

from about the year 1833 until its closing up of business over forty years later. During these years he went by stage coach from St. Louis to the Pacific Coast twenty-two times. The old stage road followed in many places the route that was later chosen by the Union Pacific R. R. for the laying of their tracks.

Mr. Alvord was also interested in the Wells Fargo Express Co. and the Pony Express, which carried dispatches from St. Joseph, Mo., to San Francisco in such incredibly short time. In 1886 he retired from business, and went to Washington, D. C., to live.

965. LUCY BARDWELL ALVORD (*Pliny, Caleb, Elijah, John, Thomas, Alexander*), born Montague, Mass., June 16, 1813; died Greenfield, Mass., July 22, 1875; married West Brookfield, Mass., Sept. 9, 1834, Lewis Merriam, son of Dan and Thirza (Clap) Merriam. He was born West Brookfield, Mass., May 7, 1811; died Greenfield, Mass., Mar. 12, 1892. Res. Greenfield, Mass. Children:

- a. Edwin, Alvord, b. West Brookfield, Mass., Feb. 7, 1837; d. Aug. 26, 1838.
- b. Edwin Dwight, b. West Brookfield, Mass., Feb. 19, 1839; res. New York City, 1906; mar. 1st, Apr. 22, 1869, Mary Fanny Smith; 2nd, Nov. 8, 1902, Helen Safford Brown. He was a soldier in Civil War, in Co. G. 107th Ind. Reg.; succeeded his father in the book business.
- c. Lucy Alvord, b. West Brookfield, Mass., Mar. 30, 1841; d. 1879; mar. Oct. 8, 1861, Charles W. Russell.
- d. Laura Bardwell, b. West Brookfield, Mass., Mar. 30, 1841; res. Newtonville, Mass.; mar., Charles Crain.
- e. Florence, b. Greenfield, Mass., Nov. 26, 1844; res. Chicago, Ill.; mar. Raymond.
- f. Charles, b. Greenfield, Mass., Nov. 21, 1846; d. Greenfield, Mass.
- g. Abby Fiske, b. Jan. 7, 1855; res. Hartford, Conn., 1905; mar. Wigg'in

Lewis Merriam was a resident of Greenfield, Mass., for about fifty years, and took a prominent part in its affairs. He was a book-seller, and held many positions of trust. He was county treasurer and postmaster for twenty years.

966. LAURA BARDWELL ALVORD (*Pliny, Caleb, Elijah, John, Thomas, Alexander*), born Montague, Mass., Oct. 29, 1815; died Greenfield, Mass., Oct. 6, 1899; married West Brookfield, Mass., Dec. 22, 1836, Thomas Oliver Sparhawk, son of Oliver Sterns and Hannali (Whitney) Sparhawk. He was born Walpole, N. H., Jan. 16, 1803; died Greenfield, Mass., Jan. 21, 1847. Res. Greenfield, Mass. His occupation, druggist. Children:

- a. Lucy Alvord, b. Greenfield, Mass., Nov. 14, 1838; d. Greenfield, Mass., 1907, unm.