

# JULIUS ALFORD FAMILY

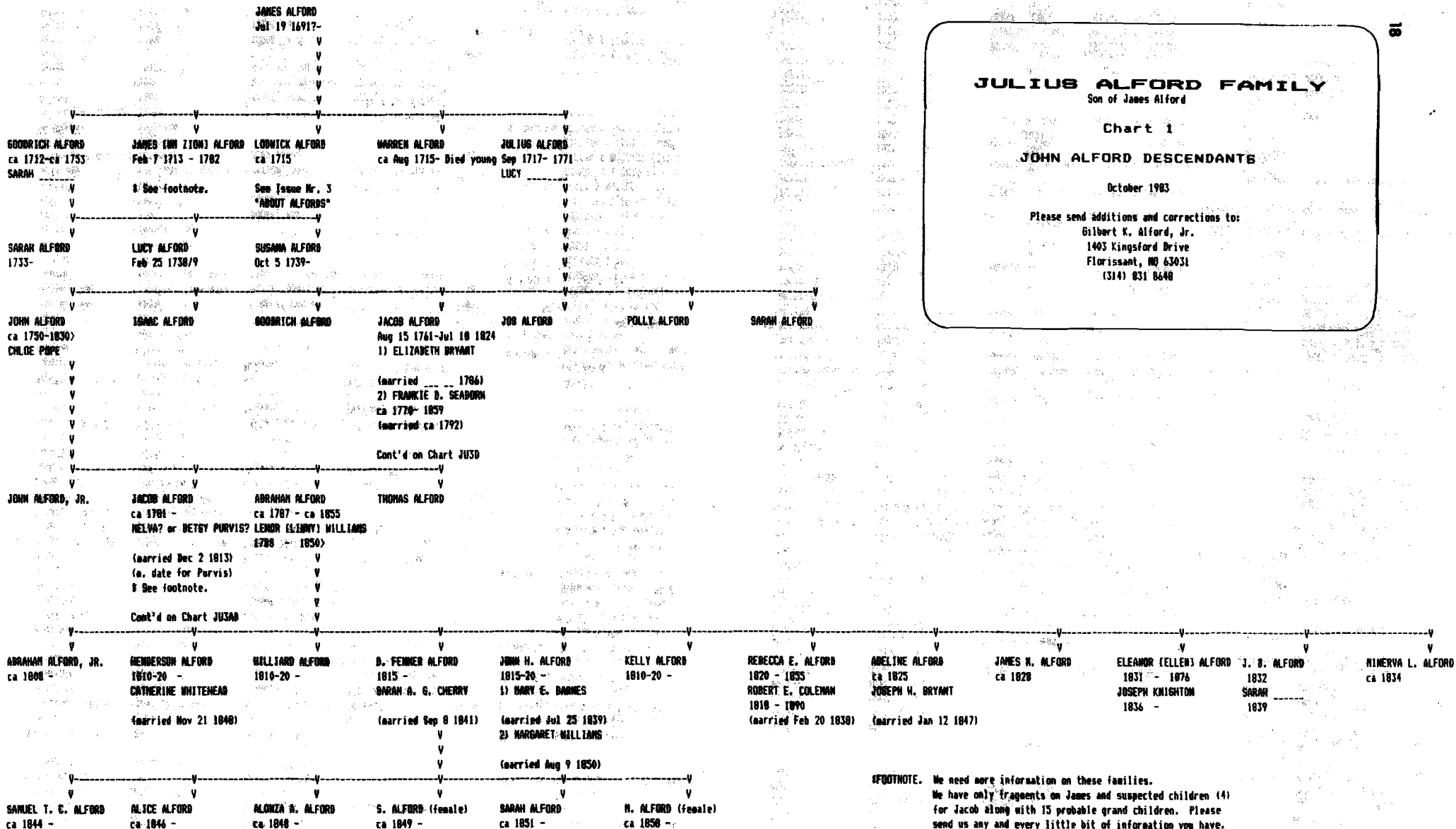
Son of James Alford

Chart 1

## JOHN ALFORD DESCENDANTS

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FOOTNOTE. We need more information on these families. We have only fragments on James and suspected children (4) for Jacob along with 15 probable grand children. Please send us any and every little bit of information you have.

This is the beginning of a series on our own Alford line. It will lead over the next several issues to a rather comprehensive survey of the Louisiana Alford.

We had planned to carry this issue through Jacob Alford and his children, but we need to do some more coordination with our cousins. Jacob, with his fifteen or sixteen children, and two wives is proving to be almost as confusing as the situation with Lodwick Alford. There are too many conflicting reports and gaps for us to try to publish what we currently have.

The information on the family of John Alford and Chloe Pope was taken from data sent by Dr. B. C. Holtzclaw of Richmond, VA and David Price, Jr. of Brentwood, TN. We are indebted to them for this contribution.

The will of Julius Alford was copied from Hugh Edwin Alford's *IN SEARCH OF MY ALFORD ANCESTORS*.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THIS LINE WE SURE DO NEED IT, PARTICULARLY IF IT PERTAINS TO JACOB ALFORD AND EITHER OF HIS WIVES OR THEIR CHILDREN.

SECOND ? GENERATION

James Alford

6. We are beginning this series on Julius Alford with his father James Alford. We want to take this opportunity to offer James and his family to you for your consideration, and so you can give us corrections and additions. There are at least two schools of thought, neither of which is adequately documented in our opinion, as to the ancestry of James. There are some who believe he is a descendant of the Alford's who came to Massachusetts from England in 1634, and they may have come by way of Wales. This would have been William Alford who had a son Benjamin, born about 1650. Benjamin and his wife Mary Richards were the parents of James born about 1691. The other theory is that James could have been born 1680-90 and was the son of either John Alford or more probably William Alford who came from England directly to Virginia. We hope that more information will be forthcoming on this phase of our Alford history and that someday we will be able to document, without serious question, our ancestry back to England. *We feel reasonably sure that James was not the first generation Alford therefore are starting this series with number 3, rather than one. It must be kept in mind that these numerical relationships to actual generations in this country may not be correct.*

James may have been born July 19 1691, either in Boston or Virginia. He first appeared in the Vestry Registry records, St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia in 1712.

One account shows that he moved to North Carolina about 1730. Other accounts mention only some of his sons removal to North Carolina.

The children of James Alford were:

- 7 i. Goodrich Alford, born about 1712, died about 1753, married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ three children;
- ii. James [William Zion] Alford, born February 7 1713 or April 12 1713. He may have died young but we will consider otherwise at this time.
- iii. Lodwick Alford, born about 1714, probably in New Kent County, Virginia, married three times and had numerous children (See issue number 3 for a lengthy report on Lodwick; and Jacob, born 1738 whose series began in issue number 4, is a son of this Lodwick.);
- iv. Warren Alford, born about August 1715 and baptized August 28 1715. He apparently died young;
- 8 v. Julius Alford, born September 1717, died 1771, married Lucy \_\_\_\_\_, seven children.

THIRD ? GENERATION

Goodrich Alford

7. Goodrich, son of James Alford, was born about 1712. Although he was not in the St Peters Parish records, as were three of his younger brothers, he was probably born in New Kent County, Virginia. He died in 1753 in Edgecomb County, North Carolina. His brother Lodwick administered his will November 20 1753.

Goodrich married Sarah \_\_\_\_\_. He migrated to North Carolina with his brothers between 1740 and 1750. The last known records on these Alford's in New Kent County was in 1739 and the first in North Carolina was in 1753.

Goodrich and Sarah had three children:

- i. Sarah Alford, born 1733;
- ii. Lucy Alford, born February 25 1737/8;
- iii. Susana Alford, born October 5, 1739.

Julius Alford

8. Julius, son of James Alford, was born about in September 1717 in New Kent County, Virginia. His birth is recorded in the Register of St. Peter's Parish there. Julius died in 1771 in Bute County, North Carolina. His will, a copy of which follows the sketch, dated July 14 176, probated in the November Court 1771 in Bute County, mentions his wife, five sons, two daughters his brother Lodwick and his nephew James.

Julius married Lucy \_\_\_\_\_ (she may have been a Newton??). He migrated to North Carolina with his brothers between 1740 and 1750. The last known records on these Alford's in New Kent County was in 1739 and the first in North Carolina was in 1753.

Julius Alford and Lucy had seven children:

- 9 i. John Alford, born about 1750, died after 1830 in Greene County, Alabama, married Chloe Pope, four children;
- ii. Isaac Alford;
- iii. Goodrich Alford;
- 10 iv. Jacob Alford, born August 15 1761 probably in Bute County North Carolina, died July 18 1824 in Washington Parish, Louisiana, married (1) Elizabeth Bryant (2) Frankie Barksdale Seaborn about 1792, fourteen children or more;
- v. Job Alford;
- vi. Polly Alford;
- vii. Sarah Alford.

FOURTH ? GENERATION

John Alford

9. John, eldest son of Julius and Lucy Alford, was born about 1750, probably in North Carolina. It is thought that he died after 1830 in Greene County, Alabama.

John married Chloe Pope who was the daughter of John Pope and Mourning MacKinne. Boddie has a more in his account of this Pope family.

John Alford and his wife deeded land in Bute County, North Carolina April 12 1775, and he was paid for Revolutionary services in North Carolina.

The known children of John Alford and Chloe Pope were:

- i. John Alford, Jr, born about 1776, appeared near John and Abraham in the tax lists of Franklin County 1798-1820; seems to have moved to Wake County, North Carolina;
- 8 ii. Jacob Alford, born about 1781, appeared near John and Abraham in the tax lists of Franklin County 1798-1820; moved to Greene County, Alabama about 1826 and is shown there with his brother, Abraham, in 1830, seven children;
- 9 iii. Abraham Alford, born about 1787 in Franklin County, North Carolina, died about 1855 in Greene County, Alabama, married Lenor [Linny] Williams about 1812, twelve children;
- iv. Thomas Alford appeared near John and Abraham in the tax lists of Franklin County 1798-1820; seems to have moved to St. Clair County, Alabama where he was sheriff in 1840.

The fourth ? generation will continue with Jacob Alford in a later issue.

WILL OF JULIUS ALFORD (1717-1771)

WILL BOOK A page 201 - 1771

From Bute County Wills and Inventories, 1760-1800 Part 1, page 1 Julius Alford

In the Name of God Amen, the 14th day of July, 1763.

I, Julius Alford of St. John's Parish and in the County of Bute being very sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of all give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doing but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and, as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following, that is to say:

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In the first place I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife LUCY one horse bridle and saddle, one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever. Also I give to my well beloved son JOHN ALFORD all my land and plantation lying in the County of Butte and on the South side of Crooked Creek and also the land on the North side of the ? Creek above Ferrel's Road, with six cows and calves, six sows and pigs and one breeding mare, to him and his heirs forever...

Also I give to my well beloved son ISAAC, the land and plantation lying on the North side of Crooked below Ferrel's Road to the mouth of Birch? Branch together with six cows and calves, six sows and pigs and one breeding mare to him and his heirs forever...

Then I give to my well beloved son Goodrich the land plantation whereon John ROW/ROSS? now lives and if in case the said John Ross should pay for said land according to his bargain that, that money so arising to be for his own use and benefit together with all the stock of hogs and cattle as the said John Ross? has now in possession to him and his heirs forever...

Then I give to my well beloved son JACOB the land and plantation whereon I now live lying on both sides Tarr River together with six cows and calves six sows and pigs and one Breeding mare to him and his heirs forever....

Then I give to my well beloved son JOB fifty pounds Virginia Money together with six cows and calves, six sows and pigs and one breeding mare to him and his heirs forever...

Then I give to my well beloved daughter PATTY??(POLLY) - (the crossed T could be a wrinkle in paper) - one feather bed and furniture and one breeding mare to her and her heirs forever...

Then I give to my well beloved daughter SARAH one feather bed and furniture and one Breeding mare to her and her heirs forever...

And also my will and desire is that my whole Estate and land unto my well beloved Wife LUCY, during her life or widowhood and all the profits and benefits there arising to be said out in keeping maintaining and schooling my children and after her death my children, and if any of my afore mentioned children should die without issue that their share aforesaid legacy be equally divided between all my children, and I likewise constitute make and ordain my dear beloved Brother LODWICK ALFORD and his son, JAMES ALFORD my only and sole executors of this my last will and testament, ratifying and conforming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written.

his  
JULIUS ALFORD  
mark

signed, sealed and delivered  
in presence of us:  
JAMES ALFORD, Jurat  
THOS T or L GAY Jurat  
JOHN AVINDELL  
(all marks)

ALFS who are part of this family line are: Yours truly, Dr. B. C. Holtzclay, Pat Brock Smith, Lucy Stevens, Bobbie Alford, John A. Alford, Mrs. Haidee Reeves, Dr. C. D. Alford, Bonnie A. Newman, Christine A. Knight, Mrs. Bowman, Anne E. Alford, Gayle Cutrer LeBlanc, and Mrs. T. H. Futch.

#### EXCHANGE

5-40 Mrs. Gayle Cutrer LeBlanc; 3466 Brentwood Drive; Baton Rouge, LA 70809 is not seeking any particular information at this time. She is one of our closer cousins, and is assisting in our collection of information on Louisiana Alfords. Gayle's second great grandmother was Christine [Ann] Alford who married Joseph Dudley Williams. Christine was born in 1850 and died in 1934. Her father was Julius Harmon Alford, born about 1819 and died 1869. He married Caroline A. Addison December 30 1843. Julius was the son of Jacob Alford and Frankie B. Seaborn.

5-41 Mrs. Christine Alford Knight; 1321 Dahlia Street; Baton Rouge, LA 70808 is another close cousin. Her father was Esco Seaborn Alford, born about 1879 in Louisiana and he married his wife, Mary L. Fussell December 28 1899 in Washington Parish, Louisiana. Esco was the son of Seaborn Lochran Alford who was born May 19 1844 and died November 22 1919. Seaborn L. married (1) Milissa Angeline Ellzey and (2) Candace Bankston. Seaborn L. was the son of John Seaborn and Margaret (Brunfield) Alford. John Seaborn was the son of Jacob Alford and Frankie Seaborn.

5-42 Bonnie Alford Newman; 34 Annina Lane; Hammond, LA 70401 is yet another close cousin. Bonnie is the daughter of William [Bill] Cornelius and Bessie Elizabeth (Russell) Alford. Bill was the son of James and Mamie (Bennett) Alford. James was born April 6, 1886 the son of Jesse E. [J. E.] and Sarah W. [Sally] (Simmons). Jesse was born December 29 1855 and died September 15 1909. Jesse was the son of John Seaborn and Margaret (Brunfield) Alford. John Seaborn was the son of Jacob Alford and Frankie Seaborn.

5-43 Mrs. T. J. Futch; 335 Caswell Avenue; Bogalusa, LA 70427 wrote us in September wanting to know what she could do to get more information on her grandmother Alford and her family. Turns out that Mrs. Futch is a second cousin, and we have sent her some information and asked for some. Her grandmother was Martha Alford who married Hillery Simmons. Martha was the daughter of John Seaborn mentioned above.

5-44 Dr. C. D. Alford; 113 North Oak Street; Hammond, LA 70401 is the son of Charles Dalma Alford, Sr. whose father was William Alford. Williams father was John M. Alford son of William Alford and Evelina Ginn. William was the son of Jacob Alford and Frankie Seaborn. Dr. Alford is the father of Anne Alford who was introduced as one of our earliest Alfs. He has several questions, all of which we may not get worked into this issue.

1. The first question is probably for you Mrs. Bowman; On the front page of your issue number 3, July 1971, you made comments concerning William Alford of Warwick County, Virginia being considered an ancestor of Jacob Alford of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. Dr. Alford and others would like to know more about this William if you can enlighten us.

2. Reflecting on the letter of Julius Alford printed on page 22 in the last issue in which Julius asked about information on the 21 sons of Lodwick. "You don't suppose Lod did have 28 children? (counting the girls)"

3. Dr. Alford, as well as many others of us would like to learn more about Frankie Seaborn Alford, wife of Jacob. Does anyone have any information, or has anyone run into any Seaborn surnames in their searches?

4. Anne took over finishing the letter and asks about old Alford pictures we could share with one another. We have found a local source, advertises in the GENEALOGICAL HELPER that does fantastic copies of old photos and does them very very inexpensively. We plan to have them copy a picture of our grandfather which we will print in the next issue. If you have any old photos, tell us about them, particularly if you think they would be worth publishing for all the readers.

#### CAVEAT

#### PERTAINS TO ALL NEWSLETTER DATA

With the increased data in the newsletter we need to repeat a warning we printed in the first issue. We have no way of knowing the authenticity of the information we report in the newsletter. We could not possibly verify it all. We accept it from any and all sources. We do try to qualify the questionable items with a comment, a "?", or terms such as about or probably. Keep this condition in mind as you use the information.

If you have questions about any of the information, we will be glad to tell you our source and give you our opinion of the information.

#### AN OLD LETTER

Sent to us by Sarah H. McEachern: "...from my Great Grandfather, which proves the Alexander Alford in the ALFORD FAMILY BULLETIN, 1880 census of Georgia is his son."

Trickum GA  
Dec 24/82

Mr C F Alford

Dear Son I received you letter and was glad to now that you all was all well I have not been well for two weeks have not been out of the house and could not sit up much of the time but am better now and can sit up most of the time. I will give you 80 acers of my land on the far end of the place next to Jones commencing at the road running from Loudon and ----- a cross the bridge to Alexanders line. Please write me at onst what you will do. A. W. [Alexander W.] and family is all well Mary came home from D\_\_\_ las night.

Very Best

D. C. ALFORD

5. I hate to admit it, but one of these guys, the second one, is my first cousin, or half-first cousin. I do not know him, and have not been in touch with him. I suspect that both are the same. ??? Did Banton's son Berchell marry Ora Mae Burch?

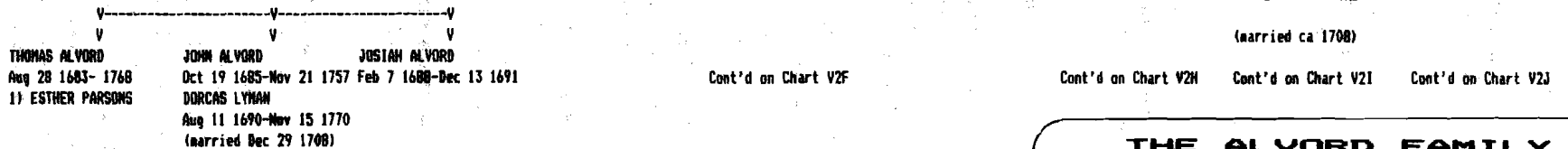
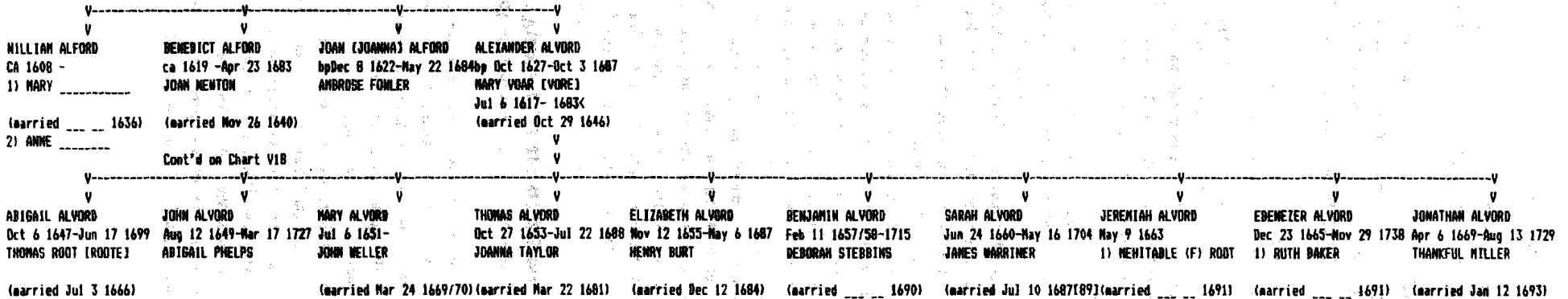
6. Two of these records on Betsey Alford came from Mrs. Bowman's records and one came from *HUNTING FOR BEARS, Marriage Lists*. All the estimates of year of birth are ours based on the dates of marriage. Halifax and Franklin counties, North Carolina touch at the tips of their corners. Times and Places are close enough to make one wonder. ??? Are these the same person? Please send us any other information you might have.

7. Dave Price has been pulling his hair out trying to find more about his Briton Alford. He is particularly interested in resurrecting his source for identifying him as the son of Jacob Alford. Charlotte Alford was given information by Mrs. Bowman (and we have her slips on them) that suggested her husband's 2nd great grandfather was Spier W. Alford born Oct 1 1807 in Upson County, GA, and that his father was Britton W. Alford who married Bathsheba Barnwell Mar 19 1805. Mrs. Bowman shows her source to be a Betty Alford Risher of Morton, Mississippi. In her effort to contact Mrs. Risher, Charlotte discovered that she died about 1976 or 77. There is an obvious error in one of the records sent to Mrs. Bowman by Mrs. Risher. She shows Britton Wash. Jr. as born in 1826 and married in 1805. This marriage date is obviously for Britton Wash. Sr. who died in 1849. (*HUNTING FOR BEARS* shows it "Briton Alford married Betsy Brassel March 19 1805, Greene County, Georgia.") Based on his marriage of 1805 we have estimated he was born 1785. We have seen the following first names used for the spouse/s: Betsy, Bathsheba, and Ludicy. We have seen the following surnames for the spouse/s: Brassell, Braswell, and Barnwell. Ever conceivable combination of these given and surnames has been used. ??? What was the correct name for each spouse? We have concluded there must have been two spouses with very similar names. Here is what we have put together on this family, you tell us what is wrong with our conclusion and give us any other information you have. A Britton Washington Alford was born about 1785, March 19 1805 he married Bathsheba Brassell in Greene County, Georgia. (Dave, we still don't know his parents and the time would fit Jacob, so don't give up.) Britton died February 10 1849 in Pike County, GA where his will is filed in book C/36-37; and his wife who was born 1785, died in 1852. Their children included Isham born about 1805 or 6, (we will come back to him in 9 below) Spier W. born 1807 (Ruby, not the same as your Spier W.), Jimmerson born 1819, Dicey born 1821, and Britton W. Jr., born 1826. Britton W. Jr. married someone whose last name we may not really know. I think all references to the names mentioned came through the erroneous marriage relationship. Her first name or nickname was Ludicy as it is recorded in a census record. Britton Jr. had a son name Britton T/F/L (we have seen all three initials) born 1867. He also had a son named Brassell W. B. (Napoleon Bonapart??) Brassell could have been named for his grandmother, or maybe even his mother. Britton Jr. also had a daughter named Birda B. Britton Jr.'s brother Jimmerson had a son he named Britton W. who was born May 21 1840 and was killed in the Civil War. He had a son named Birdus (Bird). Britton Jr.'s brother Spier W. had a son named Britton W. who was born January 10 1843 in Scott County, Mississippi.

8. Both records on Byron Alford and the two marriages came from *HUNTING FOR BEARS*. Again time and place is very very close. ??? Are these the same person? We need all the information you have on these two.

9. In 7 above, we referred briefly to Isham Alford. It is a rather unusual name, and was similar to others we had seen in this "B" list as parents Abham, Islam and Isham. Most are connected to a spouse named Anna. We know that Rev. Charles M. Alford is looking for the parent of his great grandfather Abham Alford, born Alabama ca 1828 who married Anna and lived in Texas. The 1860 census of Texas shows the family of Abham born about 1828 with Anna and seven children including Thomas who fits for Rev Alford's grandfather. Gloria Clark sent us a list of the family of Islam Alford born ca 1815 and Anna who moved from Alabama to Texas having a family with five of the children fitting the 1860 census, and three who do not fit. Mrs. Bowman sent records on a Birdie and a Baldy Alford, both children of Isham Alford. There probably isn't a connection between the Alabama & Texas family and the Isham of Georgia, he just attracted our attention to the others. The Alabama and Texas family does seem to be the same. ??? Can you give us any information on this family, and do you have the parents of Islam/Abham? (The elusive connection between these Arabic sounding names and all those derived from "Bird" are bothering me.)

THOMAS ALFORD  
 ca 1585 - 1636  
 JOAN (JOANNE) HANKINS  
 ca 1594 - May 27 1636  
 (married May 11 1618)



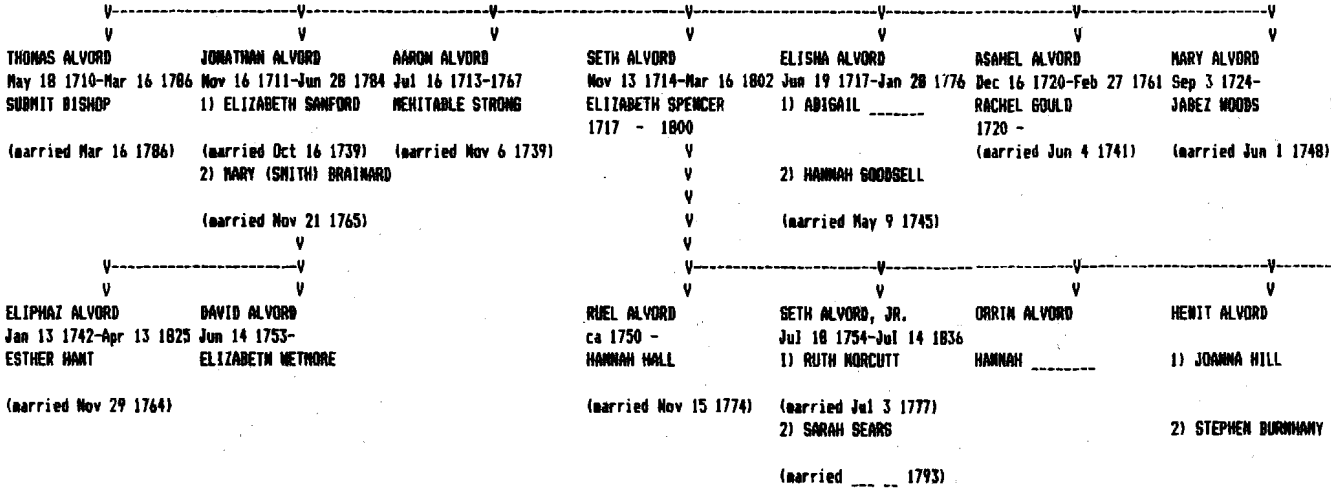
**THE ALVORD FAMILY**

Chart V1

**ALEXANDER ALVORD DESCENDANTS**

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## THE ALVORD LINE

Before you turn away from this line as one that does not interest you, look a little closer.

The English ancestors of this line were Alford and Thomas Alford, the immigrant and the father of the four immigrant children used the name Alford. It was the children, and primarily Alexander, who for one reason or another chose to use the Alvord spelling.

There are some Alford historians who believe that many of the Virginia Alford and their present day descendants came from this group of immigrants. The William Alford, not shown in all accounts, is considered by some to be the grandfather of James Alford, the father of Lodwick, Julius etc.

We need to study this line to get a better understanding of our relationship with them, or our lack of a relationship as the case may be.

We are indebted to Max Knox of Chico CA for extensive information he as sent on this line. He is still collecting data and sending it. We also have leaned heavily on information sent by Marshall Kim Gardner. Both are descendants of this line.

The extent to which we are able to continue with this line will depend on how much more Max is able to send, and what we might receive from you.

In this case the numbering of the generations and the families is correct because Thomas is without a doubt number one.

Remember in our family series the sketch or genealogy such as on this page go across one generation, generation by generation, while the charts like on the facing page follow one branch through several generations.

When we have collected all we can on this line, and have made all the corrections you send us, and have completed the series we will offer our readers a combined history of this line all in one volume and with the genealogies printed in regular size print.

Please send us your additions and corrections.

### FIRST GENERATION

#### Thomas Alford

1. Thomas Alford was probably the son of William and Susan (Rogerson) Alford. He was born about 1585 in Whitestaunton, Sommersetshire, England. He died before 1636 in Massachusetts.

Thomas married Joan (Joane) Hawkins May 11 1618 in Ashill, Somerset, England. Joan was the daughter of John and Joan Hawkins. She was born about 1594 and died May 27 1636 in Whitestaunton, Sommerset, England.

They had at least three children, all of which left Sommersetshire for New England:

2 i. William Alford, probably born about 1618 in England, married (1) Mary \_\_\_ in 1636 and (2) Anne \_\_\_\_, eight children (This child is not given in all accounts. Some records show this to be the ancestor of James Alford, later of New Kent County, Virginia);

3 ii. Benedict Alford, born about 1619 Whitestaunton, Sommerset, England, died April 23 1683 at Windsor, Connecticut, married Joan Newton November 26 1640, two children;

iii. Joan (Joanna) Alford, baptized December 8 1622 Whitestaunton, Sommerset, England, died May 22 1684, married Ambrose Fowler of Windsor, Connecticut;

4 iv. Alexander Alvord, baptized October 1627 Whitestaunton, Sommerset, England, died October 3 1687 at Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts, married Mary Voar (Vore) October 29 1646 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, ten children.

### SECOND GENERATION

#### William Alford

2. William, son of Thomas and Joan (Hawkins) Alford, was born about 1608 in London, England. He died 1677.

He left England for New England (Massachusetts) about 1634 coming to Salem and soon settling in Boston.

He married first Mary \_\_\_ in 1636 and later married Anne \_\_\_\_.

The children of William are listed below. It is not known which children belonged to which mother, but it is thought that at least Elizabeth, Benjamin and John were the children of the second wife, Anne.

i. Nathaniel Alford, born March 19 1637;

ii. Samuel Alford, born March 17 1639;

iii. Bethia Alford, born June 26 1642;

iv. Elisha Alford;

v. Mary Alford, married Peter Butlers

vi. Elizabeth Alford, born 1650 (Possibly a twin to Benjamin, following);

5 vii. Benjamin Alford, born 1650, died 1698 or 99, married Mary Richards; seven children;

viii. John Alford, born November 29 1658, died after 1690, married \_\_\_ Jones.

#### Benedict Alvord

3. Benedict [Benedictus] Alvord, son of Thomas and Joan (Hawkins) Alford, was born about 1619 at Whitestaunton, Sommerset, England. He died April 23 1683 at Windsor, Connecticut.

He married Joan Newton November 26 1640. They had at least two children, and there may have been daughters.

i. Benjamin Alvord, born 1647 Windsor, Connecticut, died 1709, attained rank of Colonel in military service;

6 ii. Jeremiah Alvord, born 1655 Windsor, Connecticut, died 1709, married Jane Hoskins, at least three children.

#### Alexander Alvord

4. Alexander Alvord, son of Thomas and Joan (Hawkins) Alford, was born about 1620 and was baptized October 15 1627 in Whitestaunton, Sommersetshire, England. He died October 3 1687 at Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts.

Alexander married Mary Voar (Vore) October 29 1646 in Windsor, Connecticut. Mary, the daughter of Richard and Ann Voar was born July 6 1617 and she died before 1683. We have conflicting reports on the place of her birth, one shows England, the other Windsor, Connecticut.

Alexander and Mary had ten children who survived birth, and one stillborn child. Those who survived were:

i. Abigail Alvord, born October 6 1647 Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, died June 17 1699, married Thomas Root (Roote) July 3 1666, children;

ii. John Alvord, born August 12 1649 Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, died March 17 1727 at Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts, married Abigail Phelps in Northampton, Massachusetts, no issue;

iii. Mary Alvord, born July 6 1651 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, married John Weller March 24 1669/70 in Northampton, Massachusetts, seven children;

7 iv. Thomas Alvord, born October 27 1653 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, died July 22 1688 at Northampton, Massachusetts, married Joanna Taylor March 22 1681 at Northampton, Massachusetts, three children;

v. Elizabeth Alvord, born November 12 1655 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, died May 6 1687 at Northampton, Massachusetts, married Henry Burt December 12 1684 in Northampton, Massachusetts, two children;

8 vi. Benjamin Alvord, born February 11 1657/58 in Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, died 1715 at Northampton, Massachusetts, married Deborah Stebbins in 1690 at Northampton, Massachusetts, seven children;

vii. Sarah Alvord, born June 24 1660 Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut, died May 16 1704 at Springfield, Massachusetts, married James Warriner July 10 1687 [1689], six children;

9 viii. Jeremiah Alvord, born May 9 1663 Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts, died in Hatfield, Massachusetts, married (1) Mehitabel (Frery) Root 1691 in Deerfield, Massachusetts, and (2) Mary (Mercy) Gull, eight children;

10 ix. Ebenezer Alvord, born December 23 1665 Northampton, Massachusetts, died November 29 1738 at Northampton, married (1) Ruth Baker 1691 in Northampton and (2) Elizabeth Bird about 1708, twelve children;

11 x. Jonathan Alvord, born April 6 1669 Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts, died August 13 1729 at Northampton, married Thankful Miller January 12 1693 at Northampton, eight children.

To be continued later

Members of this family are Max Knox, Marshall Kim Gardner, Ervan L. Amidon and Thomas Hall Beals. (All are not active Alfs) Most of the information for this series comes from Max Knox and Marshall Gardner.

## GLOSSARY

In our comments from the editors we mentioned that in some of our recent research we have found need for a dictionary for genealogical terms. So far we have not found one, and have decided we might as well start compiling one with your help. We made this proposal first in our Newkirk newsletter and have already received two responses.

We encourage you to submit to us words that you think are appropriate for a genealogical dictionary, particularly if you have had trouble with the word. If you now have a good definition, please send it along and we will publish them together. If you need a definition, we will publish it and ask our readers, from all newsletters, to give us help. If you have genealogical publications which contain a glossary or other publications which would help with such a project, we would like to know about them.

The first response we received was from Mr. S. E. Clements of 7913 Park Overlook Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817. The following, written by Mr. Clements was published in *CHESAPEAKE COUSINS* Vol. 9, No. 2, by Upper Shore Genealogical Society of Maryland.

### Some Real Estate Terms of Colonial Maryland

A number of terms arise from the way real estate was handled in Colonial Maryland. Under the Charter, the Lord Proprietor had the right to sell Provincial land or otherwise make it available. In order to gain from the Province, the Lord Proprietor had to attract colonists and make parcels available for development.

Persons wanting to buy land or entitled to receive land because they had paid for the transportation of others to Maryland received a **warrant**. The warrant ordered the county surveyor to stake out a number of acres from the Proprietor's unassigned lands. The **Survey** identified the land, gave the boundaries, and acreage. Based on the survey the Proprietor's land office issued a **land patent**, or a deed, authorizing the use of the land by the applicant. An annual payment of **quitrent** was due from the landholder to the Proprietor, and an official record of rents was kept in the **Rent Rolls** and the **Debt Books**.

Warrants (before issue of a patent) and patents were saleable and used to transfer land. In the early days, warrant or patent holders simply endorsed the paper on the back naming the new owner and signing the note. The old owner thus made **assignment** of the warrant or patent to the new owner or **assignee**. In later years, new deeds were issued to cover such transfers.

The Lord Proprietor was entitled to a fee equal to one year's rent called an **alienation fee** for land transfer. The alienation fee was instituted in 1658 and continued to the Revolution with the exception of a few years during which it was waived in a political compromise.

If an owner died without legal heirs, the land reverted or **escheated** to the Lord Proprietor, under an old feudal practice that has been perpetuated down into the present day laws of Maryland.

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### Genealogical Terms

**Patent** = Granting, as in land patents. A document showing ownership by grant (gift) or purchase. In 1600's land was granted by Lords & Kings to favorites, usually to the wealthier class of people. Patent is the document showing ownership.

**Headrights** = For the purpose of stimulating growth of the colony, land companies like the London Company, ordained that any person who paid his own way to Virginia should be assigned 50 acres "for his own personal adventure," and if he transported at his own cost, he should, for each person whose passage he paid, be awarded 50 acres of land. Many were bound to him for a certain period of time; till passage was worked out. Among the headrights are found persons of all social classes, nobility & gentry, yeomans, indentured servants (some of good family in England) and negroes. Some transported were members of the headrights' family - wife, son, etc.