

THE ALFORDS OF CURRY RIVEL, ETC. Continued

10. **Richard Alford**, fifth son of Samuel Alford and Rebecca his wife, was born at Heale in 1816. Having been at the Ilminster Grammer School, he entered the medical profession, and practised for some years at Tewkesbury, settling, in 1855, in Weston- super- Mare, where he gained a high reputation as a doctor, and was held in great respect. He married, in 1846, Frances Ann, daughter of Robert Zineroft, of Bristol, by whom he had six children, viz:

- i. Ellen Maria, born a Tewkesbury, married Charles Baly, dentist, of Harley Street, now retired and residing at Hampstead.
- ii. Richard Francis Alford, born 1849, educated as an engineer and died, unmarried, in 1882. His grave, in the Cemetery at Weston-super-Mare, has the inscription:

"Richard Francis Alford
Died December 9th, 1882,
Aged 33 years."
"Now, we see through a glass, darkly; but then
face to face."

iii. George Ernest Alford, born at Tewkesbury in 1853, was educated at Clifton College, and later became a medical man of high qualifications. After a period as house- surgeon at the Westminster Hospital, he commenced private practice in Weston-super-Mare, quickly taking a leading position in his profession. He married, in 1879, Annette Frances, eldest daughter of Surgeon-Major Rimington, Indian Staff Corps, their family being:

1. Ernest Francis Rimington Alford, born 30 Aug. 1880, now Medical Officer P. and O. SS. "Nubia".
2. Arthur Cameron Rimington Alford, born 26 Oct. 1882; passed through the Wollwich Academy, and holds a Commission in the Royal Artillery.
3. Cyril Ernest Rimington Alford, born 11 Nov. 1895.
4. Eva Annette Rimington, born at Weston-super-Mare.
5. Irene May Rimington, born at Weston-super-Mare.

Geo. Ernest Alford died in 1895 after a short illness brought on through overwork at the time of an influenza epidemic at Weston. He was accorded a public funeral, and a Ward was added to the local Hospital as a memorial to his worth. A marble cross marks his grave in the Weston Cemetery, bearing this inscription:

"In loving memory of
George Ernest Alford,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Who entered into rest May 28, 1895."

iv. Henry Powell Alford, born at Weston-super-Mare in 1856, matriculated at New College, Oxford, in 1875, graduated B.A.(honours) in 1879, and M.A. later. Taking holy orders, he was presented to the Vicarage of Woodbury Salterton, Devon, in 1882, and was Rural Dean. He married, in 1883, Amy Emmeline, third daughter of the late Surgeon-Major Rimington, and now holds the College living of Worthen, Shropshire.

- v. Arthur Gomer Alford, born 1858, died, unmarried, in 1882. Buried at Weston-super-Mare.
- vi. Annie, born, and living, at Weston-super-Mare.

Mr. Richard Alford died in Oriel Terrace, Weston-super-Mare, in 1903, and was buried in the Cemetery. A mural brass in the Parish Church bears the following inscription:

"Their surviving children placed this Tablet
in memory of
Richard Alford, F.R.C.S.,

and Frances Ann his wife;
Married in this Church June 2nd, 1846;
Died March 30, 1903, in his 87th year.
Died January 7, 1884, in her 62nd year.
In hope of the Resurrection to Eternal
Life."

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11. **Stephen Shute Alford**, sixth son of Samuel and Rebecca Alford, of Heale, was born March 21, 1821. Educated at the Ilminster Grammar School and at University College, London, he entered the medical profession, and practised at Haverstock Hill. He also held the appointment of Medical Officer to the London and North Western Railway Company. He married, 28 June 1848, Helen Aspinwall, of Lydiate, Lancashire by whom he had three children, viz:

i. William Alford, born 1849, was educated at Crewkerne School, and brought up for the law, practising as a Solicitor at Crewkerne, and later in Clifton. He married, first Mary Ellen Smart, of Northeote, Cirencester, by whom he had five sons, viz:

1. William Montagu Alford, born in 1875, now of Bournemouth; married Geraldine Edith Fitzgerald, and has a daughter Joyce.

2. Frederick Alford, born 8 March 1877.

3. Maurice Alford, born 18 March 1879, now in St. John's, Newfoundland.

4. Stephen Colin Alford, born 30 May 1881.

5. Archibald Hugh Alford, born 17 May 1883; died in Australia, 1908, unmarried.

Having lost his first wife, Mr. Willam Alford married secondly, Agnes Oke, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Alford, had two sons:

6. Hubert Tickell Alford, born 7 Sept. 1888, died in infancy.

7. Ronald William Tickell Alford, born 21st August 1891.

William Alford died in a London nursing-home, 5 March 1903, and was buried in the Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol.

ii. Frederick Stephen Alford, born 1850, following his father in the medical profession, living also on Haverstock Hill, and died, unmarried, in 1906.

iii. Helen Powell, living at Cricklewood, Middlesex.

Mr. Stephen Alford died in 1881 from injuries received while attending to his medical duties on the Railway, being run over whilst crossing the line at Willesden Junction. He was buried in the Highgate Cemetery, where his grave is thus inscribed:

"Stephen Shute Alford,  
died July 5th, 1881,  
Aged 60 years."

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12. **George Alford**, youngest son of Samuel Alford of Heale and Rebecca his wife, was born 16 May 1823. Educated at the Crewkerne Grammar School, and at Queen's College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1846, M.A. 1849, he was ordained, and became successively rector of Aston Sandford, Vicar of Cookley, of St. Paul's Bristol, and of Mangotsfield. In 1848 he married Lucretia Reid, daughter of Joseph Field, of Hatfield, Herts, by whom he had six children, viz:

i. Allan Cameron Alford, born 1855; graduated at Cambridge, Corpus Christi College, 1877, M.A. 1881; took Holy Orders, was Rector of Aston Sandford; now Vicar of Cuddington, Bucks. He married Mary

Lary. ii. George Percy Alford, born 1858; graduated at Cambridge, B.A. 1888, M.A. 1892; took Holy Orders, and after being his father's curate at Mangotsfield, was appointed in 1899 Vicar of Wormleighton, Wore. He married Alice Mary Johnson, who died in 1906, and has children:

1. Robert George Alford, born 1892.
2. Percy Noel Alford, born 1894.
3. Howard Cameron Alford, born 1897.
4. Lucretia Mary.

iii. Sidney Field Alford, born 1864; graduated at Durham, B.A. 1888, M.A. 1891; took Holy Orders, and in 1896 became Vicar of St. Andrew the Less, Clifton. He married Harriette Lucy Sowter, and has children:

1. Sidney Ernest Alford, born 1892.
2. Allan Charles George Alford, born 1894.
3. Arthur Frederick Alford, born 1895.
4. Kenneth Field Alford, born 1898.
5. Marjorie Victoria.
6. Eirene Violet.

iv. Cecil Ernest Alford, born 1867; passed through the London College of Divinity, and was ordained in 1890. Vicar of Lowdham, Notts, since 1902.

v. Harriette Lucretia, married Nathaniel Strickland, Solicitor, of Clifton.

vi. Florence Bertha, married Wm. Manley Lory, Surgeon, now Dep. Inspector-General. R.N.

In 1898 the Rev. George Alford celebrated his golden wedding at Mangotsfield, he with his four sons—the fifth and they of the sixth generation in Holy Orders—taking part in Divine Service. Losing his wife two years later, he retired from his benefice, afterwards residing with his second son at Wormleighton.

EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

Curry Rivel, Somerset.

1667, Aug. 11. Mary, daughter of Edward Alford, baptized.

1670, Aug. 19. Marmaduke Alford, buried.

1672, Apr. 19. Marmaduke, son of Marmaduke Alford, buried.

1672, July 21. Maria Alford, buried.

1672, Dec. 25. Edith, widow of Edward Alford, buried.

1698, Nov. 10. "Thomas Alford and Frances Powel", marriage.

1699, Sept 13. Letitia, daughter of Thomas Alford, baptized.

1701, May 27. Richard, son of Thomas and Frances Alford, baptized.

1702, Dec. 15. Robert, son of Robert and Mary Alford, baptized.

1703, June 15. Thomas, son of Thomas & Frances Alford, baptized.

1705, July 4. Samuel, son of Thomas & Frances Alford, baptized.

1706, Apr. 20. Joan Alford, buried.

1708, May 19. Marmaduke, son of Thomas and Frances Alford, baptized. Born May 1st, [added] "was drowned April 30, 1712."

1708, Burial. "Thomas Alford, Vicar, September 16."

1720, May 22. Marmaduke Alford and Ann Griffin, married.

1722, June 24. Dorothy, daughter of Marmaduke and Ann Alford, baptized.

1728, Aug. 4. Robert Alford, buried.

1730, July 5. Dorothy, daughter of Marmaduke Alford, buried.

1736, June 27. Mary Alford, widow, buried.

1737, Feb. 3. Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Alford, buried.

1738, Apr. 30. Betty, daughter of Robert and Love Alford, baptized.

1738, Dec. 13. Ann, wife of Marmaduke Alford, buried.

1740, Dec. ? Sarah, daughter of John and Mary Alford, baptized.

1742, Dec. 5. John, son of Robert Alford, buried.

1742, Dec. 19. Joan, daughter of John Alford, buried.

1743, Feb. 13. Sarah, daughter of John Alford, buried.
 1744, June 15. John, son of Robert and Love Alford, baptized.
 1746, Aug. 3. Joan, daughter of Robert Alford, baptized.
 1747, Jan. 11. John, son of John and Mary Alford, baptized.
 1747, Oct. 22. John, son of John & Mary Alford, buried.
 1752, Apr. 12. Dorothy, daughter of Marmaduke and Rachel Alford, baptized.
 1755, Jan. 12. John, son of Marmaduke and Rachel Alford, baptized.
 1757, July 3. Patience, daughter of Marmaduke and Rachel Alford, baptized.
 1762, June 6. Grace, daughter of Marmaduke and Rachel Alford, baptized.
 1766, Sept. 15. Thomas Alford and Mary Hughs, married(licence)
 1767, Mar. 29. Robert Alford was buried.
 1774, Dec. 21. Marmaduke Alford, buried.
 1776, Mar. 25. "Samuel, ye son of the Rev. Samuel Alford and Mary his wife, baptized.
 1779, May 6. Thomas, son of the Rev. Samuel Alford and Mary his wife, baptized. Born April 30.
 1779, Nov. 23. Rachel Alford, buried.
 1781, Jan. 8. Anne, daughter of Rev. Samuel Alford and Mary his wife, baptized. Born January 4.
 1782, Dec. 8. Henry, son of the Rev. Samuel Alford and Mary his wife, baptized. Born Dec. 3.
 1784, June 17. Harriet, daughter of Rev. Samuel Alford and Mary his wife, baptized. Born June 7.
 1791, May 8. Daniel Alford, buried.
 1795, May 31. Sarah Alford, buried.
 1795, Dec. 20. Samuel Alford, buried.
 1796, Jan. 10. Jane Alford, buried.
 1799, Aug. 13. "The Rev. Samuel Alford, Vicar of this parish, buried."
 1803, Dec. 29. Samuel, son of the Rev. Samuel Alford and Rebecca his wife, baptized. Born Oct. 30.
 1805, Sept. 16. Thomas, son of the Rev. Samuel Alford and Rebecca his wife, baptized. Born April 24.
 1806, Sept. 9. Henry, son of the Reverend Samuel Alford and Rebecca his wife, baptized. Born July 17.
 (Signed) James Sedgwick, Vicar.
 1808, Sept. 13. Walter, son of the Revd. Samuel and Rebecca Alford, baptized. Born 5 March. (Signed)
 James Sedgwick, Vicar.
 1816, May 29. Richard, son of the Rev. Samuel Alford of Heale, Clerk, and Rebecca Alford, baptized.
 Performed by Samuel Alford.
 1821, Mar. 21. Stephen Shute, son of the Rev. Samuel and Rebecca Alford, Heale, Clerk, baptized.
 1823, May 12. George, son of the Reverend Samuel and Rebecca Alford of Heale, Clerk, baptized by
 Samuel Alford.
 1854, Burial. "The Revd. Samuel Alford, of Heale House, March 29th, age 78 years."

Muchelney, Somerset.

1845, Apr. 15. Walter Goldin, son of Walter and Lydia Alford, Clerk and Incumbent, baptized by Samuel
 Alford.
 1846, Aug. 17. Jane Bush, daughter of Walter and Lydia Alford, baptized by Walter Alford.
 1848, May 3. Robert, son of Walter and Lydia Alford of Muchelney, baptized by Walter Alford, Clerk and
 Incumbent.
 1851, Oct. 5. Emily Ann, d. of Walter and Lydia Alford of Muchelney; baptized by Walter Alford, Clerk
 and Incumbent.

Drayton, Somerset.

1859, Sept. 20. William Powell, son of Walter and Lydia Alford of Drayton, baptized by Walter Alford,
 Clerk and Incumbent.