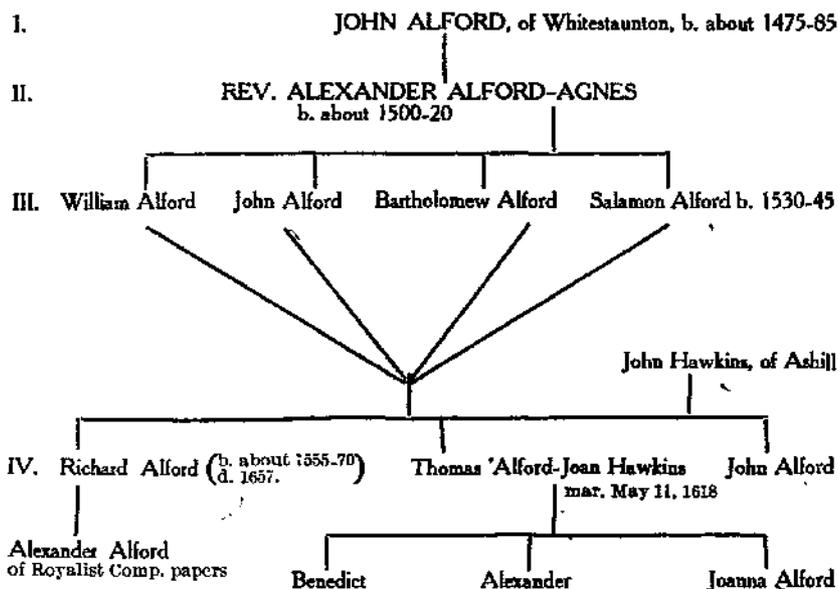


The conclusion then, briefly stated, is that Benedict, Alexander and Joanna Alford were brothers and sister and that they came to America probably as minors and perhaps as orphans about the years 1636-40. They were the children of Thomas Alford of Whitestaunton parish, Co. Somerset, Eng., where Joanna was baptised Dec. 8, 1622. No record of Benedict's birth or baptism has been discovered. Alexander was baptised probably at Bridport, Eng., Oct. 15, 1627. The mother of these children is presumed to be Joanna Hawkins, who married Thomas Alvord at Ashill, Co. Somerset, May 11, 1618. Thomas Alford's parentage is unknown, but he is possibly a grandson of Rev. Alexander Alford of Whitestaunton and a son of Salaman, William, John or Bartholomew Alford, who were the sons of the Rev. Alexander Alford.

C. A. Hoppin, Jr., expert in English genealogical research, presents the following table, showing the probable ancestry of Benedict, Alexander and Joanna Alford:



WILLS OF REV. ALEXANDER ALFORD AND HIS WIDOW, AGNES.

"Westmounckton Test:

"Alexandri Alford. In the name of God Amen The XXth day of Decembre in the yeare of or Lorde God 1576, I, Allexander Alforde of the pishe of Whitestanton in the countie of Somst clerke beinge whole and pfecte of