

N. by highway, S. by land of Robert Coe, W. by land of Moses Parsons. The grantee was given two years in which to pay the price of the land or forfeit the same. Later grants were also on west side of the river. With his wife, Mary, he joined the first church in Middletown by letter from Northampton, Mass., Mar. 16, 1729. Thomas Strong, Mrs. Alvord's father, had moved to Durham, Conn., previous to this time, which undoubtedly led Thomas Alvord to the neighboring locality.

While living in Northampton, Thomas Alvord was a garison "soulder" in the Meadow Fight at Deerfield in Feb., 1703-4, being one of the eight men to go from Northampton to aid the inhabitants of Deerfield against the Indians. In 1723 he signed a petition at Northampton to sustain the commissioners in the matter of changing the course of Mill River. He owned the house, barn and hatter's shop which about 1730 went into possession of Dr. Ebr. Hunt. In 1724 he received 4 £ for ringing the bell at Northampton.

Mar. 31, 1767 Thomas Alvord of Middletown conveyed to his son Thomas all his property, "having been supported by him for several years and bound to be for the residue of life." His death was due to "the infirmities of old age."

Thomas Alvord's first wife was drowned in company with her brother. The boat upset. They clung to it for a time, but no help reached them and they were both drowned.

15. JOHN ALVORD (*Thomas, Alexander*), born Northampton, Mass., Oct. 19, 1685; died South Hadley, Mass., Nov. 21, 1757; married Northampton, Mass., Dec. 29, 1708, Dorcas Lyman, daughter of John and Mindwell (Sheldon-Pomeroy) Lyman. She was born Northampton, Mass., Aug. 11, 1690; died South Hadley, Mass., Nov. 15, 1770. Res. Northampton and South Hadley, Mass. Children:

59. John, b. Northampton, Mass., Oct. 29, 1711.
60. Mindwell, b. Northampton, Mass., Aug. 4, 1713.
61. Esther, b. Northampton, Mass.
62. Saul, b. Northampton, Mass., Apr. 23, 1717.
63. Elijah, b. Northampton, Mass., Jan. 17, 1718-19.
64. Dorcas, b. Northampton, Mass., Mar. 28, 1720.
65. Gad, b. Northampton, Mass.; d. Northampton, 1723.
66. Gad, b. Northampton, Mass., 1726.
67. Job, b. Northampton, Mass., 1729.
68. Nathan, b. South Hadley, Mass.
69. Gideon, b. South Hadley, Mass., June 12, 1734.