

1522. JOHN WATSON ALVORD (*John Watson, James Hall, Ruel, Seth, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*) born Newton Center, Mass., Jan. 25, 1861; married Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 4, 1889, Helen Clara Cornell, daughter of Walter Raleigh and Abigail Clara (Dodge) Cornell of Hyde Park, Ill. She was born Belvidere, Boone Co., Ill., Oct. 24, 1860. Res. Chicago, Ill., 1908. Child:

2416. Helen Louise, b. Chicago, Ill., July 29, 1890; d. Dec. 18, 1890.

John Watson Alvord was educated at Washington, D. C., where he resided until his fifteenth year. He spent one year in New York City and in 1878 went to Col., where he remained nearly two years, most of the time in the operating department of the Denver Pacific R. R. After a severe illness and the death of his father he returned to Chicago and entered the engineering office of his brother-in-law, John A. Cole, C. E., as a student, and remained there four years. In 1884 he was appointed town engineer of Lake View and remained in that capacity for four years, becoming city engineer on the organization of the town into a city. Several million dollars worth of public works were designed and executed during this time. In 1888 he went abroad and spent nearly a year in travel. Two years he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, John A. Cole, C. E. During which time he held for one year the office of town engineer of Cicero, west of Chicago, and designed sewer systems there. From 1891 he was engaged for three years in charge of an engineering department of the World's Columbian Exposition. On the completion of that work in 1894 he visited Europe with his wife, after which he engaged in business as general designer and consulting sanitary engineer with Mr. William S. Shields, under the firm name of "Alvord and Shields." His business is the designing and construction of water works, sewerage and sanitary works.

Mr. Alvord has for many years been deeply interested in the family history and on his own account carried on extensive research in England. A large part of what is given in this volume on the English Alford's is due to Mr. Alvord's efforts. He willingly contributed to this work what he had gathered and has generously assisted in many ways.

1524. THEODORE WATSON ALVORD (*Charles, James Hall, Ruel, Seth, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born Winsted, Conn., Apr. 11, 1848; mar. Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 5, 1875, Sarah Moody, daughter of Edmund and Susan Sarah (Butler) Moody. She