

This book, now in possession of Miss Lucy Alvord of West Winsted, Conn., was printed in 1718, and has the following title: "The Way to Attain It; Glory by Inheritance, being some of Divers Discourses on Proverbs, III, 35, by Nathaniel Stone, Pastor of a Congregation in Harwich, Boston; printed by T. Crump." The book has many of Ruel's family records.

There is an old powder horn now in possession of Jabez Alvord of West Winsted, Conn., upon which is inscribed: "Reuel Alvord, his horn, Fishkill, Nov. 17, 1777." Tradition says that he served on the privateer "Polly" 12 guns and 100 men, commanded by E. Roberts. From this we may infer that being a sailor he enlisted as a privateersman and was shut up in the Hudson when the British captured New York City and had no opportunity for active service.

He and his wife joined the church in Easthampton, July 2, 1780. She was dismissed in 1825.

Rev. War Service: "Alvord, Ruel, Private, Enlisted May 8, 1775; dis. Dec. 18, 1775, 2nd Reg., Gen. Spencer's Brigade. This regiment was raised on the first call for troops by the legislature, Apr. and May, 1775. Recruited mainly in the present Middlesex Co. and the eastern part of the Colony. Marched by companies to the camps around Boston, took post at Roxbury and took part in the siege until the expiration of its term of service. Detachments of officers and men were engaged at the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775, and in Arnold's Quebec expedition, Sept.-Dec., 1775. Adopted as Continental in July. The regiment was reorganized for service in 1776 under Col. Wylies, Col. Joseph Spencer of East Haddam, Capt. of the 2nd company. Samuel Wylies of Hartford (also Col. succeeding Spencer), Lieut. Samuel Cooper of Chatham killed in the assault upon Quebec, Dec. 31, 1775. Ensign, Marcus Cole of Chatham." (Conn. Men in Rev.)

135. SETH ALVORD (*Seth, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born East Hampton, Conn., July 18, 1754; died Chatham, Conn., July 14, 1836; married 1st, Chatham, Conn., July 3, 1777, Ruth Norcott, daughter of William and Betsy (Sears) Norcott. She was born Middletown, Conn., June 21, 1756; died Chatham, Conn., Aug. 25, 1792. He married 2nd, Chatham, Conn., Sept. 5, 1793, Sarah Sears, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Cooke) Sears. She was born Chatham, Conn., 1761; died Chatham, Conn., Feb. 2, 1819. He married 3rd, Chatham, Conn., July 20, 1823, Abigail Saunders of Chatham, Conn. Res. Chatham (East Hampton), Conn. Children:

323. Lydia, b. East Hampton, Conn., Apr. 5, 1778.

324. Ashbel, b. East Hampton, Conn., Sept. 1, bapt. Sept. 10, 1780.

325. Ruth, b. East Hampton, Conn., Nov. 30, 1782, bapt. Feb. 2, 1783.