas. My great Bible to Richard. £5 to the poor of Ashill and Weston. My son Richard sole executor."

P.C.C. 399 *Collier*

Ashill, Somersetshire:

"Underneath lies interred the body of  
Thomas Alford, A.M.,  
Prebendary of Wells, and late Vicar of  
Ashill and of Weston-Zoyland:

who married Mary, daughter of Richard Standfast,  
late of Cheddon Fitz-Paine in the County of Somerset  
Gent., by whom he had five children, one of which  
died in infancy, four are left behind to lament  
the loss of him. Obiit Salutis nostræ 1777, Ætatis suæ 74.  
'Pastor fidelis, et probitatis singulari:  
Egenis liberalis, onmibus benevolus'."

"Also here lies the body of Mary Alford,  
Wife of aforesaid Thomas Alford,  
who departed this life  
January 11, 1763, ætat: suæ 51."