

For many years after this Gideon Alvord tended ferry, then known as Alvord's Ferry, now Smith's Ferry. He lived on the South Hadley side. He was said to be inquisitive, always asking a stranger's name, whence he came and whither he was going.

Rev. War Service: "Alvord, Gideon, South Hadley, Private, Capt. Reuben Dickenson's Co., Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's Reg. Pay abstracts for travel allowance to and from Ticonderoga in 1776. Also return of men enlisted into Continental Army from Capt. Montague's Co., Col. Porter's Reg., dated June 30, 1778. Residence South Hadley. Enlisted for town of Northampton. Joined Capt. Smith's Co., Capt. Marshall's Reg. Enlistment 3 years or during war. Also 2nd. Co. Col. Thomas Marshall's Reg. Continental Army. Pay accounts for service from Apr. 15, 1777 to July 1, 1778. Reported discharged July 1, 1778. Also Capt. Josiah Smith's (3d) Co., Col. Marshall's Reg. Return of men in service on or before Aug. 15, 1777." (Mass. Soldiers in Rev.)

70. EUNICE ALVORD (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Alexander*), born Northampton, Mass., June 14, 1727; died Northampton, Mass., Feb. 18, 1763; married, 1748, Belah Strong, son of Jerijah and Thankful (Stebbins) Strong. He was born Northampton, Mass., Oct. 4, 1719; died Northampton, Mass., May 5, 1803. Res. Northampton, Mass. Children:

- a. Amasa, b. Northampton, Mass., July, 1749.
- b. Eunice, b. Northampton, Mass., Apr. 4, 1751; d. May 6, 1817; mar. Oct. 30, 1777, Job Clark.
- c. Ruth, b. Northampton, Mass., 1753; d. Jan. 14, 1777; mar. Nov. 1773 Nathaniel Edwards.
- d. Thankful, bapt. Northampton, Mass., Dec. 1, 1754; mar. Timothy Edwards.
- e. Naomi, bapt. Northampton, Mass., July 25, 1756; mar. 1776, Noah Janes.
- f. Martha, bapt. Northampton, Mass., Nov. 27, 1757; d. Aug. 14, 1759.
- g. Belah, bapt. Northampton, Mass., Feb. 3, 1760; d. Dec. 14, 1814.
- h. Abner, bapt. Northampton, Mass., Aug. 2, 1761; d. Feb., 1762.

The above children were all named in their grandfather's (Benjamin Alvord's) will. Belah Strong, a descendant of Elder John Strong, was a moderate, easy-going farmer. He probably resided at Sheldon, Vt., 1752-61, but returned to Northampton.

71. MARGARET ALVORD (*Benjamin, Benjamin, Alexander*), born Northampton, Mass., 1729; died Northampton, Mass., Mar. 24, 1798; married Nathaniel Edwards, son of Samuel and Sarah (Pomeroy) Edwards. He was born Northampton, Mass., Apr. 1, 1729; died Northampton, Mass., Oct. 4, 1792. Res. Northampton, Mass. Children:

- a. Sarah, bapt. Northampton, Mass., May 22, 1757; mar Joseph Cook.