The Rev. Alsop Park Vail Woodward, the husband of Elizabeth Catherine Pope. of Hilton Head Island, S.C. and Bluffton, S.C., Rev. Woodward, was born in Orange County, New York, in 1804, and died on Daufuski Isl.S.C. Nov. 1858. He was decended from Robert Park, and of Thomas Park of Preston and Wethersfield Conn. of Richard Dana, of Cambridge and the Ballard family. Also the Alsop. Paine, Vail, and Stillwell families, all of New England. His Woodward ancestry in America, dates back to 1634, when Richard Woodward at age 45 embarked from Ipswich, England, to Massachuttes, owned and lived on 300 acres now part of Boston, Richards wife Elizabeth, died Oct. 1662. He died Feb. 16, 1665. Rev. Woodward, received his B.A.degree at Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. in 1819; and his Master of Arts degree at Union College in 1830. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1818 his Junior year. He was elected, and a member of The Adelphic Society, an honor debating Society, and awarded a certificate by that Society, in 1819. He was also a contemporary of William Seward, (later Lincoln's Secty. of State) at Union College, both being members of The Adelphic Society. They both shared first honors in that Society. A note among family records, states that he and Seward engaged in a debate on the slavery question. however, this data among other records, burned in a fire.

Rev. Woodward was a distinguished Episcopal minister, and was Ordained in St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Charleston, S.C., by Bishop Christopher E. Gadsen, in 1840. He had charge of St. Lukes Parish, S.C. and was Rector of the second Chapel of the Cross, Bluffton, S.C. 1840 - 1853 when he retired. He also served Zion Chapel of Ease on Hilton Head Isl. 1839-1853. He was known as a kindly man, and affectionate husband and father. He and Elizabeth had nine children.

