

*Thomas, Alexander*), born Farmington, Conn., Sept. 18, 1773; died Lansingburgh, N. Y., July 10, 1846; married 1st Manlius, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1803 Polly Bush. She was born Chatham (or Canaan), Conn., Jan. 23, 1787; died Manlius, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1807. He married 2nd Lansingburgh, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1810 Helen Lansing, daughter of Capt. Cornelius and Elizabeth (Vanderheydere) Lansing of Lansingburgh, N. Y. She was born Lansingburgh, N. Y., July 15, 1788; died Lansingburgh, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1826. He married 3rd near Auburn, N. Y., 1827-28 Eliza Van Dorn. She died Lansingburgh, N. Y. Res. Manlius, and Salina, N. Y., where he moved in 1793, and Lansingburgh, N. Y., 1813. Children:

- 846. Julia Velona, b. Manlius, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1804.
- 847. Polly Bush, b. Manlius, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1807; d. Aug. 19, 1808.
- 848. Thomas Gold, b. Onondaga Hollow, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1810.
- 849. Hester Elizabeth, b. Onondaga Hollow, N. Y., July 10, 1812.
- 850. Mary, b. Lansingburg, N. Y., May 26, 1817; d. May 30, 1819.
- 851. Mary Catharine, b. Lansingburg, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1819.
- 852. Cornelius Lansing, b. Lansingburg, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1821.
- 853. Charles Bissel, b. Lansingburg, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1826; d. on the Red River, May 20, 1860. He was graduated from West Point in 1848 and was stationed in Texas as 2nd Lieut. in the 8th Infantry. He was killed by a fall from the upper deck of a steamer on the Red River, when returning north. He was buried in New Orleans.
- 854. Helen, (child by 3rd wife), d. in childhood.

Before 1790 Elisha Alvord had brought his father and family to a Revolutionary military claim in Homer, N. Y. In 1793 he went to Salina, N. Y. and was the first to manufacture salt in a permanent building, becoming superintendent of the Federal Salt Works. After two years, the company was dissolved and bought out by himself and brother Dioclesian. He also traded with the Indians, and kept the first store at Syracuse.

In 1813 he went to reside in Lansingburgh, N. Y., where he engaged in the mercantile and produce business with his brother-in-law, Abraham C. Lansing. In this business he continued until 1825. He was a man of influence and property.

At the first election in Syracuse, Mr. Alvord was chosen supervisor. He also received the following military appointments: 1801, appointed Adj. in the 2nd Reg. of N. Y.; in 1808, Capt. in Lt. Col. Nehemiah Earls' Reg.; in 1809, 1st major in Col. John Ellis' Reg.

Capt. Cornelius Lansing, Mrs. Alvord's father, was captain in the militia, and successfully defended Ft. Edward at the battle of Saratoga in the Revolution.