

however, rendered him equal to his lot, for, though often unfortunate he never became in the least disheartened, and in no instance was he known to crowd a poor man for debt who was struggling with poverty, however needy he might be himself.

In an engagement to clear Tioughnioga river of obstructions he became so much involved as to lose his farm, just cleared and in condition to support his family; but with stout heart he retired a second time into the forest and cleared another farm. Subsequently, however he repurchased his first farm, and upon it he spent the remaining years of his life.

When Ebenezer Alvord's father married his second wife, she stipulated in the marriage contract that she should not be burdened with his children. This stipulation was not only strictly regarded by said children, but when she becomes a helpless widow, Ebenezer Alvord took her home, and with some pecuniary aid from his brothers, supported and cared for her as tenderly as though she had been his own mother. Thus those she feared might be a burden to her, became the cheerful support of her declining years.

347. CHARLES ALVORD (*Thomas Gould, Asahel, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born Farmington, Conn., Aug. 27, 1769; died Homer, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1830; married about 1791 Eunice Learning, daughter of Judah and Thankful (Tuttle) Learning. She was born Bristol, Conn., Oct. 4, 1775; died Homer, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1835. Res. Farmington, Conn. and Homer, N. Y. Children:

838. Charlotte, b. Farmington, Conn., June 1, 1792.

839. Jeremiah, b. Homer, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1794; d. Sept. 15, 1810.

840. Mary, b. Homer, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1796

841. Martin, b. Homer, N. Y., Mar. 9, 1800.

842. William, b. Homer, N. Y., June 25, 1804.

843. Fenn Charles, b. Homer, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1808; graduated at Union College, and sailed for China in 1843; not heard from since.

844. Jeremiah Gould, b. Homer, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1810.

845. Naomi, b. Homer, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1814; d. Kingston, Mo. unm.

Charles Alvord with his young wife and babe, left Farmington, Conn. in Feb. 1793, travelled on an ox-sled to Homer, N. Y. and settled in an unbroken wilderness upon a piece of land which his father drew from U. S. for serving in the Revolution, situated a few miles north of what is now the village of Homer. From Syracuse, thirty miles distant, his only guide was marked trees with streams to ford and logs to drive over.

His first work was to make a shelter by driving crotches into the