

In Northampton, Mass., as a girl, Martha Alvord served as an apprentice at tailoring.

Rev. George Colton was the so-called "high priest of Bolton." He published from the pulpit his marriage intention thus: "I, George Colton and Martha Strong, both of Bolton, intend marriage." Mr. Colton was pastor in Bolton from 1763 until his death in 1812, a period of forty-nine years. He was a typical old-time pastor. A fuller biography of Mr. Colton may be found in Prof. F. B. Dexter's Yale Biographies.

164. SAUL ALVORD (*Saul, John, Thomas, Alexander*), born Northampton, Mass., July 9, 1753; died Bolton, Conn., Sept. 23, 1832; married 1st, Newington, Conn., Apr. 14, 1778, (1779 in Town Rec.), Eleanor Kellogg, daughter of Martin and Mary (Bordman) Kellogg. She was born Newington, Conn., Mar. 10, 1755; died Bolton, Conn., Feb. 21, 1812. He married 2nd, East Hartford, Conn., Feb., 1813, Mrs. Cynthia (Hooker) Olcott, widow of Rev. Allen Olcott, daughter of Roger and Anna (Kellogg) Hooker. She was born Farmington, Conn., 1760; died Bolton, Conn., June 27, 1827. Res. Bolton, Conn. Children:

- 382. Infant, b. Bolton, Conn., June 8, 1780; d. June 8, 1780.
- 383. Saul, b. Bolton, Conn., May 27, 1781.
- 384. Eleanor, b. Bolton, Conn., Feb. 24, 1784; d. Bolton, Conn., Nov. 22, 1859, unm. "Aunt Ellen" lived on the old Alvord place opposite the church. She was an intensely thrifty and practical woman. Fifty years after her death she is well remembered and frequently mentioned by Bolton people. She rejected a proposal of marriage from U. S. Senator Benj. Ruggles of Ohio.
- 385. Aurelia, b. Bolton, Conn., July 20, 1786.
- 386. Martin, b. Bolton, Conn., July 17, 1788.
- 387. Elijah, b. Bolton, Conn., Jan. 22, 1790.
- 388. Tirzah, b. Bolton, Conn., Nov. 10, 1791.
- 389. Harriet, b. Bolton, Conn., June 29, 1793.

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When about nine years of age Saul Alvord removed with his father's family to Bolton, Conn., where he afterwards resided. He was an extensive land holder; a saddler by trade and when his father became aged kept tavern directly west from the church. In 1780 he and his wife united with the church in Bolton, Conn. Early in life, he took a leading position in town affairs, was often a member of the legislature, selectman of the town, and served as first postmaster of Bolton. Mr. Alvord was always known as "Capt. Alvord" and never laid aside the custom of dress of the Rev. period.