

Mrs. Alvord was considered a lady of dignity.

"Abigail Alvord, wife to John Alvord of Northampton, being presented by the Grand Jury, to this Court, for wearing silk contrary to law & it being found the witnesses were sometimes mistaken, she was dismissed." Court Rec. March 27, 1676.)

There were twenty-two others brought into court at the same time. They were charged with "wearing silk in a flaunting manner, wearing long hair and other extravagances contrary to honest and sober order and demeanor not becoming a wilderness state, at least the profession of Christianity and religion."

She conveyed her property to her nephew Joseph Alvord.

Abstract of an original deed, now in the possession of a descendant of Joseph Alvord:

"Abigail Alvord relict of John Alvord dec. of own free will, as also upon the account of ye love and affection I have unto my kingsman Joseph Alvord, son unto Ebenezer Alvord as alsoe for and upon ye Consideration of my sd kingsman Joseph Alvord taking care of mee and my estate during my natural Life; therefore I ye sd Abigail Alvord having by my sd husband John Alvord's *last will* all his estate of all sorts both Real & Personal; now upon ye Considerations aforesaid of ye sd Abigail Alvord; doe for myself &c. give unto my sd kingsman all ye whole of my sd both Real & Personal, descending or given to me by said *husbands will*, or belonging to mee, or descending to me, by any other ways or means.

"Provided this conveyance is to be understood with this limitation, that it is not to take effect till after my decease; only my sd kingsman is to use and improve my estate out of which I am to have a Comfortable and honorable maintenance according to my degree, which if my said kingsman should fail in, then I doe reserve to myself a Liberty, to Lease out any of my Real Estate or sell any of my personal estate for my support and maintenance. Signed Jan. 8, 1727-8."

Mrs. Alvord died at the house of Joseph Alvord. The town records say: "1756, Aug. 26, Died, the aged Wido Abigail Alvord, said to be about one hundred and two years, said to have been born in the same year this town was first planted."

Savage says: "She was the oldest person that ever died in Northampton; but exact truth, after the correction of old style, makes her age 101 years, 4 months and 11 days." She attended church in three meeting houses, through the ministry of Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Edwards and part of that of Mr. Hooker.

4. MARY ALVORD (*Alexander*), born Windsor, Conn., July 6, 1651; married Northampton, Mass., March 24, 1669-70, John Weller, of Northampton, Mass., son of Richard and Ann (Wilson) Weller. He was born Windsor, Conn., Apr. 9, 1645; died Deerfield,