

"No. 202. Deed by which Isabella who was the wife of William Fitz Adam of Cherleton, etc. (quit-claim), (this is a very long charter.)

His testibus:

Domino Andria Wake,
 Domino W. de Doneheved,
 Domino Humfrido le Kael,
 Domino W. de Loueny Majisto,
 Thomas de Aldetheford, —
 W. Fauerole,
 R. Bissop,
 W. de Combe,
 Radulfo Huscarl." (Somerset Rec. Soc., Vol. 8.)

In 1292, 20 Edward I, certain lands at Barrington and Chillington, Co. Somerset, were held "by the service of finding a man on foot to serve at the Castle of Aldford, Cheshire, in the time of war." (Canon J. G. Alford.)

In 1327-8, Edward I, the names of Thomas Alford and John Alford appear under the parish of Henstridge, Co. Somerset. (Subsidy Rolls.)

In 1335-6, 9 Edward III, John Alford of Williton, Co. Somerset, clerk, made a grant of a tenement at Williton. (Hist. M. S. Com., Vol. XVI, p. 74.)

In 1484 there died an Allford, Vicar of Cannington, near Bridgewater. "There was an inscription in Brass under the Altar steps" to his memory, in which he was called "a Benefactor." (Collinson's Somerset.)

In 1520, Thomas Alford, patron of Pilton; in 1523, Henri Alford and George Alford, both of the Hundred of Whitely; in 1524-5, John Alforde of Ile Abbots and John Alford of Bickenhall, all in the County of Somerset, are mentioned.

The foregoing is sufficient to show the antiquity of the family and that it was early established in Co. Somerset, which will be shown to be the locality from which the progenitors of the Alvord and Alford families in America came, i. e., the descendants of Alexander and Benedict Alford. No evidence exists which shows whether any of these early names are in direct line of the American families.

"The Alfords of Somerset were landowners in the county, as is still the case, and two members of the family were county magistrates—the family being one of evidently good position in the county for the last three hundred years.—but they became known chiefly as a clerical family. A veritable