THE ALFORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

SOURCE LIST:
[S1] Virginia Census - 1790, Records of State Enumerations: 1782 to 1785, published by U.S. Census Bureau, 1908.
[S2] Virginia Tax Payers, 1782 to 1787 by Fothergill & Naugle, 1940.
[S3] Virginia Valley Records by John W. Wayland, 1930.
[S4] Sims Index to Land Grants in West Virginia, 1952
[S5] The 1787 Census of Virginia by Yantis & Love, 1987
[S8] Virginia 1810 Census Index by Jackson, 1978
[S9] Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia by Chalkley, 1912
[S12] Greenbrier County, West Virginia, Records by Shuck, 1988
[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
Alford, Richard in Middlesex County - 1714 inventory
Alford, Silvator in Bedford County - 1777 will

Bedford County formed 1758 from Albemarle & Lunenbergh
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 Gallaugher, 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

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

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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 Malitia 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 Funk & 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.]
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.
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
further 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 damages 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
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 - Promy/Prony 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:
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

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1820 Index to Virginia Census by Feldin, 1976

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Alfred, Jabez Mason 118A
Alfred, John Lancaster 126A
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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 Aug 31 - p. 146 - George Alford on Jury.
1794 Mar 20 - p. 149 - Ordered George Alford to pay Dennis McSwany 265 cents for 5 days attendance as a witness for him at suit of Young.
1794 Mar 27 - p. 152 Robert Young vs. George Alford in debt. Jury found that deft. 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 witness 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.
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.