

145. THOMAS GOULD ALVORD (*Asahel, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born Durham, Conn., Mar. 1, 1742; died Homer, N. Y., May 18, 1810; married 1st, Farmington, Conn., Aug. 2, 1762, Keziah Orvis, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Root) Orvis. She was born Farmington, Conn., Aug. 4, 1743; died Homer, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1795. He married 2nd, Hannah (Hart) Byington, widow of Jacob Byington, and daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Coe) Hart. She was born Farmington, Conn., Oct. 10, 1747; died Homer, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1833. Res. Farmington, Conn., and Homer, N. Y. Children:

- 344. Thomas Gould, b. Farmington, Conn., Mar. 23, 1763.
- 345. Arklymeny, b. Farmington, Conn., July 15, 1765; d. unnm.
- 346. Ebenezer, b. Farmington, Conn., Aug. 27, 1767.
- 347. Charles, b. Farmington, Conn., Aug. 27, 1769.
- 348. Keziah, b. Farmington, Conn., Oct. 27, 1771; d. Salina, N. Y., Aug. 1837, unnm.
- 349. Elisha, b. Farmington, Conn., Sept. 18, 1773.
- 350. Dioclesian, b. Farmington, Conn., Feb. 8, 1776.
- 351. Eunice, b. Farmington, Conn., Sept. 13, 1778. She was twin; boy died 7 wks. old.
- 352. Arabella, b. Farmington, Conn., Jan. 11, 1781; d. Homer, N. Y., June, 1866, unnm.
- 353. Asahel, b. Farmington, Conn., May 25, 1784.
- 354. Harvey, b. Farmington, Conn., Aug. 24, 1786; d. aged 27, unnm.

Thomas Gould Alvord by tradition was adopted by his uncle, Elijah Cowles, whom he accompanied to Farmington, Conn., where he was brought up, and learned the trade of shoemaker.

He served in the French and Indian War when he was under 19 years of age; was on the frontier from Oswego to Detroit, and in company with his eldest son, Thomas Gould Alvord, Jr., he was in Col. Lamb's Reg. in the Revolutionary War, both serving as cannoniers and both being present at Cornwallis' surrender. He served during the entire war, for which he drew Lot No. 13, 600 acres in Homer, N. Y., to which place he moved in 1794. He was at the battle of White Plains, and was wounded by a musket ball, which entered his arm, and passing out near the elbow, was picked up by his companion, Luke Wardsworth, who placed the ball in his own gun and sent it back to the enemy.

Some of his descendants also mention that at the battle of Yorktown he loaded and fired a cannon four times a minute for four hours, and that when the balls gave out, they used old bolts, pieces of log chain, etc.