

70. Eunice, b. Northampton, Mass., June 14, 1727.  
 71. Margaret, b. Northampton, Mass., 1729.  
 72. Jerusha, b. Northampton, Mass., 1730.  
 73. Benjamin, b. Northampton, Mass., Oct., 1732; d. Nov. 3, 1742.

Benjamin Alvord, Sr., was named in the settlement of his father's estate as eldest son and was allotted a double share. He was a weaver and learned the trade at Hadley, Mass. His weaving accounts begin in 1713. He resided on Market street after 1743, His previous residence was at the end of the plain next the Conn. River near the river bridge and he tended ferry. He was chosen constable in 1743, 1744, 1747, and 1749. He was a great reader and had many books on divinity.

Benjamin Alvord served as drummer in Father Rale's Indian War, 1722-25, and was also in the "Seven Year's War," 1775. He was especially famous as an "express rider" and served as such in three wars. He was very active in the Indian troubles 1722-26, riding between Albany and Northampton, and Northampton and Boston. Joseph Hawley speaks of his coming from Albany as a "rapid transit" post rider and being ordered on to Boston. Hawley, in June, 1724, thought it "much boldness for one to travel alone" but Alvord was not afraid. He made the trip from Albany to Northampton in one day. The pay for the trip from Conn. River to Boston and back was 3 £, sometimes 3 £ 6s. His services were in great demand and he was employed as a messenger in town affairs in 1743.

"Mr. Benjamin Alvord died in his chair suddenly and alone Oct. 22, 1772." (Northampton Town Rec.)

Medad Edwards told Sylvester Judd that Nathaniel and Noah Edwards were greedy of gain and buried their father-in-law alive to get his property. Mr. Judd did not believe this to be true.

Will of Benjamin Alvord Northampton: "being arrived at an advanced age. Item son Noah Edwards and my daughter Jerusha Edwards. Item grandchildren—children to Bela and my daughter Eunice Strong late deceased. Itm son Nathaniel Edwards and my daughter, Margaret Edwards. Item grandchildren Amasa Strong; Eunice Strong; Ruth Strong; Naomi Strong; Belah Strong; children and heirs of Belah Strong: said Belah Strong sometime since died.

In the presence of  
 MEDAD ALVORD  
 MOSES ALVORD  
 ELISHA ALVORD"

BENJAMIN ALVORD  
 Probated Dec. 1, 1772  
 Dated Jan. 8, 1771