

Chatham, Conn., to provide for supplies for the army during the current year 1778. He sold his place in 1811 to Dr. Richmond and moved to Geneseo, N. Y., where his name appears as a grantee Nov. 1812.

134. RUEL ALVORD (*Seth, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born East Hampton, Conn., 1750; died Chatham, Conn., Mar. 27, 1810; married Nov. 15, 1774, Hannah Hall, prob. daughter* of Hamlin John and Elizabeth Hall. She was born East Hampton, Conn., 1756; died Aug. 3, 1830. Res. Chatham (East Hampton), Conn. Children:

- 315. John, b. East Hampton, Conn., Oct. 14, 1775, bapt. July 2, 1780; died at sea of yellow fever, Nov. 5, 1800.
- 316. Sybil, b. East Hampton, Conn., May 30, 1777, bapt. July 2, 1780.
- 317. Mary, b. East Hampton, Conn., Mar. 14, 1779, bapt. July 2, 1780.
- 318. James Hall, b. East Hampton, Conn., Aug. 8, 1781, bapt. Aug. 12, 1781.
- 319. Lucy, b. Durham, Conn., May 14, 1785.
- 320. Esther, b. East Hampton, Conn., July 18, 1789, bapt. July 26, 1789; d. unm. Utica, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1835; joined E. H. Ch. 1818, dismissed 1825.
- 321. Jabez, b. East Hampton, Conn., Sept. 27, 1792, bapt. No. 4, 1792; d. Utica, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1828, unm.
- 322. Hannah, b. East Hampton, Conn., Mar. 1, 1795, bapt. Apr. 26, 1795; d. Utica, N. Y., Aug. 17, 1832, unm.; joined E. H. Ch. 1818, dismissed, 1825.

*In a Chatham deed Hannah Alvord calls Giles Hall her grandfather. Giles had four sons. Investigation shows that either Hamlin John or Richard Hall were the parents of Hannah.

Ruel Alvord was born in the house which his father probably built in East Hampton, Conn. When Ruel was thirteen years old the shipbuilding industry began in earnest and continued for forty years to be the leading industry of the town. Here Ruel gained a taste for the sea which later led him to the life of a sailor. We can make a good guess at the date of his first voyage. His mother when a young woman twenty years old, had a book given her, not common possession in those days. In this book is inscribed: "Elizabeth Spencer's Book, July 15, 1737." again, "Seth Alvord, his Wife's Book, Betsy Spencer, Anno Domini, 1733"; again, "Elizabeth Allbred, her Sermon Book"; again, "Reuel Alvord, his Book, 13th, 1772, given by his Mother for a Remembrance of her." At this time Ruel was twenty-two years of age. We know he was a sailor though it may not have been his first voyage, but it was evidently one of the dates when he left home for the sea.