

appearing together as witnesses to deeds. All of which shows a close intimacy between the two families, more than would be looked for between mere friends. It is also a curious, interesting and most important fact that each of the three, independent of the others, shows evidence of connection with the parish of Whitestaunton or vicinity, Co. Somerset, Eng., for Benedict in 1639 witnessed a deed in Broadway parish (four and a half miles from Whitestaunton). Alexander bore a Christian name which appears in several generations of Alford's at Whitestaunton, and Joanna's baptism is recorded as occurring at Whitestaunton.

The intimate relationship of the family with Co. Somerset, Whitestaunton vicinity, is shown from the following deed:

"Sept. 3, 1640, Record of the deed shewed in Court betwixt Richard Standerwick and Nicholas Nurton.

Know all men by these presents that I, Richard Standerwick of Broadway County of Somerset, Old England Clothyer, for and in consideration of the sum of twelve pounds lawful money of England, paid unto me by Nicholas Nurton of Waymouth, in New England, have granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do freely grant, bargain, and sell, unto the said Nicholas Nurton, all the cattle whether cows, steers or calves, whatsoever I have with Mr. Hall in New England.

"In witness whereof I the said Richard Standerwick have hereunto set my hand and seal the 20th day of Feb. in the year 1639.

Richard
Standerwick.

His Seal.

Scaled in the presence of
John Hawkins,
Peter Pinny,
John Dwelly X sign,
Benedict Alford X sign,
John Purchase."

"Benedict Alford and John Purchase two of these witnesses have taken the oath before me Thomas Dudley, Governor of Mass. that they saw Richard Standerwick above named seal and deliver this bill to the use of the above named Nicholas Nurton and subscribed their names or marks as witnesses thereof.

"Their oaths were taken the 25th day of August, 1640.

Before me, THOMAS DUDLEY, Governor."

Of these names, Richard Standerwick is found upon a tomb in the Parish Churchyard of Broadway, Co. of Somerset, England, with the date of his death. The family was for many generations of this parish and there are many other Standerwick tombs in this church. The present head of the family John William Standerwick