

We find upon the early records of the County of Essex, Mass., that there was an Abraham Alved.

"Gent men & honest friends pray be pleased to paye unto my frend Edward Joanes the severall sums of Suger which you owe me which each Gentleman's sume is heare under neath mentioned & directed to you & every of you severally for ye each p ticular sum or sums, taking the said Joanes his receipt for any sune you for my acct. & in for soe doeing you will oblige him

Yo-rs to serve you to his power

ABRAHAM ALVED.

To Coll Timothy Cornhill y	45 74
To ditto for one tunn of cask	3 60
To Thomas Hart for	1 55
To Elizabeth Smale	1 74 for acct of Thomas Webb
To Mr. John Bawden	15 74 bill
To Mr. John Cates (or Gates)	2 25 bill
To John Seddon for	10 00 bill paid by acct
To William Bragg for 2 Barrells of tar	6 00 bill

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A copy of this Acco-t or order I have received of Mr. Abram Alveds and am to be accountable to him or order; for what I shall receive of it.

Witness my hand this 25 January 1666-7.

EDWARD JOANES."

We also find a Benjamin Alford upon the records of the County of Essex at Salem:

"Benjamin Alford, Whereas there was an obligation und-r ye hands of John Ruck, Bartholomew Gedny, John Price, John Higginson & Hilliard Veren bearing date No. 26, 1674 for three hundred forty eight pounds starl. payably to John ffoott or assigns, the saith ffoott sending over power to me whose name is under written for receiving of ye same I doe by these presents acknowledge to have received of ye above named p sons ye full sum of three hundred forty eight pounds in merchantable fish in tyme as was expressed in said bond & do acquit & discharge ye said persons above named from al or any pt of said sum haveing received full satisfaction, as witness my hand dated Aug. 9, 1675."

BENJAMIN ALFORD"

(Reg. Deeds, Vol. 4:98.)

"John ffoot of Bristol merchant now in London late resident in Boston N. E. constitutes Benjamin Alford of Boston aforesaid Merchant his true and lawfull Attorney. May 10, 1675. ((Vol. 4:120.)

There are two documents upon Court files where Benjamin Alford, Oct. 31, 1676, as an attorney of John Sweeting of London, gave his deposition with regard to the payment of a bill to John Shepherd, master of the "Thomas and Mary."

Benjamin Alford was a merchant of Boston, and was a member of