

“Sealed in the p<sup>r</sup>nts of us.

John Hawkins,  
 Peter Pinny,  
 John Dwelly ✂ signe,  
 Benedict ✂ Alford,  
 John Purchase.”

Benedict Alford & John Purchase, two of these witness, haue taken thire oaths before me, Thomas Dudley, Goūn<sup>r</sup> of Massachusetts that they saw Richard Standerwick aboue named, seale & deliuer this bill to the use of th aboue named Nicholas Nurton, & subscribed their names or markes as witnes<sup>s</sup> thereof. Their oathes were taken the XXV<sup>th</sup> day of August 1640.

Before me, Thom. Dudley Goū.

### I. 1. Alexander Alvord,

Born Somerset County, (?) England, probably about 1620; died Northampton, Mass., Oct. 3, 1683.

He was an early resident of Windsor, Conn., and moved to Northampton, Mass., about the year 1661, where he died. Some of the names on the earliest records of Windsor, Conn., being obliterated, we cannot tell whether he was among the very first or not. Still later we find the following upon the church records: Aug. 17, 1639. “Mr. Ephraim Hewett & Di-verse others came up from the Bay to settle here.”

From what records we have examined we suppose that he came from the county of Somerset, England, to this country. We find by the early records of deeds that he was an early proprietor in Windsor, Conn.

“Alexander Alford [Alvord] hath granted by virtue of purchase his home Lott six acres more or Less, y<sup>e</sup> bredth is Eighteen rods, bound west and norwest by John Warham & is there in length fifty Two rod, bounds East South East by Thomas Barber, and is there in length Sixty six rod, and North, North East bounded by John Helier.”

“Also six acres of Swamp on the Mill Brook in length by y<sup>e</sup> bank (threscoore) : [blotted] rods, in bredth at the South—twelve rods in y<sup>e</sup> midst twenty rod, bounds south by John Drake.”

“Also by Gift from his Father Richard Voar, in the woods forty Two acres, in length six scoore rod, in bredth fifty seven rod—Bounded South by Jonathan Gillet North by Thomas Bascomb.” (No date.)

*The question may be asked, Where did Alexander Alvord reside?*

“The road to Poquonnoc above the old mill at just about the place where the present road from the bridge near the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Meeting house comes in, was anciently intersected at right angles by a highway running about South West from the Rivulet. On this highway we find the residence of Alexander Alvord,” who sold to Josiah Ellsworth in 1654, and he sold to Cornelius Gillett in 1658. “This is the present Oliver S. Gillett place.” Some of his neighbors, were Thomas Barber, Humphrey Hyde, Jonathan Gillett, Nathan Gillett.

“Alexander Alford of Windsor unto Humphrey Hide.” “Know all men by these presents that I Allexander Alford of Windsor in Conn. have sold and upon good Considerations to me Secured, do Allienate &c. unto Humphrey Hide of Windsor aforesaid, one parcell of land, Containing four acres more or Less being in bredth sixteen rod more or Less as it lyes Bounded East by the Land of Nathan Gillett, North by a highway, South by the mill brook,” &c. Signed May 27, 1645.

Witness, Bray Rosseter, Daniel Clark.

*From the Town Records of Northampton.*—“At a Legal Town meeting Feb<sup>y</sup>. 20, 1661. Voted & agreed the day and year above written that Alexander Alvord was granted that portion of land that lieth in the Little Rainbow which was sometime George Alexander’s & was upon a public<sup>k</sup> consideration given to Mr. Mather, did surrender it up to the Town, & the Town granted it to Alexander Alvord,” &c.

His land in the First Division was No. 57.—Second Division, No. 16.

*The Record of Alexander Alverd's Land* which he hath purchased and which was granted to him by the Town of Northampton which was given to him and to his heirs and assigns to have And to hold forever. Feb: 1 : 1661. Proprietors' Record viz.

“Imp<sup>r</sup> A parcell of Land with a house upon it which the sd Alexander Alverd Bought of Zachariah feild, Lying within the Comon fence which is thus bounded, the ends butting on the fence, westerly and on the wett swamp, easterly, the sides Lying against the Lands of Samuel Wright Jun, Northerly, and A brushy swamp southerly containing five Acres More or Lesse.”

More Another p cell Bought of Lieut wilton Lying at the vpper end of Little Rainbow which is thus bounded Lying Against the great River Northerly And Butting on the highway westerly and Agnst. ye Lands of sd Alexander Alluerd southerly and running to A point easterly containing one Acre more or Lesse.

More Another pr cell of vpland which the sd Alluerd Bought of Zachariah feild sen<sup>r</sup> which is thus Bounded, the ends butting Against William Jones' land Westerly and against his owne easterly & Against Samll. wright's land Northerly, the side Lying Against the Land of Zachariah feild and Thomas Bascom Southerly containing two Acres.

“More another p<sup>r</sup>cell Lying at the vpper end of Little Rainbow wch I y<sup>e</sup> sd. Aluerd had given him by the Towne as is Abue expressed which is thus bounded the ends Butting Against the high way westerly and the Great river Easterly the sides lying against the Lands of David Wilton Northerly and Nathaniel Dickerson Southerly containing three Acres & one rood & seven rods more or Lesse.”

“More Another p<sup>r</sup>cell of vpland at the easterly end of Thomas Bascom Sen his Lot which is thus Bounded, the ends Butting on y<sup>e</sup> Lot of sd Thomas Bascom westerly, And Allexander Aluerd and easterly Lying Against the Land of Samuel wright Jun<sup>r</sup> northerly and Robert Lyman and sd Allverd's Land Southerly” &c.

“More a Little piece of Land wch sd Alverd had of James Bridgeman at the easterly end of his Lot three rods deep,” &c.

“More Another Litle parcell of Land that the sd Aluerd had of Robert Liman,” &c., &c., &c.

“More Another small peice of Land which was granted to the said Alex Ander Aluerd By the towne of Northampton in the time of the Indian warr which began in the year 1675 granted as is Above expressed, and laid out by a comittee appointed there vnto which land Lies on the westerly side of the street opposite to the hom Lots which was some times John Brottons and Joseph fiches their Land and is bounded viz. fronting on the street or high way westerly And the breadth there six rods &  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; southerly bordering on the land of Nehe-miah Allyn: the west'ly on the land of John Weller.”

“More another pr cell of Land with a house on it which the sd Allexander Aluerd Bought of Increase Turner As Apears by a deede baring date Agust 10, 1684 which is thus bounded Butting on the high way or street westerly And on the Land of said Alex Ander Alluard Easterly Bordering on the Land of Thomas bascom Southerly An the Land of John brotton north-erly containing one Acre more or Lesse with the house which is on it and every appurtenance thereunto belonging.”

April 13, 1680, An agreement was made between Thomas Lyman, John Bridgman and Alexander Alvord for the main-taining the Common fence at the rear of their home lots. [See Northampton town records.

In 1682 Alexander Alvord had the largest number of rods of fence to be built except John Stebbins: “A List of each man’s Proportion of fence which they now possess & own according as it was measured in 1679.”

For Alexander Alvord’s will, see Appendix E.

He was married, according to Windsor, Conn., Church Rec-ords, Oct. 29, 1646, to

*Mary Dore,*

Born —; died Northampton, Mass., previous to 1683. She was the daughter of Richard and Ann (—) Vore, or Voar,

of Windsor, Conn. Mr. Vore came to Dorchester, Mass., perhaps in 1630, with Rev. John Warham, where he was a member in full communion with Mr. Warham's church, and in 1635 accompanied him with the body of his church to Windsor, Conn.

He resided in Windsor, Conn, south of the rivulet, or little river in the vicinity of the mill; between that and the foot of Stony Hill, and in his immediate neighborhood, were located Rev. John Warham, &c., &c.

"He also owned meadow land between the Rivulet and Mill Brook, where the latter empties into the former, called upon the records Vore's Point." Rev. Mr. Warham requested the privilege to build a little house upon his land for Mary Jones, "Whereas Richard Vore upon Mr. John Warham's request, formerly gave him liberty to build a little house upon his land joining the north end of his [Vore's] then and now dwelling house for the use of his kinswoman Mary Jones to dwell in during her life, and at her death to give it to the said Richard; and the said Mary Jones being now deceased; this is to testify that I John Warham do hereby alienate assign and set over the said house I builded as aforesaid to Richard Vore of Windsor in the County of Hartford Conn. &c., &c., Dated Dec. 15, 1666."

Mrs. Mary (Vore) Alvord had sisters, viz.: Lydia, who married Nathaniel Cook, June 29, 1649; Sarah, who married Benjamin Parsons, Oct. 6, 1653; and Abigail, who married Timothy Buckland, March 27, 1662. The father died Nov. 22, 1683, and the mother, "Ann," "relict of Richard Vore died in Windsor, Dec. 7, 1683."

Mrs. Mary Alvord was one of the original members of the first church in Northampton, Mass.

#### Children:

2. Abigail, born Windsor, Conn., Oct. 6, 1647; married Northampton, Mass., 1666, Thomas Root of Northampton, son of Thomas Root, who was of Salem, Mass., in 1637, when he had a grant of land, and moved to Hartford, Conn., as early as 1639, and was a weaver by occupation, and removed to Northampton about the year 1659, "where he was one of the seven pillars for

foundation of the church in 1661," and died at a great age, July 17, 1694.

They had children:

1. Thomas, born Northampton, 1667.
2. Abigail, born Northampton, 1668.
3. Samuel, born Northampton, 1673.
4. Hezekiah, born Northampton, 1676, who died young.

After 1700 they probably removed to Coventry.

7. †John, born Windsor, Conn., Aug. 12, 1649; died Northampton. Will dated April 18, 1721, Prob. Dec. 8, 1727; married Abigail Phelps.
8. Mary, born Windsor, Conn., July 6, 1651; married Northampton, March 24, 1669-70, John Weller of Northampton, who moved to Deerfield about 1683.

Children:

1. John, born Northampton, Feb. 14, 1671; settled in New Milford.
2. Mary, born Northampton, Sept. 11, 1672.
3. Hannah, born Northampton, May 14, 1674.
4. Elizabeth, born Northampton, Feb. 12, 1676.
5. Sarah, born Northampton, April 15, 1678.
6. Thomas, born Northampton, Aug. 1680; settled in New Milford.
7. Experience, born Northampton, Dec. 4, 1682.  
Perhaps others.

16. †Thomas, born Windsor, Conn., Oct. 27, 1653; died Northampton, Mass., July 22, 1688; married Northampton, March 22, 1681, Joanna Taylor.
17. Elizabeth, born Windsor, Conn., Nov. 12, 1655; married Northampton, 1684, Henry Burt of Northampton, who was the son of David and Mary (Holton) Burt, born in England, and one of the first settlers in Northampton, who was the son of Henry Burt, early of Roxbury, afterwards of Springfield, where he was clerk of the writs, and died April 30, 1662. A tradition is preserved that Ulalia, wife of Henry Burt, who was clerk of the

writes, was laid out for dead in England, put into a coffin, but signs of life appearing at her funeral, she recovered, came to New England, and settled in Springfield, Mass., and had there nineteen children, where she died a widow, Aug. 29, 1690. Children of Henry and Elizabeth (Alvord) Burt:

1. Joseph, born Northampton, Dec. 1, 1685; an only son of his mother.
  2. Elizabeth, born Northampton, May 2, 1687. The mother and daughter died soon.
20. †Benjamin, born Windsor, Conn., Feb. 11, 1658; died Northampton, 1715. He married Northampton, 1690, Deborah Stebbens.
21. Sarah, born Windsor, Conn., June 24, 1660; died Springfield, Mass., May 16, 1704; married July 10, 1687, as his second wife, James Warriner of Springfield, eldest son of William and Joanna Warriner, and had children:
1. Sarah, born Springfield, Mass., 1690.
  2. Jonathan, born Springfield, Mass., 1692.
  3. John, born Springfield, Mass., Nov. 29, 1694; died in a few months.
  4. Benjamin, born Springfield, April 15, 1698.
  5. David, born Springfield, Oct. 8, 1701.
27. †Jeremiah, born Northampton, Mass., May 9, 1663; married, 1, Mehitable, widow of Hezekiah Root; married, 2, Mary Gull.
28. †Ebenezer, born Northampton, Dec. 23, 1665; died Northampton, Nov. 29, 1738; married, 1, in 1691, Ruth Baker; married, 2, Elizabeth —.
29. †Jonathan, born Northampton, April 6, 1669; died Northampton, Aug. 13, 1727; married Northampton, Jan. 12, 1693, Thankful Miller.