

the artillery company in 1671. Savage says that he married Mary, daughter of James Richards, Esq., of Hartford, and had Mary, born Sept. 15, bapt. Oct. 14, 1683; John, bapt. (at third or O. S. church), July 5, 1685; Benjamin, born Oct. 5, bapt. Oct. 10, 1686; Judith, bapt. Sept. 16, 1688; James, born July 19, bapt. July 26, 1691; Sarah, born March 17, bapt. March 18, 1694; Thomas, whose date is not found.

He had been a prisoner in Barbary and after his return was a man of importance in Boston. His will of Feb. 19, 1697, (probated thirteen years after) provides for his children and widow. His widow with his brother-in-law, Benj. Davis, he makes executors.

His eldest son, Hon. Col. John Alford of Charleston, was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1714; was one of the King's Counselors and was distinguished as founder of the Alford Prof. of Nat. Theology at Harvard.

Col. John Alford, in his will, left a large sum for promoting the Gospel among the Indians in North America. (Patent for Plymouth, Vol. 2.)

"Hon. John Alford married Margaret, daughter of Col. Thomas Savage, merchant of Boston, Nov. 12, 1713, and died in Charlestown, Sept., 1761, aged 76, highly respected for his moral worth and left no children."

There was a Henry Alvord, or Alford, very early in New England, according to Plymouth Colony Records.

April 20, 1679, John Alford of Salem, seaman, conveyed his new dwelling house in Salem to Edmond Batter of Salem, merchant. He was in Salem in 1668. Col. Remain Alford of New London died Aug. 12, 1709, aged 63.

There was a John Alford, justice in Dorchester Co., Md., in 1681. John Alvord was a soldier in the Esopus, N. Y., in 1687, (N. Y. Col. Rec.). A few later immigrants, especially in the South, have added to the Alford population.