

## VIRGINIA ALFORDS

### A chronology from 1620's to 1750

The following is a chronological listing of Alford events taking place in Virginia in the 17th century and up through 1750. We need your help in correcting and adding to this account.

Information in each article is written as near a direct quote as possible. Name emphasis and titles were added by the compiler. When a "+" appears in the title additional Alford names are mentioned in the article. Special effort was made to provide maximum source information or references. Comments of the compiler are in italics. In most instances we did not have the opportunity to view the original secondary source (publication). Each entry has been numbered, as a reference, for your convenience

#### RICHARD ALFORD - 1624-26

1. The earliest Alford record found is in John Camden Hotten's The original Lists of Persons of Quality, (Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1978) p. 232. --The Muster of Capt. Roger Smith's men over ye Watter," in 1624, "RICHARD ALFORD aged 26 yeres."

2. The published Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia mention as a witness, "RICHARD ALFORDE," at "A Courte held the 25th of Aperill 1625" and "RYCHARD ALLFORDE" at "A Courte held the sixth of december 1625." At "A Courte held at James Cittie the XXIth of Awgust 1626," "Whereas RICHARDE ALLFORD was warned by the p(ro)vost marshall on Saturday the 19th of Awgust to appeere before the Gouvernor and Councell this p(re)sent Courte day to answeere to such matters as Robert Marshall should be alleged against him, wch the said Allforde hath nott donne, yt is ordered he shall pay for the Contempt 20 li of Tobacco." He got into worse difficulties later on. At "A Courte at James City the 21st of January 1627," "Richard Alford Committed prisoner at the suit of Mr. Gill for 500 (weight of) Tobacco." William Curry Harlee, KINFOLKS, A GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, etc (New Orleans, LA, Searcy & Pfaff, Ltd, 1934-37), p. 1443 [NGS Call CS71.H2853 1934-37]

#### RICHARD ALFORD - November 11 1626

3. On November 11, 1626, the Council of General Court, James City, Virginia, authorized Captain Smith - with a crew - and Captain Mathews - with a crew - including RICHARD ALFORD, to go trading with the Indians into any part of the Bay of Chesapeake, and indicated that the Governor should give them a Commission for this purpose. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 8. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

#### WILLIAM ALFORD - 1653-1662

4. WILLIAM ALFORD witnessed signatures on documents in Charles City County in 1653. He also witnessed signatures in this county, twice in 1661, and once in 1662. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 9. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

**JOHN ALFORD & WILLIAM ALFORD - 1654-1663**

5. The record of the First Settlers in the Colonies of North America names 1,000 "Servants and Apprentices" who sailed from Bristol, England to Virginia, Maryland and other points on the Atlantic Coast between 1654 and 1685. **JOHN ALFORD & WILLIAM ALFORD** were included in the 1,000 emigrants, date, place of birth and marital status unknown. They sailed between 1654 and 1663; William's destination - Virginia, but John's was not known. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 9-10. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

**ANTHONY ALFORD - March 4 1656**

6. Patent Book 4, page 85 (124) shows Miles Dixon, Gentleman received 500 acres in Northumberland Co. on March 4 1656 for transporting 10 persons including **ANTHONY ALFORD**. (1) Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS, ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1623-66, Vol I, (Richmond, 1934) (Reprinted Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1963) p. 343-4. [NGS CALL F225.N842] [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] (2) Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 11. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

**GEORGE ALFORD - 1658**

7. There is a record of a **GEORGE ALFORD** in Lower Norfolk County, Virginia in 1658. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 11. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

**MR. ALFORD & THOMAS ALFORD - 1661**

8. A **MR. ALFORD** held the position of Deputy Escheater of Chuckatuck Parish, Nansemond County (formerly Upper Norfolk County) in 1661. (*See William Alford 1667-1671 Item # 21*) There are records of a **THOMAS ALFORD** in Lower Norfolk County during this period. (*1656-1661 apparently*) Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 11. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

**WILLIAM ALFORD - April 23 1661**

9. Charles City Co. Court Order Book, page 265 **WILLIAM ALFORD** was witness to a deed of Walter Aston to Wm. Edwards in Charles City 23 April 1661. Beverly Fleet, VIRGINIA COLONIAL ABSTRACTS, VOL 33, (Baltimore 1961) [NGS CALL F225.F58] [Submitted by Frances N. Walker]

**JOHN ALFORD - Date not given**

10. A Certificate of Land was granted to John Curtis for 600 acres of land for the importation of 12 persons including **JOHN ALFORD** and Elizabeth Eyres. This John apparently married Elizabeth Eyres and settled in Northampton County, Virginia. They were tried in the General Court and found guilty of disobedience at James City and were returned to the Northampton High Sheriff's custody for good behavior. This couple apparently migrated and settled in Maryland. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 11. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

**WILLIAM ALFORD - February 4 1662**

11. According to Patent Book 5, page 469 (572), Richard Aylife received 248 acres of land in Northumberland County, Virginia, February 4 1662 for bringing in five persons, including a **WILLIAM ALFORD**. Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS; ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1623-66, Vol I, (Richmond, 1934) (Reprint Baltimore MD, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1963), p. 544/5. [NGS CALL F225.N842] [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman]

**JOHN ALFORD - 1663-1679**

12. Another **JOHN ALFORD**, included in the list of migrants from Bristol, came to Virginia between 1663 and 1679. No information has been found as to his English background and it has not been possible to trace him in the Colony. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 11. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

**JOHN ALFORD - April 5 1664**

13. According to Patent Book 5, page 139 (5) **JOHN ALFORD** received 40 acres in Warwick Co. April 5 1664, Beginning at East Bounds of land of Tho. Hayles etc to North side of the horse path and adjacent land of John Williams Sr., for transporting Ann Parry. (1) Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS; ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1623-66, Vol I, (Richmond, 1934) (Reprinted Baltimore MD, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1963), p. 440. [NGS CALL F225.N842] [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman]. (2) John Bennett Boddie, HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES Vol XII (Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968) p. 57.

**WILLIAM ALFORD - February 27 1666**

14. In Patent Book 6, page 70, Jno Davis received 1000 acres in New Kent County February 27 1666 for transporting 20 persons including a **WILLIAM ALFORD**. Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS; ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1666-95, Vol II, (Richmond, VA, Virginia State Library, 1977), p. 20 [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] [NGS CALL F225.N842]

**WILLIAM ALFORD - January 3 1667**

15. In Patent Book 6, page 95, Mr. Jonathan Newell and Mr. Ambrose Clare received 2500 acres in New Kent County January 3 1667 for transporting 50 persons including a **WILLIAM ALFORD**. Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS; ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1666-95, Vol II, (Richmond, VA, Virginia State Library, 1977), p. 27 [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] [NGS CALL F225.N842]

**JOHN ALFORD - January 24 1667/8-February 24 1667/8**

16. A **JOHN ALFORD** brought suit in York County January 24, 1667- 68 for work performed as a carpenter. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 11. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

17. #1347 York Co., Va Court of 24 Jan 1667/8- Thomas Shelton ordered to produce Thomas Kerby in court or satisfy **JOHN ALFORD** for 23 days of carpenter work and pay court costs.

18. #1348 York Co., Va Court of 24 Feb 1667/8- Carpenter work done by **JOHN ALFORD** ordered to be inspected & reported to next court to clear difference between Kirby and Alford. Noel Curren-Briggs, VIRGINIA SETTLERS AND ENGLISH ADVENTURERS (Baltimore, 1970) [Submitted by Frances N. Walker.] [NGS CALL F225.C96]

**JOHN ALFORD - April 10 1668 1/2**

19. #1350 York Co. Va. court of 10 April 1668 1/2- Macintosh and Penrice, carpenters, viewed the work done by JOHN ALFORD for Thomas Kirby as follows: "One partition across a twenty foot house; a couch making very slight; 2 windows removed; one small partition removed a little out; one bedstead; this is all the work done by said Alford which we judge to be worth 150 lbs. Tobacco".

Noel Curren-Briggs, VIRGINIA SETTLERS AND ENGLISH ADVENTURERS, (Baltimore, 1970) [Submitted by Frances N. Walker.] [NGS CALL F225.C96]

**WILLIAM ALFORD - 1670**

20. In 1670, William Hunt received a grant of 1150 acres of land for bringing in twenty-three persons, including a WILLIAM ALFORD. This importation was to James City, Virginia and, of course, occurred before 1670. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 10. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

**WILLIAM ALFORD - 1667-1671**

21. According to Cavaliers and Pioneers, Volume II and Patent Book 6, during the period 1667 to 1671 WILLIAM ALFORD acted on numerous occasions as the Deputy Escheater as follows:

Date of Escheater Inquisition	County	Patentee	Date of Patent	Previous Patentee	Page C&P
Oct 31 1667	Elizabeth City	Capt. Charles Morryson	Jul 24 1669	Rich Hull	63
Aug 11 1669	Nansemond	Susannah Huffer	Nov 3 1673	Wm. Burbage +	137
Aug 11 1669	Nansemond	Edmond Belson	Apr 26 1670	Nick Cornwall	86
Jun 6 1670	Nansemond	James Peters	Apr 6 1671	Lawrence Preston	97
Jun 7 1670	Nansemond	Edward Isan	Apr 6 1671	Jno Garrett	89
Jun 7 1670	Nansemond	William Macon	Nov 7 1673	Henry Rey +	171
Nov 18 1671	Nansemond	William Ward	Apr 16 1683	John Ewins	256
?	Nansemond	Samuel Grandbury	Apr 26 1670	Ralph Broadhurst	86
?	Lower Norfolk	Morris Fegarrell	Apr 26 1670	Roger Howard	50
?	Elizabeth City	George Webb	Apr 6 1671	David Poole	97
?	Nansemond	Thomas Best	Apr 6 1671	Peter Johnson +	97
?	Nansemond	Michael King	Sep 18 1671	Robert Brasure	134
?	Lower Norfolk	Malachy Thurston	Oct 28 1672	William Holley	110
?	Elizabeth City	Augustine Moore	Oct 28 1672	Thomas Shirley	110
?	Nansemond	John Bailey	Oct 28 1672	Robert Brassiere	109

[Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman]

**WILLIAM ALFORD - April 20 1670-September 27 1671**

22. The Minutes of the Council and General Court show that on the 20th of April 1670 WILLIAM ALFORD was on a jury. He is mentioned in the minutes of 17th of October 1670 among those for whose importation a certificate for land had been granted to another person. Evidently he had arrived about or shortly before 1670. On 26th May 1671 judgement was rendered against him in a civil suit. On September the 27th 1671 a judgement was rendered in favor of "Mr. WM ALFORD." William Curry Harllee, KINFOLKS, A GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, ETC. (New Orleans, LA, Searcy & Pfaff, Ltd, 1934-37), p. 1443. [NGS Call CS71.H2853 1934-37]

## MAJOR WILLIAM ALFORD & JAMES ALFORD - 1671

23. WILLIAM ALFORD signed a power of attorney to Alexander Moore in 1671 in York Co., one of the witnesses being JAMES ALFORD probably another son (York Co. Book 5, 1671-94, p 26) and as "MAJOR WILLIAM ALFORD" sued John Mackclanaham in 1674 (Minutes of Council, etc, page 380). He had probably just been appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the County when he was murdered. (See 1674 below) WILLIAM ALFORD obtained an order against Marke Warkeman in Elizabeth City Co. in 1671 (Minutes of the Council, etc., p.274) which may indicate that he lived in that county. John Bennett Boddie, HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES Vol XII (Baltimore MD, Genealogical Publishing Co. 1968) p. 57-8.

## WILLIAM ALFORD - 1671-1672

24. WILLIAM ALFORD witnessed signatures in Isle of Wight County in 1671 and 1672. During this same period, a "Paddy" of Isle of Wight County was bound to pay William Alford of Elizabeth City County 1653 pounds of tobacco. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 9-10. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith]

## THOMAS ALFORD - April 8 1674

25. According to Patent Book 6, page 510 a Hugh Lee received 2000 acres in Charles City Co. April 8 1674 for transporting 40 persons including THOMAS ALFORD. Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS; ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1666-95, Vol II, (Richmond, VA, Virginia State Library 1977), p. 147 [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] [NGS CALL F225.N842]

## JOHN ALFORD - September 23 1674

26. According to Patent Book 6, page 526 William Havercomb received 905 acres in Lower Norfolk County for transporting 18 persons including a JOHN ALFORD. Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS; ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1666-95, Vol II, (Richmond, VA, Virginia State Library, 1977), p. 152 [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] [NGS CALL F225.N842]

## THOMAS ALFORD - September 26 1674

27. Patent Book 6, page 529 shows that Edward Richards received 1528 acres in Charles City Co. for bringing in 16 persons including THOMAS ALFORD. Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS; ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1666-95, Vol II, (Richmond, VA, Virginia State Library, 1977), p. 154 [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] [NGS CALL F225.N842]

## MAJOR WILLIAM ALFORD - September 26 1674-March 4 1674/5

28. On 26th September 1674 in an action against "MAJOR WM ALFORD" it was "Ordered that the said Major Alford pay Damages According to Act with Costs (of) sute." On the 4th March 1674/5 "Robert Gilbert being indited for murthuring Lt. Col. Wm. Alford, the Grand Jury brought in their Virdict, billa vera, then a Jury of Life and Death was impannelled according to law, who bringing their Virdict, Homecide by misadventure, and said Robt Gilbert was thereforee acquitted by p(ro)clamatation." William Curry Harllee, KINFOLKS, A GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, ETC. (New Orleans, LA, Searcy & Pfaff, Ltd, 1934-37), p. 1443 [NGS Call CS71.H2853 1934-37]

LIEUT. COL. WILLIAM ALFORD - 1674

29. Lieut. Col. WILLIAM ALFORD (probably of Warwick or Elizabeth City Cos. but it is uncertain, since early records of these counties have been destroyed) was murdered in 1674 and his widow married (2) to John Hurst by 1675 (Minutes of the Council and General Court, pp. 404 and 428). John Bennett Boddie, HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES Vol XII (Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1968) p. 57. *Boddie writes that this William Alford may have been the father of John Alford who was granted land in 1664.*

THOMAS ALFORD - November 20 <sup>1574</sup>~~1674~~

(*Typed copy of extract we recieved shows 1574. A typographical error? No ENGLAND*)

<sup>1574</sup>~~1674~~ 30. THOMAS ALFORD witnessed will of John Kyrbie in Norfolk on 20 Nov 1674. Noel Curren-Briggs, VIRGINIA SETTLERS AND ENGLISH ADVENTURERS, (Baltimore, MD, 1970) [Submitted by Frances N. Walker.] [NGS CALL F225.C96]

HENRY ALFORD - September 28 1681

31. William Giles, 100 acres in Henrico Co. September 28 1681, Escheate land of HENRY ALFORD, inquisition under William Byrd. Patent Book 7, page 108. Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS; ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1666-95, Vol II, (Richmond, VA, Virginia State Library, 1977), p. 224 [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] [NGS CALL F225.N842]

JOHN ALFORD - 1682

32. JOHN ALFORD of New Kent Co. Va., first appears in that county in 1682, when he was granted land (Patent Bk. 7, pp. 131 and 179), and died there Mar. 14, 1709/10 (St. Peter's Parish Register). He was almost certainly identical with a JOHN ALFORD who in 1681 stated that he had the will of Richard Adams in his keeping (York Co. D & W, 1675-84, p.472). John Bennett Boddie, HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES Vol XII (Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Co. 1968) p. 57.

JOHN ALFORD & WILLIAM ALFORD - 1682

33. The Alford name first appears in New Kent County, Virginia in 1682 when the Governor made a land grant to WILLIAM ALFORD, et-al of 450 acres on the South side of the York River. In the same year, a grant of 350 acres was made to JOHN ALFORD, et-al; and an additional 150 acres was included in a grant to JOHN ALFORD, et-al. Virginia Quit Rent Rolls, 1704, shows JOHN ALFORD holding 240 acres. A JOHN ALFORD also held 200 acres in King and Queen County. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 12. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith] *Detailed information on land grants as printed throughout this account does not mention a grant to William Alford on the south side of the York River as reported by Hugh Edwin Alford.*

JOHN ALFORD - April 20 & September 22 1682

(*The following two articles relate to the above two, but give more of the primary source material*)

34. JOHN ALFORD, Wm Stone & Wm Millington, 410 acres New Kent

County, South Side Yorke River 20 April 1682. Beginning Col Hammon in the slashes of Coskockahrick; to Mr. Napier, below the mountains in sight of Wm Peaslie's plantation etc for transporting 9 persons (named). (Patent Book 7 page 131)

**JOHN ALFORD - September 22 1682**

35. JOHN ALFORD & Wm Millington, 350 acres New Kent County, South Side of York River 22 September 1682. Being the remainder of land patented by Col. Hammond, joining to said Hammond's land called "Fort Royall" beginning at Mr. Napier's corner; along Mr. Walter Huckstep; by the Deep Branch etc for transporting 7 persons (named). (Patent Book 7, page 177) Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS: ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1666-95, Vol II, (Richmond, VA, Virginia State Library, 1977), p. 241. [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] [NGS CALL F225.N842]

**JOHN ALFORD - September 22 1682**

36. JOHN ALFORD and Gregory Barnet (Barnett) 150 acres New Kent County, on South side of York River "and is reputed Coll Hammonds land call'd by the name of Nantacooke Necke" 22 September 1682. Begin at said Hammond's by Nantocroke Creek to the fork of same where it meets with Stones Swamp etc. For transporting 3 persons (named). (Patent Book 7, page 179). Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS: ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1666-95, Vol II, (Richmond VA, Virginia State Library, 1977), p. 95. [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] [NGS CALL F225.N842] (*This property was deserted by May 2 1705. See entry # 48*)

**THOMAS ALFORD - November 20 1682**

37. According to Patent Book 7, page 199, Mr. George Gill received 5000 acres in New Kent County November 20 1682 for transporting 100 persons including a THOMAS ALFORD. Nell Marion Nugent, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS: ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, 1666-95, Vol II, (Richmond, VA, Virginia State Library, 1977), p. 247. [Submitted by Mrs. Lewis O. Bowman] [NGS CALL F225.N842]

**JOHN ALFORD - 1682-1689**

38. According to the Vestry Book of Saint Peters Parish, JOHN ALFORD was paid for the care of a Parish Child in 1682 and again in 1689. In 1689, a Mr. Alford was named, with others, to procession and remark the boundaries of each man's land. Hugh Edwin Alford, IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS (1972ca), p. 12. [Submitted by Pat Brock Smith] *See below for more detailed accounts.*

**IND. ALFORD - January 2 1686**

39. To IND. ALFORD for nursing a bastard child until ye day of Dec'r next. ST. PETER'S PARISH VESTRY BOOK [Transcribed from microfilm and submitted by Frances N. Walker] (*IND was probably JNO*)

**JOHN ALFORD - October 5 1687**

40. To MR. JOHN ALFORD for nursing a bastard child. ST. PETER'S PARISH VESTRY BOOK [Transcribed from microfilm and submitted by Frances N. Walker.]