

APPENDIX OF WILLS

Note. The following is a list of various Alford Wills in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and other probate Registries relating to the families of Alford mentioned in the foregoing notes. Many other Alford Wills have been examined, but it has not been thought necessary to include them. Abstracts of those Wills to which references are attached will be found in the preceding pages. [AAFA Action reference in brackets.]

1. -Johanne Alford of London, 1493; see p. 13. [Vol II, No. 1 Jun. 89 p. 21]
2. -Ellen Alford of Mere, Wilts, 1509; p. 59. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 19]
3. -Roger Alford of Chelmsford, 1517; p. 13. [Vol II, No. 1 Jun. 89 p. 21]
4. -John Alford of London, 1535; p. 13. [Vol II, No. 1 Jun. 89 p. 21]
5. -Robert Alford of London, 1546; p. 25. [Vol II, No. 3 Dec. 89 p. 23]
6. -Thomas Alford of Mere, Wilts, 1551; p. 57. [Vol III, No. 3 Dec. 90 p. 27]
7. -John Alford of Winsham, Somerset, 1561; p. 79. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]
8. -John Alford of Bridport, 1562; p. 69. [Vol IV, No. 1 Jun. 91 p. 20]
9. -William Alford of Honiton, Devon, 5 May 1569. "To be buried in Church of St. Michell, Honiton, . . . to that church . . . to All Hallowes Church. . . . Jane my wife . . . my brother John . . . my daughter Mary and William my eldest sonne, neither of full age . . . my brothers' and sisters' children . . . land in Lyme Regis to my eldest sonne William . . . house at Colyton . . . my moorlands in Dorset . . . salt cellar with cover which are both silver and gylt . . . my cup covered and bottomed with silver . . . to brother John West my russet gown furred with black, my cote and best dublet, and my cloke faced with mockado . . . residue to my wife Jane, sole executrix."

P.C.C. 14, Lyon.

10. -Harry Alford of Weston Zoyland, Somerset, 1575, p. 117. [Vol V, No. 4 Mar. 93 p. 21]
11. -Alexander Alford, clerke, of Whitestanton, 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 conutie of Som'st cierke beinge whole and p'fecte of remembrance thankes be unto almightie God Do ordaine and make my testamente and last will in manner and forme followinge that is to say first I bequethe my soule to Almightye God and my bodie to therthe to be burid in the churchyard of Whitestanton aforesaid. Itm. I geve and bequethe to the said p'ishe church xijd. Itm. 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 bequethe 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 discession. Yereunto beareth the wittnes-- Tristram Easton and Richard Brownsey." Sum Invent. ijli. xvijjs.

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

12. -Agnes Alford, widow of Whitestanton, co. Somerset, 1577. "I Agnes Alford, 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-sheddinge 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 upon 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 iii December 1577.)

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

13. -Richard Alford of Stourton, Wilts, 1577; p. 60. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 19]
14. -Roger Alford of Hitcham, Bucks, 1580; p. 27. [Vol II, No. 3 Dec. 89 p. 24]
15. -Thomas Alford of Mere, Wilts, 1590; p. 60. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 19]
16. -William Alford of Bridport, Dorset, 1597; p. 70. [Vol VI, No. 1 Jun. 91 p. 20]
17. -Elizabeth Alford of Hitcham, Bucks, 1598; p. 28. [Vol II, No. 3 Dec. 89 p. 24]
18. -John Alford of Fawley, Bucks, 1600; p. 20. [Vol II, No. 2 Sep. 89 p. 26]

19. -John Alford of Bridport, 1609; p. 70. [Vol VI, No. 1 Jun. 91 p. 20]
20. -John Allford of Hereford, 1614; p. 49. [Vol III, No. 2 Sep. 90 p. 46]
21. -Richard Alford of Wells, co. Somerset, 1615 "To be buried In the Churchyard of St. Cuthbert's, Wells to my wife the house where I dwell, with the furnishing remainder to my son Matthew, who is to have the shop which now my brother John Alford has My other children My wife Joane executrix. Overseers, my brother William and brother in law John Taunton."
Wells Probate Reg., Orig. Wills, No xvii.
22. -Thomas Alford of Coventrie, 1616; p. 50. [Vol III, No. 2 Sep. 90 p. 47]
23. -Alicia Allford of Coventrie, 1617; p. 50. [Vol III, No. 2 Sep. 90 p. 47]
24. -William Alford of Wells, in the co of Somerset, 1621. "To be buried In St. Cuthberts, Wells my eldest sonne John to my second sonne William to my three daughters My wife to be executrix."
P.C.C. 3, Dale
25. -Henry Alford of Othery, near Bridgwater, co. Somerset 1631. "To the Cathedral of Wells . . . to the Church of Othery My brother John Alford Alice my daughter, wife of John Clarke Elizabeth my daughter, wife of Henry Allen Joane my daughter, wife of Arthur Mychell John Clarke senior, residuary legatee and Executor." (Proved at Glastonbury, 6 October 1631.)
Wells Probate Reg., Orig. Wills, No. i
26. -Edward Alford of Offington, co. Sussex. 1632; p. 36. [Vol II, No. 4 Mar. 90 p. 32]
27. -Agnes Alford of West Monkton. co. Somerset, widow, 6 November 1632. "To my dau'r Alice Adams, widow Edith Adams my grandchild My grandchildren Marie, Francis, and Agnes Alford My dau'r in law Agnes Hunt My grandchildren Richard, Philip. and Marie Brice Residue to my dau'r Marie Brice, sole Executrix." (Proved 5 April 1633)
Court of The Archdeacon of Taunton.
28. -Richard Alford of Herford, 1634; p. 49. [Vol III, No. 2 Sep. 90 p. 46]
29. -Edwarde Olford of Hambridge, Curry Rivell, Somerset, 1634. "To be buried at Curririvell To Laurence and Marmaduke Olferde, the sonnes of my sonne Robert all the rest to my wyfe Elizabeth Thomas Peylle my kinsman Robert, Thomas, Humphry, and William, my sonnes My sonne Robert Olferd to be Executor."
Witnesses- Thomas Peylle and Marmaduke Walsh"
Court of the Archdeacon of Taunton.
30. -Anthony Alford of Foundhope, Hereford, 1636, "To the Parishe Church for the perpetual settlinge of a Stocke for the poore people of the Parishe Joane Davies my onely daughter Mary Davies my niece Hugh Davies my sonne in law sole Executor."
P.C.C. 3, Pile.
31. -Elizabeth Alford of Sarum, 1637; p. 60. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 19]
32. -Mary Alford "the nowe wife of Sir Edward Alford, 1639, of Cashiobury, co. Hartford, Knt., and one of the daughters and co-heires of the Rt. Hon. Viscount Campden, Deceased. "To be interred in the Isle of Watford Parish Church Plate Household Stuff Mannor House to my daughter Elizabeth Capell her sonne and my grandchild Arthur Capell her child Mary Capell the greatest silver bason and ewer waying 123 ounces four silver candlesticks waying 142 ounces my Rose-diamond ringe a Silly bubb pott of sylver with a cover . . . [etc.] My dear Cosen John Alford My dear Cosen Jane Alford the Mannor of Allerton. Residue to my dear and lovinge Husband Sir Edward Alford."
P.C.C. 198, Harvey.
33. -Benjamin Alford of Southampton and of Andover, Hants, 1640. "To the Church and poor of Andover to my sonne-in-lawe Richard Kent and to my daughter Joane his wife unto my sonne John Alford To my wife Avis Alford my dwellinge house in Andover with the gardens and lands thereto belonging My daughters Avis and Katherine."
P.C.C. 128, Coventry

34. -William Alford of Lyme Regis, 1641; p. 90. [Vol IV, No. 3 Dec. 91 p. 28]
35. -Richard Alford of Weston Zoyland, 1642; p. 119. [Vol V, No. 4 Mar. 93 p. 21]
36. -William Alford of Shillingford, Berks, Glover, 1643. "To be buried at Shillingford . . . my wife Welthyenne . . . my son Thomas Alford . . . my daughter Anne (under 21 years of age) . . . The Children of my brother Oliver . . . My wife to be Executor."
Seal with Arms a cross invected between four roundels.
37. -John Alford, clerk, of Aishton in the co. of Devon, 1646. "The last Will and Testament of John Alford, late Rector of the Parish of Ashton (nuncupative), beinge sicke of body but of perfect memory, the last day of January 1645. To the poore of the parish . . . To Elizabeth Alford his wife . . . one Chattle called by the name of Rudgewaies . . . Unto Theophilus Alford his sonne one silver bole and one gold ring . . . The rest of his goods . . . to William Bowden his son in law whom he ordayned and appointed his sole Executor."
Exter Probate Registry
38. -James Alford, citizen of London, 1646. "My three children James, John and Judith . . . My lovinge mother Elizabeth Alford . . . my sister Joane . . . my cosen Wallis . . . my brother Richard . . . my sister Marie the wife of John Cecill of Bristoll . . . my wife Judith sole Executrix."
P.C.C. 91, Twisse.
39. -Andrew Alford of St. Leonard's Eastcheap, London, 1648. "My wife Martha . . . My eldest son Anthony . . . my second son Richard . . . my daughter Elizabeth . . . my two younger sons John and Andrew . . . my wife, and friend Francis, Executors."
P.C.C. 108 Essex.
40. -Jane Alford of Chew Magna, co. Somerset, widow, 1648 (dated 12 March 1639). "To my son Bartholomew Alford the table and little sideboard in the hall, but it is to remain there, and after his death to go to my daughter Katherine Alford who is residuary Legatee and Executrix." (Proved at Wells, 1 November 1648.)
Wells Probate Registry
41. -William Alford of Lyme Regis, co. Dorset, 1648; p. 91. [Vol IV, No. 3 Dec. 91 p. 28]
42. -John Alford of Offington, co. Sussex, 1649; p. 37. [Vol III, No. 1 Jun. 90 p. 24]
43. -Samuel Alford of Exeter, the elder, 1651. Letters of Administration "of the goodes . . . of Samuel Alford, Merchant, late of Cittie of Exeter, deceased, granted to Samuel Alford the naturall and lawfull sonne of the said deceased, to distribute and dispose of in such manner as by any competent Judge shall be equieted and appointed."
Exter Probate Office.
44. -Robert Alford, M.A., Viccar of Downe-ampney, Gloucestershire, 1653. "To be buried at Downe-ampney . . . To the poore and Church of Downe-ampne . . . all I possess to Marie Alford my deare wife, whome I make sole Executrix."
P.C.C. 319, Aylett.
45. -Sir Edward Alford of Offington, co. Sussex, 1653. Letters of Administration. "Commission (24 Sept. 1653) to Dame Ann Alford to administer the goods of Sir Edward Alford, Knight, late of Offington in the co. of Sussex, deceased."
Somerset House Registry, Admons.
46. -William Alford of Burlescombe, co. Devon, 1654. "My sonne Thomas . . . my sonne George . . . my sonne William (a minor) . . . Elizabeth my daughter . . . my sonnes Uriath, Charles, and John, all under the age of 21 . . . Residue to Mary Alford my wife."
P.C.C. 310, Alchin.
47. -William Alford of Mere, Wilts, 1654; p. 60. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 19]

48. -Richard Alford of Whitestanton, co. Somerset, 1657. "To Richard Smith, Clerk, and to Thomas Alford of Chard, my kinsman, my house, garden, etc., in the Borrough of Chard, for the benefit of Christian my daughter-in-law wife of my sonne Alexander Alford, to whom remainder. Also messuage in Whitstanton wherein I nowe dwell, with lands, meadows, orchards, gardens, for the use of Mary my wife, with remainder to Alexander Alford my sonne . . . Mary Alford my grandchild . . . The children of Alexander . . . Anne my sister . . . Elizabeth my daughter . . . To the poore of Whitestanton . . . My sonne Alexander sole executor.

P.C.C. 404, Ruthen.

49. -Richard Alford of Lyme Regis, co. Dorset, 1658; p. 84. [Vol IV, No. 3 Dec. 91 p. 25]

50. -Frances Alford, widow, of co. Surrey, 1659; p. 37. [Vol III, No. 1 Jun. 90 p. 24]

51. -William Alford of Rowborough, co. Devon, 1660. "Edward Alford my brother . . . Lewis Alford my sonne . . . Lands called Grottinge in Rowborough to Mary my wife, and after her death to the said Lewis Alford. To Joseph my sonne . . . To William my sonne the mill-close and the little wood . . . Francis, Mary, Prudence, Thomsin, and John, sonne and daughters of me the said William Alford . . . Charity Alford my daughter."

P.C.C. 79 Nabbs.

52. -Thomas Alford of Bristol, 1660; p. 60. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 20]

53. -Gregory Alford of Bishop's Teington, co. Devon, 1661. "Administration of the goods of Gregory Alford of Teington Epis. granted on behalf of Agnes his daughter to Thomas Comyns and Richard Cornelius, the nyne and twentieth Daye of Aprill in the yeare of our Lord God 1661."

Exeter Probate Registry.

54. -Agnes Alford of Chard, co. Somerset, 1661; p. 79. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]

55. -Robert Alford of Winsham, co. Somerset, 1666; p. 79. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]

56. -Thomas Alford of Priddie in the parish of Chewton, Somerset, Gentleman, 1668. "The will nuncupative of Thomas Alford deceased, who by word of mouth on 4 December 1667 declared his will to be that his son Thomas should have £100; his daughter Rose £60; the residue to his son Robert who was to allow his mother a sufficient maintenance for life." Proved at Wells 14 November 1668.

Wells, Archdeacon's Court, No. lix.

57. -Edith Alford of Weston Zoyland, co. Somerset, widow, 1670. "My daughter Mary Alford . . . my grand-daughter Mary Alford . . . my son John Alford . . . my daughter Edith Alford to be residuary legatee and executrix. My son Richard Alford [Will 32] to be Overseer and Trustee until the said John and Edith are of age of 21 years."

Wells, Bishop's Court, No. lxxiv.

58. -Elizabeth Alford of Winsham, co. Somerset, 1673; p. 79. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]

59. -Samuel Alford of Exeter, 1677. Letters of Administration "of all the goods and chattels of Samuel Alford, late of the Citie of Exeter, deceased." Granted 11 January 1677 "to Margerie Alford the relict and Administratrix and Edmund Matthew."

Exeter Probate Registry

60. -Thomas Alford of Chard, co. Somerset, 1678; p. 79. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]

61. -John Alford of Clarendon Park, co. Wilts, 1678; p. 52. [Vol III, No. 3 Dec. 90 p. 26]

62. -Thomas Alford of Woolavington, co. Somerset, 1679. "My sonne Richard Alford . . . my sonnes Thomas, Edward, and Andrew Alford . . . my daughter Mary . . . Residue . . . of houses, lands, and tenements, to my wife Susan Alford, Executrix."

Wells, Archdeacon's Court, No. xliii.

63. -Anne Alford of Hall Place, Hurley, Berks, 1679; p. 21. [Vol II, No. 2 Sep. 89 p. 27]

64. -John Alford of Milton Abbas, co. Dorset, 1681; p. 70. [Vol IV, No. 1 Jun. 91 p. 20]

65. -Alex. Alford of Northampton, Mass, U.S.A., 1687; p. 191. [Vol VIII, No. 23 Win. 96 p. 60]

66. -William Allford of St. Olave's Southwark, co. Surrey, 1688. "Citizen and Feltmaker of London . . . To my sister Ann, now wife of William Hickman . . . Residue to my wife Grace Allford, whom I make Executrix. John Moore, Overseer." Dated 19 January; proved 26 January 1688, by Grace Alford the relict.

67. -Melchisedeck Alford of Ottery St. Mary, co. Devon, 1689; p. 92. [Vol IV, No. 4 Mar. 92 p. 14]
68. -Thomas Alford of Wyke St. Lawrence, co. Somerset, 1692. "House and farm to my wife Ursula Alford
My son William and his children William, Thomas, and Ursula my daughter Mary and her children . .
. . My daughter Ursula My son Thomas To my son in law Samuel Thomas and my daughter Ann
ten acres called Oldfields To my daughter Charity £70 at the age of 21 To my wife Ursula a gold
piece of 17s. 6d." Inventory £540. Witness, John Wiglesworth, Vicar of Banwell.

Wells, Archdeacon's Court, No. xxxii.

69. -Richard Alford of Weston Zoyland, co. Som., 1693; p. 122 [Vol V, No. 4 Mar. 93 p. 23]
70. -Gregory Alford of Lyme Regis, co. Dorset, 1697; p. 88 [Vol IV, No. 3 Dec. 91 p. 28]
71. -Lettice Alford of Weston Zoyland, co. Som., 1700; p. 122 [Vol V, No. 4 Mar. 93 p. 23]
72. -Richard Allford of the Parish of Christchurch (Southwark) in the co. of Surrey, 1707. "To my daughter
Katherine Cramond, widdow, £20 and a silver cup marked R.A. To my daughter Elizabeth Huntingdon,
widdow, £20 and a silver porringer. To my daughter Dorothy Allford £20 and a large gold ring. To my
soun Hugh Allford £40 and a silver tankard and a large wrought silver castor. To my daughter Mary
Allford £30 and a silver caudle cup and cover marked R.A. Unto my sonn William Allford and his heires
that house and garden in the parish of Lambeth in the co. of Surrey. To my daughter Esther, wife of John
Clarke, a large silver Server marked R.A. My mother-in-law Dorothy Joynes deceased Unto my
sonn Richard Allford and his heires my house in Lambeth known as The Green."

P.C.C. 1, Polcy.

73. -Thos. Alford, Clerke, of Curry Rivel, co. Som, 1708; p. 125. [Vol V, No. 4 Mar. 93 p. 24]
74. -George Alford of High Wycombe, co. Bucks, 1710; p. 22. [Vol II, No. 2 Sep. 89 p. 27]
75. -Lewis Alford of Bridport, co. Dorset, 1713; p. 70. [Vol IV, No. 1 Jun. 91 p. 20]
76. -Christopher Alford of Mere, co. Wilts, 1713; p. 60. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 20]
77. -Marmaduke Alford of Westminster, 1715; p. 182. [Vol VII, No. 2 Fall 94 p. 19]
78. -John Alford of Symondsburry, co. Dorset, 1715; p. 71. [Vol IV, No. 1 Jun. 91 p. 20]
79. -Thomas Allford of Gillingham, co. Dorset, 1720; p. 71. [Vol IV, No. 1 Jun. 91 p. 21]
80. -Robert Alford of Winsham, co. Somerset, 1725; p. 79. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]
81. -Thomas Alford of Bristol, 1727; p. 59. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 19]
82. -Richard Alford of Weston Zoyland in the co. of Somerset, Yeoman, 1730. "My sister Mary Lyng and her three
children. . . . John Rees, Richard Chapman, and William Fisher, to be Trustees. . . . My sister-in-law
Elizabeth Chapman." Dated 3 March 1729. Proved 17 October 1730.

Wells, Bishop's Court, No.xxi.

83. -Mary Alford of Bristol, widow, 1730; p. 61. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 20]
84. -Samuel Alford, Clerk, of Axbridge, co. Som., 1730; p. 124. [Vol V, No. 4 Mar. 93 p. 24]
85. -Margaret Alford of Buckland St. Mary, co. Somerset, widow, 1731, "To Joane Wyatt of Blindmore in the parish
of Buckland St. Mary, widow, all that my portion of land lately by me purchased of Thomas Kirkland,
gentleman, in the said parish, out of the profits of the said land to free, clear, and discharge Jonathan
Richards of Combe St. Nicholas, wherein I Margaret Alford do no stand bound. The remaining part to
Jonathan Richards, and I do hereby give him the same. Residue to Joane Wyatt, Executric."

Taunton Probate Registry, T.

86. -Samuel Alford of Exeter, 1735. Letters of Administration "of the goods, chattels, and credits, of Samuel Alford
deceased, late of the City of Exeter, granted the 10th of December 1735 to Susannah Alford, widow, to
well and truly administer according to law." Signed by Susannah Alford and Thomas Gardner. Inventory
includes "furniture, eight old pictures, five pictures, six brass candlesticks, a paire of brass dogs." An
account is appended of "Debts due from Richard Alford, deceased."

Exeter Probate Registry.

87. -Joseph Alford of East Chinnock, co. Somerset, 1742; p. 79. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]
88. -Philip Alford of Chard, co. Somerset, 1752; p. 80. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]

89. -Mary Alford of Olveston, co. Gloucester, widow, 1755. "To my brother John Pullen of Latterridge all my close of ground lying within the Manor of Tockington for his life, and after to Elizabeth daughter of John and Sarah Harris . . . My brother Thomas Pullen . . . Residue to my brother John aforesaid, sole Executor."
Briston Probate Registry.

- 90. -Robert Alford of Axbridge, co. Somerset, 1766; p. 80. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]
- 91. -Frances Alford of Briston, 1766; p. 61. [Vol III, No. 4 Mar. 91 p. 20]
- 92. -Thomas Alford of Ashill, co. Somerset, 1777; p. 128. [Vol V, No. 4 Mar. 93 p. 25]
- 93. -William Alford of Chard, co. Somerset, 1777, p. 80. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]
- 94. -Elizabeth Alford of Axbridge, co. Somerset, 1784; p. 80. [Vol IV, No. 2 Sep. 91 p. 21]
- 95. -Thomas Alford of Ashill, co. Somerset, 1805; p. 135. [Vol VI, No. 2 Fall 93 p. 12]
- 96. -Samuel Alford of Heale, Curry Rivel, co. Som., 1854; p. 157. [Vol VI, No. 4 Spr. 94 p. 22]
- 97. -Henry Alford, Dean of Canterbury, 1871; p. 161. [Vol VI, No. 4 Spr. 94 p. 23]
- 98. -Elizabeth Alford of West Quantockshead, 1877; p. 137. [Vol VI, No. 2 Fall 93 p. 14]
- 99. -Walter Alford of Drayton, co. Somerset, 1892; p. 169. [Vol VI, No. 4 Spr. 94 p. 34]
- 100.-Charles Richard Alford, Bishop of Victoria, 1898; p. 140. [Vol VI, No. 2 Fall 93 p. 15]