

THE ALFORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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- [S13] Greenbrier County, W. Va. Court Orders 1780-1850 by Stinson 1988.
- [S14] Virginia Wills and Administrations by Torrence, 1930.
- [S15] Archives of Pioneers of Tazewell County, Virginia, by Yantis, 1973

Virginia Wills [S14], page 6

Alford, John - 1748 Will in Frederick County

Alford, Thomas - 1755 Will in Northampton County

Virginia Wills [S14] page 7

Allford, Richard in Middlesex County - 1714 inventory

Allford, Silvator in Bedford County - 1777 will

Bedford County formed 1758 from Albemarle & Lunenburg

Bedford County, Va., Will Book pages 264-265, the will in the parish of Russel in the County of Bedford.

Date 15 October 1776

To my son William

To daughters: Judith Vest; Lewcy Vest; Mary Mulins & Milicent Broius/Broms/Brows, & Elizabeth Edds.

Executor: William Alford

Witnesses: William Dudley, James Martin, George Willcox, & Armistead Dudley

Proved: 24 Nov 1777 by oaths of William Dudley, James Martin & Armistead Dudley

Frederick County formed 1738/43 from Orange and Augusta

From Jewell Gallaughar, Bartlesville, OK

John Alford lived in Winchester, Frederick County, Va. married

Mary -1714/1717; his will was dated 1784 named the following

children: (1) Thomas b. 1725 (2) William (3) Mary (4) John Jr (5) Priscilla (6) Aquilla

[REM's comment: Note that if John & Mary were married in 1714/1717, then chances the first child was born before 1725; and

Thomas would not be the oldest child.]

Augusta County formed 1738/45 from Orange County

From Augusta County Records [S9]

1755 - List of Robert Brechinridge, Sheriff - John Alford on list [This is probably a tax list] Vol 11 p 417

1774, March 22 - William Alford no inhabitant - Order Bk XV from Vol 1 page 179

1796, Oct 11 - Marriage Bonds John Prior, Widower marries Sally Alford, Widow. John swears that Sally is of age. John Prior and Edmund Wills, surety on marriage bond. Vol II p. 320.

Rockingham County formed 1778 from Augusta County, Virginia

Rockingham County, Va., 1784 Personal Property Tax List - [S1] Michael Rorak List - page 76

John Alford - 9 white souls - no dwelling - 2 other buildings

Capt. Wm. Herrings List - page 77

John Alford - 10 white souls - 1 dwelling

Rockingham County, Va, 1787 Personal Property Tax List B - [S5] Dist of Ralph Loftus, Comm. - p.652

Name	taxpayer	Whites (21+)	Whites (16/20)	Blacks (16+)	Blacks (16-)	Horses
William Alford	self	0	0	0	6	9
John Alford	self	2	0	0	4	4
John Alford	self	0	0	0	3	7

Military Vouchers in Rockingham County, Va in 1788 [S3] pages 98 & following. All 16 years or older.

Vouchers of Capt George Huston's Company

John Alford, son Benjamin - 3 horses

John Alford, Jr.

Rockingham County, Va, 1789, Landowners - Ralph Loftus Commissioner, [S3] page 42

District #4 - John Alford - 180 Acres

Rockingham County, Va., A list of Muster Fines assessed in the 58th Regiment of the Militia 1816 - [S3] p. 137

Return of Capt Samuel Lynn

John Alford missed three musters - fined.

Rockingham County, Va., Marriages [S3] page 7 to 41

Abraham Fund & Sarah Allford - Oct 15, 1798

John Alford & Margaret Alford - Oct 10, 1799

James Philips & Nancy Alford - Oct 1824

Jacob Shaver & Sarah Alford - Apr 1825

Botetourt County formed 1769 from Augusta County, Virginia

Botetourt County Marriages [S7]

1793 Oct 13 Thomas Alford and Phebe Cummings, d/o Robert Cummings

1797 Sept 29 Thomas Alford and Betsy Miller. James Miller  
surety.

1802 Aug 9 Henry Alford & Elinor Milling, d/o James Milling, Sr.  
[REM's note: Could this be Miller; there seems to be quite a few  
Miller-Alford involvement.]

Records of Augusta Co., [S9] Vol III p. 226.

1804 Jan 23 - Will Bk IX p. 380 - Robert Cummins' will - to wife  
Margaret; son, John, to Agnes Miller, to children, Jean, Robert,  
Margaret, Martha; to Phoebe Alford; to grandchildren, Robt Gray  
and Jno Rutherford. Executors ; wife, Margaret and son, John.  
Teste: Jas. Cunningham, Wm Bell. proved 26 Nov. 1804. John  
Cummins refused. Margaret is dead. Administrations granted to  
son John and Daughter, Margaret.

Records of Augusta Co., [S9] Vol III p. 231

O.S. 311; N.S. 111 Cummins vs. Cummins \* \* Amended bill by above  
complaints and Thomas Alford and Phoebe and Isaac Miller and  
Agness. Besides children mentioned in the original bill, Robert  
left a daughter Phoebe, wife of Thomas Alford, and Agness, wife  
of Isaac Miller. \* \*

Records of Augusta Co., [S9] Vol I p 422

May 1811 Fisher v. Alfred - Contract made in 1809 with George  
Alfred as schoolmaster.

Rockingham Co., [S3] p. 325 Sketch of George Alfred, an early  
school teacher in Rockingham County in 1840-1850's. His father  
was probably the Revolutionary War soldier, John Alford. John  
Alford's home was about one mile north of Cross-keys. This is  
the same John Alford whose name appears in Court martial records  
Augusta County.

Greenbrier County formed from Montgomery County, Va., 1777.

Sims Index [S4] page 106

1791 - Allford, Henry - 200 acres Anthony's Creek -Bk 2 p 390

1796 - Alford, John - 86 acres Wolf Creek -Bk 3 p 491

1820 - Alford, Henry - 120 acres waters Meadow R - Bk 6 p 504

Early Court Minutes [S10] Vol I p 112

June 20, 1782 - Ration Allowance - Robert Alford for furnishing  
salt to the state.

Feb 1793 - Abraham Eversole vs. George Alford

June 1, 1798 a deed to George Alford from John Byrnside and  
Elizabeth, his wife was presented and recorded.

1818 Oct 8th a deed in fee to John Alford from Chas. Arbuckle and  
Ester, his wife for 2 tracts, 118 acres of land in Monroe County.

Greenbrier County Court Orders [S13]

1782 June 20 - page 12 Ordered that there be allowed to \* \*  
Robert Alford 7-17-6 for 1 3/4 bu. salt for use of this state.

1790 June 29 - page 101 - Jane Handley one of the witnesses to

the deed of bargain and sale from John Hall to John Alford proved he saw the said Hall sign and acknowledge same and continued for futher proof.

1796 June 28 - page 188 - To the following for old wolf heads at \$6.00 each: Wm. Allen assignee of Thomas Alford.

1797 Feb 8 - page 197 - Swobe vs. Keen - Ordered George Swobe pay Thomas Alford \$2.65 for 5 days attendance as witness for him vs. Keen.

1797 Feb 28 - page 198 John Alford appointed surveyor in place of George Swobe.

1797 June 1 - Page 207 - McCleary v. Wiley. Member of the jury: Thomas Alford.

Same - Jane Alford vs. Henry Miller - suit should be conducted in forma paupois.

1797 June 1 - page 208 - John Alford vs. Henry Miller - in case defendant pleads not guilty. Jury finds defendant guilty and assessed damanges against defendant for plaintiff in sum of \$100 plus court cost and ordered John Alford to pay Henry Dixon, James Alford, Joseph Swobe, and Thomas Alford \$1.59 each for 3 days in attendance as witnesses for him vs. Miller.

#### Greenbrier County personal property tax list

[page 57] 1788 Alford, John 2 Tithables 3 horses  
[page 115] 1792, June 5 - Alford, John Sr.  
" 1792, June 5 - Alford, Thomas

[page 129] 1796 May 18 Joseph Alford 1 tithable 1 horse  
" " 1796 May 19 George Alford 1 tithable 2 horses  
" " 1796 Mar 31 Jean Alford 0 " 1 "  
" " 1796 Mar 31 John Alford 1 " 2 "  
" " 1796 Mar 31 Thomas Alford 1 " 3 "

#### Marriages in Greenbrier County [S10] page 30

1792 Nov 5 - Joseph Alford & Jennie Gwyn  
1793 Feb 14 - Alford, George & Mary Burnside  
1794 Sept 22 - Alford, Polly & John Sallards  
1798 June 23 - Alford, Anne & Charles Keenan

#### Greenbrier Co Court Orders [S13]

1808 Sept 27 - p. 239 - Ordered overseers of poor to bind William Alford, orphan child of Nancy Alford, to William Smithie according to law.

Monroe County formed 1799 from Greenbrier Co., W. Va.

Sims Index to West Virginia Land Grants [S4] p. 514 Grants in Monroe County.

1804 - Alford, Joseph - 47 acres The Sinks Bk 1 p 69  
1809 - Alford, George - 35 acres Big Creek Bk 1 p 188  
1818 - Alford, Henry - 130 acres Wolf Creek Bk 1 p 298  
1818 - Alford, Henry - 67 acres Wolf Creek Bk 1 p 299  
1826 - Alford, John - 155 acres Wolf Creek Bk 1 p 419

1830 - Alford, John - 55 acres Wolf Creek Bk 1 p 445

Greenbrier County 1818 Oct 8, a deed in fee to John Alford from Charles Arbuckle and Esther, his wife for 2 tracts, 118 acres of land in Monroe County. [S13] p. 282

Monroe County Marriages - copied by REM Virginia Historical Library.

1802 Dec 24 - Elizabeth Alford & David Jarret/Jarrot  
1803 May 20 - Sarah Alford & Joseph Ellis  
1804 Jan 27 - Peggy Alford & Jacob Jarrett  
1806 Feb 3 - James Alford & Nancy Hinds d/o Margaret  
1806 July 31 - Jean Alford d/o James & William Hinds  
1806 July 31 - Fromy/Frany Alford & William Wenz/Wentz  
1817 Oct 2 - James Alford & Margaret Carlisle  
1819 Apr 22 - Ann Alford & William Ellis  
1827 Oct 10 - Robert Alford & Sarah Cart  
1828 Oct 30 - Jane Alford & James Maggart  
1828 Nov 6 - Margaret Alford & Harvey Persinger  
1829 Mar 17 - Robert Alford & Mary Johnson  
1830 Jan 6 - Jane Alford & Thomas Cart  
1830 June 2 - Joseph Alford & Catherine Hanly  
1830 Sept 26 - James R. Alford & Tabetha Swope  
1831 Aug 24 - James Alford & Elizabeth Jane Alford  
1835 Mar 25 - Almira Alford & John B. Burwell  
1836 Aug 24 - Mary I Alford & Henry Honaker  
1836 Aug 22 - Sarah Alford & E. B. Miller  
1837 Feb 4 - Thomas Alford & Elizabeth Scott  
1843 May 27 - Ann H. Alford & Garnet C. Brown  
1844 May 18 - Thomas S. Alford & Mary Johnson  
1846 June 4 - Katharine Alford & Thomas Shires  
1848 July 31 - Paulina Alford & Jacob Wills

Monroe County Genealogic & Biographic [S6] page 301 -information in brackets added by REM.

ALFORD - John and wife Jean came from Rockingham during or just after the Revolutionary War. Their children were;

1. Thomas (1771-1853) md Phoebe Cummings [Botetourt Co., Va. 13 Oct, 1793.]
2. John (1773-1753) md Margaret [md Margaret Alford, Rockingham Co., Va 10 Oct 1799.]
3. James [md.Nancy Hinds d/o Margaret 3 Feb 1806 Monroe Co]
4. Margaret [md Jacob Jarrett 27 Jan 1804 Monroe Co.]
5. Sarah md. James Ellis [probably Sarah who married Joseph Ellis in Monroe Co. 20 May 1803.]

Joseph Alford d.c. 1830 had the following children:

1. James (md Margaret Carlisle, Monroe Co., 2 Oct 1817)
2. John
3. Nancy
4. Lois
5. Robert (md Sarah Cart, Monroe Co, 10 Oct 1820)
6. Polly

7. Joseph

West Virginia Soldiers [S10] p. 27

John Boone/Boon born York County, Pa. b. c. 1755; died July 17, 1835. Enlisted 1778 York Co., Pa served upwards of two years. Following his discharge after the defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden on Aug 16, 1781, he fled to Henry County, Va., he remained at the Washington Iron Works for several years, then came to Monroe County (or Greenbrier Co.,) where he made his home. He married Elizabeth Alford by published bans, in Augusta County in 1787/88. Elizabeth Alford Boone/Boon died Feb 15, 1841. Their children were: (1) John (2) Nancy (3) Henry (4) Sally (5) Francis.

Tazewell County formed 1799 from Russell and Wythe

Personal Property Tax List [S15] p. 153

1820, Apr 7 William Alford 1 white male 0 blacks 0 horses

An Annotated Enumeration of Taxpayers 1801-1820 p. 261

William Alford on personal property tax rolls for 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820

Petition of Inhabitants of Wythe County to Form a New County, Nov 31, 1796. [S15] p. 293 Among signers: George Alford & Stephen Alford.

Kanawha County formed 1788 from Greenbrier & Montgomery Counties

Sims Index [S4] page 246

Allford, William etal - 65 acres on Trace Fork - 1852 Bk 2 p 609

Sims Index [S4] p 43 and following:

Name	acres	watercourse	year	(recorded)	
				(bk pg. page	
Alford, Mary	42	Waters of Mud	1836	2	509
Alford, Mary	50	Middle Fork	1838	3	396
Alford, Robert	250	Straight Fork	1838	3	395
Alford, Wm etal heirs	105	Middle Fork	1838	3	397
Alford, Wm etal heirs	130	Middle Fork	1838	3	398
Alford, James	90	Middle Fork	1848	4	185
Alford, John	100	Camp Creek	1849	4	268
Alford, James	75	Middle Fork	1850	4	292
Alford, John	150	Merrit's Creek	1852	5	203
Alford, James	30	Waters of Mud	1857	5	364

1810 Census of Virginia

Name	County	page	Males					Females				
George Alford	- Shenandoah		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Alford	- Wythe	820	2	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0
John Alford	- Monroe	8	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Joseph Alford	- Monroe	8	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0
Nancy Alford	- Rockingham	147	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Thomas Alford	- Monroe	109	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Henry Alfred	- Monroe	13	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0
Margaret Alfred	Lancaster	254	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Nathan Alford	- Lancaster	254	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sameul Alfred	- Lancaster	254	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ely Alfrerd	- Augusta	312	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1
Thomas Olford	- Botetourt	647	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	0

1820 Index to Virginia Census by Feldin, 1976

Alford, James	Monroe	158A
Alford, James	Monroe	158A
Alford, Jean	Monroe	158A
Alford, John	Monroe	157A
Alford, John	Wythe	207
Alford, Peggy	Wythe	207
Alford, Thomes	Monroe	158A
Alford, Thomas	Rockingham	119A
Alford, William	Tazewell	240A
Alfred, (of Jordan)	Nasmond	81
Alfred, Abel	Lancaster	126A
Alfred, Benjamin	Norfolk	113A
Alfred, Charles	Loudoun	154A
Alfred, Eli	Stafford	163A
Alfred, George	Augusta	2
Alfred, George	Cabell	79
Alfred, George	Mason	118A
Alfred, Jabez	Mason	118A
Alfred, John	Lancaster	126A
Alfred, Lucrecia	?	4
Alfred, Nathan	Lancaster	126A
Alfred, Thomas	Bedford	4

Greenbrier Early Court Minutes [S13]

1791 Aug 31 - p. 119 - George Alford on jury.  
 1791 Sept 2 - p. 121 - Robert Young assee of Dennis McSwany assee of George Alford vs. Abraham Eversole for 60 lbs.  
 1791 Dec 1 - p. 123 - George Alford on jury.  
 1793 March 26 - p. 136 - Robert Young assee of Dennis McSwancy assee of George Alford Obligee of Abraham Eversole vs. George Alford in debt.  
 1793 Aug 31 - p. 146 - George Alford on Jury.  
 1794 Mar 20 - p. 149 - Ordered George Alford to pay Dennis McSwancy 265 cents for 5 days attendance as a witness for him at suit of Young.  
 1794 Mar 26 - p. 152 - Robert Young assee of Denis McSweny assee of Geo. Alford obligee of Abm. Eversold Plff. vs. George Alford in debt. Continued until tomorrow  
 1794 Mar 27 - p. 152 Robert Young vs. George Alford in debt. Jury found that debt. does not owe the debt and plff. for his false clamour is to pay costs. Ordered George Alford to pay Edward Barrett 361 cents for 7 days attendance as witnesss for him vs. Young.  
 1798 Oct 31 - p. 231 - George Alford vs. John Cails for 4-14-6 due by note, same.

1818 Nov 24 - p. 283 - Deed from Henry Alford & wife Eleanor to

Thos. Corrough for 100 acres in Monroe County.

1819 Aug 25 - p. 294 - Deed from John Bowman & Henry Alford admitted to record.

1820 Mar 28 - p. 302 - Memorial of deeds from Henry Alford to James & Robert Alford for 235 acres on Muddy Creek mountain admitted to record.

1820 July 25 - p. 312 - Shaffer v. Sydenstrucker. William Wilson, assignee of Henry Alford, defendant.

1821 May 22 - p. 321 - John Aldeson appointed surveyor of road from Greenbrier River to lands of James Jarrett, Jr, Among them is Henry Alford & hands.

1821 Aug 17 - p. 323 - Trial of Henry, a slave, accused of stealing a horse belonging to Henry Alford; found not guilty.