

350. DIOCLESIAN ALVORD (*Thomas Gould, Asahel, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born Farmington, Conn., Feb. 8, 1776; died Salina, N. Y., Mar. 10, 1868; married Salina N. Y., Jan. 1, 1812 Sarah Wheeler, daughter of Rice and Mary (Hunt) Wheeler. She was born Warren, Mass., Aug. 29, 1792; died Salina, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1863. Res. Salina, N. Y. Children:

- 855. Luke, b. Salina, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1812.
- 856. Hannah, b. Salina, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1814.
- 857. Horace, b. Salina, N. Y., July 23, 1817.
- 858. Henry, b. Salina, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1819; d. Colton, So. Calif., Nov. 1886, unnm.
- 859. Mary, b. Salina, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1822.
- 860. James Hervey, b. Salina, N. Y., July 25, 1824.
- 861. Derrick Lansing, b. Salina, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1826.
- 862. Dean, b. Salina, N. Y., Mar. 4, 1829; d. Salina, N. Y., Apr. 23, 1855, unnm.
- 863. Ellen, b. Salina, N. Y., July 18, 1831; res. at Grand Rapids, Mich., unnm. She has taken great interest in this work from its inception, most generously assisting both Mr. Boutelle and the author.
- 864. Sarah Jane, b. Salina, N. Y., July 28, 1833.
- 865. Elisabeth Kcziah, b. Salina, N. Y., Apr. 19, 1836.

Dioclesian Alvord's early education was limited to that which the common schools of his native state afforded. He was apprenticed to the tailor's trade but did not prosecute it long. He went to Salina, N. Y. in the fall of 1798 and with his brother Elisha, who had preceded him four years, became engaged in the manufacture of salt. Mr. Alvord was very active in his business and was a pioneer in carrying salt into the West. The partnership with his brother was dissolved in 1813 by the removal of Elisha to Lansingburgh. At that time they were the largest salt manufacturers on the reservation. Dioclesian continued to carry on the business, uniting with it the occupation of merchant. In 1826 he gave up general business and took up his permanent residence on his farm, where he lived until his death.

Mr. Alvord was not a man of marked talent; his chief ambition seemed to be to perform his daily round of duty. He held, however, at various times several town offices, which he administered with scrupulous fidelity and integrity he was always frank and courteous in manner, and straightforward in business, detesting all sham and pretense. He was possessed of indomitable courage and perseverance, ever active and industrious and of the most exemplary habits. It was always a pleasure to converse with him, as he was full of