

THE  
BURKE AND ALVORD

Memorial:

A GENEALOGICAL ACCOUNT

OF THE

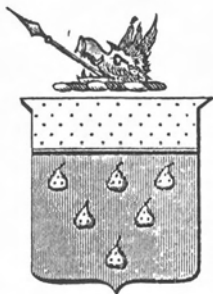
DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDER ALVORD,

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WE find upon our public records that the above name (even the descendants of Alexander and Benedict), has been variously written, even for the same person. We find it written Alluard, Alluerd, Alvard, Alford, Alvord, Allord, Alved, Alfort, Allford, &c.

In this work, we intend to give a brief genealogy of some of the descendants of Alexander Alvord, who moved from Windsor, Conn., about the year 1661, and settled in Northampton, Mass.; and we shall likewise give a very brief genealogy of some of the descendants of Benedict, who remained at Windsor, Conn.

There were others of this name, who early settled in New England, besides Alexander and Benedict Alvord, whom, we suppose, might originally have been of the same family.

There was a William Alford, who came from London, about the year 1634, and settled in Salem, Mass., who was a member of Skinner's company. His wife Mary joined the church in 1636, and had Nathaniel, baptized 19 March, 1637; Samuel, 17 Feb. 1639; Bethia, 26 June, 1642; he had also Elisha, Mary, and Elizabeth. **Savage says:** "He had favored the party of Wheelwright, and under the name of Mr. Alfoot on the record in 1637, was disarmed by the General Court, and thereupon removed for a season to New Haven, and there had, probably, two or more of his children born before 1654. He came back to Massachusetts, but settled in Boston, was a merchant, and by another wife, Ann, had John, born 29 Nov. 1658, who died aged two months. **He died Jan. 1677. His will was dated 13 April, with a codicil, 9 July, 1676.**

We find upon the early records of the county of Essex, that there was an Abraham Alved.

“Gent men & honest freinds pray be pleased to paye vnto my frend Edward Joanes the severall sums of Suger which you owe me which each Gentleman’s sume is heare vnder neath mentioned & directed to you & every of you severally for ye each p ticular sum or sums, taking the said Joanes his receipt for any sume you for my acct: & in for soe doeing you will oblige him

Yo<sup>rs</sup> to serve you to his power

ABRAHAM ALVED.

|  |                              |
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| To Coll Timothy Cornhill y             | 45 74                        |
| To ditto for one tunn of cask          | 3 60                         |
| To Thomas Hart for                     | 1 55                         |
| To Elizabeth Smale                     | 1 74 for acct of Thomas Webb |
| To Mr John Bawden                      | 15 74 bill                   |
| To Mr John Cates (or Gates)            | 2 25 bill                    |
| To John Seddon for                     | 10 00 bill paid by acct      |
| To William Bragg for 2 Barrells of tar | 6 00 bill                    |
|  | <hr/>                        |
|  | 84 37                        |

‘A cobby of this Acco<sup>t</sup> or order I have received of Mr Abram Alveds and am to be accoumptable to him or order; for what I shall receive of it.

Witness my hand this 25 January 1666-7.

EDWARD JOANES.

We also find a Benjamin Alford upon the early record of the county of Essex at Salem. “Benjamin Alford. Whereas there was an obligation und<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> hands of John Ruck, Bartholomev Gedny, John Price, John Higginson & Hilliard Veren bearing date Nov. 26, 1674 for three hundred forty eight pounds starl. payably to John ffoott or assigns, the saith ffoott sending over power to me whose name is under written for receiving of ye same I doe by these presents acknowledge to have received of y<sup>e</sup> above named p sons y<sup>e</sup> full sum of three hundred forty eight pounds in marchantable fish in tyme as was expressed in said bond & do acquit & discharge y<sup>e</sup> said persons above named from al or

any pt of said sum haveing received full satisfaction, as witness my hand dated Aug 9, 1675. **BENJAMIN ALVORD.**

[See Reg. Deeds, Vol. 4 : 98.

John ffoott of Bristol merchant now in London late resident in Boston, N. E. constitutes Benjamin Alford of Boston aforesaid Merchant his true and lawfull Attorney. **May 10. 1675.**

Recorded Vol. 4 : 120.

There are two documents upon Court files where Benj. Alford, Oct. 31, 1676, as an attorney of John Sweeting of London, gave his deposition with regard to the payment of a bill to John Shepheard, master of the Thomas and Mary.

Benjamin Alford was a merchant of Boston, and was a member of the artillery company in 1671. Savage says that he was probably son of William. He married Mary, daughter of James Richards, Esq., of Hartford, and had Mary, born 15 Sept., bapt. 14 Oct. 1683; John, bapt. (at third or O. S. church) 5 July, 1685; Benjamin, born 5, bapt. 10 Oct. 1686; Judith, bapt. 16 Sept. 1688; James, born 19, bapt. 26 July, 1691; Sarah, born 17, bapt. 18 March, 1694; and Thomas, whose date is not found. "He had been a prisoner in Barbary and after his return was a man of importance in Boston. His will of Feb. 19, 1697, (probate thirteen years after,) provides for his children and widow. His widow, with his brother-in-law Benj. Davis, he makes Excors. His eldest son, Hon. Col. John, of Charlestown, was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1714; was one of the King's Councillors, and was distinguished as founder of the Alford Prof. of Nat. Theology, &c., at Harvard, and for giving a large sum to the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians, &c., in North America. Hon. John Alford married Margaret, daughter of Col. Thomas Savage, merchant of Boston, 12 Nov. 1713, and died in Charlestown, Sept. 1761, aged 76, highly respected for his moral worth, and left no children.

There was a Henry Alvord, or Alford, very early in New England, according to Plymouth Colony Records.

April 20, 1679, John Alford of Salem, scaman, conveys his now dwelling-house in Salem to Edmond Batter of Salem, mer-

chant. He was in Salem in 1668. Col. Remain Alford of New London died Aug. 12, 1709, aged 63.

Historians seem to agree that Alexander and Benedict, of Windsor, Conn., were brothers, and that Alexander's sister, Joan Alvord, married May 26, 1646, Ambrose Fowler.

Many of the names of the original members of the First Church who went with their pastor, Rev. John Warham, as a body, from Dorchester, Mass., to Windsor, Conn., in 1635, are obliterated, and we do not know whether Alexander and Benedict are of that number.

We suppose, from what records we are in possession of, that Alexander and Benedict Alvord emigrated from the county of Somerset, England, and that Benedict after coming over and patriotically volunteering to assist in defending the Connecticut colony from the Pequots, returned to England after his espoused, Joan Newton (Nurton). For, in 1637, "Brave Sergeant Alvord was one of the thirty who went from Windsor, Conn., to make an offensive war against the Pequots," [See Benedict Alvord,] and the 20th of Feb. 1639, he must have been in Broadway, county of Somerset, England; the 25th of August, 1640, he had returned to Massachusetts, and Nov. 26, 1640, he was married in Windsor to Joan Newton.

"The third of September 1640. The Record of the Deede shewed in Court betwixt Richard Standerwick & Nicholas Nurton."

"Know all men by these p'nts, that I Richard Standerwick of Broadwaye, in the county of Som'sett, in Old England, clothyer, for and in consideracon of the sum of twelve pounds of lawful money of England, payd vnto me by Nicholas Nurton of Waimouth, in New England haue graunted, bargained, & sould, and by these p'nts do freely and absolutly graunt, bargaine, and sell vnto the said Nicholas Nurton all the cattell, whether cowes, steeres or calues whatsoeū I have with Mr Hull in New England.

In wntes whereof, I the said Richard Standerwick have herevnto set my hand and seale the twentyeth day of February in the year 1639."

"RICHARD

STANDERWICK." [His Seal.]

THE ALVORD FAMILY

“Sealed in the p<sup>r</sup>nts of us.

John Hawkins,

Peter Pinny,

John Dwelly ✍ signc,

Benedict ✍ Alford,

John Purchase.”

Benedict Alford & John Purchase, two of these witness, haue taken thire oaths before me, Thomas Dudley, Gou<sup>n</sup>r of Massachusetts that they saw Richard Standerwick aboue named, seale & deliuer this bill to the use of th aboue named Nicholas Nurton, & subscribed theire names or markes as witnes<sup>s</sup> thereof. Their oathes were taken the XXV<sup>th</sup> day of August 1640.

Before me, Thom. Dudley Gou<sup>n</sup>.