

**English History
and the Alford's who settled in America since the year 1800**

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Section First

In compiling the History of the Alford's from the founder of the name at which time only one name was given to a son

Alfred the Great

Who made London the capital of his domain and also laid the foundations of the English Navy, divided the Kingdom into counties and shires, collected the laws of his predecessors and improved them, founded the schools at Oxford, this Alford presents one of the most perfect examples on record of the able patriotic monarch, united with the writers name.

In investigating this domain we find situated in the northern part of England in, Lincolnshire Co., a town or Estate by the name of Alford where in all probability the land was granted ... owned and the place was named by some distinguished Alford. It could have been for some noble act or achievement acquired by him and the place so named.

We also find in records of past history that in the ninth century wherein the name appears denoting them as Record Writers or taking notes and recording the action of battles when fought and by it greatly distinguished them as men of much learning.

When corresponding and investigating English History in quest of pedigrees of the Alford's, we came across a collection of eight pedigrees printed and other valuable manuscript, with seven Coat of Arms and other interesting matter, which is for sale by Henry Gray, Bookseller Genealogist and Tipographer, Publisher and Dealer in all matters relative to family history and pedigree, Place 47 Lincester Square London England. He has this collection for sale at Four Pounds and Ten shillings. P.S. "We received a letter from him offering his services in making a through research throughout - the kingdom but being financially unable to procure his valuable services, was obliged to give up" Although, the few names we have been able to secure we place in these records, among the scholars we find the name of

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Rt. Rev. Micheal(sic) Alford

He was born in London England in the year 1587. He became a Jesuit priest. He became an eminent scholar and wrote many valuable works in England and France. The names of these books, which are out of print, and we were unable to procure a history of them. He died in St Omar Francae in the year 1641 in his 54th year. We were unable to procure any records of his parentage or family record.

The next we have in line of history is the record of one named

Rev Henry Alford D. D.

He was Dean of Canterbury - and was born at Alferd Place Bedford Row, London, England, October 7, 1810 and died Jan. 12, 1871 in his 61st year. He descended from a Somersetshire family who for six generations of which successfully contributed clergymen of some distinction to the *English*

Church. He was educated at Trinity College. After his engagement of marriage with his cousin Miss Fanny Alford, he wrote an Elementary Greek Grammar for her, that she might learn the language. He spent twenty years of his life, from 1841 to 1861 upon his notes on the Greek Testament, one of the most scholarly works ever written. He was a Poet, an Orator, a Musician, an Artist, a Theologian. He would have been preeminent in either sphere if he had devoted his life to it. He wrote much but his monumental work is his notes on the Greek Testament. He died honored and greatly respected. They reside in London England.

The next following record or history we have is of a Somersetshire family of England who was named

William Alford

He was born in Somerset County England in the year 1756 and died there in the year 1831 in his 75th year. What occupation or achievements he attained is not stated. He married Miss Elizabeth Shore, she was born in the year 1755 and died in Somerset County in the year 1830 in her 75th year. They had eleven children.

Their eldest child was a daughter who was named

Elizabeth Alford - she was born in Milton, Somerset County, England in the year 1778. She died there 1868 in her 90th year - if she was married or single, record not given or family record.

Their second child was a son who was named

Abraham Alford - he was born at Milton, Somerset County, England in the year 1780 and died there 1859 in this 79th year - whom he married or occupation or family record not given

Their third child was a daughter named

Ann Alford - she was born at Milton, Somerset County, England in the year 1782 and died there in the year 1859 in her 76th year - no family record given

Their fourth child was a son who was named

William Alford - see next record

Their fifth child was a son who was named

John Alford - he was born at Milton, Somerset County, England in 1785 and died there 1862 in his 77th year - no family record given

Their sixth child was a son who was named

Benjamin Alford - he was born in Milton, Somerset County, England in the year 1788 and died at Trowbridge ... Co, England in the year 1830 in his 42nd year - no further record given

Their seventh child was a daughter who was named

Emma Alford - she was born in Milton, Somerset County, England in the year 1790 and died there in 1821 in her 31st year - no record

The eighth child was a son who was named

Henry Alford - he was born in Milton, Somerset County, England in the year 1792 and died at Milton England 1823 in his 31st year

Their ninth child was a son who was named

Stephen Alford - he was born in Milton Somerset County England in the year 1794 and died

there in 1839 in his 45th year - no record

Their tenth child was a daughter who was named

Lucy Alford - she was born in Milton Somerset County, England in the year 1796 and died there in 1840 in her 44th year - no further record

Their eleventh child was a son who was named

George Alford - he was born at Milton, Somerset County, England in the year 1798 and died there in 1845 in his 47th year - no further record given

This completes all the family names of the Family Record of William and Elizabeth Alford

The next in line of record is of **their second son** who was named,

William Alford Jr

He was born in Milton, Somerset County, England in the year 1780 and died at Burton, Dorset County, England Oct. 10, 1861 in his 78th year. His occupation not given. He married Miss Jane Goldsbrough. She was born at Settons, Dorset County, England Jan. 17, 1788 and died at Burton Mar. 20, 1873 in her 85th year. They had five children.

Their Eldest child was a son who was named

Francis Alford - he was born at Burton, England July 1, 1823 - no other record given.

Their second child was a son who was named

William Alford - he was born at Burton, England Jan. 23, 1825 and settled in Sidney Australia where he died Aug. 30, 1880 in his 55th year - no further record

Their third child was a son who was named

John Alford - see next record

Their fourth child was a daughter who was named

Jane Alford - she was born at Burton, England in 1828 died 1835.

Their fifth child was a son who was named

Stephen Alford - he was born in Burton, England Jan. 27, 1834 And he settled in Milton Australia and died there Jan. 12, 1898 in his 64th year - family records not given

This completes the names of the family record of William and Jane Alford.

The next in line of record is of **this third son** who was named

John Alford

He was born at Burton, Dorset County, England July 3, 1826 and by occupation a merchant. He married Miss Margaret Russell in 1872. She was born in Linto, Scotland May 20, 1850. They came to America about the year 1872 and settled at Salt Lake City, Utah and he was employed in the Great Zion Department Store in Salt Lake City. He died April 11, 1902 - 76 years. They had five children.

Their eldest child was a son who was named

John W. Alford - he was born in Salt Lake City, Utah July 2, 1873 and is Captain of the Utah Military Guards and resides in Salt Lake City, Utah

Their second child was a daughter who was named

Janne(sic) F. R. Alford she was born in Salt Lake City Sept. 30, 1875. She resides at Salt Lake City, Utah - no further record

Their third child was a son who was named

Frances E. M. Alford - he was born in Salt Lake City, Utah May 1, 1878 and died May 13 1887.

Their fourth child was a son who was named

William George Alford - he was born in Salt Lake City, Utah Dec. 28, 1880 and died May 13, 1887.

Their fifth child, who was named

S. R. Goldsbrough Alford - he was born in Salt Lake City, Utah Nov. 22, 1883 and resides at Salt Lake City, Utah

This completes all the names and family records of descendant of William and Elizabeth Alford and John and Margaret Alford of Somerset County England

The next in line of record is of another family who was in all probability of another Somerset County Alford descendant whose name was

John Alford

He was in all probability of the Somerset County England Alford's and could have been a brother of William Alford, Sr. He was born in the year 1769 and was by occupation a Sail Maker and vessel rigger. He married Miss Ann - the other name not given - about the year 1792 - and they resided at Portsmouth, Hampshire County, England, where he followed his occupation. They died there. They had six children,

The eldest child was a son who was named

John Alford - see next record

Their second child was a son who was named

Stephen Alford - he was born in Portsmouth, Hampshire County, England about the year 1795 and was by occupation a Custom House officer. He married Miss Martha Robertson about the year 1816 - no other record given.

Their third child was a son who was named

Benjamin Alford - he was born at Portsmouth, Hampshire County, England about the year 1797 and was by occupation a fisherman - no further record given.

Their fourth child was a son who was named

William Alford - he was born at Portsmouth, Hampshire County, England about the year 1799 - no further record

Their fifth child was a daughter who was named

Nancy Alford (Bowman) - she was born at Portsmouth, Hampshire County, England about the year 1801. She married Mr. Joseph Bowman and died at Portsmouth England - no further record

Their sixth child was a daughter who was named

Mary Alford - she was born at Portsmouth, Hampshire County, England about the year 1803 - she was married but name not given. She died at Portsmouth England - no dates or further record given

This completes all the names and family record of John and Ann Alford.

The next in line of record is of their first son who was named

John Alford

He was born in Portsmouth, Hampshire County, England Sept, 27, 1793. He married Miss Ann Jones April 14, 1839. She was born at Portsmouth, England Aug. 17, 1798. They left Portsmouth, England and came to America and settled at Louisville, Kentucky about the year 1819. He was by occupation a Merchant and farmer - at one time engaged in the wholesale wine and liquor trade. He died at Louisville, Ky Mar. 3, 1857 in his 64th year. His wife died July 3, 1855 in her 57th year. They had twelve children.

Their eldest child was a son who was named

Jacob G. Alford - he was born at Portsmouth, England April 9, 1818 - he came with his parents to Louisville, Ky and he became by occupation a boat builder. He married Miss Mary Jennings April 14, 1837. They resided at New Albany, Indiana where he died in the year 1885 in his 70th year -no family record or history given.

Their second child was a son who was named

Isreal(sic) Alford - he was born at Portsmouth, England Jan. 24, 1820 and came to America with his parents. He was by occupation a liquor dealer. He married Miss Ann E. S. Searls for his first wife. Dec. 18, 1843. After her death he married for his second wife Miss Nancy S-. He died at Louisville, Ky Sept. 1865 in his 45th year. No family record given.

Their third child was a son who was named

John L. Alford - he was born in Louisville, Ky. Oct. 28, 1822 and died at Louisville, Ky. Sept. 6, 1828

Their fourth child was a daughter who was named

Lydia A. Alford (Lemon) - she was born at Louisville, Ky. Nov. 16, 1823. She married Mr. Jacob Lemon April 14, 1844. She died at Louisville, Ky. May 29, 1895 in her 72nd year - no family record given

Their fifth child was a son who was named

William D. Alford - he was born in Louisville, Ky. Dec. 25, 1825 and was by occupation a Tinner. He married Miss Susan Porter Jan. 22, 1867 and they reside at Louisville, Ky. - no family record given

Their sixth child was a daughter who was named

Charlotte Alford (Crandall) - she was born in Louisville, Ky, Sept, 20, 1829; she married Mr. Joseph L. Crandall, Sept. 2, 1847 and they reside at Louisville, Ky - no family record given

Their seventh child was a son who was named

James H. Alford - he was born in Louisville, Ky. May 29, 1831 and was by occupation a Merchant. He married Miss Mary Beck and they reside at Louisville, Ky. - no family record given

Their eighth child was a daughter who was named

Hannah J. Alford (Canfield) - she was born in Louisville, Ky. June 15, 1852. They reside at Louisville, Ky - no family record given

Their ninth child was a son who was named

Stephen B. Alford - he was born at Louisville, Ky. July 24, 1834 and was by occupation an Engineer. He married Miss Amelia Overstreet Sept. 4, 1866. He enlisted in the Civil War of Rebellion in 1861 in Wagners Militia of Gen. Buel's Army and served during the war with honor and patriotism. They reside at Louisville, Ky - no family record given.

Their tenth child was a daughter who was named

Ann Amelia Alford - she was born at Louisville, Ky. July 29, 1836 and died at Louisville, Ky. Oct. 3, 1855 in her 19th year

Their eleventh child was a son who was named

Hon. Col. Benjamin F. Alford - see next record

Their twelfth child was a daughter who was named

Mary E. Alford (Crozier) she was born in Louisville, Ky. Oct, 26, 1842. She married Mr. Thomas J. Crozier. She died at Louisville, Ky. April 26, 1894 in her 52nd year - no family record given

This completes all the names and Family Record of John and Ann Alford.

The next in line of record is **of their youngest son** who was named

Hon. Col. Benjamin Franklin Alford

He was born in Louisville, Ky. Jan 6 1839. He enlisted in the United States service in the Civil War 1861 and was under Gen Buel and for his bravery and gallantry was promoted to a Colonelcy of a Regiment, where in showing integrity, loyalty, and patriotism in all his official service and for his excellent citizenship and exemplary public spirit; he was appointed Port Surveyor of Customs at Louisville, Ky., of which position he has held for a number of years. Being a man of the highest character and of sterling integrity, he inaugurated many reforms. In his charitable work he gave to the deserving and humble News Boys and Book ... a public festival for them which was held at Weidekind Hall Feb 22 1872. For this and many other charitable works, he holds the esteem, love and respect of a vast number of people. In the campaign of 1896 he wrote and published at his own expense many leaflets to educate the masses. One of his "Primers" which was called "Squaredeal" on the money question was unique-properly-terse and forcibly written and one of the best published primers ever used during the campaign showing him a man holding supremacy over policy for the countries good than mere party politicked.

He married Miss Amelia Neuhume Nov 4 1866 and they reside in Louisville Kentucky. They had one child a son who was named

Robert C. Alford, he was born in Louisville, Ky. Nov. 24, 1873 and was employed as a messenger in the office of the Post Surveyor of Customs. He married Miss Laura Deverson and they reside at Louisville, Ky.

This completes all the Family Records of Hon Col Benjamin and Amelia Alford and the descendants of John and Ann Alford we were able to secure.

The next we have in line of Family Record and composed of only a few descendants and so place the record here, although they came to America prior to 1800 and claim of Irish Descent. But in all probability Michael Alford was born or his parents in England - ... he married in England or Ireland, leaving there prior to the Revolutionary War and settled in America - he was named

Michael Alford

It is not positively known whether he was born in Ireland or England, supposition is in England about the year 1750 and may be one of the descendants from the family of the Rt. Rev. Micheal(sic) Alford. He was by occupation a farmer. He married an Irish Scotch lady by the name of Miss Mattie Hardy about the year 1771 she was born in the year 1752 and shortly after their marriage they left Liverpool, England for America in the year 1772, after a long, weary and tedious journey in which they suffered many trials and privations. They took up a home and settled in Beaver County Pennsylvania - near whēre New Gallelee(sic) now stands. This village was not then in existence. The town of Greensburg, now Darlington, was but a short distance from their "Homestead" and this village had only a few hundred inhabitants. And here in the new wilderness and great privations and hardships, they erected them a home. They died in Beaver County, Pa. but the dates of their deaths not given. They had eight children.

Their first child was a son who was named

John Alford - he was born on the Ocean in the year 1772. He married Miss Ruth Eccles - date not given. He was by occupation a farmer, what great Events during his long life remain untold as his life events and family record was not given, but they must have been many - he died at Princeton, Pa. in the year 1872 - nearly one hundred years old.

Their second child was a son who was named

Hugh Alford - he was born in Beaver County, Pa. about the year 1775 and by occupation a carpenter. He married Miss Pollie Webber. They died in the state of Indiana. What family he had is not known - or where located in the state is not known nor could we find any record of descendant who claimed Hugh and Polly Alford or claimed them as their grandparents. And this occurs with many of the descendant of Michael Alford.

Their third child was a son who was named

Stewart Alford - he was born in Beaver County, Pa. about the year 1777 and by occupation a farmer. He married Miss Abby Beal, no date given. It appears that they lost a son at the Battle of Loundies(sic) Lane - Stewart Alford and his wife died in Pennsylvania but no date or family record was furnished.

Their fourth child was a son who was named

Michial(sic) Alford - he was born in Beaver County, Pa. about the year 1780. We were unable to secure further record

Their fifth child was a daughter who was named

Betsey Alford (McCormick) - she was born in Beaver County, Pa. about the year 1784. She married Mr. Benjamin McCormick - no date or family record given

Their sixth child was a daughter who was named

Mattie Alford (Webber) - she was born in Beaver County, Pa. about the year 1786. She married Mr. William Webber - no date or record given

Their seventh child was a daughter who was named

Elanor Alford (Miligan) - she was born in Beaver County, Pa. about the year 1788. She married Mr. Charles Miligan. She died in Illinois - no date or record given.

Their eighth child was a son who was named

Thomas Alford - see next record

This completes all the names and the family record of Micheal(sic) and Mattie Alford we were able to procure.

The next in line of record is of **their youngest child** who was named

Thomas Alford

He was born in Beaver County, Pa. in May, 1800. He married Miss Rebecca McMillion about the year 1823. She was born in Lawrence County, Pa. about the year 1803. They moved to Morris, Grundy County, Illinois, where he became one of its most prominent citizens. He was of sterling integrity and of noble character and of much judicial ability. He was elected by the town as Justice of the Peace and served in that capacity for many years. He died at Morris, Illinois Sept. 12, 1870 in his 70th year; loved and respected for his grand qualities and sterling worth. They had six children.

Their eldest child was a daughter who was named

Rebecca Alford (Deusnire) - she was born in Lawrence County, Pa. about 1823. She married Mr. John Deusnire about the year 1847 and resided at East Brook, Pa. - no other record

Their second child was a son who was named

Micheal(sic) Alford - he was born in Lawrence County, Pa, June 10, 1826 and was by occupation a farmer. He married Miss Anna Stein. They reside at Beaver Falls, Pa. - no other record

Their third child was a son who was named

John Alford - see next record

Their fourth child was a son who was named

Thomas Alford - he was born in Lawrence County, Pa., Jan. 1830 and by occupation a shoe maker. He enlisted as a private in the Civil War 1861 and serving valiantly throughout the war. He was married three times - but could not secure further record of family

Their fifth child was a son who was named

Charles Alford - he was born in Lawrence County, Pa. July, 1833 and was by occupation a harness maker. He enlisted in the Civil War 1861 as a private and served valiantly throughout the war. He married Miss L. J. Conn and they moved to Pittsburgh, Pa. where he died 1895 in his 62nd year - no other record.

Their sixth child was a daughter who was named

Mattie Alford (L...) - she was born in Lawrence County, Pa., Jan 6, 1840. She married Mr Able L... They moved and settled in Clay City, Illinois, where they now reside - no further record.

This completes all the names and family record of Thomas and Rebecca Alford.

The next in line of record is of **their second son** who was named

Rev. John Alford

He was born at New Castle, Lawrence County Pa., Jan. 25, 1828. He united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church and was ordained a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Afterwards he became

pastor of many churches and by his Christian zeal and great faith and love of the Master he ... a glorious in the Salvation of sinners, bringing them to repentance and by it accomplished great good. A few years ago he retired from the Ministry on account of poor health and mature age. He resides at Beaver Falls, Pa.. He married Miss Mary A. Blakeslae Oct. 25, 1854. They had eight children.

Their eldest child was a daughter who was named

Mattie Alford - she was born at ... Oak, Illinois, Aug. 1, 1856, she remained single and by profession a Type writer, she resides with her parents at Beaver Falls, Pa.

Their second child was a son who was named

Rev. Charles W. Alford - he was born at Salem, Illinois Oct. 2, 1858. He united with the Presbyterian Church and was ordained a minister and when this record was given, he was pastor of a church in Philadelphia, Pa. where he now resides. He married Miss Cora A. Unsell July 18, 1889 - no further record given.

Their third child was a son who was named

William J. Alford - he was born at New Castle, Pa. Jan. 6, 1861 and is by occupation a shoe maker. He married Miss Nellie Crain June 14, 1888. They reside at Anderson, Indiana - no further record given.

Their fourth child was a son who was named

Ralph B. Alford - he was born at New Castle, Pa. April 26, 1867 and by occupation a glass worker. He married Miss Jennie Baughman Jan. 1, 1882. They reside at St Louis, Mo.

Their fifth child was a daughter who was named

Mary Alford - she was born at New Castle, Pa. August 12, 1862. She died at New Castle, Pa. April 23, 1863

Their sixth child was a son who was named

Husa K. Alford - he was born at New Castle, Pa. April 24, 1864 and died April 24, 1870

Their seventh child was a daughter who was named

Hattie J. Alford (Cowles) - she was born at New Castle, Pa., Jan. 5, 1869. She married Mr. W.C. Cowles July 11, 1891 and they reside at Pottsville, Pa.

Their eighth child was a daughter who was named

Carrie B. Alford (Moore) - she was born at New Castle, Pa. Oct 6, 1895. She married Dr. S. N. Moore Dec. 27, 1893. They reside at Beaver Falls, Pa..

This completes all the names and family records of Rev. John and Mary Alford and all the descendants of Micheal(sic) and Mattie Alford who came from Liverpool, England we were able to procure in 1772.

The following record we were unable to classify with any records we have been able to secure so give it, from letters received, the name

John Alford

From E.T. Alford, Goshen, Ind.

"Came to America at the Age of 13 years stopping at Philadelphia, Pa. until he was 21 years old, moved to Bath County, Virginia, married to Miss Margaret Wilson who died Jan. 9, 1844. They

moved to Ohio 1800 He died Sept. 26, 1828. They had nine children the eldest Stephen Alford died July 10, 1830. John M. Alford died June 15, 1829; William Harrison Alford died Dec. 5, 1857, age 35 years, George W. Alford married Miss Jane - and they had three children - Sons” In an other letter from J. M. Alford, 345 M.. St., Chicago, Ill - says”

“Going back to the Eldest Male representative I have known, whom I have mentioned formerly, My Uncle George Washington Alford I learn he was a son of one John Alford, who ran away from home in Ireland when but 13 years old coming to Philadelphia, Pa. where he apprenticed himself to a weaver. He went from there to Virginia where he married Margaret Wilson daughter of the ... of history. They emigrated to Lawrence Co., Ohio, where they reared their family - where a number descendants still live. And unknown to John Alford, subsequently two brothers came from Ireland and settled not over thirty miles from him who was named George Alford and Henry Alford. The former settled on Mud River in West Virginia and Henry Alford came with and whereabouts were never learned by family of my uncle. It may be you have located just such a Henry Alford if so you have found the missing link”

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