

John Alvord, "saddler," was elected constable at Northampton, Mass., in 1729, and was one of the first assessors of South Precinct, Hadley, Mar. 12, 1733, serving with John Taylor and Samuel Smith. His name appears as head of a family at South Hadley, 1731-40.

At a meeting of the Precinct (afterwards South Hadley) 10 August 1733, voted: "that the day for the ordination of Grindell Rawson shall be the third day of October next with the concurrence of Mr. Grindell Rawson."

"Voted that Ebenezer Moody, Nathan-11 White, John Alverd, Dan-11 Nash and John Smith be a comitte to send for ye assistance of such ministers and messengers of Churches as they shall think best for ye ordination." etc.

In 1741 trouble arose between Rev. Rawson and his church. John Alvord was one of a committee of fifteen appointed to force him to cease to occupy the pulpit. Rawson persisted and was dragged from the pulpit by the committee or young men employed by them for this purpose.

In an interview with Sylvester Judd, Gardner Preston, b. 1748, said that he remembered John Alvord.

"His house was west of the road, north of Brewster's—Brewster is said to have lived on the bank of the Conn. River below the ferry, some distance, a recent settler—. He did not remember his son John. Job and Gad were clever men. Gideon lived by the ferry. Elijah lived in second house north of Rod. Smith's. He was a trader, went to Greenfield, failed."

Gideon Alvord, son of John, had the small pox in the army in 1757. He came home with his stockings not cleaned. His mother washed them and took the disease, when the small pox first appeared, many of her children and grandchildren, and others who had been exposed, were inoculated and John Alvord's house became a pest house. Drs. Crouch and Kellogg of Hadley took care of the patients from October 28 until December 28, 1757. John Alvord (prob. John, Jr.,) is said to have died of this disease, and probably John Alvord himself." (Hist. of Hadley.)

His grave stone is still (1908) standing at So. Hadley.

17. ABIGAIL ALVORD (*Benjamin, Alexander*), born Northampton, Mass., 1691; died Northampton, Mass., Dec. 23, 1759; married Northampton, Mass., Jan. 13, 1715, Samuel Judd, son of Samuel and Maria (Strong) Judd. He was born Northampton, Mass., Oct. 15, 1685; died Northampton, Mass., Oct. 4, 1762. Res. Northampton, Mass. Children:

- a. Eunice, b. Northampton, Mass., May 5, 1716; mar. Apr. 1741, David Loomis.
- b. Abigail, b. Northampton, Mass., 1721; d. Sept. 21, 1796, unm.
- c. Samuel, b. Northampton, Mass., about 1729; d. Sept. 7, 1802; mar. Eleanor Danks.