

# *Harvey D. Alford*

*Sep 10 1921 - Mar 9 1999*  
*AAFA #0125*

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### *JOURNAL TIMES*

Racine, Racine Co., WI

March 1999

RACINE—Mr. Harvey D. Alford, 78, passed away in St. Mary's Medical Center on Tuesday, March 9, 1999.

He was born in Necedah [Juneau Co.] on September 10, 1920, to Margaret (nee: Langendorf) and Charles B. Alford. At a very early age, he moved to Racine with his family and resided here most of his life. On July 4, 1942, he was united in a very long and loving marriage to the former Betty Ann Barrett.

During World War II, he served with the Sixth Army from 1942 through 1945 in areas from New Guinea to the liberation of the Philippines. Upon his return from service, he worked short periods of time for Walker Manufacturing and Ostergaard Bakery before joining the Racine Fire Department

in 1948. There, he served for more than 30 years and retired in 1975 as an Assistant Chief to Chief Bucky Anderson.

Harvey was a member of Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church, a life member of the V.F.W. Post 1391, the Retired Fire Fighters Association, the Racine Heritage Museum, and several family genealogy associations.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; their daughters, Lynn and her husband, Thomas F. Schmidt and Laurie Alford; grandchildren, Megan and Benjamin Schmidt, all of Madison; his sister, Dorothy Kopecky of Racine; sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces, and nephews. Mr. Alford was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Gordon Alford.

In keeping with Harvey's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Memorial service will be held in the funeral home on Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 6 p.m.... Burial will take place in West Lawn Memorial Park.... Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home

*AAFA NOTES: SSDI records confirm the birth and death dates of Harvey D. Alford (SS #387-14-9857 issued in WI).*

*His lineage: Harvey Dale 1920 WI<sup>1</sup>, Charles Bryant 1897 IL<sup>2</sup>, Bert Clark 1868 IL<sup>3</sup>, Russell 1850 IL<sup>4</sup>, Clark Baker 1803 VT<sup>5</sup>, Ashley Owen 1770 VT<sup>6</sup>, Benedict 1716 CT<sup>7</sup>, Benedict 1688 CT<sup>8</sup>, Jeremiah 1655 CT<sup>9</sup>, Benedict 1619 England<sup>10</sup>, Thomas 1575 England<sup>11</sup>.*

## Ahnentafels for Harvey Dale Alford AAFA # 0125

1. **Harvey Dale Alford** #3505 b. Sep 10 1920, Necedah, Juneau County, Wisconsin, m. Jul 4 1942, in Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, **Betty Ann Barrett** #3506, b. Feb 22 1921, Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin. Harvey died 3 Sep 1999.

### Parents

2. **Charles Bryant Alford** #3503 b. Mar 28 1897, Paw Paw, Lee County, Illinois, m. Jan 25 1918, in Necedah, Juneau County, Wisconsin, divorced 1946, **Margaret Lucille Langendorf** #3504, b. Oct 22 1898, Germantownship, Juneau County, Wisconsin, d. Jun 11 1977, Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, buried: Jun 15 1977, West Lawn Cem., Racine Wisconsin. Charles died Oct 21 1965, Necedah, Juneau County, Wisconsin, buried: Oct 23 1965, Bayview Cem., Necedah, Juneau Co., WI.
3. **Margaret Lucille Langendorf** #3504 b. Oct 22 1898, Germantownship, Juneau County, Wisconsin, d. Jun 11 1977, Racine, Racine County, Wisconsin, buried: Jun 15 1977, West Lawn Cem., Racine Wisconsin.

### Grand Parents

4. **Bert Clark Alford** #3499 b. Oct 15 1868, Waterman, DeKalb Co., IL, m. Oct 2 1896, in Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, **Emma Blanche Smith** #3502, b. Jul 3 1868, Paw Paw, Lee County, Illinois, d. Dec 3 1943, Necedah, Juneau County, Wisconsin, buried: Bayview Cem., Necedah, Juneau Co., WI. Bert died Oct 23 1956, Nekoosa, Wood County, Wisconsin, buried: Bayview Cem., Necedah, Juneau Co., WI.
5. **Emma Blanche Smith** #3502 b. Jul 3 1868, Paw Paw, Lee County, Illinois, d. Dec 3 1943, Necedah, Juneau County, Wisconsin, buried: Bayview Cem., Necedah, Juneau Co., WI. Emma Smith had two children when she married Bert Alford.
6. **William Carl Langendorf** #3507 m. **Myra Emma Chamberlain** #3508.
7. **Myra Emma Chamberlain** #3508.

### Great Grand Parents

8. **Russell Alford** #1396 b. Aug 8 1850, Kendall Co., IL, m. Dec 18 1867, **Helen J Matteson** #1405, b. Mar 19 1852, Waterman, DeKalb Co., IL, d. Sep 7 1937, DeKalb Co., IL, buried: Johnson Grove Cemetery, DeKalb Co., IL. Russell died Jun 6 1934, DeKalb Co., IL, buried: Johnson Grove Cemetery, DeKalb Co., IL.

e-mail from Tony Kirk 9/11/2000

Russell was born in Kendall County Illinois per the birth certificate of child 6. This is consistent with what I know about the family of Clark B. Alford Sr. Katharine's sister and mother were living in Plattville, Kendall County at this time. So unless you have other evidence I vote for Kendall County as his birth place. DeKalb County is the correct birth place for Helen. The death location for this couple is still open. I asked for a quick check of the Illinois death index nothing was found. Russell was listed as living in Necedah Wisconsin in 1929. (Source: Martin Luther Alford obituary). More research is needed to verify the death location. Per the cemetery records both are buried in Johnson Grove Cemetery. The cemetery is in Clinton Township with the nearest post office being Waterman.

9. **Helen J Matteson** #1405 b. Mar 19 1852, Waterman, DeKalb Co., IL, d. Sep 7 1937, DeKalb Co., IL, buried: Johnson Grove Cemetery, DeKalb Co., IL.

#### Great Great Grand Parents

16. **Clark Baker Alford** #678 b. May 13 1803, Swanton, Franklin Co., VT, m. Sep 23 1827, in New York ??, **Katherine C. Riketson** #1372, b. Jan 5 1812, Clinton Co., NY, d. Apr 25 1878, Waterman, DeKalb Co., IL, buried: Johnson Grove Cm, Waterman, DeKalb Co IL. Clark died Aug 6 1885, Waterman, Clinton Twp., DeKalb Co., IL, buried: Johnson Grove Cm, Waterman, DeKalb Co IL.
17. **Katherine C. Riketson** #1372 b. Jan 5 1812, Clinton Co., NY, d. Apr 25 1878, Waterman, DeKalb Co., IL, buried: Johnson Grove Cm, Waterman, DeKalb Co IL.

The histories of Kendall County Illinois show Esther (SLYTER) RICKETSON to be the wife of Jonathan RICKETSON and the mother of his children. My source: "Commemorative Portrait & Biog.Record of Kane & Kendall Counties"; Beers 1888 page 932.

Daniel PLATT, founder of Plattville Illinois, and his wife Esther (RICKETSON) PLATT were still living when this book was published, for whatever that is worth.

18. **Benjamin Matteson** #3500 m. **Christina A. Teeter** #3501.
19. **Christina A. Teeter** #3501.

#### 3rd Great Grand Parents

32. **Ashley Owen Alford** #668 b. Feb 22 1770, Rutland, Rutland Co, VT, m. (1) 1792/93, **Hannah** \_\_\_\_\_ #670, b. Feb 7 1772, d. Jun 7 1800, Swanton, Franklin Co., VT, m. (2) Oct 17 1800, in Swanton, Franklin Co., VT, **Elizabeth Baker** #676, b. Nov 25 1783, Chittenden, VT, d. Jun 17 1857, Peasleyville, Clinton Co., NY, buried: Zion Methodist, New York. Ashley died Mar 14 1847, Peasleyville, Clinton Co., NY, buried: Zion Methodist, Clinton, New York.
- Ashley Owen Alford

[The following is a research report prepared by the late Scott Alford (1907- 1986) father of Robert Scott Alford AAFA #873. A copy was provided to AAFA by Scott's brother, Charles E. Alford, a number of years ago - well before Robert Scott Alford discovered the AAFA. The following is a transcript with original punctuation.]

Ashley Owen Alford, born February 22, 1770, was the fourteenth child of Benedict Alford, born August 26, 1716, and the fifth child of Benedict and his second wife, Rebecca Owen.

The Bureaus of Vital Statistics of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont have replied that they have on record of his birth. This is understandable because his parents moved from Windsor, Conn. to Southern Vermont in 1769 when Vermont was a pioneer territory. A letter received in 1939 from his great-granddaughter, Altha Elliott, giving names and dates copied from his family Bible, states, "Ashley Owen Alford was born February 22, 1776". This was probably a copying error. The inscription on his gravestone in Peasleyville, N.Y. is, "Ashley Owen Alford Died March 14, 1847, Age 77". Beside it is a gravestone marked, "Elizabeth Alford Wife of A. O. Alford, Died June 17, 1857, Age 73". A copy of data from his Bible says, "Elizabeth, my 2nd wife was born November 25, 1783".

The earliest public record we have found of Ashley Alford is his signature May 12, 1786 a a witness on a deed signed by Benedict and Rebecca Alford in Rutland, VA.

His father bought land in Ferrisburgh, Vt. September 4, 1786, and it is presumed that the family moved there a short time later. Ashley was not listed by name in the 1790 Census because he was not yet 'Head of a Household'.

We do not have a record of Ashley Alford's first marriage, but it was probably in 1792 in Ferrisburgh. Some of the early records of the Town Clerk of Ferrisburgh were accidentally destroyed. The only information we have on his first wife is from his family Bible: "Wife, Hannah, was born February 7, 1772. John Alford born October 9, 1793, Orman born February 19, 1795, Ashley Jr. born April 7, 1797, Josiah born May 5, 1799, Hannah born June 7, 1800, and Hannah, my first wife, died June 7, 1800. She died in Swanton, Vt." It is presumed that all of her children except the last one were born in Ferrisburgh.

September 13, 1799 Ashley Alford obtained a perpetual lease of sixty acres of land in Swanton from Silas Hathaway of St. Albans, Vt., whose brother, Alfred Hathaway, had married Ashley's sister, Rebecca. This document says, "as long as the grass grows, water runs, and the sun shines said Ashley shall pay unto the said Silas Hathaway seven Dollars and fifty cents on the first day of January next and every year together with the lawful interest and discharge all taxes now or hereafter may be laid on said land." In the 1800 Census Ashley Alford was listed as 'Head of Household' in Swanton.

October 17, 1800 Vermont Vital Records: "Ashley Olford" (the name is written in such a way that it looks like Oxford) "married Betsey Baker; Sylvester Cobb, Justice of the Peace, St. Albans, Vt. : (Recorded at Swanton). She had not yet reached her seventeenth birthday. Family tradition is that she was born in Winooski, Vt., a suburb of Burlington, which was the home of Remember Baker, one of the leaders of The Green Mountain Boys. She may have been his granddaughter. His son, Ira, moved to Enosburg, not far from Swanton. The Swanton Grand List of taxpayers, 1800-1810, named Ashley 'Olfard', Absolom Baker, and Constant Baker.

The 1800 Census listed Ashley Alford (spelled correctly) as 'Head of Household'. Betsey's first three children were born in Swanton: Ruel, July 25, 1801; Clark May 13, 1803, and Hannah April 17, 1805.

In 1805 records of Willsboro, N.Y., show Ashley Alford living in District No. 7. The 1806 records show him living in District No. 5. Willsboro is across Lake Champlain from Shelburne, north of Burlington, Vt. In the early 1800's it was in a building boom developed by a promoter from New York City as a rich man's paradise. Ashley's brother, Benedict, had moved there in about 1802 and stayed there until the 1820's. Ashley was living in Willsboro March 22, 1808 when he sold to Spencer Baker of Swanton his rights in the property in Swanton with the buildings he had erected on it for \$300.

Two children were born in Willsboro: Elizabeth, also know as Betsey, January 25, 1807; and Clarissa, April 21, 1809.

In 1810 he purchased land in Ferrisburgh and moved his family there. His last five children were born in Ferrisburgh: Rufus, May 24, 1812; Lewis, September 11, 1814; Mary Ruth, August 10, 1816; Ransom C., July 8, 1818; and Wesley, August 17, 1820.

In 1816 he purchased land at Button Bay on the shore of Lake Champlain in the Town of Ferrisburgh.

The 1830 Census listed Ashley Alford in the Peasleyville section of the Town of Peru, Clinton County, N.Y. He continued to live on his farm there until his death, March 14, 1847.

"History of Clinton and Essex Counties" has several pages on Ashley Owen Alford and his descendants. it does not mention Elisabeth Baker by name, but it says Ashley had three wives and the third one was Elizabeth Green, who was born in Winooski, Vt. We have been unable to find any data to support this statement, and we do not believe that he had a wife named Elizabeth Green, for the following reasons:

1. Professional genealogists have searched the records of Winooski and could find no record of any Green families living there in 1783.
2. His marriage to Betsey Baker is recorded in the Vermont Vital Records.
3. His Bible gives the birthdates of his first wife, Hannah, and his second wife, Elizabeth, but does not mention a third wife.
4. His will, dated March 7, 1847, specifies that his residual estate shall be distributed among his children "of whom the said Elisabeth is their mother", naming all of his children from Ruel to Wesley, except where they have died, naming the grandchildren.
5. It has been suggested that his widow might have married a man named Green after Ashley's death. If this were true, it is unlikely that her body would have been buried beside Ashley's with the inscription, "wife of A. O. Alford".
6. Her age at death fits the birthdate of his second wife, written in his Bible before the birth of their son, Ruel.

[The following is from typed notes that came to AAFA indirectly from Charles E. Alford mentioned above. It is thought that part of it may have been prepared by a Marion Bullis of Plattsburgh, NY - a 1960-70's Alford researcher we were never able to contact. Some parts duplicate information above in which case it was omitted. Some parts expand or elaborate on the above and that was included - even with some duplication. This document did include the third wife which the above report refuted and thus is not included here.]

The gravestone of Ashley O. Alford is in the Zion Methodist Church Cemetery, Peasleyville, Township of Peru, Essex County, New York. It reads "Ashley O. Alford, died March 14, 1847, AE 77 yrs."

The earliest document of Ashley Alford, which we have located was found in the Town Clerk's Office, Rutland, Vermont, in the Land Records Book, Volume 2, page 121, recorded December 18, 1789 whereby Ashley Alford witnessed, on May 18, 1786 a deed for the purchase of 100 acres of land in Rutland by Benedict Alford and Rebecca, his wife of Rutland.

[The following has an introductory note: "Following researched at Surrogate's Office, Clinton County, Plattsburgh, New York by Marion L. Bullis, Plattsburgh, N. Y. 6/70.]

#### MATTER OF PROOF OF LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ASHLEY OWEN ALFORD.

"The following notice was published in the ALBANY ARGUS, once in each week, for six weeks, successively, commencing on 22 day of March 1849."

"The People of the State of New York: to CLARK B. ALFORD, residing in Plattville, Illinois; ORMAN ALFORD, same place; JOSIAH ALFORD, res. in S. Bristol, Ontario Co. N. Y.; ERASTUS ALFORD, res in town of Lexington, Illinois; CHARLOTTE BROWN, wife of Joseph Brown, res. in Saranac, N.Y.; HARRIET AMELIA COOLEY, WIFE OF \_\_\_\_\_ Cooley, Lexington, Ill. MELVINA STONE, wife of \_\_\_\_\_ Stone, of the same place; Samuel B. M. Beckwith, counsellor at law, guardian for the minors, ASHLEY O. ALFORD, MONRO ALFORD and MELVINA BURT; ELIZABETH ALFORD, widow, res. in Peru, N.Y.; WESLEY G. ALFORD, ELIZABETH, wife of Maxwell McCulloch, ASHLEY BURT, res. in Peru; RANSOM ALFORD, res. in Schuyler Falls, N.Y.; CLARISSA WESCOTT, wife of Ira Wescott, res. in Franklin County, N.Y.; MARY THOMPSON, wife of Willis Thompson, res. in Black Brook (near Au Sable Forks) N.Y. send greeting:"

"Whereas, REUEL ALFORD & RUFUS ALFORD, of Clinton Co., have lately applied to our county judge, for proof of the will of ASHLEY OWEN ALFORD, late of Peru (Peasleeville), N.Y. in said county, farmer, deceased, which said will relates to both real and personal property; wherefor, you and each of you are cited and required to appear at the offices of county judge at Court House in Plattsburgh, on last day of April next, at 10 o'clock in morning of that day, and attend probate of the will."

"PETITION FOR PROOF OF WILL OF ASHLEY OWEN ALFORD -- to Rufus Alford signed and returned."

"ALONZO ALFORD, only son of LEWIS ALFORD, son of deceased, now nearly 8 yrs. old, res. in Peru; ASHLEY BURT, 22 yrs. old, same place, the son of Daniel and Hannah Burt: MELINDA BURT, of Rossie, St. Lawrence Co., now 19 yrs. old, a daughter of same Hannah Burt. (Rest of names same as above) (Hannah Burt, probable daughter of Ashley O. Alford by first wife, Hannah."

33. **Elizabeth Baker** #676 b. Nov 25 1783, Chittenden, VT, d. Jun 17 1857, Peasleyville, Clinton Co., NY, buried: Zion Methodist, New York.

34. **Jonathan Ricketson** #6183 m. **Esther Slyter** #6184.

35. **Esther Slyter** #6184.

#### 4th Great Grand Parents

64. **Benedict Alford** #224 b. Aug 26 1716, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. (1) Aug 9 1744, in Hartford, Hartford Co., CT, **Jerusha Ashley** #556, b. Jan 20 1722, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Jan 18 1761, buried: Palisado Cemetery, Windsor, Connecticut, m. (2) Dec 18 1761, in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, **Rebecca Owen** #2014, b. Nov 28 1736, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, d. \_\_\_\_ 1831, Geauga Co., OH. Benedict died Aft \_\_\_\_ 1790, Vermont or New York State. [There is some question about his birth date - 26th or 29th?? Some reports show he died in 1764 however he was listed with property in Ferrisburgh VT in 1784. (source???) b>Burke and Alvord Memorial, 173 He was enumerated in the 1790 census of Vermont.
65. **Rebecca Owen** #2014 b. Nov 28 1736, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, d. \_\_\_\_ 1831, Geauga Co., OH. b> Owen, Ralph Dornfeld. DESCENDANTS OF JOHN OWEN OF WINDSOR CONNECTICUT Philadelphia, 1941

"Genealogies of Connecticut Families as taken from "The New England Historical and Genealogical Register" Vol II Greer - Owen; in listing Owen descendants mentions this couple and their children but lists none after Clara. The family moved to Vermont after the birth of Clara so the births of the last two children are not found in Connecticut vital stats which has been source/ for much of the family information.

All children of Rebecca, and the dates of baptism, published in "Descendants of John Owen of Windsor, Conn." EXCEPT Susan and Ashley were not listed.

#### 5th Great Grand Parents

128. **Benedict Alford** #220 b. Apr 27 1688, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. Jan 14 1714, in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, **Abigail Wilson** #223, b. Mar 3 1683, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Apr 30 1773. Benedict died Feb 15 1764, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, buried: Palisado Cemetery, Windsor, CT. b & m> Burke and Alvord Memorial, 172 He served in Queen Anne's War, Colonial Troop 1711.
129. **Abigail Wilson** #223 b. Mar 3 1683, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Apr 30 1773.
130. **Elijah Owen** #227 b. Oct 7 1706, Poquonock, Hartford Co., CT, m. 1735, **Hannah Higley** #230, b. Dec 17 1717, Turkey Hills, Hartford Co., CT, d. Jan 26 1806. Elijah died Sep 22 1741.
131. **Hannah Higley** #230 b. Dec 17 1717, Turkey Hills, Hartford Co., CT, d. Jan 26 1806.

#### 6th Great Grand Parents

256. **Jeremiah Alford** #216 b. Dec 24 1655, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. \_\_\_\_ 1686, in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, **Jane Hoskins** #219, b. Apr 3 1671, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. May 19 1715. Jeremiah died Jun 6 1709. b> Burke and Alvord Memorial, 171 d>Stiles, Henry. History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor Connecticut- 1635-1871; Windsor Town Records
257. **Jane Hoskins** #219 b. Apr 3 1671, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. May 19 1715.
258. **Samuel Wilson** #9812.

260. **Isaac Owen #225** b. May 27 1670, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. **Sarah Holcomb #226**, b. Feb 1 1673, d. Jan 22 1763. Isaac died Jun 13 1736, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.
261. **Sarah Holcomb #226** b. Feb 1 1673, d. Jan 22 1763.
262. **Brewster Higley #228** b. Mar 1680, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. Feb 17 1708, in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, **Hester Holcomb #229**, b. 1683, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, d. Dec 17 1775, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. Brewster died Nov 5 1760, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.
263. **Hester Holcomb #229** b. 1683, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, d. Dec 17 1775, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.

#### 7th Great Grand Parents

512. **Benedict Alford #214** b. Est \_\_ 1619, Whitestaunton, Somerset, Eng., m. Nov 26 1640, in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, **Jane or Joan Newton #215**, b. 1622, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Aft \_\_ 1683. Benedict died Apr 23 1683, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT. b>Alvord, Samuel Morgan, A GENEALOGY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDER ALVORD An Early Settler of Windsor, Conn. and Northampton, Mass. 1908 Page 18; Stiles, Henry, GENEALOGIES & BIOGRAPHIES OF ANCIENT WINDSOR.

bpt>Published accounts say there is no record of his birth or baptism but they say he was junior to Alexander, baptized in 1627. Considering that he was a sergeant in America in 1637 that does not seem practical.

d>Stiles, Henry. History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor Connecticut, 1635-1871.

m> Burke and Alvord Memorial, p. 171. Jane was of the Nurton family of Broadway Parish, England. She became a member of Windsor Church January 13, 1647. Her b. Stiles, Henry R., THE HISTORY AND GENEALOGIES OF ANCIENT WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT, Vol II, 1892 Pg 34-37 covers several generations.

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The following was published in "The Burke and Alvord Memorial" 1864 Boston.

#### I. Benedict Alvord,

Born \_\_\_\_: died Windsor, Conn., April 23, 1683. He was of Windsor, Conn., in 1637; was in "Old England" in 1639; was Massachusetts in August, 1640, (see page 92), and was of Windsor, Conn., in the fall of 1640, where he early had a grant of land, where he was married, where his children were born, and where he died. He was one of the 30 who went from Windsor, Conn., in 1637, to fight against the Pequots.

The Pequots had conceived the design of driving the whites from New England; and at a Court, Convened May 1, 1637, "It is ordered that there shall be an offensive war against the Pequots."

"There shall be 90 men levied out of the three plantations, Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor, in the following proportion Hartford 42 Windsor 30 Wethersfield 18"



"The decisive battle of May 26 had been fought-- the Pequot power was broken, the victorious little army was on its homeward march full of joy and gratitude for success such as they had hardly dared to hope."

"A day of special thanksgiving was proclaimed throughout the colonies, and every where the song of exultant victory was blended with prayer and praise to him who ruleth on high. In all these rejoicings, we may well believe that the good people of Windsor had their full share."

"Capt. Mason the 'very foremost of them a" was their townsman. "SO WAS BRAVE SERGEANT ALVORD." So were Barber and Pattison whose valiant right arm caused seven Indians to bite the dust. So were lucky Thomas Stiles and John Dyer, who were singularly fortunate in escaping with their lives, being each of them struck by arrows which stuck in the knots of their neckhandkerchiefs, a twin like coincidence, which is justly commerated by Capt. Mason in his account of the battle as among the 'wonderful providence' of the day. We have it upon good authority, that in the thickest of the fight an Indian drew 'an arrow to his head' full upon the Captain, whose life was only saved by an opportune thrust of a comrade's sword which cut the bow string.&c," [See History of Windsor.]

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From A DIGEST OF THE EARLY CONNECTICUT PROBATE RECORDS, VOL. 1, HARTFORD DIST. 1635-1700, compiled by Charles William Manwaring, Gen. Publishing Co. Inc, 1995 (originally published 1904).

p. 268 of above text; p. 126-127 of Vol. IV, Probate Records of Hartford Dist., 1677-1687:

ALVARD, BENEDICT, Windsor. Inventory. L229-03-09. Taken May 7, 1683, by Benjamin Newbery, Daniel Clarke Sen. Will dated 30 March 1683,

I Benedictus Alvard of Windsor do make this my last Will & Testament: After my Just Debts are payd, my wife during her Widowhood shall have the Proffitt, Use & Benefit of my Estate for her Comfortable Livelyhood; but if she marryes, to have L30 of what Estate she shall see Cause to take, to be to her own free Dispose. To my son Jonathan I give 20 shillings besides what formerly I have given him. To Josias Alvard, my 2nd son, L40 and the Farme that was given me by the Country. To my daughter Elizabeth Drake L5 besides what she hath already received; and a Sheep apeice to each of the Children. To my son Jeremy, after the decease of my wife, all my Houseing and Land in Windsor, together with all other my Moveable Estate in Windsor, and all other Estate that is and shall appear to be due unto me on Books, he paying out of it those Legacies as are before expressed. Also my Will is that my son Jeremy shall be Executor. Further, that my loving wife shall live with my son Jeremy, and that he shall have the Improvement and Management of it, allowing his Mother comfortable mayntenance out of it as long as she lives in this World.

Witnesses: Benjamin Newbery  
ALVARD  
Daniel Clarke Sen.

BENEDICTUS X

Court Record, page 72--6 September, 1683: Will proven.

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He was sometimes listed as "Benedictus." His surname, and that of some of his descendants, has been spelled a variety of ways- including Alvord, Alfred, Alford and Allford. Most research indicates that the majority of this branch of the family used the "Alford" spelling. That will be used throughout this genealogy to minimize confusion and to prevent conflict with the brother's descendants - the majority of which used the "Alvord" spelling.

Benedict, along with brother Alexander (Alvord) and Joanna Alford, came to America, probably as minors and perhaps as orphans, about 1636. Sister Joanna was baptized December 8, 1622 in Whitestaunton Parish but no record of Benedict's birth or baptism has been discovered. Brother Alexander was baptized- probably at Bridport, England, October 15, 1627.

Benedict was in Windsor, Connecticut, as early as 1637. He went back to England in 1639 but was back in Massachusetts in 1640. He probably returned for "his espoused Joan Nurton, or Newton, who was of the parish of Broadway" about four miles from Whitestaunton. While in England a purchase of cattle was made, and Benedict's signature also appears as a witness on a deed executed in 1639 by Nicholas Nurton.

He was a sergeant in the Pequot War in 1637- the war having begun in 1633. He was present at the "Pequot Massacre."

He had a grant of land in Windsor, Connecticut. He became a member of Windsor Church October 17, 1641. He was a juror in April 1643 and a constable in 1666.

Add comments from "Somerset & Dorset Notes & Queries" in BEN619EN file.

513. **Jane or Joan Newton** #215 b. 1622, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Aft \_\_ 1683.

514. **Anthony Hoskins** #217 b. 1630, Dorchester, Suffolk Co., MA, m. Jul 16 1656, **Isabel Browne** #218, b. 1633, Dorchester, Suffolk Co., MA, d. Oct 2 1698, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT. Anthony died ABT 1707.

515. **Isabel Browne** #218 b. 1633, Dorchester, Suffolk Co., MA, d. Oct 2 1698, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.

520. **John Owen** #1131 b. Dec 25 1624, Wales, England, m. Oct 3 1650, in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, **Rebecca Wade** #1132, d. Dec 3 1711, Hartford, Hartford Co., CT. John died Feb 18 1698, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.

521. **Rebecca Wade** #1132 d. Dec 3 1711, Hartford, Hartford Co., CT.

522. **Benajah Holcombe** #1604 b. Jun 23 1644, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. Apr 11 1667, **Sarah Eno** #585, b. Jun 15 1649, Hartford, Hartford Co., CT, d. Apr 1732. Benajah died Jan 25 1736.

523. **Sarah Eno** #585 b. Jun 15 1649, Hartford, Hartford Co., CT, d. Apr 1732. 1. Ancestral File 2. Genealogies and Biographies of Ancient Windsor
524. **Captain John Higley** #1581 b. Jul 22 1649, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. Nov 9 1671, in Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, **Hannah Drake** #1582, b. Aug 5 1653, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Aug 4 1694, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. Captain died Aug 25 1714, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.
525. **Hannah Drake** #1582 b. Aug 5 1653, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Aug 4 1694, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. 1. Genealogies and Biographies of Ancient Windsor 2. Ancestral File
526. **Nathaniel Holcombe** #1595 b. Nov 4 1648, Poquonock, Hartford Co., CT, m. Feb 27 1670, **Mary Bliss** #1596, b. Sep 23 1651, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, d. 1722, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. Nathaniel died 1740, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT. 1. Genealogies and Biographies of Ancient Windsor 2. Ancestral File, LDS Library
527. **Mary Bliss** #1596 b. Sep 23 1651, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT, d. 1722, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. 1. Genealogies and Biographies of Ancient Windsor 2. Ancestral File, LDS Library

#### 8th Great Grand Parents

1024. **Thomas Alford** #244 b. 1575, Whitestaunton, Somerset Co., England, m. May 11 1618, in Whitestaunton, Somerset, England, **Joan or Joanna Hawkins** #245, b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1594, Ashill, Somerset, England, d. May 27 1636, Whitestaunton, Somerset, England. Thomas died before 1636, England.
1025. **Joan or Joanna Hawkins** #245 b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1594, Ashill, Somerset, England, d. May 27 1636, Whitestaunton, Somerset, England.
1026. **John Newton** #4778 m. \_\_\_\_\_ #4779.
1027. \_\_\_\_\_ #4779.
1028. **John Hoskins** #254 b. 1598, Dorchester, Suffolk Co., MA, m. **Ann Filer** #255, b. 1600, Dorchester, Suffolk Co., MA, d. Mar 6 1662. John died May 3 1648, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, buried: Hartford, Hartford Co., CT.
1029. **Ann Filer** #255 b. 1600, Dorchester, Suffolk Co., MA, d. Mar 6 1662.
1030. **Peter Browne** #258 b. 1608, England, m. (1) 1630, **Mary** \_\_\_\_\_ #259, b. 1602, England, d. 1633, m. (2) 1624/26, in Plymouth, Plymouth, MA, **Martha** \_\_\_\_\_ #1948, b. ABT 1608, d. ABT 1627/31. Peter died Sep 1633, Plymouth, Plymouth, Massachusetts.
1031. **Mary** \_\_\_\_\_ #259 b. 1602, England, d. 1633.
1044. **Thomas Holcombe** #1597 b. 1601, Pembrokeshire, Wales, m. May 14 1634, in Dorchester, Suffolk, Massachusetts, **Elizabeth Ferguson** #1598, b. 1610, Warwick County, England, d. Oct 7 1679, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. Thomas died Sep 7 1657, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT. 1. Ancestral File
1045. **Elizabeth Ferguson** #1598 b. 1610, Warwick County, England, m. (1) May 14 1634, in Dorchester, Suffolk, Massachusetts, **Thomas Holcombe** #1597, b. 1601, Pembrokeshire, Wales, d. Sep 7 1657,

Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. (2) Aug 5 1658, in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, **James Eno** #1619, d. Jul 1 1682, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT. Elizabeth died Oct 7 1679, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. 1. Ancestral File

1046. **James Eno** #1619 m. (1) Aug 18 1648, in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, **Hannah Bidwell** #1620, b. Oct 22 1634, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Oct 7 1657, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. (2) Aug 5 1658, in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, **Elizabeth Ferguson** #1598, b. 1610, Warwick County, England, d. Oct 7 1679, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. James died Jul 1 1682, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.
1047. **Hannah Bidwell** #1620 b. Oct 22 1634, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Oct 7 1657, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.
1048. **Jonathan Higley** #1583 b. 1624, Frimley, Surrey, England, m. Jan 3 1647, in Frimley, Surrey, England, **Katherine Brewster** #1584, b. 1626, Frimley, Surrey, England. Jonathan died 1664. 1. Ancestral File
1049. **Katherine Brewster** #1584 b. 1626, Frimley, Surrey, England. 1. Ancestral File
1050. **John Drake** #1587 b. \_\_\_\_ 1622, England, m. Nov 30 1648, in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, **Hannah Moore** #1588, b. \_\_\_\_ 1627, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Feb 16 1686, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT. John died Nov \_\_\_\_ 1689, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.
1051. **Hannah Moore** #1588 b. \_\_\_\_ 1627, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, d. Feb 16 1686, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.
1052. **Thomas Holcombe** (see same person above in generation 11) #1597 b. 1601, Pembrokeshire, Wales, m. May 14 1634, in Dorchester, Suffolk, Massachusetts, **Elizabeth Ferguson** #1598, b. 1610, Warwick County, England, d. Oct 7 1679, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT. Thomas died Sep 7 1657, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.
1053. **Elizabeth Ferguson** (see same person above in generation 11) #1598 b. 1610, Warwick County, England, m. (1) May 14 1634, in Dorchester, Suffolk, Massachusetts, **Thomas Holcombe** #1597, b. 1601, Pembrokeshire, Wales, d. Sep 7 1657, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, m. (2) Aug 5 1658, in Windsor, Hartford Co., CT, **James Eno** #1619, d. Jul 1 1682, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT. Elizabeth died Oct 7 1679, Simsbury, Hartford Co., CT.
1054. **Nathaniel Bliss** #1613 b. 1621, Rodborough, England, m. Nov 20 1646, **Catherine Chapin** #1614, b. 1625, Berry Pomeroy, England, d. 1711, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. Nathaniel died 1653, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts.
1055. **Catherine Chapin** #1614 b. 1625, Berry Pomeroy, England, d. 1711, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. 1. Ancestral file, LDS Library

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2048. **William Alford** #246 b. \_\_\_\_ 1547, Whitestaunton, Somerset, Eng., m. in England, \_\_\_\_ #1838.
2049. \_\_\_\_ #1838.

2050. **John Hawkins** #250 b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1567, Dartmouth, Devon, England, m. (1) Jan 29 1592, in St. Savior, Dartmouth, Devon, England, **Joan Newman** #251, b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1571, Dartmouth, Devon, England, d. \_\_\_\_\_, m. (2) Abt \_\_\_ 1589, in Eng, **Joan** \_\_\_\_\_ #1851, b. ABT 1564, England. John died \_\_\_\_\_.
2051. **Joan Newman** #251 b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1571, Dartmouth, Devon, England, d. \_\_\_\_\_.
2058. **George Filer** #256 b. 1574, Dorchester, Suffolk Co., MA, m. **Jane** \_\_\_\_\_ #257, b. 1578, Dorchester, Suffolk Co., MA, buried: Massachusetts. George buried: Massachusetts.
2059. **Jane** \_\_\_\_\_ #257 b. 1578, Dorchester, Suffolk Co., MA, buried: Massachusetts.
2088. **Gilbert Holcombe** #1609 b. 1565, Hole, Devonshire, England, m. **Anne Courtenay** #1610, b. 1573, Ladock, Cornwall, England, d. 1642. Gilbert died 1600, Pembrokeshire, Wales. 1. Ancestral file, LDS Library
2089. **Anne Courtenay** #1610 b. 1573, Ladock, Cornwall, England, d. 1642. 1. Ancestral file, LDS Library
2090. **Thomas Ferguson** #1611 b. 1584, m. **Elizabeth** \_\_\_\_\_ #1612, b. 1586. 1. Ancestral file, LDS Library
2091. **Elizabeth** \_\_\_\_\_ #1612 b. 1586.
2096. **John Higley** #1585 b. 1599, Frimley, Surrey, England. 1. Ancestral File
2098. **John Brewster** #1586 b. 1590. 1. Ancestral File
2100. **John Drake** #1589 b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1601, Devon, England, m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1619, in Wiscombe, Devon, England, **Elizabeth Rogers** #1590, b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1604, England, d. Oct 7 1681, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT. John died \_\_\_\_\_ 1659, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.
2101. **Elizabeth Rogers** #1590 b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1604, England, d. Oct 7 1681, Windsor, Hartford Co., CT.
2108. **Thomas Bliss** #1615 b. 1580, Devonshire, England, m. 1612/15, in Hartford, Hartford Co., CT, **Margaret Hulins** #1616, b. 1595, Rodborough, England, d. Aug 28 1684, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. Thomas died 1640, Hartford, Hartford Co., CT.
2109. **Margaret Hulins** #1616 b. 1595, Rodborough, England, d. Aug 28 1684, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. 1. Ancestral file, LDS Library
2110. **Samuel Chapin** #1617 b. Oct 8 1598, Paignton, Devonshire, England, m. Feb 9 1623, in Paignton, Devonshire, England, **Cicely Penney** #1618, b. Feb 27 1601, Paignton, Devonshire, England, d. Feb 8 1682, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. Samuel died Nov 11 1675, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. 1. Ancestral file, LDS Library
2111. **Cicely Penney** #1618 b. Feb 27 1601, Paignton, Devonshire, England, d. Feb 8 1682, Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts. 1. Ancestral file, LDS Library

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4096. **Alexander Alford** #247 b. \_\_\_\_ 1509, Whitestaunton, Somerset, Eng., m. **Agnes Alford** #248, b. 1513, Whitestaunton, Somerset, Eng., d. Jul 1578, West Monckton, Somerset, Eng. Alexander died Abt \_\_\_\_ 1576.
4097. **Agnes Alford** #248 b. 1513, Whitestaunton, Somerset, Eng., d. Jul 1578, West Monckton, Somerset, Eng.
4100. **John Hawkins** #252 b. 1535, Ashill, Dorset, England, m. **Elizabeth Elizabeth Hawkins** #253, b. 1540, Ashill, Dorset, England.
4101. **Elizabeth Elizabeth Hawkins** #253 b. 1540, Ashill, Dorset, England.
4200. **William Drake** #1591 b. 1564, m. **Phillippa Dennys** #1592, b. 1566, d. 1655. William died 1592.
4201. **Phillippa Dennys** #1592 b. 1566, d. 1655.

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8192. **John Alford** #249 b. 1475, Whitestaunton, Somerset, Eng., m. \_\_\_\_\_ #1849, b. Abt \_\_\_\_ 1485.
8193. \_\_\_\_\_ #1849 b. Abt \_\_\_\_ 1485.