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**LODWICK ALFORD'S
of New Kent County, Virginia
of Franklin County, North Carolina
of Wake County, North Carolina
What do we know about them?**

In the July 1988 issue (#24) we did a similar article on JAMES ALFORD. One James Alford was the father of Lodwick. Another James Alford was son of Lodwick, and another James Alford was the brother of Lodwick.

There are two reasons for publishing these "person oriented" articles. One reason is to tell you what we have accumulated on the person over the years. The other reason is to let you see what we *don't have* so you can help us fill the gaps. Things didn't work out too well with James__ we didn't get many gaps filled, except from Christie Baldwin. It would be nice to think that we had it all on James, but I doubt that. If someone can't fill some of the following gaps on Lodwick, then we are in serious trouble. Please, study the following closely, compare it with what you have; and if you have something we did not list, let us know. Lodwick was not my ancestor, but he was an ancestor of many of you. I'm sure many readers would appreciate anything you can add to the following.

We have broken the following information into two sections and several parts. Each part will carry it's own footnoted references. The first is what we know about Lodwick Alford. The second section is what we have heard about Lodwicks, or what we think we know. Each section will include more than one Lodwick. In the citations we will show the spelling as it actually was reported. In our commentary we will always use "Lodwick."

I
Lodwick Alford
of Virginia

What We KNOW

Lodwick was the son of James Alford. Julius Alford, in his will stated, "make and ordain my dear beloved brother Lodowick Alford and his son James Alford, my only and sole executors of this my last will ..."¹ Julius Alford, son of James Alford, was born in September 1717.² It may seem to be stretching things to say that we know Julius who died in North Carolina, was the same Julius who was born in Virginia. There is enough related proven information to make this a reasonable conclusion.

In addition to Julius we know there were other brothers.

James Alford, son of James Alford was born February 7 and christened April 12 1713.³

Warren Alford, son of James Alford was baptized August 28 1715.³

Lodowick was born before 1713 because he and his wife

Elizabeth Alford had a son William born July 31 1734 and baptized August 2 1734. One could logically conclude that Lodowick was at least 20 years old by the time he was married.⁴ Since his brothers, James was born 1713 it is probable that Lodwick was born about 1710/11.

As shown above we know he had a wife name Elizabeth. She died May 29 1735.⁵

Elizabeth, daughter of Lodowick and Susanna Alford was born December 22 1736 and baptized February 6 1737.⁶

Jacob, son of Lodowick and Susanna Alford ws born December 12 1738 and baptized February 18 1739.⁷

October 5 1735, William Paisley, overseer of the High Road from the Old Church to Mr. Chamberlayne's Ordinary, requested Wm. Atkinson's tithables__ Stephen Brookes, Lodowick Alford, Goodrick Alford & Julius Alford & others at the Old Quar'r & upon the road.⁸ This would suggest that Goodrich was also a brother of Lodwick. This suggestion will be strengthened by a fact in the next section.

From the above it is safe to say that Lodwick was the son of James Alford. He was born about 1710_ probably in Virginia.

He married (1) Elizabeth and (2) Susanna.

Lodwick and his wives had at least four children: William, Elizabeth, Jacob and James.

Information obviously missing includes the maiden names of the two wives, mother of James, and information on any other children.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Will of Julius Alford, written July 14 1763, proved Bute County NC, November Court 1771; Warren County NC Wills, Book 1:201-203.
2. National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, THE PARISH REGISTER OF SAINT PETER'S NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1680-1787, William Ellis Jones, Book & Job Printer, 1904, Richmond. Reprint Heritage Books, Inc. 1988 Bowie, MD. Page 73.
3. Ibid., 10.
4. Ibid., 113.
5. Ibid., 119.
6. Ibid., 125.
7. Ibid., 137.
8. Saint Peter's Parish Vestry Book. Extracted from microfilm copy by Frances N. Walker.

What we THINK we Know.

Lodwick's first wife, Elizabeth, was named Cade.
Lodwick's second wife, Susanna, was named Hartley.

II

Lodwick Alford's of Franklin County, North Carolina

What We KNOW

While it is not proven beyond any doubt that this is the same Lodwick who was in Virginia, the fact that he continues to be involved with Goodrich, James, and Julius Alford provides enough for us to conclude he is the same.

Our first known record of Lodwick in North Carolina was on November 17 1740 when he bought 100 acres of land in Edgecombe County from Henry Dawson for \$10. Lodwick was identified as being from North Carolina, while Dawson was from Virginia.¹

Actually Edgecombe County was not even created until 1741 [from Bertie County] but the deed is recorded in Edgecombe County. Granville [1746], Johnston [1746], Bute [1764], Wake [1770], Nash [1777], Franklin [1779], and Warren [1779], (Warren & Franklin were created from Bute which was discontinued in 1779) Counties were not created until the dates shown.

Lodwick Alford was involved with about 70 or 80 land transactions from 1740 through 1794. This excludes Wake County transactions which we are confident were by a different Lodwick covered in section III.

Some critical pieces of information contained in these transactions were:

On April 30 1753 Lodwick received 600 acres from the Earl of Granville. While the indenture was written out to LODOWICK he signed is as LODWICK.²

February 1754 Lodwick, as administrator, signed the inventory of the estate of GOODRICH ALFORD.³ Church records from Saint Peter's Parish suggested earlier that Goodrich and Lodwick were brothers. This adds weight to that suggestion. Goodrich and Sarah had two children born in New Kent County, Lucy born February 25 1736 and Susannah born October 5 1739.⁴ Family tradition says there was a daughter, Sarah, born about 1735. (See additional comments after entry on Lodwick's 1792-1801 will.)

A 1755 Tax List of Granville County, NC listed Lodwick Alford and son Jacob Alford, Negroes Frank, Sam & Pash, 2-3-5.⁵

Lodwick received 564 acres from the Earl of Granville August 21 1758. The indenture was made out to LODOWICK but it was signed LOD^k. The plat survey showed him as Aldford.⁶

The following is the first mention of Lodwick's wife SARAH.

On September 8 1758 Lodwick, and wife Sarah, sold 564 acres to Thomas Gardner. It was signed Lod^k.7

Lodwick received 496 acres from the Earl of Granville March 13 1760. The indenture was made to LODOWICK and signed LOD^k.8

Lodwick received 645 acres from the Earl of Granville December 1 1760. He signed the indenture as Lod^k.9

The following is the first mention of a LODWICK JUNIOR.

Lodwick received 460 acres from the Earl of Granville July 24 1761. He signed the indenture as Lod^k.10 In a sale of this land November 2 1761 he was identified as LODWICK JUNIOR. See the entry on LODWICK JUNIOR four paragraphs below.

Lodwick's land as well as land of Julius Alford, was mentioned in a transaction of James Alford July 24 1761, in Granville County.11

In February 1762 LODOWICK Alford and his wife SARAH__ sale of land is mentioned in Johnston County Court minutes.12

Christie Baldwin sent information on a Bute County 1776 Tax List that has never been published. The "lister" was James Alford, Esq. Listed were Julius Alford 1; Lodwick Alford, Negroes: Frank, Hannah, Peter 9; Lodwick Alford, Jr.; Goodrick Alford; Julius Alford, John Smith & Negroes Will & Jonass (2 whites 2 blacks); James Alford, Charles Gilmore, Benj Exum, Negroes: Quash, Christmas, Jack, Lucy, (3 whites 4 blacks).

LODWICK JUNIOR sold land to GOODRICH ALFORD November 2 1769, the transaction being witnessed by LODWICK ALFORD and JAMES ALFORD. It was part of a grant made to Lodwick Jr. July 24 1761.13

Captain Lodwick Alford was present at a council of war held at Capt William Bryans in Johnston County March 4 1770.14

An extract of a Bute County 1771 Tax list identifies Julius 4, Goodrick 2, Lodwick 11, and Lodwick Jr. 2 but no relationship is shown.

Christie Baldwin reported that information had been sent to her saying the 1771 Franklin County Area Tax list included Lodwick Alford, his son Julius and his son Warren. Were Julius and Warren actually identified as sons, or was that just someone's opinion?

In the Bute County May Court 1775 LODWICK JUNIOR sold land to William Ross, the deed being proved by oath of LODWICK SENIOR.15

Julias Alford and Lodwick Alford were among those elected to

act as a committee for the county at a meeting of freeholders of Bute Co on Friday June 23, 1775.

LODWICK ALFORD JUNIOR witnessed a land transaction of JULIUS ALFORD in Bute County in May 1776.16

Lodwick and WILLIAM ALFORD are mentioned in a transaction June 16 1778; one of the few, if not only; mention of William Alford in this area.17

Lodwick Alford and JOHN ALFORD are mentioned in a land sale from JULIUS ALFORD to Benjamin Ferrell January 20 1785. Lodwick and James Alford are also mentioned.18 This Julius Alford could not be Julius, the brother of Lodwick, as he died in 1771.

Lodwick Alford sold land March 14 1785 and the transaction was witnessed by ANSELL ALFORD and DREWRY ALFORD.19

Lodwick Alford sold land February 3 1787, in Franklin County, witnessed by DREWRY and GOODRIDGE ALFORD.20

December 21 1787 LODWICK ALFORD SENIOR sold land in Franklin County.21

October 14 1790 Lodwick SENIOR sold land in Franklin County. The land had formerly belonged to ISHAM ALFORD and the transaction was witnessed by DREWRY ALFORD. Some transcriptions show this as Lodwick Jr.22

Lodwick Alford was enumerated in the census of 1790 in Franklin County, Halifax District. His family had three males age 16 and over, two females and six slaves.

Lodwick Alford made a deed of gift to son GOODRICH ALFORD April 7 1794 in Franklin County.23

The above would appear to be the final land transaction of Lodwick Alford, Senior or Junior.

December 1794? "Ordered that Saml. [Leml] Alford be appointed guardian to Lodwick Alford a lunatic who entered into bond in the sum of five hundred pounds ..."24

June 1795 "Samuel [Lemuel] Alford guardian to Lodwick Alford a lunatic came into court and resigned his -??- guardianship."24

June 1795 "Ordered that Warren Alford be appointed guardian to Lodwick Alford a lunatic who entered into bond in the sum of two thousand pounds with Lemuel Alford and Ansil Alford his sureties."24

September 1795 the court "Ordered that Warren Alford guardian to Lodwick Alford sell the perishable estate of said Lodwick, negroes excepted, on a credit of twelve months_ and make return to next court."24

June 1797 Court case: Goodrich Alford vs Warren Alford, guardian of Lodwick Alford.24

June 1797 "Ordered that Hardy Hunt be appointed guardian to Lodwick Alford a lunatic who entered into bond in the sum of one thousand pounds ..."24

December 1798, Court case; Isaac Alford VS Hardy Hunt, guardian of Lodwick Alford.24

March 1799 Hardy Hunt, guardian of Lodwick Alford presented his annual estate inventory which was approved by the court.24

Lodwick Alford, Senior, wrote his will June 21,1792 and it was proved in the September 1801 session Franklin County Court. In this will no mention is made of a wife. Daughters mentioned were: Winny Rogers; Mary Alford, and her son Bailey Alford; and Susanna Hobbs, and her son Wyley [Willie] Alford. Sons mentioned were: Anselm Alford, Lemuel [Samuel or Lamuel] Alford, Kinchen Alford and Goodrich Alford. Also mentioned were Lany Freeman, Susannah Freeman and Sarah Cole [Chloe/Cloe]. The will was written and signed using the spelling Lodwick.25

Were these last three children listed in the will, Lany, Susannah and Sarah actually the daughters of Goodrich Alford, deceased, Lodwick's nieces? Was the Sarah, identified several times as Lodwicks wife since the death of Goodrich, actually Goodrich's widow, mother of these three children?

Sarah the wife of Lodwick Alford and Wineferd the wife of John Cheves, were the victims of an attempted poisoning in Franklin County in 1793. The attempt was made by Harry, a slave of Drury Alford, and although there is no evidence that the attempt was successful, Harry was hanged.26

If an attempt was made on Sarah's life in 1793 and Lodwick wrote his will in 1792, why was Sarah not mentioned in the will if this is the will of Lodwick who married Sarah?

Since the above was the will of Lodwick Alford, Senior, why did he not mention Lodwick Alford, Junior?

What we THINK we Know.

Lodwick had a wife named Rebecca Ferrell. Lodwick died in Washington County, Georgia in 1789. Could this have been Lodwick Jr. who had not been heard from in North Carolina for about ten years and who was not in the will? Lodwick was born February 2 1743.

Other children were: Lodwick Alford Jr, Julius C. Alford, Drury/Drewery Alford, Isham Alford, Green Alford and Bertus Alford.

FOOTNOTES: (Most of the following pertain to North Carolina land records. The three digit number following the footnote number is the record number used in ABOUT ALFORDS Issue # 22, January 1988. Extensive feedback from Christie Alford Baldwin indicates this file requires updating with several clarifications, additions etc.

1 253 Edgecombe County Deed Book 1:427

2 257 Granville County Deed Book 11:309; Have a photostatic copy of original grant.

3 Goodrich estate inventory, photostatic copy of the original.

4 National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, THE PARISH REGISTER OF SAINT PETER'S NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1680-1787, William Ellis Jones, Book & Job Printer, 1904 Richmond. Reprint Heritage Books, Inc. 1988 Bowie MD. Pages 126 & 142.

5 The THE NORTH CAROLINIAN Vol V No 3, page 584, September 19 1959.

6 263 Granville County Deed Book 11:115; Have a photostatic copy of original grant.

7 264 Edgecombe County Deed Book 6:347.

8 265 Granville County Deed Book 11:311.

9 267 Granville County Deed Book 11:310; Have a photostatic copy of original grant.

10 269 Granville County Deed Book 11:308; Have a photostatic copy of original grant.

11 270 Have a photostatic copy of original grant. Do not have deed book reference.

12 272 Johnston County Court Minutes.

13 280 Notes from Mary Rogers to Captain Lodwick H. Alford. ??

14 A council order in the North Carolina Archives, Military collection, War of Regulation 1768-1771.

15 290 Notes from Mary Rogers to Captain Lodwick H. Alford. ??

16 291 Bute County Deed Book 6:37.

17 294 Bute County Deed Book 28:323.

18 302 Franklin County Deed Book 6:41.

19 303 Franklin County Deed Book 4:120.

20 308 Franklin County Deed Book 6:93.

21 310 Franklin County Deed Book 6:110.

22 311 Franklin County Deed Book 9:70.

23 313 Franklin County Deed Book 10:207.

24 Extracted from microfilm of the minutes of the Franklin County Court.

25 Will of Lodwick Alford, written June 21, 1792, proved September 1801; Franklin County NC Wills, Book A:81-83.

26 Etheldred Taylor estate papers found in North Carolina State Archives.

III

**Lodwick Alford
of Wake County, North Carolina****What We KNOW**

This writing is not to challenge the extensive research and documentation done by cousins over the years. The distinction between "What we know" and "What we Think we know" comes from what can be found in the files of Gil Alford. Generally speaking, folks have not provided authoritative references for information sent on their ancestors and other Alfords. It is recognized that much of the "undocumented" information about this Lodwick comes from accounts handed down through many generations of the family.

There is not an absolutely clean separation between the Lodwick Alfords of Franklin County and the Lodwick Alford of Wake County. There is sufficient pattern to permit us to break them into separate sections.

The father of this Lodwick Alford has not been proven. It is suspected that James Alford born 1713, a brother to the Lodwick Alford of Virginia, was the father of this Lodwick. If that be the case some of the James Alfords recorded in early North Carolina records would probably be this James Alford.

He was enumerated in the 1790 census which proves he was born before 1774. It did suggest he had four sons and three daughters plus 24 slaves. The 1800 census suggests a birth before 1755 and was tabulated showing just two sons and no daughters. One could conclude that two sons and the daughters were of an age to have married or otherwise left home by 1800.

There were over a dozen "Lodwick Alford" land transactions in Wake or Nash Counties from 1777 through 1820 and it is probable that all of those involved this Lodwick Alford. Only a detailed study of the tract description in each transaction will determine this definitely.

Lodwick Alford was a Wake County state representative to the House of Commons, General Assembly of North Carolina in 1778.¹

Ludy Alford, commonly called Tanner Alford, was the Justice of the Peace in Wake County in 1780.²

Lodwick served as the sheriff of Wake County from 1794-1796.³

An 1810 tax list of Wake County shows Lodwick held 372 acres, in 6 lots, in Mark's Creek district.

In his will dated May 26, 1820 Lodwick mentions his wife Susan, Daughter Laney High; son Cade Alford grandsons William High, Robert High, Hutson Alford, Cade Alford, Peyton Alford, granddaughters Clary Hinton Mary High and Lany High. The will was probated in the Wake County Court, August Term 1820.4

Lodwick's widow, Susan Alford's will was dated May 2 1831. She mentioned daughter Laney High, grandson Alford High, son of Laney High; grandsons ~~Hutson~~ High and Green High, and granddaughter Elizabeth High children of Laney; granddaughter Clary Ray and husband Zadock Ray; and granddaughter Susan Watkins. The will mentioned a number of great grandchildren not considered pertinent to this accounting. The will was probated in the Wake County Court, November term 1831.5

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Wheeler, John H., HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1584-1851, 1851.
- 2 Affidavits filed with pension application of Sampson Strickland's children, Nash County, NC.
- 3 Wake County Court Minutes, 1771-1868.
- 4 Wake County, Will Book R:283-286.
- 5 Wake County, Will Book X:147.

What We THINK We Know.

The full name was James Lodwick Alford.

He was born July 4 1749.

Lodwick served as 2nd Major in the Wake County Regiment and fought in battle of Cowpens and battle at Guilford Courthouse.

He was called Major Tanner.

He married Susannah Ross in 1770. Some think she was Susannah Lee, a widow. Susannah was born 1752 in Franklin County.

Other children were: Hudson Alford, Polly Alford, James Alford, Peyton Alford, Susan Alford and Nathaniel Green Alford.