

## North Carolina Research

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### Wilkes County Deed Book (1782-1797)

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Dec 1787

Between Elizabeth Denman and William Alford; 250 pounds for 300 acres, north side of Yadkin River being Col. Isaac's corner and Moses Denman's Corner; Same conveyed to Elizabeth Denman by deed from Wm Wall.

#44, Dec. 1787

Between Elizabeth Denman and William Alford, 50 pounds for 100 acres, north side of Yadkin River to Elijah Isaac's line.

**Signed:** Elizabeth Denman

**Witnesses:**

George Hulme

Daniel Eggers

Thomas Alford (?)

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November 1791

Between William Alford, Stokes Co, N.C. and Benjamin Jones; 100 pounds for 100 acres north side of Yadkin Rivers, Wellborn's other survey to Elijah Isaac's line;

**Signed:** William Alford

**Witnesses:**

William Lenoir

Eliz (X) Alford (?)

#208

November 1791

Between **William Alford** of Stokes County, N.C. and Benjamin Jones; 300 pounds for 300 acres on north side of Yadkin River to William Lenoir's Corner, formerly Moses Denman's Corner;

**Signed:** William Alford

**Witnesses:**

William Lenoir

Elizabeth (X) Alford (?)

Marget (X) Alford (his daughter)

## **Stokes County, North Carolina Record of Deeds Vol. I (1787 – 1793)**

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11 September 1792

Between George Hauser and William Alford; 114 pounds for 165 Acres on Gentry's Branch of Muddy Creek; Signed: George Hauser

### **Witnesses:**

Abraham Steiner

Laughlin (X) Flin

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Wilkes County is on or near the Virginia line so they might have come down from Wayne County. Do you think the Thomas Alford and Elizabeth Alford, who witnessed some of these deeds, could have been the parents of William Alford?

## **Stokes County, North Carolina Will Abstracts Vol. I & II 1790 – 1816**

Page 55 Will of William Alford, dated 10 December 1809

Wife: Mary (Warren) Alford – all land during her widowhood.

Children: William, Joseph, Andrew, John, Ann, Mary, Esther and Sarah.

Estate to be equally divided between the above mentioned children.

Daughter: Margaret Krause to have 10 shillings and no more.

Signed: William Alford

### **Executors:**

Wife, Mary and

sons Andrew and John

William Alford was born 1751, and died 8 November 1811.

Mary Warren Alford was born 1747, and died 2 August 1812.

Both William and Mary Alford, and apparently their son, Robert Alford who was born 4 April 1771, and died 1787; are buried in the old cemetery of Shiloh Evangelical Lutheran Church on Muddy Creek (now Lewisville, North Carolina). This may also have once been known as Sponhauers Community.

I am of the opinion that the Alfords were probably not members of Shiloh Lutheran as I do not find any records of membership (baptisms, etc – nor even their burials) in the old Shiloh Church Records. At that time there were no Episcopal churches in the area – only this Lutheran Church, some Moravian Churches and some Church of Christ. Apparently

this church was near them as both the church and their property were on Muddy Creek. They probably attended this church and used it's pastor for burials and maybe marriages and were allowed to be buried in their grave yard. Their graves with stones are still readable on them today.

Lewisville, North Carolina is near Clemmons, (west of Winston-Salem) in Forsythe County. In the time of these Alfords they lived between the Moravian communities of Bethabara and Hope. Hope was the English speaking community and church for the Moravians who came down from Maryland. I still believe these Alford might have come to the area with a large influx of English and German people from Maryland to the Wachau Tract owned by the Moravians. Wiley's English Harper family were also amongst this group (Read Records of the Moravians – Fries).