

Guy Alford
1890-1952
His Complete Ahnentafel with AAFA Notes

1. **Guy Alford** #3302 b. Dec 15 1890, Buckhead, Morgan Co., GA, occupation soldier & lawyer, m. Jul 11 1925, **Olive Lee Holliman** #3497, b. Jun 17 1895. Guy died Sep 27 1952.

One can trace some of his career from copies of certificates and other recognition given him:

Guy first enlisted in the Army March 4, 1912 in Buckhead, GA at which time he was listed as a clerk. He enlisted again for WW II Aug 14 1942 at Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, GA. At the time he was listed as a lawyer, 66" high and 163 pounds with two years of college. He enlisted as a private.

Jan 18 1913, appointed corporal, Co. C, Third Infantry Regiment, Madison Barracks, NY; Mar 26 1916, appointed sergeant, Co. C, Third Infantry Regiment, Madison Barracks, NY.

Jan 17 1927, admitted and qualified as Attorney and Counselor, Solicitor, Advocate, and Proctor of Southern U.S. District Court of Georgia.

Mar 28 1947, certified as member of the Newspaper Institute of America.

Undated: President Lyndon Johnson: "The United States of America honors the memory of Guy Alford. This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States."

Parents

2. **Lorenzo Dow "Bud" Alford** #3285 b. Jul 30 1857, Morgan Co., GA, m. Feb 10 1875, **3. Anna Hart** #3301, b. Oct 21 1865, Texas, d. Dec 18 1950, Dublin, Laurens Co., GA, buried: Carter's Chapel Cem. Laurens Co. GA. Lorenzo died Jan 4 1946, Ludowici, Long Co., GA, buried: Carter's Chapel Cem. Laurens Co. GA.

Grand Parents

4. **William Benjamin Alford** #3271 b. Apr 1825, Morgan Co., GA, m. Jan 25 1849, in Morgan Co., GA, **5. Susan Bryant** #3280, b. about 1826, Warren Co., GA, d. Oct 12 1906, Laurens Co., GA, buried: Bethsadia, near Dublin, Laurens Co. GA. William died Oct 12 1906, Emanuel Co., GA, buried: Bethsadia, near Dublin, Laurens Co. GA.
6. **John S. Hart** #3465 m. **7. Martha Jane Leverett** #3466.

Great Grand Parents

8. **William Alford** #3267 b. about 1794, North Carolina, occupation farmer, m. (1) Nov 7 1812, in Franklin Co., NC, **9. Mary Ann Mason Gay** #3268, m. (2) Jan 3 1830, in Putnam Co., GA, Jane Avery Kinman #3272, m. (3) Mar 4 1842, in Putnam Co., GA, Rebecca Vining Thornton #3277. William died Mar 17 1883, Putnam or Morgan Co., GA.

We have a lot of "facts" about William Alford but none of them prove a connection here. There is a bit of conflicting data so we will lay out what we have here and hope someone can help unravel things.

[There was another William Alford and son William Alford in and around Hancock County, GA and they must not be confused with these. That was another well identified and documented family.]

Ole Kinchen Alford's will and the letter written by his son Kinchen in Georgia proves that Kinchen had a son named William who went to Georgia. Indications are he was in the Morgan-Putnam counties area. There is supposed to be a family Bible which the compiler has never seen which states that William was born 1789 in Wake County, North Carolina. The date would fit without any problem but Kinchen was in Franklin County, NC. However, the proximity of Alford's along the boundary between Wake and Franklin Counties was such that one cannot use one county or the other as an argument against a connection. The Bible supposedly goes on to say that William married Mary Mason. So far we have seen nothing else to support the marriage or person.

A published list of Franklin County, NC marriages shows that Williams Alford married Mason Gay November 7, 1812 with Bannister Pipen bondsman and G. Hill, Jr. as witness. So far we have not found a William/Williams Alford in this area in 1820-30.

William Allford appears in the 1820 census of Putnam County, Georgia. He and his wife were born between 1775 and 1794. They had two daughters and a son all under age ten.

In 1830 there was no William Alford in Putnam County but in adjoining Morgan County there was such a family. He and his wife were born between 1790 and 1800. There was a son and daughter under 5, 2 sons and a daughter age 5 - 10 and 3 sons and a daughter ages 10-15.

That may have been a new wife in 1830 because there is a reported marriage in Putnam County between William Alford and Jane Kinnon- January 3, 1830.

The 1840 census of Morgan County shows William without a wife. The only female was under age 5. William was born between 1780 and 1790. He also had 2 sons under age 5 and 1 son age 5-10.

There was another William Alford marriage in Putnam County. March 4, 1842 William married a Rebecca Vining Thornton. He must have needed someone to take care of those babies.

We have not been able to find William in the 1850 census. Did he go back to North Carolina to visit his father?

Was Rebecca deceased by the 1850 census?

In 1860 William Alford, born in North Carolina and age 66 (= born ca 1794) is enumerated in Putnam County. Living with him is his son Green Alford, his wife M.A. [Martha Ann Arnett] and William's son Henry age 22.

The family Bible says that William died in 1882.

His will is at www.alfordassociation.org/will_william_ga.html

Notice that the will showed in the very beginning to be in Morgan County, but William state he was of Putnam County - further evidence that we should be careful about putting too much emphasis on one county or the other.

Note that his will's mention of stepdaughter Mary Ann Thornton pretty well proves the marriage to Rebecca V. Thornton.

Guy Alford commented: "On the day I copied this will, I did not have time to study the probate proceedings or jot down more data. In glancing at other parts of the record, however, I observed that the nominated executors, the three sons of the testator, declined to qualify. That a man named Marshall was named, by the court and by areeement of the parties, apparently, to adminster the estate.

Where was he buried? What inscriptions are on his tombstone?

Who are the others buried in the cemetery and what's their stones say?

Great Great Grand Parents

16. **Kinchen Alford** #3356 b. 1768, Bute Co., NC, m. May 16 1789, in Franklin Co., NC, **17. Linda Williams** #3357. Kinchen died after 1850, Franklin Co., NC.

He was identified as a child of Lodwick in Lodwick's 1792 will. His age is based on the 1850 Franklin County, NC census.

According to Annette A. Castro, AAFA #0229, there was also a daughter Polly who married a Boswell.

Copies of his will are available but the date of death is not known. The will and codicil are at www.alfordassociation.org/will_kinchen_nc.html

The following is the compilers transcript of another related document.

This Indenture made this Twenty Third of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four between KINCHEN ALFORD of the County of Franklin and State of North Carolina of the one part and SIMON ALFORD his son of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that I the said KINCHEN ALFORD for divers good causes _____ moving me, but more Especially for the natural Love and tender affection that I have to my son SIMON, I the said KINCHEN ALFORD doth hereby give grant Convey and Confirm unto him the said SIMON ALFORD to him and his heirs and assigned forever one certain tract or parcel of Land Lying in the County and State aforesaid and on the beaver dam branch and bounded as follows beginning at a poplar which is Jones and Thorps Corner & running North to Thorps corner & then running East Thorps Line and then south to Bunns Line containing one hundred acres be the same more or less.

The same to contain be the same more or less together with all the improvements thereunto belonging to enjoy free and clear forever and I the said KINCHEN ALFORD doth hereby warrant and forever defend a good Lawfull Right Title and Interest unto the said land and premisis before mentioned unto him the said SIMON ALFORD to him his heirs and assigns forever against any person or persons whatever holding or claiming any Rights Title or Interest unto the above mentioned land and premises. signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

W. S. Cheves

His Mark - KINCHEN ALFORD his mark Duncan Bunn

State of North Carolina Franklin County I Young Patterson Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid certify that the execution of the foregoing Deed of Gift is proven before me at my office by the oath of William S. Cheves a subscribing witness thereto, therefore let it be Registered this 7th day of October AD 1856. Y. Patterson CCC The foregoing Deed is truly registered this 7th day of October AD 1856. Attest. P Yound PR.

3rd Great Grand Parents

32. **Lodwick Alford** #3085 b. about 1710, New Kent Co., VA, m. (1) Elizabeth _____ #4641, b. Apr 29 1717, New Kent Co., VA, d. May 29 1735, New Kent Co., VA, m. (2) Susanna _____ #3086, b. Sep 25 1718, m. (3) **33. Unknown** #4651. Lodwick died 1800, Franklin Co., NC.

Lodwick's presence as well as that of several of his kin is documented in: National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia, THE PARISH REGISTER OF SAINT PETER'S PARISH, NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1689-1787 (1904; reprint Bowie MD: Heritage Books, 1988)

His birth date is estimated. His birth in VA is assumed.

There has long been a family tradition- reinforced by some DAR records- that Lodwick married a Rebecca Ferrell. Nothing has been found to support this idea. A North Carolina court record lists his wife as Sarah and some believe he married, Sarah the widow of his brother Goodrich. It appears that the daughters of Goodrich were mentioned in Lodwick's will. There is nothing to indicate the mother of any of the children other than William, Elizabeth and Jacob whose births are recorded in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, VA.

There is a will and court records to support the death of a Lodwick in Franklin County at about this time. A copy of the will is available on the website. Select him from the list at www.alfordassociation.org/will.html, or go direct to www.alfordassociation.org/wlod792nc.pdf.

This Lodwick is one of the most controversial ancestors we Alford's have. Look for frequent updates on this one as we can get them coordinated.

Notice that he has several sons who we know nothing about. One or more of them might be the ancestor of some of those proved by DNA to have a common ancestor with these folks.

4th Great Grand Parents

64. **James Alford** #29 b. about 1687, probably New Kent Co., VA, died about 1730, New Kent Co., VA.

Birth and death dates are estimates based on other recorded events in New Kent County, VA in the St. Peter's Parish Register.

PLEASE NOTE: It is not proven that he was the son of John Alford but there is some circumstantial evidence indicating that he is. See comments on the subject in John Alford's record. See Boddie below.

Boddie, Mrs. John Bennett, "Historical Southern Families, Volume XII." () "James Alford, son of John Alford, was probably born about 1685-90, and died in New Kent Co. between 1721 (his last appearance in the records of St. Peter's Parish, p. 180, and 1735, when his sons Lodwick, Julius and Goodrich are shown as tithables, but he was not mentioned (St. Peter's P.R., p. 246). His wife's name is unknown, but St. Peter's Parish Register shows that he had the following children." [As listed in this family record. It is pretty obvious here that they really don't know when or where James was born or died.] There are some who believe that he went to North Carolina with sons Lodwick and Julius.

WHAT IS NOT! ===== Northen, William J., Ed (Ex-Governor of Georgia), "Men of Mark in Georgia." (Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, 1974) This "source" contains sketches on Drewry Cade Alford, Columbus Augustus Alford, and Julius C. Alford. "The three immigrants were: William, born in London in 1608, who, with his two brothers, Benedictus and Alexander, came to Boston. William had a son Benjamin, born in 1650; Benjamin a son James, born in 1691; James had a son James William Zion Alford, born about 1730. It is not certain whether he was born in Boston or in North Carolina, for his father moved to North Carolina about that time." END OF WHAT IS NOT *****

We have enough information on the New England families to know that there were TWO "Alford" brothers, Benedictus (Benedict) and Alexander (Alvord) who came to Boston with their sister. We know about William, Benjamin and James, but William was probably not a brother and that James was not the same James as the progenitor of the southern Alfords. Bernard Suttler, who wrote the articles, apparently had not heard of the Alfords who had been in Virginia since before the brothers arrived in Boston, nor had he heard about the St. Peter's Parish Church records which document James' presence there. For over 25 years we have been looking for any shread of evidence to prove a James William Zion Alford but have not succeeded. There were James Alfords, William Alfords, and Zion or Sion Alfords, but never one person with all three names.

When we became involved in the Alford search in the early 1980's folks were using the 1691 birth of the New England James Alford for the James Alford of Virginia. Note that Boddie above waffled with "about 1685-90." To eliminate the waffle and move away from the erroneously used 1691 we began using the date of about 1687. There is not anything to prove that.

In various entries of the St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book and Register his presence was mentioned:

September 6, 1710 his account was allowed 420 pounds for keeping a Parish child. (pg 143)

November 16 1713 his bill was credited with 350 pounds. (pg 156)

February 7 1713 when son James was born. (pg 354)

August 28 1715 when son Warren was born. (pg 354)

September 1717 when son Julius was born. (pg 449)

September 29, 1718 as surveyor of ye highways. (pg 168)

September 29 1721 allowed 76 1/2 pounds for an Overlist. (pg 180)

5th Great Grand Parents

128. **John Alford** #4656 b. about 1645, probably Virginia, died Mar 14 1710, New Kent Co., VA.

The late Tressie Bowman, publisher of the ALFORD FAMILY BULLETIN in a family group record provided to AAFA used the St. Peter's Parish Register and Boddie to compile a family as is shown in this record. Although the church record does prove a John Alford had the children listed there is nothing to prove it was the John who died in 1710.

Please note that there is no proof that James was the son of John. There are some who make a William Alford the father of James. It is true that there was a William Alford in the area at the same time who had about equal circumstances as James. We lean to John but you can take your pick.

There are important notes at the records of most of the children. Please don't draw any conclusions about them without first reviewing those records.

John's date of birth is nothing more than a guess- as is his place of birth. See also Boddie, John HISTORICAL SOUTHERN FAMILIES, Vol XII, page 57-58.

His death was reported in The Parish Register of Saint Peter's New Kent County, Virginia 1680-1787 published by The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the state of Virginia, 1904, Richmond. Reprinted by Heritage Books, 1988

The Colonial Dames has accepted John Alford as a supplemental ancestor of one of our AAFA members.

The following is a summary of the John Alford entries in the St. Peter's Parish Vestry book (V) and Register (R). Obviously covers at least two John Alford's.

8th day of a month not identified in 1686 allowed John Alferd for nursing a bastard Child until December 17 next 1000 pounds. (Vpg 7)

October 5, 1687 allowed Mr. John Alford for nursing a bastard Child 1000 pounds. (Vpg 11)

October 5, 1687 in a separate entry "It is ordererd that Mr Jno Allford now haveing a bastart Child in keeping and having Recd two thousand [pounds?] tobb and Ck doth now discharte ye Parish from ye sam [] and is Likewise ordered by this vestry to keep the Sd Child to serve according to Law and to discharge the Parish from ye same." (Vpg 13)

October 3, 1698 "Mr John Alford aploying him selfe to this vestry for help to Cleer the Roades in his prescits is ordered all the tithables which formerly belonged to David Clarkson and with in his preseits." (Vpg 62)

March 4 1702 "whereas Mr John Alford and Mr. will major mad[] Complaint to this vestry that they have never had their Lands possesioned according to Law the orders being Lodged in the hands of Coll John Lightfoot who never put the Same in Execution Therefore ordered that John wilson, John Lightfoot Esq Mr. will major mr John Alford Dan Parke Esq and william millington forth with goe

on prosessioning and rea marke Each others bounds and make returne of this order to the next vestrey." (Vpg 82,83)

Sometime in May 1708 - William Hodkison servant of Mr. John Alfrods deceased. (Vpg 432 and Rpg 61).

March 14 1710 John Alford Senr Departed this Life. (Rpg 53)

August 4 1717 Frances Daughter of John Alford born. (Vpg 449 repeats Vpg 450 and Rpg 78 repeats Rpg 74)

November 18 1717 (two entries) (Vpg 164) Allowed John Alford for Mary Design &. 300 pounds.
Allowed John Alford for Carrying away Rebb Barber 600 pounds.

June 22 1719 Cuffee A Negro of John Alford born. (Vpg 450 and Rpg 74)

July 1 1719 Elizabeth Daughter of John Alford born. (Vpg 450 and Rpg 74)

June 21 1721 Lucy a negro belonging to John Alford born. (Vpg 450 and Rpg 74)

August 21 1723 Isaac Alford Son of John Alford departed this life. (Vpg 420 and Rpg 53)

January 1726 Jenny a negro girl of John Alford born. (Vpg 451 and Rpg 75)

May 2 1726 John Alford Dyed. (Vpg 420 and Rpg 54)

John's wife is unknown. The following are excerpts from C.G. Chamberlayne's "The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent and James City Counties, Virginia, 1706-1786. (Richmond, VA: Virginia State Library and Archives, 1937 reprint 1989)

Pages 155-156. At a Vestry held for St. Peters Parish at the Dwelling House of James Taylor, November ye 16th 1713. To Mrs. Alford for Keeping Mary Design & her child 4 Mon 0400 pounds tobacco

Pages 158-159. At a Vestry held at ye Gleebe House for St Peters Parish December ye 7th 1714. To Mrs. Alford for Keeping Mary Design & Child etc. 1400 pounds tobacco

Pages 161-162. At a Vestry held at James Taylors Dwelling House for St Peters Parish April ye 27th 1715. Richard Brooker Appeared at this Vestry and Agreed to Keep Mary Design for one year for Three hundred pounds of Tob Provided Mrs Alford Do not Keep her for ye same.

Pages 162-163. At a Vestry held at ye Gleebe-house for St Peters Parish November ye 21st 1715. To Mrs. Alford for Keeping Mary Design 00688 pounds tobacco.