

1732. MARY PENELOPE ALVORD (*Harvey, Asahel, Thomas Gould, Asahel, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born Salina, N. Y., Aug. 17, 1845; married Central City, Colo., Apr. 16, 1867, Orlando North, son of Stephen and Mrs. Esther (Wetmore-Cornell) North. He was born near Lima, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1838; died Denver, Colo., Feb. 2, 1896. Res. Palo Alto, Cal., 1906. No children.

Owing to his father's early death, Orlando North received his early training entirely from a devoted Christian mother. Mr. North began to earn his own living at the age of eleven. In 1856 he went to the mining districts near Nevada City, Colo., soon after he set up a furnishing store which he ran until 1867 when he went to Cheyenne and set up an eating house. In 1869 Mr. North went to the town of Bryan, where he again conducted a furnishing store while Mrs. North ran a lunch counter at the Ry Station, which proved successful. In 1871 they moved to Evanston, Wyo., and soon after Mr. North took up ranching with good success until his death.

Mrs. North and her mother live at Palo Alto, Cal. In the following letter, written shortly after the earthquake, she describes her experience in that terrible calamity:

Palo Alto, Cal., May 17, 1906.

Mr. S. M. Alvord,

Dear Friend: Your postal of the 8th inst. received last evening and we thank you very much for your kind thought of us in our late calamity that has befallen Cal. Although they are all at work rebuilding in San Francisco, still there has been much suffering and loss of life. Palo Alto had quite a shaking up, some houses beyond repair and will have to be torn down. All of Stanford's beautiful buildings are in ruin but the repairs will be made and those needed for school work next year will be in readiness for Aug. 22, 1906. One can hardly realize that forty seconds would ruin completely what has taken years to build. I think if Mrs. Stanford were here her heart would be broken to see the pride of her energies lying in ruin. It is a blow to Cal. Nearly all houses in Palo had their chimneys wrecked, some from basement to roof, others just the top knocked off, walls with plaster broken. Our place has one chimney condemned and the rest will have to be tipped again. Plaster will have to be all new down stairs, but upstairs can be patched I guess. But when you stop to think a house fifty-six feet long and two stories with large attic, rocking so you could not stand up, you can form some idea of the motion that the earth-quake causes. I fell twice going a distance of fifteen feet trying to get to my mother's room, who was lying in bed. After trying to get up and finding it impossible, she lay there and looked at the pictures on the wall going in every direction; and thinking she would be killed. Even the trees bent their tops from one side to the other and reached clear to the ground. We sat outdoors all that day as we knew not what time another