

South Hadley. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Alvord were members of the church at Brookfield at its organization about 1790.

Rev. War. Service: "Alvord, Nathan, Private, Lieut. Martin Waites' Co., Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's Reg. Pay abstract for travel allowance, etc. Marched to New Providence on an alarm at Bennington, Aug. 17, 1777; service 4 days. Also muster roll sworn to in Hampshire Co. Jan. 6, 1778."

"Alvord, Nathan, Private, Capt. Enoch Chapin's Co., Col. Elisha Porter's Reg. Enlisted Sept. 24, 1777; dis. Oct. 11, 1777; service 23 days in Northern Department." (Mass. Soldiers in Rev.)

69. GIDEON ALVORD (*John, Thomas, Alexander*), born South Hadley, Mass., June 12, 1734; died South Hadley, Mass., May, 1808; married Sarah Montague. Res. South Hadley, Mass. Children:

189. Naomi, b. South Hadley, Mass., Oct. 20, 1761.

190. Jemima, b. South Hadley, Mass., Dec. 3, 1762.

191. Dorcas, b. South Hadley, Mass., Mar. 23, 1765; she joined the So. Hadley Church about 1790; (no further record.)

192. Sarah, b. South Hadley, Mass., Mar. 14, 1767.

193. Tamsin, b. South Hadley, Mass., July 14, 1769; d. Jan. 27, 1770.

194. Ebenezer, b. South Hadley, Mass., Apr. 26, 1770; (no further record.)

We infer by a deed or conveyance of Nov. 2, 1756, from Gideon Alvord, that John Alvord, had conveyed his homestead, to his son, Gideon Alvord. Gideon Alvord gave:

"A lease and rents of sd. estate to sd. John Alvord and Dorcas his wife, as long as either of them live, and they on their part are to pay two pepper corns on the 20th day of March annually, if demanded, to sd. Gideon Alvord."

Feb. 27, 1758, a petition was made to the Judge of Probate by Saul Alvord, saddler, of Northampton and Daniel Moody of South Hadley that Thomas White of South Hadley be appointed guardian of Gideon Alvord, being "non compos mentis." Inquiry was made regarding his condition in 1758 and brought out the following report:

"Signs and tokens of insanity; viz.: abusing and hurting himself by rising from bed at unseasonable times in the night and going about to the neighbors' houses without proper clothing, threatening to break into the house (at certain times). Also his offering violence to his best friends at some times when they show him kindness, abusing brutish creatures, childish and impertinent speeches and behavior, and sometimes very extravagant speeches, turning things in the room where he lodged upside down and throwing bedding and clothing out of the window. His discourse being in general impertinent, chopt and passing suddenly from one thing to another without connection and exceeding trifling.

DANIEL NASH,  
THOS. GOODMAN,  
JOHN GAYLORD."

Selectmen of South Hadley