

*Alexander*), born Bolton, Conn., Nov. 25, 1826; died Torrington, Conn., July 13, 1901; married East Chester, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1857, Almira Burtis, daughter of Seaman and Martha (Ward) Burtis. She was born East Chester, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1830. Res. Torrington, Conn. Children:

1835. Ella Louisa, b. Torrington, Conn., Nov. 22, 1858; res. Torrington, Conn., 1908, unm.
1836. John Francis, b. Torrington, Conn., May 9, 1861.  
Mr. Alvord was educated in the public schools of Torrington, Park Ave. Institute, and Yonkers' Military Academy. He is president of the Excelsior Needle Co., the Standard Co., and the Progressive Mfg. Co., all of Torrington, Conn.; also director in various institutions. He is a member of the Union League Club of New York City and the Union Club of Boston. Mr. Alvord is a thorough-going business man of recognized ability. He has given his earnest support to the publication of this work.
1837. Mary Ward, b. Torrington, Conn., Apr. 12, 1864; d. Dec. 12, 1867.
1838. Charles Frederick, b. Torrington, Conn., Feb. 19, 1865; d. Dec. 18, 1867.
1839. George Buell, b. Torrington, Conn., Mar. 29, 1871.

The boyhood days of Charles Alvord were passed on his father's farm in Bolton, Conn., where he attended the district school. At the age of seventeen he went to New Hartford, Conn., and conducted a store for six years. In April, 1850, he went to Wolcottville (now Torrington), Conn., and with his brother, Hubbell B. Alvord, bought out the dry goods business of Walter M. Hungerford. He continued in this business until 1866, when with several others he organized a company for the manufacture of sewing machine needles. Work was begun on a small scale at Daytonville, two miles north of Torrington. Mr. Alvord was made treasurer and manager of the company, and held these positions for over thirty years. This company now holds the first place in the world in the manufacture of sewing and knitting machine needles, bicycle spokes and nipples. Its success is due in no small measure to the foresight and efficiency of Mr. Alvord.

In addition to his work in the management of the Excelsior Needle Co., Mr. Alvord was a director of the Eagle Bicycle Co., and of the Union Hardware Co., with a large interest in the Torrington and Winchester Electric Ry., The Brooks National Bank, the Torrington Water Co., and the Torrington Electric Light Co. He represented Torrington in the Conn. Legislature in 1880. He was a member of the Center Cong. Church, and deeply interested in the Torrington