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Re: Alexander Alford (1752-1836) of Chittenden County, VT  
Samuel Alford of Windsor County, Vermont  
Were they father and son?

Alexander<sup>5</sup> Alford (Benedict<sup>4,3</sup>, Jeremy<sup>2</sup>, Benedict<sup>1</sup>) and Elizabeth Lease married at Williamstown, MA on 29 Aug. 1782, the church record stating that Alexander was "from Rutland." Presumably, this was Rutland, Vermont where Alexander's father owned land from 1775 until 1786. The couple settled at Colchester in Chittenden County, Vermont. In his application for a Revolutionary War pension dated 10 April 1818, Alexander stated his age as "about sixty seven years." On 20 June 1820, he filed a Revolutionary claim under the 1820 Act of Congress giving his age as 67 and naming the members of his household as wife (age 56), Jane (age 16), Daniel (age 12), Eliza (age 9), and Laura Anne (age 4) who was a grandchild. He died at Colchester on 13 Aug. 1836. His wife Elizabeth applied for a pension in October of 1838 saying she was 73 years of age. She died at Colchester on 18 Jan. 1849. Her gravestone in a Colchester cemetery records her age at death as 82 years. Joshua Barnes, her son-in-law and administrator of her estate, testified on 8 March 1849 that the surviving children of Alexander and Elizabeth Alford were: Samuel Alford, Bartholomew Alford, Amasa Alford, Hiram Alford, James Alford, Jane Ingram, Eliza Farrand, Mary Barnes and Alexander Alford.

I think my great, great, great grandfather, Samuel Alford, who lived at Woodstock, Pomfret, and Weathersfield in Windsor County, Vermont may have been the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Lease) Alford although he appears in a different part of the state. He married Clarissa Watkins at Woodstock on 31 July 1814. Their known children were:

- i. Samuel
  - b. 17 June 1815, Woodstock, VT
  - m. 12 Nov. 1838, Hartland, VT - Mary SLAYTON
  - d. 11 Nov. 1881, Weathersfield, VT
- ii. Eliza C.
  - b. 21 Sep. 1817, Woodstock, VT
  - m. 6 Oct. 1836, Brattleboro, VT - Abraham Brown SIMONDS
  - d. 21 Apr. 1885, Jericho, VT

iii. ?Mary J.

b. ca. 1823

d. 25 Jan. 1845, age 22

buried: Old Cemetery, Williston, VT

gravestone inscription: daughter of Samuel and  
Clarrissa Alford

Samuel's wife Clarissa probably died before 1850 because he was living at Weathersfield in 1850\*, 1860\* and 1870\* in the home of Samuel Alford, Jr. who undoubtedly was his son. His age is shown in the three successive census records as 63, 71 and 81. The following death certificate filed in the town of Cavendish which adjoins Weathersfield could well be for him:

\* Samuel  
b. in VT

ALFORD, Samuel

died: 21 Jan. 1879

age: 91 years, 4 months, 8 days

born: Colchester (state not listed)

If the above Samuel was born at Colchester, Vermont, he probably was the son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Lease) Alford. I seek proof that the three Samuels whom I have mentioned were the same man, i.e. (1) Samuel, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Lease) Alford (2) Samuel Alford who died at Cavendish, VT in 1879 (3) Samuel Alford who married Clarissa Watkins at Woodstock, VT in 1814.

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