

THE ALFORDS OF WESTON ZOYLAND, ETC. Continued

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ALFORD PROPERTY.— The *Topographical Survey of the Counties of Somerset, Gloucester, etc.*, published in 1788, mentions both Thomas and Samuel Alford. Amongst the *Residences of the Gentry*—page 9—"About 8-1/2 miles from Taunton we enter Ashill. On the left is the seat of the Reverend Thomas Alford". Amongst the *Gentry of Somerset* is included the "Reverend Samuel Alford", and there is ascribed to him a coat of arms; this, however, was the Powell coat, which was adopted by that branch of the Alford family on succeeding to the Heale Estate.

The Ashill Estates was known as "Proctor's", and is thus described in the Tithe Apportionment Book dated 1863: "Landowner, the Reverend Charles Alford; Occupier, Mr. George Speke. Nos. on Parish Map: 345 and 346, House, Outbuildings, Barton and Shrubbery; Garden; 343, Orchard; 342, Cot Close, Meadow; 389, Proctor's Acre; 390, ditto; 391, Proctor's Two Acres, Pasture; 392, ditto, Pasture; 393, Withy Close; 393A, Waste plot; Total, 13, acres."

This property was held by the Rev. Thomas Alford, Rector of Ashill, who died 1777, by his son the Rev. Thomas Alford, Rector of Ashill, who died 1805, and by his grandson the Rev. Charles Alford, Rector of West Quantockshead. The latter sold it in 1866—the house and garden to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who pulled down the house, and added the garden to the present Rectory adjoining—the rest of the land to the Spekes of "Jordans", who now hold it. About half--a-mile south lies "Parsonage Farm", which was held by the Reverend Charles Alford (No. 222, House, outbuildings and gardens), John Cole Symes (No. 221, Lower Orchard), and Reverend Richard Symes (No. 223, Orchard).

Bishop Alford's Diary, May 1866, alludes to the approaching disposal of this Ashill property.

A parchment terrier of the Ashill "meadows, gardens, orchards, houses, etc", has descended to the writer of these notes.

WESTON ZOYLAND REGISTERS

1564, Oct. 24. Henrie Alford and Julian Woodroffe, married.
1567, ___ __ Matthew Alford, baptized.
1569, Mar. 2. Joan Alford, baptized.
1574, Mar. 2. Edward Alford, baptized.
1575, Oct. 25. Nicholas Rede and Julian Alford, married.
1590, Oct. 18. Matthew Alford and Maria Trevillian, married.
1595, June 20. Andrew, sonne of Matthew Alford, baptized.
1597, Nov. 11. Agnes, daughter of Matthew Alford, baptized.
1598, Jan. 10. Agnes Alford, buried.
1598, Oct. 21. Andrew Alford, buried.
1599, Sept. 12. Thomas, sonne of Matthew Alford, baptized.
1602, Dec. 27. Agnes, fil.....Alford, baptized.
1606, Jan. 30. Thomas, filius Thomæ Alford, baptized.
1607, May. 23. John Alford, buried.
1609, Dec. 31. Richard, sonne of Matthew Alford, baptized.
1610, Jan. 20. Edward S.....Mary Alford, married.
1612, Apr. 7. Henrie Alford, buried.
1620, Apr. 18. Elleana Alford, buried.
1627, Apr. 29. Thomas Alford, buried.
1628, June 5. Mary, wife of Matthew Alford, buried.
1628, Oct. 14. Thomas Alford and Ales Sealey, married.
1629, Oct. 4. Joan, daughter of A.....Alford, baptized.
1632, Apr. 29. Mary, daughter of A.....Alford, baptized.
1633, Oct. 7. Matthew Alford and Agnes Croydon, married.
1634, July 29. Humphrey Yame and Agatha Alford, married.

1635, Jan. 22. Agnes, daughter of Al...Alford, baptized.
1635, Jan. 22. Ales, wife of Thomas Alford, and Agnes, daughter, buried.
1635, May 2. Richard Alford mared Thomsen Coggan.
1636, Sept. 10. Ann, daughter of Thomas Alford, baptized.
1638, Sept. 27. Thomas, sonne of Thomas Alford, baptized.
1638, Sept. 30. Mary, daughter of Thomas Alford, buried.
1639, Jan. 10. Joan, daughter of Thomas Alford, buried.
1639, May 1. Mathew Alford, buried.
1639, June. 20. Thomas Cary and Agnes Alford, married.
1641, Oct. 9. Richard, sonne of Thomas Alford, baptized.
1642, Apr. 29. Mr. Richard Alford, buried.
1649, Aug. 6. Mathew, sonne of Thomas Alford, baptized.
1653, Jan. 7, Edith, daughter of Thomas Alford, baptized.
1665, Feb. 25. Mary, daughter of Richard Alford and Lettia his wife, baptized.
1666, July 22. Thomas Alford, buried.
1671, Feb. 19. Mary, daughter of Richard Alford and Lettia his wife, baptized.
1671, Oct. 21. William Bragg and Mary Alford, married.
1672, Dec. 27. Thomas, son of Richard Alford and Lettice his wife, baptized.
1693. May 13. Francis Godfrey and Thomzin Alford, married.
1693, Dec. 5. Richard Alford, buried.
1730, May 29. Mr. Samuel Alford was buried.
1736, May 29. Richard the son of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Alford and Mary his wife was baptized.
1739, Mar. 31. Thomas the son of Rev. Mr. Thomas Alford and Mary his wife was baptized.
1739, May 27. Thomas Alford, infant, was buried.
1742, Dec. 25. Thomas the son of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Alford and Mary his wife was baptized.
1747, Jan. 2. Samuel the son of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Alford and Mary his wife was baptized.

NORTH CURRY REGISTERS.

1609, June 5. Nicholas Alford, gent, buried.
1616, Mar. 29. Margaret Alford, buried.

HIGH HAM REGISTERS.

1718, Nov. 13. Johannes Gould, clericus, of Chestock, co. Dorset, and Leticia Alford, virgo, of Westonzoyland, *licence*.