

Husband: **James Alford #29** died at age: 43

Born: about 1687 in: probably New Kent Co., VA
 Baptized: in:
 Died: about 1730 in: New Kent Co., VA
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: JAM687VA Occupation:
 Father: John Alford #4656
 Mother: Wife is Unknown #4657

Birth and death dates are estimates based on other recorded events in New Kent County, VA in the St. Peter's Parish Register.

PLEASE NOTE: It is not proven that he was the son of John Alford but there is some circumstantial evidence indicating that he is. See comments on the subject in John Alford's record. See Boddie below.

Boddie, Mrs. John Bennett, "Historical Southern Families, Volume XII." () "James Alford, son of John Alford, was probably born about 1685-90, and died in New Kent Co. between 1721 (his last appearance in the records of St. Peter's Parish, p. 180, and 1735, when his sons Lodwick, Julius and Goodrich are shown as tithables, but he was not mentioned (St. Peter's P.R., p. 246). His wife's name is unknown, but St. Peter's Parish Register shows that he had the following children." [As listed in this family record. It is pretty obvious here that they really don't know when or where James was born or died.] There are some who believe that he went to North Carolina with sons Lodwick and Julius.

WHAT IS NOT! ===== Northen, William J., Ed (Ex-Governor of Georgia), "Men of Mark in Georgia." (Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, 1974) This "source" contains sketches on Drewry Cade Alford, Columbus Augustus Alford, and Julius C. Alford. "The three immigrants were: William, born in London in 1608, who, with his two brothers, Benedictus and Alexander, came to Boston. William had a son Benjamin, born in 1650; Benjamin a son James, born in 1691; James had a son James William Zion Alford, born about 1730. It is not certain whether he was born in Boston or in North Carolina, for his father moved to North Carolina about that time." END OF WHAT IS NOT

We have enough information on the New England families to know that there were TWO "Alford" brothers, Benedictus (Benedict) and Alexander (Alvord) who came to Boston with their sister. We know about William, Benjamin and James, but William was probably not a brother and that James was not the same James as the progenitor of the southern Alford's. Bernard Suttler, who wrote the articles, apparently had not heard of the Alford's who had been in Virginia since before the brothers arrived in Boston, nor had he heard about the St. Peter's Parish Church records which document James' presence there. For over 25 years we have been looking for any shread of evidence to prove a James William Zion Alford but have not succeeded. There were James Alford's, William Alford's, and Zion or Sion Alford's, but never one person with all three names.

When we became involved in the Alford search in the early 1980's folks were using the

1691 birth of the New England James Alford for the James Alford of Virginia. Note that Boddie above waffled with "about 1685-90." To eliminate the waffle and move away from the erroneously used 1691 we began using the date of about 1687. There is not anything to prove that.

In various entries of the St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book and Register his presence was mentioned:

September 6, 1710 his account was allowed 420 pounds for keeping a Parish child. (pg 143)

November 16 1713 his bill was credited with 350 pounds. (pg 156)

February 7 1713 when son James was born. (pg 354)

August 28 1715 when son Warren was born. (pg 354)

September 1717 when son Julius was born. (pg 449)

September 29, 1718 as surveyor of ye highways. (pg 168)

September 29 1721 allowed 76 1/2 pounds for an Overlist. (pg 180)

Wife: **Wife is Unknown #30**
 Married: in:
 Ceremony: Divorced/Annulled/Separated: Year:

Born: in:
 Baptized: in:
 Died: in:
 Buried: in:
 Other: in:
 Ref: Occupation:
 Father:
 Mother:

1 M Goodrich Alford #4653 died at age: 45 sp. Sarah _____ #4676	Born: about 1708 Married: Died: 1753 Buried:	New Kent Co., VA Edgecombe Co., NC
---	---	---

2 M Lodwick Alford #3085 died at age: 90 sp. Elizabeth _____ #4641 Born: Apr 29 1717 Died: May 29 1735 sp. Susanna _____ #3086 Born: Sep 25 1718 Died: sp. Unknown #4651	Born: about 1710 Married: Married: Married: Died: 1800 Buried:	New Kent Co., VA Franklin Co., NC
--	---	--

3 M James Alford, Jr. #4654	Born: Feb 7 1713 Died: Buried:	New Kent Co., VA
4 M Warren Alford #4655	Born: Aug 28 1715 Died: Buried:	New Kent Co., VA
5 M Julius Alford #27 died at age: 54 sp. Lucy _____ #28 Born: _____ Died: after 1790	Born: Sep 1717 Married: Died: 1771 Buried:	St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., VA Bute Co., NC

Thank you for additions and corrections returned soonest to:

ALFORD AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC

P. O. Box 1297 Florissant, MO 63031-1297 (314) 831-8648

<http://www.alfordassociation.org>

alford_association@sbcglobal.net