

Descendants of John Alford b. about 1645

Three Generations

This file provides all of what is currently known of the first three generations of John Alford.

1. **John Alford** #4656 b. about 1645, probably Virginia, m. **Wife is Unknown** #4657. John 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 Alfords.

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 having 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 prossesioning 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 beloinging 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)

Wife: 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 Gleeb 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 Gleeb-house for St Peters Parish November ye 21st 1715. To Mrs. Alford for Keeping Mary Design 00688 pounds tobacco.

Children:

- + 2. i **Elizabeth Alford** #4658 b. est 1683.
- + 3. ii **James Alford** #29 b. about 1687.
- 4. iii **William Alford** #4659 b. est 1690, probably Virginia, d. Feb 11 1710, New Kent Co., VA. There is no real basis for this estimated date of birth. The St. Peter's Parish Register gives this date for death of William Alford but it does not specifically identify which William. There was another William, a contemporary of John Alford, Wm's supposed father- it could have been him.
- + 5. iv **Mary Alford** #4660 b. est 1691.
- + 6. v **John Alford** #4661 b. est 1693.

Second Generation

- 2. **Elizabeth Alford** #4658 (1.John¹) b. est 1683, probably Virginia, m. Nov 3 1698, in New Kent Co., VA, **Jacob Winfrey** #4662. Elizabeth died Mar 27 1714. There is nothing that says the Elizabeth who married Winfrey was the daughter of John Alford - particularly this John Alford. Marriage: St. Peter's Parish Register, page 52

Children:

- 7. i **John Winfrey** #4665 b. 1699, New Kent Co., VA.
 - 8. ii **Jane Winfrey** #4666 b. 1701, New Kent Co., VA.
 - 9. iii **Jacob Winfrey** #4667 b. 1704, New Kent Co., VA.
 - 10. iv **Eleanor Winfrey** #4668 b. 1707, New Kent Co., VA.
 - 11. v **Henry Winfrey** #4669 b. 1710, New Kent Co., VA.
- 3. **James Alford** #29 (1.John¹) b. about 1687, probably New Kent Co., VA, m. **Wife is Unknown** #30. James 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)

Children:

- + 12. i **Goodrich Alford** #4653 b. about 1708.
- + 13. ii **Lodwick Alford** #3085 b. about 1710.
- 14. iii **James Alford, Jr.** #4654 b. Feb 7 1713, New Kent Co., VA. Nothing more is mentioned about this James Alford in the New Kent County records. There is a possibility that he was the same James Alford who married a Lucy Bailey (there was also a Lucy Bailey in New Kent County) and later appeared with family in Louisa and Goochland Counties.
- 15. iv **Warren Alford** #4655 b. Aug 28 1715, New Kent Co., VA.
- + 16. v **Julius Alford** #27 b. Sep 1717.

5. **Mary Alford** #4660 (1.John¹) b. est 1691, New Kent Co., VA, m. Oct 21 1711, in New Kent Co.,

VA, **Robert Wood** #4663.

Children:

17. i **Abel Wood** #4664 b. May 27 1712.

6. **John Alford** #4661 (1.John¹) b. est 1693, New Kent Co., VA, m. **Grace** _____ #4670. John died May 2 1726, New Kent Co., VA. See the list of "John Events" in the record of his supposed father.

The St. Peter's Parish Register proves that John was married to Grace and his death date. It shows that they had children: Frances, Isaac, Elizabeth, Unity and Charity. It also shows that Grace later married Michael Harfield. John Alford identified the last three children in his will signed May 1, 1726. At that time John owned nine slaves and they were given to the daughters in the will. In a court case in Halifax County, September 1771, John Bates was seeking a settlement involving the slaves and the will was introduced as evidence. The court case goes on to say "We find that a certain John Bates intermarried with Elizabeth Alford a legatee therein named . . ."

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. Page 54.

Grace: Entries about Grace in the St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book and/or Parish Register.

Dec 16 1724 3:00 a.m. Unity Daughter of _____ Alford & Grace born. (Rpg 74 and Vpg 451) (John's will proved he was the father of Unity) Dec 16 1724 noon Charity Daw _____ born (Rpg 74 and Vpg 451) (The register does not make it clear that they are twins but it seems obvious. John's will proves her as a daughter.)

May 15 1726 Tom a negro belonging to Grace Alford Dyed. (Rpg 54 and Vpg 420)

February 14 1727 After John Alford's death Grace married Michael Harfield (Rpg 48 and Vpg 413)

Jul 26 1727 as Grace Harfield gave birth to Frances (Vpg 467)

July 8 1734 as Grace Harfield gave birth to David- son of Michael (Rpg 113 and Vpg 517).

Children:

18. i **Frances Alford** #4671 b. Oct 4 1717, New Kent Co., VA, d. Apr 27 1726, New Kent Co., VA.
19. ii **Isaac Alford** #4672 b. Est 1718, New Kent Co., VA, d. Aug 21 1723, New Kent Co., VA.
- + 20. iii **Elizabeth Alford** #4673 b. Jul 1 1719.
21. iv **Unity Alford** #4674 b. Dec 16 1724, New Kent Co., VA.
22. v **Charity Alford** #4675 b. Dec 16 1724, New Kent Co., VA. Was she the Charity who married George Porter and had son William born Dec 2, 1760?

Third Generation

12. **Goodrich Alford** #4653 (3.James², 1.John¹) b. about 1708, New Kent Co., VA, m. **Sarah** _____ #4676. Goodrich died 1753, Edgecombe Co., NC.

Children:

- 23. i **Sarah Alford** #4677 b. 1733, New Kent Co., VA.
 - 24. ii **Lucy Alford** #4678 b. Feb 25 1738, New Kent Co., VA.
 - 25. iii **Susannah Alford** #4679 b. Oct 5 1739.
13. **Lodwick Alford** #3085 (3.James², 1.John¹) 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) **Unknown** #4651. Lodwick died 1800, Franklin Co., NC.

His birth date is estimated. His presence is proved by several entries in the St. Peter's Parish Register, New Kent County, VA. 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

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

Elizabeth:

There are some in the family who believe Elizabeth was a Cade. If that proves to be the case then her parents were Robert Cade and Susanna Crump. The records do prove that such a person was available for the marriage and from all indications the Alfords and Cades were very close. See also the record on Sussana Cade, the younger sister of Elizabeth, and the next supposed wife of Lodwick.

Susanna:

There are some who think Susanna was a Hartley but there is no evidence to support the idea. Others think she was a Cade with Lodwick turning to his late wife, Elizabeth Cade's, sister to help with the raising of young William Alford. See the comments about sister Elizabeth Cade the supposed previous wife of Lodwick.

- Children by Elizabeth _____:*
- 26. i **William Alford** #16653 b. Jul 31 1734, New Kent Co., VA. His birth was recorded in St. Peter's Parish Register.
- Children by Susanna _____:)*
- + 27. ii **Elizabeth Alford** #4652 b. Dec 22 1736.
- + 28. iii **Jacob Alford** #3087 b. Dec 12 1738.
- Children by Unknown:)*
- + 29. iv **James Alford** #4971 b. May 20 1740.
- 30. v **Lodwick Alford** #13417 b. about 1742. It seems a good possibility that this Lodwick Alford is the same Lodwick Alford later known as James Lodwick Alford b. 1749 of Wake County. He is the subject of a separate genealogy. Some records refer to a

Lodwick, Jr.

- + 31. vi **Julius Alford** #5497 b. estimate 1750.
 - + 32. vii **Mary Alford** #7096 b. est 1755.
 - 33. viii **Warren Alford** #7089. He was named as the executor of his father's 1792 will and identified as a son. Tax rolls also prove him as son.
 - 34. ix **Winnie Alford** #7090 m. _____ **Rogers** #7097. Identified as daughter Winnie Rogers in her father's 1792 will.
 - 35. x **Anslem Alford** #7091. Identified as a son in his father's 1792 will.
 - + 36. xi **Susannah Alford** #11816 b. about 1765.
 - 37. xii **Goodrich Alford** #7093. Identified as a son in his father's 1792 will.
 - + 38. xiii **Lemuel Alford** #7092 b. estimate 1766.
 - + 39. xiv **Kinchen Alford** #3356 b. 1768.
16. **Julius Alford** #27 (3.James², 1.John¹) b. Sep 1717, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., VA, occupation farmer, m. **Lucy** _____ #28, d. after 1790, Franklin Co., NC. Julius died 1771, Bute Co., NC.

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, 1680-1787* (1904; reprint, Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1988) See it online at http://www.rootsweb.com/~vanewken/stpete_toc.html

His will was written July 14, 1768 and proved in the November 1771 session of the Bute County Court. The will was published in *AAFA ACTION*, Winter 1994 p. 30. See also www.alfordassociation.org/will.html.

In his will Julius makes his brother Lodwick Alford, and his son James, the executors of his will.

Children are listed as they appear in the will except the females were last. Their birth dates are estimates.

Lucy:

Lucy was enumerated in the 1790 census of Franklin Co. NC at which time her household included 2 males under 16 and 4 females. That would make these males born after 1774. Since Julius died 1771 where did these males come from. Who were these males who are not listed in this family record? Were wrong ages given for the 1790 census? Were there young sons who were not listed in the will?

In her early family group records the late Mrs. Lewis O.(Tressie) Bowman listed Lucy's maiden name as (Newton) but we were advised later that there was no basis for that.

Children:

- + 40. i **John Alford** #5167 b. estimate 1747.
- + 41. ii **Isaac Alford** #5168 b. about 1748.
- + 42. iii **Goodrich Alford** #5169 b. about 1750.
- 43. iv **Polly Alford** #5170 b. estimate 1753, North Carolina.
- 44. v **Sarah Alford** #5171 b. estimate 1756, North Carolina.
- + 45. vi **Jacob Alford** #25 b. Aug 15 1761.
- + 46. vii **Job Alford** #5172 b. about 1763.

20. **Elizabeth Alford** #4673 (6.John², 1.John¹) b. Jul 1 1719, New Kent Co., VA, m. **John Bates, IV** #12402, b. 1717, York Co., VA, (son of John Bates, III #13492 and Susannah Fleming #13493) d. 1765, Halifax Co., VA. Elizabeth died 1757. See comments on the record of her father concerning the court case and his will. 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, P 74

John: Most of the data on this family and it's members came from a Bates web site.

<http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Union/6293/>

Children:

- 47. i **Susanna Bates** #13495 b. about 1720, m. **John Fuqua** #13502.
- + 48. ii **John Bates, V** #13494 b. 1736.
- 49. iii **Ursula Bates** #13496 m. about 1738, in Goochland Co., VA, **John Wall** #13503.
- 50. iv **Elizabeth Bates** #13497 b. Halifax Co., VA, m. Dec 12 1762, in Halifax Co., VA, **Charles Wall** #13504, occupation Captain.
- 51. v **Anne Bates** #13498 b. Halifax Co., VA, m. Jul 7 1769, in Halifax Co., VA, **John Greenwood** #13506.
- 52. vi **Hanna Bates** #13499 m. **Samuel Fuqua** #13505.
- 53. vii **Joseph Bates** #13500.
- 54. viii **Unity Bates** #13507 b. 1754, Virginia, m. **William Carter** #13508, b. about 1759, Virginia, d. 1848, Kentucky. Unity died 1824, Kentucky. This data comes from descendant Lena (Mrs. Claude) Jenkins [CMJ]