

He was respected by all who knew him as a sincere, honest man, a devoted Christian, decided and firm in the right and willing to do what he could in every good work. With a very limited education, without property or any high standing in society, his influence was for more than half a century widely felt, and his good name and real worth will long be remembered.

To his large family for which he toiled incessantly, he was accustomed to say "I shall try to bring you all up and give you a good schooling and that is all I can do for you." This he did and from that bringing up with its consequent good habits, and that "schooling," the nine surviving children had a rare inheritance for which their united thanks are due their honored father.

When Dea. Alvord passed away it was said in truth, "A good man has gone to his grave and his reward."

Mrs. Lucy (Cook) Alvord was the only child of her parents. Her father, Richard Cook, was a Revolutionary soldier and pensioner. It is related that his daughter, Lucy, encountered opposition in her choice of a husband, owing to his poverty. Time, however, reconciled the parents to their daughter's choice. Her early married life was spent in severe struggles with privation and poverty, amid which she reared a large family and imparted to them a training and character which left its impress for generations. She possessed a most lovable character and remarkably even disposition. Through her mother she was descended from Edward Fuller.

319. LUCY ALVORD (*Ruel, Seth, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born Durham, Conn., May 14, 1785; died Winchester, Conn., Sept. 1, 1831; married East Hampton, Conn., Sept. 21, 1806, Chauncey Brooks, son of Samuel and Rachel (Brainerd) Brooks. He was born Haddam, Conn., June 3, 1781; died Winchester, Conn., Oct. 7, 1871. Res. Winchester, Conn. Children:

- a. Abigail, b. Haddam, Conn., Apr. 23, 1807; d. Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 26, 1883; mar. Feb. 26, 1825, Benjamin Phelps of Winchester, Conn.
- b. Harry, b. Haddam, Conn., Dec. 1, 1808; d. May 3, 1887; mar. Chloe Winchel of Torrington, Conn.
- c. Marrietta, b. Haddam, Conn., Dec. 15, 1812; d. Winchester, Conn., Mar. 29, 1871; mar. Joel Tuttle.
- d. Nelson, b. Haddam, Conn., May 12, 1815; d. June 16, 1891; mar. May 30, 1843, Lucy Loomis of Winchester, Conn.
- e. Norman, b. Winchester, Conn., Oct. 1817; d. July 25, 1895; mar. Sept. 24, 1866, Mrs. Eliza Couch of Norfolk, Conn.

Chauncey Brooks removed from Chatham; Conn., to Winchester,