

THE ALFORDS OF DORSETSHIRE; BRIDPORT, ETC.

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It will be convenient to collect the abstracts of the various parish registers, wills, and monumental inscriptions which have been noted relative to this line:

BRIDPORT REGISTERS (These commence in 1600)

1601, June 30	Richard Alford and Edith Tucker, married.
1602, Aug. 25	Mr. John Alford, bayliffe of Bridport, and Elizabeth Edger, of Mosterne, within the parish of South Parrott, married.
1604, Mar. 24	Richard, sonne of Richard Alford, buried.
1604, Apr. 18	Dorcas, daughter of Richard Alford, baptized.
1604, Aug. 20	Henry Lamburne and Margaret Alforde, married.
1606, Mar. 14	Andrew Alford, buried.
1606, May 4	John, sonne of Christopher Alforde, baptized.
1608, Jan. 16	Susanna, daughter of Richard Alford, baptized.
1608, Oct. 25	George Cox and Edith Alford, married.
1609, May 7	William, sonne of Mr. John Alford, buried.
1610, May 10	John, sonne of Richard Alford, taylor, baptized.
1612, Oct. 13	Marie, daughter of Richard Alford, baptized.
1612, Nov. 25	Margaret, wife of Christopher Alford, buried.
1613, Apr. 14	Christopher Alford and Phillis Lawrund, married.
1614, Jan. 10	John Alford and Joan Hounsell, married.
1614, Nov. 23	Joan, daughter of Richard Alford, baptized.
1616, Mar. 24	Leonard Alford, buried.
1616, May 4	Marie, daughter of Agnes Alford, buried.
1616, Aug. 13	Joan, daughter of John Alford, baptized.
1616, Sept. 22	Joan, daughter of Richard Alford, buried.
1616, Nov. 13	Nicholas Northover and Joan Alford, married.
1617, Jan. 21	Edward, son of William Alford, baptized.
1618, Feb. 1	Richard, son of Richard Alford, baptized.
1618, Feb. 14	Susanna, daughter of John Alford, baptized.
1619, July 13	Judith, daughter of Richard Alford, baptized.
1620, Jan. 9	John Hill and Dorothy Alford, married.
1620, Jan. 30	Amie, daughter of William Alford, baptized.
1622, July 3	Christopher Alford, buried.
1622, Aug. 21	Walter, sonne of William Alford, baptized.
1622, Sept. 17	Rebecca, daughter of John Alford, baptized.
1623, July 10	Thomas Smith and Agnes Alford, married.
1625, Sept. 11	John, sonne of William Alford, baptized.
1625, Oct. 25	Judith, daughter of Richard Alford, buried.
1626, June 24	Marie, daughter of John Alford, baptized.
1627, Apr. 22	James Gosling and Elizabeth Alford, married.
1627, Aug. 19	Joan, wife of John Alford, buried.
1627, Oct. 15	Alexander, sonn of Thomas Alford, baptized.
1628, Apr. 16	Magdalen, daughter of Christopher Alford, buried.
1628, Apr. 23	John Alford and Lydia Hughs, married.
1628, Aug. 6	John Alford, buried.
1629, Jan. 26	Lydia, daughter of John Alford, baptized.
1629, May 5	Marie, daughter of John Alford, buried.
1629, Nov. 2	Thomas Alford and Christian Symes, married.
1630, Dec. 19	Marie, daughter of Thomas Alford, and William, son of William Alford, baptized.
1634, Nov. 15	Thomas, son of Thomas Alford, baptized.
1636, Sept. 26	John Solle and Amie Alford, married.

[Entries irregular from here to the Restoration, in 1661]

1647, Oct. —	Edith , the wyfe of Richard Alford, buried.
1654, Nov. 4	William Wickham (?) and Joan Alford, married.
1655, Nov. 15	Christian, wyffe of Thomas Allford, buried.
1656, Jan. 6	Thomas Allford, of Bradpole, and Debrow Jeffrees, married
1656, Apr. —	John Rooke and Rebeka Alford, married.
1657, Aug. 22	Elizabeth, wyfe of William Alford, buried.
1659, July 24	John Judgeler (?) and Elizabeth Alford, married.
1665, Mar. 18	Richard Alford, buried.
1669, Jan. 3	John, sonne of Luis Alford, baptized.
1672, Jan. 10	Mary, daughter of Lewis Alford, baptized.
1672, Mar. 4	Deborah, wife of Thomas Alford, buried.
1675, Sept. 20	Ann, daughter of Lewis Alford, baptized.
1678, July 24	Elizabeth, daughter of Lewis Alford, baptized.
1678, Nov. 14	Hannah, daughter of Thomas Alford, buried.
1679, Sept. 5	Elizabeth, daughter of Lewis Alford, buried.
1680, Apr. 13	Martha, daughter of Lewis Alford, baptized.
1682, May 9	Martha, daughter of Lewis Alford, buried.
1683, May 7	Elizabeth, daughter of Lewis Alford, baptized.
1692, July 14	Samuell Gundry and Mary Alford, married.
1696, Dec. 17	William Hallett and Mary Alford, married.
1697, May 19	Andrew Luff and Joan Alford, married.
1698, Apr. 21	Ann Alford, buried.
1702, Feb. 19	George Lansum and Ann Alford, married.
1710, Mar. 26	Angell Alford, buried.
1712-13, Jan. 8	Lewis Alford, buried (Monumental Inscription).
1716, Oct. 16	Thomas Alford, buried.
1726, May 21	Robert Newman and Joan Alford, married.
1728, Jan. 31	John Alford, buried (Monumental Inscription).
1729, July 1	Mary Alford, widow, buried.

[Searched up to 1800, but no more Alford entries.]

REGISTERS OF CHARMOUTH, DORSET

1688, Apr. 15	John Alford and Margret Roberts, married.
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[Registers begin in 1653; no other Alford entry.]

REGISTERS OF SOUTH PERROTT, DORSET

1610, Apr. 10	Richardus Hallett de Bridport uxorem duxit	Agnetam Alford.
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REGISTERS OF WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET

1572, Jan. 15	John Alford and Margaret Hownsell, married.
1607, Oct. 1	Elizabeth, daughter of John Alford, baptized.
1609, May. 3	Nicholas, sonne of John Alford, baptized.
1610, June 28	Joane, daughter of John Alford, baptized.
1616, July 28	Elnor, daughter of John Alford, baptized.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS

John Alford of Bridport, Dorset, 1562. To be buried at Bridport. Bequests to parishes of Loder and Symonds-borowe. My daughters Julian and Mary. Edith my wife. William my son (whose Will next).

Richard my son. Estates in Loder and Symonds-borowe. "To every one of my children, that is to say William, Richard, Julian, Mary, Isabel."

P. C. C. 93 Cobham.

(This John Alford was Bailiff or Mayor of Bridport, and M. P. His son Richard was Bailiff in 1566.)

William Alford, of Bridport, Dorset, 1597. "To my sonne John Alford all personal effects. Item I give to his two children two porringers. To Joane Alford her four children foure platters of the best. To Maude Peattie (?Peathe) all her mother's linnen. To Andrew my sonne three yeares rent of Pinkmeade. To Christopher my sonne the house in which I nowe dwell. To Leonard my sonne my greate barne. Unto William Alford my sonne all my lands in Bradpoll, to him and to his heirs. Wm. Alford Executor. . . To the Church of Bristol. . . To the Church of Bridport. . . To the Church of Loder. . . William Alford's two daughters."

Probate granted to Leonard, 1597, William being dead.

P. C. C. 93 Cobham.

John Alford, of Bridport, 1609. To be buried in the Churchyard of Bridport. "To the poor of Bridport. To 'Elizabeth my wief' the lands called Bromills during her life, and after her decease to Edith and Elizabeth my daughters. To Richard Alford, the son of Andrew my brother, my tenement in the West Street of Bridport. To John Edgar, son of my daughter Mary, my land in Loders. To William, son of my brother Andrew Alford. Thomas Alford, son of my brother Leonard. 'Maudlin and Joane Alford, daughters of my brother Christopher.' Four daughters of Leonard Alford. Agnes my daughter."

P. C. C. 10 Wingfield.

John Alford, of Milton Abbas, co. Dorset, 1681, Mercer. "To Elizabeth and Hannah Alford, my two daughters, all my lands and tenements. . . My brothers Robert Alford, Thomas Alford, and Lewis Alford, joynt Executors." Ann Alford a witness.

P. C. C. 20 North.

Lewis Alford, of Bridport, in the co. of Dorset, clothier. (Died 1712) 1713. "To the poor of Bridport. . . my daughter Anne, wife of George Sansum, of Ryden, in the co. of Somerset. . . To my daughter Elizabeth £1000. . . John Allford, son of my brother Thomas Alford of Gillingham, and Richard Battiscombe of Court de Wick in the co. of Somerset, Trustees. To my dear wife all my houses, lands, etc. at Monkswood in the parishes of Marshwood and Abbotstoke; also the messuage known as West Hill near the west end of the West Street in the town of Bridport; also the Messuage in East Street now in occupation of my sister Ruth Compton. . . Residue to my son John Alford, sole Executor."

P. C. C. 121 Leeds.

John Alford, of Symondsburry, in the co. of Dorset, gent. (dated 1688, proved 1715. Probate copy in compiler's possession). "Sicke in body. . . unto my sister Mary Alford one ffifth part of my lands, tenements, etc., in Symondsburry, the whole in ffive parts to be divided, unto her and her heirs for ever. Unto my sister Jane Alford one ffifth part, etc. Unto my uncle John Browne, my uncle Anthony Stevens, and my cousen John Oliver one other fifth part to hold during the terms of ffour years if my sister Elizabeth shall so long live and remaine unmarried, and under the age of one and twenty years, and after my said sister shall attaine to her age or be married, then do I give the said ffifth part to her and her heires for-ever; and one ffifth part to hold during the terme of seven years if my sister Sarah shall so long live, etc. . . and one ffifth part to hold during the terme of nine years if my sister Ann shall so long live, etc. It is my will concerning the several ffifth parts devised to my uncles and cousen during the said several termes, that they shall apply the rents and profits for the maintenance, education, and use of my said sister, so long as she shall cohabite and dwell with my grandmother Alford, or with any other person whom they shall allow of; and during the dwelling or cohabitation of my said sister contrary to the good liking of my said uncles and cousen. . . they shall apply the rents and profits of the said ffifth part to and for the benefitt only of the rest of my said sisters."

Archdeaconry of Dorset Registry.

Thomas Alford, of Gillingham, in the co. of Dorset, 1720, gentleman, "being well stricken in years". "To my loving wife Anne Allford all my lands lying in Gillingham, Motcombe, and Shaston, in the said co. of

Dorset. . .To my kinsman John Allford, son of Isaac Allford by Hannah his wife, £200. To my two nieces Anne and Elizabeth, daughters of my brother Robert Allford deceased, £80 apiece. To the two children of John Allford deceased, son of my said brother Robert, £20 apiece. To my niece Elizabeth, daughter of my brother Lewis Allford deceased, £50. To the seven children of my kinsman Mr. Samuel Gundry, £20 apiece. To the children of my kinsman Mr. George Sansum, £20 apiece. My freehold lands, after my wife's decease, to my nephew Mr. John Allford of Bridport, and his heirs for ever. My said nephew sole Executor."

P. C. C. 77 Shaller.

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

Bridport, Dorsetshire; two flat stones in the paving of the middle aisle, immediately under the centre tower of the Parish Church. The Lectern stands upon the easternmost of them:

"In memory of Lewis Alford, of this place, Gentleman;
and Mary his wife.
He died 1712."
[The rest is illegible]

Bridport, Dorsetshire; adjoining the above:

"In memory of
John Allford, Gent.,
who died
ye 25 Jan., 1728,
aged 59."
[The rest is illegible]

Sherborne Abbey, Dorsetshire; a Memorial Tablet:

"In loving memory of
William Naish Allford,
Justice of the Peace,
of the Counties of Devon and Somerset.
Born Dec. 18, 1789. Died Oct. 8, 1869."

"Also of his beloved wife,
Frances Jane Coward Allford.
Born Oct. 4, 1795. Died Nov. 14, 1872."

Folke, near Sherborne, Dorsetshire; a flat tomb-stone in the Churchyard:

"William Bellairs Allford,
Died at Blandford,
17 June, 1863.
Aged nine years."

Folke, near Sherborne, Dorsetshire:

"William Allford,
Rector of this Parish,
Died at Teignmouth,
1 April, 1865.
Aged 45 years."