

He drew lot No. 56, but when he reached Manlius, N. Y., he was met by a couple of land sharks, who, upon learning the lot upon which the old hero was intending to settle, very coolly informed him that they had been to Homer, and they were well acquainted with the position of his land and could assure him that it was exceedingly poor and wet the greater part of the year, it being covered with water. In short, he was, by means of this deception, induced to part with 600 acres of most valuable land for the trifling sum of a few dollars, a horse and saddle. Consequently with his brothers Charles and Ebenezer he settled upon lot No. 13. He was an inn-keeper and the sign still remains on the old homestead. It reads: "Thomas Gould Alvord, Inn, 1808." (Cortland Co. Hist.)

Rev. War Service: "Alvord, Thomas Gould, Jr., Gunner, Capt. Joseph Thomas' Co., Col. John Lamb's 2nd Artillery Reg. Muster rolls for Feb., Mar. and Apr., 1781, dated West Point. Enlistment during the war." (Conn. Men in Rev.)

He applied for a pension June 28, 1828. His claim was allowed. Mrs. Nancy Alvord was pensioned as his widow after his death, receiving \$100 annually.

346. EBENEZER ALVORD (*Thomas Gould, Asahel, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born Farmington, Conn., Aug. 27, 1767; died Homer, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1844; married Rachel Crampton, daughter of Miles and Rhoda (Keyes) Crampton. She was born Farmington, Conn., Aug. 29, 1770; died Homer, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1843. Res. Farmington, Conn. and Homer, N. Y. Children:

828. Luman, b. Farmington, Conn., Oct. 30, 1791.

829. Polly, b. Clinton, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1794.

830. Sylvester, b. Homer, N. Y., June 4, 1796.

831. Electa, b. Homer, N. Y., June 1, 1799.

832. Amy, b. Homer, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1801.

833. Julia, b. Homer, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1803.

834. Truman, b. Homer, N. Y., Apr. 26, 1806. In 1867 it was supposed that he was not living. His friends at Homer had no positive knowledge of his whereabouts later than Feb. 21, 1841. At that time he was four miles below Mills Point on the Mississippi in Ky. He was then thinking of settling somewhere during the next twelve months, and that was the last time they heard from him. His brother Sylvester made diligent inquiry wherever he thought there was any prospect of hearing from him, but all to no purpose.

835. Lucy Kies, b. Homer, N. Y., July 15, 1808.

836. Rhoda Crampton, b. Homer, N. Y., Mar. 3, 1812.

837. Rachel Elvira, b. Homer, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1815.

Ebenezer Alvord moved from Farmington, Conn. to Homer, N. Y. when it was almost an unbroken wilderness and settled upon lot No. 13. In his bark-covered cabin he began a life of hardships, of which his posterity can know nothing. His courage and endurance,