

of Broadway has sent many interesting items of the family and evinced much interest in this old deed. Peter Pinny belonged to an old and established family in Broadway Parish and the name occurs upon the parish record many times. Some American descendants of Humphrey Pinney erected a brass to that effect in 1891.

It seems impossible to determine whether the above deed was executed in England or America. If in America, Richard Standerwick must have visited this country and returned to England. If executed in England, Benedict Alford, after his service in the Pequot War in 1637, must have returned to England since the date of the deed was 1639. It is a significant fact that the following year he married in Windsor, Conn. Jane Nurton (Newton) and that Nicholas Nurton was the grantee in the conveyance. Whatever theory one may have regarding Benedict Alford's return visit to England, the essential fact remains that he had intimate relations with the parish of Broadway, Co. Somerset, Eng., four and a half miles from Whitestaunton. That Whitestaunton, rather than Broadway, was the original home of the Alfords who settled in Windsor, Conn., is evidenced by the fact that it had been inhabited by Alford families certainly for a hundred years previous to the settlement at Windsor, Conn., while no Alfords are known to have lived in Broadway. The strongest proof that Whitestaunton was the original home rests in the fact that there is a record of the baptism of Joanna Alford there: "8 Dec. 1622, Joanna Alford daughter of Thomas Alford of Whitestaunton parish, was baptised." The Whitestaunton parish register previous to 1692 is lost and the record of this baptism is found in the bishop's transcript at Wells. The baptisms of Benedict and Alexander Alford do not appear in the transcript, which is incomplete and fragmentary. It has, however, the record of the baptism of "Johannes, son of Thomas Alford, 9th of Oct. 1608." That the above Joanna Alford is the same that is later found in Windsor, Conn. is not worthy of doubt, for she married in Windsor, Ambrose Fowler, May 6, 1646, which would make her age twenty-four, a most probable marriage age.

Since the father of Joanna Alford was Thomas, it follows that he was the father of Benedict and Alexander also. No birth or baptismal record of Benedict exists in the parishes of Whitestaunton vicinity, but at Bridport, about fifteen miles from Whitestaunton, the parish register contains the following: "1627 Oct. 15th, Alex-