

## Other Settlers of the Alford Name in America

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William Alford came from London, Eng., about the year 1634 and settled in Salem, Mass. He was a member of Skinner's company. His wife, Mary, joined the church in 1636, and had Nathaniel baptized in 1637; Samuel, Feb. 17, 1639; Bethia, June 26, 1642. "He had also Elisha, Mary and Elizabeth." Savage says: "He had favored the party of Wheelwright and, under the name of Mr. Alfoot on the record in 1637, was disarmed by the General Court, and thereupon removed for a season to New Haven, and there had probably two or more of his children born before 1654." He was of Boston, March 4, 1650-1. According to the following deposition he was born about the year 1603:

"The deposition Mr. William Allford, aged 50 years, or thereabouts saith that that he the said William Allford, with Joseph Allsop of New Haven, being att the Monhatoes about 16 daie sence; and descouring with the pr'sent Gou'r of the Monhatoes that some had a hand in the plott concerning the Indians cutting of the English; hee said hee had noe hand in any such plott; but confessed that in case any English should come against him, then hee would strengthen himselfe with the Indians as much as hee could; further the said Gou'r said that if the English would quarrell with him they needed not to do it on the Indian account, but upon the quarrell between the states of England and holland;

"This Testimony next above written was given in upon oath by Mr. William Alford att Stamford, the 9th of May 1653.

before mee Francis Newman"

(Plymouth Col. Rec.)

He returned to Mass., settled in Boston, was a merchant, and by another wife, Ann, had John, born Nov. 29, 1658, who died aged two months. He died Jan., 1677.