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OF

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OF

RUTLAND COUNTY,

VERMONT.

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PREFACE

HAVING brought to a successful termination our labors in Rutland County in compiling and editing the sketches herein contained, we desire, in presenting this Book of Biographies to our patrons, to make a few remarks, necessarily brief, in regard to the value and importance of local works of this nature. We agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson that "Biography is the only true History," and also are of the opinion that a collection of the biographies of the leading men of a nation would give a more interesting, as well as authentic, history of their country than any other that could be written. The value of such a production as this cannot be too highly estimated. With each succeeding year the haze of Obscurity removes more and more from our view the fast disappearing landmarks of the past, Oblivion sprinkles her dust of forgetfulness on men and their deeds, effectually concealing them from the public eye, and because of the many living objects which claim our attention, few of those who have been removed from the busy world linger long in our memory. Even the glorious achievements of the present age may not insure it from being lost in the glare of greater things to come, and so it is manifestly a duty to posterity for the men of the present time to preserve a record of their lives and a story of their progress from low and humble beginnings to great and noble deeds, in order that future generations may read the account of their successful struggles, and profit by their example. A local history affords the best means of preserving ancestral history, and it also becomes, immediately upon its publication, a ready book of reference for those who have occasion to seek biographical data of the leading and early settled families. Names, dates and events are not easily remembered by the average man, so it behooves the generations now living, who wish to live in the memory of their decendants, to write their own records, making them full and broad in scope, and minute in detail, and insure their preservation by having them put in printed form. We firmly believe that in these collated personal memoirs will be found as true and as faithful a record of Rutland County as may be obtained anywhere, for the very sufficient reason that its growth and development are identified with that of the

men who have made her what she is to-day—the representative, leading men, whose personal sketches it has been a pleasure to us to write and give a place in this volume. From the time when the hand of civilized man had not yet violated the virgin soil with desecrating plough, nor with the ever-ready frontiersman's ax felled the noble, almost limitless, forests, to the present period of activity in all branches of industry, we may read in the histories of the county's leading men, and of their ancestors, the steady growth and development which has been going on here for a century and a half, and bids fair to continue for centuries to come. A hundred years from now, whatever records of the present time are then extant, having withstood the ravages of time and the ceaseless war of the elements, will be viewed with an absorbing interest, equaling, if not surpassing, that which is taken today in the history of the early settlements of America.

It has been our purpose in the preparation of this work to pass over no phase or portion of it slightly, but to give attention to the smallest points, and thus invest it with an air of accuracy, to be obtained in no other way. The result has amply justified the care that has been taken, for it is our honest belief that no more reliable production, under the circumstances, could have been compiled.

One feature of this work, to which we have given special prominence, and which we are sure will prove of extraordinary interest, is the collection of portraits of the representative and leading citizens, which appear throughout the volume. We have tried to represent the different spheres of industrial and professional activity as well as we might. To those who have been so uniformly obliging and have kindly interested themselves in the success of this work, volunteering information and data, which have been very helpful to us in preparing this Book of Biographies of Rutland County, we desire to express our grateful and profound acknowledgment of their valued services.

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ALL the Biographical sketches published in this volume were submitted to their respective subjects, or to the subscribers, from whom the facts were primarily obtained, for their approval or correction before going to press; and a reasonable time was allowed in each case for the return of the type-written copies. Most of them were returned to us within the time allotted, or before the work was printed, after being corrected or revised; and these may therefore be regarded as reasonably accurate.

A few, however, were not returned to us; and, as we have no means of knowing whether they contain errors or not, we cannot vouch for their accuracy. In justice to our readers, and to render this work more valuable for reference purposes, we have indicated these uncorrected sketches by a small asterisk (*), placed immediately after the name of the subject. They will all be found on the last pages of the book.

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JOHN ABNER MEAD.

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JOHN ABNER MEAD, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, enjoys a state-wide reputation as a result of his connection with the many enterprises and flourishing industries of Rutland, together with the official positions he has so faithfully filled. He was for many years a practitioner of medicine, but relinquished that profession because of the pressing needs of his business interests. He is now president of the Howe Scale Company, manufacturers of a scale recognized as the standard the world over, and it is much to his credit that this company is the flourishing enterprise that it is.

Mr. Mead comes of a distinguished line of ancestors both on the paternal and maternal sides, and is of English descent. In Westminster Abbey, there is a monument erected to the memory of one of his ancestors, Richard Mead, M. D., who was physician to George II. and Queen Anne. At a later period,

Colonel Richard K. Mead was aide-de-camp to General Washington from 1777 to 1783, and was with the commander-in-chief in all his principal battles, and personally superintended the execution of the English spy, Major Andre. The Right Reverend William Mead, Bishop of Virginia, was of the same family, and another, Richard W. Mead, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in June, 1778, is said to have been the first importer of Merino sheep to this country.

Our subject's great-grandfather was Colonel James Mead, who was the first white man to settle in Rutland or the Otter Creek Valley. He was a native of New York, having been born at Horseneck, August 25, 1730, and was descended from one who came to this country in 1642. Colonel James Mead purchased 7,000 acres of land, at six cents per acre, along Otter Creek and near the falls at Center Rutland. He moved to that locality from Manchester, Vermont, taking with him:

his wife, eleven children and a son-in-law. He was the first moderator, and the first selectman in the town, and the first representative from Rutland to the first Vermont Legislature. He had the honor of being the father of the first white child born in Rutland. He was united in marriage with Mercy Holmes of Horseneck, N. Y., and among their children was Abner, who married Amelia Roots, a daughter of Rev. Benajah Roots, who was one of the early prominent figures in Rutland, being the first settled pastor of the Congregational church, which was organized in 1773. In the preface of his first sermon which was subsequently printed, he said he then knew of but one settled Congregational minister in the whole region of country between Massachusetts and Canada and the Hudson and Connecticut rivers. It was at his home that Rev. William Emerson of Concord, Mass., grandfather of Ralph Waldo Emerson, and army chaplain under General Gates in the Continental army, breathed his last. The Concord author had a letter written to the church by Rev. Mr. Roots, conveying the intelligence of this death. Rev. Mr. Roots was a graduate of Princeton College, and died in 1787. Roswell R. Mead, the father of our subject, was a successful merchant in West Rutland up to the time of his decease in 1875. His faithful companion and helpmeet in life was Lydia A. Gorham, by whom he had one child, John A., our subject.

John A. Mead was born in Fair Haven, Vermont, April 20, 1841, and received his intellectual training in the common schools of

West Rutland; at Franklin Academy, Malone, N. Y.; and at Middlebury College, from which he was graduated in 1864. He then entered upon study for the medical profession and in 1868 received a degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City. He was house physician in the Kings County Hospital for two years, after which he actively engaged in practice at Rutland, Vermont, until 1888. During this time he also served as surgeon-general of the state on the staff of Governor Proctor, as medical superintendent of the House of Correction, and as pension examiner for eight years. He was surgeon-general of the Vermont State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1890. In 1888, Dr. Mead was offered a "Chair" in the Medical Department of the University of Vermont, but declined it as he wished to retire from his profession and devote his time to his business interests, as he was one of the largest real estate owners in the city of Rutland. The Mead Building, owned by him, is one of the largest business blocks in the state. He has been director and cashier of the old National Bank of Rutland; treasurer of the Rutland Railroad; director and treasurer of the Addison Railroad; director of the Clement National Bank; vice-president and later president of the State Trust Company; director, vice-president and later president of the Merchants' National Bank; president of the New England Fire Insurance Company, of the P. E. Chase Manufacturing Company, and of the John A. Mead Manufacturing Company; president of

the Rutland Board of Trade; and a trustee of Middlebury College. In 1888, he re-organized the Howe Scale Company and is now president of that corporation. In 1892, he was elected by the Republican party to the State Senate, and took an active part in the workings of that body, serving as chairman of a number of important committees. One of the beneficial results of his term in that capacity was the securing of a city charter for Rutland, and he was elected its first mayor.

Dr. Mead served in the Civil War, enlisting in Company K, Twelfth Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, and after the Gettysburg campaign returned to his college and was graduated in 1864. He was a member of the staffs of General Alger and General Veazey, when they were commanders-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of Roberts Post, G. A. R. He was appointed by Governor Levi K. Fuller as one of the commissioners from the state of Vermont to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in 1893; and he was also appointed by Governor U. A. Woodbury, in 1895, as commissioner from the state of Vermont to the Mexican National Exposition of Industries and Fine Arts. In religious attachments, our subject is a member of the First Congregational church of Rutland, and for many years has been chairman of its executive committee. He is vice-president of the Congregational Club of Western Vermont. October 30, 1872, Dr. Mead was joined in hymeneal bonds with Mary M. Sherman, a daughter of William N. Sherman, a prominent citizen of Greenwich,

R. I., and they are the happy parents of one child, Mary Sherman.

FAYETTE and COLLINS POTTER. The gentlemen whose names head this sketch are venerable and respected citizens of Pawlet, Rutland county, Vermont. They are brothers and are both highly gifted, one a successful attorney-at-law and a celebrated linguist,—the other, one of the most skillful millwrights in America, having followed this chosen calling for a period of sixty-six years. These brothers have never fallen victims to Cupid's darts, and have thus escaped many of life's vexations and worries. Although they are content in single-blessedness, they are not backward in social relations with the good people of their communities, but are kind, charitable neighbors and good citizens, and will be sadly missed in their accustomed places, when called to the world beyond. These brothers are sons of Samuel Potter, grandsons of Captain William Potter, and great-grandsons of Commodore William Potter.

Commodore Potter was born in 1725, and died October 12, 1773. He reared six sons and three daughters. Captain William Potter was born in New London, Conn., October 20, 1749, and died in 1825. He was a mariner until he attained the age of forty years, when he settled on his farm in the town of Pawlet, Vermont. He was captain of a "deep sea merchantman," and, during the Revolutionary

War, was engaged in bringing ammunition from France, for the use of the colonies.

Captain Potter married Phoebe Woodward August 23, 1771. She died in 1833, leaving ten of her eleven children. The first two, William and John, were born in New London, Connecticut. William was born December 10, 1772, and John, April 23, 1775. Captain Potter then moved from New London to Halifax, N. S., where his third son was born, April 28, 1778. Two other children were also born there: Phoebe, August 6, 1780, and Joshua, April 28, 1783. The other children were born in Wells, Vermont. The first born there were twins, Samuel and Abel. All of their children grew up and married, except Thomas, who remained a bachelor. John Potter settled in Warren county, New York, at a place called Pottersville, so named for him and his numerous family.

Samuel Potter, father of the gentlemen to whom this memoir pertains, was born on his father's large farm in Wells, Vermont, August 7, 1786. He and his wife were blessed with ten children, and raised all but one daughter, Livonia, who died young. Three of the sons and two daughters are still living, namely: Fanny, Collins, Edwin, Fayette, and Helen. Fanny was born in 1812. She is now the widow Lombard of Pawlet. Edwin went to Michigan, and afterward to Colorado and California,—and still later, located in Dallas, Texas, where he still resides. Samuel Potter, another brother, was educated at Castleton, and was for many years a successful physician of Buffalo, New York, where he

died in the eightieth year of his life. Helen married Abbott Robinson, and resides in California. Her summers, however, are spent in Pawlet.

COLLINS POTTER was born in the village of Wells, Rutland county, Vermont, April 9, 1814. While still a lad he began to learn the trade of a millwright, working first with David Hitchcock, and, afterward, with Robert Wickham. He followed his chosen occupation from 1830 to 1896, when he retired. During these sixty-six years he had from ten to twenty men under his supervision, and often a great many more. Besides building grist mills, starch mills, and creameries, he also built many dams and bridges. His work required his presence in the South for ten or twelve years, except during the heated season. One heavy job was in Georgia, near Augusta. This consisted in building a mill on a large plantation, upon which about five hundred slaves were employed, about sixty of whom were at his command. Mr. Potter constructed nearly all the dams on the Pawlet River, and built mills throughout many parts of the United States. He has never married nor been a member of any order, society, or church. He has also ignored politics. His home has been in Pawlet, since he was seven years old. Mr. Potter enjoys the distinction of being one of the most expert millwrights in the United States.

FAYETTE POTTER was born in Pawlet, in September, 1823. He was educated in Union College, Schenectady, New York, from which he graduated in 1843, under Dr. Knott,

He carried off second honors in a class of ninety, first honors being won by Orsamus Cole, afterward chief justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. Fayette Potter chose for his life work the profession of law. He read law in Pawlet with Chief Justice Harman, father of H. A. Harman, county clerk of Rutland county. Young Potter was admitted to the Rutland county bar in 1846 and began practice in Pawlet. He purchased the interest and law fixtures of George W. Harman who left for Bennington at that time. Mr. Potter has continued to practice there ever since, except when absent on his travels. Although his father was a Jacksonian Democrat, Mr. Potter himself is a Republican and assisted in the formation of that party. In 1878, he took a trip to Europe, and in 1893 made a tour around the globe. He has also traveled extensively throughout the United States, visiting the South and West, and, especially, California. Mr. Potter is a profound student of books and nature, both of whose pages he has perused. He has stored in his mind treasures of knowledge more than one scholar in a thousand can boast of. He is simplicity itself in all respects, and is one of nature's own, in dress, style, manners, and mode of living. No one, not personally acquainted with him, would consider him worth a hundred dollars, when in reality it takes thousands to express his financial possessions. Nor are there many who consider themselves good judges of human nature, who would easily recognize him as one of the best informed scholars and lawyers in the land.

When Mr. Potter started on his tour around the world, or on his second trip to Europe, equipped with only a small satchel, even the keenest observers of men and nature would never have guessed that he could speak eight different languages intelligently, and even fluently. Fayette Potter is a man of original ideas and habits. Though he possesses, no doubt, a high idea of the fitness of things, yet to visit his office, which is a typical hermit's retreat, one would find things in a most chaotic and primitive state. It is not a law library, but a laboratory with everything in delightful confusion. One of the most harmonious things in sight is the violin which Mr. Potter whittled out himself.

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SIMON L. PECK resides upon his one hundred and fifty-acre farm, in the town of Ira, Rutland county, Vermont, in the same house in which his birth occurred. Upon this site, his grandfather, Noah Peck, settled about one hundred and twenty years ago in his first home, which was a log cabin. Subsequently, he built the frame house now standing, which is one hundred years old. Simon L. Peck also owns a fifty-acre farm in the valley where he spent most of his years in agricultural pursuits. Quite recently, he has returned to the old homestead farm, which is a sacred spot to him. He will preserve the old house as his residence as long as possible, hoping to spend the remainder of his days within its walls. Mr. Peck is a master Mason and, in politics, a Republican.

He is serving his twelfth, or thirteenth, year as town clerk, and has held other town offices. He served in the lower branch of the Legislature of Vermont, for six consecutive years, from 1872. He also served in the State Senate from 1890 to 1892. He is a devout member of the Baptist church, of which he has been a deacon fourteen years.

Mr. Peck comes from a highly respected and influential family. Both paternal and maternal grandparents were natives of Rhode Island. Ex-Governor Asahel Peck, who made a splendid judicial as well as gubernatorial record, descended from the same ancestry. Simon L. Peck is a son of Lewis and Harriet (Brown) Peck, and grandson of Noah Peck.

Noah Peck was twice married. He had four children by his first marriage, namely: David, Noah, and two daughters, who died young. His second wife bore him three sons as follows: Lewis, father of Simon L.; Daniel, a farmer in Pennsylvania, who is now deceased; and Alphonso. Alphonso never married. He was blind for forty years prior to his death. He lived on the old homestead, in Ira, up to his demise, at the age of eighty-three years. Noah Peck died in 1839, when about seventy-eight years old. He rests in the old burial ground, in Clarendon.

Lewis Peck was born, in 1813, on the old homestead, where he spent his entire life. In 1836, he married Harriet Brown, who was born near Chippenhook, Vt., in 1817. Lewis Peck died July 24, 1896, and his widow still survives him. She now resides in Brandon,

Vt., with her daughter. Although eighty-two years old, she is quite bright and active, and possesses a good memory. She has had five children, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Her children are: Harrison J., Charles W., Simon L., the subject of this sketch, Gemont G., and Amy A. Harrison J. is a lawyer, in Minnesota. Charles W. is a successful physician in Brandon, Vermont. Gemont G. died when three years old. Amy A. married S. B. Ryder, in Brandon, where her husband (deceased), was the editor of the "Brandon Union." September 4, 1899, she married W. H. Flint, also of Brandon.

Simon L. Peck attended Barre Academy, and taught his first winter term when seventeen years old. He continued to teach, during winters, until he was thirty years old. In 1869, he was united in marriage with Alice A. Weaver, a daughter of Isaac and Elsie (Potter) Weaver. Mrs. Peck's parents are both living, as are also their three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck have seven children, namely: Lily, Harrison J., Bessie, Mary B., Charles William, Joseph, and Nathan. Lily married Merlin Collins, and has one daughter. Harrison J. is unmarried, and resides in East Hartford, New York. Bessie and Mary B. are both employed at Middletown Springs. Charles William is a bright lad of fifteen years. Joseph is eleven, and Nathan, nine years old.

Mr. Peck is a valued member of society, and holds a high position in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

JOHN RANDOLPH DEWEY, familiarly called "Deacon Dewey," a prosperous dairy farmer in the town of Poultney, Vermont, was born on the farm which is still his home, February 28, 1824. He is a son of Azariah and Louisa (Darby) Dewey, and grandson of Major Zebudiah and Beulah (Stearns) Dewey.

Major Zebudiah Dewey was a native of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, where he was born in 1726. His death took place October 28, 1804. He was twice married. His first wife was the widow of Solomon Jackson. She bore him one son, Thomas Dewey, and later died. His second marriage was contracted with Beulah Stearns of Mendon, Massachusetts. After marriage, Mr. Dewey and his second wife made their home with his mother, Abigail Dewey, in Tyringham, Massachusetts. They continued to reside with her until most of their children were born. In 1772, or 1773, they removed to Poultney, and, probably, located where the Beaman house stood.

But Major Dewey was not satisfied with that location, as the neighbors were too near and too numerous. He sold his farm there, and retired to the head of Hampshire Hollow. At that time, the clearing extended only to Town Hill. The balance of the way to his farm was marked by blazed trees. Upon seeking this secluded home, Major Dewey was forty-seven years old, and his wife ten years his junior. He was a bold, brave, resolute man, and was a typical hunter and frontiersman. The region of his new home was

very favorable for his sport with dog and gun. Large game was plentiful and many bear, wolf and deer, went down before his unerring aim.

In appearance, Mr. Dewey was five feet, ten inches in height; he was slender, but muscular; his hair was dark, and his small, keen eyes were black. Although of a sanguine temperament, he possessed a good mind, and was known to be a man of good common sense and sound judgment. He was just the man to be chosen, as he was, to represent the town, in those troublesome times, in the general association of delegates for the defense of their liberties. Much of his land was obtained by paying the overdue taxes, and cost him but little. He valued his land mostly for its good hardwood timber, and for the abundant game to be found there. His youngest daughter said, "But for this, we might have been village belles instead of wood nymphs."

Tradition says Major Dewey was the first captain in the militia and obtained the title of "major" for his part in the battle of Hubbardton. When the American troops were dispersed, he, with others, sought his home, and finding his family gone, drove his young cattle far into the woods, and with his yoked oxen and cart, started in pursuit of his fleeing household. He overtook them at Pawlet, where they had stopped for the night. The innkeeper's family were Tory sympathizers, and when Mrs. Dewey asked for bread for the crying children, she was told they had none. When the landlady left the room, however,

bread was found, and given to the children. Before departing, the Deweys paid their bill.

Azariah Dewey, father of John Randolph, was born in Massachusetts, in 1705. He was also twice married. His union with Amelia Smith, resulted in the birth of two sons and one daughter, namely: Solomon, Jackson, Archibald, and Abigail. Solomon was a farmer in Hampshire Hollow, near the old Dewey farm. He reared five sons and one daughter. Archibald was also a farmer in the same vicinity, but removed, subsequently, to Fort Ann, New York. He died at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Abigail married Eli Anderson, a son of old John Anderson, of Revolutionary fame. They went to Comstock, Michigan, where Mrs. Anderson died at fourscore and five years. She had two daughters and six sons. After the death of his first wife, Azariah Dewey married Louisa Darby, of Scotch nativity. She bore her husband ten children, six of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Benjamin Franklin, John Milton, Sarah Eliza, Henry, John Randolph, the subject of these lines, and James Madison.

Benjamin Franklin was a farmer on the old farm. He was married at fifty-five years of age, and had no children. He died at the age of seventy. John Milton was a farmer in West Rutland. He married a Miss Johnson and had six children. One of his daughters is Mrs. William H. Woodard, of West Rutland. Sarah Eliza died, in 1838, in her twenty-fourth year. Henry died in 1830, in his nineteenth year. James Madison was a

farmer in Fair Haven, Vt., but is now living in Massachusetts. He has been twice married, but has no children.

Azariah Dewey was a captain of the militia and started for the battle of Plattsburg, but was too late. He accumulated land, and owned four hundred acres, of which the subject of this sketch now owns two hundred acres and has owned as much as six hundred acres at one time. Azariah Dewey died March 31, 1832, and was survived by his widow, until March, 1859.

John Randolph Dewey is of pure Scotch and English origin. In his youth, he had a common schooling. This was supplemented by a course in Castleton, after which he taught for three winters. His marriage with Melissa Brown was solemnized on his twenty-fifth birthday. Mrs. Dewey was born in Castleton, October 29, 1825, and bore her husband two children, Delos Livingston and Matella Luella. The former died of smallpox, when thirty-two years old. He was unmarried, and was in Colorado. Just prior to his last illness, he was making preparations to return home. The latter married James Fox. She died in her twenty-sixth year, leaving two children. They are Leon Ellsworth and Cleo Edna Inez. Leon Ellsworth is now a young man of twenty-three years. He lives on the farm, with his grandfather and is a most promising young man. Cleo Edna Inez, also, resides with her grandfather. She has been his housekeeper ever since the death of her grandmother, February 10, 1894.

Mr. Dewey is a Republican, but has taken



JOHN WILLEY CRAMTON.

no active part in politics. He has been much interested in educational affairs, and has served as school director, for thirty-five years. He was also overseer of the poor farm, for one year. The subject of this sketch has been a faithful member of the Baptist church for more than fifty-six years, and has been a deacon therein about thirty years. For many years he carried on general farming, but of late has devoted special attention to dairying. He keeps three horses and about thirty-five head of cattle, among which are about twenty head of choice milch cows.



JOHN WILLEY CRAMTON, of Rutland, Vermont, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is a native of this county and was born in Tinmouth, November 10, 1826. He is a son of Elihu Cramton, who was a farmer of Tinmouth, where the greater part of his career was spent. John W. Cramton spent his early manhood on the old farm and received his education in the district schools of his native town. The first place to which he went after leaving home was Templeton, Mass., where he remained for three years, engaged in peddling. In 1853 he came to Rutland, where he became a manufacturer of tinware, which business he conducted most successfully for many years. In 1860, he began his hotel life, becoming the proprietor of the Central House, then a well-known hotel of Rutland county. In 1864, he purchased the Bardwell House, which has

been his home the past thirty-five years.

Through his business transactions and social relations with commercial men, he has become well known not only in Vermont, but in all New England and many other states. To mention all the various enterprises in which Mr. Cramton has been engaged and the positions he has filled, both in public and private life, would not be in harmony with his retiring modesty. In 1886, he became the trustee of the Howe Scale Company, to which he brought additional capital and thus helped it out of its embarrassed state. Upon the reorganization of the company, he was made its vice-president and still holds that position. Gov. Barstow appointed him a director of the State Prison and he filled that position for over ten years. At the present time, he is president of the Baxter National Bank, the True Blue Marble Company, the Steam Stone Cutter Company, and the Rutland Street Railway Company. He has served his townspeople several times by acting as chief executive officer.

It has been Mr. Cramton's purpose to not allow his financial interests to absorb his entire attention and to do this he has taken an active interest in agriculture of the progressive type, and owns several large estates in his native and other counties. His interest overreaches general farming and extends to the welfare of the county and state. He has served as an officer of the county and state societies. He has engaged quite extensively in stock-raising and dairying on his fine farms. The Rutland farms are especially devoted to

dairying interests. Fine horses are found on all his farms and it is in these that he manifests personal pride. In his stables at the Bardwell House are some of the finest single and double turnouts to be found in the state.

During the Civil War he was largely engaged in purchasing government horses and recently was director of the Vermont Horse Breeders' Association. For more than twenty years he was president and a director of the State Fair Association. Mr. Cramton has always been a loyal Republican, but has given little attention to politics. He cares more for the approval of fellowship and kind-hearted neighbors than official capacity. But in appreciation of his modest worth, kind-heartedness, and honesty, he was chosen senator from Rutland county in 1888.

October 3, 1882, he formed a matrimonial alliance with Florence Belle Gates, the only daughter of Jacob and Mary (Bucklin) Gates, of Rutland county, Vt. Mr. Cramton favors the Protestant Episcopal church. His fraternal associations are with the K. T.; F. & A. M.; K. of P.; and the Plymouth Rock Association. He is a typical Vermonter of stalwart type, standing six feet and some inches; and it will be seen from this brief sketch that he has been a busy man through his long life until recently, when ailing health retired him to his home in the Bardwell House, where he and Mrs. Cramton are most pleasantly situated.

Elihu Cramton, father of our subject, was born and died in Timmouth, Vermont. He was a son of Neri Cramton, who was born in Litchfield, Conn., in 1743, and died in Tin-

mouth, Vt., September 20, 1827. Neri Cramton was a bold and fearless soldier of the Revolutionary War. He was with Ethan Allen at Ticonderoga, and when Burgoyne marched to Whitehall, Neri Cramton and his party of scouts were taken prisoners. He could only escape by taking protection under Burgoyne, and went home to get his family, and when he got as far as Arlington, he surmised there would soon be a battle and left his family to go to Bennington, where the battle took place the next day. His friend tried to persuade him not to go, as it was said that if he were again taken prisoner he would be executed; but his reply was that he would not be taken alive. Upon the result of the battle depended his freedom, and thus he escaped.

Neri Cramton wedded Abigail Field, and reared six sons and three daughters, of whom Elihu or "Hugh," as he was familiarly known, was the seventh child and the fifth son. Elihu Cramton had eleven children. Other members of the family were: Betsey, who had eight children; Eula, who reared four daughters; and Lewis, who lost one daughter, a young lady, and left only one son at his death.

A. Smith Cramton, brother of our subject, was born in the town of Timmouth, Vt., and was reared to farm life. His schooling was very meager. October 9, 1877, he was joined in marriage with Laura E. Brown, of Poultney, Vt., a daughter of Moses and Catherine (Ross) Brown; she has one brother and one half brother. Two children were born of this union, as follows: Ellen Brown, now attending college; and Walter S. Smith, a youth of

thirteen, attending school at home. A. Smith Cramton removed to a farm in the town of Rutland a few years before his marriage. His mother lived with him; she died about 1881, aged eighty years. Mr. Cramton was not a member of any church, but was a regular attendant of the Congregational church of which his widow is a member. April 6, 1888, he was cut off by death at the age of fifty-two years. Since his death, Mrs. Cramton has had complete charge of the fine, 160-acre farm, which she manages in an able manner, carrying on general farming.

ERWIN LEONARD, a prosperous cheese maker, residing at Middletown Springs, Vermont, is considered an expert cheese and butter maker. He has had wide experience in the business and fully understands the correct methods employed to secure the best results.

Mr. Leonard was born in the village which is still his home, July 5, 1856. He is the elder of two sons, who, with a daughter, comprised the offspring of his parents. His only brother, George Leonard, is a sturdy farmer, and a confirmed bachelor. The daughter, Ida, died, when three years old. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, where he remained until he attained the age of eighteen years. He then began to learn the craft to which he has since devoted his energies. After working with R. C. Cook, at Shoreham, Vermont, for about three months, he had com-

pletely mastered the business and was able to start into trade for himself.

The first cheese factory of which he had charge was at Hampton, New York. Since then he has put up and conducted several factories at different places. He has been located at the following places: Clarendon, six years; Weston, four years; Pawlet, one year; Timmouth, two years; Granville, two years; Hampton, one year; Ausable, one year; Castleton, three years; North Georgia, Vermont, one year; and Middletown Springs, five years. Erwin Leonard is a son of Calvin and Abigail (Caswell) Leonard.

His paternal grandparents lived in Poultney, Vermont. They reared four sons and three daughters. One daughter married, but the other remained single. The sons are all now deceased. Each left a small family. Calvin Leonard was also a native of Middletown Springs, where his birth occurred in 1810. He followed the occupation of farming in the same town where both he and his wife were born, reared, married, spent their lives, and died. Calvin Leonard was joined in marriage with Abigail Caswell, in 1849.

Mrs. Leonard was a daughter of John Caswell, who died July 13, 1830. The Caswell family is particularly noted for longevity. Valetta Caswell, a maiden aunt of the subject of this sketch, attained the remarkable age of ninety-two years. His uncle, Josiah Caswell, died May 20, 1833, when only eighteen years old, and his little sister Rosealba was accidentally killed by a rolling log. She was only four years old. The cemetery at Middletown

Springs contains about twelve Caswell graves. Many of the members of the family there buried died at an advanced age. The maternal grandmother of Erwin Leonard died December 22, 1864.

Jesse Caswell, the great-uncle of Mr. Leonard, was a Congregational missionary to Siam. While there he taught the King of Siam the English alphabet. After returning to America, the missionary died. Upon learning this fact, the King sent his widow \$1,000. Another great-uncle, Vanira Caswell, died in Castleton, where his widow also died, in 1899, in her ninety-fourth year. Mr. Leonard is an enterprising business man and is a general favorite in his community. He is a master Mason.

ALBERT Y. GRAY. From the earliest settlement of Middletown, Vermont, and of the village of Middletown Springs, no name has stood for more worth, than that of Gray. Mr. Gray is a junior partner in the manufacturing establishment of A. W. Gray's Sons, and has much to do with its success. He is also a banker of Middletown Springs, his native place. He was born July 22, 1844, and is a son of Albert W. and Angeline (Skinner) Gray.

Albert W. Gray was born in Dorset, Vermont, September 30, 1810. After a prolonged sickness, he died at his residence in Middletown Springs, Vermont, October 26, 1885. He came of good New England stock, but was born and reared in humble circum-

stances, from which he struggled upward by his own energy, tact and talents. He was unaided by friends, and his long life was full of hard work and usefulness. His parents were Aaron and Hannah (Higby) Gray. Aaron Gray was born in Connecticut, in 1773, and died in 1835. He reared one daughter and two sons, namely: Laura, Albert W. and William P. Laura was born July 13, 1803, and married a Mr. Sautell. She died leaving two children. William P. became a physician, in Wisconsin. Aaron with his three brothers went to Dorset, Vermont, when it was first settled. His grandfather was an officer in the Revolutionary War, during which he was slain. His mother was born in Hubbardton. Her father was a patriot of the Revolution and took part in the battle of Hubbardton.

Aaron Gray moved with his family to Ohio, in 1819, when Albert W. was but nine years old. His wife died, and other reverses or misfortunes came to him, and finally compelled him to return to Dorset. He was very poor and sent Albert W. to live with his uncle, Elijah Gray, at Charlotte, Vermont. Albert W. Gray continued to live with this uncle until he attained the age of fifteen years, when he was bound out, as an apprentice, to Henry Gray, another relative in Middletown, Vermont, to learn the wheelwright's trade.

He thus served for five years, and at the age of twenty years went into business for himself. His diligence, and his aptitude in mechanics, soon won success. He became known as a careful and most excellent workman, with an

inclination and genius for invention. He spent much time and much money on study, and in experiments in the field of applied mechanical principles. In 1836, he patented a cornsheller, which, when put into use, proved to be one of the best known at that period. By selling county rights, it brought him a neat sum of money. In 1844, he invented a horse power machine which was perhaps equally as good as anything else then made in that line. He had it patented, and built a few machines, with one or two men to help him, but the effort was not successful.

About that time Mr. Gray invented a machine to make wrought iron nails. This was said to be the first invention of the kind in the world, all nails having been made by hand previous to that time. Though a great success, it never brought any returns of much value, owing to the tariff reduction. But his mind was still active, and his next accomplishment was no doubt the crowning work of his life as an inventor. He improved and perfected his horse power machine. With this invention, of 1856, his name has gone all over the world. It proved the foundation of a very large and extensive business, which brought great wealth to its owners. The merits of the machine commanded success, and its manufacture, from the start, was a thriving and successful business.

In 1857, Mr. Gray bought the brick woolen mill in his town, and fitted it up as a factory. The concern has continued to prosper ever since then, with constant profits. His sons were associated with him for years before he

retired. Although a most energetic business man, he still found time to serve the public in various town offices. He was sent to the legislature in 1866, and 1867, and was one of the eight representatives from Rutland county to the constitutional convention, in 1857. He it was who discovered the mineral springs at Middletown, which have since caused the place to become a summer resort. Thus he has directly and indirectly contributed to the growth of the place, more than any other man.

Albert W. Gray was twice married. He first married Angeline Skinner, who bore him four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Abigail C.; Leonidas; Josephine C.; and Albert Y., the subject of this sketch. After the death of his first wife, although well advanced in years, Mr. Gray again married. This time Martha Holbrook, of Sandy Hill, New York, became his wife, and bore him one daughter, Elizabeth.

Abigail C. Gray was born April 28, 1833. She married Oscar C. Burritt on December 25, 1855. They were the parents of six children, namely: Nelson, born May 14, 1857; Oscar C., born July 24, 1863; Bertha H. and Bertha L., twins, born November 18, 1866; William G., born July 8, 1872; and Le Grand, born November 8, 1874. Josephine C. Gray was born August 27, 1838. July 4, 1860, she was joined in marriage with John P. Clark. They have three children, as follows: Eva A., born May 18, 1861; Emma, born November 20, 1865; and John W., born March 31, 1871.

Leonidas Gray was born December 10, 1834. He had only a common schooling, and

when still very young, began to help his father, and was reared to the business which still claims his attention. The present concern was established in 1856, when Leonidas became a partner with his father. They then had only a small shop, thirty-six feet long by sixteen feet wide. Within a year, the business increased and outgrew the place. The brick woolen mill was then purchased and the manufacture of horse power was started there with only one hired man, as father and son were both practical workmen. The present plant was established in 1866, when Albert Y. Gray, the subject of this sketch, was also admitted as a partner. The firm name was then changed to A. W. Gray & Sons. In 1875, the father sold his interest to his sons, and the firm style has since been A. W. Gray's Sons.

Leonidas Gray was joined in marriage with Ellen Mosely, of Middletown, September 12, 1860. She died in a hospital in 1872, leaving three children to the care of her husband. Their names are: Francis L., born January 21, 1862; Ellen Corinne, born July 28, 1863; and Ethel Mosely, born August 29, 1867. Ellen Corinne married William S. Hickox. They have two children, Alice and Sherman. William S. Hickox is a cashier of the L. & A. Y. Gray Bank, in Middletown Springs. Ethel Mosely Gray married Benjamin Buxton, and resides in Muchakinock, Iowa. He is superintendent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co.'s coal mines, as his father was, before him. Mr. and Mrs. Buxton have two children, Alice Gray and Corinne Gray.

December 15, 1875, Leonidas Gray formed

a second matrimonial alliance. In this instance, he wedded Alice Woodruff. One son, Albert W., blessed this union. He was born December 13, 1881, and is now a tall youth, six feet and one-half inch in height, although not fully grown. He is preparing to attend Yale College in 1900, and is taking his preparatory course at the Hotchkiss school in East Hampton, Massachusetts. In politics, Leonidas Gray is a Republican, as was his father. Although the office was unsought by him, he served in the legislature in 1880. He is not a church member, but is a liberal supporter of the Congregational church. His elegant home was built twenty-one years ago, and was first occupied by him in 1878.

Albert Y. Gray, the subject hereof, had only a common schooling. Like his brother, he early began to assist his father and grew up with the business. Before reaching his majority, he became an equal partner in the business. December 10, 1868, he married Mrs. Sarah (Clark) Marshall, a daughter of Everett Clark. Two children blessed this union, Lena S. and Josephine B. Lena S. married W. E. Knapp, formerly of Elizabeth, New Jersey, now of Middletown Springs; they have two children, Waldo Gray, and Norman Gray.

Josephine B. married Brainard Avery, an attorney-at-law. Mr. Avery graduated from the Columbian University of Washington, District of Columbia, and also from the Catholic University. He took the degrees of doctor of law and master of law. He was admitted to the bar at Montpelier, Vermont, and

to that of the supreme court, at Washington. He resides in Washington, where he is clerk to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry, of which commission Senator Proctor is the chairman. Mrs. Avery was educated at the Temple Grove school, Saratoga, and her sister graduated at Waterbury, Connecticut.

Mr. Gray has been, and is, one of the leading spirits of Middletown Springs, and has contributed much to its growth. But for him and his close friend, Mr. Wheeler, the excellent new road to Poultney, would not exist. But when these two men put their energies together and their hands in their pockets, the undertaking was a success,—and not before. This is one of the most pleasant and beautiful driveways in Rutland county, and extends from Middletown Springs to Poultney. Mr. Gray is a Thirty-second degree Mason and, in politics, is a Republican. He has borne his share of official drudgery, and was in the lower branch of the legislature in 1876, and in the senate, in 1886. He has traveled extensively, both at home and abroad.

In 1890 and 1891, he visited all the countries where the products of his plant are sold. Many and important changes have taken place in this plant since Mr. Gray has been a member of the firm. New and improved automatic machines have taken the place of the hand-saw and jack, and twelve additions have been made to the factory. About ten store houses have also been built. From forty to sixty men find employment there. Their "horse powers" are sold in every civilized country on the globe, even in the heart

of Africa, in Egypt and in Asia, among the Himalaya Mountains.

They have, constantly on the road, traveling salesmen, from three to six in number. In addition to this, they have agents in many parts of the world. A shipment was made recently to Russia, containing ten carloads of machines. These machines were solely invented by the Grays, and each and every part of them is made in their factories. Mr. Gray worships at the Congregational church.

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JAMES M. KETCHUM. Having retired from the labors of his farm in Sudbury, James M. Ketchum now lives in the village of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, where he is enjoying the only leisure period of his career. He is of English derivation,—a son of Major Barnard Ketchum, and grandson of Thomas Ketchum.

The birthplace of the subject hereof was Sudbury, Rutland county, Vermont, and the date of his advent into the world was January 17, 1820. His father, Major Barnard Ketchum, was born at Nine Partners, Dutchess county, New York, in 1776. He died in Sudbury, March 13, 1855. In 1783, when seven years old, he was brought to Vermont by his father, Thomas Ketchum.

Thomas Ketchum married Mary Doughty, who was of Dutch origin. The family ancestors have been devoted to farming, and the grandfather of James M. came to Vermont to better his condition in that

sphere of operation. He was born on February 8th, 1748, at Nine Partners, Dutchess county, New York. His wife, Mary Doughty, a native of the same place, was born September 5, 1749. Their children were: Rebecca, born June 24, 1770; Phoebe, born June 24, 1772; William, born December 23, 1774; Thomas, Jr., born January 25, 1776; Barnard, father of James M., born March 2, 1778; Elias, born May 2, 1780; Pamela, born September 23, 1782; Ruth, born November 7, 1784; Mary, born January 7, 1787; Isaac, born February 14, 1789; and Sarah, born February 5, 1792.

Mr. Ketchum's mother was Mary Jackson, whose birth occurred in 1783, at Dedham, Massachusetts. His parents were married in Sudbury, and lived on the old homestead farm where her grandfather, Aaron Jackson, had settled long before.

When Major Barnard Ketchum died, this farm contained about fifteen hundred acres, and James M. Ketchum owns five hundred and fifty acres, of which the two hundred and forty acres belonging to his grandfather form a part. The father of the subject hereof increased its area to its present extent. In addition to this property, he had other landed possessions. He was a thrifty business man, being engaged, also, in mercantile pursuits. He was an officer in the War of 1812, and served the public in various civic capacities,—representing his district in the legislature for several terms. The remains of Maj. Ketchum and his wife lie in the cemetery at Sudbury. They reared ten children, as follows: Aaron,

born in 1802, deceased at the age of eighty-two years; Lucy, who died young; Mary (Waller), who was born about the year 1806, and died when eighty years old; Adeline (Walker) born in 1809, and died in old age; Andrew J. who died in 1889, aged eighty-four years; Caroline (Kidder), a widow, in her eighty-third year, having one son, a farmer in Sudbury; James M., the subject hereof; Angeline (Vail), a widow, living in Orwell, Vt.; DeWitt C., who died in California soon after going there in January, 1850, and Margaret, who died when about five years of age.

Maj. Ketchum died March 3, 1855, and his wife passed away in June, 1868. The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm and in his father's store, which he and his brother Aaron conducted for him. Mr. Ketchum has been president of the Rutland County Agricultural Society. He says its first president was Frederick Button, of Clarendon, who was succeeded by Highland Hall, of Wallingford, who was in turn succeeded by Mr. Farnum, of Poultney, whose successor was C. H. Kellogg, of Pittsford; Judge Kellogg was followed by Capt. Sheldon, of Fair Haven; then Daniel Kimbark, of Clarendon; followed in regular succession by H. W. Lester, of Rutland; Alva Post, of Rutland; James M. Ketchum, of Sudbury; D. A. Smith, of Danby; L. Howard Kellogg, of Benson; Henry F. Lothrop, of Pittsford; Linstry Rounds, of Clarendon; Pitt W. Hyde, of Castleton; Henry Clark, of Poultney; Horace H. Dyer, of Rutland; —, of Wells; Nathan T. Sprague, of Brandon; J. S. Benedict, of Cas-



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tleton; Jesse L. Billings, of Rutland; Seneca Root, of Hubbardton; Redfield Proctor, of Proctor; Mr. Landon, of Rutland; George Chaffee, of Rutland; Fletcher D. Proctor, of Proctor; John H. Mead, of West Rutland, and C. M. Winston, of Brandon. Mr. Ketchum is gifted with a most tenacious memory.

The subject of this memoir has held the various town offices in Sudbury. Throughout the state he is known as a man of considerable experience in horticultural matters. He began in 1850 to plant orchards of apples and other fruits.

He relinquished the cultivation of his farm about 1884, and for the past fifteen years has been a tenant in his present residence, which he can thus occupy at less expense than as its owner. Mr. Ketchum's dwelling is one of those conspicuously pleasant homes, where brothers and sisters are abiding together in a harmonious household, and spending their closing years in happiness and comfort.

ANDREW N. ADAMS, a retired marble manufacturer and author, of Fair Haven, Vermont, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born in the town where he still lives, January 6, 1830. He is a son of Joseph and Stella (Miller) Adams, grandson of John Adams, great-grandson of James Adams, and great-great-grandson of Deacon James Adams of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

Our subject possesses rare literary talents. He is the author and compiler of "The De-

scendants of James and William Adams of Londonderry, New Hampshire," of the "History of Fair Haven, Vermont," and of the large genealogical history of "The Descendants of Henry Adams of Braintree, Mass." He has ready for publication a history of "The Descendants of Robert Adams of Newbury, Mass." He is a member of the Rutland County Historical Society and is the genealogist of the Adams families of New England.

In his work on "The Descendants of James and William Adams of Londonderry, New Hampshire," our subject traces his ancestors back to James Adams, of Scotch nationality, who emigrated from the North of Ireland to Londonderry, N. H. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, prior to 1680, and about 1700 he married Elizabeth Elder. After living some years in the North of Ireland, they came to America in 1721, locating in Londonderry, N. H. There the death of the sturdy old deacon occurred in May, 1743. His five children were probably born in Ireland. Their names are Robert, John, Jeannette, James, Jr., and Mary. James Adams was a man of means when he crossed the ocean. He lived one year in Massachusetts before settling down in New Hampshire.

James Adams, Jr., was but ten years old when the family came to America. He married Sarah Campbell, who died in Londonderry, September 6, 1778, in her fifty-ninth year. She was survived by her husband until September 15, 1781, when he passed away, aged seventy-one years. They rest side by side in the old cemetery on the hill at the

upper village, where Robert Adams is also buried. James Adams, Jr., lived on one of his several farms in Derry, New Hampshire, and bought and sold farms in other towns. His will, made in 1780, speaks of his children as follows: James, Robert, John, Andrew, Mary, Sarah, Jeannette, Alexander, and Elizabeth.

John Adams, grandfather of our subject, was born in Derry, N. H., June 5, 1756, and died in Whitehall, N. Y., August 22, 1838, having reared six children,—three sons and three daughters; he was twice married. He was a man of prominence.

Joseph Adams, a son of John, was born in Londonderry, N. H., in February, 1802. He was joined in marriage with Stella Miller, who was born in Hampton, New York, July 30, 1806, and was a daughter of Captain William Miller. Her brother, Captain William Miller, was in the battle of Plattsburg; he was also the prophet of the Second Adventists. Unto Joseph Adams and his wife were born eight children, two of whom are now living, namely: Helen M., the widow of David B. Colton, who resides at Fair Haven, Vt.; and Andrew N., our subject.

Joseph Adams learned the trade of a shoemaker from his father. Soon after his marriage he set out to make his own way in life. His brother, Andrew, had also learned the shoemaker's trade from his father; he inherited his father's farm, which he in turn left to his widow and son, but Joseph was differently situated. He built a most humble home on West street in Fair Haven, and started into

business for himself. He built up a good business and soon removed into the village. He employed many hands, journeymen and apprentices; his trade increased and became profitable. He manufactured ladies' fine shoes and supplied a large wholesale trade, his goods gaining a wide reputation and selling rapidly. Finally his friend, John J. Humphrey, induced Mr. Adams to dispose of his property in Fair Haven and remove to Racine, Wisconsin. After remaining at the latter place one year, he returned to Fair Haven. In the spring of 1845, he, in company with William C. Kittridge and Monson Allen, began building a mill for sawing marble from the Rutland quarries. Mr. Allen was also interested in the development of his slate industries, and Mr. Kittridge soon withdrew. Thus the management of the marble business fell entirely upon Mr. Adams. But much of the marble sawed proved unsound and the expense and outlay was large. It was only by close and untiring industry and a heroic struggle against difficulties that the enterprise was saved from disaster and finally became a paying business. The fine marble residence or mansion, now the home of A. N. Adams, was commenced by his father in the spring of 1860 and completed in the fall of 1861.

Joseph Adams was prominently identified with the prosperity and business life of Fair Haven for many years. He served as justice of the peace and in many other offices. He was elected to the legislature in 1854 and re-elected in 1855, and took an active part in its sessions. He was the prime mover in es-

tablishing the First National Bank of Fair Haven, of which he was a director. Later he became president of the same and served as such until his demise. He was a very public spirited man. In all the relations of life, he was regarded as a strictly honest and honorable man; he was frank and fearless. In business he was remarkable for his energy and tenacity of purpose, thereby insuring success where many would have failed or given up in despair. He had broad, liberal views on the subject of religion. In politics, he was a Republican, but was a warm friend to the cause of temperance, and was looked upon as a social leader.

Joseph Adams was especially fond of music and was himself a good violin player. Although economical in his style of living, he was kind of heart and generous to the poor. The people of Fair Haven will long cherish his memory.

Andrew N. Adams received a primary education in the public schools of Fair Haven, which was supplemented by a college preparatory course in the Green Mountain Liberal Institute of South Woodstock, Vt., and in 1848 he entered the Meadville Theological School. Spending two years there, he entered the Divinity School of Harvard University at Cambridge, Mass., in 1852, being graduated in 1855. He then accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Parish church, Needham, Mass., being ordained there on November 21, 1855. In 1860, he retired from the ministry and returned to Fair Haven, engaging in mercantile pursuits with much suc-

cess. Then, in company with his father and his brother-in-law, he engaged in sawing and manufacturing marble at Fair Haven in 1869, for the wholesale trade, and continued the business alone for a number of years after the death of his father and brother-in-law. The unqualified success of this business venture has been noted above, and considerable credit is due to Andrew N. Adams, for he has ever been an industrious and shrewd business man.

Politically, Mr. Adams is a Republican, and has served in numerous official capacities. He was justice of the peace; town treasurer; a member of the school board; director of the public library; a trustee of the State Normal School at Castleton, Vt., since 1862, and president of the board since 1882; in 1884-1885, he represented the town of Fair Haven in the State Legislature; and was a member of the State Senate and the joint committee on education during the year 1888-1889. The present efficient school system at Fair Haven is the fruit of our subject's efforts, and was organized by an act of the legislature. He is a member of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, and a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders.

On August 1, 1855, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Angis M. Phelps, a daughter of Erastus and Margaret (Hibbard) Phelps, born April 22, 1833. They became the parents of the following children: Alice A., born April 20, 1857, married, October 15, 1879, Horace B. Ellis, and they have three children,—George A., Edward A., and Stella

D.; Ada M., born in Fair Haven, Vt., December 5, 1861, married John T. Powell on December 30, 1885.—she died May 21, 1893, leaving two children, Margaret A., and Raymond A.; Anna E., born in Fair Haven, August 14, 1864, married George B. Jermyn, of Scranton, Pa., April 22, 1892, and they have a daughter, Margaret; Stella M., born in Fair Haven, October 6, 1866, married John T. Powell, September 16, 1896.

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CROCKER J. CLIFT, the accommodating postmaster at Middletown Springs, Vermont, was born four miles north of that village, on his father's farm, October 19, 1837. Mr. Clift obtained a fair education in the district school. Upon reaching his majority, he left home and went to Whitehall, New York. He found employment on different farms in that vicinity, for two or three years. Subsequently he returned home and worked on the home farm for three years. This farm of two hundred acres is still in the possession of the family. The father of the subject of this sketch settled upon it in 1838.

January 1, 1861, Crocker J. Clift was united in marriage with Mary Jane Buxton, a daughter of Luther and Samantha (Paris) Buxton. After his marriage, Mr. Clift continued to till the soil on the Clift farm, up to 1865. He then purchased the Michael Vail farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he continued to cultivate for seventeen years. Selling out to advantage, he rented the Buxton farm, for a time. He then went to Middletown

Springs, where he rented another farm, remaining there until January, 1867, when he returned to the Buxton residence.

December 12, 1885, Mr. Clift was appointed postmaster of Middletown Springs, by President Cleveland. He has continued to hold that position of trust ever since. This fact is very complimentary to Mr. Clift, as he is a Democrat at the present time. His first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln, for whom he voted at two elections. But in local contests Mr. Clift votes for the best man. During the fourteen years he has been postmaster, he has served the people most acceptably. Mr. Clift is a Mason in high standing, being a Knight Templar. October 28, 1886, he was deprived of his wife, who died leaving two children, William B. and Edwin Buxton. William B. Clift graduated from Middlebury College, Vermont. Later, he attended the University at New York City, for three years. He is an Episcopalian rector, and at present has charge of a parish in Rantoul, Champaign county, Illinois. He has a wife and one son. Edwin Buxton Clift is also a graduate of Middlebury College. He taught school for six years, and is now a student in the Homeopathic Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His home is in Middlebury, Vermont, where he has a wife and a little daughter, Helen Seymour, four years of age.

Crocker J. Clift is a son of Nathaniel and Polly (Crocker) Clift, a grandson of Hezekiah and Lucy (Walton) Clift, a great-grandson of Amos and Mary (Coit) Clift, and a great-great-grandson of Samuel and Lydia (Dog-

gett) Clift. The Clift genealogy can be traced back to Richard Warren Clift, who landed from the Mayflower. Samuel Clift was born October 22, 1709, and died August 22, 1794. In 1732, he was joined in marriage with Lydia Daggett, who was born in 1713, and died in 1790. Their remains rest in the cemetery at Plainfield, Connecticut.

Amos Clift was born September 20, 1737, and died July 29, 1806. His wife, who was Mary Coit before marriage, was born in 1737. They were married February 12, 1761, and had ten children. Amos Clift was a recruiting officer in the Revolutionary War, and held many positions of trust. Four of his sons were also in the army, one of whom was a major. His eldest son, Hezekiah, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

Hezekiah Clift was born in Bristol, Connecticut, December 4, 1761. He died in Middletown, Vermont, October 10, 1822. He enlisted in the 4th Connecticut Regiment, July 5, 1780, as a private, and was honorably discharged from service, December 19, of the same year. He was united in marriage with Lucy Walton, who survived him many years. She died in 1866. They began life together in the woods, in the town of Middletown, Vermont, where they cleared a fine farm. They kept twenty-five cows, and made their cheese on Sunday morning before going to church. They were worthy and industrious people and became possessed of considerable means. They were members of the Congregational church. Their remains rest in the old cemetery at Middletown. They reared a

large family of, perhaps, a dozen children, one of whom was Nathaniel Clift.

Nathaniel Clift, father of Crocker J., was born April 1, 1801. He died December 7, 1875, when nearly seventy-five years old. He married Polly Crocker, who bore him twelve children. Polly was born April 10, 1807, and died October 13, 1882, in her seventy-sixth year. Her marriage took place January 16, 1829. She lost one son in infancy, and another, named Duane, at the age of two and a half years. The other children were: Alice Lucy, Sarah Eliza, Jane Mary, Henry Rollin, Crocker J., William Walton, Martha Emily, Antha M., Charles Martin and Louise Elizabeth. Alice Lucy is the widow Dye, of East Poultney. Sarah Eliza is the wife of Truman Lewis, of Orwell, Vermont. Jane Mary married Albert Clark. She died in Poultney, leaving one son and one daughter. William Walton resides in the West,—at Rapid City, South Dakota. Charles Martin is an extensive fruit grower in California, where he went in 1894. Louise Elizabeth died when eighteen years old. Antha M. is the wife of J. E. Buxton. Martha Emily married Dr. Deering, of Boone, Iowa.

Henry Rollin Clift, brother of the subject of this sketch, and a prosperous farmer in Middletown, Vermont, was born two miles north of his present home, January 3, 1836. In 1838, his parents settled on the farm where Henry now resides, and where he has spent his whole life, with the exception of the first two years. March 29, 1866, he was joined in matrimony with Emeline Camp Ogden. Mrs.

Clift was born in Newark, New Jersey, September 12, 1842, and died June 4, 1895. She was survived by ten of her eleven children. Harry Rollin, the eighth child, died at the age of three years. The others are: Sarah Estelle, Myron Leonard, Charles Eugene, Jessie Hammond, Edith May, Arthur Ogden, Alice Louise, Walter Nathaniel, Frank Douglas, and Antha Eulalia.

Sarah Estelle is the wife of William S. Gray. They have two sons. Myron Leonard, with his wife and two daughters, resides in Irvington, New Jersey. Charles Eugene graduated from Brown University and is a resident of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Jessie Hammond married Walter A. Wills of Irvington, New Jersey. Edith May is a young lady, at home; she has taught school for a couple of years. Arthur Ogden is a student in Brown University,—a member of the class of 1901. Alice Louise, Walter Nathaniel, Frank Douglas and Antha Eulalia are all young people, at home, the youngest being a "miss," of thirteen years.

Henry Rollin Clift enlisted in the Union army at Auburn, New York. He entered service as a private in Company G, 111th Reg., New York Vol. Infantry. He was wounded on July 3, 1863, at the battle of Gettysburg. The ball struck him in the right hand and came out above the elbow. This piece of lead is still carefully preserved by Mr. Clift. At another time, a spent ball gave him a narrow escape. He was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry, and was on parole in Chicago.

Mr. Clift carries on general farming, and

also keeps a dairy of from twenty to twenty-five cows. In politics, he is a Republican. He has served as school director several years, and represented the town in the State Legislature, in 1898. He is a member of the Baptist church, of which he is a deacon.

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HORACE M. RUGGLES, a retired attorney-at-law, residing in the pleasant old Ruggles mansion in the charming village of Poultney, belongs to one of America's oldest families. He is a descendant of the early pilgrims of the New World who were the pure and true type of Puritans from England.

The genealogy of our subject is traced back to one Thomas Ruggles, who lived in Sudbury, Suffolk county, England. Records of that place show that his will was proven in 1547; this fact shows him to have been a man of property. Thomas Ruggles, a descendant of this first ancestor, was the first emigrant of the family to America. About 1637 he settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, now a part of Boston, where his descendants became men of property and prominence. Thomas Ruggles, the first progenitor, left a small landed estate in Sudbury, and there is still in England a family of his direct descendants.

Horace M. Ruggles was born in Hampton, New York, about seventy-two years ago. He was reared in Poultney from early childhood. He is a son of Henry J. and Phoebe (Mallery) Ruggles, and grandson of Seth and Susannah (Jenks) Ruggles, of Boston.

Seth Ruggles was born in Hardwick, Massachusetts, in 1757. Although still a young man, he was a non-commissioned officer in the army of the Revolution. He marched to Saratoga with his company of minute men but arrived there too late to participate in the battle. He was a farmer and married Susannah Jenks of Boston. Her brother, Rev. William Jenks, was a man of high intellectual attainments. He was a genealogist of note, and traced the history of this branch of the Ruggles family. Seth Ruggles and his wife reared five sons and one daughter; all of the children married except the daughter. Our subject's grandmother died at about the age of seventy years. She was survived by her husband until he reached the good old age of eighty-nine. They rest in the East Poultney cemetery.

Henry J. Ruggles, the father of our subject, was born in Hardwick, Worcester county, Massachusetts, in 1795. In 1826 he was united in marriage with Phoebe Mallary, a daughter of Daniel Mallary and his wife, who was a Miss Atwater before marriage. The Atwaters emigrated from England to Connecticut about the middle of the seventeenth century. Thus it will be seen that our subject is descended from Puritan stock on both sides of the family. His ancestors came from both Essex and Suffolk counties, England. Henry J. Ruggles was an iron manufacturer of Poultney, where the most of his life was spent. He owned a foundry, and machine shop, and did a large business; stoves were the leading products of the foundry. He also manufac-

tured mill machinery,—for saw mills, grist mills, and slate mills. Henry J. Ruggles died in 1869, and was survived by his widow until 1890; both were buried in Poultney. They had four children, of whom one son, Charles, died in infancy.

Horace M. Ruggles was educated at Union College, Schenectady, New York, from which he graduated in 1847. He read law in New York State and was admitted to the bar in Albany, in 1849. He began to practice in New York City, under the firm name of Starr & Ruggles. Mr. Starr's health failed twenty years ago but Mr. Ruggles continued to practice under the same name, for many years. He retired however some years ago.

Mr. Ruggles voted for General Taylor and has been a Republican ever since the party came into existence. In 1867 he was joined in matrimony with Virginia Stevens of Washington, District of Columbia. She was a daughter of Commodore Thomas H. Stevens, U. S. Navy. Mrs. Ruggles died in February, 1891, at the age of sixty years, in New York at the city residence of our subject on 57th street. After the death of his wife, Mr. Ruggles sold his city residence and retired to the old home in Poultney, built by the father sixty years ago.

Henry Ruggles, brother of our subject, succeeded to his father's business, but never married. He died at the old Ruggles mansion in 1897. He was the most prominent business man of the village. Although he left no posterity to perpetuate his name or his noble traits of character, yet he left a good

name and lived a life worthy of emulation in many respects. He was a safe and successful business man. He was modest, quiet, unobtrusive in his manner. He employed many men in his business; to them and to his faithful domestics, he was most considerate; he kept the good and faithful ones to the years of old age or infirmity, and even then he pensioned them. Probably no man in Poultney lived and died with a better reputation. He was a man whom few said aught against. Unlike many sordid ones who live for the wealth they can gain, he lived for the good he could do, and no citizen of Poultney was ever more sincerely lamented.

HENRY A. HARMAN, one of the prominent and progressive citizens of Rutland, Rutland county, Vermont, is a member of the legal profession, and for many years enjoyed a large practice; but at the present time, he serves in the official capacity of clerk of Rutland county. He is a son of George W. and Laura A. (Penfield) Harman, and was born in Pawlet, May 6, 1845. His father and grandfather, both of whom attained reputations as attorneys-at-law, were natives of Pawlet.

The subject of this sketch received his early education in the public schools of Bennington, Vt., to which place his parents had removed in 1848, and then took a private course of study. He subsequently attended the Burr and Burton Seminary for a short time, and

still later, Williams College, from which he was graduated in the year 1867. He afterwards entered the law department of Harvard University, and received the degree of LL. B., in 1871. January 27, 1871, he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar at East Cambridge, Mass., and soon thereafter entered upon the practice of his profession at Bennington, Vermont. There he formed a partnership with Hon. A. B. Gardner, the firm-name being Gardner & Harman, which continued until the decease of Lieut.-Gov. Gardner, in 1881. Three years later, Mr. Harman moved to Rutland, where he practiced law until 1893, when he was appointed to succeed Hon. John Howe, as clerk of Rutland county, a position which he has since held. In addition to his many business cares, he has devoted considerable attention to public education, and, from 1895, represented the Sixth ward of the city of Rutland on the board of school commissioners, until he resigned in 1899. He is one of the deacons of the Congregational church, in the city of Rutland. He is a man of high character and enjoys the highest respect of his friends and fellow-citizens, to all of whom he is well-known.

Mr. Harman married Miss Ellen M. Bromley, of Castleton, Vermont, January 12, 1876, who died January 12, 1893, being survived by her husband and five children. November 24, 1896, he formed a second union, with Miss Jean F. Woodward, of Lowell, Mass., a woman of most estimable character, who enjoys the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances in Rutland.



ADDISON GARDNER STONE.

ADDISON GARDNER STONE, a well-known lawyer of the Vermont bar, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is actively engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at Wallingford, Vermont. He was born in Albion, Orleans county, New York, March 16, 1849. Mr. Stone received his primary education in his native place. Later, he took a classical and law course at Georgetown College in Washington, D. C. He graduated with high honors from that institution in the class of 1875. In June of the same year, he was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Opening an office, he practiced there for one year. In 1876, he went to Savannah, Ga., and began practice in that place. He took yellow fever, however, and after his recovery came north to Vermont, practicing three years in this state. The five years following, he practiced in Richmond, Michigan. While there, he was elected county court commissioner. He was the first Republican ever elected to fill that office. He served two years. In 1884, Mr. Stone returned to Vermont, and located in Wallingford, where he has remained ever since. He is the only attorney in the town and has been quite successful as a lawyer. He is popular in the community and is very active in municipal affairs.

He was united in marriage with Lucretia M. Kent, a daughter of Elias W. and Sarah Kent. Mrs. Stone was born in Wallingford, Vermont, March 31, 1850, and has always

lived there, except the years spent in the above mentioned places with Mr. Stone. She was educated in the Brattleboro and Burlington seminaries.

George H. Stone, father of our subject, was also a native of Albion, Orleans county, New York. He was born January 17, 1817, and died December 28, 1849. He started upon his career with only limited opportunities but with a determined notion to succeed. He was self-educated. He succeeded in obtaining a position as clerk in a country store and followed that occupation for a while, at the same time making a beginning in the study of law. He was successful in being admitted to the bar and became a law partner of Sanford E. Church and Noah Davis. He followed his chosen profession for the balance of his life and made an enviable record for himself. Unfortunately, he died while still a young man, but not before he had distinguished himself in his chosen calling. He was the last man to hold the honorable position of vice-chancellor in the state of New York. He was also the youngest man that ever filled that office. After his last term, the office was abolished. His career, so full of brilliant promise, was cut off by death, caused by exposure and hard work.

George H. Stone was united in marriage with Melinda Farewell, a daughter of David and Sarah Farewell. Mrs. Stone was a native of Findlay, Ohio. Five children were born to her and her husband, as follows: Warren C., an attorney; George H., a physician; William F., a traveling salesman; Julia C.,

who died in infancy; and Addison Gardner, subject of these lines.

The first member of the Stone family to come to America was Simon Stone, the first, who was born in 1585. With his wife, Joan or Jane, and four children, he left Ipswich, England. He was accompanied by his brother, Gregory, and family. They sailed in the ship *Increase* and landed in New England, settling in Watertown, Massachusetts. Simon was then fifty years old and his wife was thirty-eight. Simon Stone was admitted a freeman and was chosen selectman, serving seven terms. He was a deacon of the church. His first wife having died, his second marriage was contracted with Mrs. Sarah Lumpkin, widow of Richard Lumpkin. She was a native of Boxstead, Essex county, England. The next in line of descent to our subject was Simon, the second.

Simon Stone, the second, was born in England, in 1631. He was an able farmer. He served many times as town clerk and selectman, of Watertown, Massachusetts. He also represented that town in the assembly for ten years. He was a prominent man, and numerous documents still exist that testify to his worth, activity, and usefulness. He married Mary (Whipple) Barry. Their son, Simon, the third, was born in 1656. He was a celebrated Indian fighter. He was, also, a deacon at Groton, Massachusetts. He married Sarah ———. Their son, Simon, the fourth, was born at Groton, Massachusetts, in 1692. He married Sarah ———. The next in line of descent was Elias Stone, Sr. He was born

at Groton, Massachusetts, April 2, 1728, and later removed to Harvard, Massachusetts. He married Sarah ———. He, also, was an active Indian fighter.

Elias Stone, Jr., was born in Harvard, Massachusetts, October 3, 1757. He lived at various times in Sunderland, Conway, and Deerfield. He served in the Revolutionary War under Capt. Amasa Sheldon, Capt. Joseph Stebbins, Capt. Jonas Lock, and Capt. Sylvanus Rice. In the Massachusetts Archives, Revolutionary Rolls, the receipts for moneys paid him, while in the four companies, are in a good state of preservation. He married Sarah (Bodman) Arms. Their son, Solomon, was the grandfather of our subject. Solomon Stone was twice married. His first wife was Martha Stanton (Clark). She bore her husband two children, Mary and Susan,—the latter died at the age of two years. The mother of these children died in Stanton, and their father again married. This time he was united with Betsey Bradley, who was born March 19, 1792. This second union resulted in the birth of thirteen children, namely: George M., father of our subject; Louisa; Amos; Helen L.; Martha; Solomon William; Sanford Marion; Elias; Sylvester Amos; Orson; Elizabeth; Wheeler Hawks; and one who died in infancy.

Addison Gardner Stone is a Republican; at one time he was chief clerk in the engineer department at Washington, D. C. He has been presiding officer of the town of Wallingford for twelve years; was a member of the Vermont Legislature, in 1894; and served five

terms as town attorney and numerous terms as lister, etc. He is a member of Protection Lodge No. 2427, K. of H., and is now filling the office of grand dictator in the grand lodge. He is also a member of Chipman Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M., and of Shikanah Consistory, No. 4, Brooklyn, N. Y.



BENONI GRIFFIN. The oldest resident of the town of Sudbury, Rutland county, Vermont, and the oldest and, for his years, the best preserved, man in that portion of the state, is Benoni Griffin, the subject of this biographical record. Mr. Griffin, who is a farmer in Sudbury, with post-office address at Brandon, first saw the light of day more than ninety years ago,—the date of his birth being March 26, 1809.

He is a son of Benoni Griffin, who was born about the year 1764, in Simsbury, Conn., near the copper mine which his maternal grandfather subsequently owned. He went first to Windham county, Vt., and for a time he lived in Whitingham, Vt., and was married to Abigail Ray, of Wilmington, Vt., whose family were early settlers in the state. They had five children, viz.: Milton; Alanson; Sophia; Ammarilla, and Benoni.

Milton died unmarried, in Sudbury, aged about thirty years. Alanson was for some years a sailor, but married and settled here as a farmer. He learned the shoemaker's trade and, afterward, the blacksmith's trade, which latter occupation he followed in Sudbury for many years, on the site where his stone shop

still stands, vacant and silent. He died in middle life, leaving a family of three children. Sophia married Samuel St. Johns and settled near Janesville, Wisconsin, where her husband took up about seven hundred acres of land, to the vicinity of which the subject of this sketch, at one time, contemplated going. Mrs. St. Johns reared four children and died in middle life. Ammarilla married, first, Isaac Ketchum, and second, Tehan Doan. She had no children, but lived to be an octogenarian.

Benoni, the fifth child, is the subject of this sketch. His mother died in 1811 or 1812. His father married again, wedding, in this instance, a Miss Foster, and having by her six children, one of whom a daughter, Mahalah, is living at Rochester, Minn., the wife of Frank Reed.

The Griffin homestead is one of the historic spots of Vermont. Here the Indians had a settlement, and the ruins of old Fort Ticonderoga in the state of New York, are near by. The first white settler in this locality was Timothy Miller, the grandfather of Mr. Griffin's wife. Mr. Griffin's father came to this farm in 1798 or 1799. With a very humble start, he and his worthy wife acquired a good property, amounting to two hundred and fifty acres of land. They were Congregationalists,—Mr. Griffin's mother being very active and benevolent in her church relations. She was in every sense of the term, a noble woman. His father lived for a while at Castleton (where one of his three children were born). When

seventy-seven years old, he passed from this world, having been paralyzed for the last year and a half of his life. His second wife went to Wisconsin, where she died when more than eighty years old.

The subject of this sketch has spent his entire life on the Sudbury farm. At the age of sixteen years, the whole responsibility of the care of the farm and family devolved on him, by reason of the disability of his father through rheumatism.

Mr. Griffin was married, in 1842, to Sarah W. Miller, who was born March 29, 1820. This union had the following issue: La Roy S.; Edna S.; Florence; Ella; Ernest B.; Rolla C.; Mary A.; Martha Annette; and Irwin D. La Roy S. was born August 29, 1844, and is now a resident of Fair Haven, Vt., where he has three sons. Edna S. was born in 1846, and died December 20, 1850. Florence was born September 5, 1849, became the wife of Oscar Morehouse, and died, childless, September 28, 1891. Ella was born September 6, 1851, was married to Erastus C. Spooner, and has four children. They are substantial farmers in Sudbury. Ernest B. was born September 13, 1853, and died April 9, 1859. Rolla C. was born October 27, 1855, married Agnes G. Felton, and lives on the homestead farm. They have two little sons. The mother has also a daughter, Luella A., by her first husband, Frank A. Ketchum. Mary A. is a young lady living at home on her father's farm. Martha Annette died October 31, 1878, when eighteen years old. Irwin D. died, aged one year, in 1865. The

mother of this family died May 1, 1889, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Politically, Mr. Griffin is a Republican, and served one term in the lower branch of the Vermont Legislature, in 1880-1881. He declined a nomination for the State Senate. He has belonged to the Methodist church for many years, being the oldest member in Brandon, and has been a steward and trustee. When he first united with the church, this was a circuit, and he has maintained his membership therein for more than sixty years.

Politically, the subject of this biography has rendered his share of service in the various town offices, acting in a public capacity until he declined to serve longer. He was for many years first selectman, and during the Civil War, as such official, disbursed more than \$13,000. He was recruiting officer of the township.

Mr. Griffin's farm contains more than two hundred acres, and he has, besides, two detached pieces of fifty acres each, in Sudbury and Brandon. His husbandry has been of a mixed description, and he has made money in stock dealing. He has been a hard worker, and has maintained strict rectitude of habits. He served as a lieutenant in the state militia. Mr. Griffin's daughter Florence, who was, as before mentioned, the wife of Dr. O. H. Morehouse, of Fair Haven, Vt., was fifty-two years old at the time of her death.

Mrs. Griffin was a worthy wife and mother. She was a woman of more than ordinary ability, and was always ready to lend a helping hand in time of sickness or trouble.

COLONEL ENDEARING D. JOHNSON is one of the owners and proprietors of the Bomoseen club house. This club house has been a popular resort since 1877, and is the pioneer house of entertainment for the city boarders. This beautiful place comprises one of the best farms at the head of the lake, and is one of the most charming and enchanting spots in the state of Vermont. The upper part of the beautiful lake is by far the most picturesque. This farm embraces some nine hundred acres, and has a lake frontage of one and a half miles. It is the property of Col. E. D. Johnson and his brother, D. T. Johnson.

The subject of this sketch has been a constable and notary public for twenty years. He is colonel of the Johnson Lake Bomoseen Club. He carries on general farming, besides which he raises some fine blooded Holstein cattle and Merino sheep. Col. Endearing D. Johnson was born on the farm which is still his home, June 12, 1841, in the old house, which is now about one hundred years old. He is a son of Lyman and Maloney (Eaton) Johnson, grandson of Endearing and Martha (Scott) Johnson, and great-grandson of John Johnson.

John Johnson left his home in Connecticut and went to Rutland, Vermont, in 1761. After a brief stay, he went back to Connecticut, but subsequently returned, and located in Rutland. He reared nine children, one of whom was Endearing, Col. Johnson's grandfather.

Endearing Johnson was born in Connecticut, but had the distinction of being the first

settler in Castleton. He went there with his ox team, via the old Charleston road, No. 4, and settled in the woods. He was twice married. His marriage with Martha Scott resulted in the birth of the following four children: Lyman, father of the subject hereof; Hiram; Sperry; and Sally. His second marriage was contracted with Nancy Eaton. His brother, Lyman Johnson, married a sister of Nancy. Her name was Maloney Eaton. This second union was the source of four sons, viz.: Oliver, Daniel, Charles, and Horace. Charles went to California, in 1852, where he still lives. He is now retired. Horace went to Colorado, in 1854, and is also retired.

Col. Johnson's grandfather owned the town farm. About 1855, he sold out and went to Illinois, where he died, in his seventy-fifth year. Lyman Johnson, father of the subject hereof, was born December 8, 1801, on the old Enos Merrill farm, in the town of Castleton, Vermont. In 1826, he was joined in marriage with Maloney Eaton, a winsome daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Carter) Eaton. Maloney was a native of Scotland, and was brought to America when only eight years old. Two decanters brought over by her parents are still in the possession of the subject of this sketch.

Soon after marriage, Lyman Johnson settled in the old Endearing Johnson house, which is still standing. In 1826, he purchased a part of the farm occupied by the subject hereof, but did not settle there until 1840. He built a part of the present large residence in 1873. Six years afterward, his beloved

wife died in her eightieth year. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Olivia, John F., Enoch E., Sarah, Endearing D., the subject of these lines, Daniel T., and Hiram.

Olivia died when but six years old. Enoch E. was a colonel of the 2nd Reg., Vermont Infantry, during the Civil War. At the battle of Cedar Creek he filled an emergency by commanding a brigade of the 2nd Division, 6th Army Corps. For this act he was brevetted colonel. Sarah was the wife of David B. Parmenter, of New York. Daniel T. is a joint owner with the subject hereof, of the fine old farm, before mentioned. Their two families reside there, and entertain their numerous guests in a royal manner. Hiram died in 1879, when about thirty years old. He left a wife and two daughters.

All the schooling which the subject of this sketch received was obtained before his twelfth year. He then worked upon the farm until his enlistment in the army during the Civil War. October 18, 1861, when seventeen years old, he volunteered as a member of Company B, 2nd Reg., Vermont Infantry. Step by step he rose from the ranks till he was second lieutenant on the staff of his brother, Col. Enoch E. Johnson. He served until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged from service. He is now drawing a pension from the government.

Col. Endearing D. Johnson is a member of the G. A. R. In politics, he votes the Democratic ticket. He married Eveline E. Graves. She was a daughter of Benjamin

and Emily (Gorman) Graves. Mr. Graves was the pioneer plow manufacturer of Castleton, Vt. Mrs. Graves still lives at Castleton Corners. She is now in her seventy-fifth year, and has lost both her daughters. Mrs. Johnson died as recently as April 18, 1899. She left an only son, Frank W. He is twenty-four years old, and is still under the parental roof. He is an expert machinist.

The subject of this sketch became a master Mason, in 1865. He is a devout member of the M. E. church. The fine orchards on his place were planted by his father.

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MRS. SOPHIA WARD, residing on a splendid farm of two hundred acres, at East Poultney, Vermont, is the widow of the late Charles P. Ward.

Charles P. Ward was born on the same farm where the subject of this sketch now resides, June 27, 1813. He followed farming all his life and was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him. In politics, he was a staunch Republican, and held many of the township offices. Like his honored ancestors, he was an active member of the Baptist church. His death occurred over twenty-seven years ago, on November 29, 1872. He was a son of William, Jr., and Anna (Spencer) Ward and grandson of Hon. William and Lucy (Church) Ward.

Hon. William Ward was a man of great prominence and was extremely patriotic. December 11, 1763, he was united in marriage with Lucy Church, an estimable lady.

In November, 1775, Mr. Ward removed from New Marlboro, Massachusetts, to Poultney, Vermont, settling on the upper part of Fennel Hollow, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death. This farm is still owned and occupied by his descendants. Hon. William Ward was one of a sturdy band of pioneer settlers who stoutly resisted the advance of Burgoyne's army, and finally participated in its capture. In the meantime his wife and family were unprotected, and exposed to the ravages of the British. Mrs. Ward fled to Bennington, fifty miles away, through the wilderness. With her children she walked the whole distance and carried the baby in her arms. She reached her destination safely and remained there until after Burgoyne's surrender, at Saratoga, when, with her husband, she returned to New Marlboro, where they remained until the following winter, when they returned to Poultney, Vt., January 28, 1778, using an ox team to convey them.

William Ward was a member of the convention which formed the constitution of the state of Vermont. He was judge of Rutland county, six years; he was the first probate judge of the district of Fair Haven, which office he held for twenty-two years; he was justice of the peace for forty years. He was the first representative of the town in the state legislature, and held the same office several times afterward. He was a deacon of the Baptist church for nearly forty years. He was a man of remarkable vigor and health, and never lost a meal from sickness nor was

confined to his bed until the Friday before his death, on August 3, 1819, at the age of seventy-six years.

As a citizen, a Christian, and as an officer of the law, this grand man was upright, and true to every trust in both public and private life. His widow died January 6, 1846, at the very advanced age of ninety-eight years. The subject of our sketch distinctly remembers knowing this aged lady three years before her death. She reared twelve children,—seven sons and five daughters. All married except one daughter, who died at four years of age.

William Ward, Jr., was the sixth child, and third son, of his parents. He was born on his father's farm, February 28, 1778, and succeeded to the ancestral acres, where he lived until his death. He was a good citizen, and held the confidence of the people of his town. He died October 11, 1850. He was twice married. His first union was with Anna Spencer, of Hartford, Connecticut. She bore him four sons and three daughters.

The maiden name of the subject hereof was Sophia Sinclair. She was born in Gerry, Chautauqua county, New York, September 6, 1820. She is the eldest daughter of Samuel and Martha (Bucklen) Sinclair. Her mother was a native of Vermont. Her father was born at Eaton, Madison county, New York. Their marriage took place in Gerry, where Mr. Sinclair owned a farm. He was a skilled mechanic and was a millwright, by trade. Six of his seven children grew to manhood and womanhood,—the eldest of whom is the subject of these lines. The others are: Samuel,

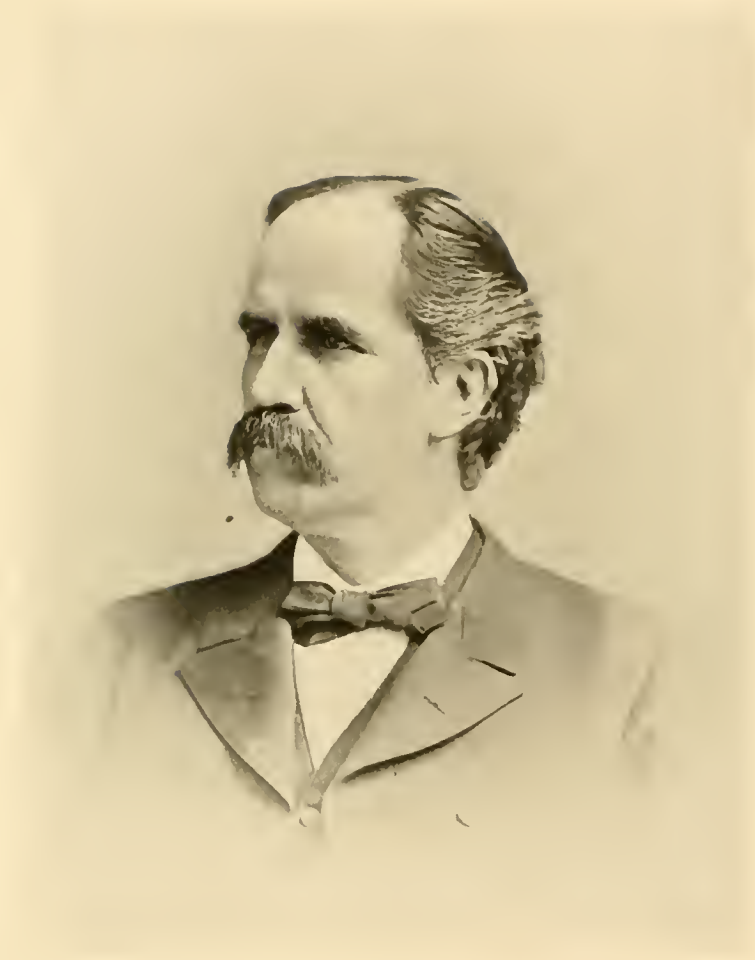
Jr.; a daughter who died at the age of five years; Nancy; Major; Elisha Ward; and Martha Melissa. Samuel, Jr., went to New York City, when eighteen years old. He was the publisher of the New York Tribune, for some time. He was born in 1821, and died in 1893. At one time, he was quite wealthy. One married son survives him and, also, one daughter, who is still single. Nancy married Isaiah Cobb. She died about 1889, at Johnsonburg, Pa., leaving one child. Major settled on the homestead farm, in Gerry. Elisha Ward died in Belmont, near Denver, Colorado. Martha Melissa married T. B. Cobb, and now resides with her daughter, at Westchester, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ward is the mother of the following five children: Helen S.; William Sinclair; Charles Winfield; Martha Luella; and Arthur B. Helen S. married William Hosford. She lost her husband, November 6, 1875. She was left with four children, and her own health was poor. She returned to Poultney, where she died December 12, 1880. William Sinclair was born September 9, 1849. He is a farmer in the town of Poultney, Vermont. Charles Winfield was born in 1852, and died in infancy. Martha Luella married Dexter D. Day, of Ira, Vermont. She died January 21, 1891, and left two children. Arthur B. is a farmer. He resides on the ancestral acres, with the subject of these lines. He was united in marriage with Hattie Frisbie, of Poultney. They have a remarkably interesting family, consisting of seven children, namely: Elwyn Frisbie; William Arthur;

Catherine Burnham; James Frisbie; Gladys Myra; Harriet Sophia; and Arthur Baldwin. Their ages are respectively: thirteen, twelve, ten, nine, seven, five, and two, years.

The subject of this sketch is a most worthy lady. She carries on general farming, and also keeps from twelve to twenty fine milch cows.

DAVID A. BARKER, the genial proprietor of the Valley House, at Middletown Springs, Vermont, is the only liveryman and horse speculator of that place. He is a man of rare tact and ability, is a fine horseman, and an excellent judge of horses. Mr. Barker is one of the busiest men in the village, and, probably, one of the greatest hustlers in Rutland county. He buys and sells more horses, in a year, and, doubtless, handles more, in a year, than any other man in Western Vermont. He deals only in a good class of horses. He has two stage routes and keeps his various teams busy in farming, when not otherwise in use.

David A. Barker was born in Middletown Springs, March 30, 1860. He is a son of Augustus and Emily (Hyde) Barker, grandson of Justus Barker, and great-grandson of Pittman and Lydia (Budd) Barker. Pittman Barker was an able farmer in Tinnmouth, and, subsequently, in Castleton, Vermont. He married Lydia Budd, of Middletown. Their son Justus, grandfather of David A., was the only one of a large family who remained in that vicinity. These ancestors all lie buried



JOEL CLARKE BAKER.

in the old cemetery at Middletown Springs. (For the ancestral line, see the sketch of Augustus Barker in this volume.)

Augustus Barker, father of David A., was also a native of Middletown Springs. His marriage with Emily Hyde resulted in the birth of two sons and three daughters. David A. Barker was reared to farm life and labor, and was mentally trained in the district schools, with a finishing course at Castleton.

Soon after reaching his majority, David A. Barker started out on his career, by farming rented land. In 1887, engaged in the livery business at Middletown Springs. In 1894, he purchased the Valley House and erected two large stables, with a capacity for accommodating thirty-five horses, and storage for his large stock of wagons, of which he sells some two hundred per year. He then began buying and selling horses also,—which business has grown to extensive proportions. He employs from ten to fifteen drivers in his livery, and with his team horses and dealing horses, often has as high as thirty-five employees at one time.

The Valley House is amply spacious to supply the wants of the traveling public. It is the only hotel in the village, except the Summer Resort. The village drug store is situated in the building. Over the carriage house, Mr. Barker has a very pleasant and commodious public hall, with appropriate staging, curtains, etc., for entertainment purposes.

For so young a man it is hard to find the equal of the subject of this sketch in either business qualifications, or the ability to man-

age so quietly and smoothly the number of men employed by him. He has already accumulated a handsome property. October 17, 1882, Mr. Barker was joined in wedlock with Antha S. Mehuron, only daughter of Reuben and Hannah (Norton) Mehuron. Mrs. Barker's father is now deceased. Her mother is still living, and resides at the home of the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Barker also has one brother, Clark Mehuron, in the town of Ira, Vermont.

To Mr. and Mrs. Barker has been born one child, Elroy A., the date of whose birth is June 14, 1892. Mr. Barker has done more to establish good roads in his town than any one else, and his efforts in that direction are appreciated. He is a Republican in politics, and is serving his fourth term as road commissioner. He has also served four years as selectman, and has officiated as lister, representative, etc. He was treasurer of the old cheese factory company and is superintendent and manager of the new cheese company. In fraternal circles, Mr. Barker is a Mason of high degree. He is a member of the Commandery, and is also a Shriner.

JOEL CLARKE BAKER, whose life has been one of the most stirring activity, is a prominent member of the Rutland county bar, and is a veteran of the Civil War, during the greater part of which he served. A descendant of sturdy Scotch ancestry, he is a son of Edia and Seleucia A. (Davenport)

Baker, and was born in Danby, Vermont, April 16, 1838.

Mr. Baker received his early education in the public schools of Danby and Wallingford, and in 1858 took up the advanced studies of Latin and Greek under the tutelage of Philip H. Emerson, continuing for two years. He determined upon a professional career and in 1859 entered upon the study of law in the office of Spencer Green, of Danby, but he subsequently changed to the law office of David E. Nicholson, of Wallingford, where he remained until 1862, when he was admitted to the bar of Rutland county. In 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Ninth Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, but was mustered into the service as a sergeant. He was promoted successively to the grades of first sergeant, second and first lieutenant, and captain. He was at the surrender of Harper's Ferry and was sent as a paroled prisoner to Camp Douglas at Chicago, where he remained until his exchange was effected on January 9, 1863, afterwards serving as guard over five or six thousand Rebel prisoners. He then returned to active service at the front and participated in many battles and skirmishes of importance, being with the Army of the James in the engagements at Chapin's Farm and Fair Oaks, and in the capture of Richmond. He was among the first to enter the capital of the Confederacy when it was taken, and had the distinction of pulling down with his own hands the Rebel flag which floated over Jefferson Davis' home, and this he took away with him. While he was in North Carolina, Con-

gress organized a system of courts known as provost courts, and in these our subject had considerable practice. After his return from service he practiced law at Wallingford until 1868, and from 1869 to 1873 held the position of editor of the "Rutland Herald." Since 1869 he has made his residence in Rutland. He resumed his law practice and established a wide reputation both in civil and criminal cases, having conducted a number of celebrated cases in Rutland and Bennington counties. He has also practiced in the Fourth Judicial District in New York, and before the United States Circuit and Supreme courts. He has important real estate holdings in Rutland, and is interested in numerous business enterprises, among them being the Clement National Bank; the Howe Scale Company; and the P. E. Chase Manufacturing Company, in all of which he is a director. He has been superintendent of schools and grand juror of the towns of Wallingford and Rutland, also register of probate and deputy county clerk.

Mr. Baker is a Republican in political affiliations, and has served that party in a most commendable manner in different capacities. He was elected to the State Senate in 1886, and served on the committees on judiciary, railways and the insane. He was county auditor two years and also served as city attorney for a time. He is a member of the F. & A. M., having been junior and senior warden of Chipman Lodge, No. 52, with which he was first connected, but he is now with Center Lodge, No. 34. He belongs to Rutland Royal Ar-

canum and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is also interested in the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. Religiously, he is an Episcopalian.

On October 8, 1866, Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Ada O. Howe, a daughter of Luther P. and Mary A. (Rounds) Howe, of Mount Tabor, and they are the parents of one daughter, Mabel. The publishers of this work present a portrait of Mr. Baker on a foregoing page.

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HENRY FREEMAN WALKER, M. D., is a resident of New York City, but, with a love born of early associations, has always shown a preference for his boyhood's village, Pittsford, Vermont, where he still maintains the old family homestead and interests himself in the development and improvement of the town. A man of attainments, a result of continuous study and a superior natural intellect, he has achieved a wide reputation in the medical profession, and is classed among the foremost practitioners of New York City.

The Walker family was established in this country, as early as the year 1630, by Richard Walker of England. From him, through eight generations, Dr. Walker traces his descent, as follows: Samuel; Samuel, Jr., of Woburn, Mass.; John, of Weston, Mass.; Nathaniel, of Sturbridge, Mass.; Phineas, who located at

Woodstock, Conn., and was a soldier of the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars; Leonard; and Charles. Leonard Walker, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Woodstock, Conn., in 1766, and in 1790 was united in marriage with Chloe Child, a daughter of Elisha Child, of Woodstock, by whom he had thirteen children, the oldest of whom was Charles. In the spring of 1797, four children being then born, they removed from Woodstock to Strafford, Vermont.

Charles Walker, the father of our subject, was born in Woodstock, Conn., February 2, 1791, and attained his majority in Strafford, Vermont. Upon reaching manhood he started out for himself; walking to Woodstock, Conn., he there found employment in a woolen mill, in which he worked for a period of four years. At about that time he was one of those awakened in a revival meeting, and, casting aside the bright prospects of business which had opened to him, he decided thenceforth to devote himself to the work of Christ. By way of preparation he began study in a school at Cherry Valley, New York, and one year later entered the academy at Plainfield, where he was prepared for Dartmouth College. But by the advice of friends he altered his plans and entered the seminary at Andover, Mass., from which he was graduated in September, 1821. He was licensed to preach by the Windham Association in Connecticut, in the same year, and was ordained by the Otsego Presbytery of Norwich, in February, 1822. He was installed pastor of the Congregational church of Rutland, Vermont,

January 2, 1823, where he continued his ministerial labors until March 13, 1833, when a severe bronchial trouble compelled him to resign. He spent the next year in travel in America. He then, in company with Professor Clark, established a seminary for boys and girls at Castleton, now a normal school, in which he taught for one year. Sufficiently recovering his voice, he again entered the field of ministry, accepting a call to preach at Brattleboro, where he was installed January 1, 1835, his pastorate continuing there for over eleven years until February 11, 1846. He then assumed a charge at Pittsford on the second day of the following December, at a time when the church was in a state of great disorder, caused by a case of church discipline and the dismissal of his predecessor. But under his careful guidance harmony was fully restored, and during his eighteen and a half years of faithful work there, the membership was increased by eighty-four converts to the Christian faith. The Christian life he led influenced the lives of others and he was revered by all with whom he came in contact. At his request, he was removed from his pastorate, much to the regret of himself and his congregation, but he still retained his pleasant home in Pittsford, where he resided with his honored and esteemed companion in life, during the summer months, but his winters were spent at the homes of his children. He died at the house of his daughter, Mrs. Boardman, at Binghamton, N. Y., November 28, 1870, at the age of almost eighty years, and lies buried in the beautiful cemetery at Pitts-

ford, at the dedication of which he offered the consecrating prayer. Rev. Charles Walker was joined, September 22, 1823, in the bonds of wedlock with Lucretia Ambrose of Concord, N. H., a daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Eastman) Ambrose, and they became the happy parents of six children, four of whom lived to maturity. A brief record of these follows:

Anne Ambrose Walker, in 1854, was united in marriage with Rev. George Nye Boardman, a gentleman who has won distinction as a minister and educator, but who has lived a retired life since 1893. His grandfather was Timothy Boardman, who, born in 1754, was a prosperous farmer of Boardman Hill, West Rutland, Rutland county, Vermont. Timothy Boardman was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and in 1783 left his native town, Middletown, Conn., and located in Rutland, Vermont. He died in 1839. His wife was Mary Ward, of Middletown, Conn., and they reared a family of seven children, nearly all of whom lived to reach remarkably old age. Samuel W. Boardman, the father of Rev. George N. Boardman, was born in Rutland, now West Rutland, at Boardman Hill, November 27, 1789, and died on April 13, 1870. He was joined in marriage with Ann Gilbert, who was born in Oakham, Mass., but was brought to Pittsford by her parents at the age of six years. They were married in 1822, and reared four sons, three of whom received intellectual training and became men of influence, but the second son died at the age of nineteen years. Rev. George

N. Boardman was born in Pittsford, Vermont, December 23, 1825, and was graduated from Middlebury College in 1847. He subsequently taught two years in his alma mater, and then studied at Andover Seminary a period of three years, after which he passed six years as professor in the former institution. During the subsequent twelve years he was a pastor in Binghamton, N. Y., and in 1871 went to Chicago as a professor of theology in the Union Park Theological Seminary, a position he filled for twenty-two years, attaining a substantial reputation in that capacity. Upon his retirement, in 1893, he returned to the place of his nativity, Pittsford, where he resides a portion of the year, spending the rest of his time in New York City. Pittsford bears token of Mrs. Boardman's interest, in the arched stone bridge which spans Sugar Hollow Brook where it crosses the village street.

George Leon Walker, the third child born to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Walker, who holds the degree of Doctor of Divinity, though not strong, physically, is an able minister, deeply devoted to his work. His first charge was in Portland, Maine, and later he accepted the pastorate of the First Congregational church of New Haven, Conn.; after a twelve years' pastorate and two years' illness he accepted a call to the First Congregational church of Hartford, where he is now pastor emeritus.

Stephen Ambrose Walker, deceased, was a well-known attorney-at-law of New York City. He was born in Brattleboro, Vermont. In 1858 he graduated at Middlebury College,

valedictorian of his class. He then taught school in Binghamton, N. Y., for three years, where he read law with Daniel S. Dickinson and was admitted to the bar. He then went into the army as paymaster and attained the rank of colonel. He engaged in practice in New York city for many years, first in the firm of Buckham & Smales, and was one of the trustees of the Tilden Trust. For ten years he was president of the board of education, and was United States district attorney during the first administration of President Cleveland. In Pittsford his influence and energy, more than anything else, led to the introduction of the unrivalled water supply. He died on February 3, 1893, and is buried in Pittsford Cemetery. To his memory, his brother Dr. H. F. Walker, has erected a memorial building in Pittsford, which contains the public library and the town clerk's office. It is a well built structure of simple design made of Roman brick, with terra cotta trimmings.

Henry Freeman Walker, the subject of this biographical record, was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, July 3, 1838, and was educated at Middlebury College, graduating from that institution in 1860, with the salutatory appointment. Afterward he taught in the academy at Jonesville, Saratoga county, N. Y., for three years, and then began to prepare for his professional life in the Portland Medical School, continuing later in the Long Island Medical College in Brooklyn, and at the College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York City, where he was graduated in 1866. For nearly

two years after his graduation, he served as house physician in Bellevue Hospital, New York, and at the close of this service spent a short period in professional observation and study in Europe. His work has since been in New York City, where he has acquired a large practice. Dr. Walker has not been so completely engrossed in his profession as to exclude all else, but having obtained a fair start he became interested in other matters and has devoted considerable time to travel, having visited most parts of the United States and many of the countries of Europe. He still spends much of his vacation time at the old Walker homestead in Pittsford, Vermont, where he passed his youthful days. His love for his early home is evidenced by the beautiful building which he erected in memory of his brother, and his furtherance of many public improvements there. Dr. Walker is held in the highest esteem by his fellow-citizens of Pittsford, to whom he is endeared not alone for the worthiness of his deeds, but by reason of the true friendship he bears them.

JASPER A. BENEDICT, a prosperous dairy farmer in the town of Poultney, Vermont, settled on his splendid farm of two hundred and seventy-five acres, soon after being mustered out of service in the army, in 1864. About one hundred acres of his land is under cultivation. The remainder is utilized for pasturage. Mr. Benedict keeps from twenty-five to thirty fine milch cows, and makes a business of selling cream to the

Poultney creamery. He was born in the town of Hubbardton, Rutland county, Vt., April 21, 1838. He is a son of Johnson S. and Lucy Ann (Nichols) Benedict, and grandson of Alson and Eliza (Selleck) Benedict. His grandparents were married in Hubbardton, and had three sons: Johnson S., father of Jasper A.; Rollin C., a printer; and Seymour W., a sailor. Rollin C. became a man of prominence in journalistic circles, in Canada. He died when about seventy years old.

Mr. Benedict's grandfather died in Western New York, early in his prime. He left his widow without means. But she was smart and industrious, and obtained good places for her boys. Some time later, she contracted a second marriage. She wedded Ira Selleck, —Selleck being also her maiden name. Her husband was her cousin. They reared a large family. Mrs. Selleck died in Salem, Wisconsin, an octogenarian.

Johnson S. Benedict was a native of Hubbardton, Vermont, where he was born, in 1812. In January, 1837, his marriage with Lucy Ann Nichols occurred, and they reared five of the nine children born to them. Of these, three only survive, namely: Luke N., M. Eliza and Jasper A., the subject hereof. The first named lives on the old farm. He married Lucy Watling; they have two children, Starr and Hazel. M. Eliza married V. Rich, of Richville, Vt.; they had one son, Herbert, who died, aged ten years. For three years Mr. Benedict rented a farm in the town of Hubbardton, and he purchased land in the same town. Some time later he sold this farm,

and purchased one in the town of Castleton, which also was profitably sold, a few years later. In this way, by buying and selling farms, Mr. Benedict obtained a good start. He next bought a farm in North Britton, which he sold in 1859, and removed to another farm in the town of Castleton. In his old age, he retired from farming, and spent his declining years in the village of Castleton. He died on his wife's birthday anniversary, February 22, 1897. His widow still survives him and resides on the farm, with her son, Luke N.

Mr. Benedict received a common schooling and remained at home until he attained his majority. June 20, 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, in the 2nd Reg., Vermont Infantry, going into service as a corporal, and returning as acting sergeant major. He was wounded in the left arm during the battle of the Wilderness, and was honorably discharged from service, June 29, 1864, after serving three years. Mr. Benedict assumed the obligations of married life by wedding Sarah Parsons. This happy event transpired July 14, 1864, and was the scene of a merry gathering. Mrs. Benedict is a native of the town of Hubbardton, Vermont, where she was born, February 5, 1840. She is the youngest daughter of Aaron S. and Amanda (Brick) Parsons. She has one sister, Olive, wife of S. W. St. John, of Hubbardton, and one brother, Timothy, who resides in the same town. He has a wife and five children. To Mr. and Mrs. Benedict have been born three children, as follows: Dallas J.; Elmer T. L.; and Clyde

J. Dallas J. was an early victim to consumption. He died in Denver, Colorado, when twenty-two years old. Elmer T. L. resides on the farm with the subject hereof. He has one son, Sherman. Clyde J. is unmarried, and is still at home. He is a graduate of the Troy Conference Academy of Poultney, and of Albany Business College. He is a book-keeper by occupation.

Mr. Benedict is prominent in the G. A. R. circles of the G. A. R. post, in which he is past commander. He has served as quartermaster for fifteen years. He is also a past noble grand of the I. O. O. F. In his political views, he follows the leadership of the Republican party. He has been a faithful public servant, and has held many of the town offices, such as selectman, lister, overseer of the poor, etc. He is a Universalist, but entertains liberal views on the subject of religion.

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LOREN MELVIN BAKER, a well-to-do farmer of Brandon, Vermont, was born in Goshen, Addison county, Vermont, July 28, 1840. He is a son of Anthony S. and Avaline M. (Belknap) Baker, and grandson of Anthony and Prudence (Torry) Baker.

His grandfather was born in Rhode Island, October 9, 1788. He left Rhode Island and located in Sudbury, Vermont, while still a young man. He married Prudence Torry, who was a native of Massachusetts. Prudence was born August 15, 1786. She was a daughter of Theodore Gaines, who died leaving his

widow with three daughters, only two of whom grew up. Their mother married Samuel Torry and the girls assumed the name of their step-father, who was born in 1763. Their mother was born in 1764, and died in the seventieth year of her life.

The grandparents of Loren Melvin Baker were married October 24, 1809, and reared six sons and three daughters, namely: Almond G., born November 27, 1810; Anthony S., father of the subject hereof; Polly, born April 25, 1815; O. H. P., born December 11, 1816; Olive I., born April 23, 1818; Loren H., born March 26, 1821; Luther M., born January 15, 1824; Harry H., born December 3, 1826; and Prudence, born April 13, 1829. Of this numerous family three are still living, viz.: Olive I., the widow Fletcher, of Forest Dale; Harry H., who resides in the same village; and Prudence, wife of Chester Allen, of Lockport, Illinois.

Anthony S. Baker, father of the subject hereof, was born in the town of Brandon, Vermont, July 9, 1813. March 17, 1836, he married Avaline M. Belknap, who was born in Goshen, Vermont, in 1816. In 1845, Anthony S. Baker died, leaving one son, our subject. His widow again married. She became the wife of Stephen Salls, who was postmaster of Forest Dale, for many years. Mr. Salls was by trade a stone and marble cutter, and a sculptor in finishing monuments. He not only made but dealt in monuments. His own monument, a tall, marble shaft, was made and erected by him some years prior to his death. Loren Melvin's mother died in the fall of

1892, aged seventy-six years. She was survived but two years by her second husband. They left a small property to which the subject of this sketch was one of the heirs.

Loren Melvin Baker obtained the rudiments of an education in the schools of Vermont. He remained at home with his mother, and has followed farm life, to which he was reared. He, too, was twice married. His first marriage was contracted with Ella P. Chamberlain, of Goshen, Vermont. She died leaving the following children: Cora A., and Volney Salls. Cora A. married Lucius Avery, of Ferrisburg, Vermont. Three of their four children are still living. Volney Salls resides in Forest Dale. He has a wife and one son. Mr. Baker was again married, November 19, 1890. This time he was united with Julia A. Ketchum, a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Newman (Miller) Ketchum, of Brandon. Both of Mrs. Baker's parents are now deceased. They left five children. Mr. Baker is a master Mason. He is a Republican, in politics, and has rendered the town valuable services as selectman, justice of the peace, lister, and assessor. He does a mixed husbandry on his eight hundred acres of farming land. This land is divided into several farms. He keeps about seventeen head of horses of choice Vermont stock, mainly Morgans, which are considered the best breed.

The positions of honor and trust held by Mr. Baker are the best evidences of the high esteem in which he is held by his friends and neighbors. He is a man of enterprise and good judgment, and the success which he has



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attained is due solely to his own efforts. He has greatly improved all his farms and hires competent men to assist in cultivating them.

DR. JESSE EUGENE THOMSON, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, has attained distinction not alone in the medical profession, but in political circles as well, having held numerous positions of responsibility and trust, to which he was elected by the Republican party. As a physician and surgeon, he stands without a superior in Rutland, or in Rutland county, and his practice has grown to such an extent that he is allowed to devote but little time to anything else. Dr. Thomson, who is a son of Jesse and Mary L. (Wheelock) Thomson, was born in Jericho, Chittenden county, Vermont, November 22, 1853, and comes of Scotch-English ancestry, the family becoming established in this country during early colonial days.

Dr. Thomson received his education in the public schools and at Lamoille County Academy, at Morrisville, Vermont, after which he pursued a course of medicine and surgery in the University of New York, from which he was graduated in 1878. Immediately thereafter he entered upon a practice at Cabot, Vermont, in connection with Dr. S. L. Wiswell, continuing until 1883, when he removed to Rutland, Vermont, and began practice alone. He immediately assumed a prominent position among the practitioners of that city, in a remarkably short period, establishing a

large and well-paying practice. He is a member of the advisory board of the Rutland Hospital. He has always endeavored to be a friend as well as a physician to his patient, and in this he has been successful, for no professional man in Rutland can lay claim to more friends than he. He is a Republican in politics, and served as superintendent of schools at Cabot in 1880. Since locating at Rutland, he has served as health officer two terms and was representative of the city in the Vermont Legislature in 1896-97. In 1898 he received the unanimous Republican nomination for senator from Rutland county, and, being successful at the polls, served as senator during the session of 1898-99.

The Doctor is an especially well-known figure in the field of secret orders, in which he has reached high positions, his connections with Masonic bodies being particularly prominent. He has been grand dictator of the Knights of Honor, state medical examiner five years, and grand representative to the supreme lodge three years, this being the highest tribunal of the order. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, past chancellor commander, and is a companion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 79, F. & A. M.; Davenport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 17; Davenport Council, Royal and Select Masters; Killington Commandery, Knights Templar; Delta Lodge of Perfection; Vermont Consistory; Mount Sinai Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; sovereign grand inspector

general of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third degree, Royal Order of Scotland; and Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine. He has been eminent commander of Killington Commandery, Knights Templar, at Rutland for three terms; and is now grand commander of Knights Templar and appendant orders of the state; first lieutenant commander of the Vermont Council of Deliberation, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites.

Dr. Thomson was united in marriage with Flora S. Rich, May 17, 1879, and their happy union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Rena May.

LESTER FISH, a prominent farmer and breeder of famous Morgan stock, in the town of Ira, Vermont, was born February 1, 1832, near his present residence. He is a son of Lester and Eunice (Newton) Fish and grandson of Preserved and Abigail (Carpenter) Fish.

Preserved Fish was a very prominent man in his day. He was born on Massachusetts Bay, November 5, 1770. In 1790, when nearly twenty years old, he went to Ira, Vermont. At that time, he was in debt to his brother, Matthew, to the amount of seventy dollars. In order to pay this, he was obliged to work for him until he reached his majority. Matthew lived and died in Lanesboro, Vermont. Preserved Fish worked at masonry for some time, and succeeded in saving some money which he invested in land. He afterward devoted his time to farming and speculation. He was

industrious and an incessant worker, and made his labor and business enterprises count, so that he became, for his time, a man of wealth. He was the banker for the borrowers in his town, and, also, in neighboring towns. Before his death he gave away \$20,000 to his children, and after his demise, there remained \$45,000 to be divided among his heirs. He was popular and was a faithful servant of the people. He served as magistrate, in Ira, for more than forty years; as town clerk, two years; and as representative of the town of Ira, for thirteen years. He was foreman of the grand jury so often that the "boys" of Rutland had for a byword, "A true bill, Preserved Fish, foreman." In August, 1791, Mr. Fish was joined in marriage with Abigail Carpenter. She bore her husband eleven stalwart sons, and one daughter. In 1869, the eight children still living met in Bangor, New York. They averaged six feet in height, and their combined weight was fifteen hundred and four pounds. The eldest son, Russell, lived to be an octogenarian. Ten of this family reached maturity, one son having died young. At one time the school of "district No. 1" was comprised principally of the children of three families, viz.: those of Jason Newton, Wilson Carpenter, and Preserved Fish. Each of these three families sent nine children to the school.

Preserved Fish was a Mason, and reached the degree of Knight Templar. He died October 10, 1849, in his seventy-ninth year. His widow survived him about two and a half years. One son, Alanson, graduated from Middlebury College, in 1834. He studied

theology at the Newton Theological Seminary, from 1834 to 1837, and was subsequently pastor of the First Baptist church in Chelsea. He died in Ira, June 3, 1840, at the early age of twenty-eight years.

Lester Fish, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Ira, Vermont, in 1807. He was a farmer the whole of his active life. His son, Lester Fish, was reared to farm life and labor on his father's farm. He received only an ordinary and limited education in the district school,—remaining at home until he reached his majority. For some time he was an invalid; he became crippled in his right leg, which was withered and full of pain for more than three years, necessitating the use of crutches and unfitting him for manual labor. He implored the doctors to amputate his limb, but they refused to do so, anticipating, in time, at least a partial recovery. After a while Mr. Fish did improve, and used only one crutch. He went to Boston and worked as a teamster for two months, while having his limb attended to. But he was not cured entirely. So great was his energy and determination that, in spite of his affliction, he accomplished a great deal of work, and, at the present time, performs as much labor as other men. He has not used a crutch or cane for the last forty years.

In 1857, our subject proposed to his father that they purchase a four hundred-acre farm. As his father's health was very poor, he was naturally despondent, and was loth to do so, but the son finally gained his consent by prom-

ising to pay for it himself. The farm was purchased on credit for \$6,000. Soon after, his father died, leaving an additional debt of \$7,000 on a nine hundred-acre tract of land, which was divided into three farms, and two hundred acres of mountain land besides. The reader can readily see under what unfortunate conditions Mr. Fish began his career, and will concede that, under the circumstances, his success in life has been marvelous. January 21, 1861, Lester Fish was united in marriage with Lucelia Elvira Rider. Mrs. Fish was born in New Haven, Vermont, February 21, 1841. She is a daughter of Richard D. and Lucy (Canfield) Rider. She was one of six children, namely: Stephen, of North Dakota; Nathaniel, who died when twenty-six years old; Norman F., of Bristol, Vermont; Lucelia Elvira, wife of Lester Fish; Lucinda, wife of Emmet Tower, of New York City; and Washington Irving, of Bristol, Vermont.

In 1848, Mrs. Fish's mother died, and her father contracted a second matrimonial alliance. He wedded Clara Jane Child, who bore him three children, as follows: Lucy Jane, Ebenezer C. and Ellsworth. Lucy Jane married Schelly Myer, who is, at the present time, the able principal of the Ladies' Training School in Chicago. Ebenezer C. resides on the Rider homestead. Ellsworth is also a resident of Chicago, where the mother also resides. Mrs. Fish's father died aged sixty-nine years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fish have lived on their fine farm, in the town of Ira, ever since their marriage, except six years spent in Rut-

land, where they still own a nice residence at Number 202, South Main street. Nine children were born to them, viz.: Frederick A., Wallace N., Richard Arthur, Carrie W., Alanson Lester, Edward S., Russell, Harrison W., and Lillian M. Frederick A. is a prosperous farmer in Clarendon, Vermont. He has a wife and two sons. Wallace N. died, in 1890, in his twenty-seventh year. He left a widow and one son. Richard Arthur died, in Rutland, at the early age of twenty-five years. He was unmarried. He was a student of Brown University, and was preparing for the ministry. His loss was deeply deplored. Carrie W. died, in 1886, in her eighteenth year. Alanson Lester graduated at Springfield, Massachusetts, and is now a teacher of physical culture. Edward S. works in Rupert, Vt., on a farm. Russell resides in Saratoga, New York. He is unmarried. Harrison W. and Lillian M. still enliven the old home with their bright presence.

Mr. and Mrs. Fish are active members of the Baptist church. Besides being a worker in the church, Mr. Fish has also been Sunday school superintendent. In politics, he is a Republican, but has had no political aspirations. His fine residence was erected by him in 1877, and his barn was built in 1884. Besides being a successful farmer, Mr. Fish has been, and is, a breeder of blooded horses. One, a "three-year-old," named "R. D. F.," was sold for \$5,000. This horse astonished the "horsemen" by winning many races, beating everything matched against him. Mr. Fish owned the noble stallion, "Aristos," for

which he paid \$6,000. This fine stallion was called "King of the Morgans," and was one of the best horses ever owned in the state of Vermont. He was the sire of "R. D. F." and many fine and speedy horses, going below "2:20." His colt, H. D. Winship, made a record of "2:06," and was sold for \$40,000. He now has "Tamerlane," a prize winner for speed and general appearance. He is a son of "Aristos," who was a valuable stallion and a most profitable sire. One of Mr. Fish's colts, a "two-year-old,"—is a most perfect and promising horse and is valued highly by the owner.

But for the losses the subject of this sketch has sustained in investments, and the loss of his noble horse, "Aristos," Mr. Fish would be immensely wealthy. As it is, he is most comfortably situated, and has made a record quite worthy of emulation. His children sustain the family reputation for height and, without the shadow of a doubt, will average six feet in stature.

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FZRO MEACHAM, merchant and dealer in clothing and men's furnishings, is one of the most honored citizens of Brandon, Vermont. Mr. Meacham was born in Potsdam, New York, and was brought to Brandon when but two years of age. He had both a common and an academical schooling, in Brandon. At the age of fourteen years, he began his career by serving as a clerk in Pittsford for one year. He afterward worked in the same capacity with E. J.

Bliss, a general merchant in Brandon, until 1855, when he purchased his employer's interest. Two years later, Mr. Meacham sold to advantage, and turned his attention to farming, for a few years. In 1861, he embarked in his present business. In 1867, he occupied a store in the Simmons Block, and was burned out, in 1889. The block was rebuilt, however, as soon as possible. In 1890, Mr. Meacham returned to his present fine, large and brilliantly lighted store. The block in which the store is located is now the property of T. B. Smith, and is the most desirable block, for business purposes, in Brandon.

November 1, 1854, the subject of this sketch was united in marriage with Mary Adelia Lincoln, daughter of Ward M. and Sarah Amin-dia (Benson) Lincoln. Mrs. Meacham's father was a prominent farmer and sheep breeder in Brandon, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Meacham have four daughters living and have lost their only son, Charles O., who was in business with his father, and died, unmarried, at the age of twenty-nine years. Those living are Ida Rebecca, Eva, Mary, and Sarah. Ida Rebecca is the wife of Carleton R. Fish of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is a dealer in electric supplies in Boston. They have four sons and one daughter. Eva is a young lady at home. Mary is the wife of Dr. Charles H. Walker, a regular practitioner in New York City, where he has gained some fame as a surgeon. The Doctor is an unceasing worker. Sarah Meacham was educated in Brandon, and is successfully teaching in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In politics, our subject is a Democrat. He served as first selectman of the town in 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, and 1886. During the last year of his administration, he witnessed the finishing touch on the fine soldiers' monument now standing upon the most appropriate location in Brandon. Our subject was largely instrumental in securing such a suitable location. The present neat, attractive appearance of the cemetery is also attributed to his influence. It was formerly a neglected spot, surrounded by a high board fence, but is now inclosed with a low, attractive fence, and is nicely kept.

Mr. Meacham also served in the legislature in 1882 and 1883; he has been town agent, or legal advisor, for several years, town auditor, and justice of the peace for a number of years. He is a Mason, of high degree. He was master of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., for thirteen years, out of his first twenty-five years of membership. He has been grand master of the grand lodge of Vermont, for two years. He is a life member of the grand lodge and of the Royal Arch Chapter. He is not only a representative man of the order, but also of his town. In August, 1862, the subject of our sketch enlisted in Company G, of the 12th Reg., Vermont Infantry, an independent company organized under the military laws of Vermont. He enlisted for nine, and served eleven, months.

At the battle of Gettysburg, he assisted in guarding an ammunition train. He returned from the war as first sergeant of Captain Ormsbee's company. Mr. Meacham is also a

member of the G. A. R. He was quartermaster of the E. J. Ormsbee Post, No. 18, from its organization, to 1896.

Ozro Meacham is a son of Alanson and Hannah (Patterson) Meacham, a grandson of Isaac and Phoebe (Thompson) Meacham, and great-grandson of Jonathan and Thankful (Rugg) Meacham. Jonathan Meacham was born at old Salem, Massachusetts. Later, he went to Williamstown, Mass., where he was a large property owner; about 1781, or 1782, he removed to Benson, Vt., where he was among the first settlers. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War and also in the Revolutionary War.

He was a farmer in good circumstances for his time, and was prominent in civil as well as military affairs. His marriage with Thankful Rugg resulted in the birth of seven sons and seven daughters.

Isaac Meacham, Ozro's grandfather, was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts, April 3, 1766. He died in 1844, at the age of seventy-eight years, in Brandon, where he settled in 1833. He married Phoebe Thompson, who was born in Pawlet, May 27, 1767. They lived on a farm in Benson, which was one of the first towns settled in the county, after the Revolution. They reared four sons and two daughters, as follows: Ansel; Alanson, Ozro's father; Alonzo; Aurelius A.; Rosetta Rosina; and Almena Losette. Ansel was a farmer in Pottsdam, where he died when nearly seventy years old; he left two daughters. Alonzo went west and was heard of no more. Aurelius A. was a wheelwright in Brandon,

where he located early in life. In after years he went to Prescott, Wisconsin, where he died. He was over seventy years old, and was survived by two sons and two daughters. Rosetta Rosina married and accompanied her husband to Illinois. She reared a family. Almena Losette married a Mr. Rich who lived and died in the state of New York.

Alanson Meacham was born in Orwell, Vermont, October 17, 1801. About 1827, he was united in marriage with Hannah Patterson. Hannah was a daughter of Moses and Hannah (Allen) Patterson of Londonderry, Vermont. Her father was a farmer, and was known as Captain Moses Patterson. He reared seven sons and four daughters. Ozro Meacham's father was a blacksmith. In 1833, he removed to Brandon, and entered into partnership with his brother Aurelius A. The firm style was A. A. & A. Meacham, wagon and carriage makers. They did a large business for those days, when everything was made by hand, and Brandon was the leading town in that part of Vermont. In early times large iron foundries were located there, and were run by charcoal. The first of the stove industries was also begun there. The accumulation of coal dust where Mr. Meacham's store now stands, was then fourteen feet deep, and the space of three hundred feet front, now partly vacant, was then covered with a blast furnace and foundries. The ore bed still remains, and is all that is left to remind one of the busy past.

Ozro Meacham's father and uncle employed a force of twenty-five men in the different de-

partments of their business, which continued to increase in size until 1855, when their plant was burned to the ground, and was never rebuilt. Mr. Meacham's uncle then went to Wisconsin, and his father retired from business.

The mother of the subject of our sketch died in 1869, and was followed by her husband in 1875. They rest in the Pine Hill cemetery. They reared four children, viz.: Pulaski, a farmer in Benson; Ozro, to whom this record pertains; Rollin, a merchant in Pittsford, Vermont, where he died in October, 1889, leaving a wife and two daughters; and Jeannette, widow of Captain William B. Robinson. The latter was a descendant of the old Governor Robinson, and of the Deweys. He was a merchant in Troy, New York. Mrs. Robinson has two daughters and one son.

JAMES DELAHANTY, one of the oldest and most prominent slate quarrymen in Rutland county, Vermont, resides in Hydeville, town of Castleton. He is a member of the Bomoseen Slate Company, which is the principal slate-quarry company in Hydeville.

Mr. Delahanty is a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, where he was born November 24, 1844. He is a son of Patrick and Mary (Harney) Delahanty. His parents were married in 1836, and came to America, in 1853, with their six children. After a rough voyage of four weeks, they landed at old Castle

Garden on November 5, 1853. The following day they started to Hydeville, Vermont, where they located forty-six years ago. Mr. Delahanty's father was a slate worker in the old country, and sought a home in America, hoping to better his condition. Their six children are: Mary C.; Mathias; James, subject of this sketch; Anastasia; John; and Patrick Henry.

Mary C. is the wife of a Mr. Hayes, and resides in Hydeville. Mathias is a respected citizen of West Castleton. Anastasia is the wife of Patrick Wallace, of Hydeville. John resides in Fair Haven. He is also a member of the Bomoseen Slate Company. Patrick Henry, or "Father Delahanty," as he was called, was a Catholic priest. He was educated in Montreal, Canada. Later he was appointed parish priest of Cambridge, New York, where his death took place May 6, 1888. He was only thirty-six years old. The mother of James Delahanty died January 24, 1864, aged fifty-four years. His father survived her until July 30, 1888, when he too passed away, at the advanced age of seventy-nine. His whole life was spent in the slate quarry business.

James Delahanty received his primary mental training in Ireland, which was supplemented by a further course of instruction in America. When fourteen years of age, he began work in the slate mills. In April, 1873, he went into business for himself, in company with P. H. Downs, as slate quarryman. The partnership then formed lasted many years, and the firm name, Downs & Delahanty, was

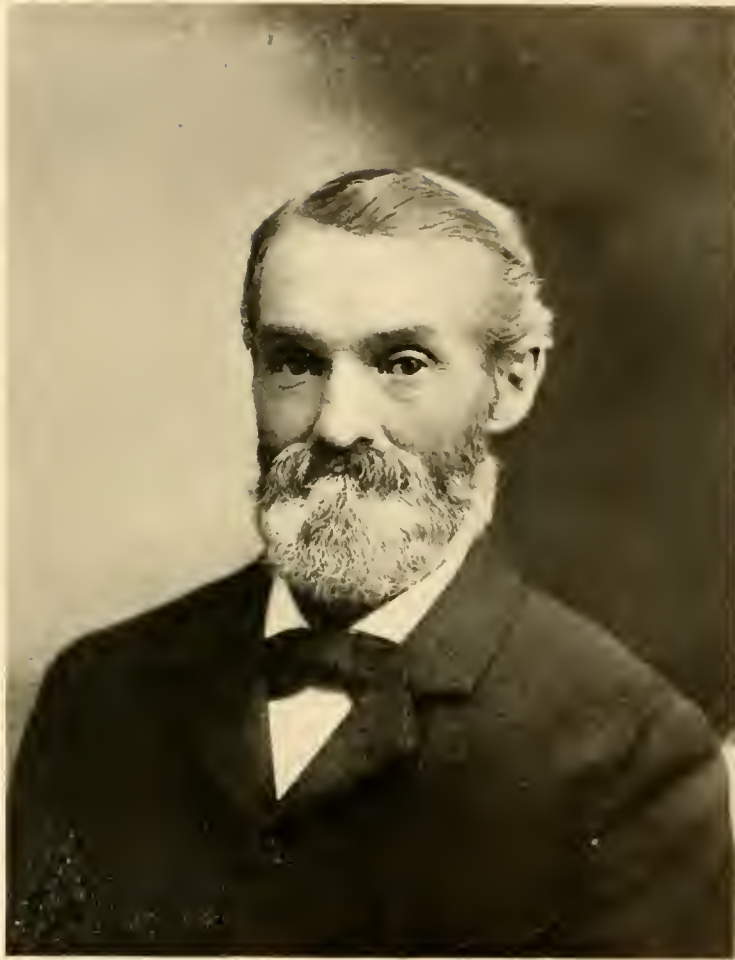
unchanged until September, 1885. At that time the members of the firm, together with John Delahanty, the brother of James, formed the Bomoseen Slate Company, which is still the principal slate company in Hydeville. The members of the firm have worked in perfect unison, with the subject hereof in charge of the shipping department. However, when one member is absent, another partner assumes his duty, and the business progresses as usual. This company owns forty acres of slate-quarry land, together with six hundred and eighty acres of woodland in close proximity to their mills. They carry on an extensive business, and furnish employment to many men.

In 1868, the subject of this sketch erected his present large and comfortable residence on his twenty-one-acre lot in Hydeville, where he also has tenement houses. October 5, 1865, Mr. Delahanty was joined in matrimony with Mary E. Hatch, an accomplished daughter of Nicholas P. Hatch, of Boston, Massachusetts. Eleven children blessed this happy union, five of whom are sons, and six, daughters. The youngest is now twelve years of age. The beloved mother passed to her final rest August 29, 1888, when only forty-one years old, and left a void in the household which will be forever unfilled. Her children's names are: Mary; Alice B.; Patrick Henry; Catherine H.; Nicholas J.; Anna A.; James A.; Helen Frances; Francis; Isabel M.; and Ambrose M.

Mary, the eldest, has always remained at home and endeavored to fill the place of her deceased mother as nearly as possible. In

this respect she has succeeded admirably, and is her father's competent housekeeper. Alice B. chose the life of a nun, and is known as "Sister Magdeline." She is spending a useful life in Burlington, Vermont. Patrick Henry is an able lawyer in New York City. He is a graduate of St. Joseph College, and the New York Law School. He has a wife and two sons. Catherine H. and Anna A. are both successful teachers in the public school, in Hydeville. Nicholas J. graduated from St. John's College, and later from the Albany Medical College. He is now a practicing physician in the city of Rutland, Vermont. James A., a graduate of the New York Law School, completed his course in the class of 1899, and is practicing in New York City. Helen Frances is a competent saleslady, in New York City. Francis is a student in the Fair Haven High School. Isabel M. is attending the public school at home, as is also Ambrose M.

The subject of this sketch has been exceedingly liberal in caring for and educating his family. He has given each of his children exceptional educational advantages, and has allowed each one to choose his, or her, own occupation. Mr. Delahanty began life barehanded and in a small way, saving money from day labor, until he acquired sufficient capital to purchase an interest. His present financial competency, which enabled him to expend a large amount in rearing and educating his family, is but the result of his industry and good management. Mr. Delahanty is a Democrat. Like many of his countrymen, he is thoroughly



JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN.

Americanized and a loyal citizen of the United States.

He has served six years as selectman, and was a member of the legislature, in 1898. He is a leading and highly esteemed citizen of his town. He has not only made a good record for himself, but has reared a most worthy family, who are, without doubt, destined to become men and women of prominence. He and his family are members of the Catholic church.



JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN, a life-long farmer of the town of Clarendon, Rutland county, Vermont, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, lives upon the ancestral acres that were once the home of his great-grandfather. Several generations of the Chapman family were born there.

Mr. Chapman makes a specialty of dairying and keeps on an average thirty milch cows. He has at present fifty head of horned cattle and four horses. His farm of 250 acres is productive and well improved. The comfortable brick residence was built by his father as early as 1846. Our subject was born on his present farm October 29, 1840, and is a son of Harvey and Harriet (Smith) Chapman, grandson of Joseph and Dorcas (Mead) Chapman, and great-grandson of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Northrop) Chapman.

Obadiah Chapman, who was born in 1752, and died in 1812, was a Connecticut farmer. He settled on the farm now occupied by our subject March 2, 1786, over one hundred and

thirteen years ago. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Clarendon or Durham, as it was then named. His wife, Elizabeth Northrop, was born in 1756, and died January 22, 1819. The first white child born in that locality was a Sprague and was named Durham Sprague. It is supposed that the place derived its name from him. Joseph Chapman, our subject's grandfather, was born in Salisbury, Conn., March 2, 1776. He married Dorcas Mead, February 22, 1799; she was born December 14, 1776, in Rutland, and was related to the old Mead family who were among the earliest settlers in that locality. Our subject's grandparents were the parents of ten children, namely: Clarissa, who died at two years of age; Bradley, who died at the age of nineteen; Harvey, father of our subject; Elsie; Marcia, who died in infancy; Burr; Marcia; Minerva; Emily; and Cecelia, who also died in infancy. Elsie married Lucius Beall, of Michigan; she was the mother of six children and was about eighty at the time of her death. Minerva married Hiram Fish, and died at the early age of thirty-one, leaving one son, Marcus. Emily became the wife of John Gillmore and died in Massena, N. Y., at the age of fifty-three years. Marcia became the wife of Enos Fish and died at the age of thirty-nine, leaving six children. Burr was a prosperous farmer on the farm that adjoined that of our subject on the south. After the death of our subject's grandmother his grandfather again married. He died at the old homestead, March 22, 1859, aged eighty-three years and two months. He was

a prosperous farmer, and owned several farms. His father owned one or two good farms and Joseph succeeded in adding many acres to them. Both he and his father were worthy and well-to-do farmers. A rare coincidence quite worthy of note occurred in the lives of subject's ancestors. Both grandmothers, paternal and maternal, were "Meads," but from different families. However, they were distantly related. Mercy Mead, his maternal grandmother was a daughter of Colonel James Mead, of Revolutionary fame.

Harvey Chapman, subject's father, was born September 1, 1803. He was joined in marriage with Harriet Smith. Harriet was a daughter of John and Mercy (Mead) Smith. Their wedding took place December 15, 1825. They began married life on a farm, south of Clarendon, formerly owned by Harvey Chapman's grandfather. Harvey and Harriet (Smith) Chapman were blessed with four children, but one died in early life. The others are: Bradley; Dorcas; and Joseph H., the subject of these lines. Bradley, who died in 1885, leaving a widow, was a progressive farmer in Clarendon. Dorcas is a maiden lady residing with our subject,—in early life she followed teaching and was considered a splendid educator. Subject's father died December 10, 1882, aged seventy-nine years; his mother was eleven months her husband's senior, and survived him five years.

Joseph H. Chapman had a good common schooling which was supplemented by a thorough course at the academies at West Rutland and Bernardston, Mass. He then taught

school for one term but did not like that. He has made farming his life work. September 5, 1866, he was joined in matrimony with Julia Smith, a popular young lady of Castleton, her native place. Julia is a daughter of Obadiah and Innocent (Morton) Smith. Mr. Smith was a farmer and was born in West Rutland; his wife was born in Castleton. Mrs. Chapman's parents reared three children. Their only son, Orson, is a resident of Clarendon. Mary died at the age of twenty-two. Mrs. Smith died at the age of thirty-three years and her husband afterwards contracted a second matrimonial alliance; he died when sixty-three years old.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have been born one son, Leon B. He is now a young man, still at home, where his father finds his assistance on the farm very valuable. Our subject and his family are members of the Congregational church, to which they contribute freely. Mr. Chapman is an earnest Republican but has no aspirations to office. He has, however, served as selectman.

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MRS. MARY E. WEED, an influential and respected resident of Rutland, Vermont, is the relict of George R. Weed, who died in Rutland, January 22, 1867, at the early age of thirty-nine years.

George R. Weed was born in Bethel, Connecticut, in July, 1827. He was a son of Hiram and Mary (Cline) Weed. His parents were married at Bethel, Connecticut, where

his father died, comparatively young, leaving his widow with two sons, George R. and Joseph B. Joseph B. Weed is a resident of South Wilton, Connecticut, where he lives on a farm, a retired hatter. When twenty-two years old, George R. Weed began a mercantile life. He was a hat dealer for three years. In 1852, he engaged in business in Burlington, Vermont, as an agent for Western railroads.

The following year he located in Rutland, where he and his family boarded several years. In 1867, he purchased a beautiful residence at Number 30, North Main street. This is still the home of the subject of this sketch. It is surrounded by lovely lawns and spacious grounds, covering, in all, about one acre. It has a desirable wide frontage, and extends back for several rods. October 15, 1850, George R. Weed was united in marriage with Mary E. Olmstead, a daughter of Thomas and Tabitha (Morehouse) Olmstead, of Reading, Connecticut. After marriage, the young folks kept house for some time in Burlington, Vt., and remained there until Mr. Weed became connected with railroad matters. Five children were born to them, namely: Hiram, who died at the early age of five and a half years; Anna M.; Hattie, who died at the age of twenty months; Charles H.; and Mary B.

Anna M. married W. F. Lewis of New York City. He is agent for the Howe Scale Company, and is a Mason of high degree. He is grand warden of the grand lodge of the state. They have one son, now five years old. Charles H. Weed is still at home with his

mother. He is unmarried. Mary B. married Charles Saunders, a commercial traveler. They have had three children: George Raymond; John, deceased; and Harold Romine. Mr. Weed was a master Mason; in politics, he was a Republican, but never aspired to office.

Mrs. Weed and her son, Charles H., are most pleasantly situated in the beautiful home furnished them by the thrift and forethought of a loving husband and father. During the summer months, they are joined by the daughters and grandchildren, who delight in spending the long summer days in this delightful spot, of which the subject of our sketch is justly proud.

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CARLOS W. CARR, a prominent contractor and builder of Brandon, Vermont, is the head of the firm, C. W. Carr & Son, and comes of a race noted for extreme longevity on both sides of the family. His four grandparents lived to attain unusual age. Mr. Carr was born in the town of Brandon, close to the village of the same name, July 13, 1838. He is a son of Caleb and Elmina (Kinsman) Carr, and grandson of William and Elizabeth (Pierce) Carr.

His grandfather was a native of Rhode Island. He was a tiller of the soil, and began life in the woods near Rochester, Vermont, where he cleared a farm. About 1780, he located in Brandon. He married Elizabeth Pierce, and had twelve children, who, with one exception, had long lives, and were scattered over various states of the Union. The

seventh child, Pierce, died in childhood. The eldest child was Warner C. He was born in Clarendon, Vermont, January 18, 1795. His mother was born October 9, 1778.

Caleb Carr, father of Carlos W., was born in 1813. While still a young man, he learned the carpenter trade which he followed in Rochester, Vermont. He was a natural mechanic, and handy with tools. He located in Brandon more than forty-three years ago, and was a contractor and builder on a small scale. He died when fifty-four years old. He married Elmina Kinsman, who was one of nine children. She was born in 1814, and was a daughter of Moses and Abigail (Wood) Kinsman. Her father was born in 1784; her mother, in 1782; they were married in 1805. Their children were: Solon, Dura, Cayel, Erastus, Elmina, Sarah, Malcolm, George and Mary. Some lived to be very old. Six children were born to Caleb and Elmina Carr, as follows: Warner, who died at the age of six months; Edwin G., of Brandon; Carlos W., the subject of this biography; Susan G.; Rial F.; and Warner C., also of Brandon. Susan G. married Jason K. Campbell, who died in Brandon, August 27, 1876. He was born in Williamstown, Vermont, and was a son of John and Eliza (Keyes) Campbell.

The Campbells originally came from Scotland. Jason R., the grandfather of Jason K., was a sea captain, and was shipwrecked. One son and one daughter survived him, who were left orphans while young, and were bound out. John, the son, was born in 1800. He and his wife had a large family of children, all

of whom grew up. Those still living are George H., a bachelor and laboring man in Shoreham, Vermont; and Emily, residing in Michigan. Their mother died in New York, and their father died at the home of Jason R., in 1874. Both are buried at Brandon. One son, Wesley N., was in the ranks of the Union army during the Civil War, and lost his life in the service.

Jason K. Campbell was a farmer and also had a shingle mill and a cider mill. He enlisted in the Union army under President Lincoln's first call, and served three months. Later he served nine months in the 12th Reg., Vermont Vol. Infantry. His marriage with Susan G. Carr resulted in the birth of but one daughter, Ada M. She married D. F. Chamberlain, of Walpole, Massachusetts, and died, without issue, three years after her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell began life humbly. He died early, and left a small property which they had earned together. Since the death of Mr. Campbell, however, his widow has been granted nearly \$2,000 of pension arrearage with current allowance of \$12 per month. Mr. Campbell was not well-educated, but was a man of intellect and pure morals.

Rial F. Carr gave his life for our country, during the Civil War. He met his death at Cedar Creek, Va., in his eighteenth year. That was his first and last battle. His remains were soon exhumed from the battlefield burial ground, and brought to Brandon by his brother-in-law, Jason K. Campbell.

The mother of Carlos W. Carr lived to be eighty years old. She was a Methodist, and

her husband was also religiously inclined. He was a man of strict habits. He possessed a great deal of musical talent and played the large bass viol, in the M. E. church. He was an industrious man and lived well, but did not accumulate wealth.

Carlos W. Carr obtained only a limited education in the district school. At the early age of ten years, he was put to work as chore boy on a neighboring farm. He gave his time and labor to his father until he attained his majority, and up to that period did not leave home permanently. But he did not like farming, and possessed much mechanical ability. While yet in his teens, he built a small barn for a farmer with whom he was working. His father helped to lay out the plan, and the work was all done by the subject of this sketch.

In 1861, on the fourth day of September, he responded to our country's call to arms, and enlisted in the Union army at Rochester, Vermont. He was a member of Company E, 4th Vermont Regiment, under Captain H. L. Terry, and Colonel Ed. Stoughton. He was made sergeant upon the organization of the company. Within a year, he rose to be second lieutenant of Company I, and in June, 1864, was made first lieutenant. Three days later, he and his company (F) were taken prisoners on the Weldon Railroad. For nine months, they experienced the horrors of the Southern prisons, and were finally paroled at Wilmington, North Carolina. March 1, 1865, they were in parole camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and May 8, 1865, were mustered out

in Washington, D. C., by special order.

Mr. Carr was in the service nearly three years and nine months. Although he had many close calls and was in a great many battles, he escaped the leaden hail. He was brevetted captain of Company A, while a paroled prisoner. March 26, 1860, Mr. Carr was joined in marriage with Sarah H. Goodenough, who was born on the farm where he now lives.

Her father, Asa Goodenough, was twice married. His first wife was Relief Seager, who died, and left one child. His second wife (Mary Jane Newton before marriage), bore him three daughters, namely: Harriet M., wife of George Spooner, of Rutland; Sophie E., wife of Charles W. Seager, and Sarah H., wife of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr have two children, Lulu J. and Bernice Ames. Lulu J. married Myron J. Watson, who is now deceased. She has one child, Doris C., a bright girl of twelve years. Both reside at the home of the subject hereof. Bernice Ames Carr is the junior member of the firm of C. W. Carr & Son. He has a wife, and one daughter, whose name is Olive Temple.

Bernice Ames Carr was in the Cuban War; he was a member of the National Guards, which he joined at sixteen years of age. He arose from the ranks to be a captain of his company at the camp Chickamauga. Mr. Carr was first identified with the old "Allen Greys," an independent military organization under Captain Joseph Bush. Later, he organized Company C, Vermont National

Guards, commonly known as the "Warner Guards of the Vermont Militia." He was made captain of this company in 1871. The company is still an active organization, and has a record second to none in the state.

Carlos W. Carr is prominent in G. A. R. circles. He has been commander of the post for three terms, and has also served as officer of the day. In politics, he is a Republican, and is also a master Mason, as are his son and brother. Mr. Carr began contracting in 1867. The firm was then Carr Brothers, and was composed of C. W., E. G., & W. C., Carr. For the past eight years, however, the firm name has been C. W. Carr & Son. Yet all the former members are interested in the concern. They do a large business in all kinds of building, but make a specialty of building and repairing bridges. This firm completes buildings from beginning to finish,—doing all the slating, painting, etc. They also make a specialty of moving buildings, and have successfully executed some large contracts in that line.



MRS. ANNA FIELD, a highly respected lady and resident of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, is the widow of the late Stearns J. Field, who died October 20, 1897, aged eighty-four years.

Stearns J. Field was born on the old Field farm, north of Brandon, where his grandfather, Joshua Field, settled more than a cen-

tury ago. Stearns J. Field was the eldest son of Paul and Mercy (Stearns) Field, grandson of Joshua Field and great-grandson of Gaines and Sarah (Holton) Field. Joshua Field was born in Northfield, Massachusetts, in 1746. About 1785, he removed to Brandon, Vermont, settling upon the fine farm now owned by B. P. Field. This farm has never had a mortgage upon it, nor has it ever been out of the possession of the Field family since that early date. Joshua Field was a soldier during the Revolutionary War,—a member of the New Hampshire militia. He participated in the battle of Bennington. He died at the old home in Brandon, March 26, 1837, aged ninety-one years. His son Paul (father of Stearns J.) was gored to death by an ox, October 21, 1834.

Stearns J. Field remained on the old home farm until he was about forty-five years old. He then went west, where he led quite an adventurous life. While there, he engaged in mining and other enterprises, including the occupation of mail carrier. This latter employment was especially hazardous, as it exposed him to occasional assaults from the Indians. He made money rapidly but also met with occasional reverses. He returned from the West, November 12, 1866. December 14, 1871, Mr. Field was united in marriage with the subject of this sketch, whose maiden name was Anna Trainer. Five children were born of this union; one died young; the others are Paul Stearns, Anna, Fannie, and Clara M.

Paul Stearns Field is a farmer residing on the home farm. He married Lelia Newton, a

daughter of A. S. Newton. Anna Field married Willis G. Scott, of Brandon. Fannie Field is a successful teacher in the public schools of Brandon. Clara M. is still at home with her mother. Mrs. Field's husband was in public life in Brandon, and made, by his own exertions, the fine property he owned at one time. Although he lost heavily, when at last overtaken by death he left a good estate, and his widow was assured of a competency for life.

Mrs. Anna Field is a daughter of John and Anna (Higgins) Trainer, both natives of Ireland. Her parents were married in Canada, where her father followed the shoemaker's trade. They reared all of their eleven children,—four sons and seven daughters. Those now living are: Ellen; Mary; Margaret; Anna, the subject hereof; Charles; Susan; and Sarah. Ellen is the widow of the late Mr. Dixon of Port Arthur, Canada. She has three children. Mary is the widow of Mr. Marks, also of Canada. She has eight children still living. Margaret is the widow of another gentleman named Marks, of Marksville, Canada, where she resides with her three children. Charles is a prosperous farmer at Ashton, Illinois. He has three daughters and one son. Susan is the widow of Mr. Cuddihy, of Marysville, Ohio. She has two children. Sarah is the wife of Orville Corwin of Moriah, Essex county, New York. They have three sons.

Mrs. Field's father died at about the age of fifty-two years. He is buried in Canada. His widow survived him nearly thirty years. She died at the home of the subject of this biog-

raphy, in Brandon, in 1876, aged seventy-four years, and sleeps in Brandon cemetery. Mrs. Field was born in Huntington, Canada. She was intellectually trained in the common schools, and in 1865, went to Brandon. After her marriage she settled on a farm near the old Field farm. This farm was purchased by her late husband, and upon it her five children were born. Mrs. Field is a lady of many virtues of heart and mind. She is very pleasantly located in Brandon, where her three daughters reside with her. Her kindly and cheerful ways have always made her popular, and a social favorite. She is in possession of an ample competency, and is widely known, loved and esteemed.

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ROLLIN C. SMITH, a prosperous dairy-farmer of Pittsford, Rutland county, Vermont, was born in the same neighborhood where he now resides, May 22, 1839. Mr. Smith owns one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, in three pieces. He also leases one hundred and twenty-five acres for pasturage. He milks from twenty to twenty-five high grade Jersey cows, and keeps about forty head. He also has four horses. Rollin C. Smith is a son of Orlin and Mary B. (Manley) Smith, a grandson of Samuel and Cynthia (Mead) Smith, and great-grandson of Ruben Smith, who was one of the pioneer settlers in the town of Pittsford.

Samuel Smith wedded Cynthia Mead, and reared nine children, as follows: Triphena; John; Ezra; Orlin, father of the subject here-

of; Jane; Hulda; Cynthia; Samuel F.; and Sarah. Triphena married Nathan Dean; they lived in St. Lawrence, New York, and later in Jackson county, Michigan. They reared five children. John is a prosperous farmer in the town of Pittsford. Ezra settled in New York, and had three children. Jane married Truman Barlow, and Hulda married Franklin Barlow. Cynthia became the wife of Bradley Burditt. Samuel F. resides in Cuttingsville. Sarah is the wife of German Hendee, in the village of Pittsford, Vermont.

Samuel Smith died when fifty-two years old. He had previously lost his wife, who had died at the age of forty-two. Their remains rest in the Congregational churchyard at Pittsford. Orlin Smith, father of Rollin C., was born in Pittsford, Vermont, March 14, 1807. November 2, 1831, he wedded Mary B. Manley. He was a farmer by occupation.

The mother of Rollin C. was born in Chittenden, Vermont, July 22, 1811. She was a daughter of Captain Thomas Manley. He was a native of North Easton, Massachusetts, and was a prominent man in the civil and military affairs of his time. He raised a company and started to the battle of Plattsburg, New York, but was too late to participate in that battle. He was thrice married and reared the most of his nineteen children. The subject of this sketch has a map of the world, one hundred and two years old, drawn by his maternal grandmother. Her brother, Joel W. Manley, was a leading man in public life. Another brother was a doctor.

Orlin Smith was a farmer in fair circum-

stances. He held many of the town offices. He was a vigorous and energetic man until he lost his wife, May 31, 1888. He followed her to the grave April 5, 1892, in his eighty-sixth year.

Rollin C. Smith was the eldest of three children; the others were Imogen and Hattie M. Imogen was twice married. Her first husband was Amos J. Powers. He served in the Civil War and was killed, later, in a marble quarry. He left one daughter. Imogen is now the wife of Deacon James Palmer of Vermillion, South Dakota. Hattie M. married Amos M. Horner. She died March 7, 1897, in Clint, Texas. Rollin C. Smith obtained a good schooling in West Rutland. He taught his first term when nineteen years old, being stationed at Port Henry, New York. He taught two terms in California, where he went in 1861. He spent three years in California and, during that time, he rode a pony express and was postmaster at Camptonville. March 29, 1865, he was joined in marriage with Ad- die A. Wheaton, of Madison, Connecticut. Four children were born to them, namely: Harry H.; Cora K.; Fannie; and Minnie Mason. The Wheaton family have long lived in Connecticut, and are of great longevity. The grandmother of Mrs. Smith lived to be ninety-seven years old; her father, Captain F. L. Wheaton, died at the age of ninety-five years.

Harry H. Smith is manager of the National Biscuit Company in Rutland, Vermont. He was married on the twenty-seventh anniversary of his father's marriage, in the same place,



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and by the same minister, Rev. J. A. Gallup. Cora K. Smith married Thomas H. Ayers, of Pierre, South Dakota. Mr. Ayers is secretary to the governor of that state. Fannie Smith is a kindergarten teacher of the same place. Minnie Mason Smith is a teacher in the Episcopal Parochial School, of New Haven, Connecticut. She was educated at the State Normal School, at New Haven, from which she graduated.

Mr. Smith is, in politics, a Republican, and has done his share of official drudgery. He served as lister and selectman for many years, and also one term in the legislature. He is now serving as lister, and school director. He is a past master Mason, of Otter Creek Lodge, No. 70. The subject of our sketch has been a member of the state board of agriculture for six years, and has visited nearly every one of the two hundred and forty-seven towns in the state. For many years he was choir leader of the Congregational church in Pittsford, of which his wife is a member.



HENRY CLAY RUMSEY, a well-to-do merchant of Castleton, Vermont, whose portrait is shown on the preceding page, is a member of the firm of Rumsey & St. John, dealers in flour and feed. He has been engaged in his present business for the past six years, or since January, 1894. The members of the firm are both popular citizens and enjoy a fair patronage. Mr. Rumsey is a son of Chauncey and Hannah Ida (Wallace)

Rumsey, and grandson of William Rumsey of Connecticut.

Chauncey Rumsey was born in Hubbardton, Vt., September 20, 1805. He continued to reside on his farm until 1877, and then moved to Castleton, where he died August 20, 1893, nearly eighty-eight years old. He was the youngest of eleven children, about half of whom were boys; all are now deceased. The family removed to Genesee county, New York, by way of the Erie Canal, and later, a part of the family went to Michigan and some to other states, and thus became scattered. Chauncey Rumsey was joined in matrimony with Hannah Ida Wallace, an attractive daughter of Seth Wallace. This happy event transpired October 12, 1830, and resulted in the birth of but one son, Henry Clay, the subject of these lines. Mrs. Rumsey was born in Hubbardton, Vt., October 29, 1809. Chauncey Rumsey was an intelligent and popular man. He made his own way in life from early youth and, unaided by any capital, accumulated a good property. He was a Republican and served in all the town offices. He also served in both branches of the legislature, and was a side judge in Rutland. He was town clerk and treasurer of Hubbardton, Vt., for twenty-six years. He was a man of remarkable vigor and health, and his mind was good to within a few days of his death, when he lacked but thirty days of being eighty-eight years old.

Henry Clay Rumsey first saw the light of day on his father's farm, in Hubbardton, Vt., April 28, 1844. He was reared to farm life

and received the customary schooling of a farmer's boy. He attended school, however, until twenty years of age. He was married at twenty-one years, when Dorleska E. Bradley became his wife. She is a daughter of S. J. and Charlotte (Balis) Bradley, farmers of Hubbardton, both of whom are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Bradley were born three children, namely: Charlotte, Dorleska (subject's wife), and Jennie. Charlotte married A. L. Hill, and died at the age of fifty-one, leaving one daughter. Jennie married Daniel T. Johnson, and died childless. S. J. Bradley, the father of these children, died in December, 1897, when nearly eighty-four years old; his wife had passed to the life beyond at fifty-one years of age.

Our subject and his wife are consistent members of the Congregational church at Castleton and have been members of that church from youth. Mr. Rumsey is now a deacon. Like his father, he is a Republican and has filled most of the town offices of both Castleton and Hubbardton. In the latter town he served as selectman, treasurer, constable, and as collector. He went to Castleton with his father in 1877, and now resides at No. 18 Main street, next door to his store. He settled in his home twenty-two years ago, and his father purchased the store in 1891. Mr. Rumsey also owns a village farm of 20 acres and keeps three cows and a team of horses.

Our subject is a director of the First National Bank in Fair Haven. In that office he succeeded his father, who was one of the or-

ganizers of the bank, and served as director until his death.

EBENEZER JANES BLISS, a retired merchant of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, is one of the oldest and most honored citizens of that place. Mr. Bliss is of English derivation. He was born January 3, 1817, in Shoreham, Vermont. A widow Bliss, with her four sons, emigrated to America from England, and settled in Deerfield, Massachusetts. From these most of the Blisses in America are supposed to have descended.

Calvin Bliss, Sr., grandfather of Ebenezer Janes Bliss, was born in Massachusetts, in June, 1754. He died at Leicester, Vermont, October 14, 1848, aged ninety-four years and five months. During the last year, or two, of his life, he was quite infirm. He married Jane Janes, a daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Janes, of Connecticut. These grandparents left Massachusetts at an early day and settled in Shoreham, Vermont. They had seven children, as follows: Solomon, Philomela, Henry, Calvin Jr., father of the subject hereof; Sally, Ruth and Oliver.

Solomon Bliss located in central New York, where he became prominent as a farmer. Ruth married a Mr. Clark. They removed to the state of New York, also, locating along the St. Lawrence River.

Calvin Bliss, Sr., was a farmer in good circumstances. He served our country during the Revolutionary War, and drew a pension

from the government. His wife died at about the age of seventy years. They rest in South Cornwell, a short distance from the old farm in South Shoreham.

Calvin Bliss, Jr., the father of Ebenezer Janes Bliss, was born in Colerain, Franklin county, Massachusetts. He spent the most of his life in Rutland county, Vermont. Four years before his death, he went west, where he died October 22, 1865, aged seventy-two years and six months. He was twice married. About 1816, he married Sally Fuller of Shoreham, a daughter of Joseph Fuller. Four children blessed their union, the eldest of whom is the subject of these lines. One died young, and three grew up: Ebenezer Janes, Rachel Fuller, and Joseph. Rachel Fuller Bliss married Horace Kingsley. She died when about sixty years old, and left three children, of whom only one son is now living. His name is Horace Kingsley, and he lives in Clarendon, Vermont. Joseph Bliss was self-educated. He taught school for a number of years. His marriage with Julia Conant resulted in the birth of six children. He died in Kansas, aged seventy years.

After the death of Sally (Fuller) Bliss, Calvin Bliss, Jr., again married, and had six more children. One daughter of this second union is a widow lady, in Illinois.

Ebenezer Janes Bliss was reared on a farm and had a common schooling. When about eighteen years old, he accepted a position as clerk in Bridport, Vermont, where he remained for two years. He went to Brandon, in 1837, and worked in the same capacity, two

years, for Jackson & Ketchum, the leading merchants of the place. He continued in the occupation of a clerk until 1840, when he purchased his employers' interest and formed a partnership with a Mr. Warren. The business was conducted under the firm name of Warren & Bliss. In 1872, Mr. Bliss sold out, and for several years was general agent for the Howe Scale Company, in New York and Boston. A part of the time his headquarters were at Boston, and the remainder of the time in New York.

In his younger days, Mr. Bliss was a free-soil Democrat and as such he was elected to the legislature in 1861, 1862, and 1863. He took an active part in the state legislation of that eventful period, and served on some important committees. He supported such measures as won for him the approval of his constituents in Brandon. September 13, 1840, Mr. Bliss was joined in marriage with Rebecca M. Benson. Mrs. Bliss was born in the town of Hubbardton, May 6, 1819. She is a daughter of Ira and Sally (Kenyon) Benson. Her mother was born May 17, 1789. Her father was born February 28, 1794. He was a shoemaker by trade. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, namely: a daughter who died in infancy; Edgar; Charles; Fred, who also died in infancy; Fred Calvin; and another son, Judson, who died when four months old. Edgar Bliss resides in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. He is a writer, and most of his time is spent in Boston. He is now living with his second wife, who has borne him one son. By his first marriage, he has

one daughter and three grandchildren. Charles Bliss, with his wife and one daughter, Maud, resides in New York City. Fred Calvin Bliss is an employee of the Nickel Chemical Company, of New York City.

Mr. Bliss is a Royal Arch Mason. He is past master of St. Paul's Lodge, of Brandon. He is a member of the Baptist church, and is an open communionist. He places deeds ahead of creeds, and believes there will be no sects in heaven. Mr. Bliss is a well preserved man for his years, having full retention of all his faculties except his sight, which is impaired by cataract. He is one of those refined and genial gentlemen, who remain sweet and buoyant even to the end of life's journey.



WILLIAM TYLER DENISON, postmaster of Pittsford, Rutland county, Vermont, is also tax collector, constable and senior member of the firm of Denison Bros., prosperous merchants of the same place. This firm began business in 1873, and has a large patronage in the general merchandise trade. Francis C. Denison, junior member of the firm, enjoys the distinction of being the U. S. consul at Woodstock, New Brunswick.

William T. Denison was born in Castleton, Vermont, June 9, 1844. His father Edward H. Denison was also a native of Rutland county. He was born in West Rutland in 1817, and died in Middlebury, Vermont, in 1864. October 19, 1840, he was joined in marriage with Sarah Robinson, of Castleton,

Vermont. Five children blessed their union, namely: Ann Eliza; William Tyler, the subject of this sketch; Francis C., born June 20, 1850; Edward; and Samuel, who was born April 14, 1856. Ann Eliza was born December 28, 1841. She is now the wife of Rev. John K. Williams.

Mr. Denison's paternal grandfather, William Denison, was born in Lyme, Connecticut, November 26, 1776. He was a son of Samuel Denison, of Connecticut, grandson of John Denison, who lived in Lyme, Stonington, and Middletown, all in Connecticut, great-grandson of Robert Denison and great-great-grandson of John Denison. The latter was born in 1698, and died November 26, 1776. Captain George Denison of Stonington, Connecticut, a distant relative of William Tyler Denison, traces his ancestors back to one William Denison, who was born in England, about 1586, came to America in 1631, and settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts. He was accompanied by his wife and three sons, Daniel, Edward and George. A tutor, whose name was John Eliot, also accompanied the family.

William Denison died in Roxbury, January 25, 1653. His eldest son, Daniel, was born in 1612. He lived in Ipswich, Massachusetts, and had two sons. The connecting link between the ancestors of Captain Denison and those of the subject of this sketch is missing.

William Tyler Denison married Emily H. Drahe, the ceremony being performed March 25, 1874. Two children blessed this union, Grace T. and William E. Grace T. is an accomplished young lady, still at home. She

is a high school graduate. William E. is a bright lad of twelve years. Mr. Denison is a staunch Republican, as is also his brother. He has worked faithfully in the interests of his party, and has served as selectman. He attends the Congregational church.

JOHN STEPHEN STAFFORD, a retired hardware merchant of Brandon, Vermont, has been a leading business man of Rutland county for half a century, save the five years he spent in the West, and has been closely identified with the interests of his section, filling many positions of trust.

Mr. Stafford was born in Ticonderoga, New York, February 18, 1828. He is a son of Isaac Gates and Lucy (Whitmore) Stafford, and grandson of Dr. John Stafford. The latter was an eminent physician of Weathersfield, Vermont. He died in 1833, in middle life, and was buried in Weathersfield. His widow survived him many years; she died in 1851, aged seventy-five years, and is buried in Caldwell, New York. They reared but two children,—Isaac Gates and his younger brother, Baron T.

Isaac Gates Stafford, father of our subject, was born in Cornish, New Hampshire, October 28, 1796. He married Lucy Whitmore, a native of Weathersfield, where she was born November 29, 1799. Her parents were Jehial and Polly (Higgin) Whitmore. They removed from Wallingford, Connecticut, to Weathersfield, Vermont, and located on a farm. They were in good circumstances and reared a large

family of children, all of whom became upright, honorable citizens. Mr. Whitmore, himself, was an exemplary citizen, and a trustworthy, public servant.

Our subject's parents were married about 1819, when the bride was twenty years old and the bridegroom was twenty-three. Ten children were born to them, and although Mr. and Mrs. Stafford were not wealthy, they educated their children well. The names of the children were: Joseph Freeman; Eliza Ann; Benjamin Freeman; John Stephen, subject of these lines; Alphonso P.; Clarissa; Amos Savage; Sarah Maria; Emily L.; and William Henry.

Joseph Freeman was born January 13, 1821. He died in Granville, New York, February 19, 1892, leaving one son, W. C. Stafford. Eliza Ann, born December 20, 1822, died in Troy, New York, February 16, 1895, and was buried in Wallingford. She was twice married. Her first husband was Ira Baker, by whom she had one son and one daughter. Her second husband was Seneca D. Townsend. Benjamin Freeman was born in Ticonderoga, N. Y., December 24, 1825; he died April 19, 1858, leaving a wife and one son. Alphonso P. was born November 5, 1830. He has a wife, daughter and son, and is a retired citizen of Wallingford, Vermont. Clarissa married John Moon. She was born, February 16, 1833, and died at Sandy Hill, New York, February 21, 1864. Amos Savage was born February 2, 1835, and in 1859, when last heard of, was a resident of Dubuque, Iowa. Sarah Maria was born May 2, 1837, in Granville,

New York. She worked at millinery for many years but is now retired. Emily L., born October 15, 1839, married Newman Weeks of Rutland, Vermont, and died childless, September 30, 1894. William Henry was born March 10, 1844. He has one daughter, and is a resident of Clinton, Connecticut, where he has a fine department store. Subject's father died in Wallingford, Vermont, November 15, 1872, and was followed in a few short years by his wife, who passed to her final rest, November 25, 1875, at North Granville, New York.

John Stephen Stafford left home at the early age of twelve years, and began his career as clerk in a country store at Middle Granville, New York. He stayed with his first employer three years, but attended school during the winter terms until he attained the age of eighteen years. His marriage took place in Wallingford, Vermont, May 16, 1861, when he was united with Mary Holden. Mrs. Stafford was born January 28, 1838. She is a daughter of Dr. David and Lydia (Townsend) Holden. The latter descended from another good old family, particularly noted for longevity. Her father lived to be ninety-two years old, while her uncle, Col. Dyer Townsend, attained the age of ninety-six years; Mrs. Holden herself was eighty-two years old at the time of her death, which took place at Pittsford, March 21, 1882. Mrs. Stafford's father was for many years a prominent physician in Wallingford. He died March 27, 1860. Her grandfather, David Holden, was a prosperous farmer in Shrewsbury. He died in 1837, leav-

ing two sons and had previously lost one daughter. His sons were David, father of Mrs. Stafford, and Harry. The latter also followed farming on Shrewsbury Hill. He reared seven children and died when seventy-five years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford have one son, David Holden Stafford, and lost one son in infancy. David Holden Stafford was born February 22, 1864. He went to Kansas in 1887 and is now a bank cashier in Mankato. He married Mary Barker of Brandon. Four children were born to them, the eldest of whom died in infancy. Their names are: John Winthrop, Lewis H.; Helen May; and Florence Elizabeth. Mr. Stafford went west to Iowa City, in 1856, when all territory west of the Missouri River was wild and unsettled. He remained in the West five years and was engaged most of that time in the hardware business. He was also associated with a company which dealt in stock and farm products on a large scale, frequently paying out three or four thousand dollars in one day. He was in the Indian Reserve during a part of the Border Ruffian War.

April 1, 1863, our subject located in Brandon, where he started in the hardware and stove business on Park street. In 1865, his brother was taken in as a partner but withdrew a couple of years later. In 1867, Charles R. Phelps became a member of the firm, which carried on business for thirty years under the firm name of Stafford & Phelps. The business continued to grow and after reaping a handsome competency, Mr. Stafford practi-

cally retired in 1898, and is now enjoying the just rewards of a well spent life.

For eighteen years, our subject was a trustee of the Troy Conference Academy and served several years as vice-president. He is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics, his support is given to the Republican party. He has served on the school board, and on the town committee,—and now is and has been for many years a director of the First National Bank of Brandon, Vermont. In his religious views, he believes in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been an official of that church for thirty years. Mr. Stafford is a splendid example of an enterprising American citizen, who has risen by his own efforts to a position where he is respected and admired by all who know him.



PATRICK H. DOWNS, a prominent slate manufacturer of Hydeville, Vermont, owns and operates some of the finest quarries in Rutland county. Mr. Downs received a common school education, in Boston and in Hydeville, and in 1862 began to work with his father in the marble shops at Center Rutland. Later he did similar work in Hydeville, and there it was that he learned the trade of a marble mason, which has been his lifework.

In 1873, the firm of Downs & Delahanty was formed and began the manufacture of slate mantles in Poultney, Vermont. Four years later their mill was moved to Hydeville,

and located near the railroad depot. For eight years, the principal business carried on was marbled slate mantels,—which was then a paying business. The firm then changed to a general quarry and mill business in slate. They have a forty-acre tract of quarry land about four miles north of Hydeville at Lake Bomoseen, where they employ thirty hands, on an average. The plant turns out, at the present time, billiard beds, steps, platforms, plumbing supplies, and general mill work.

June 15, 1875, Mr. Downs was united in marriage with Bridget Pender, of Brandon, Vermont. Mrs. Downs is a daughter of Michael and Johanna Pender, of Cohoes, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Downs have been born eight children, namely: Charles E.; Henry P.; Mary; William; Agnes; Thomas; Elizabeth and Alice. Charles E. is a law student, in New York. He is a graduate of Fordham College. Henry P. is a junior of the same college. Mary died in July, 1886, aged six years. William died August 13, 1886, from scarlet fever, at the age of four and a half years. Agnes died August 11, 1886, aged three and a half years. Thomas was born July 8, 1886. Elizabeth was born January 13, 1889. Alice, the baby, was born in February, 1894.

Patrick H. Downs first saw the light of day on February 27, 1847, in Ireland. He is a son of Thomas and Catherine (O'Neil) Downs, both of Irish nativity. His parents were married in Ireland, and came to America, having then only one child,—Patrick H.,—the subject of this sketch. They took passage on a sailing vessel, and after a quick, tem-

pestuous voyage of three weeks, landed in Boston, in July, 1850. Mr. Downs' father was a marble worker in the old country, and worked, in Boston, at his trade until July, 1859. He then removed to Hydeville, Vt., and was a slate worker for the "Hydes" until their mill burned. After an illness of one year he died, in 1886, of consumption, aged sixty-eight years. His widow is still living, and is now seventy-one years of age. She has two children living, Patrick H., the subject of this record, and his sister Annie. Annie is the wife of Martin Bolger, in Hydeville. Mr. Downs' mother resides with her.

Mr. Downs had two sisters and three brothers who are now deceased. They are Mary; Thomas J.; John E.; Edward F.; and Katie. Mary married Frank Keefe. She died in Granville, New York. Thomas J. was a stone cutter, and died in New York City, in 1886. He left a wife and one daughter. John E. died in Hydeville, Vt., leaving a widow, one daughter and one son. Katie married E. A. McCarty, and died, in 1892, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. One son and one daughter survived her.

Mr. Downs settled in his pleasant cottage in 1879. Although not a modern one, and somewhat old fashioned, his home is a very comfortable one. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. The family are devout members of the Catholic church.

Mr. Downs' father and brothers were victims of consumption, which is the common fate of men who work in slate and marble mills. This is caused by inhaling the dust. But

the subject of this sketch is a man of most robust physique, and is the very picture of health. He is a remarkably pleasant and genial man, both in business and in social circles, and is most devoted to his home and family.

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JOHN J. JONES, one of the most successful slate manufacturers of Castleton, Vermont, is well known as one of the worthy citizens and substantial business men of Rutland county. About fifteen years ago, Mr. Jones opened a quarry two and a half miles north of Castleton. This proved to be one of the most valuable quarries in that section. Although a force of from six to twelve men, only, are employed there, the success of Mr. Jones has been phenomenal.

Mr. Jones was born May 10, 1829, in Wales. In 1853, he came to America, with sufficient money to pay his return passage, provided he did not want to stay. After a seven weeks' voyage, he landed in New York City in September of the year mentioned. A month later found him in Castleton. He was schooled in Wales, where he also worked in the quarries. After working by the day for nearly a year after coming to America, he became an operator on his own behalf. Mr. Jones is a Republican, in politics. He had the office of town grand juror thrust upon him; in 1889, he served in the legislature. He is a member of the Welsh Presbyterian church, of which he has been a deacon for forty years. His family favor the Methodist church, and he contributes liberally toward the support of



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both. Mr. Jones has always owned a home of his own. He removed from his farm to his present residence in the village about fourteen years ago.

John J. Jones is a son of John and Ann (Williams) Jones. His father was born in 1805, and died in 1889. Four of his eight children sought a home in America. Besides the subject hereof, Richard, William, and Griffith became American citizens. Richard and William came over in 1860. Richard was also a quarryman, but is now deceased. William was only eighteen years old when he crossed the ocean. He attended college at Hamilton, Ohio, and has been an able clergyman for many years. He has two children, a son and daughter,—the son is a physician; their names are William and Margaret. Griffith Jones located in Castleton, where he died. He left several sons. The mother of John J. died when fifty years old, but his father was eighty-four years old at the time of his death.

In June, 1857, the subject hereof was joined in matrimony with Jane Hawkins, a daughter of Joseph and Laura Hawkins, of Castleton. Mr. Hawkins died early and left his widow with four children. Other children died previous to this, in infancy. The daughters are still living. Their mother lived to be ninety years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born ten children, as follows: Joseph; John, Jr.; Laura; William; Henry; Richard; Fred; Walter; Jane and Harriet.

Joseph is a miner, in Montana. He is a widower, with one daughter. John, Jr., resides in Castleton. He is manager of a slate

company in which the subject hereof is, also, interested. He has two sons. The mill of which he is manager, was established in the village of Castleton, in 1892. This mill was destroyed by fire. Business was resumed at a new mill one mile from the village. Laura is the wife of Bert Farr, of Rutland, Vermont. They have three children. William is also in the quarry business. He has a wife and one daughter. Henry is still a bachelor, and works in the gold and silver mines of Montana. Richard is a machinist in Claremont, New Hampshire. Walter resides in Chicago, Illinois. He is a college graduate and is a civil engineer by profession. Jane, or "Jennie," as she is called, is still at home, as is also Harriet, who is a successful teacher.

In his unusually successful life, the subject of this sketch has had no cause to regret coming to the "land of the free."

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FON. FRED MASON BUTLER. It would be utterly out of place for us to introduce Mr. Butler to the citizens of Rutland county, other than by the mere mention of his name, for as a barrister he has attained a prominence which extends far beyond the bounds of his own county. Possessing instinctively a legal mind, and being endowed with a spirit of restless energy, he was not content until he had reached the top in his profession. He is a partner of Thomas W. Moloney, and the Reports of the Supreme Court of Vermont bear testimony to the fact that there are few cases of prominence in the

district in which this firm is not retained as counsel on one side or the other.

Our subject was born in Jamaica, Windham county, Vermont, May 28, 1854, and is a son of Aaron Mason and Emeline (Muzzy) Butler. His grandfather was named Aaron Butler, as was also his great-grandfather, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted in the Continental army from Danbury, Conn., July 14, 1775, and afterward served as ensign in the Third Regiment, Connecticut Line. After the war he settled in Jamaica, Vermont, and lived there until his death, April 25, 1785. He left a wife and four children, John, Zechariah, Aaron, and Lucy, all of whom settled in Jamaica, Vermont, with their father when that locality was still covered by a dense forest. Aaron Mason Butler, the father of our subject, was for many years a prosperous and progressive farmer of that town.

Hon. Fred Mason Butler, after completing a preliminary education in the public schools of Jamaica, supplemented it by taking a course of study in Leland and Gray Seminary. Upon leaving school, he determined to prepare himself for the legal profession, and became a student in the office of Jonathan G. Eddy, Esq., of Jamaica, but he subsequently studied a year and a half in the law office of Hon. H. H. Wheeler and Hon. E. L. Waterman. He was admitted to the bar of Windham county in 1877, at the March term of court, and that year entered into a co-partnership with Hon. Joel C. Baker of Rutland. The firm was dissolved at the end of one year and

he practiced alone for a brief period, but early in 1879 he formed a co-partnership with Hon. L. W. Redington, which continued for six years. In 1885, he became a partner to Thomas W. Moloney of Rutland, and they have since been associated in practice. The business of this firm has been exceedingly large, extending into nearly every county in the state, and there are few volumes of the Reports of the Supreme Court of Vermont, issued since 1881, that do not contain important cases in which they were actively engaged. The court dockets of Rutland county show that this firm has a larger practice than any other firm in the county, their name appearing in 86 out of 140 cases in a recent trial calendar.

Mr. Butler is an enthusiastic Republican in politics, and although he has devoted considerable time to local political affairs, it is his desire not to let it interfere in any way with his legal work. He was town grand juror in 1882-83-84, and held the position of city attorney from that time until he received the appointment as judge of the City Court in 1889, a position to which he was successively appointed by Governors Dillingham, Page, and Fuller. At the end of six years' service in that capacity he declined a re-appointment in order to devote his time exclusively to his ever increasing law practice, which his sterling qualities, eminent ability and legal learning had made second to none in the county. The preparation and trial of causes in the Supreme Court has become with him a specialty. He obtained from the legislature a

charter for the New England Fire Insurance Company, and has been a director and the attorney of that corporation since its organization. He is treasurer and managing director of the Rutland City Electric Company which operates all the electric lights in Rutland and supplies electric power for many industries in that city as well as for the electric railroad in Rutland and West Rutland. He is also president and treasurer of the Marble City Electric Company.

On November 24, 1875, Judge Butler was united in marriage with Lillian Holton, a daughter of Josiah and Octavia (Knight) Holton, of Dummerston, and they are the proud parents of three children, as follows: Anza Lillian; Helen Maria; and Florence Muzzy. Judge Butler's portrait accompanies this sketch of his life, being presented on a preceding page.

CHARLES C. KINSMAN, the accommodating and efficient manager of the carpet department of Ross, Huntress & Co., one of the leading dry goods establishments in Rutland, has been a salesman in that house for many years. For six years he was a member of the firm but subsequently sold his interest to Mr. Ross. Mr. Kinsman is, perhaps, one of the best posted men in the dry goods trade in Rutland, and his services are much valued by his employers, who turn over to him the complete management of the carpet department.

Charles C. Kinsman was born in the town

of Brandon, Rutland county, Vt., April 28, 1840. He is a son of Carroll and Lydia (Carr) Kinsman, and grandson of Moses and Abigail (Wood) Kinsman. Moses Kinsman was born in New Hampshire about 1786, and died in Canada about 1866. He was a tiller of the soil and followed that peaceful occupation all his life. He wedded Abigail Wood, and they reared five sons and four daughters of whom the only survivors are Charles C. Kinsman's father, and George W. Kinsman, who resides in Canada, where the grandparents are buried, at Georgeville.

Carroll Kinsman, father of Charles C., was born in New Hampshire, June 10, 1810, and was reared in the towns of Clarendon and Brandon, Vermont. About 1831, he was joined in matrimony with Lydia Carr, of Clarendon, where the wedding was solemnized. Three children blessed this union, namely: Elvira, Henry and Charles C. Elvira became the wife of Alonzo E. Lord. Mrs. Lord died about 1868, leaving two children, Minnie and Flora. Henry and his wife are now residents of Salisbury, Addison county, Vt., where he is engaged in mercantile pursuits. Charles C. is the subject of this sketch. Carroll Kinsman was a carpenter by trade, and a prominent contractor and builder in Brandon, Vt., where he has spent the most of his life. In 1880, he was deprived of his much loved companion, who died when about sixty-four years of age. The father of Charles C. is still a widower and now lives a retired life, in the town of Brandon, Vermont. He gave each of his children a good schooling and at the age of thirteen

years, Charles C. began working out and making his own way in the world.

September 20, 1861, the subject hereof enlisted as a private from Rochester, Vt., in Company E, 4th Reg., Vermont Vols. In making up the company, he was, however, appointed first sergeant. He served eighteen months and then received an honorable discharge from further service, on account of failing health. He was discharged as first lieutenant. Returning to Brandon, Mr. Kinsman soon after located in Rutland, where he accepted a position as salesman with Ross & Jones, dry goods merchants. That was in October, 1863, thirty-six years ago, and he has been engaged in the dry goods business from that time. The firm of Kinsman & Ross was in trade from 1869, for six years, when Mr. Kinsman sold his interest to Charles E. Ross, with whom he has been a salesman ever since, with the exception of two years, during which time he was manager for the Sterns dry goods establishment.

October 18, 1864, Mr. Kinsman led Abbie M. Ross to the hymeneal altar. Mrs. Kinsman was a daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Robinson) Ross, influential citizens of Brandon. Mr. Ross was born in Shrewsbury, Vt., and Mrs. Ross in Reading, Vermont. Their marriage was solemnized in March, 1840. They reared two daughters, Abbie M., wife of the subject hereof, and Addie H., who died aged nineteen years. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Ross again married; this time his first wife's sister was the bride. Two sons, Warren E. and Eugene R. (now deceased),

were the result of this union. Warren E. Ross is now a prosperous shoe merchant in Rutland. Mr. Ross died in 1868, and lies buried in the cemetery at Brandon.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kinsman have been born two children, the eldest of whom is Carroll E., a bank official in Burlington, Vermont. Carroll E. Kinsman was educated in the Rutland Grammar school, with a finishing course at the Poughkeepsie Business College. He became a bookkeeper at an early age in a Burlington bank, where he now occupies the position of head bookkeeper and discount clerk. The youngest son of the subject of this sketch is Frank R., who is peculiarly gifted by nature, in addition to which he has excellent morals. He is one of the few persons of tact and genius who excel in many things. Besides being an accomplished musician and pianist, he is a gifted portrait painter, and, in fact, is one of nature's artists. He studied under a private tutor in Boston, and is constantly seeking more knowledge of his profession.

Mr. Kinsman is a master Mason, and also a member of Roberts Post, No. 14, G. A. R., of Rutland, of which he has served as junior vice commander, senior vice commander, and two terms as commander, and is now serving as adjutant. In 1882, he served as assistant adjutant general of the department and in 1883-1884, he served as department commander, G. A. R., of the Department of Vermont. He is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias. In military service he has served through all the grades, from a private to a brevet brigadier-general,—which is rarely done.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinsman are extremely and justly proud of their sons, who are as yet untouched by Cupid's darts. They are happily anticipating the time when sweet little grandchildren will gather round them in their pleasant home, Number 56, Grove street, where they settled nearly thirty years ago.

EDGAR N. MILLER, a real estate dealer in the village of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, is also the proprietor of the principal furniture store and undertaking establishment of that place. Mr. Miller is not only a successful and prosperous business man, but is popular in both business and social circles.

He was born in St. Albans, Vermont, August 1, 1864. He was the recipient of a good common school education obtained in the public schools of his native place. When fifteen years old, he entered the counting room of the "St. Albans Messenger & Advertiser," where he found employment for three years. He then went to Brandon, Vermont, and accepted a position as clerk in the dry goods store of E. D. Thayer. He followed the dry goods business for nine years, and then resigned as he was in very poor health. Mr. Miller's next move was to embark in the furniture and undertaking business. Except five months during the late Spanish-American War, he has continued in the same line of trade ever since. He went into the war above mentioned as first lieutenant of Company C, 1st Reg., Vermont Vol. Infantry. After the

mustering out of the regiment, and the reorganization of the state national guard, he was elected captain of the same company. He was on duty at Camp Chickamauga as commissary of the regiment.

September 3, 1884, Mr. Miller married Jennie Merriam, a daughter of Charles and Helen (Bramble) Merriam. Mrs. Miller is the only blood relative of the noted Conant family, residing in Brandon. Old Dr. Conant, the great historian, was her uncle. Another uncle was John A. Conant. Mrs. Miller's father was a contractor and builder by occupation. He died in Brandon, in 1883, at the age of forty-seven years. He left a widow, and one daughter,—the wife of the subject of this sketch. He also left them a beautiful residence, now the home of Edgar N. Miller, where Mrs. Miller's mother also makes her home.

Edgar N. Miller is a son of Pascal and Salome (La Rock) Miller, and grandson of Newell Miller.

Newell Miller was a native of Canada, and fought on the British side of the line, in 1812. He reared six sons and four daughters. One son was Pascal, the father of Edgar N.; another son, Newell, gave his life to our country in the Civil War. He was a volunteer from Michigan. The only son now living is John Miller, who resides at Palm Beach, Florida. He is a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the ranks. For several years he has spent his winters in Florida. He has recently removed to a permanent home there. He had been a manufacturer of cotton goods in the Amoskeag Mills.

Pascal Miller was born in St. Johns, Canada, March 15, 1824. He learned the carpenter's trade, and later was a contractor and builder, of prominence. Many of the substantial buildings still standing in St. Albans are monuments to his skill, and testify to his high ability. He reared six children to whom he gave superior educational advantages. He also left each a good inheritance. He was joined in marriage with Salome La Rock, a daughter of Joseph La Rock. This ceremony was performed by Rev. Briggs, a Congregational minister. The couple were members of that church in St. Albans twenty-three years. Seven children blessed this union, six of whom grew to maturity,—five sons and one daughter. Their names are, Frederick Marvin; Chester Eldridge; William Wilbur; Edgar N. (the subject hereof); Samuel Lawrence; and Cora Emma.

Frederick Marvin resides in Fresno, California, where he went in 1879. He is a prominent banker of that place. He stands high in masonic circles, and is popular with all. He also served as general grandissimo of the grand commandery of the state of California. Chester Eldridge is a contractor and builder in Chicago, Illinois, where he went in 1881. William Wilbur is a resident of Kenosha, Wisconsin. He is agent for the Val Blatz Brewing Company. Samuel Lawrence is engaged as an electrician at Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island. He married Alice Brown of that place. Two children blessed this union, both of whom are now deceased. Alice (Brown) Miller was born and reared at Narragansett

Pier. She is descended from soldiers of the Revolution, through the Rodman and Hazard families. She is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Cora Emma Miller is an accountant and cashier in Troy, New York.

The mother of Edgar N. Miller passed to her final rest November 24, 1883, aged fifty-four years. She was survived by her companion until June 4, 1897. They rest in St. Albans, Vermont, where the most of their married life was spent, and where they were well and favorably known.

The subject of this sketch is a Mason, of high degree. He was high priest of Farmer's Chapter, No. 9, for four years, and served as district deputy for two years. In politics, he is a Republican, but has not been an office seeker. Although not a member of any church, he assists in supporting several, and contributes freely to worthy charitable institutions.

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CHARLES CARLETON BENNETT, ticket-broker and member of the Ticket Brokers' Association, is a highly respected and worthy citizen of Rutland, Vermont. He was born in Florence, South Carolina, July 24, 1838, and is a son of Elias Fisher and Martha Ann (Allen) Bennett. His father was a native of Connecticut, and went south from Caledonia county, Vermont, in 1836. He chose for his life partner, Martha Ann Allen, an accomplished young lady. Mrs. Bennett was born December 30,

1817, and was nineteen years old at the time of her marriage. She was a daughter of Josiah Allen of Sheffield, Vermont. Elias Fisher Bennett was a shoemaker by trade and died in the prime of life, leaving a widow with two sons, Charles, the subject of this sketch, and his younger brother, John F., who is a meat dealer in North Andover, Massachusetts. Their father's death occurred, in 1842, at East Burke, Vermont.

Mr. Bennett's mother contracted a second matrimonial alliance, this time with John B. Nadeau, a millwright and miller by trade. This second union resulted in the birth of four sons, namely: William, who died in middle life at White River Junction, leaving one daughter and one son; Ira, residing in Lynn, Mass., and engaged in the wholesale confectionery business; Fred, who died in Burke, Vt., in childhood; and Jesse, who resides in Boston. Mrs. Nadeau died July 1, 1899, at the home of her son, Ira, in Lynn, Mass., aged eighty-one years.

Charles Carleton Bennett had a limited schooling up to his fourteenth year, when he started to "paddle his own canoe" as a bell-boy in a hotel, the Green Mountain House, remaining there for one year, and later, serving for four years, at the Island Pond Hotel, as porter. Mr. Bennett has spent his life working in hotels and staging, being engaged for eighteen years in the Bates House, Rutland, then the leading hotel of the Green Mountain State. In April, 1895, the Bates House was closed, and Mr. Bennett left the hotel business and opened his ticket office, May 12,

1895. Josephine Beals, an affable young lady of St. Albans, Vt., became his wife, in 1866. Two children, one son and one daughter, blessed their home but only for a short time; the son died in infancy, and Ruby Louise died at the early age of eight years.

Mr. Bennett was one of the loyal Vermonters who was ready to preserve the union of the States. August 25, 1862, he enlisted as a volunteer from St. Albans, Franklin county, in Company L, 1st Reg., Vermont Cavalry; enlisting as a private, he was discharged a corporal, from Captain A. G. Watson's company. His was a three years' regiment, from which he was honorably discharged June 1, 1865, at Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Bennett received a bayonet wound in his wrist at the battle of Falling Waters.

On the eleventh day of June, 1864, while serving as private orderly for Capt. Green, adjutant general on Gen. Custer's staff, he was captured at Trevilian Station, and was not exchanged until the thirteenth day of the following December. He was confined in the prison camp at Charlottesville, Va., for ten days, was then taken to the Tobacco House, in Richmond, thence to Libby Prison, where he remained about six weeks, thence to the Andersonville pen, where he was in duration most vile. December 13, 1864, he was released from the Florence Southern Prison, with his health impaired and his body reduced to a mere skeleton weighing only one hundred and twelve pounds. He will never forget the sickening horrors, the filth and the starvation of that experience, so loathsome and vile that

no words or painting can portray, no amount of money compensate for, the suffering endured there. Nothing but a strong constitution and a heroic will could have survived the horrors of those southern prisons, and although Mr. Bennett appears to be a fine, robust specimen of manhood today, he is a suffering wreck of that dreadful experience. Returning from war, the subject of this sketch went to Newport and engaged in the hotel business for a year; he then went to Boston and was employed in the same business there until 1869, he then located in Burlington, Vt., in a like occupation, for five years. At the close of that time, he went to Rutland, where he had previously worked about a year; he spent one summer in Saratoga, and two summers in Plattsburg, N. Y., returning to Rutland in the summer of 1876.

Mrs. Bennett departed from her earthly home January 14, 1897, aged fifty-eight years; her death was sudden and came without warning; while alone she dropped dead from heart failure.

Mr. Bennett is a valued member of the G. A. R., Roberts Post, No. 812, of Rutland. In his political affiliations, he is a Democrat, as was his father before him, but has had no time for politics, or office.

FRANK M. GOODWIN, a well-to-do farmer of Rutland county, Vermont, resides upon his fine farm at the head of Bomoseen Lake, town of Castleton, Vermont. This farm contains four hundred acres and is

a part of the farm originally purchased by his grandfather, who was an extensive land owner. It has a frontage of over one mile on the beautiful Bomoseen Lake. Mr. Goodwin carries on general farming, and opens his home to summer boarders. He keeps ten cows and four horses, and owns several fine boats, which are used to take his frequent guests out rowing on the picturesque lake.

Frank M. Goodwin was born January 3, 1859, upon the farm which is still his home. His father was also born on the same farm, but in a different house. He is a son of Theron and Caroline (Kilburn) Goodwin, and grandson of Stephen Goodwin. Stephen Goodwin was a native of Holland, whence he came to America, while still a youth. His parents had a large family of twelve children. They all crossed the ocean at the same time. They settled upon a farm at the head of Bomoseen Lake, in Rutland county, Vermont. Stephen Goodwin first purchased a small piece of land, to which he added more as his circumstances would permit. In this way he accumulated six hundred acres. It was mostly woodland and was unimproved. Stephen Goodwin died about 1869, when between seventy and eighty years old.

Theron Goodwin first saw the light of day December 12, 1829. In 1855, he was joined in marriage with Caroline Kilburn, an amiable daughter of Hiram Kilburn. Four children blessed this happy union, namely: a son, who died in infancy; Frank M., the subject of these lines; Ted, a prosperous farmer, in the town of Hubbardton, who has three



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children; and George, who is still unmarried, and resides on the old farm.

Frank M. Goodwin was joined in marriage with Lillian Tebordo. Their wedding took place February 2, 1880. Mrs. Goodwin is a native of the town of Castleton, where she was born, in 1864. She has three children, viz.: Rufus, born in 1882; Harley, born in 1884; and Daisy, born August 29, 1885. Mr. Goodwin is a Democrat, as his father was before him. The family unite in worshipping at the Congregational church in Hubbardton, of which Mrs. Goodwin is a member and a liberal supporter.

The subject of this sketch enjoys a happy life upon his beautiful farm, and does not intend to kill himself with work, or worry. He is a genial, wholesouled, jovial farmer, and thoroughly enjoys the sports and pastimes of a rural life. He can entertain his summer guests to their entire satisfaction.

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FA. BURDITT, one of the foremost business men of Rutland county, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, has been engaged in lumbering during his entire business career and is proprietor of a large mill property at North Shrewsbury, town of Shrewsbury, Rutland county, Vermont.

Mr. Burditt was born in Shrewsbury, November 17, 1858, and received a thorough preliminary education in the public schools, after which he took a course in the Green Mountain Academy at South Woodstock. He

then took a business course in Eastman's Business College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he received a diploma. Upon leaving school he went into the mill business with his father, and this has been his life work.

The business was established more than forty years ago by Rodney P. Burditt, the father of our subject. The mill was an old style water mill located near Cold River, but in 1881 this was replaced by a steam mill, equipped with modernized machinery. This was successfully operated until 1883, when, unfortunately, it was destroyed by fire, but almost immediately rebuilt with many desirable improvements added. In 1893, Mr. Burditt removed to North Shrewsbury, building the present mill, and took our subject into the partnership. They purchased 1,700 acres of timber land, including five farms, well-equipped with buildings, and it is now one of the best mills in the county. They manufacture building materials of all kinds, and have an extra large custom trade, shipping mostly to the chair manufacturers of Massachusetts, especially Gardner, Massachusetts, where there are thirteen chair factories. The shipping point as a usual thing is at Cuttingsville, but they also haul and ship from other convenient points. It is a steam mill of good capacity and nothing but the most highly approved machinery is used. The boiler room contains two fine Whittaker boilers of 120 horse power, and in a separate building is a Brown (Fitchburg) engine. There is a modern dry kiln with a Sturtevant hot blast, which has a capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber, the

interior dimensions being 60 x 9 x 18 feet. It has an up and down draught and is used for drying chair stock, the blast having 2,200 feet of coiled steel pipe and the average temperature used is 140 degrees. The main building in which nothing but lumber is made contains the best facilities for this work, and there are numerous little contrivances, which are the result of our subject's own ingenuity, which prove invaluable in the amount of time they save. Fourteen men are constantly employed and the output of the establishment is 10,000 feet per day, the timber mostly coming from the mountains, the cutting and logging being chiefly done by contract.

Our subject held a half interest in the business until 1899, when he purchased his father's share in the property. He has since conducted it alone and bears an excellent reputation as a business man, and is enjoying a very prosperous life. He is a man of spirit and favors every measure which tends to advance the interests of his community. He has many friends in this section of the state who respect him as a man of influence and worth to the community in which he lives. He has a well-stocked farm upon which he lives, cultivating it sufficiently to raise enough feed for his stock. He also owns a tenement house as well as a boarding house for the use of his employees and their families. His sister resides with him, and has ably assisted him in the work. Politically, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and was a representative in 1896-97 at the special session of the legislature, which met to declare on the Span-

ish-American War. He has held various township offices and is justice of the peace. Religiously, he is a member of the Christian church. Socially, he is a member of Vermont Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias.

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THOMAS J. LYON, for many years a successful business man of Rutland, Vermont, where he now owns a large amount of real estate, is most truly the architect of his own fortune. He is now retired from active business pursuits, and spends his time in looking after his various investments and attending to his rentals. He was born in Fitzwilliams, Cheshire county, New Hampshire, February 12, 1825, and is a son of Elijah and Sarah (Howe) Lyon.

The first members of the family, who came to America from England, were John and William Lyon, the latter being the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. William Lyon died many years before the birth of Thomas J., leaving a widow, and four sons, namely: David, Samuel, Isaac, and Elijah. These brothers all went west, but Elijah returned to the East, where he located. Elijah Lyon was probably born in Royalston, Mass., about 1797, and died there at the age of sixty-seven years. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life. About 1816, he was joined in marriage with Sarah Howe, an attractive young lady, who proved a worthy companion to her husband.

Thomas J. Lyon was reared on his father's farm, where he remained until he was thirteen

years old, receiving a very limited education. At that age he began painting pails and tubs at Troy, New Hampshire, which occupied his attention for about nine years. In 1847, in his twenty-third year, he went to Rutland, Vt., and was engaged, for several years, in the livery business. During the Civil War, in company with others, he bought horses, which he sold to the Government. They furnished many horses to the Union army, for which the Government owed large amounts, at times.

January 9, 1873, Mr. Lyon took possession of his bakery, situated in his handsome brick block, on the corner of Center and Wales streets. This handsome structure was built, in 1868, by Daniel Verder, of whom Mr. Lyon purchased it. Mr. Lyon conducted a bakery there for a period of eighteen years, and enjoyed a prosperous trade, in crackers, etc., with traveling men,—selling from forty to fifty thousand dollars' worth a year. He gave such close attention and long hours to the business, that his health began to fail and he was obliged to take a rest, which he obtained by selling out, in 1891. Mr. Lyon resides at his fine home at No. 54, Prospect street, which he built and moved into, in 1868. On January 14, 1857, he was united in marriage with Caroline S. Hunt, of New Hampshire, a daughter of Manning Hunt. This most happy union was blessed with one daughter, Harriet A., who was educated at Saxton River Seminary, after which she followed the profession of teaching. She was a faithful and valued teacher in the Rutland schools, and was in feeble health for two years before her death,

which took place on September 5, 1896, in her thirty-eighth year. She also possessed a great deal of musical talent, and was a lady of good sense and tact, and a consistent member of the Baptist church at the time of her death. The death of this beloved daughter was a terrible blow to her parents, especially to her mother, whose burdened heart and bowed frame are ripening for the grave, to which the living are all tending step by step,—each pulsation of the heart shortening their stay here.

Mr. Lyon is a master Mason, and in politics, a Republican, and he has been drafted into the service of his party as trustee of Rutland. He is also a trustee of the Baptist church, of which he has been a member and a supporter, for fifteen years.

The subject of this narrative was one of the directors of the Baxter Bank for about twelve years, and a trustee of the Rutland Savings Bank; he is also a director of the Howe Scale Company. Mr. Lyon sold half of his bakery property and rents half; he owns a double tenement house on Crescent street, and another at the junction of Main street and Strong avenue; he also owns a part of the Baxter Bank building, which is one of the finest structures in Rutland. Besides this, he has owned other valuable residence and business property in Rutland. He built the excellent residence now occupied by Judge James Barrett, and other residences, which he sold; he owned one-third of a valuable hotel property,—“the Bardwell House,”—which he also sold, and for the past few years he has been taking his well-earned and much needed rest.

Starting in life a poor boy, his fine property has been acquired honestly and slowly by industry and economy. At the age of twenty, his father gave him his time, and when he reached his twenty-first year, he had saved \$100. He has never felt richer in his life than he did then.

Mr. Lyon is recognized as one of the solid men of Rutland county, who deserve much credit for their success in life, they having always paid 100 cents on the dollar, and led an honest and upright life before their fellowmen and their God.

ERI W. HORNER, a retired railroad official of Rutland, Vermont, was born in Granby, Province of Quebec, Canada, March 26, 1830. He is a son of Hobart S. and Elizabeth (Allard) Horner, and grandson of Thomas Horner of Cambridge, Vermont, who reared nine sons and one daughter, all reaching adult age; all had families of their own, some of these families being large. His sons were generally farmers in Vermont, and a few went to Canada; some of later generations are living in the West. Thomas Horner died in middle life, and his widow married again at a later period, and finally died in Cambridge, and was buried by her first husband's side.

Hobart S. Horner, father of Eri W., was born at Cambridge, Vt., May 12, 1796. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Allard. Their union was celebrated, in 1823, in Granby, when the bride was only eighteen

years old. Mrs. Horner was a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Berry) Allard, and was born in New Hampshire in 1805, but was taken by her parents to Granby, Province of Quebec, when only three years of age. Hobart S. Horner was a practical farmer, and he and his good wife were blessed with thirteen children, three of whom died in early childhood, while five sons and five daughters grew to maturity. Those who grew up are: Silas A.; Laura Ann; Eri W.; Hobart; Simon; Bertha; Henry A.; Elizabeth; Clara and Lucinda. Silas A. died in Stoneham, Mass., in the fortieth year of his life, leaving a widow and two children. Laura Ann was twice married; her first husband was Thomas Penney, by whom she had one daughter; after his death she contracted a second matrimonial alliance with Duncan McKenzie, which resulted in the birth of one son. She died in Boston, Mass., July, 1896, aged seventy years. Eri W. is the subject of this sketch. Hobart was a volunteer in the Union army during the Civil War; he was a member of the Vermont Cavalry, and was shot while on picket duty, leaving a widow and one son in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Simon resides in Boston, where he has charge of a lumber yard; he has three sons and one daughter. Bertha died in young womanhood. Henry A. was a soldier in a Michigan regiment during the Rebellion; his death occurred in Boston, in 1897. Elizabeth was married in Michigan, where she died at about the age of thirty years, leaving one daughter. Clara is the widow of De Witt Hendrickson, whom she married in

Michigan; she now resides in the town of Brandon, Vermont. Lucinda is the wife of George W. Burt of Burlington, Vt.; they have three children.

Hobart S. Horner and family removed from Vermont to Michigan, where his death occurred at the age of sixty-nine years; his widow returned to Vermont and finally died in Boston in 1880, having attained the age of seventy-five years. She was a great worker, from youth to old age. When but seventeen years old, she resided with a family, who lived near the woods. One day the family went away from home leaving her to care for a little girl. Soon after their departure, Elizabeth heard the pigs squealing, and upon going out to ascertain the cause, discovered a bear in the pig pen; with the child upon her back, she succeeded in driving the bear out of the pen into the swamp, using no weapon but a large pair of tongs. She was a woman of great energy, courage, and endurance. But a short time prior to her death, she did her own washing at home, and went to visit her daughter in Boston. Arriving there, she found her daughter had left her washing and gone to bed with a headache; she proceeded to do her daughter's washing, also preparing tea for the family and was as fresh as usual. Her mother, Elizabeth Berry, was a woman of great strength and endurance. When ninety years old, she walked three miles to work and back home again at night, having spun a day's work of forty knots of woolen yarn. Her death took place in Illinois, at the advanced age of ninety-three

years. The mother of our subject was a most practical woman and could do all kinds of work in the house and out of doors. She could take the flax from the field and weave it into thread that would hold the fabric; taking the wool and carding the same, she wove it into cloth and then made the cloth into garments. In fact, she was equal to the emergencies and privations of those primitive times. The subject of our sketch cherishes many tender memories and treasures up many interesting reminiscences in connection with his mother's life.

Eri W. Horner was reared to farm life and labor; as he lived four miles from school, he received but thirty days' schooling up to his fifteenth year, and during the following two winters obtained the most of his school-training. In March, 1847, at the age of seventeen years, he left home on foot and walked from Granby, Province of Quebec, to Manchester, New Hampshire. Arriving at Manchester, he worked one year for a farmer, toiling on the farm during summer at twelve dollars a month, and laboring in the lumber woods during winter at ten dollars a month. This he thought a grand chance and he enjoyed his hard work and rough experience. The next two summers were spent working in a brick-yard in New Hampshire. In 1849, Mr. Horner began his railroad career by entering the service of the Rutland & Burlington R. R.; he was stationed at Burlington, and put on the track repair gang at \$1 per day, out of which he paid his board. He was soon advanced to be second hand, next to the fore-

manship, at \$1.25 per day, and in April, 1851, was made section foreman at \$1.50 per day, and stationed at Brandon, Vermont. Soon after this, the subject of our sketch was united in marriage with Betsey R. Morgan of New Hampshire, whom he met while working there. But for her sake, he would have gone to California in 1849, or 1850,—having an offer of \$100 per month to go as a gold digger. Mrs. Horner was a daughter of Amos and Betsey (Russ) Morgan, worthy and well-to-do residents of New Hampshire, who reared ten children.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner were blessed with four children: Amos Morgan; Eva; Mary Jane, and Eri W. Amos Morgan was railroad engineer in Texas for many years, and is now residing on his ranch, or farm, of one hundred and seventy acres. He wedded Hattie Smith of Pittsford, Vt.; his wife is deceased, and he has one son living. Eva is the wife of George E. Richardson, of Maine; they went to Massachusetts from Rutland, and in 1895, removed to Denver, Colorado. They have five children, two sons and three daughters. Their eldest son, Eri Horner, is a fine, promising boy of fourteen years; he is now attending school, and is a hustler; Eva Agnes is aged twelve years; Cornelius Thomas is aged ten years; Helen Brewster (named for a Mayflower Brewster on her father's side), is aged seven years; and Lucy is aged four years. Mary Jane is the wife of E. A. Stewart, of Los Angeles, Cal., where Mrs. Stewart went for her health. They have two children, namely: Elbridge Hadley, aged twelve years; and

Katherine Moore, aged five years. The subject of this sketch is one of the few men who prize real worth and honest industry more than all else. This would be a better world were there more such plain, honest-hearted men of modesty, truth, and candor, who are not always appreciated while living. Such men are the pure gold that is worth more than all the shining dross. Mr. Horner has not only been a very healthy man but has been very successful, having acquired a handsome competency. Besides his present residence at No. 45, Prospect street, where he settled in 1868, he owns much valuable real estate,—having in all sixteen tenants. All this property has been earned in a legitimate way, in addition to which he has done much to assist his children, and others as well.

Mr. Horner was made roadmaster of the northern division of the Rutland R. R., and later of the whole road, which responsible and arduous position was filled by him in a most capable manner. For forty-three years, while in the employ of the company in various positions, he lost not an hour from his duties, and was without a substitute at any time. As the subject hereof was born in Canada, but of American parents, he was not really a foreigner, as he returned to the "States" during his minority. Nevertheless, he took the precaution to take out naturalization papers, and has been a supporter of the Republican party.

The beloved wife of Mr. Horner was called to her heavenly home, October 7, 1897, at the age of sixty-eight. She was in frail health some years previous to her death and for five

years was a great sufferer from a bronchial ailment, which eventually caused heart disease. She was a most patient and heroic sufferer, to whom death came as a sweet release. For more than forty years she and Mr. Horner were members of the Baptist church, which they joined in Brandon, Vermont. Upon settling in Rutland, in 1864, they immediately united with the Baptist church there, where their record as earnest, Christian workers is well known. Since 1871, Mr. Horner has been a deacon of that denomination. April 26, 1899, Mr. Horner was again married, Mrs. Alma A. Holden of East Randolph, Vt., becoming his wife. She is a daughter of Larnard L. and Esther Amanda () Persons, now residing in East Randolph, Vt.

By a former marriage with Walter R. Holden, Mrs. Horner had one son, Harley W., who survives and resides in Baltimore, where he is attending Baltimore Dental College. He is married.

The subject of this biography has always been a man of domestic habits and has ever been devoted to his home and his business. During his many years of faithful railroad service, he made a record which few have equaled, not only with his company but with the traveling public. He could travel over all the railroads in the U. S. and but few, if any, would collect fare from the "veteran railroad man of Vermont." He has never traveled much, but took a trip to the Golden Gate in the winter of 1897 and 1898, visiting his children in California and in Denver, Colorado. He returned by way of Chicago, and took in

the sights of the "Windy City," or "Metropolis of the West." When he went to his room at the Great Northern Hotel, being a cautious man, he was a little shy about sleeping on the fourth or fifth floor, but the following morning when he found he was on the eleventh from the top, he was somewhat relieved and congratulated himself upon being assigned a room, comparatively, so near the ground.

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MYRON MOREHOUSE DIKEMAN, who is one of the oldest native-born residents of Rutland county, Vermont, is now enjoying life at the advanced age of ninety-one years. He has long been one of the foremost citizens of the county and is a well-known capitalist, being financially interested in numerous banks and other business ventures. He was born one mile north of his present farm in Hubbardton, on June 29, 1809, and is a son of Perry and Zilpha (Morehouse) Dikeman.

Frederick Dikeman, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Reading, Fairfield county, Conn., in 1760, but at an early age moved to Ballston, N. Y. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. In 1796, he removed to Hubbardton, Vermont, where he settled upon the farm now owned by our subject, and there, in addition to farming, followed the trade of a shoemaker until his death in 1848. He was joined in marriage four times, having children by his first wife only. He first married Mabel (Couch) Meeker, who by her first husband had a number of children, one of her

sons being Daniel Meeker, who became a prominent hotel man. The following children blessed her union with Mr. Dikeman: Lydia, born August 8, 1781; Sarah, born December 13, 1784; Perry, the father of our subject; Uriah, born March 5, 1790; and Azor, born January 20, 1794.

Perry Dikeman was born in Ballston, N. Y., March 18, 1788, and in the spring of 1816 he came into possession of the farm owned by our subject. He resided upon it until 1837 when he purchased the farm adjoining the one which George W. Dikeman afterward owned for many years, and there he lived until his death. He was an honest and industrious man and worked his way from a small beginning to a place of high respectability in the community, and at the time of his death owned three farms. Politically, he was quite active and, besides holding all the town offices, represented the town in the state legislature in 1851 and 1852. Mr. Dikeman died on August 14, 1871, and his widow in the following November, and they lie buried in the cemetery near the old battle ground at East Hubbardton, where a \$1,000 monument was erected to their memory by their sons. Their two children were Myron Morehouse, our subject; and George W. George W. Dikeman was born January 5, 1815, and died on the farm adjoining his brother's, July 10, 1896, being survived by his wife only. He held a large amount of bank stock, mortgages and U. S. bonds; he had held all the town offices, and represented the town in the General Assembly, in 1888-89.

Myron Morehouse Dikeman received only a common school education and early received training in the rudiments of hard work, preparing him for the life of great industry which he has since led. He taught school for one year beginning in 1828, and in whatever line of work he engaged he managed to save money, and this he wisely and safely invested in such a manner as to yield him large returns. He has been a stockholder in the First National Bank of Fair Haven, the Castleton Bank; the Killington National Bank; the Merchants Bank of Rutland; the Rutland Trust Company; and the Poultney Bank. He was also interested in the old Poultney bank, in the failure of which he lost \$3,000. He has \$10,000 invested in U. S. bonds which he has held for more than thirty years, and which will no doubt be a part of his estate upon his death. In 1875, he was appointed one of a committee of three to settle insolvent estates in the town, thus avoiding litigation.

On September 3, 1829, at the age of twenty years, Mr. Dikeman was united in marriage with Elvira J. Robinson, who was reared on a neighboring farm, having been born a few months before our subject, on January 11, 1809, and their union resulted in the birth of eleven children, as follows: Maria; Myron Munson; Schuyler M.; Orphena M.; Sarah J.; Henrietta; Ellen E.; Harley G.; Emma L.; Zilpha; and Albert G. Maria, who was born May 8, 1830, married Leland Mott, and died in 1863, leaving one daughter, Elvira, now the wife of R. E. St. John. Myron Munson was born October 14, 1831, and died May 30,



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1889.—he married Alzina Bidwell, and two children resulted, Perry and Lillian. Schuyler M. was born January 21, 1833, and married Emma L. Lincoln, October 6, 1864, and they have two children living: Gertrude, the wife of Rev. C. H. Corwin of Calumet, Michigan; and Stella M. Their third child, Adella, died at the age of nine years. Schuyler M. Dikeman has held the offices of town clerk and town treasurer for twenty-two successive years, and was elected the twenty-third time, but resigned. He has been justice of the peace for twenty-three years and is still in office. He has also held the offices of constable, collector and superintendent of schools, and represented the town in the General Assembly in 1896-97. Orphena M. was born May 19, 1834, and became the wife of D. S. Lincoln, who was the father of Mrs. Schuyler M. Dikeman; she died on April 7, 1859, without issue. Sarah J., born April 9, 1836, is the wife of Stephen Hatch. Henrietta, born February 25, 1839, and died July 3, 1863, was the wife of John G. Daigneau, and had one son, Emerson. Ellen E., born April 16, 1841, was the wife of Henry Allard; had one son, Bertram, and died November 14, 1869. Harley G. was born February 21, 1843, and died November 21, 1864. Emma L., born June 15, 1845, married Dudley Hulett, then John W. Hulett, by whom she has one child, and is now the wife of Norman Wightman. Zilpha was born March 31, 1847, married Moses Hulett, had one son, Bennie, and died May 8, 1881. Albert G., the youngest of the family, was born June 8, 1849, and died July 30, 1875. Mrs. Dike-

man was called to her rest in the world beyond on November 27, 1892. Mr. Dikeman is a staunch Republican, but has never been an office seeker, although he has served in the capacity of selectman and lister in his town. He is a man of pleasing personality, an entertaining conversationalist, and is held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends, in whose midst he has always lived.

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SAMUEL MORGAN WILLSON, an enterprising and successful business man of Rutland, Vermont, where he is well known as a wholesale coal dealer, handles the coal of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., which finds a ready market in Vermont and New Hampshire. Mr. Willson resides at No. 71 Grove street in the house built by his honored father which our subject now owns in addition to other valuable real estate in Rutland. He is a director of the Clement National Bank, of the Killington National Bank, and of the Moseley & Stoddard Manufacturing Company. He is also president of the Peoples' Gas Light Company, and is a stockholder in the Howe Scale Company.

Samuel Morgan Willson was born in Rutland, Vermont, October 1, 1857. He is a son of Zacheus Van Kuren and Elsie (Morgan) Willson, and grandson of Samuel Willson of Montgomery, Orange county, N. Y.

The paternal ancestors of our subject were preachers and his great-uncle, Robert Willson, was not only an able divine but was also a most pronounced and earnest advocate of

the cause of anti-slavery. He it was who made a wonderful and most powerful anti-slavery prayer at the opening of the legislature in Albany, New York, for which he was "hung in effigy," and his library burned.

The founder of the Willson family in America was one Zacheus Willson, who at some time during the interval between 1713 and 1720 settled in the coal district of Franklin county, Pa. His son, James Willson, left the coal region of Pennsylvania, and went with his youngest son, Zacheus, to the forks of the Youghioghney River, in Allegheny county, Pa. Zacheus, the next in line, had seven sons, whose names are: James R.; Aaron; Isaac; James Zacheus; Robert; Samuel McConnell; and Samuel M., grandfather of our subject.

Samuel M. Willson was born in Allegheny county, Pa., in July, 1796. He was a minister of the Covenanters of the Old School, and was of Scotch ancestry. He was a teacher and a preacher in Albany, N. Y., where his brother James was an able divine of the same denomination. These brothers were members of a large family of seven sons and two daughters; three of this family went to Burlington, Iowa, where their numerous descendants are now to be found. Samuel Willson died January 21, 1864, in Montgomery, Orange county, N. Y.

Zacheus Van Kuren Willson, father of our subject, was born in Coldenham, N. Y., in 1825. He began his career as a dry goods clerk in New York City, but subsequently went to St. Johns, Province of Quebec (Can-

ada), as clerk for the Lake Champlain Transportation Company. After his marriage, in 1852, Mr. Willson went to Rutland, where he was station agent and afterward passenger conductor for the Rutland & Washington R. R. now a branch of the Delaware & Hudson R. R. He remained in the employ of that road for many years being also master of transportation and assistant superintendent, and for ten years or more prior to his death he was their coal agent; when his son Samuel became of age, Mr. Willson took him in as a partner in the coal business, and was succeeded by Samuel at his death.

The elder Mr. Willson was a Republican, and held minor offices, among them, justice of the peace. Fraternally he was a Mason, and also a Knight Templar. He represented Rutland in the State Legislature about the year 1874. In their religious convictions, both he and his wife were Episcopalians, and reared their children in the same belief. Mr. Willson's death was sudden and entirely unexpected,—he dropped dead at the railroad station on the twenty-seventh day of March, 1881, in the fifty-sixth year of his age. Mrs. Willson was born Elsie A. Morgan, a daughter of David and Elsie (Wallace) Morgan.

David Morgan was but seven years old when his father, who also bore the name of David, was drowned at sea, being a mariner. David was a machinist by trade and both he and his wife were Methodists. Five children were given to them, four of whom they reared, namely: David G., who resides in Berlin, N. H.; Elsie A., mother of our sub-

ject; Mary J., wife of George Dunklee, formerly of Rutland, Vermont, now of Boston, Mass.; and Johannah, wife of Charles E. Palmer, of Concord, N. H.,—Mrs. Palmer died in middle age, leaving an infant son.

Our subject's parents were blessed with two children: one son, the subject of this sketch; and one daughter, Carrie, who still resides in Rutland with her mother to whom she is devotedly attached.

Samuel Morgan Willson was educated in the common schools of Rutland and at the age of fifteen years began a railroad career as fireman which he followed for some months. His next business was sawing wood for the railroad in company with others under the firm name of Chase & Willson,—Mr. Chase being roadmaster for the Rutland & Burlington R. R. These gentlemen sawed and moved the wood for the engines according to special contracts with the railroad; their business prospered and the firm continued in business for about six years. Mr. Willson then joined his father in the coal business, as previously mentioned, the firm becoming at that time Willson & Son. Since the death of the elder Mr. Willson, the same business has been conducted under the name of S. M. Willson, who purchased the entire business in 1886.

October 12, 1881, our subject was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Carrie M. Wickham of Rutland. Mrs. Willson is a daughter of Rollin Wickham, who died in October, 1892, aged sixty-one years, leaving a widow and three children, namely: Mrs.

Willson; Earle, who makes his home with his mother; and Julia N., who is the wife of Grant N. Otis, of Poultney, Vermont, to whom she was married June 21, 1899.

Mr. Willson and wife have only one son, Earle V. K., a bright, manly boy of nine years, who is a great comfort to his fond parents. Mr. Willson, like his honored father, is a Republican and an Episcopalian. He is also a member of the Elks.

Our subject is an ardent worker in the interests of Rutland, and is always ready to give substantial aid to any worthy enterprise that has in view the advancement of the interests of the city. He is responsive to charitable appeals and occupies an important position as a man of standing in the community, and it is with feelings of pleasure that the publishers of this work are enabled to announce that his portrait accompanies this sketch.

MJ. FRANCISCO was born on August 5, 1835, at West Haven, Vt., and is a son of John Francisco who was one of the early pioneers of West Haven,—moving there in 1795. The father of Mr. Francisco participated in the War of 1812, and at the battle of Plattsburg was one of the famous Green Mountain Boys; after the battle he returned to Ticonderoga on one of Commodore MacDonough's vessels, and marched from that place to West Haven, which was his home for eighty-three years. He was Horace Greeley's first preceptor.

M. J. Francisco is a lineal descendant of

Miles Standish and John Alden, being a grandson of Daniel Sampson and Mary Woods, a great-grandson of William and Judith (Merrill) Sampson, a great-great-grandson of Jonathan and Mary (Chandler) Sampson, a great-great-great-grandson of David and Mary (Chapin) Sampson, and a great-great-great-great-grandson of Caleb Sampson and Mercy Standish, who was a daughter of Alexander Standish, the eldest son of Miles Standish. The mother of Mercy Standish was the daughter of John Alden. He is the great-great-great-great-great-grandson of Henry Sampson and Ann Plummer of the company of Pilgrims who came to Plymouth on the Mayflower, in 1620.

Mr. Francisco's early education was obtained at Castleton, (Vt.) Seminary. In 1852, he left Vermont for Ohio to enter Oberlin College, and after completing his studies in that institution spent several years in traveling through the western and southern states, visiting every state then admitted to the Union. Returning from his southern and western journey, he entered Albany College and after his graduation from that institution, was appointed principal of the Northwestern College at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Residing there during the first years of the Rebellion, he took an active part in raising volunteers, incurring the displeasure and opposition of the Knights of the Golden Circle and the Klu Klux Klan, and was finally involved in a riot incited by members of these disloyal organizations.

In 1863, Mr. Francisco married H. Mar-

garet Holmes, a daughter of Israel Holmes, of Waterbury, Connecticut. Mr. Holmes was the originator and founder of the brass industry in the United States, and was directly connected with the establishment of the largest brass manufacturing concerns of Connecticut. He held extensive interests in Connecticut and New York City at the time of his death, the care of which devolved upon Mr. Francisco as trustee of his estate. Mrs. Francisco is a lineal descendant of Sir Ellis Hicks, who was knighted by Edward, the Black Prince, on the field of Poitiers, September 9, 1456. She traces her descent through Israel and Ardelia (Hayden) Holmes, to Abigail Shephard and Daniel Hayden, to Major Joseph Shephard and Abigail Hodges, to Lieutenant Elijah Hodges and Elizabeth Reed, to Thomas Reed and Sarah Tisdale, to Joseph Tisdale and Mary Leonard, who were married in 1681, to Major Thomas Leonard and Mary Watson, to Ensign Watson and Phoebe Hicks, to Robert Hicks and Margaret Winslow, to James Hicks and Phoebe Allyn, to Rupert Hicks and Evesond, to Thomas Hicks and Margaret Atwood, to John Hicks of Gloucester, England, the lineal descendant of Sir Ellis Hicks.

Leaving Fort Wayne, Ind., M. J. Francisco accepted the presidency of the Pennsylvania College of Trade and Finance at Harrisburg, Pa., where he organized a large and flourishing institution in which many men who are now prominent in state and national affairs received their first knowledge of commercial principles. After several years of close appli-

cation in the management of the college, failing health compelled him to relinquish his position, and he returned to his native state, where at its mineral springs he found renewed vigor, and entered upon that sphere of activity which was destined to be of wider scope than that of preceding years. He has made his name familiar in every city in the United States. When the English Fire Insurance companies were negotiating for admission into the United States, Mr. Francisco was tendered and assumed the general management for Vermont of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company of Edinburgh, and the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, of London. He was afterwards made manager of the Vermont, New Hampshire, and Northern New York departments of several other large companies. It was while in the service of these corporations that he made his memorable argument before the joint committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives in opposition to the "valued policy bill." He has also the distinction of writing the largest fire-insurance policy ever issued in New England,—the face value of which was \$2,100,000. He has made a record which marks him as the most successful fire-insurance manager in the state.

In 1887, he was elected president of the Rutland Electric Light Company, and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, since which period he has devoted much time and energy in furthering the introduction of electricity into general use. At the Providence (R. I.) convention of the Na-

tional Electric Light Association of the United States, he was elected second vice-president; at the St. Louis (Mo.) convention he was made first vice-president, and at the convention in Washington, D. C., he was elected president. His first work on electric lighting was published in 1890, and went through two editions. Two editions were printed of his review of the Postmaster General's Limited Post and Telegraph bill,—an argument delivered before a committee of the United States Senate and House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., in 1891. In 1893, he was called before the Massachusetts Legislature as an expert on the subject of municipal ownership, and also before the Connecticut Legislature, in 1897. He is the author of "Municipal Ownership,—Its Fallacy," which went through four editions; also of "Government, State and Municipal Ownership," and of "Municipal Ownership versus Private Corporations,"—which has already reached its fifth edition. He has contributed numerous articles to the leading magazines and journals, both in this country and Europe, being acknowledged as the best authority of the day upon this problem. He has been called to nearly all the leading cities of the United States to discuss the subject.

Mr. Francisco is ex-president of the Rutland Association of Underwriters, and a director of the Rutland Trust Company. He is president of the Holmes & Griggs Manufacturing Company, of New York, and is senior member of the firm of M. J. Francisco & Sons, the other members being his two sons, I.

Holmes and Don C. Francisco. For many years he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity.

LEWIS J. FORTIER, the efficient secretary and treasurer of the Newton & Thompson Manufacturing Company of Brandon, Vermont, was born at Forest Dale, June 1, 1842. He is a son of Francis and Harriet (Shoro) Fortier, and grandson of Lewis Fortier.

Lewis Fortier was a native of Canada. He left his native country about 1835, and located in Forest Dale, Rutland county, Vermont. He reared four sons and four daughters. One son, Lewis, is still living and makes his home with his nephew, Lewis J. He is well preserved at eighty-eight years of age.

Francis Fortier was born at St. Johns, Canada, in August, 1818. He died in Forest Dale as recently as 1896. About 1838, he was joined in marriage with Harriet Shoro, also of Canadian nativity. Twelve children blessed this union, namely: Francis, Lewis J. (subject of this sketch), Rose, Laura, Julia, Harriet, Victoria, Edward T., Leah, Melvina, Addel, and Carrie Bell, who died at the age of twelve years.

Francis died at the early age of nineteen; Rose married George Lassard, of Brandon. Laura is the widow of Solomon Lassard. She resides in Cohoes, New York. Julia resides in Boston. Harriet married Thomas Handfield, of Canada. Victoria is the widow of Frederick Disordie of Burlington. Edward

T. joined the regular army of the United States and was lost track of. Leah married Edmund Rickert. She died in Brattleboro, Vermont, and left two children. Melvina married Francis Forcia. She resides in Brandon with her mother, who is now seventy years old. Addel also lives in Boston. Francis Fortier was a blacksmith, by trade. During the Civil War, he went into the Union army and served three years as blacksmith. He owned a good farm in Brandon, which is now the property of his widow.

Lewis J. Fortier attended Brandon Academy, taking a finishing course in the Rutland Business College. He remained at home and conducted the farm while his father was in the war. At the age of twenty-two years, he went to Michigan. After spending a year there, he returned to Forest Dale, where he has remained ever since. In 1866, he was united in marriage with Alsina Fortier, a cousin. Seven children blessed this union, three of whom are now deceased. Four daughters are still living, named Rose, Mena, Carrie Bell, and Maud. Rose married Lewis Shoro and has three children. Mena married Derrie Boudreau, of Schenectady, New York. Carrie Bell was educated in the convent at St. Johns. She is still at home, as is also her sister, Maud. Both young ladies are refined and possess musical talent.

Mr. Fortier has been connected with the pill box factory about forty years. He began at the bottom when seventeen years of age, and has been there ever since, with the exception of the time spent upon the farm, and in

Michigan. He has filled every position, including even that of bookkeeper, which he filled twelve years. Fifteen years ago he became a stockholder, and is now secretary and treasurer of the company. He does nearly all the traveling for the concern, which is the leading and longest established business of its kind in the United States. In it an average of about one hundred men are constantly at work and frequently as many as one hundred and twenty are employed at one time.

Mr. Fortier is full of push and energy and is a valuable acquisition to the firm. In politics, he is a Republican. His own beautiful home in Forest Dale is a model of neatness and comfort. He is a man of sound judgment, broad intelligence, and good business ability.



MRS. MARIA LOUIS, a worthy and highly respected lady of Fair Haven, Vermont, is the widow of the late John B. Louis, who died June 8, 1895.

John B. Louis was born in Canada, January 1, 1822. He was reared on a farm near the scene of his birth, but left Canada during the Canadian War. He was then fifteen years of age, and had never known a mother's care, for that loved parent died when he was two years old. He then spent one year in Middlesex, Vt., and moved thence to the town of Ira. January 17, 1844, Mr. Louis was joined in marriage with Maria Butler, the subject hereof. Mrs. Louis was born at Parishville,

St. Lawrence county, New York. She is a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Brown) Butler, respected citizens of Tinmouth, Vermont. Mr. Butler was an expert blacksmith, of that place. He and his worthy wife had one son and five daughters, but lost one daughter. Mrs. Louis has but one sister living, Susan, wife of E. B. Lord, of Shrewsbury, Vermont. Their mother died at the early age of thirty years when the subject of this sketch was but seven years of age. Their father contracted a second matrimonial alliance, and reared three daughters by his second wife. They are still living. He died when sixty-two years old, and is buried in Tinmouth, while the mother of Mrs. Louis sleeps in Parishville, New York. Mrs. Louis was the recipient of but a common school education. She was only seventeen years old at the time of her marriage. Five children were born to her and her husband, namely: Mary, John J., Charles S., Alta M., and Bertha. Mary died at seven years of age, and Bertha at the age of two and a half years. John J. is a physician and druggist in Youngstown, Ohio. Charles S. resides in South Reading, Vermont. He has a wife and six children.

Mr. Louis was a staunch Republican. He enlisted as a volunteer in the Union army, from Middletown, Vermont, in 1862. He went in as a private in Company B, 14th Reg., Vermont Vol. Infantry. He was wounded, and lost the fingers of his right hand. Erysipelas ensued, and he came near losing his life. He was a member of the G. A. R. Born a Catholic, he was persuaded to join the Baptist church, while yet young. Before his mar-

riage, Mr. Louis lived seven years in Ira, with Leonard Mason, a deacon of the Baptist church, whose efforts changed his religious belief. Mrs. Louis is also a member of the same church with which she united when but sixteen years old.

The subject of this sketch and her husband began life most humbly. By industry and economy, however, they saved up enough money to purchase a fine little farm, within the village of Fair Haven, Vt., where Mrs. Louis still lives. Mr. and Mrs. Louis spent fifty years of happy married life together. They were absolutely devoted to each other. Mr. Louis was a kind and considerate husband, and an affectionate father. His death was a sad blow to his family and friends, and, most especially, to his bereaved companion, who still misses him sadly. His remains now rest in the Middletown (Vt.) cemetery.



MRS. JANE WESTCOTT, widow of the late Hamilton Westcott, resides in Fair Haven, Rutland county, Vermont, where she is well known, popular and influential. Mrs. Westcott's maiden name was Townsend. She was born in the town of Wallingford, Rutland county, Vt., and is a daughter of Dyer and Lucinda (Button) Townsend.

Dyer Townsend was born in Hancock, Mass., in 1790, and lived to the extreme age of ninety-six years. His family was particularly noted for longevity. His father died at the age of ninety-four years. Dyer Townsend

was a prosperous, well-to-do man. For many years, he owned and operated a tannery, in Wallingford. Later in life, he purchased a fine farm in the same town. Retiring there, he spent his closing years in agricultural pursuits. He made a specialty of breeding fine sheep.

Jane Townsend was reared and educated near the scene of her birth. She was twice married. She was first united in marriage with Dr. Thomas J. Page, of Rutland, Vermont. After ten years of happy married life, Dr. Page died at the early age of thirty-nine years. Some years afterward, the subject hereof was joined in marriage with Hamilton Westcott, who was then a widower with five children. Mrs. Westcott made him a most excellent wife. She assisted him in rearing his children by his first wife. She also bore him one daughter, Lulu. Lulu is now the wife of W. K. Merriam, of Fair Haven, Vermont. She has three children, William Dyer, aged seven years; Jane Elizabeth, aged four years; and Charles Townsend, a beautiful boy of two years.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Westcott located in Binghamton, N. Y., where Mr. Westcott carried on a tobacco business for two years, in partnership with his brother. In 1865, he moved to Fair Haven, Vt., where he owned a splendid farm, and was engaged in farming during the remainder of his days. This farm is now owned by his son, Melvern H.

Hamilton Westcott, deceased, was born in Milford, New York. His death occurred May 10, 1895, when nearly seventy-three years of



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age. He began life with little or no capital, and rose to be a man of considerable means. He left his family well provided for. His four hundred and thirty-acre farm cost \$10,000, and was worth much more at the time of his death. He was a son of Reuben and Wealthy (Rose) Westcott. His father died in 1864, at the age of, about, sixty-two years. His mother died in September, 1892, aged eighty-eight years.

Mr. Westcott was also twice married. He was first united with Abigail Bates. She died in Milford, in 1860, leaving five children as a legacy to her husband. June 14, 1863, Mr. Westcott was again married,—being united this time with the subject hereof, who was then the widow of Thomas J. Page, of Rutland, Vermont. Mr. Westcott's children by his first wife are, Zilpha A.; Reuben Lorenzo; Melvern H.; Henrietta Jane; and Alice Rose.

Mrs. Westcott is an Episcopalian, as her mother was before her, while Mr. Westcott was a Baptist. The subject of this sketch inherited from her father a fine farm in the town of Wallingford, Vt., but is spending her declining years in Fair Haven, a spot endeared to her by many tender associations.

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SOLON SHERMAN, a well-to-do merchant of Poultney, Vermont, whose portrait is shown on the preceding page, is one of the solid and reliable business men of Rutland county. Mr. Sherman erected his fine large mill, grain house,

and coal elevator in 1896-97 on the former site of his father's garden. He carries on a prosperous milling business, milling and selling grain, feed and flour, and also deals in coal and wood.

Our subject was born at East Poultney, Vermont, April 7, 1832, and is a son of Olcott and Maria (Hosford) Sherman, and grandson of Jonathan Sherman. Jonathan Sherman was a pioneer settler of Barre, Vermont, which he named, and was a native of Connecticut. His wife, who was Thankful White before marriage, died in 1812, and left eleven children. One son, Nathaniel, was known as Colonel Sherman and reared fourteen children; he died at the age of eighty, having been a widower for many years.

Olcott Sherman was born in Barre, Vermont, in 1800. He was a harness-maker and also a brick mason, having built the brick part of the Troy Conference Academy at Poultney. He was a great worker and was the acknowledged champion bricklayer of the vicinity. He worked on the Bunker Hill Monument and was at the laying of the corner-stone by General Lafayette. Although he was lame from youth, his lameness being caused by a fever sore, he was quite a pedestrian. His marriage with Maria Hosford, a daughter of Philo and Azuba (Lynch) Hosford, resulted in the birth of four children, namely: one who died in infancy; Solon, the subject of this sketch; Ann Maria; and Henrietta. Ann Maria married C. J. Pettee of Detroit, where she died at the age of thirty-five; her death occurred in 1871. Hen-

rietta married Henry Clark of Rutland; she is also now deceased.

Olcott Sherman went to Poultney, Vt., January 25, 1825, and in company with Paul M. Ross established a harness-making business in East Poultney. In 1835, Mr. Sherman moved to West Poultney, or what is now Poultney, where he built a large brick house about sixty years ago and enjoyed the fruits of his industry and enterprise. He held the offices of constable, collector, and other town offices, always faithfully discharging the duties imposed upon him. Our subject's grandfather, Philo Hosford, was one of a company of militia that started for Plattsburg during the War of 1812, but did not get there until the battle was over. He was a farmer three miles north of Poultney. This farm is now owned by our subject and has not been out of the family for one hundred years. Philo Hosford was a Knight Templar and during the later years of his life was the oldest Mason in Vermont.

Solon Sherman was the recipient of a fair common school education in Poultney and the Troy Conference Academy. In early youth he began to learn the harness-maker's trade with his father, and at the age of eighteen also began to learn the molder's trade. When twenty-one years old he left home and went west to Detroit, remaining in the state of Michigan for a period of twenty years. He was located at Corruna, Vernon, and Wayne, and his marriage occurred at Byron, Michigan. He was united with Isabella Lyon, a daughter of Jacob Lyon, formerly of New York and New Jersey. In Michigan, Mr.

Sherman worked at his trade as a harness-maker and also followed farming. To him and his wife were given eight children, and of these only three were reared to maturity, as follows: Thankful, Harry L., and Charles B. Thankful married Clarence Mears of Poultney, and they lost one son and have one daughter. Harry L. married Alice Ganson of Hubbardton, Vt., and resides at home with our subject. Charles B., who married Helen Gorman of Poultney, resides on the old homestead, but in 1898 took a trip to the Klondike. Of the five children who died, one died from canker rash in 1873. Three others died in August of the same year, all within three weeks time, the cause of their death being diphtheria. The mother of these children died when thirty-five years old. Mr. Sherman formed a second matrimonial alliance with Abbie Paige, a worthy lady of Rutland, Vermont.

Mr. Sherman is a Royal Arch Mason. He returned from Michigan to Poultney in October, 1872, and resided upon the farm formerly owned by his grandfather Hosford, until his removal to his present residence. In politics, he is a Republican and cast his first vote for John C. Fremont. He is not a member of any church.

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MRS. BETSEY (BEMAN) BRADSHAW, a much beloved, aged lady of Hydeville, Vermont, is the widow of James Bradshaw, who died November 29, 1897, aged eighty-four years. James

Bradshaw was born in New Hampshire, and was a son of George Bradshaw. He was a blacksmith, and was twice married. His first union was contracted with Mary Beman, a sister of the present Mrs. Bradshaw. She died, about one year after marriage, in Troy, N. Y., where Mr. Bradshaw was then at work. In October, 1841, Mr. Bradshaw was again married, the subject of this sketch becoming his wife. Five children blessed their union, namely: Mary, George, Martha, Ida, and Charles. Mary became the wife of Walter Waterman of Montpelier, Vt., where she died aged about forty years, leaving one daughter. George is a prominent liveryman of Minneapolis, Minn. He also has one daughter. Martha married William Hutchins, of Montpelier, Vt., where she died. She left three children. Ida is the wife of Edward Cook, in Hydeville. They have three children; their eldest daughter was married in 1899. Charles, with his wife and baby boy, are respected residents of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw went to Hydeville about thirty years ago. At that time, he established his blacksmith and wagon-making business.

A few years prior to his death, Mr. Bradshaw was in poor health and retired from active life. He was not a strong man, but was most ambitious and energetic. For many years he had been subject to asthma. He commenced without capital, and by industry and careful management was successful in accumulating a little property. He had a brother, George, who was an eminent lawyer, in New York City. When Mr. Bradshaw's health

failed, this brother persuaded him to retire by giving him substantial aid, in the way of money, sufficient to retire upon.

George Bradshaw also began life humbly. After leaving school, he followed teaching. Thus he worked his way through college, and fitted himself for the profession of law. He never married, but left his large estate to his two sisters and his brother. He was prominent in public life, and left not only worldly wealth, but an excellent record.

Mrs. Bradshaw is a daughter of Luke and Betsey (Gibson) Beman, of Massachusetts. Soon after their marriage, January 31, 1818, her parents settled in West Poughkeepsie, where Mr. Beman followed mercantile life. He was a comb manufacturer. Seven children were born of this union: Mary, Betsey (the subject hereof), Martha, Augustus, Jonas, Sylvester, and Hoyt. Mary was the first wife of Mr. Bradshaw. Martha married Chauncey Fish, of Fair Haven, where her death occurred, in 1892. She was sixty-nine years old, and left one daughter. Augustus was a printer. He learned his trade in Rutland, with the elder Tuttle, and subsequently became a printer in New York City, where he died from smallpox. He was unmarried. Jonas was also a resident of the same city. He lost his only son when the latter was nineteen years old. Jonas died, and left a widow. Sylvester died January 7, 1853, aged twenty-two years. Hoyt resides in Chicago, Ill. He has charge of the county house. He is married and has three daughters and one son. The beloved mother of these children laid

down the burden of life, August 17, 1844. The father again married, and died of old age, about 1889. Death came suddenly to him while visiting his son. He settled in Fair Haven, about 1835, selling his home in Poultney at the time. The railroad cars are now running through his former door-yard. He then purchased the Morse place in Fair Haven, which is now the home of Dr. Wakefield.

Mrs. Bradshaw resides in one of the most pleasant spots in Hydeville, which is one of the historic villages of Western Vermont. She has lived in the same cottage for the last twenty-two years. She has never been a strong woman, but is very energetic. Although exceedingly frail in health, and advanced in years, she has a remarkable force of both body and mind. She is spending the sunset of life surrounded by every comfort obtainable.

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JUDSON N. HOOKER, an up-to-date farmer in Castleton, Rutland county, Vermont, comes from a distinguished family. He is a descendant of old Thomas Hooker, a famous divine, who came, in early times, from England to Connecticut. Mr. Hooker was born, April 1, 1861, in Castleton, and was educated in the state normal school of that place, graduating therefrom, in 1880.

He is a son of Truman Newell and Lucia Ann (Moore) Hooker, a grandson of Truman and Betsey (Griswold) Hooker, and great-grandson of Thomas Hooker, who was born January 21, 1762, and served in the Revolutionary War, from Connecticut. The

grandfather of Judson H. was born in Poultney, Vt., December 29, 1793, and removed to Castleton about 1834. He settled upon a farm of two hundred acres in that vicinity, and reared three sons and three daughters. All the sons are now deceased except one, Edward P. Hooker, who is a Congregational minister, in Marshfield, Massachusetts. He was president of a college in Florida. David Hooker, another son, was a prominent lawyer, in Milwaukee. The daughters are Sarah (Ainsworth), and Mary L., who never married. Judson H. Hooker's grandfather died on the farm where he spent so many years, June 9, 1866. His widow died at the same place, seventeen years later, having reached her seventy-seventh year. Their remains lie in Hillside cemetery, in Castleton.

Truman Newell Hooker, father of the subject hereof, was born in the town of Poultney, August 11, 1826. He was united in marriage with Lucia Ann Moore. Mrs. Hooker was a native of Castleton, and was a daughter of Elam and Lydia (Wells) Moore. Her father followed the occupation of a farmer; he was born March 8, 1787, and served in the War of 1812, while her mother was born May 26, 1785. Their marriage occurred March 5, 1812. The parents of Judson H. settled on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, just north of the village of Castleton. They lived there until 1869, when they rented out that farm, and bought the heirs' interests to the homestead farm, which was originally purchased by Truman Hooker.

Truman Hooker was a public-spirited cit-

izen. He served as selectman, and as justice of the peace. He began life without any cash capital and worked hard during early manhood. But he was an invalid, from diphtheria, during the last seventeen years of his life. He died December 15, 1891, when sixty-five years old. Mr. Hooker lost one sister in early childhood. She died February 9, 1858, when about two and a half years old.

The subject of this sketch is looked upon as one of the most progressive farmers in the community, and is well and favorably known in social and business circles throughout Rutland county.

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WILLIAM C. MASON, an enterprising and prosperous stock and dairy farmer in the town of Pawlet, is one of the most active farmers in Rutland county, Vermont. Mr. Mason's career has been somewhat varied. He obtained a good schooling and started out for himself when twenty years old, as salesman of nursery stock for a Geneva firm. He was on the road for two years. His next experience was at selling sewing machines, which occupied his attention for three years. In 1880 and 1881, he engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm which his father had owned for eleven years.

In 1889, Mr. Mason began his real life work, dealing in horses and cattle. He buys horses in the West and disposes of them in the East; he purchases cattle in Vermont which he drives to Massachusetts and sells. During October and November, 1898 and 1899, he

bought and drove to Massachusetts 1,043 head of cows and young cattle, paying for the same nearly \$25,000; this money was distributed almost wholly among the farmers of Rutland county, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Mason own a fine farm, and carry on general farming. In addition to farming he keeps high grade Holstein cattle and has some thoroughbreds in his herd. The milk from his 30 cows at 75 cents per hundredweight, together with other dairy products, brought him \$1,800 during one year. He has some of the most valuable thoroughbred Holstein stock in the state; some of them are great milkers. Mary Dean, a beautiful and perfectly formed cow has given 50 lbs. of milk a day for 200 consecutive days. Eight of his cows gave an aggregate of 412 lbs. in one day and 12,152 lbs. in one month. Ten cows gave a total of 504 lbs. in a day. Mr. Mason always keeps at least 30 cows. Ten years ago, the same farm would only support 16 cows. But our subject farms on the most approved plans. He makes high grade fertilizers by utilizing all the solids and fluids from the stables. He has a large, commodious barn which is 117 feet long and 30 feet wide.

Mr. Mason has recently planted about 100 sugar maple trees along the road. In a few years these trees will greatly add to the beauty of his fine farm. A few such energetic and enterprising farmers in Rutland county would be an inspiration and would prove that farming in New England will pay now as it did of yore. The industrious and heroic ancestors

of the present generation lived well and made money on the same land where many of their posterity are letting the farms grow up in weeds.

William C. Mason was born in West Pawlet, January 19, 1854. He is a son of James N. and Alta (Simmons) Mason, and grandson of Allen Mason. Allen Mason was a native of Connecticut. He was one of the early settlers in the woods of Pownal, Vermont, where he cleared a good farm. He died about 1840 and left eleven children, of whom James N. was the youngest.

James N. Mason was born in Pownal, Vermont, in October, 1818, and died in 1893. In 1843 he was joined in marriage with Alta Simmons, a daughter of Squire Joel Simmons, a man of affairs in Poultney. Eight children were the result of this union, namely: James; Joel; John; Daniel; William C., subject of this sketch; Allen; Helen; and Alta. James resides in Boston, where he manufactures door plates and house numbers. Joel is a traveling salesman and resides at Middletown Springs, Vermont. John is in the insurance business in Granville, New York. Daniel also resides in Middletown Springs. Allen is a constable in Pawlet. Helen is the wife of D. H. Fenton of East Poultney. Alta is the wife of M. S. Strong of Granville, New York. Our subject's mother was a devout Methodist. She died in 1864. James N. Mason's second union was contracted with Almira Banister of Pownal, who is still a resident of East Poultney and, though well on to eighty years old, is still bright and active. Her

father was a physician and served in the Revolutionary War; she was born to him when he was well along in years. Mrs. Mason is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

William C. Mason was joined in marriage with Mary Reed, a native of Pennsylvania. This happy event took place January 1, 1889. Mrs. Mason is a daughter of Curtis and Almira (Blakeley) Reed. Her parents, both of whom are now deceased, settled on the farm now occupied by our subject, in 1865; the farm contains 175 acres. Curtis Reed had two children by his first marriage, and this one daughter by his second marriage, with Almira Blakeley. His first wife's children were: Colby, a resident of Pennsylvania, and Alta, wife of Charles Eaton of Oran, New York. Two children brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, namely: Nina, born November 14, 1891, and Adelaide, born September 12, 1896.

Mr. Mason is a Republican. He has served as selectman two years and as overseer of the poor. He is one of the few men who make a success of any enterprise which they undertake. He believes that "what is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

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MRS. HELEN M. COLTON, who resides in a pleasant home at Number 10, West street, in Fair Haven, Rutland county, Vt., is the widow of David B. Colton, who died in Fair Haven, February 10, 1879, aged fifty-two years.

David B. Colton was born in 1826. He was

a son of Solomon Bigelow and Annis (Martin) Colton. Our subject's father was a native of Long Meadow, Massachusetts. He was a tanner by trade. His marriage with Annis Martin, of Ferrisburg, Vt., resulted in the birth of three children,—two sons and one daughter,—namely: David B., the subject of these lines, Calvin H., and Sarah Ann. The father of these children died when only forty-four years old. His widow married again. She wedded Eli Skinner, and died at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Calvin H. Colton was a harness maker, by trade, and followed that occupation in both Granville and Fair Haven. He removed to the latter place, about the year 1870, and continued to reside there until cut off by death, in 1886. He left a widow who was, before marriage, a Miss Watkins of Poultney, Vermont. Sarah Ann Colton married Sylvester Skinner, the son of her step-father.

David B. Colton was also a harness maker, by trade, in connection with which he kept a hotel in Fair Haven, and was associated in the marble business, with both his father-in-law and his brother-in-law. He was engaged in these various occupations up to the time of his death. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. He was a fine tenor singer, and taught vocal music. August 15, 1852, he was joined in marriage with Helen M. Adams, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Colton is a daughter of Joseph and Stella (Miller) Adams, and is a sister of A. N. Adams, a sketch of whose life also appears in this publication.

To Mr. and Mrs. Colton were born three

children, namely: William Wallace, Joseph E., and David B., Jr. William Wallace was born in July, 1853, and died when eight months old. Joseph E. was born February 15, 1858, and resides in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He is the treasurer and sole manager of a stock company, which manufactures type-writing paper. He possesses a high order of business ability, and is prosperous. He was twice married. His first union was contracted with Alice T. Thomas, of Fort Ann, New York. She died in 1890, in West Rutland, Vt., leaving one son, William Wallace Colton, who is now a boy of fifteen years. Two years later, Mr. Colton married again. Susan Humphrey, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, became his wife. She also has one son, Robert Humphrey, who is now nearly three years old. David B., Jr., also resides in Pittsfield. He is a commercial traveler, in the paper trade. He was joined in marriage with Stella M. Beckley, of Michigan. She is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Beckley, of Mendon, Michigan. To David B. Colton, Jr., and his wife has been born a daughter, Vera, a bright and interesting child, of eleven years.

Mrs. Colton's mother died November 1, 1882. Mrs. Colton was educated in Castleton Seminary, and still retains possession of her piano, which is a source of pleasure and entertainment to her. She sold the old home, and lived with her eldest son, in Pittsfield, Mass., for a few years, after his first wife's death. But in 1893, she returned to Fair Haven, and built her present modern cottage, where she is most delightfully situated. The subject of this

sketch is a member of the Unitarian church, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Both she and her husband were formerly Universalists.

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THOMAS ERASTUS WAKEFIELD, M. D., a retired physician of Fair Haven, Vt., was for more than fifty years, one of the leading practitioners of Rutland county. Dr. Wakefield was born in Manchester, Vermont, March 15, 1821. He is a son of Thomas L. and Hannah (Ewers) Wakefield, and grandson of Captain Ebenezer and Abigail Wakefield.

Dr. Wakefield was the recipient of a liberal education in the Troy Conference Academy. His medical training was obtained under old Dr. Childs, of Pittsfield, Mass. He graduated in Castleton, Vt., at the age of twenty-one years. He immediately opened an office in Fair Haven, where he has practiced for fifty-five years. About two years ago, his eyesight began to fail, and now the Doctor is almost totally blind. Upon coming out of college he found himself much in debt. He succeeded in paying one hundred cents on the dollar, and has since saved many thousands of dollars. His practice has been of extensive proportions. He has gone to attend the sick and suffering, in all kinds of weather, and at all hours of the day and night. He had a large practice, not only in Fair Haven, but in many Vermont and New York towns near by.

He was the leading physician in Fair Haven from the year 1842 until compelled to retire from practice. But for his grand constitu-

tion, he could not have endured what he has gone through. Though now in his seventy-ninth year, his bodily strength is good, and his mental vigor is not gone. The loss of his eyesight, by cataract, has withdrawn him from active effort, and his large practice has been turned over to a bright and promising young man, Dr. Parkhurst, who is already a skillful physician and surgeon. Dr. Wakefield is a Republican, but voted the Democratic ticket prior to the formation of the Republican party, in 1856.

Captain Ebenezer Wakefield was a farmer by avocation. He was born about the year 1746. He was a captain in the Revolutionary War, and fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. Erastus Ewers, Dr. Wakefield's maternal grandfather, was a private in the same company. Ebenezer and Abigail reared two daughters and one son. The latter was Thomas L., Dr. Wakefield's father. The Doctor's grandfather served throughout the war, and was a pensioner of the government. He lived until he attained the age of eighty-five years. His widow died at the advanced age of ninety-five years.

Thomas L. Wakefield, father of the Doctor, was born at Winhall, Vt., April 9, 1792, and died in 1874. In 1816, he wedded Hannah Ewers. This marriage resulted in the birth of two daughters and one son, namely: Angelina Theresa; Thomas Erastus, the subject of these lines; and Helen Ann. Angelina Theresa is the widow of Noah Adams. She resides in Portlandville, Otsego county, N. Y., and is in her eighty-second year. Helen Ann was



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born in 1824, in Granville, where she was accidentally drowned, in 1830. Her parents adopted a niece, who had been named for the lost one. This niece is now living with her aged aunt; she has one son. The Doctor's mother died in 1884. Their remains rest in Portlandville, N. Y., where the grandmother is also buried.

Dr. Wakefield was joined in marriage with Mary Fisk Fuller. This happy event was celebrated June 19, 1845. Mrs. Wakefield was born in West Needham, Mass., June 24, 1819. She had two children, Leroy, who died when eight days old; and Helen Ann, who was born in 1847, and died, December 2, 1853.

Dr. Wakefield lost his companion February 19, 1890. In this, the hour of his affliction, the Doctor is attended by neither a loving wife nor child. But he has friends in every household, who are anxious to do something for him who has done so much for them. It is hoped that his blindness is only temporary, and may be entirely relieved by medical science, as is frequently the case.



DR. ARTHUR CLARENCE NORTON, the leading physician of Middletown Springs, Rutland county, Vermont, whose portrait is presented on a preceding page, has been actively engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, since 1882. He is a native of Arlington, Vermont, where he was born September 28, 1859. He received scholastic training in both common

and select schools, and then decided to prepare for the practice of medicine.

He fitted himself for his noble calling, in the Homeopathic Medical College, of New York. He received his diploma, and began practice in New York State, in 1882. Six months afterward he went to his present location, at Middletown Springs. He has seen many competitors come and go, but through all the changes he has sustained his reputation as the leading practitioner of the place.

He was married June 13, 1882, to Lucy Randall. Mrs. Norton is a daughter of Rev. John and Frances (Daniels) Randall, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Norton's mother died when Lucy was but two years old.

To Dr. and Mrs. Norton have been born three children, namely: Charles Arthur, born May 5, 1883; Marguerite Gertrude, born August 28, 1884, and John Randall, born June 6, 1890. The eldest of these children is a tall, slender youth, six feet and two inches in height. Dr. Norton is a son of M. L. and Eliza (White) Norton, and a grandson of Edward Norton. Edward Norton was a tailor in Arlington, Vermont, but was born in New York. He was one of fifteen children, and had seven brothers and seven sisters. This numerous family contained two pairs of twins—Edward, himself, belonging to one pair. The mother was a Miss Gunn, before her marriage.

M. L. Norton, father of the subject hereof, was born at Jackson, Washington county, New York, in 1830. He was a wool buyer

for a large firm in Arlington, Vermont. In 1853, he was joined in marriage with Eliza White, an accomplished daughter of Jonathan and Esther (Steward) White, of Arlington. Two sons blessed this union, Charles C., and Arthur Clarence, the subject of this biography. Charles C. Norton graduated from Trinity College, and is a lawyer by profession, although he never became a practitioner. He has a lucrative position in the land office, in Washington, District of Columbia, and has been in the employ of the government since 1878.

Dr. Norton settled in his comfortable home fifteen years ago. He unites with his family in worshipping at the Episcopal church. In politics, he supports the principles of the Republican party. He has served as health officer, since the health law of the state was passed. He has found time to serve as school commissioner. Dr. Norton is of a mathematical turn of mind, and, now and then, enjoys a social game of chess with his neighbors.

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MRS. SUSAN (DYER) DAVIS, residing at Number 15, West street, Rutland, Vt., is the widow of Nicholas L. Davis, who died at his late residence in Rutland, Sunday, July 12, 1891.

Nicholas L. Davis, or "Nic" Davis, as he was familiarly called, was born at Limington, Me., June 7, 1827. He was a son of William and Mary (Waterhouse) Davis. His mother was a native of Cornish, Maine. His father, who was born in Limington, Maine, fol-

lowed agricultural pursuits all his life, and reared three sons and two daughters, all of whom grew up to be good citizens. When young Davis was seventeen years old, he left his home and went to Taunton, Massachusetts. It was his desire to be a mechanic. He began work in the Taunton engine shops, and worked his way up step by step, until he at last became a first-class railroad engineer, and was placed in charge of an engine. It came about in this way. The engineer for whom he was firing desired to take a vacation, and requested that young Davis be permitted to run his engine for him. The railroad officials objected on the grounds that Davis was too young and inexperienced. The engineer overruled all objections, by declaring that he would trust his engine to no one but his boy fireman. Soon after, Davis was placed in charge of an engine.

He ran the steamboat train on the Taunton & Bedford R. R., to Stonington, remaining on that road three years. He came to Rutland, Vt., bringing a locomotive from the shops of Taunton, Massachusetts. He made the journey via Springfield, Mass., Albany, Whitehall, and thence, by boat, across Lake Champlain, to Burlington. At that time the track was laid from Burlington to Middlebury. Mr. Davis ran the first engine into Rutland. It was a small wood burner and was called the "Nantucket."

For nine years he was engineer of the fast mail train between Rutland and Burlington. The late Josiah Bowtelle was then conductor. Mr. Davis was skillful and fearless and was

always on time. These are essential qualities in an engineer, and he was considered one of the best. Mr. Davis came to Rutland in September, 1849. He ran on the Rutland & Burlington Railroad until October 13, 1857. He was then appointed foreman of the Rutland railroad shops, which position he held until the death of H. G. Litchfield, when he became master mechanic. His position as master mechanic was a most responsible one, and he filled it in an able manner. He took much pride in his work and turned out several fine engines, one of which was named for him, by the company. His engines have the reputation of being among the best ever produced by the company. He was a thorough railroad man, and was in the employ of the Central Vermont Railroad for forty-two years and ten months.

Politically, Mr. Davis was a firm Democrat. He held every one of the town offices. He was selectman and water commissioner for many years. In fraternal circles, he was a Mason of high degree, being a Knight Templar. He was initiated into Center Lodge, No. 34, of Rutland, in 1853, and served as master of the lodge. The Masons had charge of his funeral, which was one of the largest ever held in Rutland. Mr. Davis was also chief engineer of the fire department. He built the house where Mrs. Davis still lives, in 1884. Mrs. Davis was born and reared on this same ground. Mr. Davis was stricken with paralysis, and died a few hours later. He had been in the best of health for some time, and his

death was entirely unexpected. His funeral occurred July 15, 1891. He was buried on his wedding anniversary. He was not only a fine looking man, but was generous and tender-hearted. In the storms of this life he was the oak, the rock,—in the sunshine, the vine and the flowers. Benevolence, kindness and charity were virtues that nature especially developed in him. Others have left more worldly wealth, but few, if any, have left a better or more lasting record for true manhood.

Mrs. Davis is a daughter of Alanson and Emily Adeline (Fisher) Dyer. Her father was born May 13, 1800, in Rutland, Vermont. Her mother was born in Guilford, Vt., September 18, 1813. Their marriage was solemnized in 1831. They settled in Rutland, on the same site where the subject of this sketch now lives. Mr. Dyer kept a tavern there for many years. May 9, 1857, it was burned, with great loss to him. He not only lost his hotel, stables, but, also, fifteen horses, and his store and contents. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer were the parents of five children,—four daughters and one son. One daughter and one son died at fourteen months.

Mrs. Davis is the eldest. Her sisters are Emily Mary, and Elizabeth Marion. Emily Mary is now the wife of Wilson Wright. Elizabeth Marion is the widow of Hosea J. Bradford. Both sisters reside in St. Paul, Minnesota. The beloved father died March 21, 1872, while the mother survived him until April 16, 1888. Their remains rest in the Rutland cemetery, in the lot owned by Mrs. Davis. Both died at the home of this daugh-

ter. She was her father's especial pride, as he was her ideal. The subject of this sketch was joined in marriage with Nicholas L. Davis on July 15, 1852. Three children were born to them, two sons and one daughter, namely: William Alanson Dyer; Warren Fred. Nic.; and Mary Louise.

William Alanson Dyer is still at home, with his mother, for whom he is tenderly caring through her declining years. He superintends the management of her entire property. Warren Fred. Nic. resides in Menominee, Michigan. He is the active member of the firm of Blodgett & Davis, prominent lumbermen of that state. Both members of the firm are popular, and they do a good business. Warren has a wife and two sons, Fred. Nic., born in 1884, and John Blodgett, born in 1896.

Mary Louise married Thomas Pollard Bragg, of Rutland, Vermont. They have one son and one daughter. The names of their children are: Nic. Davis, born in 1889, and Susan Dyer Davis, born in 1891. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Episcopal church, as were, also, her husband, and all her children.

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FRED J. PROVO, an expert blacksmith and horse-shoer of Mill Village, in the town of Rutland, Vt., is a fair example of a self-made man. He began business without any cash capital, and what he has today has been obtained by steady and persistent effort, coupled with the application of exceptional mechanical skill.

Mr. Provo was born in Cuttingsville, Vt., December 23, 1865. He is a son of Joseph and Salinda (La Francis) Provo, and grandson of Joseph Provo, a sturdy, retired farmer and blacksmith of Canada, who was an octogenarian. Joseph Provo, the father of Fred J., was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, nearly seventy-five miles north of Montreal, about the year 1836. He now resides in North Clarendon, Vermont. The parents of Fred J. were joined in marriage, in 1863. His mother was a native of Shoreham, Vermont. She is one of six children. His father is one of three children. To this worthy couple were born eight children, five of whom are still living. Those living are: Fred J., the subject of this sketch; George W., a prominent blacksmith in Cuttingsville, Vt.; Jeremiah, a salesman in New Haven, Conn.; Lena, wife of Moses Lovette of Rutland, Vt.; and Minnie, wife of John Sidleau, of Hartford, Connecticut.

Fred J. Provo learned the trade of a blacksmith with his father, who also followed that occupation. He left school when eighteen years of age, and worked at home until he attained the age of twenty years. He then went to Rutland. Soon after this, he opened his present shop in Mill Village. He does all kinds of work in that line, and is considered a splendid hand to shoe a horse. Much of his work comes from Rutland.

Mr. Provo is a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics, he is a Republican, but is too busy for office-seeking. When twenty-one years old he became a benedict by wedding

Helen M. Austin, of Middle Granville, New York. One daughter has been born to them, Ruth Helen, a child of four years who is the pride of her fond parents. Mr. Provo and his estimable wife are comfortably settled in a pleasant cottage of their own, which they built in 1893.

For one so young, the subject of this sketch has succeeded admirably in securing for himself a neat income. But he values his cherished wife and child, his health and his capacity for honest toil, far more than wealth.

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ABEL HARWOOD DENIO, a retired farmer, living with his widowed daughter at Number 16 Royce street, Rutland Vt., is somewhat over ninety years of age. Although he is slightly lame from an injury, he is still well preserved for a man of his years. With the exception of being a little hard of hearing, all his faculties are sound, and his memory of the remote past, as well as of recent events, is marvelous. When Mr. Denio was eighty years old, he read of some persons memorizing at that age, and thought he would try it. The result was indeed gratifying; he can rehearse some fifty pieces, some of which are quite lengthy. He was born November 18, 1809. He is a son of Ariel and Lovina (Harwood) Denio, and grandson of Aaron and Deborah (Wood) Denio. Aaron Denio was a shoemaker by trade, and was also a first-class boot maker. He was born in Franklin county, Mass., where his father, whose

name was also Aaron, had settled, and spent his closing years. The grandfather of Abel Harwood Denio was a pensioner of the Revolutionary War. He died about the year 1828, at the advanced age of ninety years. His widow died in 1835, aged about eighty-four years. He wedded Deborah Wood, and they reared five sons and two daughters. The daughters never married, and one son remained a bachelor. Israel Denio, great uncle of the subject hereof, settled in Rome, New York. His son, Hiram, was a lawyer of prominence, and served as judge in Utica, New York.

Ariel Denio, father of Abel Harwood Denio, was born in Shaftesbury, Vt., in 1786. He died in Rupert, Vt., when eighty-three years old. He served in the War of 1812, and drew a pension from the government. In the beginning of the year 1809, Ariel Denio was joined in marriage with Lovina Harwood, whose mother's maiden name was Rice. They were natives of Bennington, Vermont. To the parents of the subject hereof were born the following ten children,—five sons and five daughters: Abel Harwood, the subject of this sketch; Zachariah; Arvilla; Aurelia; Mylon; Ann Janette; Aaron; Hiram; Vesta; and Deborah.

Zachariah died when about fifty years old, and left a family. Arvilla became the wife of Hiram Harwood. She died in Constantine, Michigan, in January, 1899, in her eighty-sixth year. She left four children. Ann Janette still resides in Rutland, Vt., on Wales street. She is now the widow Engrem, and is

seventy-six years old. Aurelia, widow of Andrew Beatty, of Canada, died in September, 1899, aged eighty-one years. Aaron is about seventy-four years old, and resides in Bennington, Vermont. He has a wife and children. In his younger days, he taught school, as did, also, Zachariah and two of their sisters. Hiram, aged seventy-two years, also resides in Bennington. Vesta is the wife of Enoch Hubbard, of Havelock, Nebraska. Deborah died at forty years of age, and Mylon, at the age of forty-one years.

The mother of Abel Harwood Denio was three years younger than his father, and died at about the age of eighty-three years. Their remains lie buried in North Rupert, Vt., in close proximity to where their lives were mostly spent. Ariel Denio was an able farmer, and served in nearly all of the township offices. Most of the sons were, also, farmers. One was a carpenter. Mylon was member of the legislature. Abel Harwood Denio was reared to farm life and had a common schooling; after leaving school, he worked out one or two years previous to attaining his majority, and gave his wages to his father. He learned the trade of making carpenter's squares, and making scales and figures. Later, he worked, for about six years, at brick-making in Connecticut and also in Shaftesbury, and Bennington, Vermont. April 11, 1836, he was joined in marriage with Hannah N. Bailey. She was born in Rupert, Vt., in December, 1809, and was six weeks younger than the subject hereof. She was a daughter of William and Mary (Gookins) Bailey. Mr.

and Mrs. Denio were the parents of three children, namely: William B., Mary and Lafayette.

William B. resides in Rupert, Vt., on the old farm of about four hundred acres, where his father settled about fifty years ago, and lived for thirty years. He has two sons and two daughters. Mary is the widow of Rollin C. Wickham. Mr. Wickham died, October 6, 1892, aged sixty-one years, leaving his widow with two daughters and one son. They are: Carrie, wife of Samuel Willson; Earl D., of Rutland,—who has a wife and one daughter; and Julia N., wife of Grant M. Otis, of Poultney, Vermont,—she is a gifted artist. Lafayette resides in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he manufactures webbing. He has one son and one daughter.

The subject of this sketch has been deprived, by death, of his beloved wife, and is patiently awaiting the summons to join her on the other shore.



JAMES L. GILMORE. It is with pleasure that we introduce to our readers the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, as a prominent and leading farmer in West Rutland. Although he is not, at the present time, actively engaged in that occupation, but at the advanced age of eighty-six years, is enjoying a grateful rest after a life of toil, still, farming has been his principal life-work. Mr. Gilmore is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and first saw the light of day Sep-

tember 24, 1813. He is a son of William and Mary (Chatterton) Gilmore.

The first of the Gilmore family who emigrated to America, came directly from Londonderry, Ireland, and settled in Derry, New Hampshire. William Gilmore, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the state of New Hampshire, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He wedded Mary Chatterton, an accomplished lady, of West Rutland, Vermont. Mrs. Gilmore was born in 1786, and died at the very advanced age of ninety-four years. She was a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Todd) Chatterton, of Connecticut, near the New Hampshire border.

Isaac Chatterton, maternal grandfather of James L. Gilmore, had six brothers who participated in the Revolutionary War, the eldest of whom was Wait Chatterton, who served throughout that long and bloody struggle. Isaac, when a lad of fourteen years, was also preparing to enter the army, when the war was successfully terminated. He was joined in marriage with Mary Todd, and they reared one son and four daughters. Mrs. Chatterton was eighteen years of age when the Declaration of Independence was signed.

William Gilmore lived to enjoy but five years of wedded life, when he was cut off by death, leaving his widow and one little son,—having previously buried one infant. Their third child, the subject of this sketch, was born in September, after his father's death in February. Thus the bereaved mother was compelled to rear her sons without the assistance of their father, who had provided well

for their future, by leaving a good property for their inheritance. This is the same farm upon which James L. Gilmore still resides; it contains one hundred and twelve acres, and has been in the possession of the family for more than a century. James L. Gilmore's mother had the able assistance of her father in rearing her two sons, as he was appointed guardian for the children.

James L. Gilmore was reared to a farmer's life by his grandfather, and at the age of seventeen years he took charge of the farm; this he managed, for two or three years, in a manner that would have done credit to a much older person. In 1832, having attained the age of nineteen years, he was given a vacation, and took a trip to Ohio, visiting relatives and hunting, for one year and a half. He then returned home and located on the old, original Gilmore farm, in Ira, containing some two hundred acres. There he remained, busily engaged in farming, for a period of seven years, when he sold out. Going back to the homestead farm, where he still lives, Mr. Gilmore built a store, and dealt in general merchandise for thirteen years (from 1848 to 1861). He was also postmaster from 1865 to 1885. His son, William R. Gilmore, was in business at the depot for many years, where the post office department was located, and kept by the elder Mr. Gilmore. They frequently obtained goods on time in New York City, which goes to prove their integrity and reliability.

In 1837, the subject of this sketch was united in marriage with Mary Ann Perry of

West Rutland, Vermont. Mrs. Gilmore was born in July, 1813, and was a few months older than her husband, who was called upon to sustain the loss of this much loved companion, in October, 1897. They were the parents of five children, one of whom, a daughter, died in infancy. The others are: William R., who resides at home on the farm, and has charge of the store, as previously mentioned; Mary I.; Charles J.; and Anna J. These sons and daughters, although having reached maturity, are still unmarried and at home. They are active in the literary matters of the village, and are all musical,—making a splendid quartette. The youngest daughter is a most accomplished pianist. There are but few families as refined and harmonious as this one. Mr. Gilmore gave each of his children an exceptionally good education, and it is with pleasure that he notes their bright, scholarly minds, and their devotedness to the old home. In politics, Mr. Gilmore was a Whig early in life, but upon the formation of the Republican party, in 1856, he cast his fortunes with the latter, and has represented the town of Ira in the state assembly; he has used his influence in every way to advance the welfare of his community, socially, morally, and intellectually.

Surrounded by these loved ones, the subject of this memoir is peacefully spending his declining years, untroubled by anxiety concerning tomorrow. Although not a member of any one church or sect, he is an ardent supporter of the Gospel, and fearlessly awaits

the summons of Him, "who doeth all things well."

EDWARD V. ROSS, treasurer of the Howe Scale Company, of Rutland, Vermont, is of Scotch descent. His great-grandparents, James and Phoebe (Gary) Ross, both lived to a ripe old age. They removed from Colerain, Massachusetts, to Grafton, Vermont, at an early period. Some time later, they located in Shrewsbury, Rutland county, Vt., where they died. Edward V.'s paternal grandparents were Joseph and Mary (Flanders) Ross. Both died early in life. Joseph Ross passed to his final rest April 27, 1830, at the age of thirty-nine years. He had previously lost his wife, who died in September, 1821, when thirty-three years old. Their son, Elijah Ross, is the father of the subject of this sketch.

Elijah Ross was born in Shrewsbury, Vermont, January 21, 1819. He was admitted to the Rutland county bar, in September, 1845. He practiced his chosen profession for more than twenty years, and then retired. He is over eighty years of age, but is still active in both mind and body. He resides in Poultney, Vermont. July 27, 1863, he was joined in marriage with Elmira Vail, a daughter of Allen and Polly (Gregory) Vail. The mother of Edward V. was born at Middletown, Vermont, on the blessed Christmas Day of 1829.

Edward V. Ross is the only child of his parents. He is a native of Rutland county, Vt., and was born at Middletown Springs,



MARTIN BOLGER.

June 23, 1857. When a lad of nine years, his parents removed to Poultney. Young Ross attended public school during his youth, and subsequently pursued a thorough course in the Troy Conference Academy. He began his business career at the age of nineteen years, and, for three years thereafter, was associated with Barnes Frisbie, in the publication of the Poultney Journal.

Later Mr. Ross removed to Rutland, and entered the service of the Howe Scale Co. as assistant shipping clerk. He soon gained the favor of his employers, and was promoted from one position to another, until September, 1890, when he was elected to his present responsible position as treasurer of the company. The works of this company are quite extensive, and rank among the most important manufacturing concerns in Rutland county. The products of the plant are shipped to nearly all parts of the world. October 12, 1876, Mr. Ross married Helen S. Beals, a daughter of Barden and Eveline (Parker) Beals. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross. The elder one, Edyth Vail, graduated from the Rutland High School, in the class of '96. Since her graduation, she has been diligently pursuing the study of both vocal and instrumental music. The younger daughter, Inez Sophia, died April 26, 1891, in the ninth year of her age.

Mr. Ross and his family reside at Number 88 Church street, in a handsome residence built by him in 1888. They unite in worshipping at the Episcopal church. The subject of this sketch is a Thirty-second degree Mason,

and has honorably passed all the chairs in both lodge and commandery. He was elected treasurer of the grand commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Vermont, in June, 1891, and still fills that position. Although Mr. Ross has had no time for politics, he was called upon to serve the village of Rutland as trustee, in 1892, and represented his ward as alderman in the first city council.

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MARTIN BOLGER, a prosperous young business man of Hydeville, Vermont, whom we represent with a portrait on the preceding page, is a member of the firm of Bolger Brothers, manufacturers of slate. This firm first began business about 1879, when the subject of this sketch was twenty years old. At that time William Bolger was the other partner. Though there have been important changes in the business since its beginning the firm name remains unchanged. James Bolger is now a member of the company, instead of William.

Mr. Bolger was born in Fair Haven, Vt., February 29, 1859. He attended the common schools, and at twelve years of age began working in the quarries in the summer time. This has been the occupation of his life. He first worked in the Eagle slate quarry, in Poultney. He then started business for himself, at Hydeville, in connection with his brother William. That was the beginning of the present concern. The quarry of the firm

is in Poultney, and their mills are in Hydeville. In them forty men find steady employment.

November 1, 1882, Mr. Bolger was joined in matrimony with Anna Downs, a sister of P. H. Downs, a sketch of whom is found elsewhere in this volume. One child, Catherine Louise, now blesses the home of Mr. Bolger. She is a most attractive and interesting babe of two years. The subject hereof and his wife reside in a comfortable home in Hydeville, where they settled in 1896. In politics, Martin Bolger is a Democrat, and performs valuable service for his party. He has served as justice of the peace. With his family, he worships at the Catholic church, in which faith he was reared.

The subject of this memoir is a son of Thomas and Mary (Hennessey) Bolger, both natives of Ireland. His father was born in 1809, and came to America about the year 1853, with his wife and two children. They took passage on a sailing vessel, and after a long and tempestuous voyage, landed at Quebec. Thomas Bolger was a slate worker. He learned his trade in the old country, where he was a contractor as he was, also, in America. His marriage with Mary Hennessey resulted in the birth of eight children. Seven grew to maturity. They are: Catherine; John; Ellen; William; Martin; Thomas; and James. Catherine married Richard Conway, and died in middle life, at Hydeville. She left six, of her eight, children. John is a farmer on the old homestead in the town of Fair Haven, where his father settled about the year 1860.

The farm originally contained but one hundred acres; twenty acres have since been added to it. Upon this farm have been bred several fine horses, of blooded stock. Some of these horses have made fast time. One of them, "Hiram H.," was a pacer of renown. He beat all the other fast horses in Vermont, making a mile in two minutes and ten seconds. Ellen married John Conway, of Cooksville, Vermont. They have five children. William resides in Hydeville. Thomas lives in Bangor, Pennsylvania. He has a wife and one son. James is unmarried and is a member of the firm of Bolger Brothers. Martin Bolger's father died about 1865. His mother survived her husband, until 1888.

CHARLES HENRY BOARDMAN, one of the leading farmers of Rutland county, Vt., resides on his splendid farm in West Rutland. This farm contains two hundred and twelve acres, and is the ancestral home of the subject of this biography. Five generations of the Boardman family have lived on this farm,—four generations having been born there. The farm contains a fine marble quarry, which was partly developed by Boston parties, who purchased some ten acres, which was later repurchased by the subject hereof.

Charles Henry Boardman was born on the homestead farm in West Rutland, September 11, 1851. He is a son of Samuel and Grata (Ashley) Boardman. He was reared on the farm, and in its vicinity attended the dis-

trict school. Later, this schooling was supplemented by further study in the Rutland High School, and one year's attendance at Fort Edward Institute, New York. In November, 1872, Mr. Boardman went west, to Colorado, remaining there until July, 1873, and then going to California, where he remained until September, 1876. While in Colorado, Mr. Boardman conducted a cattle ranch,—he also engaged somewhat in gold mining in Placer county, California, where he had a brother, and where his uncle, John Ashley went, in 1853.

In 1876, Mr. Boardman returned to the old home farm in Rutland, but, after remaining two years, returned to California in March, 1878, where he remained two years longer; he finally went back to the Green Mountain State, where he has since remained. Settling on the home farm, in 1880, he continued there until 1883, when he went to Rutland and engaged in the bakery business with the Rutland Cracker Co.; after working in that connection for four years, he resumed farming.

June 23, 1886, Mr. Boardman won for his life partner, Mary Caroline Kilburn, an accomplished lady, of artistic and musical ability and culture. This most happy union was celebrated in the house where the bride was born, and was the source of two children,—one daughter and one son. Their names are: Katie Chaffee, who was born on the old homestead farm, March 24, 1887; and John Gilbert, who was born June 8, 1891. Both are bright, interesting and comely children, full of promise. Mrs. Boardman was born March

7, 1852, and prepared herself for teaching. She graduated at Rutland, in 1872, and taught her first school when but fourteen years old. She afterward studied in Montreal and New York City, where she perfected her knowledge of the French language, and was also engaged in the study of art. She followed the profession of a teacher for many years, teaching eight years in Rutland, and was most successful, and in the Mountain Seminary, in Pennsylvania, on the banks of the beautiful Juniata River.

Mrs. Boardman is an active member of the Episcopal church. She still keeps her fine piano, and finds abundant time to devote to her painting and music which she has not, by any means, forsaken. She is a daughter of John Bacon and Mary N. (Boutelle) Kilburn. Her father was born in Shrewsbury, Vt., April 24, 1827, and died October 12, 1896. Her mother was born in Ashford, Conn., December 27, 1826. Her parents were married in Ashford, Conn., March 24, 1851. Mr. Kilburn was a dry goods merchant for a period of thirty-seven years, and during the Civil War was captain of Company D, 7th Reg., Vermont Infantry. He suffered for the remainder of his life from the effects of the army service on his health. He served four years as postmaster, and as a member of the school board, for fifteen years. His widow still survives him, and is now seventy-two years of age, but continues active in mind and body. She lost two daughters in infancy, and has three daughters and one son still living. These are: Mary Caroline, wife of the subject hereof;

Charlotte A., a forewoman in Ross, Huntress & Co.'s store; Grace, a successful teacher in Rutland schools; and John Frederick, who resides in Hartford, Connecticut.

Timothy Boardman, the great-great-grandfather of the subject hereof, was born in Middletown, Conn., December 2, 1727. He was joined in marriage with Jemima Johnson, who was a native of the same place, where her birth occurred, August 31, 1732. Their wedding was duly solemnized November 14, 1751. He died in May, 1792. Their son, Timothy, Jr., was the next in line and was the great-grandfather of Charles Henry Boardman. Timothy, Jr., was born January 20, 1754. He won the heart and hand of Mary Ward; their nuptials were celebrated September 28, 1783. The young folk at once settled in the new home previously selected by the husband, in Rutland county, Vermont. At that time, the place was covered with timber and was only sparsely settled. This spot proved to be the ancestral acres now occupied by the subject hereof, and it is a source of gratification to the present generation that the broad inheritance has never been permitted to fall into the hands of strangers. Where once all was timber and wild land, now appears a fine farm, whose extensive, well-tilled acres, fine orchards of choice fruits and large sugar-maple groves, are a source of pride and delight not only to its owner, but to all lovers of the beauties of nature, and all admirers of the progress of our generation. The great-grandparents of Charles Henry Boardman reared a large family in their primitive home,

namely: Hannah, who was born July 23, 1784; Timothy, who was born March 11, 1786, and died April 2, 1857; Mary, who was born January 27, 1788, and died July 5, 1871,—the wife of deacon Barney, of Rutland, who is also deceased; Samuel Ward, who was born November 27, 1789, and died in Pittsford, Vt., May 13, 1870, aged eighty-one and a half years (he was the father of Professor George Boardman); Elijah, who was Charles Henry's grandfather, and will be mentioned later; Charles Goodrich, who was born February 19, 1794, and died in West Rutland, aged eighty-two years; and Betsey, who was born June 13, 1796, and died April 26, 1873, nearly seventy-seven years old. She wedded Deacon Martin Foote, a farmer.

Elijah Boardman, Charles Henry's grandfather, was born March 9, 1792, and died on the farm where the subject hereof now resides, September 24, 1873, aged eighty-one years, six months and fifteen days. October 25, 1815, he was united in marriage with Mary Foote,—the ceremony being performed by Rev. Thomas A. Merrill. "Grandma" Boardman was born April 30, 1793, and died about the year 1863, at the home of the subject hereof, where so many of the family have passed away. Their children are as follows: William Martin, who was born January 20, 1818, and died November 30, 1844, and whose son, William, was a conscript in the Confederate army; Samuel, father of the subject hereof, a history of whose life will appear later herein; Mary Elizabeth Foote, who was born August 5, 1825, and died January 7, 1833;

Henry Sherman, who was born March 13, 1828, and died June 28, 1846; Martha E. Foote, who was born August 4, 1832, and died in infancy; Horace Elijah, who was born May 18, 1835, and died in Kansas, February 26, 1888,—leaving two sons, Dr. Edgar W. Boardman, of Parsons, Kansas, and Horace P. Boardman, of Chicago, Illinois. Charles Henry's grandfather died September 24, 1873, and both he and his wife sleep the sleep that knows no waking in the "God's Acre" at the foot of the hill, one mile away from the old homestead.

Samuel Boardman, father of the subject of this sketch, was born August 31, 1820. October 13, 1845, he was joined in matrimony with Grata Ashley, of West Haven, Vermont. She was born July 29, 1821, and was a favorite daughter of John and Polly (Foster) Ashley, whose marriage was celebrated January 20, 1811. Samuel Boardman and his good wife settled on the old home farm, where their entire lives were spent. Their children were,—Arthur Flanders, who was born September 5, 1846, and is a gold miner in Montana; Edward Hunt, who was born September 12, 1848, and is a prosperous rancher in California; Mary Ella, who was born December 30, 1849, and resides in Medfield, Mass.; Charles Henry, the subject of this sketch; and Helen Eliza, who was born December 23, 1855, and is now the wife of Henry E. Tuttle of Somerville, Massachusetts.

The father of Charles Henry, like his ancestors, never sought political distinction, but served in the town offices as selectman,

etc. He also resembled his ancestors in his religious views, and was a member of the Congregational church, and always active in church work. His death occurred September 25, 1888, and he was preceded to the grave by his faithful wife, who died March 1, 1886. They lie buried in the Evergreen cemetery, and their children are all living.

The foregoing record shows that the subject of this sketch is descended from a long line of ancestors, whose lives were marked by peculiar characteristics. Most notable of these is the extreme longevity of many of the family. In view of this fact, Mr. Boardman entertains the belief that he, too, will sustain the family reputation in this respect. In his political action, Mr. Boardman casts his vote, and exerts his influence for the advancement of the principles of the Republican party.

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EDGAR DAVIS, a prominent and successful dairy farmer, residing in the northern part of the town of Rutland, Vermont, was born in Pittsford, Rutland county, Vt., November 24, 1838. He is the youngest son of Hiram and Ann (Hubbell) Davis, and a grandson of Thomas Davis.

Thomas Davis was a native of Chester, Vermont, and followed agricultural pursuits during all his active days. He reared five sons and two daughters, namely: Joel; Thomas; Daniel; Hiram; Josiah; Melinda, and another daughter who married a Mr. Wooley, of Pittsford, Vermont. Joel was a good, thrifty farmer and lived quite a seques-

tered life on his snug farm. He kept everything in order, and worked his yoke of faithful oxen, having, also, a small dairy of about six cows. Hiram was father of the subject hereof. Melinda was the wife of Asher Burdett, of Pittsford, Vermont.

Hiram Davis, the father of Edgar, was born in the year 1800, and was cut off by death while in the prime of life, his demise occurring in 1842, at the age of forty-two years. In 1831, he wedded Ann Hubbell, who bore him three sons: Albert Francis, whose life history appears later herein; Miles C., a resident of Sioux City, Iowa, where he owns the City Flouring Mills; and Edgar, the subject of this sketch. Ann (Hubbell) Davis, Edgar's mother, who was born in Monkton, Vermont, June 15, 1799, was a daughter of Ephraim and Annis (Carter) Hubbell, and a granddaughter of Jedediah and Lucy (Noble) Hubbell. Her maternal grandparents were Benoni and Anna (Comstock) Carter. All these ancestors were natives of Connecticut. After the death of Edgar Davis' father, Mrs. Davis contracted a second matrimonial alliance, by wedding Artemus Pratt. Her death occurred January 6, 1865, at her residence, one mile south of Smith F. Kelley's place, on the Otter Creek road.

Edgar Davis was reared to a farmer's life, and was early put to farm labor,—receiving only a limited education, in the district schools of Rutland. At sixteen years of age, he left home and worked out on farms, for several years. Subsequently, he engaged in bridge building on the Rutland & Washing-

ton road. September 9, 1862, the subject hereof was joined in marriage with Charlotte A. Kelley, a charming lady, of Rutland, Vermont. Mrs. Davis is a daughter of Alonzo and Clarissa (Spring) Kelley, and a niece of Smith F. Kelley. Her father followed farming many years, on one of the farms left by Grandfather Kelley, and afterward removed to the farm now occupied by Edgar Davis. This farm consists of one hundred and forty-eight acres, and is located in school district Number 16. It was occupied by Mr. Davis' father-in-law, in 1874. Mrs. Davis' mother, Clarissa (Spring) Kelley, was a daughter of Amos Spring, and was united in marriage with Alonzo Kelley, about the year 1835. One child, Charlotte, blessed this union. Mr. Kelley's death occurred in 1879, and he was survived by his wife until October, 1887, when she, too, passed away, in her seventy-fourth year. This worthy couple were devout Christians, and faithful members of the M. E. church.

When eighteen years of age, Mrs. Davis taught school for one term. She was twenty-four years old at the time of her marriage with Mr. Davis, to whom she has borne one son and one daughter. The son is Guert Alonzo, who is a graduate of the Poultney Commercial School. He is now at home on the farm, and owns and conducts his own milk route in Rutland, rendering valuable assistance to his father, who keeps from fifty to fifty-five choice milch cows, and about seven horses. Their daughter is Agnes Louise, who is also at home. She is a graduate of

the Castleton Normal School, and has taught several terms.

Albert Francis Davis, brother of Edgar, lived on the old homestead, where the death of his father occurred when Albert Francis was only ten years of age. The latter received the ordinary education of a farmer's boy. Upon attaining his majority, he worked out by the month on different farms and soon after learned the carpenter's trade,—following that line of work for six years. A part of that time, he was a builder and contractor. He then engaged in the manufacture of lumber, on the Green Mountains, and enjoyed the distinction of putting up the first portable steam-mill, with a single exception, in that section, Mr. Pierpont having previously built one. In his lumber enterprise, Mr. Davis was most successful, and made about \$10,000 per year, for ten years. He was then induced to sell out for what seemed to be a fair price; this was, really, an unwise act, as more money could be made in the manufacture of lumber than in any other way. From 1870 to 1875, Mr. Davis was engaged in buying and selling grain, and continued to do a large and prosperous business, until 1897. He then sold out to Charles M. Smith, who had been in partnership with him for three years. Upon selling his interest in the grain business, he turned his attention to dairy farming, in which he is still largely interested.

February 15, 1864, Albert Francis Davis was united in marriage with Hattie Gould, an accomplished daughter of Jacob Gould, a prominent farmer of Potsdam, New York.

To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born five children; the first two were twin daughters, Mary and Anna, the former of whom died at the age of three years, and the latter at the age of five years. The third child, Willie, died in infancy. Their fourth child was Charles, now a resident of Worcester, Massachusetts. He is twenty-one years old, and attended the Polytechnic Institute, for a year,—afterward accepting his present position with the Washburn & Moen Company. The youngest child is Robert F. N., who is now a law student in Judge Merrill's office.

Albert Francis Davis lives at Number 88 Park street, where he erected his present fine, brick residence, in 1882, occupying the same in the spring of 1883. He purchased his little forty-acre farm some time previous to building the dwelling, and now has thirty acres more near by,—making a seventy-acre farm within the city limits. This tract will soon become a special addition to the city, and will be sold in desirable building lots.

Mr. Davis is a Royal Arch Mason and, in politics, endorses the principles of the Republican party. He has been an incumbent of town offices many times. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Congregational church, which denomination receives her liberal support. The subject of this sketch is one of the progressive farmers of the town, and is a moral, law-abiding citizen. His influence is at all times used for those measures that will benefit the city. The family are faithful attendants of divine worship at the Congregational church in Rutland.

REV. GIBBS BRAISLIN, beloved pastor of the Baptist church of Rutland, Vermont, where he has been stationed since 1891, is an able and eloquent speaker. His sermons, which are both interesting and sound in doctrine, fall upon the ears of an appreciative congregation. The Baptist church in Rutland is a most progressive and prosperous church,—numbering among its members many influential and intelligent citizens of that place. Dr. Braislin devotes his time and energies to the welfare of his flock, and has no time for secret societies, lodges, etc.

The subject of this sketch was born July 29, 1850, in Burlington, N. J., and is a son of Patrick and Tamar (Gibbs) Braislin. He was reared to farm life, and at seventeen years of age, left home and went to Philadelphia as clerk in a wholesale house, where he remained three years. He was engaged in the merchandise business, during the following year, at Omaha, Neb., after which he returned home, and managed the old farm, for three years. Dr. Braislin graduated from the Peddie Institute, at the age of twenty-six years, and then entered Brown University, from which he also graduated in 1880, being one of a class of seventy members. In 1882, he graduated from the Crozier Theological Seminary, after which he spent one summer abroad,—visiting all the countries of Europe. He continued his studies in Providence, R. I., until 1886, when he was ordained a minister of the Gospel, at Keyesville, New York. There he was chosen pastor of the First Baptist

church. This charge, although small in numbers, contained members of wealth and refinement, and was very desirable as his first field of labor. Dr. Braislin was transferred to his present charge in Rutland, after the five years spent at Keyesville.

October 23, 1886, the subject of this sketch was joined in matrimony with Jennie C. Pyke, of Providence, R. I., where the wedding took place, at the home of the bride's father, Samuel Pyke. The name of Mr. Pyke's wife was, before marriage, Ella Francis Fish. Both of the parents of Mrs. Braislin are still enjoying the pleasures of life. Two children bless the home of the subject hereof, and his estimable wife, namely: James Pike, a bright boy of eleven years, and Edward Gibbs, a little lad of four years.

Patrick Braislin, father of Rev. Gibbs Braislin, was a native of the northern part of Ireland, whence he came to America, with his parents, at the age of thirteen years. He was joined in marriage with Tamar Gibbs, a most worthy and devoted companion. The young folk began life on a farm, where Mr. Braislin followed agricultural pursuits very successfully, for many years. Seven children were born to them, six of whom grew to maturity,—three sons and three daughters. Five are still among the living. Their names are: John; Alice T.; Mary (Cook); Priscilla H.; and Edward. John is a manufacturer of brick and tile in Crosswicks, New Jersey. Alice T., and her sister, Mrs. Mary Cook, have a select school at Bordentown, New Jersey, which is known as the Braislin Institute. Priscilla H.,



DR. THOMAS MOUND.

was a fine mathematician. Twenty years during the prime of her life was spent as professor of mathematics in the celebrated Vassar College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. She was the first woman professor in mathematics in the United States. She resigned that position, in 1889, to become the wife of Timothy Merrick, the noted thread manufacturer of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Mrs. Merrick crossed the dark river, in 1890, being a victim of heart failure. Edward is the present pastor of the Baptist church at Colorado Springs, Col., where he went in 1895. This is his fourth pastorate. He also graduated from Crozier Theological Seminary at Chester, Pa., after which he spent one year traveling in Europe, and the Holy Land. His first charge was at Mount Holly, New Jersey, where he remained for seven years; his second was at Newton, Mass., where he continued for four years; his third was at the Washington Avenue Baptist church of Brooklyn, N. Y., where he preached for seven years, before going to Colorado Springs. The revered father of this distinguished family of children was in easy circumstances, and the old homestead where these children were born and reared, was the scene of his death, in 1879. He was survived by his beloved companion but three years,—her death occurring, in 1882, at the age of seventy-seven years.

In politics, Dr. Braislin follows the leadership of the Republican party. His many years of labor in the Master's vineyard have been productive of the greatest possible amount of

good to both the church under his care, and to the community at large. He is a man of more than ordinary ability as an evangelist, with a warm heart and deep convictions, and is indeed the friend of all. His many friends and acquaintances in Rutland have learned to love him and respect his sterling worth.

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DR. THOMAS MOUND, a successful dentist of Rutland, whom we represent with a portrait on the preceding page, is not only a practical business man, but is one of the most successful men of his profession in the state of Vermont. Dr. Mound was born January 31, 1850, in Leicester, Vermont. He is a son of Jacob and Eliza (Carr) Mound, and is of both German and Scotch ancestry. At ten years of age, Thomas left home to make his own way in the world, working on a farm until he was nineteen years old, attending school during the winter months when he could be spared, doing farm work the balance of the time. After he attained the age of nineteen years, he spent two years attending Brandon High School. Upon reaching his majority, young Mound went to Cambridge, Mass., as clerk in a commission house, where he found employment for two years, subsequently becoming interested in dentistry with one Dr. Allen. Soon afterward he entered the office of Dr. Wright in the town of Brandon, Vermont, in whose office he completed his apprenticeship. In 1873, Dr. Mound located in Rutland, where he opened his first office. After practicing

his chosen profession alone for several years, he took into partnership with him, F. M. Schell, who was one of his pupils. The partnership then formed existed until Dr. Schell's death. Dr. Mound enjoys a splendid patronage in Rutland, and surrounding towns.

Jacob Mound, father of our subject, died February 9, 1899, while a resident of the village of Sudbury, Vermont. He was born in Germany, in 1818, where he was also educated and reared. He chose for his life partner and companion, Eliza Carr, an attractive young lady of American birth but of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

On the twelfth day of December, 1876, Dr. Mound was united in marriage with Lizzie O. Wardwell, an accomplished young lady of Rutland. Mrs. Mound is a daughter of George J. and Margaret (Moore) Wardwell, now deceased, who were natives of Rumford, Maine, and Hatley, Canada, respectively.

George J. Wardwell was an inventor; besides his daughter, Mrs. Mound, he left a son, George A., a merchant in Minneapolis, Minn. The mother of these children was called away from her earthly home. Some time afterward, their father contracted a second matrimonial alliance, this time with Kittie C. E. Lincoln, who still survives him. George J. Wardwell was a remarkably gifted man, having a wonderful inventive brain, and was regarded as a man of much natural genius. His death occurred as recently as 1895, and he left one little son by his second marriage. This son is called Charles H., and is a bright little boy who is said to resemble his father greatly.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. Mound has been rendered especially happy, by the presence of one daughter, Margarita L., who was born December 10, 1886, and is now an interesting miss of thirteen years. Our subject and his wife are devout Christians, being consistent members of the Congregational church, as well as willing supporters. They reside in a handsome brick residence at No. 68 Grove street, where they settled in 1888; our subject also owns other lots in the city.

Dr. Mound is not only devotedly attached to his profession and keeps himself well abreast of the times, but has some little time to devote to other inclinations and pursuits. He is a lover of fine horses, and keeps one or more for family use. Socially, he is a Knight Templar. He is also secretary of the Vermont State Dental Society, and has filled that honorable position for seventeen years. He is also president of the board of dental examiners, having been a member of that board for six years. In his political attachments, he votes a straight Republican ticket, but has escaped the worries and duties of political offices.

The Doctor is a handsome man of rare and almost perfect physique, and enjoys the best of health. He is of a genial disposition, and has many friends.

SAMUEL TERRILL. It is with pleasure that we introduce to the readers of this volume Samuel Terrill, one of the most enterprising, industrious,

and successful business men in Rutland, Vermont. He is senior member of the firm of S. Terrill & Son, wagon makers, who also do general blacksmithing and repairing. Their establishment is the largest of its kind in Rutland county and the amount of business therein done is very extensive at the present time, with a bright lookout for a still greater trade. This is one of the oldest concerns in Rutland and was started in a small way, by Ziba Terrill, Samuel's father, in 1847. At that time there were but two tenement houses west of Court street,—those of G. C. Ruggles and Chipman Thrall,—and now Mr. Terrill's large manufactory is nearer to the eastern boundary of the city than to the western.

Early in life, the subject hereof was a horse shoer by trade, as was his father, before him. Later he assisted his father in doing general blacksmithing, in a small shop on Terrill street. After the death of that much beloved parent, Mr. Terrill removed to his present location, where he has conducted business very successfully for about forty years. He took his son in as a partner when the latter had attained a suitable age. The small shop built by his father was replaced by a large blacksmith shop, in 1858. About 1868 or 1869, wagon and sled making was begun, and from that time to the present, the business has steadily increased. In 1875, a two-story frame structure was added, forty by one hundred feet, and in 1892 the large corner building was erected. The latter is three stories high, with basement; its dimensions are twenty-eight by one hundred feet. Still later was built a re-

pository for the work in the rear of the main building,—twenty by seventy feet in extent. The buildings are all frame structures, where from twelve to sixteen men are employed all the year round, in the manufacture of heavy wagons and sleds. Of late years, neither Mr. Terrill nor his son has been at the forge, as the former is busily engaged in the important task of overseeing the work, and the latter is kept busy in keeping books and accounts.

Samuel Terrill was born in Middletown, Rutland county, Vt., December 7, 1831. He is a son of Ziba and Viletta (Lindley) Terrill, and grandson of Samuel and Sally (Caswell) Terrill. Samuel Terrill was a farmer and lumberman, and was a man of much prominence in his day. He owned both a saw and grist mill, which he operated with success for many years. He wedded Miss Sally Caswell, and they reared three sons and four daughters, one of whom was Ziba Terrill, Samuel's father.

Ziba Terrill was born in Vermont, in 1809, and his death occurred in Rutland, in July, 1859. He was a blacksmith by trade, and taught his son all the branches of that useful vocation. He was joined in matrimony with Viletta Lindley, who bore him the following children: Samuel, the subject of this brief sketch; Valina Caswell, a maiden lady residing with the subject hereof; and Lucilda, wife of L. L. Pearsons, of Rutland. Samuel Terrill's mother survived his father for some years, and passed to her final rest when sixty-six years old. She lies buried in

the Evergreen cemetery, while the father rests in the old West street burial grounds.

The subject of this sketch enlisted in the Union army as a private; he responded to the first call for volunteers in 1861. After serving three months in the ranks of his company,—"A,"—he returned home to learn that his second child had been born during his absence. In politics, he is a Republican, but has been too busily engrossed with his business to accept office. He is a faithful member of the Congregational church, and resides in a beautiful home at Number 14 East street, where he built and located October 10, 1888. He has two tenement houses on Terrill street, where he lived before moving to East street. On May 27, 1856, the subject hereof was united in marriage to Susan M. Warren, and the following children were born to them: William S., the junior member of the firm, who wedded Addie Clark, of Malone, N. Y.; Susan E., an accomplished young lady, still at home; Viletta, who is the wife of E. S. Curtis, resides in the same house with Samuel Terrill, and has three children; Edgar Warren, who died at the age of twelve years; and Anna F., who died when one and a half years old.

When Mr. Terrill's paternal grandmother was seventy-five years old, she was a widow, and had five sisters who were also widows, and older than herself. Three of their brothers were deceased and left widows, making nine widows, in all. Another odd coincidence in this narrative is that Mr. Terrill was born soon after his grandfather's death and his son

was born soon after his grandfather's death, so that neither of them saw his paternal grandfather.

Mr. Terrill is a free Mason and is a member of the commandery, having passed all the chairs,—a past master, past commander, and past high priest. He has given his son all these degrees, which is a case almost without parallel, as the son is still quite young, and took all these degrees in one year. The subject of this sketch is regarded as one of the foremost citizens of Rutland.

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WILLIAM A. PATRICK is a highly respected and influential citizen of Rutland, Vermont, where he settled, in 1882, at Number 40 Cottage street, on the corner of Williams street, in a large, handsome residence, most pleasantly situated. Mr. Patrick was born in Ludlow, Windsor county, Vermont, September 26, 1832. He was the recipient of a good education, obtaining his instruction at Ludlow Academy, which he left at the age of eighteen years, and commenced working in his father's machine shops. Later, he served an apprenticeship in the armory at Windsor, Vt., where he remained for about one year and a half. In 1854, he began business for himself, in Ludlow, establishing, at that time, the Ludlow Machine Works, and engaging in the manufacture of wood working machinery. He remained in that business until 1880, and was not only a skilled mechanic, but invented several machines upon which he received patents. One

in particular deserves mention; it is a machine for turning out handles for forks, rakes, hoes, etc. At the instance of Senator Proctor, who took stock in the concern, Mr. Patrick went to Rutland, in 1882, and purchased an interest in the Lincoln Iron Works, one of the largest manufactories of stone and marble working machines in the United States. At that time, Mr. Patrick accepted the superintendence of the works, which he conducted in an eminently successful manner until 1897, and then disposed of his interest.


The subject of this sketch enjoys the distinction of being the first trustee of the village of Ludlow, and was one of the school committee, for several years. He was also representative of the town, in 1876 and 1877. In his political action he works hard and faithfully for the success of the Republican party, but has escaped office, since residing in Rutland. In their religious connections, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick are members of the Universalist church. Socially, Mr. Patrick is a Mason of high degree; he has taken fifteen degrees, and is past master of Black River Lodge. He is also a valued member of the imperial council of the Ancient Arabic Order. He joined the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America, September 13, 1854. Mr. Patrick was joined in marriage with Mina M. Parker, an entertaining young lady, of Ludlow. Mrs. Patrick is a daughter of Amasa and Louisa (Townsend) Parker, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Patrick is the only survivor of five children,—three sons and two daughters. Her father was a skilled

mechanic and was well known as a manufacturer of sporting rifles. Her brothers died young, and her sister, Julia A., wife of Morton H. Graves, died some years after her marriage, leaving two children. To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick have been born a son, William, and a daughter, Mary Louise,—the latter being now deceased. William, with his wife, resides in the city of Rutland. Mary Louise became the wife of Roger G. Hall, of Chicago, where Mrs. Hall's death occurred November 4, 1888, at the age of thirty-one years. She was a most interesting lady, attractive in appearance and lovely in character, and was quite an accomplished musician. Her death was a most severe blow to her husband and fond parents. The subject of this sketch is a son of Jacob and Robie H. (Atwood) Patrick, and grandson of Matthew Patrick, who spent the greater part of his life in Windsor, Vt., where he died in 1880, at the advanced age of eighty years. He followed the vocation of farming.

Jacob Patrick was a native of Windsor, Vermont, where his birth occurred, in 1802. He was a blacksmith by trade, and was a skilled and expert mechanic. He began business in 1827, and conducted a machine shop in Ludlow, for many years, employing several men. In 1828, he wedded Robie H. Atwood, a prepossessing young lady. She was born in Underhill, Vermont, in 1807, and bore her husband three children, namely: Elizabeth; William A., and Emily A. Elizabeth, became the wife of Frederick Y. Gookin. She died in 1895, leaving one son, Frederick W., who is cashier of the Northwestern National Bank,

in Chicago, Ill., and one daughter, Mary H., also residing in Chicago. William A. is the subject of this sketch, and Emily A. married Isaac F. West, of Saratoga, New York, where Mrs. West died, in 1896.

William A. Patrick's father was a member of the state militia, and was known as Captain Patrick. He laid down the burden of life in 1880, and was survived by his widow until December, 1892, when she, too, crossed the dark river of death, aged eighty-five years. The remains of this worthy couple rest in the Ludlow cemetery. Since going to Rutland, Mr. Patrick has identified himself with all its interests, and is considered one of its most valuable citizens. He has been faithful in the relations of life, and bears an excellent reputation for uprightness and fair dealing.


AMUEL HODGMAN ERSKINE, principal of the Rutland High School, is a gentleman of rare intellectual attainments and exceptional executive ability, and, as his name indicates, is of Scotch origin. The first members of the Erskine family to come to America, were three brothers, one of whom was the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. These brothers settled in Whitefield, Lincoln county, Me., where Samuel Hodgman's grandfather, Moses Erskine, was born, in the year 1801.

Moses Erskine was a prosperous farmer in Maine, and died, in 1889, in that state, in Alna, aged eighty-eight years. He took, as

his life partner, a Miss Smith, and they reared two sons and two daughters, all of whom are now deceased. One son, William, was accidentally killed by a rolling log, while in the prime of life. He left one son and one daughter to mourn his demise, both of whom are, also, now deceased. Moses Erskine served in the War of 1812, and was a member of the state legislature, more than one term. He was a captain of the state militia, for some time, and was familiarly known as "Captain Erskine." He possessed a fine physical form, and was nearly six feet tall. In 1873, he was deprived, by death, of the companionship of his much loved wife; both are buried in the Whitefield cemetery.

Christopher Erskine, father of the subject hereof, was born in the year 1820, upon the same farm where his father's birth occurred. He enlisted in the Union army at Whitefield, Me., joining Company C, 19th Reg., Maine Vols., and was mortally wounded in the battle of Gettysburg,—dying within twenty-four hours after receiving his wound. His remains lie buried on a hill about five miles from the battlefield. About the year 1843, Christopher Erskine wedded Abigail Hodgman, of Calais, Maine. Mrs. Erskine was born in the year 1825, and survived her husband many years. She died in May, 1891, and lies buried in the cemetery at Whitefield, Maine. To this worthy couple were born eight children, namely: Charles; Thomas H.; Sarah; Sullivan; William; Abbie J.; George C., and Samuel H. Charles was born in 1845, and became a soldier in the regular army, soon

after the Civil War. He was unmarried and died of fever at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Thomas H. died in Whitefield, Maine, in 1877, leaving a widow. Sarah is the wife of A. Q. R. Peaslee, of Alna, Maine. They have one daughter. Sullivan died in Alna, Maine, in 1892, leaving a widow and one son to mourn his demise. William still resides in Whitefield, Maine. Abbie J. wedded Fairfield Coombs. She died childless, in 1886, at Round Pond, in the town of Bristol, Maine. George C., with his wife, resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Samuel H is the subject of this brief biography.

Samuel H. Erskine first saw the light of day February 2, 1861, in Whitefield, Lincoln county, Maine. He was born in the same house where his father's birth took place. Samuel was reared to a farmer's lot,—receiving a practical, common school education. At the age of eighteen years, he began teaching school, and as soon as possible saved enough money to enable him to attend the Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, Me., from which he graduated, in 1886. He continued the profession of teaching, for some time, and then entered Bowdoin College, from which he also graduated. That was in 1891, when the degree of A. B. was conferred upon him. During all these years, he worked his way through college by following his chosen profession, teaching. His first school, after graduating from college, was taught at Limerick, Me., where he was chosen principal of the Limerick Academy. He remained there one year, and next occupied a more lucrative position as

principal of Lincoln Academy, at New Castle, Me.

In the fall of 1893, Mr. Erskine accepted a situation in Rutland, Vt., as assistant to Prof. E. J. Colcord,—teaching subsequently under Prof. A. C. Thompson, whom he succeeded, in the spring of 1897, as principal of the Rutland High School. This position Prof. Erskine still retains, and fills it in an eminently satisfactory manner. On August 24, 1893, Prof. Erskine was joined in matrimony with Amy Evelyn Albee, an accomplished young lady, of Alna, Maine. Mrs. Erskine is a daughter of Sutton and Rebecca (Blair) Albee, and is one of a family of seven children. She has three brothers and three sisters who are still living, as are, also, the beloved parents. To Prof. Erskine and his amiable wife was born, March 20, 1896, a daughter, whom they call Dorothy, and who is a source of constant wonder and delight to her fond parents.

The subject of this sketch is a Mason, and has passed all the chairs of that order. In his political convictions, he, like his ancestors, supports the Republican party by his influence and by his vote. Although not a member of any church, he attends service regularly at the Congregational church in Rutland, and contributes liberally toward the support of other denominations.

Physically, Mr. Erskine is an ideal man for the position he occupies. In height he is six feet and one inch, and his fine form, splendidly developed, gives him a commanding appearance, which is emphasized by the natural dignity of his noble calling. Prof. Erskine

is deservedly popular, and has made earnest efforts to raise the standard of every school under his charge. He is a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, and his life furnishes an example quite worthy of imitation.

CHARLES F. WILLIS, a highly respected and worthy citizen of Rutland, Vt., where he is engaged in the transfer business, was born in Rutland, October 28, 1849. He is a son of James and Frances (Lamsford) Willis, and grandson of Elijah and Mary Ann (Kimball) Willis.

Elijah Willis was born in England, about the year 1790, and while still quite young, crossed the ocean with his parents. He was a cooper by trade, and followed that occupation during his active days. His death occurred in the village of Chittenden, Vt., about the year 1873. He was twice married; his first wife was Mary Ann Kimball, before her marriage, and their union resulted in the birth of one son, James. Some time after the death of his first wife, Mr. Willis married Mrs. Mary Ann Lamsford, a widow lady, with one daughter, Frances. This second union resulted in the birth of one daughter.

James Willis, father of Charles F., married Frances Lamsford, about the year 1842. James was born in Plymouth, Vermont, in September, 1822. Mr. Willis was a peddler for many years, and lived much of his life in Mendon, where he still resides; for many years he followed teaming and jobbing, but retired from active pursuits at the

age of seventy-six years. Six children were born to him and his worthy wife,—four daughters and two sons. One daughter, Julia, when fourteen years of age, together with the beloved mother, was killed by lightning. The names of these children were as follows: Edwin R., born in 1845, died in 1877, at the age of thirty-two years; Adeline, wife of William Sargent, a prosperous farmer in the town of Mendon; Charles F., the subject of this sketch; Julia, who was killed by lightning at the age of fourteen years, as above mentioned; Ida M., wife of Daniel Mahoney, residing in the village of Ludlow, Vt., and Imogene, wife of Eugene Newton, of Brandon, Vermont,—Mrs. Newton died at about the age of twenty-two years, leaving three children.

Charles F. Willis attended public school until he attained the age of sixteen years, when he began teaming. One year later, the sad accident, previously alluded to, deprived him of his mother, and broke up the family. In 1869, in his twentieth year, he was united in marriage with Florence Ella Learned, who was then nineteen years of age. Mrs. Willis is a daughter of John K. and Electa J. (Kelly) Learned,—both highly respected residents of Rutland. Mr. Learned is now retired from active business pursuits. Eight children blessed their happy home, four of whom are now deceased. Their names are: Leonora, who died at the age of one and one half years; Ida, who died in infancy; Eva, who died aged nine years; and Cora A., wife of Charles P. Beebe. Mrs. Beebe died



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at the age of twenty-two years, together with an infant son. Those living are: Mrs. Willis; Charles K., who resides in West Clarendon, Vermont; Lucretia May, wife of Frank L. Vaughan, of Rutland; and Belle S., wife of Dana W. Parkhurst, of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis have one daughter, Cassie Jane, wife of George H. Webb. Socially, the subject of this sketch is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He settled at his present home at Number 8 Elm street, in 1890. Mr. Willis does quite an extensive business; he has three teams of his own, in addition to which he hires others,—often having ten teams busily engaged at the same time. He often contracts for large jobs of hauling, and his many years of experience in this business have given him a keen insight into the proper manner of conducting it successfully. He is a gentleman who possesses the true business instinct to a marked degree, and although comparatively young, he has, in his career, toiled hard and long. The success which has come to him is but the natural result of his incessant and well-directed efforts.

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MONTRAVILLE A. BOURNE, who for many years has been successfully engaged in the coal business in Rutland, Vermont, is one of Rutland county's most prosperous business men, whose integrity is unquestioned and whose life is above reproach. He settled in his handsome, com-

modious residence at Number 45, Washington street, in 1884, the same year it was completed, having previously lived in a house on the same lot since 1870. Mr. Bourne was born in the village of Wallingford, Rutland county, Vt., May 28, 1837, is a son of Edmond and Electa (Bradley) Bourne and grandson of Andrew and Lucinda (Barrows) Bourne.

Montraville A. Bourne received a fair education in his attendance upon the public schools. He left home at the age of eighteen years and worked in the woolen factories for four years. He then went to Rutland, where he entered the employ of the Troy & Boston (now the Bennington & Rutland) Railroad, as freight agent, serving in that capacity for fifteen years. He then became general freight agent for the Panama Railroad, Central America, until 1879, when he again became a resident of Rutland and embarked in the coal business; he sold over 8,000 tons, and for twenty years, was one of the leading coal dealers in Rutland; but in 1898 he suffered from a stroke of paralysis and since that time has not been able to devote a great deal of time to his business. January 24, 1890, our subject lost his beloved wife and companion and has never ceased to mourn for her.

Andrew Bourne, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts, and was a blacksmith by trade. He married Lucinda Barrows, and they reared five of their six children,—four sons and one daughter.

Edmond Bourne, our subject's father, was born in Attleboro, Mass., February 14, 1806. In early manhood, he learned the carpenter's

trade and became a prominent contractor and builder in the town of Danby, Vermont, having also worked at the carpenter trade in the village of Wallingford, Vt. Her father died early in life, leaving her mother a widow with three sons and one daughter, Electa. In after years, Mrs. Bradley contracted a second marriage, and finally passed away in Danby, Vt., at the age of eighty-six years. Edmond Bourne passed to the life beyond the grave, July 8, 1879, and his widow still survives him. She is now eighty-four years of age and resides in Rutland at the home of her son, the subject of these lines. Five children were born to her and her husband, one of whom, a daughter, died in infancy. Two sons and two daughters grew to maturity, as follows: Charles; Montraville A., our subject; Sophronia; and Jennie E. Charles, a born mechanic and a splendid accountant, went to Valparaiso, Ind., where he became a superintendent in a woolen factory; later in life, he returned to Rutland and accepted a position as railroad accountant at the Rutland depot. He never married and died in 1892, at about the age of sixty. Sophronia became the wife of Herbert Smith, and died September 24, 1892, leaving one daughter. Jennie E. became the wife of Gavin Moffatt, and died in the Burlington Hospital, February 1, 1899, aged fifty-two years.

Our subject is a believer in the Gospel, and has been a member of the Congregational church for twenty-nine years; in his political views, he is a decided Republican, and has

served two years as trustee of the village, and as alderman two years.

Mr. Bourne is peculiarly fitted for his present occupation and faithfully executes the wishes of a large circle of patrons. His prosperity is due to his integrity and his exceptional ability as a business manager. His portrait accompanies this sketch of his life, being presented on a preceding page.

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MRS. CLARINDA WILLARD VERDER. Although an octogenarian, the estimable lady whose name heads this sketch, is still a well-preserved and active woman. She resides at Number 226 North Grove street, Rutland, Vermont. She is the widow of Daniel Verder, who died at his home at the same residence, March 21, 1887, aged seventy years.

Daniel Verder was born in Brookline, New Hampshire, July 2, 1816. He was a son of Daniel F. Verder, a grandson of George Verder, and a great-grandson of Samuel Verder, who was a native of the state of Maine, and died May 20, 1857, aged eighty-six years.

George Verder was born in Medfield, Massachusetts, August 25, 1770. He and his wife, Nancy Verder, reared seven sons and three daughters, all born during the interval between 1796 and 1810; some were born in Boston, and some in Townsend, Massachusetts. The eldest of these children, George H., was born in Boston, in 1796, and died at the age of twenty-nine and a half years. The second was Daniel F., who was also born in

Boston, August 2, 1798, and died in Brookline, New Hampshire, December 25, 1867.

Mrs. Verder's maiden name was Clarinda Willard. Her father died before her birth, and her mother was again married, becoming the wife of Levi Wetherhead, of Acworth, New Hampshire. She had two sons by her second husband; one of them died in infancy, and the other grew to manhood, and afterward changed his name to Willis. His widow is still living in Rutland, with her daughter, Mrs. Gary. Mrs. Wetherhead spent the closing years of her life with her daughter, Mrs. Verder, passing to her final rest, January 13, 1870.

The subject of this sketch was united in marriage with Daniel Verder, September 9, 1839, at Bellows Falls, Vermont, where the young couple lived for several years, and where Mr. Verder worked at his trade as harness maker. This business occupied his attention until 1853, when they removed to Rutland. Mr. Verder was village trustee, for many years, and also served as water commissioner and in other official capacities. He began life humbly, and by the industry and economy of himself and his noble wife, he left an estate valued at \$70,000. He built a handsome home for his family at Number 226 North Grove street, Rutland. A few years after locating in Rutland, Mr. Verder built up a large and well-paying bakery business, and after conducting the same quite successfully for several years, finally sold the concern to Thomas J. Lyon.

The subject of this sketch is the mother of

eight children, and at the present time boasts of having twelve grandchildren. Her children are,—George Henry; Isabelle; Herbert Leslie; Clara Elizabeth; Virginia Annette; Harriet Parks; Mary Louise, and Walter Daniel. George Henry lives in Rutland. Isabelle is the wife of Charles Everest, residing in Glens Falls, New York. They have two children. Herbert Leslie died in Rutland, August 16, 1892, aged forty-eight years, leaving twin daughters and one son, Herbert Wendell. Clara Elizabeth was born in 1847, and died in Bellows Falls, Vt., at the early age of nine months. Virginia Annette is the widow of John Knight. She resides in Rutland, at Number 17 Madison street, with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Sargeant. (See sketch of Mrs. Knight which we append to this one.) Harriet Parks is a maiden lady residing at the home of her mother. Mary Louise is the wife of A. B. Connor, residing in Manchester, Vermont. Walter Daniel resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He has one son, named Walter Montgomery. Mrs. Verder is a devout member of the Episcopal church and has reared her children in the same belief. Surrounded by loved ones, she is spending the sunset of life peacefully and happily in the company of her children and grandchildren. Appropriately appended to her life history, is this brief record of her daughter, Mrs. Knight, and of the latter's husband and family.

Mrs. Virginia Annette Knight, residing at her home at Number 17 Madison street, Rutland, Vermont, is the widow of John L.

Knight, whose death occurred July 7, 1894, in Brandon, at the age of fifty-three years. John L. Knight was a native of Brandon, Vermont, a son of Lyman and Hannah (White) Knight, and a grandson of Orrin Knight. John's parents were both natives of Shrewsbury, Vermont, and had but two children, John L. and his sister, Julia, the widow of Ichabod Paine, now residing in Brandon. The father of these children was a farmer in the town of Brandon, and lost his wife when John was but six, and Julia, fourteen, years of age. He was again married, and his death occurred August 22, 1866; he was born in 1803. John L. Knight left school at the age of seventeen years, and became a clerk in the Brandon postoffice; after serving as chief clerk for seven years, he was removed by President Cleveland, for political reasons,—John being a staunch Republican. He returned to the farm from Springfield, Mass., where he had been employed, remaining about one year, in order to recuperate his health. He then accepted a position as clerk in the Brandon postoffice, and was subsequently appointed postmaster of that village,—serving in that capacity, for ten consecutive years. At a later period he embarked in the grocery business in Brandon, which he conducted, for several years, very successfully. During a trip to Boston to purchase goods, Mr. Knight contracted erysipelas, which resulted in his death.

John L. Knight was joined in matrimony with Virginia Annette Verder, an accomplished daughter of Daniel and Clarinda Verder. This happy event was celebrated at the

home of the bride, November 27, 1873. Mr. Knight was a master Mason, and a member of the I. O. O. F. He was also vestryman in the Episcopal church, to which Mrs. Knight and her only child belong. Bertha Annette, their daughter, was born September 9, 1877,—the anniversary of her grandmother's wedding day. When nineteen years old, she wedded Will Lawrence Sargeant, of Rutland, their marriage occurring on May 19, 1897. Will Lawrence Sargeant is a son of William Henry and Abbie (Fish) Sargeant, who reside in Rutland, where the elder Mr. Sargeant is a master mechanic. Will Lawrence Sargeant is a railroad-office employee, being cashier in the office of the treasurer of the Rutland Railroad, in Rutland, and fills his position in a creditable manner.

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CHARLES LUTHER HOWE. Conspicuous among the young men of sterling worth in Rutland county, Vermont, whom business or professional work has given a wide acquaintance throughout the county, and whose public services are ever highly esteemed, is Charles Luther Howe, attorney-at-law, who was city attorney of Rutland, Vt., where he is now judge of the city court. Mr. Howe was born in Mount Tabor, Rutland county, Vt., in February, 1855. He is a son of Luther Proctor and Mary Ann (Rounds) Howe, and a grandson of Joseph and Olive (Scott) Howe.

The traditional history of the Howe family supports the theory that they are descended

from General Howe, who was a son of Lord Howe, a nobleman of England. Joseph Howe, in early life, lived in old Rutland, Mass., but subsequently removed to the Green Mountain State. He wedded Olive (Proctor) Scott. Olive (Proctor) Scott was, before her marriage with Joseph Howe, the widow of Thomas Scott. She died in Potsdam, N. Y., in 1829, aged sixty-nine years. Thomas Scott died at the same place. His father was one of two brothers who emigrated from Scotland. One of these brothers settled in Vermont, and was an ancestor of General Winfield Scott. Grandfather Howe died in Wallingford, Vt., about the year 1855. He and his wife reared three daughters and two sons. One of these sons was Thomas, who was a prominent farmer of Wallingford, and reared a large family. He lived the three score and ten years allotted to man. When a boy he served in the Revolutionary War as a substitute for his half-brother. Charles Luther Howe is a great-grandnephew of the venerable and well-known Judge Theophilus Harrington, who, as a judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont, said that "a bill of sale of a human being, to be good before me, must be signed by the Almighty."

Luther Proctor Howe, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Ludlow, Vt., January 6, 1821. He has followed farming, principally, but is now practically retired from arduous labor. He has been a prominent man in his community, and was one of the selectmen of the town. Along in the "seventies," he served both as representative and senator,

and has been a deputy sheriff for more than thirty years. He has been twice married. He first wedded Mary Ann Rounds, a charming daughter of Ozial Hopkins and —— (Harrington) Rounds, influential residents of Clarendon, Vermont. This union resulted in the birth of three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The second child is Olive Adelaide, wife of Joel C. Baker, an able attorney of Rutland. The third child is Charles Luther, the subject of this brief sketch. The beloved mother of these children passed away from her earthly home, in 1864 or 1865, in the prime of life, her death being caused by an attack of pneumonia. Some time after the death of his first wife, Luther Proctor Howe married Helen Baker, an interesting daughter of Austin S. Baker, of Danby. This second union resulted in the birth of several children, all of whom are now deceased except one son, Luther P., who resides in Mount Tabor, Danby village,—a youth of seventeen years.

Charles Luther Howe was mentally trained in the public schools. At the age of thirteen years, he left his father's home to live with his sister, Mrs. Baker, who then resided in the town of Wallingford, but subsequently removed to the city of Rutland. At the age of seventeen years, the subject of this sketch left school, and became a clerk in the drug store of Dr. E. C. Lewis, with whom he remained nearly three years. He then went to New York City, where he found employment in a wholesale notion house. At a later period, he went to Newark, N. J., and worked again as a drug clerk, and on the opening of

the lectures of the New York Pharmacy, he entered that institution as a student. After attending three courses of lectures in 1875, 1876 and 1877, he graduated, in the latter year, as a pharmacist.

But Mr. Howe was not content to make that his life work, and was finally persuaded to enter the office of his brother-in-law, and read law; this he did, and in 1882, was admitted to the bar. He began the practice of law under the firm name of Baker & Howe, doing a good business, until 1886. Mr. Howe then entered the firm of Howe & Coolidge, and enjoyed a good practice, for five years; he has since practiced alone. He is an eloquent speaker and an able attorney, and was appointed city attorney of Rutland in 1895, 1897, and 1898. In November, 1898, he was appointed judge of the city court, and fills the judicial seat in a capable manner. March 30, 1882, Mr. Howe was united in marriage with Franc W. Murray, an accomplished daughter of William and Sarah (Watkins) Murray, respected citizens of Rutland, Vermont. Mrs. Howe's parents are both deceased,—her mother having died at the age of sixty-four years.

The subject of this sketch and his amiable wife have buried one daughter, Mary Louise, who died, aged twelve years. They have left to brighten their home one son, John Scott, a bright boy, born June 21, 1887. He is a manly little fellow, and possesses more than ordinary intelligence and judgment for one so young. He gives promise of true manhood, both mentally and morally.

Mrs. Howe is an earnest Christian worker, and a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Howe reside in their pleasant, comfortable home at Number 96, Church street, where they settled in 1892. Mr. Howe votes a straight Republican ticket, and socially is a member of Center lodge, No. 34, F. & A. M., of which he is past master. He is, also, a member of Davenport Chapter, R. A. M.

EDWARD S. WHITTAKER, the efficient deputy sheriff of Rutland county, Vermont, which office he has filled very capably, since March 20, 1883, is an ideal man for such a position. He is a large man, well built and powerful,—a splendid type of physical manhood, such as the Green Mountain State has turned out from the time of Ethan Allen, down to the present day. In fact, it has been frequently and truly said, that Vermont has produced as many grand men, physically, mentally, and morally,—eminent in peace and in war,—as any other state in the Union. To this class our subject rightfully belongs. He was born in Rochester, Vermont, October 17, 1851, is a son of Abram and Mary (Hoisington) Whittaker, and a grandson of John and Ann (Carlton) Whittaker.

John Whittaker was a native of Connecticut, and of English ancestry. He spent his life in tilling the soil, and chose for his wife Ann Rowe, who proved to be a faithful and devoted companion. She bore her husband five sons and four daughters; three sons and

three daughters are still living. The names of their children are: Edward; Abram; Susan; William; Ellen; Ira; Nancy; Mary; and Harley. Edward was by trade a mechanic. Early in life, he was superintendent of the chair works in Gardner, Massachusetts, but when the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in the Union army, as a volunteer in the 2nd Reg., Massachusetts Vols., serving through the entire war. He was a graduate of the military school in Norwich, Vermont. His death occurred in Keene, New Hampshire, in June, 1898, at the age of seventy-five years. Abram was the father of the subject hereof. His career will be mentioned later herein. Susan (Morse) resides in Reading, Vermont. William is a mechanic, and also resides in Reading. Ellen is the widow of Delos Cady, of Weathersfield, Vermont. Ira is a prosperous farmer of Rochester, Vermont. Nancy (Swan) died about the year 1857. Mary is the widow Shalles, of Woodstock, Vermont, and Harley is a prosperous and progressive farmer, of Chester, Vermont. The grandmother of Edward S. passed peacefully away about the year 1867, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. Her companion followed her to the life beyond, in 1874, aged eighty-four years. Their remains rest in Reading, Vermont.

Abram Whittaker, the father of Edward S., was born May 27, 1825. He was joined in marriage with Marian Hoisinger, an attractive young lady who was born in Attica, New York, January 4, 1829, and is a daughter of Sayles Hoisinger. Their happy

union was celebrated in Bethel, Vermont, on January 1, 1850. The young folk settled in Rochester, Vermont, where they still reside on one of the two large farms owned by Mr. Whittaker. Thus their declining years are being spent in peace and quiet, and attended with every comfort,—the just reward of lives usefully spent. This worthy couple were blessed with three children, all sons, of whom Edward S. is the eldest. The others are Herbert W., who, with his wife and daughter, resides at the old home in Rochester, and Warren W., whose death occurred July 19, 1889, at the age of twenty-five years.

Edward S. Whittaker was graduated from the Rochester High School, and made his home with his parents until he attained his majority. He was a brass worker in the Howe Scale Works, entering the service of that company, March 20, 1878; he still remained in their employ when the works were removed to Rutland. He was a skilled workman, and was a mechanic in the shops of the Howe Scale Company, for twelve consecutive years. September 5, 1877, Mr. Whittaker was united in marriage with Addie Goodno, an accomplished daughter of K. H. Goodno, of Rochester, Vermont, who died in September, 1894, leaving an only daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker were born two children, Earl and Anna Marian. Earl, who was born April 13, 1884, is a bright, promising lad; and Anna Marian, who was born September 3, 1888, is a comely and attractive girl.

Mr. Whittaker is a Thirty-second degree Mason, and also belongs to the K. of P. order.

In politics, both his influence and his vote are used in support of the Republican party, and he has also served as a police officer in Rutland.

In 1881, the subject of this sketch erected a fine residence at Number 13 Royce street, which he occupied on October 17th of the same year. This was the second dwelling built on that street, which is now well built up, with many substantial and roomy homes.

Edward S. Whittaker has not been looking for evil-doers and criminals for so many years, without a good many adventures and rough experiences, but he has always "landed" his man when finding him, although it has cost him some serious encounters which would have baffled a man of less courage and physical power. We will briefly mention one encounter which might have resulted seriously to Mr. Whittaker, had he not been equal to the occasion. In March, 1891, he was endeavoring to locate and arrest one Charles Constantine, who was wanted on the charge of assaulting a woman on the street in Rutland. Search was made for him in the city, but without avail. Mr. Whittaker, accompanied by a policeman, was to board the sleeper of a train about to leave, but the policeman, whose name was Bruton, failed to get in from the search through the city. Mr. Whittaker, properly disguised, boarded the train alone, to watch for his man, who, he had reason to believe, would take the train at Proctor, which he did. Mr. Whittaker waited and watched his man until the train had passed Brandon, where the culprit seemed to be on the look-

out for officers. Satisfied of his ability to cope with such an antagonist, who proved to be a professional boxer, he accosted him, and after a brief conversation, told him he had a warrant for his arrest. While in the act of producing the handcuffs, the offender grappled with him, and the car was immediately the scene of a lively struggle, in which much glass was broken from the car doors. The prisoner was only secured after the deputy sheriff had knocked him down, which was not easily accomplished as the ruffian, too, was a large and powerful man, weighing at least two hundred pounds. After securing his captive, Mr. Whittaker returned with him to Rutland, where justice was meted out to him. Constantine was not only a man of great size and strength, about twenty-six years old, but, also, a desperate criminal. He was armed with a knife, a razor, and a revolver, either of which he would have used quite freely, no doubt, had he not been taken unawares. It was a matter of congratulation to the subject of this sketch, that, without assistance, he was enabled to secure such a desperado without any serious harm to himself,—having received in the encounter only a few bruises and scratches.

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CYRUS ALVERTON JOHNSON,
scale inspector for the Delaware &
Hudson Canal Company at Rutland,
Vermont, was born in the town of Rutland
(now Proctor), July 18, 1854. Mr. Johnson
had the advantage of a high school education,
with a finishing course at Castleton Seminary.



SIMON R. SARGENT.

He left home in the spring of 1878, and engaged with the Howe Scale Company, remaining in their employ for thirteen and one half years, and traveling for them, a part of the time, in the South and West. He has been inspector for the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, since February 1, 1892, going over their entire system.

March 28, 1877, the subject of this sketch was joined in marriage with Stella Elvira Murdick, a pleasant and agreeable young lady. One daughter blessed their union, but only for a short time, as she died in infancy. In his political convictions Mr. Johnson is a Republican, but has served only as school commissioner or superintendent of the schools in Mendon. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are both members of the Baptist church, in which they are willing and active workers. They reside in their own home at Number 12, Nichols street, where they recently built a handsome residence and settled, directly opposite their former home. Mr. Johnson is a musician of some note, and plays well on the French horn or cornet; he has, also, presided at the organ in the Baptist church for many years. He is a son of Cyrus Ladd and Sarah T. (Bingham) Johnson, and a grandson of John R. Johnson.

John R. Johnson was a prosperous and progressive farmer, of Rutland, tilling the soil on a farm where his father had settled among the early pioneers. His wife reached the advanced age of one hundred and two years, and might have lived much longer, but was the victim of a sad accident; when lighting her pipe, her clothing caught fire, and she was so badly

burned as to cause her death. She was of Scotch ancestry and descended from a race of rugged pioneers, noted for longevity.

Cyrus Ladd Johnson was born in West Rutland, in 1818, and died in Proctor, in October, 1889. He was twice married. His first wife bore him one daughter. His second wife was a Miss Sarah T. Bingham, before her marriage. By her he had four sons and two daughters. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Johnson's health gradually failed, and she survived him but four years. Three of her sons and one daughter are still among the living, namely: Laura, widow of Rawson Humphrey; Asahel B., who resides in Pittsburg, where he is engaged in the scale business; Cyrus Alverton, the subject of this sketch; and Frank Nahum, of Rutland.

The character of Mr. Johnson has secured for him both the respect and affection of his associates; he is sympathizing and generous, and is a man of fertile resources, great ability, and untiring energy. He is a citizen of high honor and integrity, and enjoys the highest esteem of his fellow townsmen.

SIMON R. SARGENT, an expert machinist, and also a prosperous business man, of Castleton, Vermont, is the senior member of the firm of S. R. Sargent & Son, manufacturers of the "76" swivel plows, shovel plows, road plows, scrapers, cultivators, etc.

Mr. Sargent first became connected with

this business, in 1883. At that time, he removed from Worcester to Castleton, and purchased a half interest in a plow factory. The business was conducted under the firm name of Barrows & Sargent, and manufactured the celebrated "76" plow. The firm did a prosperous business until 1892, when Mr. Barrows retired from the firm, and Simon R. Sargent's son was taken in as a partner. Then it was that the present firm was formed. By diligent attention to the business and by making improvements on the plows, the products of the factory have been steadily increased. The plows are now patented. The twelve-horse power steam engine being no longer sufficient has been replaced by a twenty-two-horse power gasoline engine, of modern make. The plant turns out about fifteen hundred plows per year, and furnishes constant employment for nine men. The plows retail at from \$8.50 to \$19.00 each, and are sold on a positive guarantee to give satisfaction. They are conceded to be the best thing on the market.

Simon R. Sargent was born in Dummerston, Vt., March 19, 1833. He is a son of Roswell Sargent, Jr., and a grandson of Roswell Sargent, Sr. The first representative of the family to come to America from England, was one John Sargent, five or six generations ago. He settled at Fort Dummer, Vermont. Roswell Sargent, Sr., was a drummer boy in the French and Indian War. He was a farmer in the vicinity of Brattleboro, Vermont. He settled there in the woods with his young bride, the journey to that point being made on horseback. They both rode on one horse,

which had no equipments except a bridle with which to guide it. They began life humbly, and by industry and economy, attained a competence. They reared five sons and four daughters. All married and reared families except one daughter, Olive, who lived to be an octogenarian. One son, Lewis, went from Michigan, across the plains, to California. He had a long and perilous journey, and expended all his money on the way. While in California he suffered a long illness. He finally returned east, alive, but without means. During his eventful life, he experienced many similar vicissitudes of fortune and lost all he possessed. But he was heroic, and made a good fight as long as he lived.

Another son, Nelson, the youngest of the family, also led an adventurous life, filled with "ups and downs." His first experience was that of stage driver between Keene, N. H., and Boston. Subsequently, he was a real estate agent, and met with adversity. He finally became a stage agent, at Kansas City, and, afterward, at Oil City Junction, Penn., where he again lost all he had. But he persevered until he finally struck oil and retrieved his losses. At a later period he settled in Denver, Colo., where he continued to prosper. About 1856, he returned to the scenes of his boyhood, and purchased a fine house. He sold this, and, after a time, again returned to Colorado, where he died in old age, leaving one daughter.

Simon R. Sargent's grandfather died at a good old age and was survived by his widow until about the year 1850, when she died in her

ninetieth year. Their remains rest at Brattleboro, Vermont. Roswell Sargent, Jr., was born at Brattleboro, in 1799, and died at the same place in 1868. About the year 1815 or 1816, he was joined in marriage with Esther Miner, who was born in Dover, Vermont, in 1801. These young people settled on the farm near Dummerston, where Simon R. was born, and spent their entire lives there. The mother of Simon R. died in 1862, aged sixty-one years. She bore her husband six sons and two daughters, namely: Simon, who died young; Henry; Leavett; Fitch; Marcia; Horace; Chester; Simon R., the subject of these lines, and Sophia.

Henry is a retired mechanic, and has one son. Leavett died in Brattleboro, Vt., leaving one daughter. Fitch died in Templeton, Mass., in his sixtieth year, leaving two sons. Marcia is the widow of Oscar Dix, and resides in Dummerston, Vermont. Horace is now deceased. He never married. Chester resides in Brattleboro, Vermont. He has four children. Sophia married Charles Dutton, of Dummerston, who died in 1896. Simon R. obtained a common schooling, only. He remained home until he reached the age of twenty-one years. He then went to Worcester and entered the employ of the great concern of Ruggles, Nourse, Mason & Co., with whom he remained for thirty-two years, as a mechanic.

February 24, 1858, Mr. Sargent was joined in marriage with Janette A. Phelps, a daughter of Leander and Lucy Phelps, respected residents of Athol, Massachusetts. Mrs. Sar-

gent's parents are now deceased. They reared four sons and one daughter, the wife of the subject hereof. Mr. and Mrs. Sargent lost their first born, Pearl, who died at the age of eight years. They still have one daughter, Cora J., and one son, Walter R. Cora J. is the wife of A. E. McKenzie, of New York. She has one daughter. Walter R. is the junior member of the firm of S. R. Sargent & Son. He married Susie Fuller, of Rutland. Their marriage was celebrated May 11, 1878. In politics, Mr. Sargent is a Republican, but has been too busy for office. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Honor.

Such men as Simon R. Sargent are important factors in the development of industries, and rank as useful and valuable citizens in any community. It is with pleasure that we present his portrait on a preceding page.



JAMES C. KING. There are few men better known to the citizens of Rutland county than the gentleman named above, who resides upon a farm in the town of Mount Tabor. A man of strong personality, profound wisdom in the affairs of every day life, and courage to sustain his convictions, he has attained prominence in various lines of endeavor. Undoubtedly the greatest of his gifts is the power of healing, mainly by the use of his hands,—he being endowed by Nature with a

magnetic influence or a Divine touch,—which it is, he is unable to determine. He has not abused this great endowment, as is too often the case, but has used it for the benefit of others, at a large personal loss. Mr. King is a son of Thomas T. and Samantha (Sprague) King, and was born in Mount Tabor, Vt., January 27, 1837.

William King, the grandfather of the subject hereof, was born at Portsmouth, England, and there learned the trade of a glass blower, being foreman in the shops of Lord Elonzo, the greater part of his life, and considered an expert artisan. He was married there and raised a very large family of children, of whom Thomas T. was the seventh son. It is a curious fact that the figure seven has played an important part in the affairs of this family, since a time of which there is any record.

Thomas T. King ran away from home at the age of seven years, after a punishment, enlisting as powder boy on an English government cruiser. He served in the navy seven years, and was in the battle of Trafalgar, under Lord Nelson. He received a severe wound which made it necessary to have a bone taken out of his leg, amputation being, for a time, deemed inevitable. The surgeon was preparing to perform the operation, when he inquired the boy's name, and greatly to his surprise, he learned that they were brothers,—his family having long thought that Thomas was dead. He determined to save the boy's leg, and was successful, although it required seven years for him to get well. Thomas T. also served under

Lord Wellington, at Waterloo, and distinguished himself there by gallantry in action. At the age of thirty-two years, he came to America and was united in marriage with Samantha Sprague, a daughter of Joseph Sprague, who came to Vermont, from Rhode Island. Samantha Sprague was born at Wallingford, Vt., receiving her education there, but, later, removed to Huntington, Vermont. There her father had purchased three thousand acres of land, which he divided among his children,—each receiving a farm. After his marriage, the father of James C. went back to England, but soon returned, and with \$3,000, which his family had given him, he purchased a saw mill property, including considerable timber land. He operated this for some time, and finally relinquished it, going to work in the mill of E. Lapham, of Mount Tabor. He had a family of thirteen children, of whom James C. is the seventh son. Thomas T. King was a member of the convoy which took Bonaparte first to Elba, and then to St. Helena, and was well acquainted with Bonaparte's father.

James C. King was very delicate as a boy, and, therefore, was enabled to get but a limited education, though making the best of his opportunities. He grew stronger, however, and became a very successful business man, being known as one of the first lumbermen in his town. He operated very extensively,—renting four mills and employing a force of fifty men, and manufactured all kinds of building material. In addition to this, he had a very large custom trade. He kept the mills

running all the time, and ranked as one of the most prominent business men of the community. He finally disposed of his interests to Mr. S. L. Griffith. In 1867, he bought a farm on which he built the home in which he now resides. He has a fine farm of ten acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. He raises berries of an exceptional quality, and various other farm products, finding this mode of life very profitable, as well as a great pleasure. The district school is located upon his land, and of this as well as of all other public institutions, he has been a hearty supporter.

The most remarkable thing about Mr. King is his marvelous gift of healing, which he has for years exerted for the benefit of the poor. His patients are nearly all residents of the community, and at all times stand ready to testify to the curative power he possesses. It is quite refreshing in these days in which impositions abound, to encounter a man with wonderful gifts, who has absolute proofs of his success. He uses very little medicine, doing all the work by the laying on of his hands. He gained considerable notoriety by this means, the newspapers in the vicinity having taken the matter up, and as his fame increased, he had more patients than he could attend to,—curing seventeen hundred in the short space of one year. It was mainly the poor to whom he ministered, and owing to the great expense which he incurred, he found it necessary to abandon such treatment, feeling content in the fact that he had saved so many from a life of misery. Politically, Mr.

King is an enthusiastic Republican, but through his strong opposition to the existing boss-rule, he has aroused the enmity of several persons of prominence and influence. This sort of rule has led to making his one of the highest taxed towns in the United States, the poll tax at the present time being ten dollars, and in 1896 and 1897, twenty dollars. He has held several township offices; he was elected to the State Legislature, in 1888, and was postmaster at Brookline, Vt., for a period of twelve years. Religiously, he is a Spiritualist. The subject of this sketch is the father of two children, namely: Charles T., of Rutland; and Ida M. (Hoyle), of Everett, Massachusetts.

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MRS. LUCY (CUTLER) KIDDER, of Fair Haven, Vermont, is one of the best preserved ladies, of her age, in Rutland county, and is a person of rare, good sense and judgment. She resides in a beautiful home on South Main street, just outside the corporation limits. She is the widow of Asahel H. Kidder, who died at the above named place of residence, February 27, 1876, aged sixty-three years.

Asahel H. Kidder was born in Weathersfield, Vermont. He was a son of Oliver and Phoebe (Hewlet) Kidder, and was brought to Fair Haven by his parents when he was but six weeks old. His father was a prosperous farmer and purchased two hundred acres of land, a part of which was in New York, and the rest in Vermont. Oliver

Kidder and his worthy wife were blessed with nine children,—three sons and six daughters. Asahel H. Kidder was the youngest of the family. One of the daughters lived to be seventy-seven years old. Oliver Kidder died about six months prior to the death of his wife; each passed away when eighty-four years old. They rest in the Fair Haven cemetery, on West street. Mr. Kidder was joined in marriage with the subject of this sketch in February, 1841. He was a Republican, in politics, and a faithful servant of the people. He served as selectman, and spent three terms at Montpelier, as a member of the legislature. He inherited a part of his father's farm, and added to it until he had four hundred and thirty acres in one tract, located in Vermont and New York. His widow now has over two hundred acres in Vermont, alone. Mr. Kidder was a deacon of the Congregational church at Fair Haven, for many years.

Mrs. Kidder was born in Highgate, Vt. She is a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Barr) Cutler. Soon after their marriage, her parents settled on a farm near Highgate. This farm has but recently gone out of the possession of the family. Mrs. Kidder is one of nine children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Five were sons and four were daughters, as follows: Hiram; Albert G.; Martha; Elizabeth W.; Lucy; Joseph; George B.; Allen B., and Mary. Hiram died unmarried, when only twenty-three years old. He was bright and studious and was endeavoring to fit himself for the medical profession. Albert G. died at the age of twenty-nine, and left

three children. Martha married Lorenzo Pomeroy. She died at the age of seventy-two,—leaving three of her five children. Elizabeth W. married George M. Kidder, a brother of Asahel H. Kidder. She died when twenty-eight years of age, leaving four children. Joseph A. is a prominent lawyer in New York City,—now, practically, retired. He has a wife, only. George B. is a successful physician in Bakersfield, Vermont, and is now seventy-three years old. He has one daughter and one son. Allen B. is a retired citizen of Highgate, Vermont. He has lost three of his five daughters. Mary was twice married. Her first husband was A. D. Smith, and after his death, she married Z. C. Ellis, who died in 1886, aged sixty-three years. Mrs. Ellis died May 10, 1899.

Mrs. Kidder was born August 25, 1817, and pursued an academic course of instruction. When twenty-three years old, she was joined in marriage with Asahel H. Kidder, on February 1, 1841. They immediately located on the farm where Mrs. Kidder now lives, but the dwelling then occupied by them stood half a mile from the spot where Mrs. Kidder resides. In 1854, they moved to the present home, which was then a handsome, new residence built by Mr. Kidder. To Mr. and Mrs. Kidder have been born five children, three of whom are still living. The following are the names of all: Rollin M.; Martha Elizabeth; Albert A.; Mary L.; and Katie P. Rollin M. was born in 1841. He resides in Fair Haven, Vermont, and has two daughters and one son. Martha Elizabeth is the wife of

Bishop Mariam, in Fair Haven. They have one son and one daughter. Albert A. resides in West Rutland, Vermont. Mary L. was born July 19, 1850, and died at the early age of four years. Katie P. married Isaac Wood. She died, in 1887, aged twenty-nine years, having been married eight years, and having lost two children. Her infant son died soon after her untimely death. She was far from strong, and died of a broken heart, caused by the loss of her little ones.

The farm upon which Mrs. Kidder resides is very valuable for general farming and dairying. For many years, a fine, large dairy has been conducted upon this farm, and has been its principal industry. Mrs. Kidder's son-in-law, Isaac Wood, has had the care and management of the place since the death of Mr. Kidder. He furnishes milk daily to many citizens of Fair Haven. As was her husband, the subject of this sketch is a faithful member of the Congregational church in Fair Haven.



FREDERICK O. FOSTER, a gentleman who has an established reputation as a business man, is proprietor of a general merchandise store at Cuttingsville, Shrewsbury township, Rutland county, Vermont, a community in which his family has been a prominent one for many years. He is a son of George W. and Leora (Adams) Foster, and was born June 5, 1863.

Mr. Foster traces his ancestry back to his great-grandfather, Abel Foster, who was born in Townsend, Mass., in 1752. There he mar-

ried Mary Wood, who was born in Billerica, Mass., in 1762; she was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Swallow) Wood,—they also had a son, Benjamin Wood, Jr., who was born in 1756 and was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. Abel Foster enlisted in the service at the age of twenty-one years as a corporal and served throughout the Revolutionary War, fighting at the battles of Bunker Hill and Saratoga. He told his children that he had shaken hands with Washington and heard him pray many times at Valley Forge. He was also with the army in Virginia. The pocket book which he carried, together with \$30.00 in Continental money, and a cartridge case, have remained to this day in the possession of his descendants. Mary, his faithful wife, had the most singular experience of knitting stockings for soldiers of both the Revolutionary and Civil wars, living to reach the wonderful age of one hundred years. After the war closed, Abel Foster returned home and took up the occupation of a farmer. His marriage, which occurred in 1783, was prolific of twelve children. In 1806 he removed to Vermont in an emigrant wagon, the journey taking five days. He took up a tract of forest land and, after making a sufficient clearing, erected a small log house. He was one of the first farmers to settle in the locality and lived there until his death. One of his daughters is still living at the advanced age of ninety-four years, and was the recipient of a handsome gold spoon from the D. A. R., a souvenir given only to daughters of soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

Tyler Gilman Foster, the grandfather of Frederick O. Foster, was born on the old homestead in Mount Holly, Rutland county, in 1807, and received his education there in the public schools. In 1830, he moved to Shrewsbury and learned the trade of a wheelwright and carriage builder. He formed a partnership with J. B. Story, and they attained a high reputation for the quality of their work. He was a captain in the militia and for many years served in the capacity of justice of the peace. He was a representative from 1864 to 1866. He was united in marriage with Dorinda C. Harvey, a daughter of John Harvey, of Hopkinton, N. H., and they reared six children, as follows: George W.; Charles Harvey; Jennie; Helen M. (Crowley); Francis A. (Cutler); and Adelaide E.

George Wellington Foster was born in Cuttingsville, in 1840. He was educated in the common schools and in Fort Edward Institute, N. Y. In 1854 he was a clerk in Boston, in a provision store. He was a clerk for several years in A. S. Adam's store in his native village, where he married his employer's daughter. In 1862, he enlisted in the 14th Vermont Regiment; having declined the lieutenantancy of his company in favor of a friend, he was made a corporal. He was in the battle of Gettysburg, and after the battle aided in taking care of the wounded. On his return to Cuttingsville, he engaged in a mercantile business of his own in the "Old Brick Store," where he remained twenty-five years. In politics, he was a Republican, and represented the town in 1880. He was acting postmaster

for twenty years. He was captain of a militia company, and while in office was presented with a sword. Mr. Foster was an accomplished man in many ways. His intellect was of a high order, he was musical, skilful with his brush and pencil, and had a natural talent for medicine, which made him invaluable in an emergency. He held numerous positions of trust, fulfilling the duties of all with unswerving honesty of purpose and fidelity. His death was mourned by every one with whom he had an acquaintance for he was one of the most highly esteemed men in the vicinity.

Frederick O. Foster was born at Cuttingsville, where he received his intellectual training. After leaving school, he clerked in his father's store for some time, but subsequently took up railroad work, being an operator and station agent on the Rutland Railroad. After his father's death, he resigned his position and took charge of the store, of which he has since been proprietor. It is located in a large, two-story brick building, the first floor being used as a salesroom, and the basement and second floor as store rooms. He handles a comprehensive line of dry goods, groceries, drugs, jewelry, hats and caps, boots and shoes, rubber goods, notions, and hardware, in fact almost any article for which there is any demand in his section. The building was erected fifty-four years ago and it is the oldest store in town.

Mr. Foster is a Republican in his political affiliations. He was united in matrimonial bonds with Edith Persons, who was born June 20, 1863, and they are the happy parents of



HIRAM FRANKLIN NOYES.

three children: Florence, aged nine years; Helen, aged seven years; and George, aged six.

HIRAM FRANKLIN NOYES, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, a prominent lumber dealer in Rutland, Vermont, is known to be one of the most enterprising business men in this section of the Green Mountain State. Mr. Noyes conducts an extensive retail lumber business at his yard, situated at Number 127, State street. In connection with this, our subject owns and operates two large saw mills, run by steam,—one in Mendon and the other in West Bridgewater. In close proximity to and within easy access of the former, he owns 3,000 acres of timber land in Mendon and Chittenden; and accessible to the latter mill, he has 400 acres in Sherburne. In these mills all kinds of lumber are manufactured to supply the retail trade in Rutland and vicinity.

Hiram F. Noyes was born in the village of Chittenden, Rutland county, Vermont, on the sixth day of July, 1850, and is a son of Daniel, Jr., and Louisa (Baird) Noyes, and grandson of Daniel Noyes, Sr. Hiram F. Noyes was reared upon his father's farm, receiving a very ordinary schooling, and remaining at home until he attained the age of twenty years. He then started out for himself and learned the carpenter's trade, following it for a period of five years, when he met with a severe accident that caused him to discontinue his work along that line. He then es-

tablished a general merchandise store in the village of Chittenden, continuing in trade there for eighteen years. In connection with his store, Mr. Noyes was also postmaster, retaining that position for fourteen years. He also established a wholesale lumber house in Chittenden, and handled spruce and hardwood in large quantities. He managed both his lumber business and his trade in general merchandise until he sold out the latter in 1893; in 1887, Mr. Noyes removed his lumber yard to Rutland, although he did not become a resident of that place until two years later, when he purchased his present home at Number 27, Baxter street. By his excellent business methods and splendid management his business has now increased to enormous proportions.

Daniel Noyes, Sr., grandfather of Hiram F., was a native of Brandon, Vermont, where his whole life was spent in farming. He reared six sons and two daughters. The three members of the family still living are: Fred; Joseph; and Franklin, all of Pittsford, Vermont.

Daniel Noyes, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in 1811, and died in Chittenden, in 1883, at the advanced age of seventy-two years. Like his father, he followed agricultural pursuits all his life, and was regarded as a progressive man of his day. He was joined in matrimony with Louisa Baird, also of Chittenden. Mrs. Noyes came of a family particularly noted for longevity; her father lived to be ninety-eight years old. Daniel Noyes and his wife were blessed with a fam-

ily of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, of which family ten grew to noble manhood and womanhood. One of the sons, Daniel, left his home in Vermont, in 1860, and went to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He now has a family of thirteen children. For over thirty-eight years he has been carrying on a fur trade, with the Indians in the Northwest Territories, Canada.

In 1876, Hiram F. Noyes was united in marriage with Katie Crawford, of Rutland, a daughter of George W. and Melinda (Barrett) Crawford. Her father was born in Swanton, Vermont, and is one of the oldest settlers in Rutland, where he was deputy sheriff for many years, and where he still resides; he lost his wife in 1886. Mrs. Noyes has one sister and two brothers. Our subject and his estimable wife lost one infant son, and still have one daughter and two sons, as follows: Minnie May, born August 26, 1879, a member of the graduating class of 1899 of Rutland High School, and now attending normal school at Oswego, N. Y., is an attractive young lady and possesses much musical talent; Hiram Franklin, Jr., born May 15, 1881, who lives at home, pursuing his studies; and Earl, who was born May 30, 1894.

In his political attachments, Mr. Noyes sides with the Republicans. He is now serving his third term as alderman of the Sixth ward. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason, and has served in the order as junior warden. He joined the Otter Creek Lodge at the age of twenty-two years and is now a member of Center Lodge, No. 34, of Rutland. He also

belongs to the B. P. O. E., the Knights of Pythias, and the I. O. O. F. Mrs. Noyes is a member of the Congregational church and liberally supports that denomination.

Mr. Noyes is in every respect a man of force and influence. He has a fund of experience to draw from that is of a superior order. His judgment and foresight have been brought to a keen edge from contact with the shrewdest kind of business men. A man of affairs, he takes a broad, liberal view of all things and in this busy, jostling world, he has proved his capacity to live and thrive with the best.

CHARLES STERNS. No man in Rutland county, Vermont, occupies a more prominent place in business circles (and but few, if any, in the entire state of Vermont), than does Charles Sterns, a leading dry goods merchant of Rutland, Vt., who not only owns the controlling interest in the large store of Charles Sterns & Co., but has paying shares in numerous other stores in various localities. Mr. Sterns can truly be said to be the architect of his own fortunes. From a modest and humble beginning, he has, by constant industry and untiring effort, worked his way up the ladder of success until he has reached an enviable position. The magnitude of his present business interests can only be left to the imagination. A careful perusal of the following incidents will show how his success has been attained.

Charles Sterns was born near Frankfort,

Germany, February 27, 1844. He is a son of Isaac and Bertha (Rothschild) Sterns, also of German nativity. He is one of a family of three children, and had one brother and one sister; the latter died at the age of ten years. His only brother, David Sterns, died in Plattsburg, N. Y., at the age of thirty-eight years. He left a widow and one son, Charles, who is a competent salesman in his uncle's store in Rutland,—having complete charge of the carpet department. Charles Sterns, our subject, was the recipient of a practical, common school education in his native country, and at the age of fourteen years, began to learn the baker's trade,—working in that capacity for four years in Germany. In 1862, when eighteen years of age, he crossed the ocean to "free America," going to Plattsburg, N. Y., where he sojourned for a time, with a cousin.

Charles Sterns began his business career as a pack-peddler,—selling notions, dress goods, and linens. In two years, his trade had prospered to such an extent that he was enabled to buy a horse and covered wagon, and a little later, a team of horses. In this way he sold goods from Plattsburg to Watertown, N. Y., Ticonderoga, Saranac Lake, and Schroon Lake, through a beautiful and romantic country, full of wild, picturesque scenery. Yet this proved to be an excellent field for peddlers, and Mr. Sterns' trade still increased. But he was not born to peddle goods all his life, and, in 1870, he opened his first store in Keyesville, N. Y., and began business under the firm name of Sterns & Rogers. For four years, their venture was most suc-

cessful. Then Mr. Rogers was obliged to sell his interest to Mr. Sterns on account of ill health, and within a year he died of consumption, at Ogden, Utah, while on his way to California. The store in Keyesville is still prospering, and the firm name is Sterns & Winter. In 1884, Mr. Sterns came to Rutland, and established his present business there under the firm name of Pyette & Sterns, at Number 31 Merchant's Row, where the concern is now conducted under the firm name of Charles Sterns & Company. Their magnificent store-building is twenty-six feet wide, with a depth of one hundred and fifty feet, and is two stories high; twelve women and men are employed as clerks in this establishment, which is finely stocked with a choice line, and pleasing variety, of dry goods, clothing, notions, carpetings, etc.

Mr. Sterns has been, and still is, interested in several other stores besides those above mentioned; one of these was operated at Ferrona, Clinton county, N. Y., in a very successful manner, for sixteen years, when the mines were closed. Another store in which Mr. Sterns has an interest, was formerly conducted at Whitehall, N. Y., but was subsequently removed to Fair Haven, Vt., and did business under the firm name of E. L. Goodrich & Co., which company also had a store in Poultney, Vermont. It may be appropriately mentioned here that the firm of Sterns & Winter are still enjoying a flourishing trade at Keyesville, where Mr. Sterns lived for twenty-two years, previous to 1884, when he moved to Rutland. Since then, he has been

giving his personal attention to his dry goods emporium there, and conducts one of the leading stores in that prosperous city. He is also interested in the Ready Made Clothing Co., across the street from his establishment. In addition to all this, he was formerly engaged in real estate operations in the Adirondacks, at Saranac Lake and conducted a store at Lake Placid, for four years. The subject of this sketch is also one of the firm of Payette, Mendelsohn & Co., who own and operate both an ale brewery and cigar factory, in Plattsburg, New York. They also have a branch cigar-store in Barre, Vt., and a combination cash store at the same place, well stocked with dry goods, carpets, boots and shoes, crockery and millinery. This store is forty feet wide, with a depth of one hundred feet, and requires a force of twelve salesmen and clerks.

On January 19, 1876, Mr. Sterns was joined in matrimony with Bertha Cain, who is a native of London, England. She is a daughter of Jacob Cain, now a resident of Chicago, Illinois. To Mr. Sterns and his worthy and estimable wife, have been born five children,—four daughters and one son, namely: Virginia, now an accomplished young lady; Leah; Belle; Arthur; and Blanche, a child of nine years. The children are a constant delight to their fond parents; they are diligently attending school, and endeavoring to fit themselves for the "battle of life." All are fond of music, and some of them possess exceptional talent in that direction. Mr. Sterns and family live at Number 42 Pleasant street, where he located in his fine residence,

in 1895. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason and is a member of a Brooklyn (N. Y.) lodge. He was a master Mason in Keyesville, and is still a member of the Adirondack lodge. He is also an Elk, and belongs to the Knights of Honor. In politics, he is independent, and votes for the best man.

The parents of the subject of this sketch came to America in 1866, and settled in Plattsburg, N. Y., where his mother died, in 1878, at the age of seventy-six years. His father died in Rutland, in 1886, at the home of Charles Sterns, aged eighty-seven years. The remains of this worthy couple rest in the Jewish cemetery in Plattsburg, New York. All things considered, but few men have made a better record in business and domestic life than Charles Sterns, the subject of this sketch, who still has splendid prospects for the future.

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FRANK WESTON GARY is the genial and good natured proprietor of one of the largest and finest wholesale and retail grocery stores in Rutland, Vt., and it affords us much pleasure to introduce him to our readers as a man who, although young in years, is ripe in experience and judgment. He deserves great credit for conducting so large a business in such an eminently successful manner. Mr. Gary was born in Westmoreland county, N. H., in 1853. He was the recipient of a good common school education, but left school when only sixteen years old, and became a clerk in a general mer-

chandise store in Westmoreland, where he remained one year. In the meantime, while working in the store he also learned telegraphy, and subsequently accepted a position at Ashburnham Junction, as commercial railroad operator, which position he retained about a year and a half.

In 1871, Mr. Gary went to Rutland, where for nine years he was telegraph operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company, doing both railroad and commercial work. Later he embarked in the grocery trade in partnership with Mr. Hoag, and for nine years continued thus under the firm name of Gary & Hoag, purchasing Mr. Hoag's interest at the close of that time, and has since then conducted the business alone. Mr. Gary removed his store from Center street to his present location at Number 12, Merchants' Row, in the spring of 1896. His store is a model one for the grocery business, and is one of the best kept concerns of the kind to be found in this part of Vermont. He carries a stock worth \$10,000, containing a complete and excellent assortment of fine, choice groceries, for both the retail and the wholesale trade. Mr. Gary employs six clerks, including a lady cashier and bookkeeper, and constantly uses three delivery wagons. He enjoys the patronage of the wealthiest and most fastidious people in Rutland.

Frank Weston Gary is a son of Stephen and Mary (Woodward) Gary, and a grandson of Britton and Lucy (Martin) Gary. Britton Gary was a native of New Hampshire, but, early in life, lived in Connecticut. He was

joined in marriage with Lucy Martin, of Massachusetts, and followed farming in New Hampshire, except for a short period in their early married life, during which they lived in New York. They traveled, with an ox team, to the vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y., but did not like it there, and returned home the same way. Britton Gary died in middle life, and was survived many years by his widow, who lived to be over seventy years old. They reared six children, four sons and two daughters,—nearly all of whom went west. One son, Harris B. Gary, is a railroad employee at Winona, Minn., and is now an aged man. His parents lie buried in the family lot in Westmoreland, New Hampshire.

Stephen Gary, father of Frank Weston, was born in Westmoreland county, N. H., where he still resides, on October 1, 1826. In 1852, he was joined in marriage with Mary Woodward, a charming lady of Westmoreland. She was a daughter of Ezekiel and Lucy (Wilson) Woodward, highly respected and influential citizens of Westmoreland county. Only one son, Frank Weston, the subject of this sketch, blessed this union. Stephen Gary has been a farmer and a lumberman,—buying large tracts of woodland and cutting the timber, which was manufactured into lumber, and sold. He also dealt in cattle, raising large numbers on these woodland tracts. The legacy left him by his parents was a small farm, with a mortgage upon it. Early in life, he followed the shoe and boot business,—crimping the boots to be sent out. He worked at that occupation

until he was obliged to return home with his small savings, and care for his aged parents, as he was next to the youngest son, and his older brothers had families of their own.

August 22, 1876, Mr. Gary was united in marriage with Carrie Willis, one of Rutland's fairest maidens. Mrs. Gary is a daughter of George Willis, who died in the fall of 1896, aged seventy-two years. Besides Mrs. Gary, he left one other daughter, Mrs. Orril K. Lyman, of Norwich, Vermont. Mr. Willis also left a valuable estate, valued at fifty thousand dollars, of which the subject of this sketch was made administrator. In addition to his own business, he attends to the affairs of the estate, including rentals from about thirty tenements. Mr. and Mrs. Gary have lost two children, namely: George Willis, who died at the tender age of four years; and Edward W., who died when two years old. These much loved little ones fell victims to that dread disease for which there is said to be no remedy,—membraneous croup. They were both buried in one grave. Mr. and Mrs. Gary still have two children living, namely: Marion, a young lady of sixteen years; and George W., a bright lad, ten years old.

Socially, the subject of this sketch is a Knight Templar; in politics, he is known as a Republican, but takes no active part in political matters, always voting for the best man, in local affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Gary reside at Number 94, Grove street, where Mr. Gary bought a home and settled, in 1886. They are active members of the Congregational church of which Mr. Gary has served as treasurer and

trustee, being chairman of the board. This gentleman is thorough and indefatigable in all his undertakings. His sterling qualities have secured for him the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends and patrons, and have made his name an honored one throughout the community.

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JOEL THOMAS NICHOLS, dealer in milk, butter, eggs, groceries, etc., has been a resident of Rutland, Vermont, for the past thirty-eight years. For a period of fifteen years he was engaged in railroading; he began as a fireman, was promoted to the position of engineer; he still belongs to the National Association of Stationary Engineers. Mr. Nichols is a native of Rutland county, Vermont, and was born in the village of Danby, August 17, 1837. He is a son of Thomas and Hannah (Wait) Nichols and a grandson of James Nichols.

Joel Thomas Nichols had a good common school education, and at his father's death, which occurred when he was fifteen years of age, he left the academy where he was studying, and went home to the farm, where he worked with his brother, James E., for three years. At the age of eighteen years, he started out for himself, working on farms and in stores, until he attained the age of twenty-four years. January 6, 1862, Mr. Nichols responded to our country's call for troops, and enlisted as a volunteer in Company D, 7th Reg., Vt. Vol. In-

fantry. He enlisted as sergeant, and rose from that rank to the position of first lieutenant. His regiment was sent to Ship Island, thence to New Orleans and, later, was engaged in the Mobile campaign; he afterwards went to Texas, in the Gulf department, and was in the service till April, 1866,—the regiment to which he belonged being the last one mustered out of service. Mr. Nichols was in the hospital a short time, with malarial fever, and the rest of his four and one-third years, in service, he was on duty. During the Mobile campaign, he was doing engineer work, and was sergeant of the engineer corps, on detached duty. The regiment did not see much fighting, but had plenty of hard work, all in the malarial swamps.

Mr. Nichols never drew any pension from the government until 1893, and now gets only seventeen dollars a month. He was on detached service much of the time, and on the border survey, and has been, and still is, a sufferer from rheumatism. On November 21, 1867, Mr. Nichols wedded Agnes White, a charming young lady, of Rutland. Mrs. Nichols is a daughter of Alonzo White, now deceased. She bore her husband one son, George B., who, although a bright boy, of unusual mental qualifications, was frail in body, and sickly. He passed from his earthly home at the age of fifteen years, leaving his devoted parents almost inconsolable. The subject of this sketch resides at Number 23, Church street, quite near his place of business, and has a pleasant and attractive home, in addition to which he enjoys a good patronage.

James Nichols, grandfather of Joel Thomas, was a prosperous farmer in the town of Danby, where his whole life was spent. His family consisted of six sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to worthy manhood and womanhood and married; all had families of their own, except two of the sons. All of these eight children went west, except Thomas, father of the subject hereof, and Joel, who sleeps in the cemetery at Montpelier, Vermont. George B., a son of Joel, is a wealthy and influential physician in Barre, Vt., while Joel himself was a wealthy farmer.

James Nichols died about the year 1841. His wife was a very large and fleshy woman, one of the largest not known in connection with exhibitions,—while Mr. Nichols was quite a small man.

Thomas Nichols, father of Joel Thomas, was born in July, 1801, on the same farm where the latter first saw the light of day, and died April 28, 1853, of apoplexy. Thomas and his wife remained on the homestead farm until after the death of James Nichols, and then purchased a farm for themselves where they spent the remainder of their lives. This farm was one of the best in the town of Danby, and contained two hundred and seventy-five acres. Mrs. Nichols was a widow for a long period, and attained the age of about eighty years. Her maiden name was Hannah Wait. She was born in Danby, Vermont, in 1806, her marriage occurring at the same village. She bore her husband six children,—three sons and three daughters,—namely: Eunice; Lovina; James Edwin; Nathaniel E.; Hannah

Leonora; and Joel Thomas. Eunice was the wife of William Palmer; she died in middle age but left no children. Lovina was twice married; her first husband was Alphonso Hilliard, by whom she had two children; after his death, she contracted a matrimonial alliance with Henry Bartlett, who died in Chardon, Ohio, and left her a widow for the second time. James Edwin resides on the old farm, and has two sons and one daughter. Nathaniel E. is a mechanic in the village of Danby. Hannah Leonora is the wife of Albert Colvin, a farmer living next to James Edwin. Joel Thomas is the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Nichols is independent, in politics, and is a member of no secret organization, and of no church. He is one who modestly bears the distinction of being purely a self-made man.

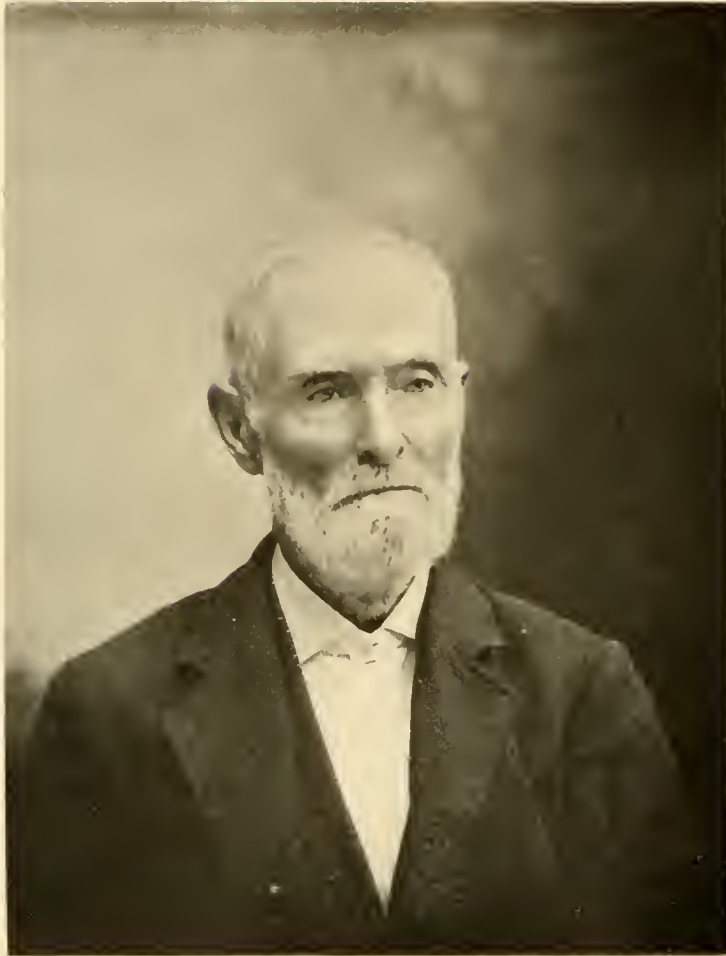
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WILLIAM B. BUTLER, the superintendent of the marble quarry of J. B. Holtister at Pittsford, Vermont, formerly known as the "Wheaton quarry," has filled that important position since May, 1888. He was born in Rutland, Vermont, December 2, 1852. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (Colligan) Butler, grandson of James D. and Rizpah (Morgan) Butler, great-grandson of Anthony Butler, and great-great-grandson of James D. Butler.

James D. Butler died at Oxford, Massachusetts. His son, Anthony Butler, was born in Boston, October 18, 1760, and died at Oxford, Butler county, Ohio, in 1840, aged eighty

years. He was a hatter by trade, and worked at his calling, in Massachusetts. Later he and his brother, James, established a hat factory in Rutland, Vermont, as early as 1784. James D. Butler, grandfather of William B., was born in Rutland, Vermont, July 25, 1795. He married Rizpah Morgan, a daughter of Samuel Morgan, and a native of Pittsford, Vermont. Eight children were born to them, all of whom reached maturity. Six of them were sons and two were daughters. One son, Willard C. Butler, lives in Waterbury, Washington county, Vermont. He was born in 1827. James D. Butler died February 11, 1874. His widow survived him until December, 1875. They were buried in the Pittsford cemetery.

Samuel Butler, father of William B., was born in Pittsford, Vermont, July 7, 1817. In 1850, he married Mary Colligan, of Irish nativity. She was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, and when thirteen years old, accompanied her parents, Patrick and Anna Colligan, to America. Her father died in 1847, in Rutland. Her mother died in Pittsford, in February, 1880. They reared four children. Samuel Butler was a farmer. He settled on the old farm in Pittsford, where the mother of William B. still resides. This farm has been in the family for more than one hundred years. It was first purchased by Samuel Morgan from Othniel Field. It was then new and unimproved. Four children were born to Samuel and Mary Butler, namely: William B., the subject of these lines; Walter S., who is still at home on the old farm in Pittsford; Anna E., wife of



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a Mr. Butler, of Iowa; and Frederick, who died in 1879, then a youth of fourteen years.

William B. Butler obtained only a common schooling. At the age of seventeen years, he began work in the marble quarries and marble mills. He then decided to fit himself for something better, and, accordingly, read law with Judge Manley. He was duly admitted to the Rutland county bar, September 23, 1883, and engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, in West Rutland. He continued to practice law until 1886, when he relinquished his profession to accept his present position in the marble business.

Mr. Butler has complete charge of the quarry, of which he is superintendent. He is independent, in politics. He served two years as prosecuting attorney of the town grand jurors, and four years as justice of the peace within and for the county. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Butler never sought political honors, but has filled every position of trust assigned him with credit and distinction. He is a pleasant gentleman, and a valued member of his community.

DARIUS S. PARKS, a retired farmer residing in Wells, Vermont, whose portrait accompanies this biography, is the most extensive land owner in the town, and, perhaps, in Rutland county. He was born in the town of Wells, Rutland county, December 28, 1820. He is a son of Joseph Park, and grandson of Elijah Park. These ancestors

spelled their name Park, instead of Parks,—the form which has been adopted by the subject hereof.

Elijah Park was a native of Connecticut, and moved to the town of Wells, in 1787. He located on a farm adjoining the home of Darius S. The farm then occupied by him is now owned by Emmett Russell Pember. The house standing today was built by Darius S. Parks' grandfather, in 1792. Elijah Park was twice married. His marriage with Anna Smith resulted in four children. Their wedding occurred in Connecticut. Mrs. Park died in 1793. His second union was contracted with Margaret Walker, of Granville. She bore her husband eight children. Many of these went west. One son, Elijah, was an able farmer in the town of Wells. The grandfather of Darius S. was a prominent man in that section of the country. He was tax collector, from 1790 to 1799. He taught school for more than twenty terms. He was with General Gage in the capture of Ticonderoga. He removed to Granville, New York, in 1811, and there his death took place in 1821, aged sixty-three years.

Joseph Park, father of the subject hereof, was born near Canterbury, Connecticut, in May, 1784. He died July 4, 1868. He held all the local offices, and represented the town of Wells in the State Legislature in 1834, 1835, and 1836. He served as selectman longer than any other resident of that locality. He was overseer of the poor, and had the distinction of being the only town surveyor, which position he held until his death, at a

ripe old age. Since then, the same office has been held by the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Parks is one of three children, namely: Cordelia (wife of Sylvester Clark), who died in 1895, aged seventy-nine years; Darius S., the subject of these lines; and Martin, who died May 9, 1889, on the old homestead farm, now the property of Darius S. Parks. The mother of Darius S. died in 1848, aged fifty-one years. His father was again married. This second union was contracted with Phoebe Wilcox, a sister of his first wife. In 1862, Joseph Parks lost his second wife, who died aged sixty-two years.

The subject hereof was joined in marriage, September 8, 1841, with Paulina Mitchell. In 1842, the young folk settled on the farm where Mr. Parks still remains. This farm is now the property of their daughter, Lydia, wife of Judson Cone. In 1885, Mr. Parks was deprived of his beloved companion, who died when sixty-one years old. They had lost two children, Emma, aged three years, and Alta, aged ten years. Four children are still living, namely: Alvah; Lydia; Frank, and May.

Alvah is a prosperous farmer, residing on one of his father's large farms. He has a wife and four sons, as follows: Leon, aged sixteen; Dwight; Edgar; and Fred, aged three years. Lydia was born in 1853, and her marriage with Judson Cone was consummated in 1875. They have three children, namely: Arthur, of Pawlet; May, who is the wife of Charles H. Barber, and lives in Pawlet village; and Alta, a child of eleven years, weighing one hundred and one pounds. Frank

is also a farmer, and resides upon another of his father's fine farms. He has a wife, and they have one son and two daughters, viz.: Emma, eleven years old; Etta; and Harry, four years old.

Mr. Parks inherited the farm which is still his home. It contains two hundred and twelve acres, and has been transferred by him to his daughter Lydia. He has the title to about fifteen hundred acres of land in Rutland county. He is wonderfully well preserved for his advanced years, and has a most remarkable memory. He is well cared for by his loving children and grandchildren, to whom he is devotedly attached.

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HOMER L. HOAG. Among the enterprising, successful business men of Rutland, Vt., we are loath to omit a name so important in mercantile circles as Homer L. Hoag, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Hoag was born in Grand Isle, Vt., June 25, 1854, and received a good common schooling; he was reared on a farm. When Homer attained the age of nineteen years, he left the farm and became a salesman in the village of Fair Haven, Vt., where he continued for four years, subsequently locating in Rutland.

This change of location was made in 1877, when Mr. Hoag entered the employ of E. D. Keyes & Co., as bookkeeper. He continued to work in that capacity until 1881, when he embarked in the grocery business in com-

pany with F. W. Gary, under the firm name of Gary & Hoag. They conducted a successful business for ten years, when Mr. Hoag sold his interest to Mr. Gary.

Mr. Hoag then bought the bakery of Thomas J. Lyon, purchasing not only the business, but also the entire block in which it is conducted. Mr. Hoag is also a member of the firm of Thomson & Hoag in the cold storage business. They have an establishment sixty by one hundred feet in dimension, and four stories high (besides the office, etc.) The engine is situated outside, and the cold storage is a grand success. The bakery business is both wholesale and retail,—principally wholesale,—as the company runs but two wagons, while three traveling salesmen are constantly employed for the wholesale trade.

Mr. Hoag resides at his pleasant home at Number 20, Madison street, which he built in 1886. June 19, 1878, his life and fortunes were linked with those of Frances A. Farmer, an attractive young lady, of Fair Haven, Vermont. Mrs. Hoag is a daughter of Henry W. and Sarah (Angevine) Farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoag have been born the following three children: Sarah Elvira, a young lady, still at home, attending school; Robert Wyman, a lad of fourteen years; and Frances May, a bright little miss of six years. Homer L. Hoag is a son of Wyman C. and Elvira (Vantine) Hoag, a grandson of Seth and Sarah (Chamberlain) Hoag, and a great-grandson of Daniel and ——— (Mosher) Hoag.

Daniel Hoag was one of the first settlers in

Grand Isle, Vermont, whither he came from the town of Seven Partners, Dutchess county, N. Y., about 1790, bringing his wife and three eldest children with him. Their family increased in size until fourteen children were born to them,—seven sons and seven daughters; eleven of these were born in Grand Isle. The first death in the family was that of Stephen, who died, unmarried, at the age of twenty-six years. All the others married and reared families, but not large in number.

Daniel Hoag was born in 1761, and died in 1809, leaving his widow, aged forty-one years, in fair circumstances, but with an unusually large family to rear. Mrs. Hoag, whose maiden name was Mosher, was the granddaughter of Sir Hugh Mosher, of Manchester, England, who was well known at that time as a manufacturer of fabrics, by which he accumulated an estate valued at fifteen million dollars. Mrs. Hoag was born in 1768, and died in 1855, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Although comparatively young when her husband died, she remained faithful to his memory, and never married again. Her first child, a daughter, was born before her seventeenth birthday.

Seth Hoag, paternal grandfather of Homer L., was born in April, 1798. He wedded Sarah Chamberlain, of Grand Isle, Vermont. Six children blessed this union, namely: Eunice, who died a maiden of twenty-five years; Stephen, who now resides on the old homestead farm, aged seventy-five years; Julia Ann, wife of Seth Gordon; Wyman C.; Homer L.; Cynthia, and Abner Seth. Mr. and

Mrs. Gordon are both deceased, leaving two daughters. Wyman C. is the father of Homer L. Cynthia is the wife of Ariel Center, of Grand Isle. Abner Seth died in infancy. Seth Hoag and his wife were Quakers, but there are no Quakers in the Hoag family now. He died, in 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, and was preceded to the grave by his wife, who died in 1880, aged eighty-two years. They sleep in the Quaker burial grounds.

Wyman C. Hoag was born in Grand Isle, Vt., March 14, 1830. He married Elvira Vantine, of Clinton county, New York. Mrs. Hoag was born July 7, 1835, and was united with Wyman C. Hoag on February 9, 1853. After marriage, the young folk settled down to housekeeping, in Grand Isle, where they spent the greater part of their lives. In 1887, they removed to Rutland, Vermont. January 30, 1893, at Clarendon, Vt., the beloved father crossed the river of death into the light beyond. He is still survived by his widow, who resides in Rutland with Homer L., who was her first born. Two other children blessed their home, namely: Charles S., of Rutland, who is a commercial traveler for the subject hereof, and has a wife and three children; and Jessie May, the wife of G. W. Pratt, —both residents of Rutland, Vermont. These children had a good common school training, and were reared on the old homestead farm.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Hoag is a stanch Republican, but has escaped office. He is a valued member of the Congregational church, and is one of the prudential commit-

tee, being clerk of the board. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Hoag shows his aggressive and energetic nature by the manner in which he has surmounted all obstacles, and risen to his present position at the head of a flourishing establishment. He is master of the details of the business which he has in charge, and personally superintends all the departments of the factory, which he conducts with consummate skill.

FRANCIS H. HOADLEY, a well-known manufacturer of snow-shovels, mop sticks, ice picks, etc., resides in Wallingford, Rutland county, Vermont. The first of the Hoadley family who came to America were two brothers. They emigrated from England, settling in Massachusetts. The branch of the family from which the subject of this sketch is descended located, later, in Rhode Island, with the Roger Williams colony. Subsequent members of the family settled first at Branford, Conn., and, afterward, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Alvin Hoadley, grandfather of Francis H., was born in Connecticut, in 1783. He was educated in the public schools, but his education was limited. He became a very good business man, however, notwithstanding this great disadvantage. Removing to Timmouth, Vermont, he purchased three hundred and fifty acres of farm land. He devoted his time to stock raising, and was quite successful in that business. The Hoadley teams, raised by

him, were justly celebrated. He was a Whig, politically, but never sought office.

Alvin Hoadley was twice married. His son Harvey, father of Francis H., was the child of his first marriage. Harvey Hoadley was born in Branford, Connecticut, in 1807. When quite young he accompanied his parents to Vermont. He was mentally trained in the public schools of this state.

After learning the blacksmith trade he went into business for himself, at Middletown Springs, Vt., and pursued his chosen occupation until he was forty-five years old. He then purchased a farm of one hundred acres, but continued to live in the village. He followed, thereafter, the double occupation of farming and blacksmithing. In 1833 he married Ann Jennette Gray, a daughter of Harry Gray. They reared five sons, as follows: Alvin G., born in 1836; William H., born in 1839; Francis H., the subject of this sketch; Justus P., born in 1855; and Joseph P., born in 1856. The three eldest sons became blacksmiths, as did also the youngest one.

Justus P. graduated from a noted business college. He is now manager of the New England Fire Insurance Company. Joseph P. became a skilled and clever mechanic. He, too, learned the blacksmith trade by working under the subject hereof. He invented and built a patent well-boring machine, and is now a government contractor, at Essex Junction, Vermont. The father of Francis H. was an active member of the M. E. church, and a class leader, for many years. In politics, he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but

would never accept office. His death occurred in 1887.

Francis H. Hoadley was born in the village of Middletown Springs, Vermont, in 1847, and was schooled at the same place. July 19, 1862, when fifteen years old, he enlisted in the 10th Regiment, Vermont Vol. Infantry. He was one of the youngest boys in the service. The regiment left Brattleboro, Vermont, September 6, 1862, en route to Washington, District of Columbia, where they encamped on Arlington Heights. Mr. Hoadley participated in many important battles, thirty-five in all, including Gettysburg, the battle of the Wilderness, etc. He was twice disabled by gunshot wounds, but served the entire three years. He saw some of the fiercest fighting of the war, and his own career was particularly honorable, considering his extreme youthfulness. When mustered out of service, Mr. Hoadley returned to his native village, and learned the trade of a blacksmith and carriage builder.

He remained there until 1867, and then went to Saratoga, New York. In the latter part of 1868, he went into business for himself at Wallingford, Vermont. He prospered from the first, and was soon obliged to employ three hands. He followed general smithing and carriage making, until 1892. In 1883, he commenced to manufacture snow shovels, patent mop sticks, ice picks, etc., in partnership with A. Q. Adams. Three years later Mr. Hoadley purchased his partner's interest, and has since carried on the same business alone.

Besides employing many men in his large factory, Mr. Hoadley has a number of men on the road. He also travels himself, and solicits orders from large jobbers. The output of the factory, which the subject hereof built to accommodate his new business, is five thousand dozen per year. Mr. Hoadley is also a stockholder in various other concerns, and is a local representative of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee. He built a handsome residence for himself, some time ago. He was joined in marriage with Philenda Taylor, a daughter of John Taylor, of Middletown. Mrs. Hoadley was born in 1850. They have no children of their own, but have one adopted son, John.

Mr. Hoadley was at one time captain of Company I, 3rd Reg., National Guards of Vermont. He is a member and past commander of Fletcher Post, No. 5, G. A. R. He is also a Mason of high degree, being a member of Chipman Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M., of Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar, of Rutland, and of Oriental Temple, A. A. O. N. Mystic Shrine, Troy, New York.



FRANK F. LINCOLN, who is widely known as one of the greatest lumbering men of Rutland county, is general manager of the Lincoln Mill Company. He resides at Timmouth, town of Timmouth, Rutland county, where the largest mill of that company is located.

Mr. Lincoln was born November 24, 1854,

and comes of an old Vermont family of distinguished connections, being descended from the same ancestors as was Abraham Lincoln, our martyred president. He received his early mental training in the public schools of Ira, Vt., his native town, and during his youthful days worked on the farm of his father, who was a well-known citizen of that community. At the age of twenty years, he took up milling and worked for some time under Mr. Collins, of Ira, and upon that gentleman's death, purchased the mill from his estate. It was an old water mill, but the subject hereof added steam, making it a combination of steam and water, besides instituting other important improvements. In addition to this, he has a grist and cider mill at Ira, and was the first man there to use the improved cider press. He has been more than ordinarily successful in the cider business, employing eight men during the season; he purchased this mill in 1874. In 1892, he bought considerable timber land in Timmouth, taking in G. W. Lincoln as a partner. The latter at once assumed charge of Mr. Lincoln's mill, at Ira, and he built a steam mill in Timmouth, which is complete and modern in every particular, and devoted to the manufacture of all kinds of lumber. It is operated in the most approved fashion, and is equipped throughout with modern devices and labor saving contrivances, many of which resulted from Mr. Lincoln's own ingenuity. He has enlarged the building from time to time, and it now covers a broad area. The company manufactures all kinds of building material, lum-

ber to a length of forty-eight feet, of both hard and soft woods, shingles, flooring, and finishings. It does custom work to a large extent, and finds a market for its product, in Rutland and vicinity. The mill is a fifty-six-circular, and in a wing attached to the main building is a large engine room, in which there is a fifty-horse power engine, and a boiler of sixty horse power; the fuel used is waste material from the mill. The company can turn out fifteen thousand feet of lumber per day, and twenty thousand shingles. The mill is in operation the year round, and employs a force of fifteen men. The subject of this sketch is a thorough business man in every particular, and enjoys the respect and good will of the community, to a marked degree. He resided in West Rutland until 1897, when he removed to Tinmouth, and there erected a home, in order to be near his work.

Mr. Lincoln was united in marriage with Mary McNaughton, a daughter of Milton McNaughton, who comes of an old Scotch family. She was born in Tinmouth, Vt., being educated at Poultney. She also took a course in the Troy Conference Academy, after which she engaged as a teacher for a number of years. They are the parents of one child, namely: Nettie, who was born April 3, 1899. In political affiliations, Mr. Lincoln is a Republican, but has always declined to hold office. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally, he is a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 101, F. & A. M.; and is a Thirty-second degree Mason.

He belongs, also, to Killington Lodge, I. O. O. F., Otter Creek Encampment, I. O. O. F.; Canton Lodge, No. 6, Rutland, and to the Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor, and member of the grand lodge.

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MRS. MARY CHENEY RUGGLES, the esteemed subject of this sketch, is the widow of the late Gersham Cheney Ruggles, of Rutland, Vermont, where he was a prominent and wealthy man of business. He was a member of the firm of Curtis & Ruggles, furniture dealers, for many years, on Merchant's Row, and was, subsequently, a manufacturer of furniture. The best part of the city of Rutland is built on land which was his farm, and from the sale of this land, he derived a great deal of his wealth. The railroad ran directly through it and the station was built upon it. Merchant's Row was also a part of it. This valuable tract of land was formerly owned by the father of Gersham Ruggles, but, upon the death of the former, the latter purchased the interests of the other heirs, and became the sole owner. Mr. Ruggles was a most public spirited man, and used his vast wealth freely to aid others, both individually, and as to enterprises, public and private. He was greatly interested in educational matters, and was an active member of the school board of the village, and of the school committee of the city.

Mrs. Mary Cheney Ruggles was born in Dover, New Hampshire, June 9, 1815. She

is a daughter of Moses and Patty (Prentice) Neal. Moses Neal was an eloquent and able lawyer of Dover, N. H., and served as clerk in the House of Representatives, at Concord. He was joined in marriage with Patty Prentice, an accomplished young lady of Derry, New Hampshire. Mrs. Neal was a daughter of "squire" John Prentice. May 27, 1836, the subject of this sketch was united in marriage with Gersham Cheney Ruggles,—that ceremony being performed in Rutland. This most happy union resulted in the birth of six children, namely: John Leavitt, a bookbinder, of Rutland; Moses Neal, a passenger conductor on the C., B. & Q. R. R., in Chicago, who died August 14, 1899; George Henry, who died in infancy; Julia Bessonnette, wife of W. F. Parker, of Fair Haven, where he is a jeweler; Sarah Prentice, widow of Dr. H. H. Pierce, residing at the home of Mrs. Ruggles, in Rutland; and Clarissa Jane, still at home. The beloved father of these children passed away to his final rest, January 29, 1885, aged nearly seventy-five years, his birth having occurred in Rutland, February 3, 1810.

This family is of English origin, and its American members have resided in Rutland over one hundred years. The first of the family to take passage for America was John Ruggles, who, when only ten years of age, was brought to Boston, Mass., by Philip Eliot and his wife, on the ship "Hopewell," which sailed from London, England, in 1635. Two years later, the father of John, whose name was Thomas, also came across the ocean, with

his wife and younger children,—John being the eldest. Thomas Ruggles settled in Roxbury, Mass., in 1637.

John Ruggles was joined in marriage with Abigail Crafts, by whom he had several children, among them John Ruggles, Jr., who was born at Roxbury, Mass., January 22, 1654. He was twice married. His first wife was Martha Devotion, and his second wife was Hannah Devotion. This second marriage was consummated May 1, 1679, and resulted in the birth of a son, Edward.

Edward Ruggles was born at Roxbury, Mass., October 2, 1691, and wedded Hannah Crafts, June 24, 1716. They reared six children of whom Edward, Jr., was the fourth. Edward Ruggles, Jr., was born in Roxbury, Mass., June 22, 1724, and settled in Pomfret, Connecticut. Eight children were born to him and his wife, of whom the third was Samuel, the next in line.

Samuel Ruggles, a soldier in the War of the Revolution, was born February 25, 1751, and married Lucy Robinson, September 17, 1772. Two sons blessed this union, namely: Ebenezer, born December 17, 1773, and deceased June 22, 1823; and John, who was born February 3, 1776, and died February 19, 1831.

John Ruggles was thrice married. His first wife was Polly Gould, whom he wedded January 17, 1800, and who bore him four children, namely: Mary; Ai Fitch; Jane Augusta, and John Gould. After the death of his first wife, John Ruggles was joined in matrimony with Eunice Kingsley; the wedding took place in December, 1807. Eunice



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was a daughter of Phineas Kingsley, of Rutland,—a Revolutionary soldier,—and bore her husband the following children: Julia Sparrow, Gersham Cheney, Henry Bond, and George Fitch. The third marriage of John Ruggles was contracted December 30, 1821, with Sally Beaman. Three children were born of the third union, namely: Edmund Ingalls; Mary Jane; and Sarah Beaman.

The mother of the subject of this sketch belonged to another old and respected family, one member of which, Phineas Kingsley, was, as before mentioned, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Ruggles resides in a pleasant home at Number 16, Madison street, which was built by her, in 1888. During the life of Mr. Ruggles, they occupied a home on the corner of Evelyn, Freight, and West streets, where the death of her husband occurred. The site of their former home is now occupied by prominent business houses.



ASA J. ROGERS, a retired citizen, residing in the southern part of Poultney, Vermont, has valuable slate quarries on his one hundred and sixty-acre farm, which he leases out. Mr. Rogers had but a common schooling. When sixteen or seventeen years old, he was employed in teaming, by H. Stanley & Co. He drove the same four-horse team for three years, receiving from \$150 to \$160 per year. Of this, one hundred dollars was given to his father, each year, until the subject hereof attained his

majority. In 1851, he began to learn the carpenter's trade. Being naturally handy with tools, he received wages while serving his apprenticeship, and soon became a skilled workman.

July 8, 1841, he was joined in marriage with Louisa Horton, who was born in Mount Holly, Vermont, in 1820. She is a daughter of Asa and Susan (Breed) Horton. Bunker Hill Monument stands on Breed's Hill, which was so named from some of Mrs. Rogers' ancestors. Her parents reared ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are the parents of six children, namely: Adelia Ann; Ophelia S.; Louisa J.; Amos; Hattie; and Charles E.

Adelia Ann was born June 2, 1842. She is the wife of Don Barker, in the village of Poultney. Three of her five children are still living. Ophelia S. was born May 3, 1844. She married Erwin Hyde, of Middletown, Vermont, and died in Connecticut, June 15, 1899. She left two daughters, and had previously lost two sons. The death of Mrs. Hyde is the only death which has occurred in the family of Asa J. Rogers for fifty-eight years. Louisa J. is the wife of William Russell, a farmer in North Granville. She has five children. Amos was born August 31, 1848. Ten of his thirteen children are still living, five sons and five daughters. Hattie is the wife of Henry Williams, of Adrian, Michigan. She was born August 31, 1850. Charles E. was born December 14, 1856. He is a farmer and has three children.

The subject hereof and his worthy wife have lived in their present home for the last twenty-

seven years. Mr. Rogers has not engaged in farming, but leases his farm to quarrymen. For many years he worked as a carpenter, but is now retired from active labor. He was a Methodist, for fifteen years, and an officer in that church. Twenty-five years ago, he changed his views on the subject of religion, and joined the Christian Advent church. He was made a deacon and has been a firm advocate of that faith, besides being a most liberal supporter of the church. He is a Republican, in politics, and served as selectman two years. He was elected justice of the peace, but did not qualify. He also served as road master, and district treasurer of the school fund, for a number of years.

Asa J. Rogers was born in Mount Holly, Vermont, April 23, 1820. He is a son of Stephen and Anna (Emerson) Rogers, and a grandson of Stephen and Lydia (Lapham) Rogers.

The grandfather of Asa J. Rogers was a prosperous farmer in Danby, Vermont. His marriage with Lydia Lapham resulted in the birth of ten children. Nine grew up, married, and had families. Their names are: Joseph; Aaron; John; Stephen, Jr., father of Asa J.; Sarah; Ruth; Lydia; Elizabeth; and Sylvia. The father of these children died in Danby, March 17, 1826, and his widow died in December, 1831.

Stephen Rogers, Jr., father of the subject hereof, was born in Danby, Vt., November 9, 1784. His wife, who was Anna Emerson, before her marriage, was born in Henniker, N. H., July 9, 1784. They removed from Danby

to Mt. Holly about the year 1806, and lived there several years. In 1827, they moved to Granville, New York, where they remained four years. In 1831, they located in Poultney, Vt., and were accompanied by their ten children, viz.: Lydia; Oliver; Aaron; Charles; Samuel; John S.; Asa J.; David L.; Phoebe L.; and Amos E. Lydia was born in 1808, and married George Webster. Oliver was born in 1809. He was a farmer, and died from smallpox, in 1832. He left two children. Aaron was born in 1811, and died in Batavia, New York, when nearly eighty years of age. Charles was born in 1813, and died in Genesee county, Michigan, in 1879. Samuel was born in 1815, and died in Granville, New York. None of his family is now living. John S. was born in 1817, and is a tiller of the soil, in Whitehall, New York. David L. was born in 1822. He died in Tecumseh, Michigan, in 1897. His wife and two daughters survive him. Phoebe L. died in infancy. Amos E., if living, is, probably, a resident of California. He left Boston in 1848 or 1849 on board the first vessel which went from that place to California, by way of Cape Horn. After a voyage of seven or eight months, its destination was reached. Amos E. Rogers became a man of prominence in the far West. He was Indian Agent for the Government, for many years. After his marriage, he moved to Oregon, and has not been heard from, for a long period.

Stephen Rogers, Jr., died August 22, 1867. He had previously lost his wife, who died November 1, 1841. Both were highly re-

spected citizens of the community in which they lived.

A portrait of Asa J. Rogers accompanies this sketch, being presented on a preceding page, in proximity to this.



WILLIAM CRONAN, a confidential and trusted employee of the Howe Scale Company, with whom he has been engaged for nearly half a century, is a substantial and highly respected citizen of Rutland, Vermont. Mr. Cronan is a kind and genial gentleman, both in social life and as a business man, and it is needless to say merits the confidence of his employers. William Cronan was born in Burlington, Vt., September 12, 1838, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret (Burns) Cronan,—both of Irish nativity.

Joseph Cronan was born in Tipperary, Ireland, in the year 1809. In 1836, he came, with his family, to America, taking passage on board a sailing vessel. After a voyage of eleven weeks, they reached Quebec, where they were detained in quarantine. During the voyage, and before being released from quarantine, more than six hundred lives were lost through pestilence on board the vessel. Previous to embarking for America, Joseph Cronan was united in marriage with Margaret Burns, and they brought three children across the ocean with them. However, one child died and was buried in Quebec.

Joseph Cronan was a laborer and a gar-

dener, and had limited means. But by thrift and economy, he managed to support his little family in Burlington, Vermont, where he had settled, and later in Brandon, Vermont. About three years previous to his death, which occurred in 1892, he removed to Rutland, and was survived by his widow until 1894, when she died at the very advanced age of ninety-four years. Up to her last illness, she was active in both body and mind. Their family consisted of one son and two daughters: Mary; William, and Nora. Mary is the wife of P. Jones, residing in Elgin, Ill., whither they removed in 1857. They have a family of several sons. William is the subject of this sketch. Nora is the widow of P. Whalen. She resides in Brandon, Vt., and has one daughter living. Mr. Whalen was a soldier in the Civil War, and died about the year 1892.

William Cronan received only a common schooling, and at the early age of thirteen years, he began his career as chore boy. Six years later, in 1857, he entered the employ of the Howe Scale Company, working first at the very bottom, in the machine shop, and earning low wages. But industry and perseverance bring their reward, and from time to time Mr. Cronan has been promoted. He is inspector of scales for that great plant, with whose interests he has been identified for more than forty-two years. Mr. Cronan is an expert in putting out and selling scales throughout the United States, except along the Pacific coast. He has traveled extensively in the service of the company in nearly all the southern and northern, as well as in the

northwestern states. In 1876, he had charge of the company's exhibit at the Centennial Exposition, in Philadelphia, and two years later accepted a similar commission at the World's Fair, in Paris, being absent from home ten months.

In April, 1861, Mr. Cronan enlisted for three months in the Union army as a lieutenant of Company K, organized in Brandon. At the expiration of that period, he returned and re-enlisted from the same place,—Brandon, Vt.,—where three companies of volunteers were raised. He enlisted as captain in the third company there formed, which was Company B, 7th Reg., Vermont Infantry. This company went into camp at Rutland, in January, 1862, and was transferred to the front February 23, 1862. They participated in the first fight at Baton Rouge, August 5, 1862, where Colonel George T. Roberts fell. The colonel was a brother of the wife of Gen. Baxter. Mr. Cronan suffered a sunstroke and was taken to the hospital, from which he finally returned home in July, 1864, receiving an honorable discharge from further service, for disability.

On his twenty-fourth birthday, September 12, 1862, William Cronan was joined in matrimony with Catherine Sullivan, who was born in the town of Chittenden, Vermont. The young folk settled in Brandon, Vt., where they continued to live until 1880, when they removed to Rutland, and subsequently settled in their present large and comfortable home, which was built by Mr. Cronan, in 1889. To Mr. and Mrs. Cronan have been born the fol-

lowing children: Mary E., who died July 3, 1898; Joseph F., of Rutland; John B., also of Rutland; William D., of St. Albans, Vt.; Lawrence H., of Bennington, Vt.; James E., who died at the age of eleven years; and Daniel L., of Rutland.

The subject of this sketch and his amiable wife have two grandchildren. Mr. Cronan is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of the Knights of Columbus, a benevolent order. He is also a valued member of Roberts Post, No. 14, G. A. R., which was named for his colonel. In politics, he is independent, voting always for the man, in preference to party. He has served as trustee of the village of Rutland, and is an active member of the Catholic church. Industrious, thrifty, and of the utmost probity, the subject of this sketch is most thoroughly respected throughout the community.

EDWARD C. TAYLOR, one of Tinmouth's most successful business men, is proprietor of a large general store, and carries the most complete stock of goods to be found in that vicinity. He is a son of Charles E. and Maria (Hathaway) Taylor, and was born at Middletown Springs, Vt., February 10, 1875.

John P. Taylor, the grandfather of Edward C., was born in Pawlet, Rutland county, Vt., and early in life learned the trade of a blacksmith, and also that of a shoemaker. He was a very industrious man, and was successful. Later he removed with his family to Middle-

town Springs, and remained there the remainder of his life. He was united in marriage with Mary Goodrich, a lineal descendant of William Goodrich, who came from England about the year 1648, and settled in Wethersfield, Connecticut. He was the son of Richard Goodrich, whose brother Thomas, Bishop of Ely, was a member of the council that permitted Henry VIII to put away Catherine. For this service, Henry made him Lord Chancellor of England, in 1551, which office he held until his death in 1554.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor four children were born, as follows: Charles E., the father of our subject; Dallas, who died in infancy; Philenda, the wife of F. H. Hoadley, a manufacturer, of Wallingford, Vermont; and Jane (Goodspeed).

Charles E. Taylor was born in Middletown Springs, Vt., in 1842, and received his education in the public schools there, and at Troy Conference Academy, taking a very thorough business course. He undertook agricultural pursuits and assisted his father until 1882, having purchased a farm of two hundred acres, in 1878. He then traded his farm and moved to Pawlet, where he opened a general merchandise store. This he successfully conducted until 1889, employing three men as clerks. He then returned to his farm, where he lived until his death, in 1890. Politically, he was a Democrat and held a few of the town offices. Socially, he was a member of Poultnery Lodge, F. & A. M. He was united in marriage with Maria Hathaway, who was born in Tinmouth, and educated there and at Cas-

tleton normal school. Like her husband she taught school for several terms, he in Wells township and she in Tinmouth. They became the parents of five children, namely: Daniel P., now a professor of Boulder College, in Colorado; Albert L., connected with the Cypress Lumber Co., of Boston, Mass.; Edward C., the subject of this sketch; Blanche H., a student in Northfield, Mass.; and Frank G., a student in the University of Vermont, at Burlington.

Edward C. Taylor, after receiving a good preliminary education in the public schools of Pawlet, took a business course at Poultnery, and, subsequently, at Hartford, Connecticut. He then accepted a position as salesman in a clothing house, with the firm of A. L. Foster & Co., but on account of ill-health, he returned to Vermont, and spent the next year in recuperation. He then started a general merchandise store in Tinmouth, in 1897, organizing the firm of E. C. Taylor & Company,—his partner being D. G. Hathaway,—succeeding J. J. Mooney. The subject of this sketch is general manager of the establishment, and attends to all the buying and selling. The firm is located in a large two-story building, the storeroom being on the lower floor. It is well arranged, and is stocked with a complete line of dry goods, groceries, hardware, gentlemen's furnishings, hats and caps, boots and shoes, patent medicines, farm implements, tobacco, cigars, and confectionery. Mr. Taylor has been postmaster, for two years. He is an enterprising young business man, and has established an excellent repu-

tation for integrity and general business ability.

Politically, Mr. Taylor is a Republican, and has served as town auditor and notary public. Religiously, he is an attendant of the Congregational church.

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DR. WILLIAM RIPLEY BLOSSOM, a successful general practitioner of Cuttingsville, Rutland county, Vermont, first saw the light of day April 18, 1858, in Pittsfield, Vermont. After receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native place, he went to Boston, to acquire a knowledge of mercantile affairs. There he worked in a provision store, for eighteen months. Then commenced a series of adventures that demonstrated the versatility of his resources, and his ability to adapt himself to any condition.

He went to Wisconsin and found employment, for about ten months, in a meat market, conducted by C. N. Clay. He then moved to the Black Hills and engaged in mining. He continued there, working in the mine and living in tents, for seven months. His next move was to St. Joseph, Missouri. He served as clerk, during one winter, in a hotel of that place, and then accepted a position at Fort Worth, Texas. He assisting in driving ten thousand head of cattle, from the latter place to Dodge City, Kansas. This task was full of responsibility, and occupied eight months. In 1876, Dr. Blossom went to

work on a farm in Jackson county, Kansas. He remained in Kansas twelve years, and learned the trade of a frescoe painter. He acquired quite a patronage in that business, and worked at it for years. Subsequently, he accepted a position as traveling agent for the Durham Smoking Tobacco Company, of North Carolina.

The subject of this sketch then decided to abandon his wandering course, and fit himself for the medical profession. In 1891, he entered the Baltimore Medical College, where he took a special hospital course. He was an earnest, hard-working student. He then attended the Kansas City Medical College, from which he graduated.

Dr. Blossom began the practice of his profession in Pittsford, Vermont, but remained there only a short time. He then located in his present field of labor at Cuttingsville, where he has a large patronage and has been more than ordinarily successful. His practice has grown to such proportions that he has lately found it necessary to call in the services of an assistant. He was fortunate in securing the aid of Dr. Martin, who graduated with high honors from American and German universities.

The remarkable success of Dr. Blossom in his profession may undoubtedly be attributed to the results which he has produced in apparently hopeless cases. Many pronounced incurable have been taken in hand by him and restored to health. His life as a physician is a hard one. He never neglects a call, but in the bitter winter nights for which Ver-

mont is noted, he forces his way across the mountains, often through drifts too deep for his horse. At such times, he is compelled to leave his horse, and wade through drifts five or six feet deep. He lives the simple, heroic life of a "doctor of the old school." Dr. Blossom is a son of Orvis Blossom, a grandson of William Ripley Blossom, a great-grandson of Zenas Blossom, Jr., and a great-great-grandson of Zenas Blossom, Sr.

Zenas Blossom, Sr., was born in England. He, in company with two brothers, Zacharias and William, came to America. Zacharias settled at Plymouth, Mass., William, at New Albany, on the Hudson, and Zenas, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. It is supposed that they were all single men at that time and married in this country. They engaged in farming, and were active participants in the French and Indian War; they were sometimes occupied in building roads.

Zenas Blossom, Jr., was born at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and received as liberal an education as was possible in those times. He fought bravely throughout the Revolutionary War, and served as captain. After the war, he moved to Vermont, with some other ambitious Massachusetts families. They settled in Rutland county, and named the place Pittsfield, after the old home. They went there in emigrant wagons,—following trails through the forests.

Zenas Blossom built a log house, and later, a grist-mill; this mill was possibly one of the first in the state. After clearing a small piece of land, he raised vegetables and grain, for

family use. It was an arduous task to clear the land, which was done principally by cutting down the trees and burning them. He also manufactured potash which was his only means of obtaining money. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years and reared six children, the youngest of whom was William Ripley.

William Ripley Blossom was seven years old when the family removed to Vermont. After pursuing his elementary studies, and obtaining the rudiments of an education, he continued to gain knowledge by self tuition. He succeeded so well that when only seventeen years old, he began to teach, and followed this occupation for eight years. In the meantime he had purchased three hundred acres of land which he cleared, built a log house thereon, and engaged in general farming, and sugar raising. He married Czarina Cole, of Randolph, Vermont. The stockings which he wore at his wedding are in the possession of the subject hereof. The following description of his wedding costume is interesting and is attached to the stockings.

"William R. Blossom was married in these stockings with low, kid slippers. He also wore a blue, broadcloth suit with short knee pants and a white vest. His bride was C. Cole, of Randolph, dressed in white. Were married at her uncle's in Sherburne, by the Rev. Justus Parsons, June 6, 1822. He was thirty-three, and she was twenty-three."

This worthy couple had seven children, as follows: Czarina (Church); Ellen, wife of Rev. Mr. Willard; Orville, a merchant in Bos-

ton; Orvis, Dr. Ripley's father; William, a farmer in Holton, Kansas; and two others, who died in infancy.

William R. Blossom was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. He represented the town twice in the State Legislature. He served as justice of the peace, for thirty-five years, and in all the township offices. He was a deacon of the Congregational church, and was active in all church matters. He participated in the War of 1812. He was elected captain of his company, and went north as far as Ticonderoga. He was particularly active in road building, and worked upon the first permanent road in the town of Pittsfield.

Orvis Blossom was born in Pittsfield, Vermont, in 1832. He was mentally trained in the public schools, and learned farming by working with his father. He purchased a saw mill operated by water power. It was located one mile west of the village of Pittsfield, and was one of the old "up-and-down" kind. He conducted this mill throughout his active days,—manufacturing rough lumber which he sold to local trade. He also did custom work. His mill had an old, floating, "four-foot," overshoot wheel, and a capacity of fifteen hundred feet per day. He owned about two hundred acres of timber land, and sawed all kinds, but, mostly, spruce. He shipped hemlock.

His marriage with Emeline Swan, a daughter of Ebenezer Swan, of Barnard, resulted in the birth of two children, William Ripley, the subject hereof, and Emeline R. (Furman). Orvis Blossom was a Republican, in politics.

He served as selectman, and was on the school board, and in various other town offices. He was an active member of the Congregational church, and officiated as class leader and chorister. He died in 1888, aged fifty-six years. His widow still survives him. She was born in Barnard, Vt., in 1833.

Dr. Blossom was united in marriage, in 1877, with Josephine Crane, a daughter of Columbus Crane. Mrs. Blossom was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1860, and was educated in the public schools of that city. She has five children, namely: Elsie; Ethel; Frank; Fay and Wilhelmina. Dr. Blossom is an adherent of the Republican party, but is not active in politics. He is a member of Holton Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., of Holton, Kansas, and of Friendship Lodge, No. 15, K. of P., of Holton, Kansas.

ALBERIC H. BELLEROSE, M. D., a rising young physician of Rutland, Vermont, is a Canadian by birth. He was born in Nicolet, Province of Quebec, Canada, July 13, 1867, and was educated in the college at that place. The degrees of B. M. and M. D. were conferred upon him by the Laval University, of Montreal, where he fitted himself for his profession.

Dr. Bellerose began practice in Rutland, Vermont, in 1892, and has rapidly advanced to the front rank. Nature has been generous to him, and endowed him with a splendid physique and almost perfect health. In addition



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MRS. CHARLOTTE M (DEWEY) ROSS.
DR. LUCRETIVS DEWEY ROSS.
PAUL D. ROSS.

to his physical qualifications, the Doctor is a man of high intellectual attainments. Thus he is doubly equipped not only to withstand the hardships incident to the life of a physician, but is all the more competent to cope with disease. He is a general practitioner and his increasing practice fully attests his worth and popularity.

Dr. Bellerose is a son of Norbert and Bridget (Duggan) Bellerose. His father was an extensive land owner, farmer, and broker in Nicolet, where his death occurred, March 14, 1868, at the age of fifty-two years. Dr. Bellerose is the youngest of eleven children,—seven sons and four daughters,—all of whom, together with the beloved mother, are still living. He is the only member of the family who left Canada. In addition to his regular practice, Dr. Bellerose is a medical attendant in the Rutland Hospital, where he gains much valuable experience. His whole time and energy are given to his work, and his natural industry, good morals, and correct habits, bespeak for him a successful career.

The subject of this sketch is a Forester, and, in politics, favors the Republican party.



DR. LUCRETIUS DEWEY ROSS, a venerable and highly respected citizen of Poultney, was for many years one of the ablest physicians and surgeons of Rutland county, Vermont. He was born in East Poultney, on July 4, 1828. Dr. Ross attended the select school in Hampton, taught

by the Rev. Moore Bingham, an Episcopal rector. Many pupils of his select school became men of prominence, and some developed into able statesmen. Among the students at that day were, Edward J. Phelps, who was afterward minister to the Court of St. James; Artemus Waldo, of New York; and Samuel Beaman, of Wisconsin. The latter's grandfather led Ethan Allen into Fort Ticonderoga. Dr. Ross took a preparatory course at Castleton, and at Troy Conference Academy, in Poultney. He graduated from Middlebury College, in 1852. In 1857, he graduated from Castleton Medical College, and began practice in East Poultney.

In 1860, when thirty-two years old, Dr. Ross was united in marriage with Adeline A. Baldwin, a fair daughter of H. G. and Roxana (Strongwood) Baldwin, influential citizens of Brandon, Vermont. Six children blessed this union, namely: Carroll B.; Willis M.; Anna D.; Lucretius Henry; Paul G., and Charles L. Carroll B. Ross is a successful physician, in West Rutland, Vermont. Willis M. is an able attorney in Rutland. Anna D. remains at home, where she is her father's competent housekeeper. Lucretius Henry is a practicing physician in Bennington, Vermont. Paul G. is postmaster in Poultney. Charles L. is a druggist and expert pharmacist, in Hoosic Falls, New York.

Dr. Ross has lost one granddaughter and has, living, six grandsons and one granddaughter. His five sons are all graduates of Middlebury College. Two of them, doctors, are also Harvard graduates. October 28,

1874, Dr. Ross was called upon to sustain the loss of his much beloved wife, who died in her forty-fifth year. The walls of several rooms in his house are thickly crowded with works of art, in oil painting, from the hands of his departed wife, and those of his daughter, Anna D. Many of the pieces are indicative of real genius.

Dr. Ross is a son of Paul M. and Charlotte Mosely (Dewey) Ross, and a grandson of Paul and Olive (Mower) Ross. The Doctor's grandfather was a native of Barre, Vermont. He was twice married. His union with Olive Mower, of Barre, resulted in the birth of one son, Paul M., father of the subject hereof. The mother died at his birth, and the Doctor's grandfather again married, rearing four sons by his second union. Their names are: Abram; Stephen; Ozias, and John. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a farmer in good circumstances. He started for the battle of Plattsburg, New York, but was too late to participate in the conflict, which was one of the first battles of the War of 1812. In his religious views, he was a Universalist. His remains rest in the burial ground at Barre, Vermont.

Paul M. Ross, father of the subject hereof, was born in Barre, Vermont, in the year 1800. February 14, 1826, he wedded Charlotte Moseley Dewey, an accomplished daughter of Dr. David and Anna (Morse) Dewey, of Poultney, where Dr. Ross' mother was born. September 10, 1804. She was the eldest of ten children. Of these, three sons and four daughters grew to maturity. Those now liv-

ing are: Zebadiah, of East Poultney, and Laura, widow of J. W. King, of Glens Falls, New York. (Information concerning the Dewey family may be found in the History of Rutland County, and, also, in a large volume, recently published, which is devoted to a history of the Deweys.)

Dr. Ross is the only child of his parents. His father was a harness maker by trade. He was successfully engaged in that business for thirty years, in East Poultney, Vermont. At a later period, in company with others, he engaged in the manufacture of melodeons. He removed from Barre to Poultney, in 1825, nearly three-quarters of a century ago. He acquired a competence, but could not boast of such affluent circumstances, as the Deweys. He died in 1870, and his widow survived him for twenty-eight years. She died at the old home in East Poultney, in the spring of 1898, having passed her ninety-third birthday.

Dr. Ross is a Mason, and is a member of the Morning Star Council and Chapter. In politics, he is a Republican and has served as superintendent of schools six years, as town clerk, two years, and as pension examiner, for eleven years. He was appointed assistant surgeon of the 14th Regiment, Vermont Infantry, and after serving nine months, with that regiment, was transferred to the military hospital at Brattleboro, Vermont. Dr. Ross is a consistent member of the Baptist church, but in early life was connected with the Congregational church. His wife was a Baptist. He purchased his pleasant home on Beaman street, in 1869, and in it he

still lives most happily and contentedly.

On a preceding page, in connection with this sketch, is found an interesting family group, showing portraits of four generations of the Ross family, viz.: Mrs. Charlotte M. (Dewey) Ross, our subject's mother; Dr. Lueretius Dewey Ross, our subject; Dr. Carroll B. Ross, our subject's son; and Paul D. Ross, son of Dr. Carroll B. Ross.

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SAMUEL KENDALL BURBANK, a prosperous hardware merchant of Pittsford, Vermont, also owns a half interest in the firm of Burbank & Leonard, box manufacturers of the same place, and fills many positions of trust in his community. Mr. Burbank was born in Proctorsville, Vermont, March 15, 1844. He is a son of Abel and Almira (Blood) Burbank, a grandson of Samuel and Eunice (Kendall) Burbank, and a great-grandson of Samuel Burbank, who was born in Massachusetts, in 1706.

The Burbank family is of Scotch-Irish extraction. Samuel Kendall Burbank's grandfather, Samuel Burbank, was born in Sudbury, Massachusetts, June 24, 1735. He was joined in marriage, in 1773, with Eunice Kendall; the ceremony took place in Hollister, Massachusetts, where they lived for some time. At a later period they removed to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and engaged in farming. About the year 1800, Samuel Burbank located in Vermont. He died in Cavendish, Vt., February 26, 1808. His widow survived him

until June 30, 1845, when she passed to her final rest, at the advanced age of ninety-five years.

Samuel Burbank was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He was a lieutenant, and was in command of his company in the battle of Bunker Hill. Just before the battle, his captain showed the white feather, and Lieutenant Burbank assumed command, and rendered gallant service. Samuel Burbank and his worthy wife reared ten of their eleven children,—seven sons and three daughters. One grandson, Sidney Burbank, was educated at West Point, and was a prominent general in the Civil War.

Abel Burbank, father of Samuel Kendall, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, March 4, 1794. He married Almira Blood, of Proctorsville, Vermont. Almira was born April 15, 1808. She was a daughter of Zaccheus and Experience (Proctor) Blood. Her maternal grandfather was Solomon Proctor, of Massachusetts, for whom Proctorsville was named. He was a man of property and influence, and was a captain in the Revolutionary War. The parents of the subject hereof were married, March 7, 1827. Six children were born to them, namely: Augusta, Valeria, Albin Sullivan, Henry Zaccheus, Samuel Kendall, the subject of this record, and Clara Experience. Augusta was born February 3, 1828. She married Rev. Edward A. Rice, a Methodist minister. Three children blessed this union,—Edward B., Almira, and Clara Louise. Valeria was born August 11, 1832. She married Charles J. Fenton, town treas-

urer, of Pittsford, Vermont. Albin Sullivan was born in Proctorsville, April 4, 1838. He is a manufacturer of woolen goods, and owns a woolen mill. He has a wife and one daughter. Henry Zaccheus was born July 1, 1841. He resides in Boston, with his wife and two daughters. Clara Experience was born June 16, 1850, and resides in Pittsford, being still unmarried. Abel Burbank was a prominent merchant in Proctorsville. He started out, a poor boy without capital, and accumulated a good property. He stood high in the estimation of his acquaintances. He was captain in the militia. He was an official member of the Methodist church, of which his wife was also a devout member. Mr. Burbank's father died May 21, 1877, surviving his wife more than thirteen years. She died November 21, 1864. They rest in the cemetery at Proctorsville, where the greater part of their lives was spent.

Samuel Kendall Burbank attended public school until he attained the age of seventeen years. He then went to work in his brother's woolen mill, continuing thus one year. In the meantime he had gained some knowledge of bookkeeping, and he then kept books for his brother, for three years. He followed a similar occupation in Boston for about nine months, and resigned to accept a position as cashier of the St. Nicholas Hotel, in New York City, which position he retained for ten years. This hotel was begun, on borrowed capital, by Samuel Hawk, who, in ten years, made one million dollars. Mr. Burbank left New York City and moved to Pittsford, twenty years ago.

June 19, 1872, Mr. Burbank married Nancy Jane Tottingham, of Pittsford, Vermont. Mrs. Burbank is a daughter of Joseph B. and Caroline (Hall) Tottingham. Her mother was a daughter of Elias Hall, and her marriage with Joseph B. Tottingham resulted in the birth of two daughters, Mary, and Nancy Jane, Mr. Burbank's wife. Mary married Henry W. Taylor, the chief engineer of the House of Representatives, in Washington, District of Columbia. Mrs. Burbank's father died, and her mother again married. She became the wife of Carlos A. Hitchcock, now of Washington, District of Columbia.

Carlos A. Hitchcock was born in the town of Rutland, five miles from Pittsford, November 2, 1820. He is a son of Lyman and Parthena (Weed) Hitchcock, and a grandson of Remembrance and Eunice (Allen) Hitchcock. His grandparents reared six children, as follows: Lyman; Harry; Abigail; Anson; Marcus; and Eliza, who died when twenty-five years old. She was a Methodist minister's wife.

Lyman Hitchcock married Parthena Weed, of Pittsford, Vermont. Four children were born to them, three of whom grew up, viz.: Carlos A., Marcus, and Oscar. Lyman Hitchcock was a farmer in Chittenden, Vt., for thirty years before his death, which took place when he was about fifty years old. He was in good circumstances, but at one time lost his last dollar by signing as security for a friend.

Carlos A. Hitchcock was reared to farm life. When eighteen years old, he became a clerk

in a general merchandise store in Clarendon Springs, where he remained about four years. At a later period he served as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Edgerton, and also under Sheriff Field. He served writs, for a period of twenty-five years. He was also constable and collector for a number of years, and was at last glad to retire. During this time he also engaged in the hardware business in Pittsford. In 1870, he served in the legislature. His only son, Fred Hitchcock, died at the early age of fifteen and a half years, and, in 1885, his beloved wife died. Mr. Hitchcock was a member of the Republican party, but of late has eschewed all partisan politics. He never joined any society, and has made his home in Washington, since 1889.

Mr. Burbank, also, is a staunch Republican. He has not only filled various town offices, but has held higher positions of trust. In 1894, he served in the lower house of the legislature; his brother, Albin, was in the State Senate, the same year, from Windsor county. Mr. Burbank has been steward, trustee, and recording secretary of the M. E. church, for a period of eighteen years. He located in his present residence, in 1879, and in that year engaged in the hardware business, with Carlos A. Hitchcock. For fifteen years the firm of Hitchcock & Burbank did a prosperous business, until Mr. Hitchcock retired. Since then, the subject of this sketch has conducted the concern alone. Mr. Burbank is a director of the Merchants' Bank, of Rutland, and, also, of the Proctor Trust Company, of Proctor, Vermont. Besides his splendid store, he also

owns a half interest in the firm of Burbank & Leonard. This firm was organized but two years ago, and operates a box factory. It has proved to be one of the most successful business enterprises of the village, and furnishes employment to at least twenty men.

Mr. Burbank is one of the representative men in this section of Vermont. His opinions are sought and valued as those of a citizen of deliberate and temperate judgment, and of intelligent thought.

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CHARLES W. NORTON, a well-to-do dealer in general merchandise, residing in Wallingford, Rutland county, Vermont, was born in Timmouth, Vermont, December 28, 1861. His primary education in the public school was supplemented by a course at Lawrence Academy at Groton, Vermont, from which he graduated, in 1882. After leaving school, Mr. Norton returned to Timmouth and undertook trading, in all its branches. In 1897, he moved to his present place in Wallingford. He deals in paints, lumber wagons, machinery, bicycles, diamonds, jewelry, furniture, lime, and a great many other things. Mr. Norton is an active, enterprising and progressive man. He possesses all the qualifications essential to business success. His residence in the town of Wallingford is the prettiest house in the village. It stands on an eminence, surrounded by pretty lawns. The house itself is built in the old colonial style. It contains ten large

rooms, and is beautifully finished, both inside and outside. Mrs. Norton also owns a residence at Middletown Springs, and Mr. Norton owns building lots in Albany, and Rutland. Charles W. Norton is a son of William W. and Henrietta (Bradley) Norton, and a grandson of Aaron and Samantha (Andrews) Norton.

Aaron Norton was born in Tinmouth, Vermont. He descended from sturdy pioneers. He was schooled at his native place, where he learned the trade of a tanner. He owned and operated a tannery, manufacturing all kinds of leather, employing eight or ten men. He was joined in marriage with Samantha Andrews, of Cornwall, Vermont. Samantha was a descendant of an old Connecticut family, who went from that state to Vermont, on horseback. As the Indians were troublesome, they were obliged to return to Connecticut. Two years later, they moved back to the Vermont farm. Aaron Norton and his wife reared seven children, namely: Adra (Carpenter); Mary A. (Wheeler); Fanny (Pendleton); Calysta (Pendleton); Harriet (Mehurin); William; and Cornelius.

William Norton was born in Tinmouth, Vt., in 1811. He was mentally trained in the public schools of his native town. He learned painting and frescoing, and followed that trade many years. While yet a young man, he removed to Lowell, Massachusetts, and went into business for himself. His affairs prospered, and he soon employed quite a number of men to assist him. William Norton married Henrietta Bradley, a daughter of

Franklin Bradley. Franklin Bradley was the son of an old Revolutionary hero, who participated in several battles near Concord, and other places. Mrs. Bradley was a cousin of Brigadier-General Joseph Morrill, who was active in the Civil War. She was also a sister of Mrs. Charles Whitney, whose husband was a wealthy lumber merchant, of Boston.

Charles W. Norton's parents reared five children, as follows: Eugene W., Fred W., Marion, Addie C., and the subject of this sketch. Eugene W. is now in Chicago. He has a position on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Fred W. resides in the southern part of California, where he has been a principal of schools, for twenty-five years. Marion married George Marsh, a well-known bookkeeper in Chicago. Addie C. married L. W. Howard, wholesale druggist, at White River Junction, Vermont. After many years, William Norton gave up painting, left Massachusetts, and went to Tinmouth, Vermont. He purchased two hundred acres of land in that vicinity, and devoted the remainder of his life to general farming, and dairying. He raised some fine Holstein cattle. Politically, William Norton was a Republican, and held most of the town offices. He died in 1884, aged seventy-three years. His widow survived him until 1892. She was seventy-four years old at the time of her death.

Charles W. Norton was united in marriage with Florence Virginia Coy, daughter of Martin and Lucia (Cook) Coy. Martin Coy was a son of Reuben Coy, one of the early set-

tlers of Vermont. Martin was born in Middletown Springs, Vermont. He followed farming and succeeded to the old homestead. His wife was a native of Timmouth. They reared three children, as follows: Everlin, a farmer on the home farm; Mary; and Florence Virginia, the wife of Charles W. Norton. Mrs. Norton was educated at Castleton State Normal School, from which she graduated. She then followed the profession of teaching. She taught in different places, fifteen terms in all, and was a very successful instructress. Three children bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norton. They are: Whitney C., aged twelve years; Roscoe, aged ten years; and Henrietta, aged six years. The family unite in worshipping at the Congregational church. The subject of this sketch is a Republican, in politics, but would never accept office.

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GEORGE D. WHEATON, a retired farmer of Pittsford, Vermont, where he is very pleasantly situated, comes of English ancestry. The name was originally spelled "Whedon." The first progenitor of the family in America was one Thomas Whedon, who left England, in 1650, when nineteen years of age. He settled in North Branford, Connecticut, where he learned the tanner's trade with a Mr. Gilbert. About 1657, he was joined in marriage with Hannah Harvey. Thomas Whedon became a man of wealth and influence. He attained the great age of ninety years, and reared two sons and four daughters. His sons were Thomas, Jr.,

and Jonathan. One of these brothers had a son, Isaac, who also had sons, three in number: Solomon, Isaac, Jr., and James. James wedded Dina Whedon, who bore him four sons, as follows: Rufus, Isaac, Pittman, and James. Isaac was George D. Wheaton's grandfather, and will be mentioned later, herein.

Rufus Whedon was born in Connecticut, in 1757. On the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, when he was eighteen years old, he enlisted in the American army and served during the entire conflict. He was a close friend of Washington, and was with him in most of his hard-fought battles. For a time he served as body guard to that great general and patriot. After the war, he married Anna Norton, and lived in his native state until 1827, when he removed with his family to Pittsford, Vermont. There he resided with his brother Isaac, the grandfather of George D., for nearly a year. April 2, 1828, he purchased a farm of Abel Penfield, and made his home there. February 9, 1839, his wife died, from smallpox. Rufus Whedon was again married, this time wedding the widow Gatt, of Rutland. He died April 5, 1840. Like many of the name, he was a tall man but was more portly than the subject hereof. He was both sociable and entertaining. In relating his military experience, he told many interesting anecdotes of "the father of our country."

George D. Wheaton's grandfather changed his name from Isaac Whedon, to Isaac Wheaton. He was born August 7, 1770. Isaac Wheaton was a man of affairs. He was, by

trade, a joiner. He settled on a farm of one hundred and ten acres in the town of Pittsford, Vermont; this farm is still known as the Wheaton farm, and has valuable marble quarries upon it. He served as justice of the peace, for many years. December 6, 1797, he married Irene Dike, a daughter of Jonathan Dike. Mrs. Isaac Wheaton was born June 25, 1779, and bore her husband three sons and two daughters. Two daughters and one son reached maturity. They are: Electa, Mary, and Isaac Chester, father of George D. Electa married David Hall. She had seven sons and one daughter. Mary married Joel Mead, of Rutland, and has one son and one daughter. Isaac Wheaton died on November 25, 1851; his widow survived him until July 5, 1855. Their remains rest in the old burial ground in Pittsford, Vermont.

Isaac Chester Wheaton, George D.'s father, was born on a farm about two and a half miles northwest of the village of Pittsford, October 16, 1809. He was a man of military bearing and tastes. He was a member of the militia and rose from the ranks to be a general. He cultivated the old homestead farm until 1868, when he sold it, and purchased the Hammond farm. General Wheaton was united in marriage with Mary A. Clifford, of Pittsford, Vermont. This happy event occurred February 22, 1831, and their union resulted in the birth of three children. General Wheaton died in July, 1877, and his death was followed by that of his faithful companion, in December of the following year. She was born April 30, 1810. Their children were: Edwin C.,

George D., the subject hereof; and Martha A. Edwin C. was a prosperous farmer in the town of Pittsford, where he died, in 1888. One daughter and one son survived him. Martha A. married Dan K. Hall, of Pittsford.


George D. Wheaton was born upon the same farm where his father's birth occurred, October 22, 1836. He was reared to farm life but had the advantage of an academic education. With the exception of one year spent in Illinois and Michigan, he has followed farming exclusively. On medical examination, he was rejected as a soldier in the Civil War. October 13, 1863, he was joined in marriage with Ella Howard, a daughter of John and Jane L. (Spaulding) Howard, of Benson, Vermont. Mrs. Howard was a native of Brandon, Vermont. Mr. Howard was a farmer and died January 7, 1855. His widow survived him many years. She died at the home of the subject hereof, in October, 1898, an octogenarian. She was the mother of but one daughter (George D. Wheaton's wife), and one son, Wilbur H. Howard. He was a merchant in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mrs. Wheaton was educated in Granville Seminary, in New York.

The subject of this sketch and his worthy wife have one son, John Howard. John Howard Wheaton was born June 2, 1871. He is the superintendent of one of the Vermont Marble Company plants, in West Rutland. He was educated at Rocky Point, and spent two years in New York City in the interest of the Vermont Marble Company, by whom he has been employed several years.



ORIN A. PECK.

Mr. Wheaton was a farmer up to 1892, on the Hammond farm of one hundred and fifty acres. He sold the Hammond farm, but still retains his hill farm of seventy acres. He purchased his present beautiful residence, in the spring of 1899, from Frank C. Denison. In politics, he is a staunch Republican. He has held several town offices. The family unite in worshipping at the Congregational church, of which they are members.

RIN A. PECK, a popular merchant of Fair Haven, Vermont, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is considered to be one of the solid business men of Rutland county. Mr. Peck is a native of Windsor county, Vt., as was his father before him. He attended school until sixteen years of age, then left the farm to learn the trade of a cabinet maker, at Springfield, Vt. He began his business career in Rutland, in 1862, where he carried on a furniture business for a number of years. In 1869 he went to Fair Haven and engaged in similar work until 1893, doing some building and manufacturing also.

During the panic of 1857, Mr. Peck went west as far as Iowa and Minnesota and worked at his trade as a journeyman. Part of the time while west he worked at Madison, Wisconsin. He was also located for some time at Whitewater, Wis., where he assisted a man in establishing a furniture business. Since locating permanently in Fair

Haven, Mr. Peck has been a very busy man, and has been engaged in various enterprises. He was road commissioner for eleven years; selectman for thirteen years; village trustee four years. During these years, he assisted in putting in the water works; organized and equipped two fire companies, and was the first fire chief, serving seven years; he also built the lock-up and hose house. Mr. Peck is a Republican, but is a member of no church or secret society. He has carried on the furniture and undertaking business, in connection with which he has handled a full line of carpets, etc. Mr. Peck is a son of Orin A., Sr., and Sarah (Shattuck) Peck.

Orin A. Peck, Sr., was a farmer and died in 1840, aged fifty-two years, leaving a widow and five children, as follows: Orin A., subject of these lines; Parker S.; James A.; Lucy; and Mary. Parker S. was killed during the Civil War, in front of Petersburg, and lies buried in an unknown grave, near the scene of his death; he had been in the service over two years. He left a wife, but no children. James A., a prominent farmer of Windsor county, Vt., has a wife and one son. Lucy married a Mr. Abbott, and died at thirty-eight years of age, without issue. Mary became the wife of Ransom Beckwith; she died at the age of thirty-five years, having previously lost her two children. After the death of our subject's father, his mother married again; she died, in 1890, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Our subject's mother was a daughter of Parker Shattuck, a deacon of the Baptist church

for over sixty years. He was one of the organizers of the church, in which he served as deacon until his death. He served as representative of his town and was an officer of the state militia. When but sixteen years of age, he left Temple, Mass., and started on his career by working in the woods ten miles from any house. He grew to be a strong, healthy man and had the reputation of being a great worker. He lived to be ninety-three years old.

In the spring of 1899, Mr. Peck sustained heavy losses by fire. The fire caught in the Park View House and in a short time that and Mr. Peck's fine brick house were in ruins. As yet, our subject is undecided about rebuilding. But it is hoped that he will, for Fair Haven can ill afford to lose from the ranks of her business men so worthy and reliable a man as the modest and somewhat reticent bachelor—O. A. Peck.



CAPTAIN CHARLES HITCHCOCK, late a prosperous and representative farmer, of the town of Pittsford, Rutland county, Vermont, who died October 25, 1899, came of English ancestry. His ancestors emigrated from England in the earliest colonial days; some of them even came over in the Mayflower.

In 1797, or more than one hundred and one years ago, his grandfather, John Hitchcock, built the house in which the subject of this sketch so recently departed this life.

The house has been changed and enlarged during these years, but holds its age remarkably well. In it Captain Hitchcock was born March 24, 1822. His father, Chapman Hitchcock, was born in Connecticut, in 1775. He made the first improvements, and built a house on what was known as the "Alexander place." After the death of his father, he returned to the paternal home. He was a man of culture and refinement. He became proficient in music, and taught singing. He will long be remembered as leader of the Congregational church choir. He was quite a celebrated "Nimrod," and was ever ready to join his neighbor in the chase of large game. Both deer and bear were numerous.

On one occasion, when hunting with Andrus Barnard, they and the dog treed a bear, and Barnard fired. This brought down the bear, which was still, however, able to fight. Hitchcock raised his gun to fire but Barnard cried, "Hold on, you'll kill my dog!" Mr. Hitchcock then seized a large handspike and struck a heavy blow at the bear. The latter warded it off, and the blow fell upon the dog, and killed it. Mr. Hitchcock then took his gun and destroyed the bear. In 1801, he married Chrissey Hill, who was born in Massachusetts, in 1779. Eleven children were the result of this union,—five of whom were sons, and six daughters. All are now deceased.

Chapman Hitchcock was a man of prominence, and held all the town offices. He was selectman and justice of the peace many years. He died at the advanced age of eighty-three years, and his companion died in her

seventy-fifth year. They were among the earliest Methodists in Pittsford, Vermont, but rest in the Congregational churchyard.

Captain Hitchcock had a fair, common schooling. He married Sarah Jane Merrill, who was born in West Rutland, in 1823. She was a graduate of Poultney Seminary, and taught school there and at other places, prior to her marriage, which took place in Pittsford. She is a daughter of Harry W. and Abigail (Hitchcock) Merrill. Three children were born to Captain Hitchcock and his wife, namely: Sarah, who died in infancy; Merrill; and Ernest. Merrill Hitchcock was born in 1854. He is a Methodist minister and a member of the Troy Conference. He graduated from Wesleyan University in 1881. He lost his first wife, and again married. His present wife was Ida May Sharp, before her marriage. They have five children,—three sons and two daughters, as follows: Irene; Guy Chapman; Charles Sharp; Nelson Sibley; and Mary. Ernest Hitchcock, the youngest son, is still on the home farm, which he assists in cultivating. He married Caroline Ann Curtice a native of Webster, New York. They have four children, viz.: Miriam Curtice, a tall young lady of thirteen years; Harry Merrill, eleven years old; Curtice Nelson, aged seven years; and John Allen, five years old.

In politics, Captain Hitchcock was a staunch Republican. He served in the town offices, and also, two terms, in the legislature. He was an official member of the M. E. church, which he joined fifty-nine years ago. Captain Hitchcock left a fine farm of three hundred

and twenty acres. He used to make a specialty of raising sheep, and often had as many as four hundred or five hundred fine wool sheep on his place, at one time. He latterly carried on general farming. His son has a dairy of thirty Holstein-Friesian cattle, with a few fine Jerseys. Captain Hitchcock held many of the town offices.

Although a slender man, the captain stood six feet high; he was not only a man of dignified and military bearing, but a refined and intellectual gentleman. He came of a tall race, on both sides of the family, and his posterity are of the same type.



JAMES J. MCGUIRK, president of the McGuirk Wagon Company, of East Wallingford, Vermont, is an active and energetic business man. He has acquired an enviable reputation in the sphere of his trade. His marked success can only be attributed to his superior natural abilities and indomitable will. The McGuirk Wagon Company are builders of heavy wagons and farm vehicles. The subject of this sketch was born in Rutland, Vermont, November 11, 1864, and is a son of Matthew McGuirk, who was a well-known mechanic and worked as a brass molder, for nearly thirty years, in the railroad shop of Rutland. He came from a family noted for natural mechanical talent.

James J. McGuirk obtained his primary education in the public schools of Rutland, and, later, graduated from the high school.

He then went to his father's farm and worked for two years. Being of an ambitious turn of mind, and desiring to support himself, he entered the shop of S. Terrill, as an apprentice, to learn the wagon maker's trade. Having completed his apprenticeship and learned his trade, he went to West Rutland and carried on business for himself, for one and a half years. He then visited New York City, and by request of Z. B. K. Penfield, went to the Isthmus of Panama, on board the steamship City of Para, and worked, for eleven months, on the celebrated Panama Canal. He then returned to New York, and was employed by the Empire Iron & Wire Company, erecting elevators, fitting up offices, and banks, with fine fixtures. So expert and skilful was his work, that his ability soon won for him the confidence of his employers and he was placed in charge of a force of men. Being anxious, however, to become fully competent in all branches of his trade, he resigned his position with the Empire Iron & Wire Company, and entered the employ of the Camden Iron Works. Here, too, his skill and ability were recognized and he was put to work on the largest gas holder in the world, located at Ravenswood, Long Island.

He next found employment with the Rochester Bridge & Iron Works, and was in the service of that concern for some time, after which he took a contract to paint the bridges at East Wallingford and Ludlow. Not content with always remaining an employee, he abandoned all idea of working for other people, and started in business for himself, at his

present location. In 1886, he took up his trade of wagon maker, and very quickly gained an enviable reputation for turning out a high grade of work. He makes a specialty of heavy farm wagons, capable of resisting the severe strain to which they are subjected, on the Green Mountains. It is worthy of note that some of the first wagons his concern manufactured have not yet been returned for any repairs whatever. The lumber he uses is all taken from his own forests; nothing but absolutely perfect stock is used; and it possesses a quality for which this state is famous.

He first erected a three-story frame building, forty by sixty feet, and equipped it with all the latest appliances and devices for producing good work. He soon found this building inadequate and decided to add a wing. Subsequently, two more buildings were erected to accommodate his increasing trade. In the third story of the main building is the harness shop, where he manufactures a fine grade of light and heavy harness. He has discontinued the manufacture of light wagons, and has accepted an agency for a Western company. He is also a special agent for the Deering Harvester Company, and handles that well-known firm's line of farm machinery. In addition to his heavy farm wagon, he manufactures hotel sleds, lumber sleds, and a very fine milk-wagon buckboard. He has a steam power plant, containing everything necessary to turn out work with dispatch. The D. Arthur Brown malleable boxes and the celebrated Anchor Brand steel axles, are used

exclusively. Mr. McGuirk also does horse shoeing and general blacksmithing. He employs fifteen men in his shop, and is adding to his business all the time. He carries a large stock on hand. A personal supervision of the whole plant is exercised by him, and he takes entire charge of all branches of the business, besides traveling on the road, as salesman. Mr. McGuirk conducted the enterprise alone, until 1899, when he increased the capital stock, and organized the McGuirk Wagon Company, Limited.

The subject of this sketch was united in marriage with Annie M. Cauty, of Rutland, formerly a dressmaker. They reared four children, namely: Walter B., a student; Alice R., also a student; Annie M.; and Arthur R., who is attending school. The residence of Mr. McGuirk is in Mount Holly and was formerly the home occupied by Dr. Chase. It is a beautiful and attractive place.

Politically, Mr. McGuirk is an ardent Democrat. He has served his party as a delegate to both state and county conventions, and has represented it on the county committee.

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ALPHIUS HAYNES is a venerable farmer residing at Middletown Springs, Rutland county, Vt., within a half mile of the place where he was born, more than ninety-two years ago. About one hundred yards from this spot, stands the house where he was reared, which is over a hundred years old. Mr. Haynes, or Deacon Haynes, as he is commonly called, has lived

a most industrious and exemplary life. He is a sociable and genial gentleman, and an interesting conversationalist. Witty and vivacious to a marked degree, he enjoys a joke as well as any one. His memory is remarkable, for a man of his years, and he can read well without glasses. In his long and eventful life, he has used no liquor, tobacco, or coffee. His strongest drink has been weak tea.

Alpheus Haynes was born July 29, 1807. He obtained only a limited mental training in the district school, earnestly preferring to work on the farm rather than to apply himself to study. Several of his brothers were college graduates, and afterwards became professional men. Two of them were ministers of the Gospel, and two, physicians. February 29, 1832, Mr. Haynes was joined in marriage with Eliza M. Sunderland, a daughter of John and Sally (Wolcott) Sunderland. Mrs. Haynes had two brothers. She was born in Shoreham, Vermont, in 1808. She bore her husband only one child, a son called John Franklin.

John Franklin Haynes was born August 13, 1832. He married Lucretia Leffingwell, a daughter of Harvey and Abigail (Burr) Leffingwell. Lucretia was born in the village of Middletown Springs, March 21, 1832. Her father was a native of the same village. He was born in 1808, and died at the age of eighty-one years. Her mother was born in Dorset, Vermont. She died in March, 1877, aged sixty-eight years. They left six children,—four sons and two daughters,—all of whom are still living.

Alpheus Haynes has no grandchildren, but his son has an adopted child, Clarence L. Haynes. Clarence L. was born July 3, 1875. He is a nephew of Mrs. Haynes, Jr., and is still at home on the farm. The subject hereof lost his wife March 29, 1882. She died when seventy-three and a half years old. Mr. Haynes has been a member of the Baptist church since he attained the age of seventeen years, having been converted when twelve years old. He was ordained deacon in 1840, and has filled that office since. In politics, Mr. Haynes is a Republican. He served as justice of the peace for many years, and also as selectman. He lacked only fifteen votes of being elected to the legislature, in a contest with a popular lawyer.

The subject of this sketch carries on general farming and keeps a small dairy, of twelve cows. In addition to this, he has young cattle, a flock of sheep, and four good horses. Some time since, a splendid team and wagon, harness, etc., were stolen from him, and never recovered. Alpheus Haynes is a son of Hezekiah and Sibyl (Brown) Haynes, a grandson of Jonathan Haynes, Jr., and a great-grandson of Jonathan Haynes, Sr.

The Haynes family can trace their ancestry back to one Jonathan Haynes, born in England, in 1616. The first of the family who came to America was Jonathan Haynes, Sr., great-grandfather of the subject hereof. Two of his brothers left England at the same time. All three settled in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Jonathan Haynes, Jr., left Haverhill, Mass., and sought a home in Bennington, Vermont.

In 1785, he settled in Middletown, Vt., early in the month of March. With the snow four feet deep, he put up a log house. A better house was soon built, however, a half mile away. He served in the Revolutionary War. His name appears on the roll of Captain Samuel Robinson's company, which is still preserved. This company took an active part in the battle of Bennington, Vermont. In that battle, while the American forces were falling back to secure a better position, Jonathan Haynes, Jr., was shot through the body. A musket ball struck him under the left shoulder blade, and passing through his body, came out at the right breast. The ball then passed through his right arm, at the wrist. This arm was extended at the time, in the act of ramming down a cartridge in his gun. It was about two o'clock when he was wounded; not long after, those who were sent to gather up the wounded came to Mr. Haynes and offered him assistance. So assured was he that his wound was mortal, that he refused help, telling his comrades to look after those who could be saved. They left him, but upon making the rounds at ten o'clock, found him still alive, and tenderly cared for him. Incredible as it seems, he recovered. It was not for him to die, but to live, and to assist in laying the foundations of the institutions of the town.

Jonathan Haynes, Jr., lived many years afterward, and although not strong, he was a great worker, and accumulated a good deal of property. He held various positions of trust, and was chosen a deacon of the Baptist church. On account of his frail health, how-

ever, he declined to serve. His death took place May 13, 1813, almost thirty-six years after receiving his terrible wound, in battle.

Hezekiah Haynes was born either in Massachusetts, or in Bennington, Vermont. At an early date, he accompanied his parents to Middletown, Vermont. Hezekiah Haynes was the inventor of the first wire tooth rake, which Alpheus Haynes helped to make. This was succeeded by the sulky rake. Mr. Haynes was joined in matrimony with Sibyl Brown, of Tinnmouth, Vt., a daughter of Joseph Brown, a deacon in the Congregational church. Twelve children blessed this union. Those who grew to maturity are: Achsah; Aaron; Alpheus (the subject of these lines); Arus; Bacchus; Sylvanus; Annis; Jonathan and Hezekiah. Achsah was born March 11, 1804. She married Asa Williams, and died in Jamestown, New York, in 1892, when nearly ninety-two years old. They reared a large family. Aaron was born September 10, 1805, and died March 27, 1877, in Jamestown, New York. He was a Baptist minister, and, subsequently, a doctor. He had two sons and two daughters. Arus was born August 3, 1810. When forty-one years old, on his way home from Florida, he died of consumption, and was buried at sea. He was, also, a Baptist preacher. Bacchus was born October 12, 1812. He died in Rutland, Vt., in his seventy-seventh year. He was a successful physician. Sylvanus was born March 15, 1815. He was also a physician. His widow still lives in Middletown Springs. Annis was born February 12, 1817. She spent her whole life upon the farm,

where her birth occurred. She died while yet a young woman and unmarried.

Jonathan was born January 6, 1821. He resides on the old farm, and appears much older than Alpheus, who is fourteen years his senior. Hezekiah died in Middletown, in 1897, aged seventy-two years. It will be seen from the foregoing ancestry that Alpheus Haynes, himself, sustains the family reputation for longevity. His career has been successful to a notable degree. In this, the evening of his life, he loves to talk about scenes and associations of many years ago,—recalling to his memory even the events of his early youth.

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HERBERT E. PARTRIDGE, a successful, general merchant in the village of Mechanicsville, Rutland county, Vermont, was born at Pomfret, Windsor county, Vermont, May 12, 1857. His father, Edward M. Partridge, was a native of Braintree, Vermont. He descended from an old Yankee family of English derivation. A distinguished member of the family is the well known Captain Partridge, the founder of the University of Vermont.

Edward M. Partridge was mentally trained in the public school, which he was permitted to attend but a short time; he made the most of his opportunities, however, and learned rapidly. After leaving school, he learned the carpenter's trade. Having much natural ability in that direction, he soon became a good mechanic, and could turn his hand to any-

thing in the line of his trade. He went west, to St. Paul, Mo., when that place contained only three houses. As the town grew, Mr. Partridge became an active figure in business circles. He was teller in the first bank there, and was also government land agent, until 1856. He then returned east and enlisted at Randolph, Vt., in the Union army, in the 2nd Reg., U. S. Sharpshooters. He took part in many conflicts, but while being transported, he was quite seriously injured and remained eight months in the hospital. He never fully regained his health. After his convalescence, he was detailed to assist in the surgeon's quarters, until his time expired. After the war he returned to carpenter work. His marriage with Elmina Bruce, a daughter of Harvey Bruce, resulted in the birth of three children, namely: Edward B., now a teacher in Dakota, where he also owns a ranch and farms; Herbert E., the subject of this sketch; and Lucian E., who was, at one time, a teacher and stock raiser in Dakota.

The first of Herbert E. Partridge's maternal ancestors who came to America, was his great-great-grandfather, J. F. Bruce, who, with his brothers, settled in the East. J. F. Bruce fought in the Revolutionary War, and distinguished himself for bravery at the battle of Hubbardton. He was taken prisoner by the British, and was not released until the surrender of Burgoyne. The maternal grandfather of Herbert E. Partridge, Harvey Bruce, was a direct descendant of Robert Bruce, the Scotch patriot. (For the family genealogy, any one interested is at liberty to write to

Captain Harvey Bruce, of South Pomfret, Vermont.)

Circumstances interrupted the education of the subject hereof, for a time. Herbert E. at once went away from home to work on a farm as chore boy. He labored for his board and clothes, until he was seventeen years old. He then began to attend school during the winter terms. In this way he saved sufficient money from wages earned during the summer to enable him to attend Green Mountain Academy. After leaving this institution, Mr. Partridge purchased a farm, which he cultivated for five years. On account of ill-health, he was obliged to give up farming. He then went to Weston, Vermont, and opened a general merchandise store, as successor to Sprague & Richardson. He carried on a successful business there for five years, when his lease expired, and he purchased his present store at Mechanicsville.

By excellent methods and strict attention to business his trade has increased to its present proportions. He now has one of the best stores in the town of Mount Holly. He carries in stock a large and complete line of everything called for in a country store. He re-built the store and has everything nicely arranged. Mr. Partridge was appointed postmaster under the present national administration. He had, however, served as deputy postmaster about fifteen months prior to his appointment. In politics, Mr. Partridge is an aggressive Republican. He has served as town clerk and treasurer, since 1897.

A singular incident occurred when Mr. Par-



JOHN B. BEAMAN.

tridge voted for the first time. This vote was cast in Pomfret, for representative in the State Legislature. His candidate was elected by a majority of one. Mr. Partridge has been twice married. His union with Julia M. Aldrich resulted in two children, Hattie E. and Guy W. Both are students at Poultney Academy. The mother of these children came of an old and respected Rutland county family. She taught school for a number of years. Some time after her death, Mr. Partridge contracted a second matrimonial alliance; in this instance Cora M. Priest, a daughter of Darius W. Priest, became his wife, and bore him two children. Fay E., aged six years; and Amy B., aged four years.

The subject of this sketch is a member of the M. E. church, of which he is steward. He belongs to Colfax Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., of which he is now vice grand. He is also a Mason.



JOHAN B. BEAMAN, a retired capitalist of Poultney, Vermont, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is also an able lawyer, and practiced that profession successfully, for many years, in Rutland county.

Mr. Beaman was born in the house which is still his home, September 13, 1819. He attended the public schools during early youth, and then became a pupil in the academies of West Rutland and Castleton, where he prepared for college. For three years, he pursued his studies in Middlebury College, and

then entered the senior class of Union College (N. Y.), from which he graduated in 1840. After reading law with Judge Howe, of Castleton, and E. L. Ormsbee, he was admitted to the Rutland county bar, in 1843. Mr. Beaman immediately commenced the practice of his profession, continuing until 1884. During the greater portion of that period, he practiced alone, but a part of the time, he conducted his business under the firm name of Beaman & Eddy, being in partnership with Charles F. Eddy. In 1875, about twenty-four years ago, the firm of Beaman & Platt was formed, of which Mr. Platt is still the active member, while Mr. Beaman is, practically, retired. In politics, Mr. Beaman is a Republican, stanch and true. He served in the legislature in 1850 and 1852, and also in 1870 and 1872. He was a member of the constitutional convention. He is a son of Joel and Lydia (Brown) Beaman.

Joel Beaman was born in Leominster, Mass., and went to Vermont in the spring of 1805. In company with others, he engaged in the manufacture of paper, of which he had a practical knowledge. He established a paper mill in Fair Haven, where he remained a few years. In 1808, he was joined in marriage with Lydia Brown, the eldest child of John Brown, Esquire. Soon after marriage, the young folk settled in Poultney, where Mr. Beaman purchased the public house still known as the Beaman House. This house has been retained by the family until the present day. Subsequently, the Ashley farm lands were bought by Mr. Beaman's

father. A part of this tract is now occupied by the village of East Poultney.

About that time, Mr. Beaman sold his interest in the paper mill and engaged in mercantile pursuits, which occupied his attention until the time of his death. Soon after the War of 1812, he purchased the Judge Wetherell farm. This was afterward sold to the Troy Conference Academy Association, and upon it were built the fine brick buildings of that flourishing school. In addition to hotel keeping, farming and mercantile pursuits, Mr. Beaman was interested for a time in a woolen mill, and was also largely engaged in staging. For many years, he held heavy mail contracts from Albany to Burlington, and from Rutland to Whitehall, besides on other and smaller routes. He would not in these days be considered a pushing speculator, but he was known as a safe business man, who never allowed any of his enterprises to suffer for lack of proper care and attention. Although eccentric in some respects, owing to absent mindedness as to what was passing before him, yet he was quick of observation. He also had a keen and ready conception, a sound judgment, and a most retentive memory. He was unpretentious and most considerate; in the various relations of life he was courteous to all.

Joel Beaman was, also, a public-spirited citizen, and was closely identified with the interests of his adopted home. He was often called upon to serve in the most important offices of his community. These offices he filled most capably and honestly. He served

in the Vermont Legislature in 1817, 1818, 1830, 1836, and 1840. His death occurred March 20, 1846. He left a widow and nine children. One son, Jenks Beaman, was a West Point graduate. He died at Tampico on his way home from the Mexican War, in 1848. He had participated in every battle but one, in that conflict, and tradition says he planted the American flag on the Castle d'Ulloa. Another son, Joel D., was a merchant in Poultney, Vt., and died in 1849. Frances H. married W. O. Ruggles, and died, in New York City, in 1862. Mr. Beaman's mother died January 31, 1867. She was much beloved by her family and near friends, and was a woman of sterling worth.

John B. Beaman's father was a man of great courage and strength. This he displayed admirably during the memorable flood of 1811, when he and others came near losing their lives in trying to reach home. His comrades gave up all hope of escaping from their watery surroundings, and sought refuge in the branches of the trees. Mr. Beaman doffed his outer garments, and placed his well-filled money wallet in his hat, on the top of his head. He then plunged into the rapid and angry current and swam for the shore, which he reached, after a desperate struggle, some sixty rods below the point of starting. His comrades in the trees, and his anxious friends upon the shore were much relieved at the success of his exploit. They thought no one could escape death in those turbulent waters.

The subject of this sketch, his brother Cullen C., and his sister Jane Beaman, are the

only survivors of the family. They reside in the old home, which was, for many years, the principal hotel of Poultney. There, at the "Beaman House," as it is called, these two brothers and their sister entertain their numerous friends quite frequently, and with genial hospitality.

EDWARD B. RUSSELL, an octogenarian, residing in a snug house in East Poultney, Vermont, has followed various occupations during his long and eventful life. Like most people he has had his vicissitudes of fortune. Although he is now nearing his eighty-ninth milestone, he is strong and sprightly, and his mental faculties remain sound and vigorous.

Mr. Russell was born November 21, 1810, in Dover, Dutchess county, New York. He is a son of Caleb and Parmea (Smith) Russell. His father was born near the Hudson River, in Shenandoah, New York, in 1775. His death took place on September 6, 1830, at Pawling, New York. He had little or no education, but his wife was intelligent and fairly educated. His marriage with Parmea Smith, about the year 1797, resulted in the birth of five sons and five daughters. All grew up, except one infant daughter. Mrs. Russell was a native of Pawling, New York, where she was born in February, 1781. The children who grew to maturity married and reared families of from three to five children, each. The only surviving member of the

family is the subject hereof, who is the sixth child, and third son, of his parents. One daughter, Sally, died at the age of eighty.

Edward B. Russell's mother died January 8, 1872. She lies buried in Brookfield, Connecticut, where her last years were spent with her daughter. She was a devout Baptist. The father's remains rest in the cemetery at Pawling.

Mr. Russell obtained but a meager schooling. He left home when nine years old and never afterward lived with his parents. In his ninth year his father told him to take a stirring stick and stir after two scythes, and to be sure and keep up. This he did, and since then he has worked at haying, every year, during a period of about eighty years.

When fifteen years old, Mr. Russell began to learn the wagon maker's trade. He entered upon an apprenticeship with a Mr. Sherman, in Pawling, New York. He served thus for nearly three years, receiving \$30 per year, with one month's schooling, each year. Sickness cut his apprenticeship short, and he went to his grandfather Smith's, in Freetown, Cortland county, New York. There it was that his first marriage was solemnized September 22, 1833. He was then united in matrimony with Electa S. Tanner, a winsome daughter of William and Hannah (Curtis) Tanner, of Freetown.

Mrs. Russell was born June 29, 1814, and was the mother of two daughters and one son. She died in Marathon, New York, October 26, 1843. Her children at that time were all small, one, an infant son, being but ten days

old. Their names are Hannah P.; Hester L.; and William W. Hannah P. died when twenty years old. Hester L. married E. H. Worcester, and resides in Cornwall, Vermont. She has one son and one daughter. William W. is a prominent farmer, in North Granville. He has a wife, five children and three grandchildren.

July 6, 1847, Mr. Russell contracted a second marriage. Theodosia Goodwin became his wife, and assisted him to rear his children, whom she loved dearly. She was born in New Hartford, Conn., April 5, 1814. After fifty-one years of connubial bliss, she died aged eighty-four years. Her death took place August 27, 1898, at the present home of the subject hereof, in Poultney, and her cheering companionship is sadly missed.

In politics, Mr. Russell is, nominally, a Democrat, but votes for the man and not for the party. He never sought office, but served in minor public positions, in both New York and Connecticut. He was elected constable ten times, and then resigned. He is not a member of any religious denomination, but is a supporter, and a regular attendant, of the Congregational church. Mr. Russell settled in the town of Morris, Connecticut, in 1866, and remained there until 1884. While there he owned and conducted a fine farm, and also worked at his trade as wagon maker. His principal business was carried on, however, in East Virgil, New York, where he employed five hands in wagon making. In the flood of 1852, he lost \$3,500. He also dealt extensively in cattle, while at East Virgil. In 1884,

he sold his various interests and removed to his present home, in Poultney.

Upon the death of his beloved wife, Mr. Russell's children desired him to break up housekeeping and spend his closing years with them. But the subject of this sketch is best content to remain in his own home, endeared to him by many tender associations. He has three great-grandchildren.

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MRS. CORNELIA J. LYON, a highly respected resident of Brandon, Vermont, lives in a beautiful home on Park street, the most desirable residence street in that beautiful village. She is the widow of the late Bradford Lyon.

Bradford Lyon was born in Whipple Hollow, West Rutland, Vermont, and was of Irish descent. He was a son of Barney and Betsey (Green) Lyon. His father was a skilled mechanic, and made wrought iron nails by hand. Bradford was the youngest of a large family of children. He was reared to farm work, and had a common schooling. He began the battle of life without cash capital. In early life, he was a salesman of musical instruments. Later, he became a successful business man, and made money rapidly by speculating in sheep. He was not a farmer but owned farms in both the East and West,—Illinois and Missouri. He also speculated in real estate, in which line he was very successful.

About the year 1867 or 1868, Mr. Lyon was

joined in marriage with Cornelia J. Seager, the subject of these lines. After marriage the young folk lived in North Granville, Vt., many years. Mr. Lyon was a great lover of music, and a musician of some note. He taught vocal music, and was choir leader of the Baptist church, of which he was a devout member. He was an active and intelligent man, and left a record worthy of emulation. His death took place in Colorado, July 10, 1879, and he was deeply mourned by all who knew him.

Cornelia J. Lyon is a daughter of Aaron and Rebecca (Harrison) Seager, both of whom were natives of Chittenden, Vermont. Her mother was born April 8, 1792, and her father, April 26, 1794. They were married January 1, 1822, and reared four sons and four daughters. All are still living except two daughters. Mrs. Lyon was the recipient of an academic training, in Castleton. After leaving school, she followed teaching for a number of years. Her first school was taught in the home district, when she was seventeen years old. With the exception of one year, during which she taught in Michigan, her teaching was confined to Vermont. She was quite a successful educator and loved her profession,—taking much pleasure in the success of her efforts.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Lyon settled up his estate, and then returned to Brandon. She purchased a fine, large lot on Park street, a wide and beautiful thoroughfare. Upon this desirable site she built a comfortable modern home, and is surrounded with every convenience. Her sister, Pamela,

lives with her. Mrs. Lyon still retains possession of some of her western farms, in Illinois and Missouri, where her husband made successful investments.

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MARTIN VAN BUSKIRK PRATT, a wealthy and retired merchant of West Pawlet, Vermont, is one of the most venerable and worthy citizens of Rutland county. Mr. Pratt was born at White Creek, New York. His schooling was limited. At sixteen years of age, he hired out as a farm laborer,—earning but ten dollars per month. He resolutely laid the foundation of a successful career by saving one hundred dollars per year, at all hazards. He next found occupation as hotel clerk at Buskirk's Bridge, for a man who also owned a general merchandise store at that place. He continued to work there for five years.

Soon after his marriage, Mr. Pratt purchased a farm in Jackson, New York, where the young people began housekeeping. They remained there but two years, when Mr. Pratt sold out to good advantage. After locating in Rupert, Vt., for a brief period, he went to West Pawlet, where he started a general merchandise store. Mr. Rising, who was his clerk for a considerable period, was finally associated in business with Mr. Pratt, for a few years.

After that the latter carried on the concern alone, until his retirement. His safe business methods assured his suc-

cess from the start. Martin Van Buskirk Pratt is a son of Daniel H. and Ruth (Deming) Pratt. Daniel H. Pratt was a native of Connecticut, but was brought up in Bennington, Vermont. He was reared to mercantile life, and was an exceptionally fine penman, and a good accountant. He was a merchant for many years in New York,—at White Creek and Buskirk's Bridge. He was united in marriage with Ruth Deming, an attractive young lady. Three children blessed their union, namely: Samuel Deming; Daniel H.; and Martin Van Buskirk, the subject of these lines. Samuel Deming was born in 1816, and Daniel H., in 1818. The latter made his mark in the world as a farmer, and in public life.

Martin Van Buskirk Pratt was joined in wedlock with Mary Rising, a comely daughter of Judge Simeon and Jane (Montgomery) Rising, respected residents of Rupert, Vermont. Mrs. Pratt has a valuable souvenir, in a fine and costly ring, handed down from the Montgomery family.

To Mr. Pratt and his most worthy wife have been born three children, as follows: George R.; Emma, and Jennie. George R. was born in 1854. He has a wife and two children. Emma married F. J. Nelson. Mr. Nelson deals extensively and successfully in horses. He makes large shipments from the far west, and is well known among horse dealers. He has one son. Jennie married S. N. Allen, a merchant of North Ferrisburg, Vermont. They have three daughters.

In politics, Mr. Pratt is a Democrat and

has been a faithful servant of the people. He served as selectman, for eight years, and was in the lower house of the legislature, in 1884. However, he has not been an office seeker, nor did he desire office.

Mr. Pratt has assisted materially in building up, financially and otherwise, the interests of the community in which he has spent so many years. In fact he is one of those sound and steadfast characters whose judgment can be relied on in public and private affairs.

GEORGE PEPPLER, a successful business man residing in Poultney, Vermont, has been a furniture dealer in that village for a period of thirty-nine years. He enjoys the distinction of being the oldest dealer in Poultney, and has made his handsome competency by his own individual efforts. Mr. Pepler is a native of Germany. He was born June 7, 1824, in Hesse-Darmstadt, near Frankfort on the Rhine. His father, John Pepler, was born at the same place about 1768, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years.

John Pepler was a linen weaver, and was in business for himself. He married Kate Smith, who died when twenty-eight years old, leaving her son, George, motherless at the tender age of two years. His sister Kate, then fourteen years old, was a kind mother to him, and finally crossed the ocean with him, in 1854. While still in his native country, the subject hereof obtained a good schooling, and

then learned the trade of a cabinetmaker. For this privilege he was obliged to pay \$27 per year, for three years, boarding at home. When seventeen years of age, he was considered a competent workman, and was employed at his trade. The first year, he received one dollar and twenty-five cents per week, and his board. At the expiration of one year, Mr. Pepler went to Frankfort and there worked at the cabinetmaker's trade. He was called a good workman, but received but three dollars per week and his board. He remained in Frankfort two years.

Having traveled three years, as is the custom in Germany, before entering into business on one's own account, he returned home. Establishing himself in business on his own behalf, he continued thus until he came to America. In 1847, Mr. Pepler was united in marriage with Jeannette Wagoner, his next-door-neighbor's daughter. Jeannette was born in 1820, and is four years her husband's senior. They were reared together. She is a daughter of Christian Wagoner, who brought up seven daughters and two sons. One son, George Wagoner, and one daughter came to America just nine months after the subject hereof and his wife crossed the ocean. They brought the four children of George Pepler, who were born in Germany.

Mr. Pepler found employment in Granville, Vt., for the first eight and a half years of his life in the New World. He then located in Poultney, and began business for himself. He worked hard at this venture for many years, before obtaining a good start. In

the meantime his wife kept boarders, and assisted her husband in every possible way. They were blessed with a large family, consisting of nine children, as follows: Christian; Mary; Jane; Charles; John; Henry; George; Fred; and Emma. Christian is a resident of North Adams, Massachusetts. He has a wife, but no children. Mary married John Mellen, and lives in Colorado. They have nine children, and several grandchildren. Mr. Mellen is quite an extensive farmer. Jane married Dan Rafferty, of Poultney. They have four children. Charles is a carpenter. He has a wife and one son, and, also, an adopted daughter. John died when twenty-eight years old, leaving a widow. Henry died at thirty-one years of age, unmarried. George died at the tender age of six years. Fred lost his wife, who was Lily New, before her marriage. She left an infant daughter, Freda. Freda's father also died in 1895, and the little one was left to the care of her grandmother. She is a most comely child of nine years, and is the joy and pride of her grandparents, with whom she has lived since the death of her mother. Her father left her a good property, and when of age, Freda will have a good dowry. Emma, the youngest child of Mr. Pepler, is the wife of Fred Hawes.

Mr. Pepler has been a kind and liberal man to his family. He has educated them exceptionally well, and has spent much money for their welfare. He still has a fine property, consisting of house, shop, barn, etc., and owns a good, little farm of fourteen acres. Mr. Pepler richly deserves the respect and

patronage of his friends and neighbors, and is looked upon as one of the mainstays in the community in which he lives.

THOMAS GRIFFITH, a representative farmer in the town of Poultney, Vermont, has been a resident of Rutland county for more than thirty years. Mr. Griffith is a native of Ireland, where he was born, in 1825. When nineteen years of age, he came to America. The journey was made on a sailing vessel, reaching Montreal, Canada, just one month after leaving Ireland. Mr. Griffith found employment in handling merchandise for a man whom he liked very much; after working for him three months, he went to Stillwater, New York, and was employed by a farmer, at \$10 per month.

In 1848, the subject hereof was joined in marriage with Mary Melvin, an attractive daughter of John and Mary (Keyes) Melvin. Mrs. Griffith is a native of Ireland, and crossed the ocean alone when nineteen years old, one year prior to her marriage. Her parents followed her to the land of the free, four years later, in 1851. Soon after her marriage, the young folk began housekeeping in Danville, Vermont, where Mr. Griffith worked nine years, in William Kelley's marble quarry. In 1858, he purchased his first farm in Hamden, New York, six miles from Whitehall. For this farm he paid cash, and had money left. He remained on it for nine years,—subsequently locating on his present farm in the

town of Poultney, Vermont. This magnificent farm cost Mr. Griffith \$8,000. He paid \$3,000 down, and became indebted to the amount of \$5,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are a most worthy, industrious, and prosperous couple. They own large and fertile farms, have reared a numerous family of children, and have money at interest. This venerable couple started out early in life, have worked hard, and are still busy,—as work is but a second nature to them. They have brought up a family of children who are an honor to them, and of whom they are justly proud. Eight children were born to them, and they now boast of sixteen grandchildren. The names of their children are: Edward; Peter; John H.; Anna; Mary; Thomas; Patrick; and Elizabeth.

Edward was born January 31, 1850. He lived in Poultney, Vt., and was in business for himself when cut off by death, at the early age of twenty-two years. Peter conducts a summer resort at Lake St. Catherine, Vt., where he has built up a paying business. He has a most interesting family of children, and a worthy helpmeet. John H. went to Colorado while still a young man. He has made a success of life, and now owns a fine property. He is married, but has no children. Anna is the wife of Mr. Haley, of Hoosick Falls, New York. Mary married Patrick Carmody. Thomas was a merchant, and died when twenty-six years old, unmarried. Patrick also lives in Colorado. Elizabeth, the youngest child, is the wife of Robert Leroy. She was



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educated at Fort Edward Institute, and at Troy Conference Academy, and spent five years in London, England. After completing her studies in the old world, she went on the stage, where she won both fame and fortune for herself. She has sung in public in both Europe and America, both on the stage, and in churches. Mrs. Leroy is now at home with her parents. She has a beautiful infant daughter, Genevieve, born in July, 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have performed well their duties in life, and success has crowned their efforts. It may be said of them,—“Well done, thou good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of thy Lord.”

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ALBERT VANNESS RANSOM, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, is chief clerk and salesman for the Gilt-Edge Cheese Factory Company, and was formerly its treasurer. Mr. Ransom resides on a fine farm in Ransom Vale, town of Castleton, Rutland county, Vermont. He carries on general farming and stock raising. He generally has from twenty to thirty fine milch cows. Their milk is all sent to the cheese factory, which is only about a mile and a half from the farm. Mr. Ransom also handles all kinds of farm implements, a plentiful stock of which he keeps on his premises. His residence is large, pleasant, and delightfully situated. He also has fine barns, machine shed, etc., conveniently arranged. By wise management, the subject hereof is enabled to oversee his farm, make sales of machinery, at-

tend to his duties at the factory, and still spend much of the time at home with his family, which is his chief enjoyment.

Albert Vanness Ransom was born in his present abode, September 23, 1855. He obtained his primary instruction in the district schools, and afterward attended Castleton Seminary. He was reared to farm life, but was never robust, and could not endure the toil, as his father and grandfather had done in their time. June 12, 1878, the subject of this record was united in marriage with Rachel Ann Cook. Mrs. Ransom is a daughter of Elihu B. and Caroline (Veile) Cook. Her father is a farmer of Middletown Springs, Vermont, and keeps summer boarders. She has one brother, Anson Howard, and one sister, Lydia Hill. Both are still at home. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ransom, namely: Albert Anson, Lillie Alice, Carrie Flotilla, Orla E., Grace Elizabeth, Marion Lefa, and an infant, Elihu Cook, whose birth occurred May 12, 1899.

Albert Anson was born April 22, 1879, and is a robust farmer. December 21, 1898, he was joined in marriage with Mary Phoebe Fish, an accomplished daughter of Rev. Dana Fish. To them was born a child, Anna C., October 15, 1899. Lillie Alice was born April 14, 1881. November 9, 1898, she was joined in marriage with Asa B. Cook, of Raceville, New York, where she now resides. They have a son, Albert S., born July 25, 1899. Carrie Flotilla was born March 24, 1886, and died when five weeks of age. Orla E. was born January 21, 1890, and died May 14, of

the same year. Grace Elizabeth was born May 6, 1891, and Marion Lefa's occurred April 16, 1894.

The Gilt Edge Cheese Factory Company is an incorporation, and was established February 24, 1895. Mr. Ransom was one of the founders, and served as treasurer until the beginning of 1899. The business is conducted very successfully. The subject of this biography is one of the leading men of his community, but seldom goes far away from home. He takes pleasure, however, in having attended the great Centennial Exposition, at Philadelphia.

Albert Vanness Ransom is a son of Albert Manson and Flotilla (Pepper) Ransom, a grandson of Lemuel and Betsey L. (Hickok) Ransom, and a great-grandson of John and Sally (Whitney) Ransom. On the maternal side, he is a great-grandson of Benjamin and Constance (Hamilton) Derby, and great-great-grandson of Jesse Derby.

John Ransom was a farmer in the town of Poultney, Vermont, and died while serving in the army. He wedded Sally Whitney, widow of Solomon Whitney, by whom he had one son. Her union with Mr. Ransom resulted in the birth of the following three children: Lemuel, David, and John.

Lemuel Ransom married Betsey L. Hickok, who bore him three children, namely: Justus H., Sally, and Albert Alanson. Justus H. married Sarah Northrop. They had nine children, but only four reached maturity. Justus H. died in the village of Castleton, when seventy-five years old. Sally married Samuel

Stevens. She died at the early age of thirty, leaving one daughter, Sarah Maria. Lemuel Ransom was a remarkable worker. He was born in Poultney, but in early manhood, settled in the town of Castleton, Vermont. With great strength and with resolute energy, he hewed out a home in the forest, and changed the woodland into fertile fields. His death occurred, February 6, 1843, as a result of overwork. His widow survived him until July 22, 1849. They were buried on the farm now occupied by the subject hereof, but their remains were afterward removed to Castleton cemetery.

Albert Alanson Ransom was born upon the ancestral acres, in 1812. He was united in marriage with Flotilla Pepper, an attractive lady of West Pawlet, Vermont. This happy event was celebrated, June 17, 1847, at West Pawlet. The young folk settled on the farm now occupied by the gentleman to whom this narrative pertains. It originally belonged to the Hickoks, and came into the possession of the Ransom family through Lemuel Ransom, who married a Hickok. The Hickoks were among the first settlers in the vicinity. Two children were born to Albert Alanson Ransom, namely: Frances Almira, and Albert Vanness, of whom we now write. Frances Almira was born October 9, 1848. She married Frank J. Williams. She died May 24, 1876, and left two sons and one daughter.

Albert Alanson Ransom was a modest and retiring farmer. He inherited about seven or eight hundred acres of land from his father. He added to this until he accumulated twelve

hundred acres, which he left to Albert Vanness and his sister. He died August 26, 1880, and was survived by his widow until May 14, 1896, when she, too, passed away, aged seventy-four years. Both were members of the Baptist church, of which the mother of Albert Vanness had been a member since childhood.

Jesse Derby, maternal great-great-grandfather of the subject hereof, had four children, namely: Benjamin; Eli; Lucy; and Lydia. Benjamin Derby married Constance Hamilton. They reared ten children of which Seba, grandmother of Albert Vanness Ransom, was the seventh. Seba Derby married Chauncey Pepper and reared the following eight children: Melissa; Flotilla, mother of the subject hereof; Hamilton; Warren D.; Julia A.; Lefa J.; John M.; and Hiram W. Melissa was the wife of Allen Mills. Hamilton died at Middle Granville, when an old man. Warren D. resides in Glens Falls, New York. Julia A. is the wife of Benjamin Reed, in Hebron, New York. Lefa J. is the wife of Collins Blaisdell. John M. died in infancy, and Hiram W. died early, of consumption, leaving a widow and one daughter.

Constance Hamilton, maternal great-grandmother of Albert Vanness Ransom, was a great-granddaughter of Captain Sparrow, who came over in the Mayflower, and was the first white man to step on Plymouth Rock. Although not according to history, this is believed to be veritable; it was related to Mr. Ransom's mother by Daniel Hamilton, who was a great-grandson of the aforesaid Captain Sparrow.

Our subject is a staunch Republican and has been a burden-bearer in party service; he has served the town as selectman, lister, etc. Mrs. Ransom is a member of the Congregational church in Castleton.

RICHARD MARVIN SPALDING, a contractor in lumber and pulp wood, and also a teamster, in the city of Rutland, Vermont, has, from a modest beginning with only one team and wagon, but having plenty of energy and a pair of willing hands, won for himself an enviable position in his line of work. He first began teaming in Rutland, more than thirty years ago, and his business has increased to such an extent that, frequently, he has been obliged to hire from ten to twenty men, and from six to ten teams, in order to fulfil his contracts. For the last ten or twelve years, Mr. Spalding has also been engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and getting out pulp wood.

He has bought and sold horses in connection with his other interests, making quite a neat sum in such speculations. His business has prospered to such a degree that he is now the owner of much valuable real estate in Rutland; besides his fine, modern residence at Number 36, South Main street, where he bought and settled in April, 1876, he has two tenement houses near by, two others on Center street, and a large and commodious barn, thirty by eighty feet, in which his various teams are housed.

Richard Marvin Spalding was born in Waitsfield, Washington county, Vermont, May 15, 1836, and is a son of John R. and Aveline (Wait) Spalding. John R. Spalding was born in Mooretown, Washington county, Vermont, June 24, 1805, and his death occurred March 22, 1879, in Rutland, Vermont. He was descended from an old English family, who came to America early in the history of our country. He married Aveline Wait, an entertaining young lady, who was born September 10, 1810. She was a daughter of Lyons Wait, familiarly known as "Squire Wait," and a granddaughter of old General Lyons Wait, for whom the town of Waitsfield, Vermont, was named. The father of the subject hereof was reared as a farmer's boy, and followed farming during his entire life. He was the owner of a fine farm in Waitsfield. Four sons and five daughters were born to him and his worthy wife, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, except one son, Richard, the first born, who died at the early age of two years. Two of the sons and four of the daughters are still among the living. Their names are: Emily, widow of Dr. Nichols, residing in Castleton, Vermont; Richard Marvin, the subject of this sketch; Lois, a maiden lady, who makes her home with Richard Marvin Spalding, in Rutland; Salome, wife of George Verder; Aveline, wife of Orlando Worcester, of Rutland; and John, also residing in Rutland. Mr. Spalding's mother passed across the dark river May 15, 1885, aged seventy-four years.

The subject of this memoir was the recip-

ient of a good, common school education, and remained at home until he attained the age of twenty-two years, when he married Mary Hopkins, an attractive young lady, of Poultney. Mr. and Mrs. Spalding have lost three daughters: Hattie Grace, an infant of nine months; Mamie Grace, aged five and a half years; and Hettie, aged two and a half years. Three of their children are still living, namely: Alice (wife of L. S. Houghton, a traveling salesman, of Rutland), who has one daughter, Mary Reese; William H., a hardware merchant in the city of Rutland, who has one son, Richard Brock; and George W., who is in business with his father, the subject of this sketch. He has a wife and one daughter, Caroline Achsah; he lost one son, Cortland, aged six months. The subject hereof belongs to no church or society, believing in deeds rather than creeds. Besides his own children, whom he has reared well and educated to the best of his ability, he has a foster daughter, whom he and Mrs. Spalding adopted when but seven years old. Her name is Jessie Davis, and at early age she was bereft of both father and mother the same day, and was one of four orphans. She is now a bright, accomplished young lady, of high intellectual attainments, and, since her graduation, followed the profession of teaching, for two years, but is now a clerk in a store.

Mr. Spalding, by honesty and integrity, and straightforward dealing in all his business transactions, has won the confidence of the people to such an extent that he can always command money for his purchases and var-

ious speculations. Numbers of good men are always willing to go security for him and at the banks his word is considered as good as his bond. The subject of this sketch has certainly had a bright and successful career, and is now enjoying the fruits of a life of thrift and diligence. The major part of the business is now attended to by his son, while Mr. Spalding, himself, supervises its important features. He is justly regarded as a leading character in his community.

MRS. EMILY HAYNES, widow of Dr. Backus H. Haynes, is one of those cheerful characters who never grow old, and, although an octogenarian, is still well, active, and in full possession of all her faculties with the exception of her hearing, which is somewhat impaired. She has never been stout but has always been well and active.

Dr. Backus H. Haynes was born in Rutland county, Vermont, in Middletown, and was a son of Hezekiah and Sibyl (Brown) Haynes. Hezekiah was a native of Rutland county, Vt., where he was well known as a successful farmer. He and his amiable wife reared nine of their ten children, seven sons and two daughters. Of this family, but two are living, Alpheus and Jonathan, farmers on the old home farm, and the one adjoining it. Dr. Haynes was a regular practitioner, and followed his profession for nine years in Wells, where he settled after his marriage with the

subject hereof, who was, before marriage, Emily McClure, of Middletown, Vt., born April 26, 1817. She is a daughter of Samuel and Sally (Arnold) McClure. This happy union was consummated December 2, 1841. The father of Dr. Haynes was an able and prosperous farmer, and gave his children an excellent education. Two of his sons, Aaron and Arus, became ministers of the Gospel.

Dr. Haynes began his career without financial means, but with his thorough education and professional skill, his practice soon grew to large proportions. As a physician, he was well and favorably known by a large circle of patrons,—a reputation which he won by energy, determination, and ability. When called upon to end his useful career, June 10, 1888, he left to his widow and three surviving children a good estate. Both he and his wife were willing workers in the Baptist church, where Mrs. Haynes still worships. They settled at Number 55, West street, in 1862, where the Doctor's death occurred.

Mrs. Haynes' father followed agricultural pursuits and reared nine of his ten children,—six sons and three daughters,—all of whom are now deceased except Mrs. Haynes and a younger brother, Warren McClure, who lives in the state of Washington. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Haynes was James McClure, a prosperous farmer of Middletown, Vt., where both grandparents are now sleeping. His wife was, before marriage, Patty McCladdin. Both families were of Scotch birth, and upon coming to America, settled in Norwich, Connecticut.

Mrs. Haynes is the mother of seven children; two of them died in infancy, and the following two have since died: Sarah A., who became the wife of C. F. Spaulding, of New London, Conn., where she died at twenty-seven years of age, leaving one son; and Emeline L., who died at the early age of four years. Those still living are: Emma, who resides with her aged mother, in Rutland, where she formerly followed teaching; Joseph Henry, of Athenia, N. J., where he has a wife, and one daughter; Georgia K., wife of Frank K. Davison, of Rutland. Georgia K. has one little son, Knowlton K., and one daughter, Emily, a beautiful and precocious child, of three years. Surrounded by these loved ones, Mrs. Haynes is spending the sunset of life in peace and happiness, tranquilly awaiting the summons to join her beloved departed on the peaceful shore of the hereafter.



GEORGE W. KENNEY, JR., superintendent of the rolling stock of the Rutland Railroad, resides in a neat, attractive home, at Number 37, Prospect street, Rutland, Vermont. Mr. Kenney has spent many years in the railroad service, and has been in turn, fireman, engineer, and master mechanic. He was born in Guilford, Windham county, Vt., February 14, 1845. After passing through the common schools, he finished his education at Weathersfield Academy. In 1863, he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company G, 17th Reg., Vt. Vol. In-

fantry,—serving until the close of the war. He entered the army as a private, and was honorably discharged as a corporal. He took an active part in fourteen battles,—from the battle of the Wilderness to Appomattox Court House, where Lee surrendered to Grant, April 9, 1865. In front of Petersburg, the 17th Vermont regiment suffered severely, and was reduced to fifty-four men. After the war, Mr. Kenney began his railroad career, as a common fireman. He worked five years in that capacity for the Rutland Railroad and was then promoted to be engineer, and continued thus for fifteen years. In 1882, he was still further advanced by being appointed division master mechanic, at White River Junction,—serving as such for nine years. In 1891, he was assigned to similar duty in Rutland, which he performed until May, 1896. He was then appointed to his present responsible position.

George W. Kenney, Jr., is a son of George W., Sr., and Roxana (Tyler) Kenney, and a grandson of Erastus Kenney. Erastus Kenney was an extensive stock breeder, and made a specialty of sheep raising. He was one of the largest wool growers of his day. He lived to be considerably more than ninety years old. His wife died a few years prior to his decease. She was a most worthy woman, and lived to quite a venerable age. George W. Kenney, Sr., was born at Halifax, Vermont, in 1812. He died July 17, 1899. His widow, who is two years his junior, is strong, active, and well preserved. This worthy couple had journeyed together, side by side, since their marriage, in 1832. Mr.

Kenney was superintendent of the soap stone quarries in Weathersfield Vermont, for many years. To them were born ten daughters and three sons, all of whom grew to noble manhood and womanhood. All are still living, except two sons and two daughters. In 1878, a reunion of the family occurred, when all the surviving members came together. It was a notable and joyous occasion. The subject of this sketch is now the only living son. His brother John B. served in the Civil War, as a member of the 4th Reg., Vermont Infantry. He enlisted as a private, and came back a lieutenant. He served three years, re-enlisted, and continued in the army until the close of the war. Throughout the conflict he escaped personal injury, with the exception of a slight wound. He died at the age of fifty-three years and left a wife and three children. Henry, the other brother of the subject hereof, was unmarried, and died when only twenty-one, or twenty-two, years old.

Mr. Kenney has been twice married. When twenty-two years of age, he was united in matrimony with Myra H. Buffum, of Dorset, Vermont. To this union were born four children, namely: George K.; Fred B.; Lulu D.; and Lowell D. George K. resides in Rutland. He is an engineer on the Rutland Railroad. Fred B. is also an engineer on the same railroad. Lulu D. is a young lady of pleasing personality and sound judgment, and is still at home. Lowell D. is a student, and, also, a member of the home circle. This family group is unbroken, save by the death of the beloved mother, which took place December

26, 1887, when she was forty-one years old.

Mr. Kenney's second marriage was contracted with Lavinia P. Buffum, his first wife's only surviving sister, who still presides over his household. Lavinia is a daughter of Heman A. and Almira Buffum. Her parents were third cousins, and are both deceased. They reared three sons and three daughters. Two of the brothers are still living. They are: Myron, of Fall River, Mass., and Ozro Orlando, a prominent farmer of Manchester, Vermont. Mr. Kenney was a charter member of Lincoln Post, G. A. R., at White River Junction, Vermont, and held all the offices of that organization. He served on the staff of the commander-in-chief, Mr. Lawler. He is now the present commander of Roberts Post. Mr. and Mrs. Kenney are both active members of the Congregational church. They settled in their present comfortable and pleasant home, in 1891, where they frequently entertain their many friends with genial courtesy and kindly hospitality.

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BAN D. BURDITT, subject of our sketch, a resident of the town of Pittsford, Rutland county, is a son of Franklin and Susan E. (Dike) Burditt, a grandson of Asher and Melinda (Davis) Burditt, and great-grandson of Ebenezer and Ruth (Loveland) Burditt.

Ebenezer Burditt was born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, in 1761, and his early life was spent upon a farm. At the beginning of the

Revolutionary War he and a brother enlisted and served on a privateer which soon captured a British ship that had been preying on our commerce. The trophy was lost, however, as the magazine exploded when the victors were about to board her, and, with all but twelve of her crew, she sank to rise no more. At the close of the war, the brothers returned home, Ebenezer soon marrying Ruth Loveland, of Gilsum, N. H., and settling there. Ten children were born to them, viz.: Ebenezer, Asher, Abel, Israel, Amos, David, Gilman, Ruth, Mary, and Charlotte.

Asher Burditt, Dan D.'s grandfather, was born March 31, 1788, and died at the age of sixty-seven. March 24, 1814, he wedded Melinda Davis, of Chester, Vermont, and the following year located in Pittsford, Vermont, on the farm later owned by his son, Ransom. In 1846, he purchased the Harris Bogue farm, which is now owned by Dan D. They had six children,—Charlotte, Melinda, Harriet, Ransom, Franklin, and Susan. This wife died in 1832, and he married Damaris C. Deming for a second.

Franklin Burditt, Dan D.'s father, was born in Pittsford, Vt., August 18, 1826. October 14, 1849, he married Susan Elmira Dike, born May 28, 1825, and a native of Stockholm, N. Y. They settled on the Harris Bogue farm, and Mr. Burditt soon became one of the most thrifty farmers in the town. They had five children. Dan D.; Susan E. (wife of J. A. Gould), deceased in 1876; Asher, of Pittsford; William F.; and Edwin D., of Rutland. The father's death occurred at the home place in

1876. The mother is still living, active in body and mind.

Dan D. Burditt was born November 15, 1850, on the farm which is still his home. He received a liberal business education, and that he has made a practical application of same, is indicated by his prosperity. At twenty years of age, he began his career by engaging to work on salary for one year in the grist mill of John Stevens, of Pittsford. When twenty-one years old, the firm of Burditt & Son succeeded Mr. Stevens in the milling business. Upon the death of his father, five years later, he bought this business, also his father's real estate. About two years later he sold the mill to his brother Asher and turned his attention to farming.

June 13, 1877, Mr. Burditt was joined in marriage to Minnie, daughter of Alvin H. Mason, of Swanton, Vt. Five children are the result of this marriage, namely: Susan M., Carrie M., Harold M., Minnie M., and Dan D., Jr. Mrs. Burditt died February 8, 1898. Her ready sympathy, her varied intelligence and her liberal and progressive spirit endeared her to the entire community, and her death is looked upon as a personal loss by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Burditt is a representative farmer, stock dealer, and merchant; and is one of the most successful business men in the town of Pittsford. Although still a young man, he has already accumulated a fine property. He is a man of force and energy, of action rather than words, and drives his business instead of allowing his business to drive him. In 1891



OLIN G. DYER, M. D.



ANDERSON DANA DYER, M. D., A. M.

a large mercantile business was established in Rutland, Vt., under the firm name of Burditt Brothers. In 1896 they received a visit from the fire fiend, their large brick block being burned with about 90 carloads of feed and grain. In just ninety days after the fire, the firm was doing business in their new building which is larger and more commodious than the old.

Mr. Burditt's fine farm contains 1,000 acres of land upon which he carries on general farming. In 1895 two large barns on the home farm were burned to the ground. Just four weeks later a barn, 100 feet long by 75 feet wide, with all modern conveniences, had been erected and stood ready for the new hay crop.

The esteem in which he is held by his townsmen is indicated by the various town offices he has held. He is trustee and vice-president of the Proctor Trust Company, also vice-president of the First National Bank of Brandon.

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GLIN G. DYER, M. D., one of the oldest and most highly honored general practitioners of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, was born in Clarendon, Vermont, December 5, 1822. He worked on his father's farm until he attained the age of fifteen years, when his father became a merchant in Salisbury, Vermont. From force of circumstances, his father having met with severe losses in business, our subject was unable to pursue a classical course of study, but

nevertheless succeeded in supplementing a good common school education with an academic course in Poultney, Vermont. After teaching a few years, during which period he commenced the study of medicine under the preceptorship of the late Dr. Moses H. Ranney, who afterwards won distinction in New York City as a specialist in mental diseases, he was enabled to attend Castleton Medical College, then one of the most flourishing medical institutions of the day, from which he was graduated with the highest honors in June, 1844. In the following year he began the practice of his chosen profession in Lexington, Richmond county, Ohio, where he remained a little over a year. He then returned to Salisbury, Vermont, and took the place of his preceptor, Dr. Moses H. Ranney, who at that time went to New York City, and assumed charge of an insane asylum; for fifteen years Dr. Ranney was superintendent of that institution. After practicing five years in Salisbury, Dr. Dyer, in September, 1851, removed to Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, at the earnest solicitation of the late Dr. A. G. Dana, a leading physician of that village to become that gentleman's associate in practice. Two years later the health of Dr. Dana failed, and the partnership was dissolved by mutual agreement,—Dr. Dyer continuing the practice alone until 1870. In that year he took in Dr. F. W. Page as a partner, and they practiced together until 1878, when Dr. Page removed to Boston. Previous to locating in Brandon, he went to New York City, and spent one winter there, visiting several

hospitals, and gaining much valuable experience from association with his old preceptor, Dr. Ranney. Dr. Dyer located in Brandon over forty-eight years ago and has resided in the same house ever since.

In August, 1846, Dr. Dyer was united in marriage with Anna Gaines Holt, daughter of Amos and Anna (Gaines) Holt, of Pittsfield, Vermont. Mrs. Dyer died in 1891. Four children blessed the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dyer, as follows: Anna Amelia; Florence Holt; Charles Olin; and Anderson Dana. Anna Amelia was born June 6, 1847, and married Dr. F. W. Page, who resides in Boston, where Mrs. Page died, without issue, in 1893. Florence Holt was born August 23, 1849, and became the wife of George N. Talbot; four of her five children are still living. Charles Olin, born February 22, 1852, was a clothing merchant in Waterbury, Conn., and died in 1899, while his father was taking a trip to the Holy Land.

Anderson Dana Dyer, M. D., A. M., was born February 5, 1859. He was educated in Burlington, Vermont, and at Bellevue Medical College of New York City. He first practiced his profession in Denver, Colorado, but was later associated with his father in practice in Brandon, until his career was cut off by death April 11, 1886. He was a promising young physician and made a good record in his profession.

Dr. Olin G. Dyer belongs to no secret order. In his religious affiliations, he is a member of the Congregational church. In politics, he is a Republican. He held the posi-

tion of examining surgeon for pensions from 1865 to 1884. The home of Dr. Dyer was built nearly one hundred years ago. It was once the Congregational parsonage. The Doctor has thoroughly changed and modernized it, however, so that it has a much more youthful appearance than its age would indicate. Its fine lawns, with beautiful hydrangeas and fountains, and the rich marble coping of 100 feet frontage, add much to the appearance of the place, which is one of the most desirable in Brandon. Dr. Dyer also owned at one time a farm near the village, which he sold as it was only a care and expense to him.

Dr. Dyer's paternal grandfather, Daniel Dyer, was a prosperous farmer in Clarendon, Rutland county, Vermont. He married Susan Olin, of Shaftesbury, Vermont. Both the Dyer and Olin families were noted for wealth, longevity and bravery. Our subject's grandmother was quite a business woman. She was considered a heroine for making a hazardous journey on horseback, with a large sum of money. Dr. Dyer's great-aunt, Lydia Dyer, now the widow Briggs, is well-preserved at ninety-four years of age. Daniel and Susan (Olin) Dyer reared ten children, one of whom was Gideon, our subject's father.

Gideon Dyer was born in 1787, in Clarendon, Vermont. He was twice married. His union with Betsey Reynolds, who died in 1833, at the age of forty-three years, resulted in the birth of five children. Gideon Dyer had two children by his second marriage. He

died about the year 1860, aged seventy-three years. Dr. Dyer's parents reared but four of the five children born to them, namely: Sarah Ann, who survived her husband, Rev. John H. Beekwith, many years and died in advanced life, leaving two sons; Mrs. Elizabeth Weeks, of Brandon, Vermont, now an octogenarian; Olin G., subject of these lines; and Reynold, who was accidently drowned when fifteen years old.

Dr. Dyer deserves great credit for his success in life. He rose by his own efforts. As a man, he is held in the highest esteem, and is above reproach. As a physician, he possesses in a rare degree that intuitive knowledge of disease, that has rendered him so remarkably skilful and uniformly successful that he is regarded by all as the leading medical man in Brandon and vicinity.

The publishers of this work take pleasure in announcing that portraits of Olin G. Dyer, M. D., and of his son, Anderson Dana Dyer, M. D., A. M., are presented on foregoing pages in proximity to this.



JUDGE JAMES BARRETT, now, practically, a retired citizen of Rutland, Vermont, is one of the most highly honored and esteemed citizens of Rutland county, and has led a most remarkable career. He was born on May 31, 1814, in Strafford, Orange county, Vermont, and although nearing his eighty-fifth year, is a remarkably well-preserved man. Judge Barrett has been a resident of Rutland since April 1, 1882, when he

settled in the modest home where he and his beloved companion have lived for the past sixteen years, and are now in the decline of life. Although the Judge's sight has been failing for a short period, his memory is not only a source of comfort and pleasure to him, but enables him to give valuable counsel and advice to others. His recollection of occurrences and details is marvelous; he can readily give day and date of events and incidents that transpired away back through the many years of his busy and eventful life.

The progenitor of the Barrett family in America was one James Barrett, who was born in England, in 1615, came to America about the year 1635, and was one of the earliest settlers of Charlestown, Massachusetts. His son, James, was the next in line and was born in Malden, Mass., in 1644. Among the latter's children was Jonathan, who was born in Charlestown, Mass., in 1678, and who, also, named his son Jonathan, who was born in 1699. His son, Benjamin, was the great-grandfather of the subject hereof and was born in Framingham, Mass., in 1726; his son, James, was the next in line of ancestry.

James Barrett, grandfather of the subject hereof, was born in Framingham, Mass., and, when grown to manhood, followed agricultural pursuits. He took for his life companion Elizabeth Hibbard, of Windham, Connecticut. She was born in May, 1760. Their union was blessed with three sons and two daughters. James Barrett died in Strafford, Orange county, Vt., May 13, 1813, his widow survived him many years,—dying May 8, 1854, at the age of ninety-four years and two

days. One of their sons was Martin Barrett.

Martin Barrett, father of the subject hereof, was born in Stafford, Conn., August 26, 1784. He chose to work in the machine business, which he learned without serving an apprenticeship, and followed it for many years. The whole of his active life was spent in his native city, and his business grew to be quite extensive. He was looked upon as an influential citizen and was a legislative representative of the town, for many terms. He also served as justice of the peace for about fifteen years. He began life without any financial means, and although he enjoyed an extensive trade, he never accumulated wealth. His death occurred February 15, 1874. Both he and his wife were buried at Stafford, Connecticut. Mrs. Barrett was, before marriage, Dorcas Patterson. She was born in Henniker, N. H., in October, 1788. Her marriage with Martin Barrett was consummated July 3, 1808, and her death took place on February 8, 1831. She bore her husband ten children, seven of whom grew to maturity; the only surviving ones are Judge Barrett and his youngest sister, Betsey, who resides in Honesdale, Pa., and is known as the widow Allen. As Judge Barrett's mother died early,—in her forty-third year,—his father married again, and had one daughter by his second wife.

Judge Barrett was reared to the carding and clothing business at home, until he attained the age of eighteen years. He then took a preparatory course at Randolph Academy, and, in 1833, entered Dartmouth College,

from which he graduated, in 1838. He then spent one year in Buffalo, N. Y., reading law, and on August 2, 1839, became a law student with Charles Marsh, in Woodstock, Vt., where he continued his studies until 1840; he was then admitted to the bar of Windsor county. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Woodstock, Vermont, continuing for many years. In November, 1857, he was elected judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont, and filled that honorable position for a period of twenty-three years. In December, 1880, Judge Barrett retired from the bench and resumed his practice in Woodstock, where he enjoyed a lucrative patronage, until 1882. At that time Judge Barrett removed to his present home in Rutland, entering into the practice of law, with his son, James C. The partnership between father and son continued until the latter's death, in 1887, at the early age of thirty-five years. Judge Barrett's eyesight gradually began to fail about 1890, or 1891, and since then as he could not read books, he closed his office, and retired from practice.

On September 23, 1844, Judge Barrett led to the altar Maria L. Woodworth, of South Coventry, Connecticut. Mrs. Barrett was born September 25, 1822, and is a daughter of Simeon and Maria (Arnold) Woodworth. Her parents had two daughters, one of whom is now widow Kendrick, of Lebanon, New Hampshire. Mrs. Barrett's mother died in 1832, and her father married again, rearing one son, who is also deceased. Judge Barrett and his most estimable wife have lost five chil-

dren, namely: Their first-born, Charles; Marsh, who died at the early age of nine years; Dorcas Maria, who died at the age of two years; James C., who, having graduated from Dartmouth College in 1874, and having opened a law office, in July, 1877, in Rutland (where he was joined by his father as before mentioned), died, in 1887, leaving a widow and two children; Mary Barrett, who died in 1892; and Laura S., the youngest daughter, and a talented lady who graduated from Smith College, in 1891, and died in 1893.

Judge Barrett and his wife have four children living to comfort their declining years. Their names are: Elizabeth, wife of Lewis W. Hicks, of Hartford, Conn.; Rush Palmer, who is a widower with one child and resides in Rutland, and who was educated as a lawyer, but on account of failing health, gave up that profession; John Arnold, who lives in New York City, and has a wife and two daughters; and Rev. Samuel Allen, pastor of the Congregational church, in East Hartford, Conn., who has three children,—two sons and one daughter. Judge Barrett gave each of his sons a fine education and they chose their own vocations in life. In politics, the Judge follows the leadership of the Republican party. He was one of the senators from Windsor county, Vt., in 1884 and 1885. He was state's attorney of the same county from 1854-1856. The degree of LL. D. was conferred on him, in 1865, by Middlebury College. Mrs. Barrett is a devout member of the Congregational church, and contributes freely toward its support.

The subject of this sketch possesses a great fund of information, and sterling good sense, and his influence in the community has been felt in many ways. On the social side of his nature, he manifests all those characteristics which win and hold the friendship of all who come within their sphere of activity.



REV. EDWIN M. HAYNES, D. D., resides at his comfortable, attractive home, Number 38, Grove street, has been a resident of Rutland since 1887, and although he has no regular charge he occasionally fills various pulpits. He is also the chaplain of the House of Correction, at Rutland. Dr. Haynes was born in Concord, Mass., April 12, 1836, and is a son of Elnathan and Sarah (Wheeler) Haynes.

Elnathan Haynes was born in Sudbury, Mass., about 1793, or 1795. Mr. Haynes was known as a progressive farmer, as was his father before him. He was joined in marriage with Sarah Wheeler, an accomplished young lady of Sudbury, where their marriage was consummated about 1830. After marriage they lived at Concord, then at Harvard, and later at Shirley, Massachusetts.

Eight children blessed their home, five sons and three daughters, four of whom are now living,—two sons and two daughters; two sons were killed in the Civil War. The sons living are: Edwin M.; and Myron W., D. D., who is a graduate of Madison University, and has been a pastor in Chicago during

the last ten years; Dr. M. W. Haynes is now pastor of the Belden Avenue Baptist church, Chicago. Both parents are dead.

Edwin M. Haynes graduated in 1857 from the University of Rochester, New York, and was ordained a minister of the Gospel, in Wallingford, Vermont, which was his first charge. In September, 1862, Dr. Haynes volunteered as chaplain of the Tenth Vermont Regiment, and was in the service two years and seven months. He was with his regiment in every engagement, and had some narrow escapes and close calls from the missiles of death,—even had his horse wounded under him. Returning from the war, Dr. Haynes was chosen pastor at Palmer, where he remained five years; his next pastorate was at Lewiston, Maine, where he also remained five years. The following nine years he was pastor of the Baptist church at Whitehall, N. Y., and then spent six years at Meadville, Pa., which was his last regular charge, although he preached four months in Chicago. He then (1887) settled at his present home at Number 38, Grove street, which was then owned by the late Judge David Nicholson, Mrs. Haynes' father, who built the house and lived there until his death, in May, 1892, aged seventy-eight years, being tenderly cared for in his declining years by his daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Haynes have been blessed with three children, two sons and one daughter, of whom they are extremely proud. Their names are: David Nicholson, a lawyer in Boston, Mass., for many years, now a member of a broker firm; Kitty, wife of F. N. Ray-

mond, a merchant of Franklin, Pennsylvania; and Ned Clarke, a newspaper reporter on the "Rutland Evening News."

The Doctor is a member of the G. A. R., and also of the Loyal Legion, and served on the staff of General Walker, commander-in-chief in 1896-97.

In addition to being an able and eloquent expounder of the principles of Christianity, Dr. Haynes is an author of some note, having published several works; the largest of these is "History of the Tenth Vermont Regiment," containing 600 octavo pages with 60 engravings. The Doctor was on the school committee with Senator Frye and the late Representative Dingley, in Lewiston, Maine, while a resident of that city. He received his degree of D. D. from Dartmouth College, in 1885.

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REV. HERBERT A. DURFEE, D. D.,
 principal of the Troy Conference
 Academy at Poultney, Vermont,
 has held that important position since 1897. Though not a robust man, physically, he has labored with a zeal and earnestness not to be measured by his bodily strength, and in all the departments of his work has exhibited marked ability; he is indefatigable in his labors and absorbed in the duties of his position. He was born in Cambridge, Washington county, New York, June 24, 1856, and is a son of Abram and Jemima (Hogle) Durfee, grandson of Abraham and Mehitabel (Potter) Durfee, and great-grandson of Earl Durfee.

Earl Durfee was born October 27, 1757, and was of the fourth generation from Thomas Durfee, the first ancestor of the Durfee family in America. Thomas Durfee was born in Portsmouth, England, in 1643, and came to America in young manhood, in 1660, settling in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1664. His children by his first wife numbered six, as follows: Robert; Richard; Thomas; William; Ann; and Benjamin. His second wife was Deliverance Hall, who bore him two daughters: Patience and Deliverance.

Thomas Durfee, third son of the first Thomas Durfee, was born in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1669. Job Durfee, a son of the second Thomas Durfee, was born in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1710. Gideon Durfee, son of Job Durfee, was born February 15, 1738. Earl Durfee, great-grandfather of our subject, was a son of Gideon Durfee.

Abraham Durfee, son of Earl Durfee, and grandfather of Rev. Herbert A. Durfee, was born June 10, 1777, in South Cambridge, New York. He married Mehitabel Potter, of Granville, N. Y., and his family of twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity, consisted of seven daughters and five sons. One daughter died in early womanhood. Maria, another daughter, is a maiden lady, residing in Greenwich, New York; she is about eighty years of age. Abraham Durfee died in his eightieth year, having been a widower for about a year. The remains of Abraham Durfee and his wife Mehitabel rest in a burying ground at Delanson, New York,—in their day Delanson was known as Quaker street.

Abram Durfee, our subject's father, was born in Delanson, Schenectady county, New York, August 8, 1815. He followed farming pursuits, as did his father and grandfather before him. On March 14, 1843, he was joined in matrimony with Jemima Hogle, who was a native of Schaghticoke, Rensselaer county, New York, where her parents lived and died. Soon after the marriage, our subject's parents moved from the old home to South Cambridge, New York, settling on a farm there, which continued to be their home the remainder of their lives. Abram Durfee died in 1893, while his wife passed away, in 1891, at Johnsonville, where she was paying a visit; their remains rest in the Greenwich cemetery. Four sons and four daughters were born to them, namely: Merritt P.; Eugene F.; Henry M.; Mary E.; Elmina A.; Herbert A., subject of these lines; Sarah E.; and Emma F.

Merritt P., the eldest child, was born in 1844, and died in Bushkirk, New York, in 1897; he was a farmer and left one son and two daughters. Eugene F., who was born in 1846, also followed farming, and has one daughter. Henry M. was born in 1848. Mary E. is the widow of Charles Aikin; she has one son and one daughter and resides in Greenwich, New York. Elmina A. was born in 1854, and died in 1889. Sarah E., born in 1860, is the wife of Jedd Campbell, of South Cambridge, New York, and has three sons. Emma F., who was born in 1864, is the wife of Joseph Dillon, of Greenwich, New York.

Herbert A. Durfee was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed until he

reached the age of eighteen years. He received his education in the public and high schools of Greenwich, New York, then attended the Troy Conference Academy, and finally took a course in the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut. Dr. Durfee's first charge was at North Creek and North River, Warren county, New York, where he was located in 1882 and 1883. In 1884 and 1885 he was stationed at Newtonville, New York. In 1886, 1887 and 1888, he ministered to a charge at Slingerland, New York. The following four years his charge was at Hoosick Falls, New York, and in 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896, he was at Fort Edward, New York. In 1897, Dr. Durfee was chosen principal of the Troy Conference Academy, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Dunton, and has shown in many marked ways his fitness for the position by his work in the past three years. Our subject is a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of the Psi Upsilon, college Greek letter fraternity.

On October 18, 1882, Dr. Durfee was joined in marriage with Annie R. Mott, of Poultney, Vermont. Six children have blessed their union, as follows: Bessie M., born in North Creek, New York, in 1883; Alice M., born in Newtonville, New York, in 1885; Annie, born in Slingerland, New York, and died when five months old; Helen M., born in Hoosick Falls, in 1890; Ruth, born also in Hoosick Falls, in 1892; and Herbert A., born in Poultney, Vermont, in 1897, who is the only son. Mrs. Durfee was born in Alburg,

Grand Isle county, Vermont, and is a daughter of Ashley and Rosetta (Graves) Mott. Her father died in Poultney, in 1878; he moved there in 1875 from Johnson, Vermont, where he had been engaged in farming. Mrs. Durfee's mother resides in Poultney at the home of her son-in-law, Dr. Durfee. Three of Mrs. Durfee's uncles are Methodist ministers, and the very name of Mott seems to be synonymous with Methodism.

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MARVILL COLVIN, deceased, commonly known as "Deacon Colvin," was engaged in carpenter work, as a contractor and builder for upwards of half a century in Rutland county, being located in the town of Danby the most of the time. Mr. Colvin was well known throughout Rutland county. He was born in South Danby, Vermont, April 8, 1818. When twenty years old, he began carpenter work, receiving wages from the start. After thoroughly mastering his trade, he branched forth as a contractor and builder, following that line of work until 1891. In 1876, he purchased a farm of 100 acres in the town of Pawlet, Vermont, and, upon his retirement from carpenter work, began conducting affairs on the farm, himself. There the declining years of his life were spent, and there his death occurred November 13, 1899, his death being brought on by the results of a shock, received October 9, 1899.

January 8, 1850, Mr. Colvin was united in



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marriage with Caroline Hopson, an attractive daughter of John and Louisa (Lewis) Hopson, of Wells, Vermont. They lost two children: one daughter died in infancy; another daughter, Abbie M., died from the effects of a severe fall when but two and a half years old. Their daughter, Carrie Louise, the only child that grew to maturity, married John B. Moore, and they are the fond parents of two little sons; Marvill Colvin, born September 27, 1892; and William, born November 2, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have been conducting the small farm, and our subject made his home with them. The splendid farm upon which they live was in former years principally a dairy farm. Upon it have been kept about fourteen cows. Since February 8, 1888, the date of Mr. and Mrs. Moore's marriage, that branch of farming has been discontinued. Mr. Moore has carried on general farming besides having raised some fine horses of which he is especially fond.

Marvill Colvin was a son of Enoch and Judith (Bartlett) Colvin and grandson of Luther and — (Wilkins) Colvin. Luther Colvin was a native of Connecticut. He found his way into the woods of Danby by marked trees. He and his wife were blessed with eleven children, and of these reared four sons and three daughters. His beloved companion passed away about 1825, she being very advanced in years at the time of her death. She was survived some six years by her husband, who rests beside her in the cemetery in Danby. They left a small hill farm. Although a Quaker and peaceably inclined, Luther Colvin

was an active participant in the French and Indian War.

Enoch Colvin, father of our subject, was born in the town of Danby, Vermont, in 1793. He wedded Judith Bartlett, of Rhode Island. To them were born three children, viz.: Hannah; Marvill, subject of this sketch; and Enoch. Hannah married Nathan Monroe, and she and her husband both died in Marilla, New York. They had three sons, and two daughters; two of the sons died in the war, while the third died soon after his return home from the war. Enoch went to Nebraska, in 1891, and died there six years later. He had three children, of whom two sons are still living. Subject's father was a wheelwright by trade. His death took place in 1825.

Marvill Colvin was a staunch Republican. He served his chosen party in various ways as the incumbent of the offices of justice of the peace, overseer of the poor, etc. He was an active member of the Congregational church for more than fifty years, and served as deacon thirty years. Mr. Colvin kept himself well posted on affairs of the day and was highly regarded by many loving friends and relatives.

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PROF. WILLARD A. FRASIER. We deem it a pleasure to introduce to our readers Prof. Willard A. Frasier, a man who has attained considerable prominence in educational circles in Rutland and other counties, and one who for the past three years has stood at the head of the public

schools of the city of Rutland, Vermont. He was born in Lockport, Ill., in 1853, and is a son of James R. and Mary A. (Brown) Frasier. His grandfather, Reuben Frasier, was born in Scotland, and reared eight sons and four daughters.

Willard A. Frasier was reared a farmer boy and, although the recipient of only a common school education, was ambitious to learn more, and at the age of eighteen years taught his first school. By teaching a part of the time, he worked his way through Oberlin College, graduating in 1881. Later he took a business course in the Spencerian Business College, then going to Mansfield, Ohio, became assistant principal of the Richland County Normal College, where he taught for some time. Later, he taught at Poultney, Rutland county, Vermont, in Troy Conference Academy, for a period of seven years, and was then chosen principal of the Poultney High School, retaining that position for three years. He next went to Jersey City, N. J., and taught one year, but in 1897 accepted his present position as superintendent of the Rutland schools, and is now serving his third year.

Prof. Frasier has made many sincere and earnest efforts to build up the schools of Rutland, and his success is not only gratifying to himself and friends, but to all who believe in good, practical, thorough, educational institutions. Prof. Frasier assumed the obligations of the marriage compact, by exchanging vows of fidelity and love with Jennie E. Clark, an accomplished daughter of Herman R. and

Lucia A. (Thompson) Clark, highly respected and influential citizens of Poultney, Vermont. Mr. Clark is a skilled mechanic of that prosperous town and has but one other daughter besides Mrs. Frasier, namely,—Mrs. Myron Bartholomew, of Hyde Park, Massachusetts. Prof. and Mrs. Frasier, with their only child, Ruth Leila, now a beautiful babe, have an attractive home in Rutland. They are worshippers in the Methodist church, and are very generous supporters of that denomination. In his political views, our subject is in sympathy with the Republicans, but does not carry politics into the school work. He has been a most successful instructor from the start and now ranks high among the most able and prominent educators in the Green Mountain State.

James R. Frasier, our subject's father, was a native of Sullivan county, N. Y., as was also his wife, and it was in that county that their marriage occurred. After marriage they continued to reside in the Empire State until 1845, when they went west to Illinois, where Mr. Frasier became prominent in farming. They reared five children out of the seven born to them, and were unfortunate in that they lost two infant sons. Their first born was Charles E. Frasier, who was a merchant for many years but is now retired. Other members of the family are: Thomas B., who has a stock farm near Sterling, Neb.; Anna M., wife of Joseph Vinson, of Joliet, Ill.; Willard A., subject of this sketch; and Leila I., who died at the age of nineteen years in Plainfield, Ill., five miles from the old homestead

of 160 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Frasier were not college educated, but were well-informed, intelligent people. They were of Scotch ancestry, and of the Old School Presbyterians. The beloved mother died in 1859, aged forty-two years. Her companion survived her fifteen years and died in 1874, aged fifty-five years.

Our subject is a gentleman of rare intellectual attainments, broad views, and superior executive ability, and has done much to raise the standard of the schools wherever he has been an instructor, and in bringing them to a high state of efficiency he has followed the most approved methods as laid down by the foremost students of pedagogy. Prof. Frasier's portrait accompanies this sketch.



THERON BUSH SMITH, an extensive real estate owner, retired farmer, and capitalist of Brandon, Vermont, was born in Moriah, New York, September 28, 1808. He is a son of Theron and Esther (Bush) Smith.

His father was born in Massachusetts, in 1785, and died in Orwell, Vermont, in 1855. He began life humbly, and by his industry and economy became a man of wealth for a farmer of those days. Our subject's mother was a native of Massachusetts, or Connecticut. She survived her husband many years and died when about eighty years of age.

Theron Bush Smith, an only child, inherited a good property,—a farm of 118 acres

in Orwell, Vermont, in which town both of his parents are buried. He received an academic education in Castleton, Vermont, after which he taught school for two winters and then turned his attention to farming on the home place where he remained until his removal to Brandon, Vermont.

On March 2, 1831, he married Esther Humphrey. They had three children; only one of these reached maturity, Mrs. Mary Willmarth, now a widow. She has two sons, Bush and Elmer, who now reside in Middlebury, Vermont. Mr. Smith was again married on November 20, 1844, to Almeda T. Warren, of Orwell, Vermont. Their "Golden Wedding" was fittingly celebrated, in 1894. They have three daughters: Alma, Electa, and Cora. Alma married Dr. W. H. Wright, of Brandon, Vt.; they have two sons, Theron and Earl. Electa married Dr. W. H. Kingsley, of Middlebury, Vt. Cora is the wife of G. H. Young, cashier of the First National Bank of Brandon, Vermont.

Mr. Smith removed to Brandon, Vermont, thirty-seven years ago, since which time he has lived in his present handsome home on Union street.

He has always been interested in the cultivation of land. His holdings now amount to over 1,000 acres. Three of his farms are located in Orwell, where he resided for fifty years, and another is situated in the town of Brandon, Vermont, where he also owns a fine business block and many private dwellings. At the age of ninety-one years he is still able to give personal attention to his

varied business interests and to superintend the care of his farms. Mr. Smith is a stockholder in the two banks of Brandon, and for twenty years has been a director in the First National of said town. He was one of the originators of the Cloud County Bank of Concordia, Kansas, which was incorporated in 1879, and for the past eighteen years has been its president.

While never taking an active part in politics Mr. Smith is a staunch Republican. In town matters he has been a public spirited citizen, contributing liberally to enterprises that would help the community. He has been for years a generous and hearty supporter of the Congregational church, and the friend of any good cause.

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DON ELIJAH ATWOOD is a well-to-do farmer, whose place joins Castleton village on the west. The appearance of his sightly home and well-kept acres proclaims him a worthy descendant of his English-Scotch-Irish ancestry.

He traces his family on his father's side to Captain Thomas Atwood, who lived in Wethersfield, Conn., and died in 1682. His father, Joseph Atwood, was born in Shoreham, Vermont, where he grew to manhood and engaged in business. He married Anna Miller, a sister of Captain William Miller, who acquired world-wide fame by his lectures on prophecy. Soon removing from Shoreham to Glover, in the same state, he became a suc-

cessful manufacturer of woolen goods and later established a similar industry at Magog, Canada, where the subject of this sketch was born April 16, 1824.

Don E. Atwood became fatherless at fourteen years and his mother removed for a time to Hampton, N. Y., to be with her kindred and educate her two boys, of whom Don E. was the elder. After some years the family returned to their Canadian home, where they lived until the death of the mother.

Selling his interest in the estate, Don E. located at East Whitehall, N. Y., where he purchased a small but productive farm. In 1846 he married Amanda M. Bosworth, of Hampton, N. Y., a daughter of Hezekiah Bosworth, an influential citizen and an officer in the War of 1812.

Excepting the short time he was at the head of the woolen works in Magog, Mr. Atwood has followed farming continuously, and while still young had accumulated a competence ample for his needs. For many years he has lived a quiet and peaceful life, free from the cares and anxieties incident to the pursuit of wealth or fame.

To Mr. and Mrs. Atwood have been born three children, a daughter who died in infancy, and two sons, Joseph Victor and Frederick Julius. The former died at nineteen years of age, beloved by a wide circle of friends. The latter graduated from the higher course of the state normal school at Castleton, in 1875, from the Troy Business College in 1876 and in the same year entered the First National Bank of Brandon, Vt., as bookkeeper. In

1879 he went to Kansas and is now president of the First National Bank of Concordia in that state.

In politics, Mr. Atwood has generally voted with the Republicans, although in recent years he has been a member of the Prohibition party and as such has been a candidate for state senator and delegate to a national convention. The church affiliations of Mr. and Mrs. Atwood have been with the Adventists.

Mr. Atwood has sought neither wealth nor fame; but might say with truth: "Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man."

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SUSAN ELIZABETH BOGUE, of Wallingford, Rutland county, Vermont, is the widow of the late Edwin Stewart Bogue. The latter was born in Pittsford, Vt., March 25, 1824, where he also attended the public school. His education was finished at the Burr & Burton Academy, at Manchester, Vermont.

On leaving that institution, at the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Bogue went to Northern Wisconsin, and was for some time engaged in the lumber business, but subsequently went to Crown Point, N. Y., where he accepted a position in a general store. After working as a clerk for some time, he was taken in as a partner with Hammond Brothers, who owned the store, and who also operated an iron foundry at Crown Point. When Mr. Bogue became a partner, the firm

was styled Hammond & Company. Some time later the company was reorganized, and was thereafter known as the Crown Point Iron Company. Mr. Bogue was a member of the company as long as his health permitted, but after he became afflicted with paralysis, he was unable to continue in active work. Therefore, selling his interest to the company, he withdrew some years prior to his death, which occurred in 1887. He was a man of exceptional business qualities, and the success of the Crown Point Iron Company was due largely to his efforts. He was upright and honorable in all his dealings, and commanded the respect of all who knew him. He was a loving husband and his loss was felt by all. In politics, he was a Republican, and was an aggressive worker in behalf of his party; but he never could be prevailed upon to accept office. He was an attendant of the Congregational church. He married Susan Elizabeth Sabin, the subject of this biography, who bore him one son, the latter dying at the age of twenty-six years.

Mrs. Bogue is a native of Wallingford, Vermont. Her primary education was obtained in the public schools of her native town, after which she attended Castleton Seminary, from which she graduated. She then followed the profession of teaching, which occupied her attention until her marriage. During her married life, her home was in Crown Point, New York. One year after the death of her husband, she returned to her native town. She then erected her handsome residence, which is one of the finest in the village. It was built

according to some of Mrs. Bogue's favorite ideas and plans, and is an ornament to the town, where she, also, owns another pretty dwelling.

Mrs. Bogue is a daughter of David and Mary (Draper) Sabin. David Sabin was a native of Vermont, and obtained a limited education in the public schools, after which he began a mercantile career. He started into business for himself by opening a general store, continued in that line during his active days, and finally retired. Mrs. Sabin was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, where she was educated, and continued to live, until her marriage. She bore her husband eleven children, namely: Edgar D.; Mary (Martindale); Susan Elizabeth, the subject hereof; George; Charles; Hervey; Henry; Simeon; Anne; and two others who died in infancy. Mrs. Bogue is a member of the Congregational church. She is an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society, and also of the Women's Relief Corps, and the Fortnightly Literary Club. In fact, she is an enthusiastic worker in any religious or charitable cause.

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SAMUEL HANGER, a retired and aged citizen of Hydeville, Rutland county, Vermont, is now nearing the octogenarian mark in life. He was born in Plymouth, England, February 15, 1821. The Hangers were prosperous in England in the seventeenth century. The first one of the family to come to America was Ryland

Hanger, a younger brother of our subject.

William Hanger, grandfather of Samuel, was a boot and shoe maker. He was captured by the press gang, was taken to sea, and forced to serve in the English navy. He was serving in the fleet of Admiral Nelson, when the island of Teneriffe was captured, and was killed in that action, leaving only one son, William Hanger, Jr., the father of our subject. William Hanger, Jr., was born in 1792. He was a Baptist missionary, and after vigorous and unremitting services in the missionary work retired to an old farm house in the parish of Marlboro, where he died in 1849; his remains were laid to rest in the parish of Stokenham, near the village of Chillaton, Devonshire. His marriage with a Miss Mirfield resulted in the birth of four sons and five daughters.

Of this large family, Samuel Hanger, our subject, is the only surviving member. He was the second son and the third child of his parents. Previous to seeking a home in America for his family, he had learned the marble trade in England, serving seven years' apprenticeship. During that period he learned all the different branches of the trade, but paid particular attention to carving and sculpture, which was his principal work. Later he worked at the turning lathe. He also learned designing and drafting. He was employed many years in his brother Ryland's mill at Hydeville, Vermont, and is still interested to some extent in the same line of work.

Ryland Hanger, our subject's brother, came to America in 1853, when a young man.

He took passage on a sailing vessel and after a long and tedious voyage of five or six weeks landed at New York, where he remained four years. He had also learned the marble business in England, serving seven long years of apprenticeship. From New York he moved to West Castleton, Vermont, to work for a slate company. About 1880, he purchased a marble mill at Hydeville, and turned it into a slate mill. He was one of the pioneers in the manufacture of marbleized slate, which occupied his attention many years. In October, 1887, Ryland Hanger died very suddenly, leaving no children. He had previously lost his wife.

In July, 1843, when twenty-two years of age, our subject was united in marriage with Marion Kelley. Their marriage occurred in England. She was a daughter of Richard Kelley, who was a lieutenant of the Royal Cornwall militia. Mr. and Mrs. Hanger became the parents of four children, namely: Louise, Samuel E., Evangeline Harriet, and Leanora A. F. Louise, who married H. Shannon, and had six children, died in middle life. Samuel E. is an Episcopalian minister in Monroe Wisconsin; he has a wife and three children. Evangeline Harriet married John Callaway and resides in Hydeville; they have one son and two daughters. Leanora A. F. became the wife of George Benford, of Fair Haven, Vermont, and they have two sons and one daughter.

Ryland Hanger accumulated a moderate fortune, most of which he left to our subject's children. Samuel Hanger is a man of re-

fined tastes and might have made his mark in the world of literature. But not until his declining years did he court the Muses or listen to their voices, and write some metrical lines.

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GEORGE FRANCIS BROWN. The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch, is a retired carpenter and builder in Rutland, Vermont, where he has made his home since 1881. In that year he purchased an acre of ground and upon a part of it erected a dwelling, which he afterward sold at a fair profit. He was then enabled to build his present comfortable residence at Number 16, Nichols street, into which he moved in 1886. Since that time he has built other houses in Rutland, and from the rental of these has derived a handsome interest on his investment. He began the carpenter's trade when a youth of seventeen years, and has followed that line of work nearly a quarter of a century,—twelve years being spent in Poultney, Vermont.

Mr. Brown was born in Middletown, Vermont, October 7, 1842. He was reared to farm life, and at an early age was performing the hardest labors to be found about his father's place; his educational advantages were therefore limited to an elementary training in the common branches in the district schools. At the age of twenty years he entered the Union army, enlisting as a private in Company K, 14th Regiment, Vermont Infantry; this regiment was included in the Sec-

ond Vermont Brigade. The Second Vermont Brigade, under General Stannard, is given the credit by most military experts of having turned the tide of battle at Gettysburg; when General Pickett's column of 20,000 Confederates, the very pick and flower of General Lee's army, moved to that great charge on the Union center on July 3, 1863, and it seemed inevitable ruin for the Union cause, General Stannard's brigade, by a well executed and difficult maneuver, moved upon the flank of the Confederate column and, taking it by surprise, routed it and drove the Confederate soldiers back on the center of the column, where a converging fire forced the Rebels to give ground and fall back, beaten. This was the turning-point of the whole war. Mr. Brown served nine months and, although not wounded, had a close call with death from a bullet, that was stopped by a tin pail in his haversack.

George Francis Brown is a son of George White and Jerusha (Stiles) Brown, a grandson of Joseph and Polly (White) Brown, and a great-grandson of Joseph Brown, a farmer who lived in Tinnmouth, Vermont. The last-named, Joseph Brown, great-grandfather of G. F. Brown, was in the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775, with his twin-brother, Jonas, and their brother, Moses. Joseph served as first lieutenant of the 15th Massachusetts Regiment; was made captain February 3, 1780, and resigned November 15, 1780. Moses was commissioned captain of the 14th Regiment, Continental Infantry, January 1, 1776. Jonas was made second lieutenant of Ward's Massa-

chusetts Regiment, May 23, 1775. He was wounded on April 19, 1775, at the battle of Lexington.

Joseph Brown, the great-grandfather of George Francis Brown, moved from Westmoreland and settled in Tinnmouth; he married Annis Knites White, who was reared in Westmoreland, where he also grew to manhood. He died in 1819.

Joseph Brown, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1777, and died in 1863. He was a thrifty farmer in Tinnmouth, Vermont, during the most of his life, and was a leading member of the Congregational church, in which he served as deacon during his last forty years. He was a man of influence and served in nearly all the town offices. In 1800 he wedded Polly White, who was born in 1783, and died at the age of ninety-nine years and two months. She retained possession of her faculties almost to the close of her long life. She was a daughter of Archibald White, who was born in 1758, and died in 1811, and a granddaughter of George White, a native of Wales. Our subject's grandparents reared the following children: Susannah; Annis; Arethusa; George W.; Maria; and Joseph.

George White Brown, father of the subject hereof, was born in Tinnmouth, Rutland county, Vermont, September 1, 1812. He married Jerusha Stiles, daughter of Gould and Laura (Haynes) Stiles. It is rather a singular coincidence that both our subject's maternal great-grandfather and grandfather were named Gould Stiles. Gould Stiles, the great-grandfather, served in the ranks of the



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Revolutionary army, from Connecticut; his son Gould served in the War of 1812, but was not engaged in any battle; twelve children were reared by him. Mrs. Brown, the mother of our subject, on her mother's side, was a granddaughter of Jonathan Haynes, who was born July 16, 1753, in Norwich, Conn., and was twenty-four years and one month old, when he was seriously wounded in the battle of Bennington, where General Stark led the patriots against the British to victory. His death occurred May 13, 1813, in Middletown, Rutland county, and his remains were there laid to rest. He was a son of Jonathan Haynes, who was born October 25, 1712, in Haverhill, Mass.; this Jonathan Haynes was a son of Thomas Haynes, who was born in Newbury, Mass., May 14, 1680, and was twice captured by the Indians, and held in captivity for some time. Thomas Haynes was a son of Jonathan Haynes, who was born in 1646 in Salem, Mass., and was killed by the Indians, February 22, 1698, at Haverhill, at the time of his son Thomas' second capture.

Our subject's parents farmed on the Stiles farm which was in the towns of Middletown, Poultney and Wells, with the residence in Wells. The farm was an extensive one, and was quite profitably cultivated by Mr. Brown, who attended strictly to home affairs, as he was of a retiring disposition, and could not be prevailed upon to become a public servant by holding office. He was a member of the Congregational church, and a member of the I. O. O. F. The remains of our subject's parents

were buried in the Poultney cemetery. George Francis Brown, our subject, was one of two children that composed his parents' family.

On March 29, 1869, our subject married Harriet Elizabeth Adams, a young lady of Troy, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Brown was born in 1845, and is a daughter of James and Melinda (Potter) Adams, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was twice married, and reared ten children, altogether. Mrs. Brown is one of a family of six children, born to her mother,—three sons and three daughters; four of the family are still living. She has also one half-brother and three half-sisters still living. To the subject of this sketch and his attractive wife have been born two sons, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Frank Joseph, a jeweler of Rutland, married Mattie Dye November 23, 1898. In politics, our subject is nominally a Republican, but votes independently, and has in the main escaped office. He has, however, served as justice of the peace for two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are faithful members of the M. E. church.

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HENRY M. GIPSON, a lumber dealer and prominent citizen of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, whose portrait accompanies this account of his life, was born in Salisbury, Vermont, September 13, 1848. He received a common school education, and when eighteen years old began his career by hiring out to a farmer. After working diligently nine months he quit, drew his

wages and wisely spent one more year at school. He located in Brandon, in 1871, and spent nine years engaged in mercantile business with the firm of E. A. Hamilton & Company. Later he was a butter buyer and packer for five years. For the past ten years Mr. Gipson has been in the lumber business. He bought out James Knapp and does a large and increasing business at the old stand.

Carlos Gipson, our subject's father, was born in 1822. He married Laura Whitney, who was born in Salisbury, the same year. Their marriage took place about the year 1840. Three children blessed their union, Nora L., Ella, and our subject. Nora L. resides in Brandon. Ella married F. L. Rogers, of the same place. Subject's father began life a poor man and became a merchant and speculator. He left a good property and, better still, a good name. He was a Democrat and served as sheriff of Addison county; he also served as selectman and in other town offices. He was not a member of any church. Our subject's mother died less than a year before her husband. They are buried in the Salisbury cemetery.

James Meacham Gipson, our subject's grandfather, was born at Athol, Mass., in 1795, and died in Salisbury, Vermont, at the extreme age of ninety-three years. He married Abigail Gibson, who died the same year as her husband, also aged ninety-three years. James Meacham Gipson was crippled by the use of calomel and used crutches for many years.

November 18, 1869, Mr. Gipson was joined

in marriage with Nellie Waterhouse, of Salisbury. She is a daughter of William Waterhouse, a wheelwright, who reared two daughters. Mrs. Gipson is the only survivor of the family. Four children were born to her and her husband, namely: Eugene and Fred, who both died of the scarlet fever and are buried together; Arthur; and Carlos. Arthur was born in 1874 and is now bookkeeper in his father's office. Carlos is a bright lad of thirteen years. Mr. Gipson is a staunch Republican. He has served as first selectman and as water commissioner for ten years and is still serving in both positions. He served in the legislature, in 1890. He is the general superintendent of the county fair and has been for five years.

The beautiful residence in which Mr. Gipson resides was formerly the property of his beloved father; our subject purchased the interest of the other heirs and now owns it himself. He has spent much time and money in improving it and has made it one of the most desirable residences in the village. Mr. Gipson is a master Mason and member of the I. O. O. F., of Brandon, Vt. He worships at the Congregational church, of which his wife is a devout member.

LAFAYETTE ALLEN. The enterprising and progressive character of the gentleman whose name is prefixed to this sketch, is widely known among lumbermen of the Green Mountain State. After

completing his schooling, he immediately undertook the business of lumbering, and has since followed it. This branch of industry is very profitable in the state of Vermont. Mr. Allen was born in Hubbardton, Vermont, June 12, 1855, and is a son of Riley V. and Mariette (Walker) Allen.

Riley V. Allen was born in Sudbury, Vt., in 1829. He attended school until he attained the age of fifteen years, and proved to be an apt scholar. He was especially proficient in grammar and mathematics, which qualifications went far toward fitting him for the profession of a teacher. He was a prominent and successful educator, and continued teaching for twenty-three years. He became very popular, and in the course of time officiated as town superintendent of schools for more than twenty years. He was united in marriage with Mariette Walker, and reared four children: Harold, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Lafayette, the subject of this sketch; Thomas P. and Arthur W. Harold learned the engineers and undertakers' trade. Thomas P. assists his brother, Lafayette. Lafayette Allen's father was a prominent Republican. He was a representative in the State Legislature, and filled other offices at the hands of his party. In a religious sense, he was a spiritualist; he died in 1889, aged sixty years.

In his youth, the subject hereof moved with the family to Chittenden, Vt., and there received his mental training. When a boy, he worked for different concerns. In 1884, he bought the mill he now runs. It was at

that time an old, English gate mill, but he has improved it in many ways, and added twenty-four one-inch turbines of eighteen horse power. He has this mill equipped with an upright saw, with bench saws and cave spout machine, a turning shop with bench saws, slab saws, etc. He manufactures stone boat planks, marble rollers, eave spouts and boxing. The output of his mill is about one hundred and fifty thousand feet per year, and gives employment to five men, in summer, and ten men, in winter. He has three hundred and fifty acres of very fine, hardwood timber land, and all the product of his mill is manufactured for the Vermont Marble Works. He uses principally birch, beech and maple.

His ingenuity and enterprise have led him to expend large amounts of money in experiments. He has made a valuable automatic lathe for turning hard wood rollers. In the construction of this machine he has done his own mechanical work, even to making the tools. He has also demonstrated that a band saw cannot be used in the hard woods of this state. His building is stocked with labor saving machinery and devices of his own invention. In the busy season he runs his mill night and day. He also uses a thirty-two-inch, inserted-tooth circular saw. All the belting, shafting, pulleys and intricate machinery are in the basement. Since he came into possession of the mill, he has rebuilt the lower portion, and added a blacksmith shop for his own work; he also has a nice house and barn, near the mill. He uses three teams for hauling his logs. On his timber lands is a lot of

fine spruce, and plans to put in machinery for the use of this in the manufacture of chair stretchers are now under consideration. He has a nice farm of fifty acres which he cultivates in addition to other work.

Mr. Allen married Ellen Hill. Her parents were of English descent. They have two children, a son and a daughter. Robert V., the son, received a common school education, and then attended the Rutland Business College; after this he spent a year at Boston, and is now a student at R. E. C. I. Carrie B., the daughter, is also a student. The subject of this sketch is a Republican in politics, and is at present chairman of the school board; he has been overseer of the poor, justice of the peace, and juryman. He is a member of Killington Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 29, Rutland, Vermont.



DR. JOHN HAROLD BUFFUM, from early youth, evinced a love for learning. His taste for literary work increased with his age, and in class work at college he was easily a leader. He had a special fondness for medicine and surgery, and entered upon his studies with a zeal and fervor which made him a brilliant scholar. Dr. Buffum is a son of John Easton and Helen (Sexton) Buffum, and a grandson of Paris E. and Ann R. (Soule) Buffum.

The family has been established in this country for more than three and a half centuries, dating back to the year 1630, when

Robert Buffum came from England; he died in 1679. The next in line of descent was Caleb, born in 1650, then Benjamin, who was born in Salem, Mass., in 1686, but subsequently removed to Smithfield, Rhode Island. The last named was the father of Benjamin, who belonged to the Society of Friends, and was one of the first settlers of Richmond, New Hampshire. He was long looked upon as one of the foremost men in the county, being an advanced thinker and a man of sterling character. His son, Caleb, was born at Smithfield, R. I., in 1759, and was, in turn, the father of Caleb Buffum, who was born in the old Buffum House, now standing in Richmond, N. H., in the year 1789.

Paris E. Buffum, the grandfather of Dr. Buffum, was born in Mt. Tabor, Vt., in 1809, and is a son of Caleb and Hulda (Paris) Buffum. He received his mental training in the public schools of his native state. He learned the trade of a blacksmith and founder at East Dorset, Vermont, where he had moved, and afterward established himself in business. He was an extensive manufacturer, and employer of labor, for those days. After he had conducted business for some years, he sold out, and bought a double section farm. He was successful in his rural pursuits, and lived on the farm during the remainder of his life. He married and reared nine children, viz.: John Easton, father of the subject hereof; Cornelia; Jane; Helen; Charles; Louis; Florence; Nellie, and Henry.

John Easton Buffum, was born in East Dorset, Vermont, in 1838. He received the

rudiments of his education in the public schools of his native town, and subsequently attended the Burr & Burton Seminary. After leaving that institution, he taught school for several terms, and was then appointed examiner of schools. At the close of his official term as school examiner, he bought a farm and followed agricultural pursuits for some time; he then decided to sell his farm and buy village property, which he accordingly did. Coming to his village home, he accepted a position as tool temperer, in the shops of D. L. Kent & Company. He was united in marriage with Helen Sexton, a daughter of Joseph Sexton. She was born in the same town as her husband, and was educated in the public schools, in which she was afterward a successful teacher, for six years. They have two children, John (the subject hereof), and Clara. John Easton Buffum was a Democrat, and served as selectman, justice of the peace, postmaster, and member of the assembly, from Dorset,—serving through the term of 1890. He was a popular man, and a hard worker for his party organization. In his religious life, he was a worshiper in the Congregational church.

Dr. Buffum acquired a rudimental education in the public schools of Bennington county, Vermont, and then attended a preparatory school at Manchester, graduating therefrom in 1892. He then entered the University of Vermont, taking a classical course by which he gained his Ph. B. degree, and afterward took up the study of medicine. He was a brilliant scholar, and graduated in the

highest rank, with the degree of M. D. He was one of the honor men in the class of 1898. After graduating from the University of Vermont, he went to New York and took a post-graduate course, doing hospital duty, and fitting himself for general work, such as falls to the lot of a physician located in a small town. In 1898, he moved to Wallingford, and succeeded to the practice of Dr. W. E. Stewart, an old established physician of Rutland county, Vermont.

Dr. Buffum is a general practitioner, and has been very successful in his profession. He is already making a name for himself, and building up a large and lucrative practice. His office is in a wing of the house occupied by himself and parents. Since he purchased this property, he has added many needed improvements. The Doctor is independent in his political views, and a Congregationalist, in his religious belief. He is a member of the Delta Mu, a college fraternity.

DR. JACQUES J. TRUDEL, the genial proprietor of "The Peoples' Drug Store," on the corner of Centre and Wales streets, in Rutland, Vermont, is not only a highly competent pharmacist, but a prominent physician as well. He has one of the most attractive drug stores in Rutland, and makes his own medicines, of which he has several choice and valuable specialties. Dr. Trudel's Cough Syrup, prepared at The Peoples' Drug Store, has a wide reputation

and its sale is extensive. This valuable cough remedy is a syrup made from a special formula by the late Dr. E. H. Trudel, professor in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Montreal, and is one of the best preparations on the market.

Dr. Trudel was born in Nicolet, Province of Quebec, Canada, March 23, 1863. He took a classical course in the college of Nicolet, graduating therefrom at the age of seventeen years. He then took a three years' course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Montreal, and also graduated from the University of Vermont, at Burlington, in 1886, at which time he received his degree of M. D. Dr. Trudel immediately began the practice of his profession at Amesbury, Massachusetts, where he remained about ten years, removing therefrom to Rutland, in December, 1897, and establishing his present lucrative practice. He keeps himself well posted in his profession, and contemplates taking a six months' journey to Europe, in order to gain still further knowledge of his business.

October 13, 1886, Dr. Trudel was joined in marriage with Mary Louise Lamoureux, a highly cultured daughter of Janvier and Sophie (Malo) Lamoureux, of Montreal. Her mother was a sister of one of Dakota's missionaries. Mrs. Trudel is a lady of rare musical talent and ability, and is a graduate from Mrs. Marchand's academy, in Montreal. Two sons bless the home of the subject hereof and his accomplished wife, namely: Lucien, who is now eleven years of age; and J. J., Jr., who is nine years old. Dr. Trudel is a son of Lud-

ger and Eliza (Jennery) Trudel, a grandson of Anselm E. Trudel, and a great-grandson of Bonaparte Trudel.

This family is particularly noted for longevity, many of its members having lived to be nearly one hundred years old. Bonaparte Trudel, the great-grandfather of Dr. Trudel, died in the winter of 1879, aged ninety-seven years, and nine and a half months. His son Anselm E., lived at Nicolet, where he died in 1897, aged about ninety-six years. The early ancestors came from France in the days of their youth. Senator Trudel of Montreal, now deceased, was another distinguished member of the family. He was a prominent lawyer and editor, and traced the genealogy of the family back to France. The first members came over during the French and Indian War. Dr. Trudel remembers his great-great-grandfather, Gaspard, whom he saw when a child. He was the son of a captain in the French army.

Ludger Trudel, father of the Doctor, was also a native of Nicolet. Early in life he was a mechanic and a blacksmith, by trade, but afterward became a lumber merchant. He wedded Eliza Jennery, and they were blessed with nine children,—four sons, and five daughters; one son and one daughter died in early childhood. Four of the family are still living,—viz.: Maria; Jacques J.; J. L. O.; and Arthur. Maria is the widow of H. C. McCaffray, residing in Nicolet, Canada, and having three children living. Jacques J. is the subject of this biography. J. L. O. is a prosperous and successful physician, in Chicago, Illinois,

where he graduated from a medical college, in 1893. He has a wife and one daughter. Arthur is a student in the Albany (New York) College of Pharmacy. He was employed, for some time, as a clerk in the drug store of Dr. Trudel, in Rutland.

Dr. Trudel's mother is still living. She is now Mrs. Joseph Raiche, of Derry, New Hampshire. In politics, the Doctor is an independent voter; he was appointed city physician of Rutland, in May, 1898. Socially, the Doctor has many warm friends and appreciative patrons, and is a valued member of the order of Knights of Pythias, and Uniform Rank; also of St. Jean Baptiste Societies in Amesbury, Mass., and Rutland, Vermont, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Foresters.



HIRAM A. SMITH, of West Rutland, Vermont, was born at Randolph Center, Orange county, Vt., January 25, 1835. He was educated at what was then the Orange County Grammar school, and taught several years in that vicinity, coming to West Rutland in 1855, to enter the employ of the marble firm of Sheldon, Morgan & Slason, later Sheldon & Sons, and the Sheldon Marble Company. He was soon advanced to be superintendent, and held this responsible position in that great industry, for thirty-six years. Mr. Smith always has been deeply interested in the growth of the town, and has contributed largely to it by opening new

streets and building a large number of substantial houses. He erected his fine residence, at the corner of Main street and Clarendon avenue, in 1879.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Congregational church, which has received a large measure of his thought and care. He has been one of the deacons for many years, and for twenty-five years was superintendent of its Sunday school. He was largely instrumental in building the present church edifice. He is a Chapter Mason, having been initiated into Center Lodge of Rutland, of which he was afterward master for two years. He was one of the charter members of Hiram Lodge of West Rutland, and its first master; he is now its chaplain. He has always been an earnest Republican in politics, and has held many of the town offices. He is a trustee of the Marble Savings Bank, of Rutland.

September 20, 1865, Mr. Smith married Ellen S. Manley, youngest child of Thomas and Sarah (Bond) Manley, of Chittenden, Vermont. Her father was prominent in his town and county, and was a member of the State Legislature eight terms. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Charles M.; William C.; and Linna G., who died when she was eight years old.

Charles M. was born August 3, 1868. He was graduated from St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Academy, in 1887, and from Dartmouth College, in 1891. He was editor-in-chief of two of the college publications, a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, of the Casque and Gauntlet senior society, and a Phi Beta Kappa man.

He took several of the college prizes. The two years succeeding graduation he passed in Washington, D. C., as secretary to Senator Proctor. In the spring of 1894 he was one of the organizers of the A. F. Davis Feed Company, doing a wholesale grain and flour business throughout Vermont and Massachusetts, with mill and storehouses at Rutland. He has since bought out the other original members of the concern, and his brother, William C., has taken an interest in the business with him. In 1896, he purchased his present home, which includes a fertile farm on which he keeps a large stock. November 1, 1893, Mr. Smith married Mary A. Stark of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of Hon. James Landon Stark and Laura (Hills) Stark. Her father was a prominent lawyer in Bennington county, Vermont, representing the county in the State Senate. In the fall of 1859, he removed to Chicago, where he practiced law until his death in February, 1873, aged fifty years. There Mrs. Smith was born. Mr. Stark left a widow, one son, and one daughter. The son, James L., Jr., died in childhood. Mr. Stark was a man of rare ability and cultured tastes, and was highly successful in his profession. He was of the family of Gen. John Stark, of Revolutionary fame. Mrs. Stark was a daughter of Cyrus B. Hills, for many years the most prominent merchant of Arlington, Vermont. She died in West Rutland, in June, 1895, and with Mr. Stark, is buried at Bennington Center. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children, Dorothy, born February 7, 1895; Charlotte

Hodges, born July 9, 1896, and Manley Stark, born July 9, 1899.

William C. Smith was born June 25, 1872. He attended the Vermont Academy at Saxton's River, and also St. Johnsbury Academy, graduating from the latter institution in 1892. He is now engaged in business, as stated above.

Hiram A. Smith is a son of Sereno and Hannah (Smith) Smith, a grandson of Norman and Susannah (Worden) Smith, and a great-grandson of Timothy Smith. Norman Smith was born in Hanover, N. H., July 18, 1776, to which place Timothy moved from Connecticut,—settling later in Brookfield, Vt., where he was a farmer for many years, and where he died, in 1824, aged ninety years. He was friendly with the founders of Dartmouth College who, also, came from Connecticut to Hanover, and he took a lively interest in that institution. Seven children were born to Norman Smith. One son, Hiram, for whom the subject hereof is named, died young. The others were: Sereno, Hiram A.'s father; Elvira; Alonzo; Lorenzo; Lavinia, and Warren H.

Elvira married Henry Leslie, and reared a large family. She died at the age of eighty. Alonzo was a prominent physician and business man of Randolph, Vermont. He operated the woolen mills of Gaysville and Northfield. He died at the age of sixty years, leaving five daughters and two sons. Lorenzo was a farmer, and went to California, in 1849. He served in the Civil War. He died in Brookfield, Vt., leaving two daughters and



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one son. Lavinia married William Lease, and died in middle life, childless. Warren H. was for many years a prominent and successful attorney in Rutland, dying there at the age of seventy-five years, and leaving a widow, son and daughter.

Sereno Smith, father of Hiram A., was born in Brookfield, Vt., December 3, 1803. He was a farmer in Randolph, and afterward in Washington, Vermont. In 1823, he married Hannah Smith who was, however, of an entirely different family. She died in 1862, at the age of sixty-three years. He died at the age of seventy-seven, and both are buried at Randolph Center. They were the parents of seven children. One, Adelaide, died in infancy. Lucy died when eighteen years old. Sophia married W. S. Buck, and left one son, who lives in Randolph. Susan married William Wood, of Randolph. She died some years ago, leaving one son, Charles E. Wood, of Boston. Marcis P. is the wife of L. B. Smith, of Castleton. Hiram A., the subject of this sketch, and Dan B., were the only sons. The latter has lived in New York City many years, and is a banker, and member of the Produce Exchange.



EDSON P. GILSON, one of the progressive business men and citizens of Rutland, Vermont, whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, was for many years engaged in marble producing, but at the

present time is president of the Killington National Bank of Rutland, besides being prominently identified with other business enterprises. He is a son of John and Lucy (Stearns) Gilson, and was born in Reading, Vermont, October 5, 1839. He is descended from John and Sarah Gilson, who were the first to establish the family in this country.

John Gilson, Jr., the great-grandfather of Edson P., was born in Groton, Massachusetts, May 12, 1726. On January 19, 1764, he married Prudence Lawrence, of Groton, who was in the fifth generation of descent from John Lawrence, of Watertown, Massachusetts.

John Gilson, the father of our subject, was born in Rindge, New Hampshire, July 1, 1798, and was a youth when he removed with his father to Reading, Windsor county, Vermont. His father, Abel Gilson, was a sturdy old pioneer of that district. John Gilson married Lucy Stearns March 31, 1831, and among their children was Edson P., of whom we write.

Edson P. Gilson, after attending the public schools for some time, took a course of study in Woodstock Institute and later was a student at Chester Academy. He was engaged in teaching school for five years. In 1862 he secured the position of bookkeeper in the Bank of Rutland, and subsequently accepted the position of cashier of the First National Bank of Springfield, Vermont, serving in that capacity from 1864 to 1866. In June, 1865, in company with Charles Clement and Farrant Parker, he purchased a large marble-quarry property at West Rutland, continuing

in the marble business for more than twenty years. At that time he also took up his residence in Rutland, where he has since continued to live. Upon the organization of the Killington National Bank of Rutland, Mr. Gilson was chosen vice-president and served in that capacity until he was made president, an office he still fills. He was a trustee of the graded schools of Rutland for many years, evincing an earnest interest in all that pertained to educational advancement. Religiously, he is a member of the Episcopal church, and has been a vestryman for more than twenty years. He has been trustee of the Vermont State Insane Asylum, member and treasurer of the board of trustees of the Diocese of Vermont; and trustee and treasurer of the Rutland Hospital. Politically, Mr. Gilson has been a Republican since the inception of the party.

Mr. Gilson was united in marriage in June, 1865, to Anna E. Clement, of Rutland. After her death, he formed a second marriage, February 1, 1877, with Harriet E. Morgan, of New York City, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Robert Morgan, born January 20, 1878; and John Lawrence, who was born October 26, 1881. Robert Morgan Gilson, who is now a first lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps, served as second lieutenant in the Marine Corps during the Spanish-American War; he received his commission as first lieutenant in April, 1899, and is now in the Philippine Islands, being stationed at Cavite.

ERASTUS HIBBARD PHELPS, a manufacturer, of Fair Haven, Vermont, is a well known citizen of that place. He was born in Ticonderoga, New York, January 16, 1839, and is a son of Erastus and Margaret (Hibbard) Phelps, and a grandson of Elnathan and Phoebe (Tuttle) Phelps.

Elnathan Phelps was a native of Orwell, Vermont, where he followed farming. His marriage with Phoebe Tuttle resulted in the birth of ten children, who grew to maturity. Seven were sons, and three, daughters. Erastus Phelps, father of the subject hereof, was born in Orwell, Vt., in 1804, and died at the age of seventy-six years. He, too, was a farmer. He was joined in wedlock with Margaret Hibbard, a daughter of John and Abigail (Merriman) Hibbard, respected citizens of Orwell. Margaret came of a family noted for its extreme longevity. She had one brother who lived to be ninety-six years of age, and another was ninety-four years old. She was born, November 23, 1804, and lived ninety-one years, five months, and thirteen days. She died May 6, 1896. The parents of Erastus Hibbard Phelps were married March 15, 1827, in Orwell, Vermont, and celebrated their golden wedding, in 1877. It was the occasion of the reunion of many relatives and friends, and was a most joyful gathering. The subject hereof read an appropriate poem of his own composition.

Erastus Hibbard Phelps took a preparatory course in the Troy Conference Academy, and graduated from Middlebury College, in 1861,

after which he taught, for several terms. He served in the war, as paymaster's clerk, for about three years, in the quartermaster's department, first in the South, and then on the plains.

In April, 1867, he left Denver, Colorado and went to Fair Haven, Vt., where he accepted a position as bookkeeper for Adams & Allen, marble dealers, remaining with them for two or three years. He then attended a law school, in Albany, from which he graduated, and immediately thereafter began the practice of his profession, in Fair Haven, with his cousin, J. B. Phelps. From 1872 to 1891, he was cashier of the First National Bank of Fair Haven. About the year 1891, he went to Minnesota to look after his milling interests, remaining in that state and in Iowa, until 1893. He then returned to his home in Fair Haven, at Number 14, Washington street, where he settled, before his marriage. His father and mother were living with him at that time. In 1896, "The Vermont Clock Company" was incorporated, and Mr. Phelps was appointed its secretary and treasurer.

On October 19, 1875, Mr. Phelps was united in matrimony with Mary E. Miller, of Millersburg, Minn. She was born in Hampton, N. Y., and is a daughter of Robbins and Mary E. (Barber) Miller,—both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Phelps' grandfather Miller was the founder of the Second Advent Faith, of which he was a strong advocate. He was a fine lecturer, and also served as captain in the War of 1812. Mrs. Phelps has one brother, William R. Miller, in Minneapolis, Minn.,

who was associated with Mr. Phelps in the milling business.

The subject of this sketch is a master Mason. In past years he has been a Republican, in politics, and was in the legislature, in 1896, and a member of the last constitutional convention, held in 1870. He was the publisher and editor of the "Fair Haven Journal," for two years,—from 1869 to 1871. He has been a member of the board of trustees of Middlebury College, for several years. In religious association, he is a member and deacon of the Congregational church. Mr. Phelps spends his summers on his farm, about two miles from his present residence. It is in New York State and contains one hundred and forty acres, being the farm formerly owned by Mrs. Phelps' grandfather, William Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have two sons: Paul Harold, who is twenty-one years old, stands six feet two inches high, and is at present a salesman in New York City; and Philip Max Miller, who is a bright youth of thirteen years. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Phelps taught in Carlton College, Northfield, Minn., and also in Sydney, Ohio.

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MRS. MARCIA ANN REED, of Fair Haven, Vermont, is the widow of the late Corril Reed, who died at Fair Haven, where he located fifty years ago.

Corril Reed was born in Moriah, N. Y., December 14, 1823, and was a son of Levi and Martha (Ranney) Reed,—beginning life

as a farmer. At a later period he served five years as clerk in a dry goods store at Moriah, N. Y., and then moved to Fair Haven, Vermont, where, on April 19, 1849, he began his mercantile career by opening a small general store. He subsequently dealt exclusively in flour, and was the only flour merchant in that town, supplying both the wholesale and retail trades. Later in life, he devoted his time and attention to coal and lumber. He was a Republican, politically, and was a man of much prominence. He served as town clerk (in all) thirteen years; and represented the town of Fair Haven in the State Legislature for three terms. He also served as selectman, justice of the peace, etc. He was in Montpelier in 1864, when St. Albans was raided by the Confederates from Canada. He was a lifelong member of the Congregational church, and served as deacon. He was also an active temperance worker, and served several years as Sunday school superintendent.

Corril Reed died November 6, 1892, leaving his widow with one son, Rolland C. On June 13, 1848, he was united in marriage with the subject of this sketch, who was then Marcia Ann Bridges. At the time that Mrs. Reed was married (which was nearly fifty-two years ago), in her father's family there were eleven children, six sons, and five daughters. Those eleven children are living at the present time. Mrs. Reed is a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Eunice (Clapp) Bridges, her mother being a native of Deerfield, Mass., and her father, of Hardwick, in the same state. They were the parents of six children, of

whom the subject hereof is the eldest living. The mother of these children died when she was only twenty-eight years old, and Marcia was seven years of age. The father formed a second union, wedding Harriet Ann Hubbard, who bore him thirteen children, and is still living. She resides upon the old farm in Deerfield, Mass., where Benjamin Franklin Reed died, September 21st, 1891, aged ninety-four years and five months. He retained his faculties of both body and mind most remarkably, until his last illness. His widow is now eighty-six years old, and is still a bright old lady, much beloved by all. Of the nineteen children born to Benjamin F. Bridges, eleven were sons, and eight, daughters. Four died young and fifteen grew up. Eunice Elizabeth died at the age of fourteen, and one son, Hubbard Clapp, died when twenty-three years old. The other thirteen are living. Mrs. Reed has two brothers, and one sister. One brother, Benjamin Franklin Bridges, Jr., was a general of the Massachusetts state militia, and has been warden of the Charlestown (Mass.) State Prison, for the last six years. Mrs. Reed has one son, Rolland C., and an adopted daughter, Emma L., who married H. W. Hubbard, of Greenfield, Mass., and they now reside at Siloam Springs, Arkansas. They have three sons.

Rolland C. Reed left school in 1874, and, for five years, was engaged in the printing business. In the winter of 1877, he took a course in a business college at Rochester, N. Y., and then became associated in mercantile pursuits with his father, which line he has fol-

lowed ever since. This business was established, some twenty-four years ago, by his father, Corril Reed, who purchased the concern of William C. Kittredge. At a later period, Rolland C. was taken in as a partner, and the firm name was changed to Corril Reed & Son. Upon the death of the senior member of the firm, the style was altered to that of Rolland C. Reed, and the business was carried on by him alone. In January, 1899, the Reed Coal Company was formed, of which Mr. Reed is treasurer and business manager. This company deals in coal, lumber, cement, etc., at Fair Haven. The business formerly carried on by his father was located in the O. A. Peck brick block, which was burned down in the spring of 1899. Upon the same location, Corril Reed had built a flour, grain, and feed store, thirty-three years before.

On June 6, 1881, Rolland C. Reed was joined in marriage with Mary A. McCaw, of Norwich, N. Y., a daughter of Deacon James McCaw, now a retired citizen of Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have three children: Annie Franklin; James Corril; and Rolland Leslie. Annie is a young lady of seventeen, and attends the Fair Haven graded schools, being a member of the class of 1900. James Corril is fourteen years of age, and is also attending school. Rolland Leslie is a bright boy of eleven years. Rolland C. Reed is, politically, a staunch Republican, and has served ten years on the county committee, but has declined at all times to run for office. He is a member of the Congregational church and Sunday school, and has been secretary and treasurer

of the latter, for fourteen years. He and his family reside at Number 59, Prospect street, at the old house where his parents settled more than twenty-five years ago.

Mr. Reed believes in home industry. He is one of the founders of the Clock Works, of which he is a director and a prominent stockholder. He was, for several years, a director and treasurer of the Western Vermont Agricultural Society, but resigned in 1898. For six years Mr. Reed has been a director and treasurer of the cemetery association, of which his father was also a director. He has a powder horn carried by his great-great-grandfather, Colonel Isaac Bridges, during the French and Indian War. It was used in the battles of Ticonderoga, and Crown Point. He also has in his cabinet of relics, a lath taken from the house of John Daniel Reed, a grandson of John Reed, who was an officer under Cromwell, and who subsequently settled in Norwalk, Connecticut. This house was built early in the year 1700, and is in a state of good preservation at the present time.

Rolland C. Reed is in the eighth generation of the direct line of descent from John Reed.

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DR. HIRAM LEVI MANCHESTER, an able physician and surgeon, of Pawlet, Rutland county, Vermont, has successfully pursued his chosen avocation, for the past twenty years. During that time his practice has increased from a small office patronage at first, to an extensive

business in the locality in which he resides. He numbers among his patrons not only many of the best citizens of Pawlet, but is frequently called on to attend patients in neighboring towns and counties. He devotes his whole attention to general practice, having had valuable experience in that branch of his profession.

Dr. Manchester is a native of Hampton, New York, where his birth occurred December 28, 1855. He had a good common schooling, up to his sixteenth year. This was supplemented by one year at Castleton Seminary, and one year at the University of Vermont, in Burlington. Young Manchester then decided to fit himself for the noble profession to which his life is devoted. In order to prepare himself in a fitting manner, he attended the University of New York, graduating from the medical department of that institution, in 1879.

In June of the same year, Dr. Manchester launched forth as a physician and surgeon at Pawlet, Vermont, which is still his home. On July 8, 1879, he was joined in marriage with Flora A. Bartholomew, an attractive young lady, of Whitehall, New York. Mrs. Manchester is a daughter of Harry and Annis (Benjamin) Bartholomew. Her mother died in 1865, leaving three daughters, besides Mrs. Manchester. The youngest of these was but eight years old. The father of these children is still living. He is now nearing his eightieth milestone.

Dr. and Mrs. Manchester have two children, Paul R. and Hazel A. The former is a

student in the Granville High School. He is a bright, promising lad. The latter is a charming child of seven years. She is handsome, bright and winning. Dr. Manchester is a son of Levi W. and Evelyn (Shaw) Manchester, and a grandson of Welcome and Lydia (West) Manchester.

Welcome Manchester was a native of Connecticut, where he was born about the year 1798. He died in Whitehall, New York, in 1858. His marriage with Lydia West resulted in the birth of nine or ten children. These children all grew to manhood and womanhood. All married and had families, except two of the daughters. One son and one daughter are still living, namely: Alfred, a prosperous farmer, in Minnesota, now eighty-four years old; and Harriet, who still resides at Hampton, New York.

Levi W. Manchester was born in Whitehall, New York, October 24, 1827. In 1847, he was joined in marriage with Evelyn Shaw, an accomplished daughter of Hiram Shaw, of Hampton, New York. The young folk followed farming, and were blessed with a family of five children, viz.: Hiram Levi, the subject of this sketch; Lydia; George T.; Owen L.; and Florence E. Lydia is the wife of Williams H. Billings, a farmer in West Haven, Vermont. George T. resides in Williamsville, Vermont. He has a wife, one daughter and two sons.

Owen L. is a resident of Fair Haven, Vermont. He has a good position in the wire works of that place. Florence E. is leading an adventurous life. He is now located in

Dawson City, in the Klondike region, where he is well, and hopeful of success. Dr. Manchester's father passed to his final rest, March 11, 1898. He is still survived by his widow, who is now seventy-four years old. She is still active in both mind and body, and is a well preserved lady, for her years.

Although Dr. Manchester's professional life has been a busy one, he has found time for other pursuits. He is a Mason of high degree, being a member of the commandery. In politics, he is a Republican, but allows no ambition for office to interfere with the obligations of his practice. He has, however, been favored with the confidence of his chosen party, and served in the lower house of the legislature, in 1894, and in the senate, in 1896. He is an active member of the First Congregational church, of which he is clerk and treasurer. When exhausted by his arduous duties, the Doctor makes a journey to recuperate his strength. He has traveled in the West and South, and visited the World's Fair, in Chicago.

OTIS FREDERICK SMITH, a worthy citizen of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, has filled various positions in life. He has been in turn a printer's devil, a compositor, and a farmer; for the last ten years, he has turned his attention to collecting bills and accounts, and has done a large amount of legal work.

Mr. Smith is a son of Otis and Abilena

(Stearns) Smith, and a grandson of Asahel Smith, of Lanesboro, Massachusetts. His maternal grandfather was Ebenezer Stearns, also of Lanesboro, who married Anne Hyde, of Norwich, Connecticut.

Otis Smith, father of Otis Frederick, was born in Lanesboro, Massachusetts, about the year 1784. His death occurred at the same place, in 1829, from lung fever. His marriage with Abilena Stearns resulted in the birth of seven children, namely: Claudius R.; Maria Louisa; John Adams; Myron Stearns; Frances; Lorenzo Dow; and Otis Frederick, the subject of this biography, who was born after his father's death.

Claudius R. was born in June, 1818. He went into the Civil War as chaplain of the Second Reg., Vermont Vol. Infantry. Since the war, he has been in the United States Government's employ in the treasury department. He was also detailed to look after and supervise the government schools. He was a successful teacher before the war, and was a graduate of Middlebury College, in the class of 1845. He now resides in Anacostia, D. C., and although eighty-two years old, he is still on duty in the U. S. treasury department. He has not been absent on account of sickness, in ten years.

Maria Louisa married Virgil M. Thompson, of Hudson, Ohio. She died in 1838. John Adams was born about the year 1822. He went west to Clay county, Kansas. He located at Fancy Creek, Kansas, and died about the year 1884. Myron Stearns went to California, during the gold fever, in 1849, and, two years later, embarked for the Sandwich

Islands. He died on board a vessel, and was buried at sea. Frances married Hiram Baker, of Franklin county, New York. She died in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1894, or 1895. Two daughters and one son still survive her, residents of the same place. Lorenzo Dow died in early youth.

After the death of her first husband, Otis Frederick's mother married Jeremiah Rockwell, of Cornwall, Vermont. Mr. Rockwell was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He participated in the battles of Bunker Hill, Saratoga, etc. Two children blessed this second union, one son, Cyrus S., and one daughter, Victoria Elizabeth.

Cyrus S. Rockwell was born in Stambridge, Province of Quebec, about the year 1838. He was a soldier in the ranks of the Union army during the Civil War. He served in the 2nd Vt. Infantry under McClellan, and was in the battles of the first Bull Run, the Wilderness, and Antietam. He is a pensioner of the government, and resides at East Dickinson, Franklin county, New York. Victoria Elizabeth Rockwell was born in 1840, in Stambridge, Province of Quebec, Canada, as was, also, her brother. She married William H. Blanchard, and enjoys the distinction of being the youngest member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in the United States. The mother of Otis Frederick died in West Bangor, N. Y., aged sixty-seven years. She is buried beside her second husband, at that place.

Otis Frederick Smith was born in Lanesboro, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, July

30, 1829. He began his career at fifteen years of age, as printer's devil, inking the type on the "Vermont Observer," in Middlebury, Vt., and, subsequently, did similar work in East Poultney, Vt., after the "Vermont Observer" office had removed there. He worked in the same office where Horace Greeley learned his trade. Mr. Smith finished learning his trade, in 1846. During the Dorr Rebellion, he went to Providence, Rhode Island. In less than a year the paper upon which he was at work was discontinued. It was the state paper of the Dorr party, which subsided, but the employees were all paid. The subject hereof was a compositor until he was twenty-two years old. He was later engaged in book work, in Buffalo, New York, in the "Buffalo Commercial Advertiser" office. He spent some time in the West, and was in Ohio for a brief period, but finally returned to Brandon, Franklin county, New York. He then conducted a small farm for his mother and step-father for a few years.

February 2, 1851, Mr. Smith was joined in marriage with Lucinda Baker, a daughter of Jason Baker, and a cousin of Mary (Baker) Eddy, who was the founder of Christian Science. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: Jason Baker; Mary D.; Thurza Frances; Ruby Lucinda; and Frederick Otis. Jason Baker Smith was born June 28, 1853. He is an engineer and machinist, in Brandon, Vermont. He has been twice married and has two children, one by each marriage. Mary D. Smith married Julius McArthur, and resides at the home of the



subject hereof, at Brandon, Vermont. She has one daughter, Ruby, aged eleven years. Thurza Frances Smith married Arthur June, and also resides with her father. She has one son, Carroll, and one daughter, Carrie. The latter is now a young lady. Ruby Lucinda Smith married Charles E. Watts. She died in Rutland, Vermont, in 1896. Frederick Otis Smith is employed on a street railway in San Francisco, California. He has a wife and one son, Herbert Frederick, a boy of five years.

Mr. Smith is a Republican, and was eight years in Uncle Sam's service, as mail agent between Ogdensburg, New York and St. Albans, Vermont. He went to Brandon, in 1869, and for eight years, was agent for the Brandon Kaolin Paint Company. A part of this time he spent on the road, as the company enjoyed a large wholesale business. He then turned his attention as a notary public to collecting bills and accounts, and for the past ten years has done much legal business in that line, in Rutland county. He affiliates with the Masonic fraternity from the blue lodge to Knights Templar. Religiously, Mr. Smith is a liberal Baptist, and of late, has worshiped with the Congregationalists in Brandon, Vermont.

Mr. Smith in starting out on his career, left his home at Stanbridge, Canada, with all his possessions in a small satchel. He was a little more than two days in reaching Middlebury, Vermont, one hundred miles from home, on foot. There he began to learn the printer's trade. His long pilgrimage has been full of vicissitudes of fortune. He met with a serious

injury to his right arm, and the maimed member is almost useless. His life work has been one of indefatigable effort, crowned at last with pronounced success.

MARSHALL TARBELL, manufacturer of hay rakes, hoe and fork handles, jiggered chair stock and lumber, in the town of Mount Holly, Vt., has the satisfaction of knowing that he has controlled more business than any other man in the town and has furnished employment to more men. He was born in 1829, in the town of Mount Holly, Rutland county, Vermont, very close to the site of his present residence. His education was obtained in the public school; although he did not succeed in getting a good education, reading, writing, and arithmetic being his only studies, he has been ambitious and persevering in the various pursuits in which he has been engaged. After leaving school he worked for his father until he became of age, working in the mill, on the farm, and also in the starch factory, one season for \$10.00 per month, boarding himself. In order to make extra money he followed trapping and selling skins during leisure moments. On arriving at his majority, he engaged in business with his father, and was associated with the elder Mr. Tarbell until that gentleman's death. Mr. Tarbell's brother was also a partner in this business, but on the death of his father and brother, our subject took charge of the mill, adding to it and

improving it in every possible manner. He sells large quantities of pulp wood yearly. In the early days, he bought the starch factory and remodeled it for manufacturing rakes and handles, operating the same several years when it burned, causing a total loss. Mr. Tarbell has met with many reverses, but with indomitable pluck he has surmounted all obstacles and won measured success.

Twice has Mr. Tarbell's plant been burned down, and neither time would he accept assistance, being too proud and self-reliant to receive the proffered aid. His circular mill shop, which is run by water power, is operated by two turbines of 50 horse power, and is equipped with the best machinery for the manufacture of rakes, handles for hoes and forks, jiggered chair stock, and lumber, having an annual output of 500,000 feet. It was started seventy-five years ago, and has been in our subject's family for over seventy-five years. The mill is regarded as one of the steadiest industries of the town. It has furnished employment for from ten to forty men for the past fifty years. For convenience, the mill is connected with the turning shops, and is equipped to turn out all kinds of first-class work.

Mr. Tarbell buys timber in large quantities. He also owns large tracts of timber land, and has already cleared 1,000 acres of all kinds of timber, such as spruce, hemlock, and several varieties of hardwood. The village of Tarbellville is supported by his different undertakings, and he has done all of the building. Among the numerous monuments

to his energy and enterprise stand the mill and shops, a store, blacksmith shop, ice house, wagon and tool shop, eight tenements, numerous barns, a hall, store house, cheese factory, two carriage houses, and his own beautiful residence and grounds. All of the buildings are of a solid type, pretty design, and well cared for. The village of Tarbellville is one of the prettiest in the county. In fact, everything has been done in the thorough manner so characteristic of the man whose name it bears.

The cheese factory is of a very modern type and annually turns out 110,000 pounds of the finest full-cream cheese. To this branch of the business our subject gives his personal attention, attending to the selling and marketing of the product. He sells mostly in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Ohio markets, where his cheese is justly famous. On his large farm are employed a number of men who look after his agricultural interests. In his rake business he uses 100,000 feet of white ash. He has a large export trade, and his goods have always been far above the market price, owing to their superior quality. Although he never employs a salesman, his products are always sold without trouble. Unfortunately, in recent years, Mr. Tarbell has not enjoyed good health, and although he really is not fit to attend to his business, he manfully sticks to his post and works when a less courageous man would take to his bed. He subsists almost entirely on fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Tarbell married Finette E. Chapman,

They had one child, Amy L., an accomplished young lady. She died, in 1883, aged twenty-nine years, and was mourned by all who knew her. Mr. Tarbell has always been a public spirited man, but has not been active in politics. He is a Republican but would never accept office. As a truly representative, enterprising citizen of Rutland county, the publishers of this volume take pleasure in presenting Mr. Tarbell's portrait on a foregoing page.



CAPTAIN LEMUEL W. PAGE, who bears a most honorable record for service in the Union army during the civil war, began life's battle at a very immature age, and his career up to the time of his retirement was marked by the greatest industry and success. He is now an esteemed citizen of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, and enjoys life at an age of almost eighty years. He was born in Burlington, Vermont, April 30, 1821, and is a son of Lemuel and Clarissa (Whitney) Page.

Mr. Page's ancestry is traceable back to the year 1256, and is of English stock. Of his ancestors, four brothers came to America from their native country, and settled in as many different states, namely: New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Virginia. Lemuel Page, the father of Lemuel W., was born in Rindge, N. H., in 1781, and died in 1826, at the age of forty-five years. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of Plattsburg. He was united in

marriage with Clarissa Whitney, a daughter of Dr. Isaiah Whitney, she, too, being a native of Rindge, New Hampshire. Of their issue two still are living, namely: Harriet, the widow of Leonard John Mott, who is now eighty-two years old; and Lemuel W., the subject of this sketch. After the demise of her husband, Mrs. Page married Joseph Jones, a widower with three children, in Burlington, Vt., and they removed to his large farm in New Hampshire. Of the children born to them, Mrs. Clarissa Hulburt is now living, making her home in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Lemuel W.'s mother died in 1843, aged sixty years, and lies buried in the cemetery at Lyndeboro, New Hampshire.

Lemuel W. Page was but seven years of age when his mother formed a second matrimonial alliance, and when they removed to the farm at Lyndeboro, N. H., he worked thereon until he was fifteen years of age. He then went into a store in Nashua, N. H., and from there went to Peterboro, New Hampshire. At the age of twenty-one he went into business for himself in Wilton, N. H., and remained there one year. He then sold out and went to Burlington, Vt., where he continued in business until the war broke out. He then sold out and went into the army. Notwithstanding his active life, his health is unimpaired, except for defective hearing, and he still manifests an intelligent interest in all that transpires in the world at large. He is a pleasant conversationalist, and especially is he interesting when he relates the incidents and experiences which marked his service in the Union army. He

was a man who entered the military service from motives of pure patriotism.

Although he was a disciplinarian, he never forgot the boys under his command, and he looked to their interests constantly, notwithstanding the fact that this, at times, brought him into conflict with the surgeons, or with officers of higher rank. Many a poor soldier would have died for lack of proper treatment had he not interfered. He entered the service from Burlington, Vt., in 1862, and was mustered out as captain of Company C, 12th Reg., Vermont Vol. Infantry. He received one hundred votes for the captaincy of the company from as fine and true a body of men as ever wore a uniform, and they became his devoted followers. Out of love for his men, he turned aside from all promotions, and loyalty to the boys was a sacred obligation with him.

Captain Page was twenty-one years of age, when in Peterboro, N. H., he was united in marriage with Susan Saunders, of that place, and she bore him two children, Frank W. and Clara. Frank W. was born in East Wilton, N. H., August 24, 1843, and received his primary education in the private schools of Burlington, and at the Union high schools or Burlington Academy. He entered the University of Vermont in 1860. He graduated therefrom in 1864, receiving the degree of A. B., and that of A. M. in 1869. He began the study of medicine during his junior year in college, and after graduation continued it in the office of Dr. Samuel White Thayer. He attended lectures in the medical department of the uni-

versity, and at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, graduating from the former in June, 1866. His first practice was in St. Peter, Minn., and after remaining there one year, he returned east in the fall of 1867, and formed a partnership with Dr. Olin G. Dyer, of Brandon, Vermont. While there he took a deep interest in educational matters, and for several years was chairman of the town school board. He gave up private practice on May 1, 1878, becoming first assistant physician on the medical staff of McLean Asylum for the Insane, at Somerville, Mass., and he has since devoted his attention to nervous and mental diseases. On July 1, 1879, he became superintendent of that institution, a position which he held until December of that year, when he relinquished it to open for its managers, February 1, 1880, the new Adams Nervine Asylum, at Jamaica Plain, Mass., an institution for nervous people, not insane. He held the position of superintendent and resident physician thereof until May 13, 1885, when, after making the institution a great success, he declined a re-election. He has since served, however, on its board of consulting physicians. In May, 1885, he went to Boston to engage in practicing his specialty. In 1889 he was elected by the board of trustees of Danvers Hospital for the Insane, a member of the board of consulting physicians. January 1, 1897, he accepted the position of superintendent of the Vermont Insane Asylum, at Waterbury, Vt., where he remained two years and then resigned and removed to Boston, Mass., where he is now in practice.

The second child born to Captain and Mrs. Page, Clara, is the wife of Charles H. Knapp, of Paterson, N. J. Mrs. Page was called to her reward in 1870, at the age of fifty-two years.

On October 22, 1873, Captain Page formed a second matrimonial alliance, on this occasion with Carrie E. Hemenway, of Brandon, Vt., who was born in Ludlow, Vermont. She is a lady known in Vermont by reason of her work on the "Gazetteer of the State of Vermont." The Captain, a one time Whig, is now a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He has been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic since the inception of that organization.



FREDERICK HORTON FARRINGTON, president of the Brandon Investment & Guarantee Company, and a representative farmer, was born in his present abode in Brandon, Vt., December 14, 1851. His residence was built, in the summer of 1799, by Hiram Horton, who was Mr. Farrington's great-great-uncle, on his mother's side. Mr. Horton deeded the place to the grandfather of the subject hereof (Captain Daniel Farrington), in 1808, and it has remained in the family ever since.

Frederick Horton Farrington is a son of Franklin and Adelia (Horton) Farrington, a grandson of Captain Daniel and Lois (Drury) Farrington, and a great-grandson of Jacob Farrington. Jacob Farrington was a native of Wrentham, Massachusetts. In 1786, when

his son, Daniel, was thirteen years old, he located in Vermont. He lived to the age of seventy-eight years and nine months.

Captain Daniel Farrington was the youngest son of Jacob Farrington, who was an humble but worthy citizen of New Canaan, Conn., where Daniel was born, May 31, 1773. When but thirteen years old, he removed with his father's family to the new state of Vermont, then called the New Hampshire Grants. The family settled on Otter Creek, in the town of Neshobee (now Brandon),—one of the best agricultural sections of the state. In October, 1784, the name of the place was changed to Brandon (which is probably a contraction of "Burnt-town"), after it was burned by the Indians, who often visited the place in its early history. Here young Farrington was, for several years, a tiller of the soil. During those years of arduous but honorable and ennobling labor, was laid the foundation of his success as a man. With a good constitution, an athletic frame, abounding vitality and abstemious habits he developed into a hardy and vigorous manhood.

When twenty-one years old, he started out with his axe on his shoulder, and but four dollars in his pocket, having but few clothes, to make for himself a name and an inheritance for his posterity. He first purchased one hundred acres of land, up the river from Milton, in Cambridge borough, where he had stopped for a short time. This land was purchased on credit, and in buying it, young Farrington assumed quite a responsibility, which he met promptly and resolutely by arduous toil in

elling the forest. He did not remain there long, but was lured back to his old associations, and the alluvial flats of Otter Creek, at Brandon. Soon after his return, he married a Miss Drury (a daughter of Ebenezer Drury), who was a lady of most estimable character and of a worthy family. She will long be remembered for her amiable disposition, mental endowments, and highly cultured tastes. Her father was a pioneer settler in Pittsford, and by his three wives had twenty-seven children.

Daniel Farrington's life was one of severe toil (which he counted no disgrace but an honor) down to 1808. From 1808 Lieutenant Farrington, which title he had won in the militia of Brandon, entered upon a new life, and was called to take part in state and national affairs. The rupture between the United States and Great Britain called Captain Farrington to the border of Canada. May 30, 1813, he was ordered by the Governor of Vermont, to go to the line to assist in sustaining the famous "Embargo Law." He was stationed at Wind Mill Point, near Rouse Point under Daniel ———. In an early encounter with the smuggling vessel named "Black Snake," several men were killed, and Captain Farrington was seriously wounded in both shoulders, and about his head. He was insensible for some time. He was in active service to the close of the war, and was commissioned captain, in April, 1813. His commission is framed and hangs on the wall of Frederick Horton Farrington's home. At one time he was struck by a spent ball which plowed a groove in his scalp and left a dim-

ple in his forehead. Although Captain Farrington had shown a military tact and ability which would have advanced him in army grades, yet he preferred the peaceful life of a farmer. He was frequently, however, called upon by the citizens to serve in civil offices, in which he manifested capacity and fidelity.

He was a member of the constitutional convention for the revision of the state constitution. Having lost his first wife, he was again married in 1842. His personal appearance was imposing. He had a large and well-proportioned frame, and a noble countenance, which at once attracted attention and commanded respect. His vigor of body and mind remained unimpaired up to his death, on October 7, 1865, at the age of ninety-two years, five months, and seven days. He was a Jacksonian Democrat, in politics. He reared two sons and one daughter, of whom Franklin, father of the subject hereof, was the only one who lived to an advanced age.

Franklin Farrington was born September 3, 1806, and passed to his final rest in June, 1892. He was twice married. January 23, 1838, he wedded Adelia Horton, a daughter of Daniel Horton, of Hortonville, Vermont. Five children were born to this union. Among them are Ella, Frankie, and Frederick H., the subject of this sketch. Ella married James K. P. Campbell. He was named for James K. Polk, whose nephew he was. Mrs. Campbell died in Paris, Texas, and was survived by two sons and two daughters. Frankie married John W. Morrill, of Chicago, Illinois. They have two sons, and one daughter. Fred-

erick Horton Farrington's mother died in 1870, aged fifty-two years. His father was again married; in this instance he was united with Mrs. Mary S. Denison, nee Stephens. She is still living.

Frederick Horton Farrington obtained a practical education in the graded schools, which he attended until he attained the age of eighteen years. He then remained at home with his parents, who were well along in years,—his father being fifty years old at the time of Frederick's birth. September 10, 1873, the subject hereof was joined in marriage with Ella Reynolds, of Brandon. Mrs. Farrington is a daughter of William W. and Louisa (Kebling) Reynolds. Her parents had three daughters. Her mother died when twenty-nine years old, and her father married Lucy Kebling, a sister of his first wife. One daughter blessed this second union. Her name is Isabel, now the widow of William T. Ripley. Mr. and Mrs. Farrington have been blessed with a family of five children, but were called upon to sustain the loss of two sons, and one daughter. The names of their children are: Franklin R.; Edward Horton, who died at the age of sixteen months; Wilfred Dyer, who died at the age of ten years; William Reynolds; and Lucy, who died aged eight months. Franklin R. served five years as assistant bookkeeper in the Howard National Bank, of Burlington, Vermont. William Reynolds, a youth of eighteen, is a student in the Norwich University, of Northfield, Vermont. Mr. Farrington is, politically, a staunch Republican. He has filled many and

varied positions of trust in both county and town, such as selectman, road commissioner, water commissioner, etc. He also served as member of the State Board of Cattle Commissioners, and was its chairman. He served in both branches of the legislature, as had both his father and grandfather. He joined the Vermont Horse Breeders' Association, and served as its secretary for six years.

While in the State Senate, Mr. Farrington was one of the judiciary committee, and was chairman of the committee on banks. In the House he served on the railroad committee, and on the joint committee on asylums. He is a stockholder and director in four banks,—two national, and two savings, banks. These banks are in Brandon, Rutland, Proctor, and Vergennes. He is also trustee of funds of estates, which aggregate over two hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Farrington is the proud owner of the ancestral farm upon which he resides. This farm was also the birthplace of his father, the home of his grandfather, and was first occupied by his great-grandfather, in 1786. The house is one hundred years old, and the date of its erection, 1799, is emblazoned in gold figures upon it.

The subject of this sketch has in his possession some rare relics,—among them being his grandfather's commission as captain, issued by President James Madison, and James Monroe, who was then secretary of war. Their own signatures are attached. He also has the deed of the homestead given to his grandfather, in 1808. His grandfather's muster rolls, and accounts and receipts kept

during the War of 1812, are also in the possession of the subject hereof.

Mr. Farrington has devoted more than twenty years of his life to breeding fine Merino sheep. During this period he was a director of the Vermont Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, and a portion of the time, its treasurer. The subject of this biography is a master Mason.

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REV. DANIEL EDWARD COFFEY, beloved pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, is not only held in the highest esteem by his own parishoners, but is also a general favorite with members of other church denominations, as well as with non-professors of religion.

Father Coffey is a native of East Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is a son of Dennis and Johanna (Hurley) Coffey, both of whom were natives of Cork, Ireland, where they spent their early lives, and were married. In 1839, they came to America, with their eldest son, John. This son is still a resident of East Cambridge, where the parents settled soon after reaching America, having had a seven weeks' voyage on the ocean from Queenstown, to St. John's, New Brunswick.

Dennis Coffey was a farmer, prior to his arrival in this country, and was possessed of small means. After locating in East Cambridge, he became a railroad employee and continued in that line of work up to his sev-

entieth year, when he was cut off by death, February 23, 1883. His beloved wife had died in 1873. They reared a large family of children, thirteen in all, eleven of whom were sons. The two daughters and four of the sons assumed matrimonial bonds. Six members of the family are still living: John, Dennis, William, Daniel E. (the subject hereof), Julia and Mary.

John Coffey is a member of the police force in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has a wife and eight children. Dennis Coffey is still a bachelor. He is a mine owner and operator in Arizona. William Coffey is station agent at Tufts College, Massachusetts. He has two children. Julia Coffey married Edward B. Cassidy, of East Cambridge, Massachusetts. They have five children. Mr. Cassidy is a competent bookkeeper, employed on the Boston & Manchester Railroad. Mary Coffey married Edward Lalor, a railroad conductor, residing in Plattsburg, New York. They have a family of five children.

Father Coffey was educated in the colleges at Boston and Montreal. He graduated from the latter in 1881, and was ordained December 19, 1885. His first call was to the parish of Brandon, whither he went, January 1, 1886, as first assistant to Father J. C. McLaughlin. He remained there two years, and was then transferred to St. Peter's Catholic church of Rutland, as assistant to Father T. J. Gaffney, continuing there one year. His next work was at St. Albans, Vermont, where he temporarily took charge of that parish, during the absence of Vicar General Dronin, who



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went abroad for his health. Father Coffey remained in charge of that parish for one year and seven months. Upon the return of Father Dronin, the subject hereof spent five months abroad, visiting many points of interest in Ireland, Switzerland, England, France, and Italy. He returned from his interesting journey about Christmas, 1890, and spent the following year in Rutland, where he was again associated with Father Gaffney.

Father Coffey was then made pastor of St. Anthony's church at White River Junction, Vt., where he remained two years and four months. May 5, 1894, he was transferred to the more important charge in Brandon, as pastor of St. Mary's church, which station he still fills in a highly creditable manner. The first Catholic church in Brandon was a wooden edifice erected in 1840, and the society was supplied with ministrations from Burlington. The first resident priest was Father Halpin, who took charge in 1859, and was pastor for a few years. He was succeeded by Father Casey, who remained in charge for eight years. The next priest was Father McLaughlin, who filled that pastorate for seventeen consecutive years. He was succeeded by Father Clark, who remained four years, and was, in turn, followed by Father Prevost, for an incumbency of two years. The last named was succeeded by the subject of this sketch.

Their fine, large brick church in Brandon was erected under the supervision of Father Clark. The corner stone was laid September 16, 1888, and the edifice was completed in less than two years. The priest's residence, al-

though plain, is a most commodious and well built structure of brick, and was constructed about the year 1871, under the direction of Father Casey. Father Coffey is still a young man. With his robust health and fine physique, combined with superior mental endowments and exceptional social qualities, he has every prospect of a long and useful career. He is a clergyman who believes in progress, and keeps fully abreast of the times. He is a man of great personal magnetism; through his attraction, mere acquaintances soon become close friends, and even strangers are drawn toward him. Not least among his winning qualities are his social characteristics and musical talents.

Father Coffey is quite pleasantly situated in Brandon, where his efforts in behalf of the church are fully appreciated.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DUNKLEE, a retired ice dealer and farmer, residing on his farm just within the corporation of the city of Rutland, Vermont, is a highly respected and progressive citizen of that place, and, although he has long since passed the seventy-sixth mile stone, is hale and hearty, and has reason to believe he will live many years yet, for he comes of a family noted for extreme longevity.

Mr. Dunklee was born in Rutland, August 9, 1823, when Rutland was only a village. He is a son of Thaddeus Dunklee, who was born in Amherst, New Hampshire, in 1794, and died August 1, 1859, and a grandson of Thad-

deus Dunklee, who, in early life, was a prosperous farmer in the state of New Hampshire, removing later to Rutland, Vermont. One of his sons, Abel Dunklee, was born in Amherst, New Hampshire, in 1783, and died near the home of our subject, at the very advanced age of ninety years; his wife died, in 1803, aged eighty-four years. Her maiden name was Ruth Wright, and she and her husband lived on a farm in New Hampshire for many years, removing later to Nelson, New Hampshire, where her death occurred. This worthy couple reared nine children, two sons and seven daughters, of whom four daughters and one son are still living, as follows: Lucia, Elmira, Louise, John Wright and Jane. Lucia, who was born August 31, 1808, is now in her ninety-first year. She is a most active, well-preserved lady for one of her age, and is spending the sunset of life in the Old Ladies' Home. Elmira (Buckman) is a widow lady, aged eighty years, residing in Pittsford, Rutland county. Louise is the wife of Edward M. Pennock, of Rutland. John Wright, a retired shoemaker, is now in his eighty-third year, and has been twice married. Jane followed the profession of teaching for many years, teaching her first school when only seventeen years old; she is now seventy-eight years old. The aggregate age of these five is over 400 years, a record for longevity of which any family might be proud.

Thaddeus Dunklee, father of our subject, was joined in marriage with Elizabeth Capron, a native of Amherst, N. H. This happy event was celebrated in July, 1822. Mrs. Dunklee

was born May 21, 1796, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Capron. Her father was born in 1752, and died February 3, 1815, while her mother was born February 14, 1757, and died November 23, 1828. Our subject has in possession the day book or journal which formerly belonged to his maternal grandfather. It was kept at Attleboro, New Hampshire, and is dated 1774. His grandfather Capron owned a farm near Attleboro, and reared a family of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, all of whom married, except one son, Marvin. Those who married reared families,—some of them very large ones. The parents of our subject were blessed with five children, four sons and one daughter, namely: Benjamin Franklin, the subject of these lines; Hiram C., who was born July 8, 1825 and died October 12, 1848; Sarah C., who was born May 23, 1827, and died February 7, 1847; Samuel C., who was born August 23, 1830, and died May 6, 1853; and George, a commercial traveler in the crockery business, who was born April 8, 1834, and makes his home in Boston. The mother of our subject died March 5, 1835, and his father followed her to the grave August 1, 1859. He was twice married, his second marriage was without issue and was contracted with Lucinda Pratt, who also rests in the West street burial ground. Our subject's father was a cooper by trade, and during the last ten years of his life conducted a planing mill on the grounds now occupied by our subject, which contains eight acres of land.

Benjamin F. Dunklee obtained only a limited education in the public schools; at the age of twelve years he began working out in the hay field. When twenty years old he went out by the month teaming and finally began working on the railroad. After some time, however, he was induced by his father to quit railroading and embark in the ice business. As a special inducement his father built him an ice house at the pond in 1856, and Benjamin was persuaded to engage in the new enterprise. For thirty-six years he was successfully engaged in the ice business in the city of Rutland. The first year he sold only 200 tons of ice, and the business that year (1857) amounted to only three hundred dollars. During later years of the business, it netted him from three to four thousand dollars. At first he drove only one horse, but his business increased to such proportions that it was necessary to keep eight horses. He now owns a fine farm about one half mile north of Rutland. This farm was purchased by Mr. Dunklee in 1872 and contains 60 acres; upon it he has raised grain and hay, most of which he used to feed his eight horses. In the spring of 1894 our subject retired from the ice business, selling out to his son, Franklin V., who still conducts the business very successfully.

Our subject has been thrice married. March 30, 1850, he was joined in wedlock with Elmira Moulton, of West Fort Ann, New York. She bore her husband the following children: Franklin V., born November 9, 1851, who is married and has six chil-

dren; James Edward, who was born April 11, 1854, and died at the age of nineteen years; and Nellie E., who was born September 22, 1856, and is now the wife of Charles P. Beebe, of the city of Rutland. The mother of these children died March 20, 1876. Mr. Dunklee contracted a second marriage, this time with Elizabeth Harkness, who died October 28, 1883. On the eighteenth day of November, 1886, our subject married a third time, being united at that time with Martha T. Zottman, a widow lady whose maiden name was Squier. She is a daughter of Harwood Squier.

Mr. Dunklee is a decided Republican, in politics, and has served as highway commissioner, assessor one year, as selectman, and has served in various other town offices. He is a man of means, active, prosperous, and progressive, being very popular among all classes. His portrait accompanies this sketch of his life, being presented on a preceding page.

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AARON JACKSON VAIL, a farmer living north of the village of Brandon, Vermont, was born in Greenbush, New York, May 27th, 1847. He is a son of Phenner P. and Angeline (Ketcham) Vail.

The early ancestors of the subject of this sketch, on the paternal side, were worthy Quakers, and people of wealth, for that period.

From a history, and genealogy of the Vail family, by Alfred Vail, of Morristown, N. J., we learn that Isaac was the third son of

George Vail, who came from England, about the year 1680, and settled on Long Island. Moses, his son, settled and died, at Huntington, Long Island. He made his will August 24, 1749. It was proved and approved in New York City, April 2, 1750. In this will are found the names of his children in the following order, Joseph, Platt, Isaac, Moses, John, Israel, Micah, Mary, and Phebe.

Isaac Vail, the third son of Moses, married Lavina Ketcham, and settled at Beekman, now Verbank, Dutchess county, New York. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Israel married Eleanor Delong; Phebe married Gilbert Vincent; Thomas married Sarah Losee; Rebecca married Thomas White; Moses married Phebe Losee; Mary married Samuel Germond; Elias married Hannah Duncan; Hepsabeth married Samuel Losee.

Elias, son of Isaac, after marriage, settled at Verbank, became a prosperous farmer, died, and was buried there, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, his wife, Hannah Duncan, having passed away several years before, at the age of seventy-six years. There were born to them thirteen children, viz.: David D., born May 18, 1800; Isaac E., born June 12, 1802; Simcon L., born October 8, 1804; Egbert B., born December 27, 1806; Mary, born December 12, 1808; Phenner P., born April 6, 1810; Alexander H., born October 4, 1811; Thomas S., born June 1, 1813; John D., born March 18, 1815; Lavinia, born March 9, 1817; Miland J., born December 27, 1819; Sarah, born October 8, 1821; and Elias

D., born September 15, 1823. Of this large family there are but two living: John D., of Chicago, and Elias D., who resides on the old homestead, at Verbank.

Phenner P. (subject's father), the fifth son of Elias, married Angeline Ketcham, of Sudbury, Vermont. They settled at Schodack, N. Y., and later moved to Greenbush, N. Y., where he engaged in mercantile pursuits and in supplying contractors in the construction of the New York Central Railroad. They subsequently moved to Albany, where they remained several years, he continuing in the mercantile business. They then returned to farm life, at Bethlehem, near Albany. In 1862, they moved to Vermont, settling on a part of the Ketcham farm lying in the town of Orwell, Addison county, where he remained until the fall of 1875. Failing health caused a desire on his part to return to the home of his boyhood. He vainly hoped the change would be beneficial. He passed away October 6, 1875, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, and was buried in the Verbank cemetery, which was formerly a part of the Vail homestead, where he was born.

Five children were born to them; Aaron J., the subject hereof; Sarah; Margaret; Lavinia; and Phenner. Sarah died at the age of eighteen months, and is buried in Sudbury. Margaret and Lavinia are maiden ladies, and with Phenner, reside with their mother, at the old home, in Orwell, Vermont. Phenner married Sarah Goffe, of Albany, N. Y. They have one child, Emma Frances, born May 7th, 1898.

Aaron Jackson Vail descended, on the ma-

ternal side, from Edward Jackson, who was born in England, in 1602. He was the son of Christopher Jackson, and came to America in 1642, with his wife, Frances Jackson. She died en route, or soon after landing, and several of the children also died. In 1649, Edward Jackson again married. Elizabeth Newgate became his second wife. Edward Jackson took the freeman's oath in 1645, and in 1646 he purchased a farm in the village of Cambridge, now Newton, Massachusetts. He was deputy to the general court for sixteen years from 1647, and was otherwise prominent. He died June 17, 1671.

Sebas Jackson, son of Edward Jackson, sometimes called "Sea-born" Jackson, was the next in line of descent. He was born in 1642, and, in 1671, married Sarah Baker, a daughter of Thomas Baker, of Roxbury, Massachusetts. He died December 6, 1690. His widow survived him until March 25, 1726.

Edward Jackson, son of Sebas Jackson, was born September 12, 1672, and died March 27, 1748. His widow attained the age of eighty-eight years, and passed to her final rest in 1753. Their son, Edward Jackson, Jr., was born October 1, 1698. He married Abigail Gail, and died July 1, 1738.

Ephraim Jackson, son of Edward, Jr., was born October 12, 1729. In 1753 he married Mary Davis, of Roxbury, Mass. He was a lieutenant in the French and Indian War. In 1775 he was one of the alarm list, and took part in the battle of Concord. He was lieutenant-colonel in Colonel Marshall's regiment of the Northwestern army, and participated in

the battles during Burgoyne's invasion. Colonel Jackson died in camp at Valley Forge, December 19, 1777.

Aaron Jackson, son of Colonel Ephraim Jackson, was born in 1758. He was joined in marriage with Lucy Dewing, and had two children. He was one of the early settlers, or pioneers, of Sudbury, Vermont, settling on road 1. It is claimed that he built the first frame house in the town, the lumber for which was rafted from Sutherland Falls, now Proctor, to Miller's Bridge, in the town of Sudbury. From there it was conveyed through the wilderness, the way being traced by means of marked trees. He also had the first oven in that locality. He raised the wheat from which the first bread in the town was made, and is also accredited with manufacturing the first cheese.

When sixteen years of age, he, in company with his father, and a younger brother, entered the Continental army, and took part in the battle of Bunker Hill, where he suffered a sunstroke, from which he never fully recovered. He died in Sudbury, in 1802, at the early age of forty-four years.

Aaron Jackson Vail's maternal grandfather, Maj. Barnard Ketcham, of Sudbury, Vt., married Mary (more generally called Polly) Jackson, daughter of Aaron Jackson, before mentioned. They were among the earliest settlers in the township and suffered many hardships incident to the making of homes for themselves in the then sparsely settled country. Mr. Vail received his early education in the district schools, and later attended the Bran-

don Seminary, and the Castleton Seminary. He married Carrie Daphne Capron, daughter of Chauncey and Mary (Brown) Capron, of Brandon, Vermont, December 23, 1880, and settled on a farm in Brandon, remaining there until their house was destroyed by fire, July 26, 1891, when they removed to the Capron homestead. Mr. Vail is deeply interested in growing fruit, being the largest fruit grower in the county. He is also engaged in general farming. The subject of this biography is a member of the State Horticultural Society. He is also a member of Independence Lodge of F. & A. M., of Orwell, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Vail have only one child—a son—Chauncey Capron, born May 4, 1883. He attended school in district No. 3, and was of the fourth generation, on the maternal side, to be a pupil in the same school house. He is now pursuing a course of study in the Brandon High School.

Mrs. Vail was the youngest of six children, four of whom died in childhood. The eldest son, Samuel Arthur, resides on a farm in Leicester, Vt., and has no children. Mrs. Vail's father, Chauncey Capron, was born February 4, 1807, and died December 9, 1895, on the farm that has been in the family since 1797. Mrs. Vail's mother was a daughter of Major Micah and Phebe (Merriam) Brown. She was born in Brandon August 15, 1815, and died October 25, 1889. Mrs. Vail, on her paternal side, is of the seventh generation descending from Banfield Capron, who came from England in 1665, and settled in Attleboro, Massachusetts. She is also a direct de-

scendant of William Lyon, who was Lord Mayor of London, in the year 1500. On the maternal side she is descended from Cyrel and Mary (Allen) Brown. She was a first cousin to Ethan Allan, of Revolutionary fame. She is also descended, on the maternal side, from Deacon David and Phebe (Foster) Merriam. The Deacon was a son of Isaac and Eleanor (Monroe) Merriam. Mrs. Vail was born in Brandon September 12, 1855, and received a high school education. She is a charter member of Lake Dunmore Chapter, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, being eligible to such membership by reason of three lines of descent.

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MRS. M. G. HARRIS, widow of the late Joel Benedict Harris, resides in one of the most comfortable, residences in Rutland, Vermont. This large dwelling with spacious rooms, is situated at Number 34, North Main street, on the corner of Woodstock avenue. It is surrounded by a broad lawn, which is kept in perfect order. The erection of this home was commenced in 1870, by Mr. Harris, who, with his family, occupied it May 1, 1872.

Joel Benedict Harris was born in Sterling, Connecticut, November 5, 1822. Mr. Harris was educated in the Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, New York, where he learned the profession of civil engineering, which he followed for years. He was also a bridge builder and railroad contractor, working principally on the B. & A. Railroad.

Mr. Harris settled in Rutland, in June, 1860, and began the manufacture of car wheels. He retired from active business pursuits about ten years prior to his death, which took place at the family residence in Rutland, October 19, 1891. He was an unassuming man, of good business abilities, and was devoted to his family and home. Joel Benedict Harris was twice married. His first union was solemnized December 30, 1849, with Susan M. Pond, who died leaving two children, namely, Susan P., and Charles Pond. The former married George Mather. Mrs. Mather died in Westfield, New Jersey, leaving an infant daughter, Susan. Charles Pond Harris resides in Rutland. He married Charlotte Sessions, of Springfield, Massachusetts.

November 28, 1854, Mr. Harris was again married. This union was contracted with Mary Jane O. Gardiner, the subject of this sketch. The happy event took place at Providence, Rhode Island. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harris, as follows: Martha Vaughn; William Allen; Harriet Lester; Nellie S., and Mary Gardiner. Martha Vaughn married William Newell, of the firm Newell Bros., manufacturers, of Springfield, Massachusetts. They have five children, named as follows: Grace G.; Nelson Charles; Margaret; Mary Harris; and Joel Harris.

William Allen Harris also resides in Springfield, Massachusetts. He is a foundry man in the manufacturing establishment of Bausch & Harris, and is also a member of that firm. He married Henrietta C. Harris. They have the following six children: Henrietta Corson;

William Allen, Jr.; Chesley Gardiner; Hart Lester; Daniel Lester, and an infant daughter, yet unnamed. Harriet Lester Harris is a young woman, at home. Nellie S. Harris married Charles A. Bowles, of Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Bowles is a grandson of the founder of the "Springfield Republican." He is also a member of the firm of Dexter & Bowles, dealers in paper stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowles have two children, Dorothy, aged twelve, and Charles Allen, Jr., aged ten years. Mary Gardiner Harris is the wife of Frederic Sweeney, who has a position with the Metropolitan Steamship Company. They reside in Dorchester, Massachusetts, and have two children, Harriet Lester and James Frederic, Jr.

Joel Benedict Harris was a son of Allen Harris, who was a manufacturer, and also a grain dealer, in Bellows Falls, Vt., where he owned and operated a wholesale store. He was a deacon in the Plymouth Congregational church, of Worcester, Massachusetts. He was a man of prominence and wealth, for that day. His death took place in Worcester, where his remains rest. He was twice married. His marriage with Mary Lester resulted in the birth of three children, Daniel Lester; William H.; and Joel Benedict. After the death of his first wife he married Almira Vaughn, who bore him two children: Mary, wife of Edward Marsh; and Emma, who died young.

The subject of this sketch is a daughter of William and Mary J. (Guy) Gardiner. Her father was a native of Rhode Island, and spent most of his life in Providence, Rhode Island,

where he died June 5, 1870. He was a wholesale grocer. He married the mother of the subject hereof, about the year 1826. She was born in New Hampshire, March 4, 1809, and is still living in Providence.

Mrs. Harris is the eldest of six children. Two were sons, and four were daughters. The others were: Martha; Sarah A.; William; Charles, and Nellie Louise. Martha is the wife of Michael J. Talbot, a retired Methodist minister, of Providence, Rhode Island. Sarah A. is the wife of Robert B. Banister, a manufacturer, in Providence. William served in the Union army during the Civil War. He died in 1864. Charles died a few weeks later than William. He was then a young man, of nineteen years. Nellie Louise is the wife of George H. Russell, of Montclair, New Jersey, who is associated with Minot, Hooper & Co., of that place, wholesale dealers in cotton fabrics.

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MARTHA P. and CORINTHA E. MITCHELL. The ladies whose names appear at the head of this sketch are highly respected residents of the town of Pittsford, Rutland county, Vermont. Since the death of their father, they have continued to reside upon the ancestral acres. They employ competent farm hands, and superintend and conduct affairs in a satisfactory and profitable manner. They are the daughters of William and Cynthia (Morgan) Mitchell, granddaughters of Abiel, Jr., and Sarah

(Lingham) Mitchell and great-granddaughters of Abiel Mitchell, Sr.

The paternal grandparent of the subjects hereof, Abiel Mitchell, Jr., was born in Easton, Massachusetts, and located in the town of Chittenden, Vermont, some time prior to 1806. In 1828, he purchased a farm, where he spent the active years of his life. He died in 1848. Abiel Mitchell, Jr., followed farming many years. He rendered valuable service to our country during the Revolutionary War. Several relics were brought home from the war by him and are still preserved by the subjects hereof. One is a bayonet used by him in the war.

Abiel Mitchell, Jr., married Sarah Lingham and reared four sons and three daughters. Two members of the family are still living; the others are deceased. Those living are Harry and Eliza, both of whom reside in the West. Another son, William, was the father of Martha P. and Corintha E. Mitchell. Abiel Mitchell, Jr., and his wife both died in Albany, New York, in feeble old age.

William Mitchell was born in the town of Chittenden, Vermont, January 13, 1809. December 4, 1828, he was joined in marriage with Cynthia Morgan, who was born in Rochester, Vt., March 11, 1811. She was a daughter of Justus Morgan, a native of Rochester, Vermont. His father was a pioneer settler of that place. Justus Morgan served in the War of 1812. The weight at the entrance gate to the home of the subjects hereof is a cannon ball, or chain shot, much battered by service on the field. This is a relic of the War of



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1812, which was brought home by Mr. Morgan, and has been in constant use ever since.

William Mitchell followed the same occupation as his father. He farmed first in the town of Chittenden, and afterward purchased the farm now owned by the ladies to whom this biography pertains. Their present residence was built by him, in 1859,—forty years ago. Mr. Mitchell died December 25, 1884. He was survived by his widow, until January 11, 1897, when she died, aged eighty-six years. Eleven children were born to them. A son died in infancy. The others were: Justus; Electa; Ruth; Jane; Olive; Henry; Willard; Lovel; Martha P., and Corintha E. Justus died in Proctor, Vt., in November, 1861. His death resulted from an injury received in a marble quarry. He left a widow and five children. Electa married Henry Kingman. Her death occurred in Pittsford, Vermont. Five children survived her. Ruth died in February, 1898, aged sixty-one years. Jane has been twice married. She first married Thomas Lewis, and is now the wife of Stillman Perkins, of Hubbardton, Vermont. They have one son. Olive married David Rowell, of Chittenden. She died in 1869. Henry was killed during the seven days' fight at Savage Station, and is buried there. Willard was also a soldier during the Civil War; he was a member of the 7th Reg., Vermont Vol. Infantry. He is now in the employ of the Howe Scale Company, and has one son living. Lovel died at the tender age of one year.

The subjects of this sketch are eligible to

membership in both the Colonial Dames, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Quite a number of their relatives participated in the Civil War, among them the two brothers already mentioned, two brothers-in-law (Stillman Perkins and David Rowell), and thirteen cousins, besides.

AUGUSTUS BARKER, one of the solid men, as well as one of the oldest farmers, of Middletown Springs, Vermont, whose portrait we present on a preceding page, is now, practically, retired from active life. He was born near Bird's Eye Mountain, in Poultney, Vt., December 7, 1825, but has spent the greater part of his life in Middletown Springs, where he owns a fine three hundred-acre farm. Mr. Barker is a son of Justus Barker, a grandson of Pittman Barker, and great-grandson of Eastus Barker.

Eastus Barker was a man of prominence. He served as sheriff, and was state representative at Montpelier, for several terms. He married Mabel Thompson, of Goshen, Connecticut. They lost one son, Orange, at the age of nine years, and reared two daughters, Eliza and Sally. Eliza married Stephen Barrett, and was the mother of Mrs. Eugene Gray. Sally married Jaazaniah Barrett, and had two daughters,—Lucy; and Louisa, wife of Moses Vail. Pittman Barker was a farmer in Timmouth, and Poultney, Vermont. His death occurred at the latter place, in 1832. He is buried in the old cemetery at Middle-

town Springs, where the parents and grandparents of Augustus Barker all rest.

Mr. Barker's maternal grandmother was Lydia Rudd, before her marriage. She reared three sons and five daughters. Her closing years were spent upon the farm now owned by the subject hereof. She died at an advanced age, about the year 1840. Justus Barker, father of Augustus, was born February 21, 1798, in Tinmouth, Vermont. He married Rebecca Valentine, who was three years his junior. They reared three sons and four daughters. Augustus was the third son. He and his sister Amanda, wife of George Haverland, of Glens Falls, New York, are the only surviving members of the family. Their beloved mother passed to her final rest, August 31, 1870, aged seventy years. Their father survived her nine years, and died at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Augustus Barker was reared to farm life, and had little schooling. At the early age of ten or eleven years, he began to work out as chore boy. He worked three seasons for the same employer, and received \$30, each season, for eight months' work. He continued to follow farm work, sometimes on his father's farm, and also for others, until he attained the age of twenty-six years. At that time he and his older brother purchased their father's farm, where Augustus made his home. This farm is one of the best in that locality. It contains three hundred acres, and was formerly known as the Burnham farm. The fine large cottage upon it was built by Mr.

Lew Burnham, about one hundred years ago.

Augustus Barker was seven years old when his father first settled on this farm, which he had just bought. It cost him \$2,300. At a later period additional land, costing \$1,700, was added to the original purchase. Since then but few acres have been added, but a house has been erected at an expense of \$1,000. In 1885, Mr. Barker built his fine barn, forty-five by one hundred feet, with stable room under the whole. Mr. Barker has door steps which are relics of the disastrous flood of 1811, when the great mill was swept away. Recently Mr. Barker recovered the mill stones from the debris, and converted them into steps for his front door.

June 11, 1852, Augustus Barker was joined in marriage with Emily Hyde. Mrs. Barker was born in Middletown Springs, April 11, 1832. She is a daughter of Alonzo and Adelia (Hotchkiss) Hyde. Her mother was a native of Hartford, New York, and her father, of Wallingford, Vermont, where he was an able farmer. They reared seven children, the eldest of whom is Mrs. Barker. The others who are still living are Annette and Erwin. Annette married James Strong, of Middletown Springs. Erwin Hyde is a resident of Torrington, Connecticut. Mrs. Barker's mother died, October 21, 1883, aged seventy-three years. Her father died, November 27, 1892, having passed his eighty-fifth birthday. He was a son of Stephen Hyde, of Wallingford, Vermont, and was an officer in the state militia. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barker, as follows: Emma, who died at

the age of three years; Ida, wife of Benjamin Petherick, of Colorado; William C., who died in Minnesota, in 1884, at the age of twenty-six years, leaving a wife and daughter; David, who resides in Middletown, Vt.; and Lily, wife of Clark Gardner, also of Middletown. Mr. and Mrs. Barker have five grandchildren.

The subject of this sketch is a Republican, in politics. He has served as selectman, commissioner, etc. He was one of the original stockholders of the cheese factory company, formed in 1864, and served as a director therein. For some years, Mr. Barker has lived a retired life, and rents his farm. His has been an industrious career, marked by faithful toil. He is now enjoying the well deserved fruits of his labors.

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ADIN REYNOLDS WEBB, a prominent resident of Brandon, Vermont, has been identified with the agricultural interests of Rutland county for many years, but is now living in retirement. Mr. Webb was born at Hortonville, in the town of Hubbardton, Vermont, October 9, 1824. He is a son of Reuben and Sophia (Reynolds) Webb, and a grandson of Ebenezer and Abigail Webb.

Ebenezer Webb was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was born May 28, 1757, and died when about eighty-five years old. His wife, Abigail, was born about the year 1759. They were married August 28, 1777, and six

sons and five daughters were born to them. Their names were as follows: Sally, born February 19, 1778; Reuben, father of the subject hereof; Oliver, born in 1782; Abigail, born in 1784, and deceased in 1786; Abigail, the second; Samuel, born May 9, 1789; Loring, born October 10, 1791; James, born January 22, 1793; Nancy, born May 25, 1797; Thomas, born April 20, 1801; and Willis, born July 17, 1804.

Reuben Webb, father of Adin Reynolds Webb, was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, February 12, 1780. While still a lad, he accompanied his parents to Vermont. He learned the useful trade of a blacksmith, and was known as a skilled mechanic. For nearly half a century, he owned a trip hammer shop in Hortonville, Vt., and did a large business, employing many men. He was a Jacksonian Democrat, in politics, and held various town offices. He also served as captain in the militia. Reuben Webb was joined in marriage with Stephenas Peters, on August 8, 1800. Two children blessed this union, namely: Olive, and Roswell B. Olive Webb was born in August, 1801. She married John Griswold and reared a family of children. She died in Batavia, New York, an octogenarian. Roswell B. Webb was an eminent physician in St. Lawrence county, New York. He was cut off by death in 1846, in the prime of life, at forty-three years of age.

The mother of these children died in Hortonville, Vt., and their father contracted a second matrimonial alliance,—this time being

united with the mother of the subject hereof, whose maiden name was Sophia Reynolds. Four children blessed this union, the eldest of whom is Adin Reynolds, to whom this biography pertains. The others were: Maria, Ellen S., and Andrew Jackson. Maria Webb was born in 1826. She married John Hazeltine, now deceased. She resides in Ellenbury, Clinton county, New York. Ellen S. Webb died when about the age of twenty years. Andrew Jackson Webb died in infancy.

Adin Reynolds Webb's mother died of consumption, in 1834. His father was twice married afterward, but had no other children. He died November 20, 1866, in St. Lawrence county, New York.

Adin Reynolds Webb was schooled in his native place. At an early age, during vacations from school, he began to work in his father's shop, and at the age of fifteen or sixteen years, drove the nails, in shoeing horses. He was his father's successor, for two years, and subsequently built a shop of his own, in Hortonville, Vt., and another in the town of Sudbury, Vermont. He owned three different farms, with shops upon two of them. Mr. Webb lived, for three years, upon his farm in Sudbury Center. This farm contained one hundred and fifty acres, and is now known as the T. J. Goodrich place. He also owned a farm of one hundred and sixty acres at Lake Horton, known as the T. J. Nichols farm. After following agricultural pursuits for fourteen years, Mr. Webb removed to Brandon, Vermont. He settled at Number 9, Union street, November 2, 1892, and was so well

pleased with this location, that he sold his farming interests in July, 1893, and retired permanently from that occupation.

August 28, 1848, Mr. Webb married Mary A. Young, a daughter of Charles Young, whose wife's maiden name was Louisa Webb, and who was an own cousin of the subject hereof. Mrs. Webb was born in Sudbury, Vermont, November 17, 1819. She bore her husband three children, all of whom died young. The eldest, an infant son, died in 1849, at the age of three months. Marion E., the second child, was born May 4, 1852, and died August 11, 1865. Charles, the youngest son, was born in December, 1857, and died in 1859. The loss of these beautiful and promising children was a crushing blow to Mr. and Mrs. Webb, and for a time afterward, life seemed a burden to the stricken parents. Mr. and Mrs. Webb have a journal commenced by the former's father in 1829, and continued by him up to the time of his death. It was then taken up by Mrs. Webb and carried on faithfully until October, 1894. This journal contains records most valuable, and is written in a uniform and legible hand. The facts and events are arranged in a methodical way, and can be referred to with ease. Upon its pages are chronicled matters of interest gleaned from all over the world. These memoirs should be published, and put on the market, as they are more valuable and more readable than many other printed records.

Mrs. Webb is a lady of great vigor of body and mind, notwithstanding the fact that eighty years have passed over her head. Born

the same year in which Queen Victoria first saw the light, no one knows how well she might have filled a more distinguished sphere than the quiet and humble life which has fallen to her lot.

Mr. Webb followed the leadership of the Democratic party until 1896, when he changed his political views and voted for President McKinley. He never sought political distinction, and has never filled office, save one year as selectman. He won for himself much reputation as a model farmer, in which calling he aimed to excel. His work was done in a methodical, intelligent manner, which goes far toward accounting for his consequent prosperity.

ORRIN A. GEE, M. D., a homeopathic physician who has an extensive practice in Brandon (and vicinity) Rutland county, Vermont, resides upon a fine twelve-acre farm in that town. Dr. Gee was born in Clarendon, Rutland county, Vermont, January 15th, 1858, and is a son of Abisha G. Gee.

Stillman Gee, the grandfather of the subject hereof, was born in Massachusetts, and was a farmer near Westminster until about the year 1843, when he removed to Rutland county, Vermont. A few years subsequent thereto, he removed to Minnesota, where he spent the rest of his life. He was joined in the bonds of wedlock with a Miss Richmond, and they became the parents of the following children: Abisha G.; Leonard T. and Lydia, twins; Edwin B.; Llewellen; Charles, and

Laura. Leonard is a mechanic, at Clarendon, Vt., and Lydia was the wife of George Brown, who died in middle life, leaving three children. Edwin B. is a farmer in Chicago county, Minn., and is the father of three children. Llewellen lives in Illinois, and has one son and one daughter. Charles is also a farmer in Illinois. Laura died in early womanhood.

Abisha G. Gee, the father of Dr. Gee, was born in Westminster, Mass., in 1833. He enlisted during the Civil War, and contracted a disease from which he died on December 5th, 1862, leaving a widow and three sons. He was married at the age of twenty-four years, his wife being fifteen years old. She was Sarah A. Wilkins, who was born in Clarendon, September 24, 1841, and was a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary A. (Daniels) Wilkins. Their union which was effected on September 24, 1856, was blessed by the birth of three children: Orrin A., the subject hereof; Arthur E., a mechanic who lives at Sandy Hill, N. Y.; and Clarence A., a mechanic, and an amateur photographer, of considerable talent. Mrs. Gee formed a second matrimonial alliance and had one daughter, Jessie M., who is now the wife of J. Harwood Eggleston, of Stockbridge, Vermont. Mrs. Gee died in December, 1895, in the fifty-eighth year of her age, having spent the last six years at the home of the subject of this sketch.

Dr. Orrin A. Gee secured a good education through his own efforts. He began to support himself at the age of thirteen years. He attended the Rutland High School, and then took a three years' course in the Homeo-

pathic College of New York City, graduating therefrom on March 3, 1861, at the age of twenty-three years. In the month of June of that year, he went to Swanton, Vt., where he practiced medicine, for six years, and in 1887, he removed to Brandon, where he has since followed his profession. He has a thorough knowledge of the science of medicine, and his success has been such as to bring him into high repute throughout that community.

On September 23, 1876, Dr. Gee was united in marriage with Jennie R. Norton, and they became the parents of three children: Maud M., who died at the age of fourteen months; Cecil D., who died at the age of three years; and Annabel, who died at the age of eleven months. Mrs. Gee was called to her final rest on July 10, 1896.

Dr. Gee formed a second union, on this occasion with Miss Georgia E. Rood, a daughter of E. H. and Catherine Cutler (Kidder) Rood, and a scion of a family which has been established in this country for more than two and a half centuries. It is believed the Cutlers are sprung from the nobility of England, and their records are traceable to a remote period. James Cutler, the earliest known ancestor of Mrs. Gee, was born in England, in 1606, and came to America in 1634, being one of the original founders of the town of Watertown, Massachusetts. He later became a farmer at Cambridge, Mass., where he died on May 17, 1698, at the age of eighty-eight years, his will bearing the date of November 24, 1684. His son, Thomas, was born in 1648, and died July 13, 1722, at Lexing-

ton, then Cambridge Farms, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a soldier having the rank of lieutenant, and was also a conspicuous personage in civil affairs. Jonathan Cutler, who is the next in line of descent, was baptized on June 17, 1688, and lived at Killingly, Conn., at the time of his demise. He had five sons and one daughter, the third child being Beach Cutler, who was born at Colchester, Conn., October 20, 1716, and died at Plainfield, New Hampshire. He was thrice married, his first wife being Abigail Hodges; they were the parents of Gen. Hodges Cutler. The latter was born July 27, 1752, at Plainfield, Conn., and died on February 4, 1857, at the age of one hundred and five years. His oldest son was Joseph Beach Cutler, who was born December 22, 1779, and died on December 18, 1861. He was a native of Cornish, N. H., and became a physician of considerable prominence. He began practice at Highgate, in 1806. Doctor Cutler married Catherine Barr, of Saxtons River. He was a well-known figure in public life and held a number of positions of trust, among them being a membership in the general assembly. He and his wife reared the following children: Hiram C.; Albert G.; G. B.; Martha; Mary; and Elizabeth. Hiram C., born January 29, 1810, was a medical student who died in June, 1833. Albert G., born February 23, 1812, died in 1840. G. B. Cutler was a doctor in Bakersfield, Vermont. Martha, a twin of Albert, became the wife of L. Pomeroy, Esq. Mary was the wife of Judge Ellis, of Fair Haven, Vermont. Elizabeth, the grandmother of

Mrs. Gee, was born December 13, 1814. She married George M. Kidder, who died in 1870. Her daughter, Catherine Kidder, became the wife of Elisha H. Rood, whose father was Elisha Rood, and whose mother was Betsey Higgins, of Brattleboro, Vermont. Georgia E. Rood, Dr. Gee's wife was born in Swanton, Vt., and received a high intellectual training in the Swanton High School, and in the Montpelier Seminary, being graduated in 1886. She then studied music and art in Boston. Although fond of his professional work, Dr. Gee loves rural life, and engages in farming, as a pastime. He purchased a farm of twelve acres, in 1892, upon which he has erected good, substantial buildings and made many other improvements. Socially, the Doctor is a prominent Mason, whilst in politics, he is a stanch Republican. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and of the State Homeopathic Society.



ELISHA RICH HENDEE is a prominent farmer and speculator in sheep, and has lived in his present home in Pittsford, Rutland county, Vermont, since June 1, 1866.

The Hendee family of Pittsford is one of the oldest and most prominent families of that vicinity, with a record dating back for one hundred and fifty years or more. The progenitor of the family in America was Rich Hendee. He was a descendant of a French Protestant family who for religious reasons

were expelled from Normandy, and settled in England. Upon coming to America, he located in Boston among the first settlers. He married and had two sons, Richard and Caleb; the latter died without issue. Richard Hendee was twice married; his first wife died early in life and left one son, Jonathan, who was reared by his mother's relatives. Richard Hendee removed to Connecticut, where he married a Miss Conant and settled in or near Windham. Jonathan Hendee was also twice married. His first wife died and left him David, Barzillai, Asa, and Hannah. A later marriage with Martha Millington resulted in the following five children: Jonathan, Richard, Caleb, Richard, and Martha. Jonathan Hendee died at what is now called Ellington about 1775. He was poor and illiterate but was an honest man. He was a man of great physical powers and his sons by his first wife were also powerful men. Caleb, the third son by his second wife, is the next in line of descent and is the great-grandfather of our subject.

Caleb Hendee, Jr., the grandfather of Elisha Rich Hendee, was born October 21, 1768, and in 1789 married Lydia Rich, by whom he had seven children. The third in this family, German Franklin Hendee, was born October 2, 1794. November 30, 1820, he was joined in marriage with Sarah R. Jones, of Claremont, New Hampshire. Ten children blessed this union, seven of whom were sons and three were daughters. All are now deceased except the following: Elisha Rich, subject of these lines;

Lydia Ann, wife of Dr. George E. Sparhawk, of Burlington, Vermont; and Eliza Maria. Eliza Maria married Amos Drury Tiffany, of Pittsford, Vermont, November 17, 1868, and they became the parents of five children, three of whom are now deceased. The record is as follows: Sarah Abigail, wife of Dr. John Estabrook, of Brandon; Frederick, who died at the age of ten months; Arthur Amos, a clerk in the express office at St. Albans, Vermont; Harry H., who died in his fifth year; and Carroll H., who died in infancy. Mr. Tiffany was engaged in the grocery business with his brother for a number of years, and subsequently entered the employ of the railroad company as station agent at Pittsford, which position he still retains. He has also been a coal dealer for many years. He is a master Mason and is a deacon of the Congregational church. The marriage of Lydia Ann and Dr. Sparhawk, was followed by the birth of two children, one of whom, Sam, is a prominent physician in Burlington, Vt.

Elisha Rich Hendee was born in Pittsford, Vermont, January 15, 1837. He was reared to farm life on his father's farm and obtained the rudiments of an education in the district and select schools. He left home when eighteen years old and went to live with J. J. Simonds, who married his eldest sister, Sarah Rosette. They lived in Sherburne, Vermont, where our subject remained for two years and a half.

In 1859, in company with his brother, Edwin H., he took fifty Merino sheep to Texas. They went by rail to Boston and on board a

sailing brig to Galveston, Texas. Mr. Hendee remained in Texas until the spring of 1865. While there he took 300 bucks of high grade into Mexico for George Wilkins Kendall. On his way back he had a most romantic and enjoyable time. While in Texas he increased his weight from 125 to 169 pounds. He spent nearly three years at Barney, near the head of Buffalo Creek, on the ranch of Colonel Graham, who was an able lawyer from Ohio, and was, at one time, United States consul to Buenos Ayres. Mr. Hendee was a conscript in Confederate service for a time and obtained a furlough to go to Mexico. Mr. Hendee located on his present farm in the year following his return from the South. This farm is a part of his father's farm, which was settled in 1831.

Our subject and his brother, Edwin H., bought out the heirs to this part of the farm which contains 375 acres. The original farm contained 600 acres. Mr. Hendee bought and sold lands and has now a farm of his own containing 300 acres. He keeps a dairy of twenty-five cows and disposes of the milk at the Pittsford creamery. November 20, 1866, he wedded Augusta White, of Hebron, New York. Two children blessed their union: Frederick and Helen G. Their son was born January 19, 1867, and died when eight months old. Many hopes were buried with him. Their daughter, Helen G., is a popular teacher in the schools of Burlington, Vermont; she is a graduate of the seminary at Brandon, and of the Vermont University.

In politics Mr. Hendee is a Democrat, and



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has served in town offices, as selectman, justice of the peace, poor master, etc. May 24, 1877, he was deprived of his beloved wife, who died when her daughter was an infant. This was a sad blow to our subject, who has remained true to her memory and has been a widower for twenty-two years.

Mr. Hendee retains some vivid recollections of his experience in the South during the war, and of his great difficulty in getting back to the North. He also brought some trophies back with him; not least among these are his furloughs and passes in the original writing. To obtain these required nerve and tact possessed by few persons in such an emergency. These papers bear dates of May 4th, 11th, to the 23d, 1865. With these in his possession, he finally made good his escape to the United States forces, but had to go to Mexico first.



JOHAN H. MEAD, whose portrait is shown in connection with this biography, is one of the most prominent stock raisers of Rutland county, Vermont. He is the proud owner of a fine herd of Holstein cattle and a large flock of the finest Merino sheep, some of which have been bred by him, and some are of the best imported stock. Mr. Mead was born October 27, 1848, in Fair Haven, Rutland county, Vermont. He is a son of Andrew Jackson and Ellen E. (Boardman) Mead, grandson of Abner and Nancy (Rowley) Mead, and great-grandson of Abner and Amelia (Root) Mead.

The Mead family is of English origin and the first known member of the family whose name has been preserved and who is known to have emigrated from England, is Timothy Mead, who settled at Horseneck, N. Y. He descended from one of three brothers, who also emigrated from England. Timothy had one son, who was also named Timothy. Timothy Mead, Jr., with his wife Martha, removed to a place called Nine Partners, N. Y., a place named for its first nine settlers. Later in life Timothy Mead, Jr., removed to Manchester, Vt., where his death is known to have occurred. He reared five children, namely: Timothy, the third, born in Manchester; Zebulon and James, born in Rutland; Stephen, born in Pittsford; and Ezra, born in Rutland.

Colonel James Mead, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born at Horseneck, N. Y., August 25, 1730, and died January 17, 1804, aged eighty-four years. August 7, 1752, he was united in marriage with Mercy Holmes, who was born April 7, 1731, at Horseneck, New York. After marriage, the young couple sought a home in the wilds of Vermont, near the present site of Rutland, where they located in March, 1769. Their first night was spent in an Indian wigwam on the banks of the Otter Creek, a short distance below Center Rutland. The friendly Indians first offered the pipe of peace and then the use of the wigwam was proffered.

Mrs. James Mead bore the first white child in Rutland, where she and her husband were the first white settlers. She was one of twenty persons who formed the first Congregational

church in Rutland, which was organized in 1773. After the many hardships incident to the pioneer life of those early settlers, made more terrible by the War of the Revolution, Mrs. James Mead lived to see the woods converted into fertile and cultivated fields. She had fifteen children, one hundred and ninety-two grandchildren, one hundred and fifty-four great-grandchildren and ten of the fifth generation, in all three hundred and seventy-one descendants, whom she lived to see. She was an active member of the Congregational church for more than fifty years, and, although deprived of her husband in 1804, she remained faithful to his memory and died a widow, May 17, 1823, aged ninety-two years. Both these ancestors now rest in the Evergreen cemetery, whither they were removed (by Dr. J. A. Mead) from the old Congregational burial ground in West Rutland.

Col. James Mead served in the Revolutionary War and was particularly active and brave at the battles of Hubbardton and Bennington. One incident which occurred at the time of the battle of Hubbardton, showing the extreme bravery and courage of Mrs. James Mead, may be appropriately given here. Mrs. Mead was left at her home with her three small children, and, although she often said she was not afraid to stay alone, when foes were reported to be in the neighborhood, she became alarmed and feared for the safety of her precious children. Going into the pasture, she caught a wild colt which had never been broken and, with much difficulty, saddled

it. She then managed to get one child in front of her, one behind her, and taking the third in her lap, she rode away from Rutland to Bennington, fifty-five miles, where she was safe among her friends, as she deserved to be. This feat was heralded as one of the most courageous of that long and weary struggle, and Mrs. Mead was an acknowledged heroine. The eldest son of Col. James Mead was Abner Mead, the great-grandfather of our subject. Abner Mead, Sr., wed Amelia Root, a daughter of Rev. Benjamin Root, the first clergyman in Rutland, Vt. Mrs. Mead died June 17, 1800, and was survived by her husband until February 17, 1813. They reared the following eight children: Ira, Elizabeth, Truman, Abner, Jr., Laura, Abial, Philena, and Peter Philander.

Abner Mead, subject's grandfather, was born in Rutland, September 9, 1785. He married Nancy Rowley, who bore him the following five children, all of whom married, reared families of their own, and are now deceased: Harriet; Charity R., who became the wife of Franklin Blanchard and lived to be eighty-six years old; Andrew Jackson, our subject's father; Roswell R., father of Dr. J. A. Mead, of Rutland; and John W. H.

Andrew Jackson Mead was born on the farm now occupied by our subject. He was united in marriage with Ellen E. Boardman, an own cousin to Rev. George H. Boardman, of Chicago, Illinois. This wedding was solemnized October 2, 1839, on Boardman Hill, Rutland. Five children blessed this union, namely:

Charles, who was killed in the battle of Petersburg by a sharpshooter, was born in Fair Haven, Vt., April 5, 1843, and died June 17, 1864; Charles Eugene, born in Fair Haven, Vt., February 19, 1845, is now a resident of Chicago, where he is in the marble business; John H., subject of this sketch; Ellen Cornelia, born in Westmoreland, Vt., May 2, 1854, married M. P. Flack and died July 21, 1877, without issue; and Charity Rowley, born January 14, 1858, who is now the wife of W. W. Burr, of West Rutland, Vermont. Andrew Jackson Mead died September 24, 1890, and is still survived by his widow who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Burr. She is now eighty-four years old and is still an active, sprightly, and entertaining lady. She was a daughter of Charles G. and Sophia (Watkins) Boardman. This worthy couple were residents on the hill in West Rutland, where Mr. Boardman farmed. Timothy Boardman, the father of Charles G., settled there at an early date, removing from Middletown. When he was eighty-four years old he drove back to the old home, accompanied by this granddaughter, Mrs. Mead, when she was twenty years old. He made the long journey with his horse and wagon and took in all the sights along the way, including the Bennington monument. He died three years later, aged eighty-seven years. Charles Boardman, a cousin of our subject's mother, lives on his farm adjoining the old homestead, which has, unfortunately, passed out of the family possessions. Mr. Mead's uncle, Henry Boardman, the youngest of the family, is a wealthy

land owner, residing near Joliet, Ill.

John H. Mead was joined in marriage with Mary E. Flower, only child of James and Olive (Parsons) Flower, born in Proctorsville, Vt., May 7, 1850. She has borne her husband three sons, as follows: Charles Jackson, now a young man of twenty-two; Robert Flowers, aged twenty; and Richard Harris, aged nineteen years. Charles Jackson, the eldest son, was united in marriage October 12, 1898, with Mary A. Wheeler, of Pittsford, Vermont, a daughter of C. W. and Ann (Conroy) Wheeler.

In politics, our subject is a stanch Republican, and has served three years on the state bureau of agriculture. He is now president of the Rutland County Agricultural Society. For two years he was president of the Vermont Merino Sheep Breeders' Association. He has served in minor offices in town and is a faithful member of the Congregational church. Our subject's farm consists of 200 acres and is a portion of the original land grant first taken by Colonel James Mead, over one hundred and thirty-two years ago.

Mrs. John H. Mead's father was born in New York, June 10, 1814, and her mother was born in West Windsor, Vermont, March 15, 1818. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Flower was solemnized February 19, 1841, and they have just passed their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary. They have spent most of their lives in Clarendon, where they conducted a hotel or boarding house, but they are now living with their daughter, Mrs. Mead. James Flower has a brother, Anson Flower, in Paw-

let, Vt., who was ninety years old June 5, 1899, and is still in the cabinetmaking business. The parents of James Flower died young, each within six months of the other, and left four sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Flower was a daughter of Abial and Olive (Bliss) Parsons, of Warren, Massachusetts. This worthy couple reared nine of their ten children, eight sons and one daughter. Three are still living, viz.: Caroline, widow of Baidon Bailey, now eighty-one years old, and residing in Proctorsville, Vt.; Mrs. Flower; and Martha (Plinney), of Brockton, Mass.

Herewith is given a description of the coat of arms of the Mead family: The field sable—a chevron between three pelicans. In the chevron, a lion's head. An Egyptian holds the pelican as a hieroglyphic of the four duties of a father to his children, which are generation, education, instruction, and good example.

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BURGESS PAUL FIELD, of Number 9, Franklin street, Brandon, Vermont, is an octogenarian, and is one of the oldest residents of Rutland county. Mr. Field was born January 6, 1813, on the ancestral farm, three miles north of Brandon. This farm was settled by his paternal grandfather in 1785, and is now owned by our subject, having been in the possession of the family for more than one hundred years. Mr. Field is a son of Paul and Mercy (Stearns) Field.

By the aid of marked trees our subject's grandparents followed the bridle path through

the woods, traveling on horseback to their new home, the farm mentioned above as the birthplace of our subject. At that time Pittsford boasted of the only mill in that vicinity, and to this mill Mr. Field was obliged to take his grist on horseback during the summer, and over the ice during the winter. Joshua Field, our subject's grandfather, was a pensioner of the Revolutionary War. He had several brothers, among them, Zacharias and Wait. In 1826 his wife died, aged eighty-four years. They were both members of the Congregational church, and rest in the churchyard at Brandon. Joshua Field died in 1831. He left several children and had previously buried three. Those who grew to maturity were: Othniel; Calvin, Paul, our subject's father; Rudolphus; Dennis; and Sarah and Thankful, twins. Othniel died in Berlin, Ohio, in the eightieth year of his age. He was a well-to-do-farmer and was survived by his widow. Calvin was a large and powerful man; he followed farming in Genesee county, New York; he died in Michigan, an octogenarian, leaving three children. Rudolphus studied medicine and became a practicing physician in Crown Point, New York, where he died at about sixty-five years of age, being survived by his widow. Dennis never married, and his death occurred in Batavia, N. Y.

Our subject's maternal grandparents were Jonathan and Hannah (Burgess) Stearns. They both fell victims to a winter fever epidemic; the grandfather dying in 1812;

and his widow three days later; both were buried in the same grave, and both were about sixty-five years old. They reared three children, Jonathan, Sarah, and Mercy. Jonathan Stearns was a merchant and cotton manufacturer in Malone, N. Y., and later in New York City. He died in Bridgeport, Conn. Sarah Stearns married James Wing, of Rochester, Vt.

Paul Field, the father of our subject, was born in Winchester, N. H., April 10, 1779. December 2, 1810, he was joined in marriage with Mercy Stearns, who was born June 11, 1790, at Hardwick, Massachusetts. She was a daughter of Jonathan Stearns. To this union were born seven children, three sons and four daughters. The sons were named as follows: Stearns J.; Burgess Paul; and George F. Stearns J. Field was born July 10, 1813, and is now deceased. George F. Field was born June 2, 1819; he was a farmer by occupation and reared five sons and two daughters. He died in Leicester, Vt., July 7, 1892. Paul Field and his wife, Mercy, began life together on the homestead farm of the husband, north of Brandon, where the whole of their married life was spent. He died in 1834, having been fatally gored by an ox. He was then fifty-five years old. His widow survived him many years, dying, in 1851, aged sixty-one years.

After the death of his father, Burgess Paul Field continued to remain at home until he reached his majority. Even then he did not leave the old place permanently, but has spent the greater part of his long and useful life on his native place. He was engaged in the lum-

ber business in Wisconsin for some time, and later became interested in the marble business in Brandon; but he continued to retain possession of the old home farm of 150 acres. April 27, 1860, Mr. Field was joined in marriage with Lydia Washer Hemenway, who was born in Ludlow, Vt., February 6, 1830. Mrs. Field was a daughter of Sheffield and Abigail Dana (Barton) Hemenway, and granddaughter of Jacob and Sarah (Haven) Hemenway. Her grandparents had a family of fourteen children, but lost twins in infancy. Eight sons and four daughters grew to maturity, namely: Jacob, Jonathan, Samuel, Dyer, Frances, Elisha, Elijah, William, Isaac, Polly, Sarah, and Beulah.

Mrs. Field's father was a native of Springfield, Vermont. Her mother was born March 31, 1798, and was a daughter of Rufus Barton. She bore her husband four sons and four daughters, as follows: Nelson, born August 11, 1823; Abigail Dana, who died in infancy; Abby M., born October 7, 1828; Lydia Washer, our subject's wife; Charles Wesley, born in 1832; Carrie E., born June 30, 1834; Horace C., born April 3, 1837; and Daniel Dana, born May 28, 1840. Mrs. Field was a devout Christian and lived a good and generous life, thinking little of self and continually trying to make others happy. She was an affectionate wife, a true friend and a good neighbor, and her death was sadly mourned by her host of acquaintances, among whom she had lived for so many years. Although she lived to reach the age of seventy years, her death was hastened by a fall which

proved too great a shock for her system and she sustained a stroke of apoplexy shortly after, which resulted in her death on Tuesday morning, October 31, 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Field lost their only child, Abby Mercy, whose untimely death was a desolating blow and an overwhelming sorrow to her devoted parents. Abby M. Field was born November 21, 1866. After graduating from the Brandon public schools, she continued her studies nearly two years under the tuition of Miss Clark, of Rutland. Her death occurred March 29, 1890, and she was mourned by many warm and admiring friends.

ORANGE A. SMALLEY, deceased. In presenting to the public the lives of men who have added luster to the name of Rutland county, Vermont, it is fitting that we make due mention of the gentleman named above, whose investigations in the science of electricity led to Morse's invention of telegraphy. After many years of continuous labor in conjunction with his skilful assistant, Mr. Davenport, he produced the electro-motor, which, as developed at the present day, has come into use throughout the world. The financial gain to its inventor, was, however, but limited.

Mr. Smalley was born in Hartford, Washington county, N. Y., July 3, 1812, and was a son of Dr. A. J. Smalley, who was of Irish ancestry. Three brothers, in the line of descent, established the family in this country. The father of the subject hereof

was born at Norwich, Vermont, in 1774, and after graduating from Dartmouth College, began the practice of medicine, which he followed until his death at Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, where he resided with his son on the old Goss property. He was united in marriage with Sophia Goss, a daughter of Joshua Goss, and a granddaughter of Captain Johnathan Carver, an American soldier and traveler, explorer of the great Northwest and Lake Superior region in 1766-1768 and author of "Carver's Travels to the Interior Parts of North America." Joshua Goss married Abigail Carver, and after the birth of the mother of Orange A. Smalley, in Massachusetts, he moved to the old Goss homestead at Brandon, Vermont. Dr. and Mrs. Smalley became the parents of thirteen children, three of whom were sons, whose names were: Darwin; Orange A., the subject hereof; and Epp.

Orange A. Smalley bought part of the Goss estate, in 1838, and on November 17, of the following year, was united in matrimony with Alma N. Carlisle, a daughter of Martin and Nancy (Blood) Carlisle. Her grandfather was William Carlisle, of Scituate, Mass., a soldier of the Revolutionary War. He was a sturdy old farmer, and moved from Scituate to Westmoreland, N. H., and thence to Randolph, N. Y., where he and his wife both died; and buried in the cemetery at East Randolph. His wife was Deborah Studely, whom he married in Massachusetts, and they had eight children. Martin Carlisle, an agriculturist, married Nancy Blood, a daughter of Colonel

Blood, who saw honorable service in the War of the Revolution. The subject hereof and his wife became the parents of three children, namely: Darwin A.; Carver W.; and John A.

Darwin A. Smalley, deceased, was born on September 29, 1841, and was a captain in the Civil War,—serving throughout that memorable struggle. From constant exposure to which he was subjected during the four years of his service, he contracted consumption, from which he died on December 29, 1869. Captain D. A. Smalley was married on January 11, 1866, at Lynchburg, Va., to Eleanor P. Hastings. Their children, Marion H., born October 27, 1866, and Carlisle D., born May 23, 1869, are now living.

Carver W. Smalley was born May 5, 1843, and received a common school education. In August, 1862, he enlisted, for nine months, in the 12th Reg., Vermont Vol. Infantry, as a private, and returned, one year later, as a corporal, having participated in the battle of Gettysburg. He then went west, and for several years was proprietor of the Angier House, at New London, Wisconsin; six years later, he became a traveling salesman, selling fire and burglar proof safes, some twelve years. He also served as United States marshal for a period of sixteen months. On December 25, 1867, he was united in marriage with Henrietta M. Lutsey, and their children are: Orange A. and Lottie J. Carver W. Smalley now resides on the old homestead, at Brandon, with his mother.

John A. Smalley was born July 2, 1847, and, early in life, learned the trade of a ma-

chinist, but now resides on the old homestead with his brother and his mother. On April 18, 1880, he was joined in marriage with Julia A. Morse, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Mary, who, though but seventeen years of age, is a teacher; and Carver W., a boy of fourteen years.

Orange A. Smalley in his youthful days developed a love for scientific research, and became interested in electricity. He afterward established a shop at Forest Dale and engaged the services of Mr. Davenport, a gentleman some years his senior, who was also a mechanical genius. With their combined capital, which was very limited in extent, they applied themselves to new experiments. It was in 1834 that Mr. Smalley's designs were put into operation, and the electro-magnetic engine was the result. A patent was applied for in 1835, the plans having been drawn by Professor Turner, of Middlebury College. It was a qualified success, as it produced thirty revolutions to the minute, of a wheel, seven inches in diameter. They met with little encouragement from anyone who saw their plans. On the contrary, no one placed the least faith in their invention,—the village pastor going so far as to say: "If this wonderful power was good for anything, it would have been in use long before this." But undaunted they struggled on, and today, the world enjoys the fruit of their toil. When the now famous Morse visited their shop, he found what he was seeking, as he saw a current of electricity was passing through three miles of wire wound about a spool. He straightway

went forth and developed the telegraph, from which he made a fortune, and the men, who were the real discoverers of the principle on which it is based, struggled on as before.

Franklin Leonard Pope, a great authority on electricity, who had spent much time in researches in foreign countries, wrote a lengthy article in the January, 1881, issue of *Electrical Engineer*, a scientific journal published in New York City, in which he devoted five pages to Mr. Smalley and Mr. Davenport, and their development of power by electro-magnetism. He gave them due credit for their discoveries, and commented at length upon their genius and their struggle against great discouragements. Mr. Smalley devoted his entire life to this work, and the success which attended his efforts has already been mentioned.

The subject of this sketch lived to become an octogenarian, and died in Brandon, Vermont, on April 6, 1893. His death was greatly mourned as it deprived Rutland county of one of its distinguished citizens, and his townsmen, of a true and faithful friend. In politics, he was a Republican, and for a number of years served in the capacity of justice of the peace.

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CHANCEY LEVI BAXTER, a venerable farmer and carpenter, resides on his sixty-acre farm near the village of Castleton, Rutland county, Vermont. Mr. Baxter is of Welsh descent. He comes of a hardy and long-lived race, and in both re-

spects is a worthy scion of his line. He was born in Cornwall, Addison county, Vermont, August 28, 1808, and is now past ninety-one years old. He is a son of William and Ruth (Aberns) Baxter and a grandson of William Baxter, Sr.

The last named was a native of Rhode Island. By his first marriage he had four sons: Francis; Moses; Benjamin; and Alexander; all four sons were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and proved themselves patriotic citizens, as well as fearless soldiers. His second marriage was contracted with Mrs. Griggs, a widow, who bore him two sons and one daughter. The sons were named David and William. William Baxter, Sr., lived to the extremely old age of ninety-six years, dying in Enfield, Connecticut.

William Baxter, father of the subject hereof, was born in Enfield, Conn., about the year 1768. His marriage with Ruth Aberns resulted in the birth of nine children,—four sons and five daughters. One son and one daughter died young, another daughter died at fourteen years of age, and none but the subject of this sketch lived to attain the age of sixty years. Mrs. Baxter was born in Connecticut, and was a few months older than her husband.

Chancey Levi Baxter had but few educational advantages. His schooling was limited to the few months that he was able to attend school during the years of his boyhood and youth, until he was eighteen years of age, and to one year in Castleton Seminary. When not quite twenty years old, he married Philena



JOHN D. HANRAHAN, M. D.

Peet, who was then but sixteen. Mrs. Baxter was born March 6, 1812, in Middlebury, Vermont, and was married seventy-one years ago, March 20, 1828. Six children blessed their marriage, as follows: a son, who died in infancy; Martha Jane; Mary Ann; Horace; Lorinda Z.; and Luther L.

Martha Jane is the wife of George H. Daniels, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and has one daughter. Mary Ann married Joseph Pritchard. He was drowned when twenty-three years of age, leaving his widow with one child. Mrs. Pritchard died at the home of her father, October 16, 1876. Horace, who studied law, and was the editor of the Glencoe Register, in Minnesota, met with a fatal accident, in 1860, at the age of twenty years, at Mauston Station, Wisconsin; he was not married. Lorinda Z. became the wife of William Woodbury, and they live on the farm with her father, the subject of these lines. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury have two children: William I., who married Margaret Robertson, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and resides in Brainerd, Minn.; and Mary P., who married Charles Kelleway, and has two daughters—Mary P. and Alida L.

Luther L. Baxter, the only living son of the subject of this sketch, resides in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He went to that state in 1857. He first settled in Geneva, Wisconsin, where he met and married Emma Ward; four children resulted from this union, of whom but one is now living, Chauncey L. His first wife having passed away, he married Barbara Dice, who left him one daughter, Bertha, at

her demise. Judge Baxter's third wife, with whom he is now living, was Emma Childs. Chauncey L. Baxter, the only son of Judge Baxter, is a lawyer by profession. He was a captain in the 14th Reg., Minnesota Vol. Infantry, in the Spanish-American War. He has a wife and daughter. Bertha, the only daughter of Judge Baxter, received a very fine education, and is a successful teacher in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Luther L. Baxter has been a very successful business man, and has acquired a handsome competency. He served in the Union army during the War of the Rebellion and was discharged with his regiment in October, 1865, with the rank of colonel. For eighteen years he served in the upper and lower houses of the Minnesota Legislature, and did much in the framing of the laws of that state. Although a Democrat, he was appointed to the position of judge by a Republican governor, which position he has held for fifteen years, and still holds. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason.

Chauncey Levi Baxter, the subject of this sketch, is an independent voter. He inherited some land from his father, and located on his present farm, in 1861, where he has carried on general farming. He is a master Mason.

JOHN D. HANRAHAN, M. D., of Rutland, Vermont, is a son of James and Ellen (O'Connor) Hanrahan, and was born June 18, 1844, in Rathkeale, County Limerick, Ireland.

Dr. Hanrahan attended the national schools of Ireland until he was eleven years of age, and later the public schools and Free Academy in New York City. He commenced the study of medicine, in 1860, with Dr. John K. Wright, who was at that time located in Yorkville, New York. He attended four courses of lectures in the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York and was graduated from the same in March, 1867. In June, 1861, he was, on examination (not having graduated), appointed surgeon in the United States Navy, and served through the entire war. The vessels on which he served did duty mostly on the rivers of Virginia and North Carolina, where his services and time were divided between the Army and Navy, thereby receiving the benefit and experience of both branches of the service, especially in the surgical line. In August, 1863, the vessel on which he was serving was captured at the mouth of the Rappahannock River, and all on board made prisoners. They were taken overland to Richmond, Virginia, and confined in Libby Prison. At that time the Confederates were very short of surgeons and medical supplies, and he was asked if he would go over to Belle Isle and attend the Union prisoners. After consulting with his fellow prisoners, he consented, and for six weeks attended the sick and wounded prisoners faithfully under great disadvantages, as the supply of medicine and surgical appliances was very limited; he was subsequently paroled. While a prisoner of war, he was treated with the greatest courtesy by the medical staff and officers of the

Confederacy. After the close of the war, he was located in New York City for about one year, then in Montreal about a year, and for the past twenty-eight years has resided in Rutland, Vermont. He was town and city physician of Rutland for many years, is now physician and medical examiner for St. Peter's Hibernian Society; American Order of Foresters; Catholic Order of Foresters; Rutland Council Knights of Columbus; Queen of Vermont Circle companies, Foresters of America; and examiner for several life and accident insurance companies. He was surgeon of the 3rd Regiment Vermont National Guards until it was mustered out of service.

Dr. Hanrahan is a member of the American Medical Association; Vermont State Medical Society; Rutland Medical Club; and a member and first president of the Rutland County Medical and Surgical Society. He is a director and consulting surgeon of the Rutland Hospital, also of the Fanny Allen Hospital at Winooski, Vermont; and a member of the Vermont Sanitary Association. During the twenty-eight years of his residence in Rutland, he has had a very large and successful practice, especially in the surgical and obstetrical line, and it is said by many of his brother physicians that he has attended as many cases of confinement as any one of his age, anywhere. He is the author of several medical papers, has performed many surgical operations, and has served through several epidemics of smallpox and diphtheria.

Since its organization, Dr. Hanrahan has been an active member of the Grand Army

of the Republic. He is now surgeon of Roberts Post, the largest in Vermont, and is also for the third term medical director of the Department of Vermont; he has served on the staffs of three commanders-in-chief,—Veazey, Palmer, and Weissert. He was president of the United States pension examining board for four years under President Cleveland, and treasurer of the same board four years under President Harrison. He was postmaster of Rutland during the second term of President Cleveland.

Our subject has taken quite an active part in local, state and national politics, has served many years on the Democratic state committee, and has been chairman of the county committee. He was president of the city of Rutland two years and trustee eight years and was county commissioner one year. He was a delegate to the Democratic national conventions of 1884-1888, and was chairman of the Vermont delegation in the convention of 1892. He has always been a Democrat and was a supporter of President Cleveland until the national convention of 1896, when, although postmaster under President Cleveland, he espoused the cause of Hon. William Jennings Bryan, of whom he is an enthusiastic admirer, and today firmly believes that Bryan will be the next Democratic nominee and that he will be elected president.

Dr. Hanrahan has been an Irish Nationalist all his life and a member of all the Irish societies, president of the Land League, etc. He is a member of the American Catholic Historical Society and was appointed a dele-

gate from the Diocese of Vermont by Bishop De Goesbriand to the first American Catholic Congress and Catholic Centennial Celebration, held in Baltimore, November 10, 1889; he is also a member of the American Irish Historical Society, of which he is vice-president for the State of Vermont. He is a member of the Rutland Board of Trade; a life member of the Rutland County Agricultural Society; a member of the Rutland Lodge of Elks; St. Peter's Hibernian Benevolent Union; American Order of Foresters; Catholic Order of Foresters; Rutland Council, Knights of Columbus; and the Young Men's Catholic Union. He was a director of the original electric light company of Rutland, and a director of the New England Fire Insurance Company for several years.

Dr. Hanrahan has been twice married: first to Mary A. Riley; second to Frances N. Keenan, of Rutland. He has five children living: May, Anna, Hugh, Frances, and John P. A portrait of Dr. Hanrahan accompanies this sketch.

MAJOR JOSIAH W. SYMONS, a prominent member of the firm of Johnstone & Symons, dealers in monumental marble and granite, at Brandon, Vermont, was born in the town of Chittenden, Rutland county, Vermont, July 3, 1851. He is a son of Josiah and Grace (Shepherd) Symons, and a grandson of John and Susan (Pierce) Symons.

John Symons was born in Cornwall, England. He was a mining captain in the copper mines of England. He married a Miss Pierce and reared three children, namely: Paul, Mary Ann, and Josiah, Josiah W.'s father. Paul Symons came to America about the year 1840, leaving his family in England. In 1844, his wife, who was Mary Mildren before her marriage, came over with her first born, Josiah. This son died in Escanaba, Michigan, in February, 1889, leaving a wife and five children. He was a machinist by trade, having learned his trade in Providence, Rhode Island, by serving an apprenticeship. For some time he worked in the Rutland railroad shops, and subsequently went west, to Dubuque, Ia., Rockford, Ill., and finally, to Escanaba, Michigan. At the latter place he served as master mechanic of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

Mary Ann Symons married James Henwood, of Callington, England. She is still quite active, at eighty-five years of age. Her only child, a daughter, came to America, and wedded Thomas Carder, of Rutland. Mr. and Mrs. Carder have recently returned to her mother in England.

Josiah Symons, Josiah W.'s father, was born in England, December 9, 1809. About the year 1841, he was joined in marriage with Grace Shepherd. In 1850, accompanied by three children, they sought a home in America. They came by sail from Daventry, England. After a three months' voyage, which was both tempestuous and dangerous, they landed at Boston, Massachusetts. Eight chil-

dren were born to them, six of whom reached maturity. They finally drifted from one place to another, and the father died at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on his fifty-sixth birthday. Paul, eldest brother of our Josiah W., resides in Plainfield, New Jersey. Mary Ann, a sister, married J. R. Callihan, of Braddock, Pennsylvania. Susan, another sister, married Dr. Sandles. Both died and left an infant daughter.

Josiah W. Symons, the subject of this sketch, is, today, the youngest member of the family living. He was the sixth child of his parents. He was married more than twenty years ago, and has one daughter, Bessie Gertrude, who is not only an accomplished pianist, but is highly gifted in art. Some very fine paintings from her hand adorn the home, such as landscapes, animals, flowers, etc. These paintings show rare skill for one so young, and indicate that by persevering industry and application, she may become a distinguished artist. Mrs. Symons was the second child, and only daughter, of her parents. Her father was a practical miner in England, and was sent for as a prospector for mines in America. He was one of the superintendents of, and a master workman on, the Croton water works. He went to Brandon and settled upon a farm for a time, but soon sold out and returned to Chittenden, where he was placed in charge of the manganese and iron ore bed. He accumulated a fine property which was left to Mrs. Symons. He died August 28, 1879, aged seventy years. His wife survived him many years, and passed to her final rest, January 14, 1891. They are

buried in the Forest Dale cemetery. Mrs. Symons was educated in the Brandon High School, from which her daughter, Gertrude, graduated in 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Symons reside in the home where Mrs. Symons' parents lived and died. Major Symons is an important personage in Masonic circles. He is a Knight Templar, and also a Mystic Shriner. He joined the militia, and rose to be a major. In 1897, however, he resigned the majorship and is now on the retired list. In his political opinions, Major Symons proudly acknowledges that he is a Republican. He has served his party as constable, etc., and is serving his fourth year as one of the selectmen of Brandon. The firm of which the subject of this sketch is a member, has been doing a successful business ever since the concern was established, in 1896.

Major Symons is the outside man, Mr. Johnstone the inside man, while four or five assistants find employment in the shop. This firm turns out some very fine work in the different marbles and granites, taken exclusively from the Quincy and Barre quarries. Both members of the partnership are men of energy and ability, and have established a trade second to none in the vicinity.

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MRS. SARAH H. MARTIN, widow of the late Friend G. Martin, is a highly respected and worthy lady, residing on a fine farm in the town of Poultney, Vermont, one mile south of the

village which bears the same name. This farm is on the old turnpike road extending from Burlington to New York. Less than half a century ago, it was a common spectacle to see coaches, each drawn by four, or six, horses, pass directly in front of the house where Mrs. Martin still resides. Friend G. Martin was born on the same farm, September 7, 1833, and there also his death occurred, February 8, 1892. He was a son of George C. Martin, a grandson of Samuel Martin, and a great-grandson of James and Mary Martin.

James and Mary Martin came from Scotland to America, and occupied a farm in the town of Poultney, Vermont. They were in humble circumstances. James died in old age, and had previously lost his wife, who was, also, advanced in years. Their remains rest in North Poultney. James Martin was noted for his industry in knitting, in his extreme old age. He and his good wife reared three daughters and six sons.

The eldest son was Samuel, who was born in Scotland, in 1767, and was brought to America by his parents in 1774. He was reared to farm life and followed that occupation in the town of Poultney. His residence was one mile south of the home of Mrs. Sarah H. Martin. He married Lucy Warner, of Poultney. The union resulted in the birth of ten children.

George C. Martin, father of Friend G., purchased a half acre of land in the town of Poultney, upon which he built a part of the present residence of the subject hereof. He added to his original purchase from time to time until

at length he accumulated a fine property. Upon this farm his son, Friend G. Martin, lived the most of his life. However, seven years were spent in the west during which his family remained upon the old homestead farm. February 14, 1858, Friend G. Martin was joined in marriage with Sarah Hooker, the subject of these lines.

Mrs. Martin was born in Hampton, New York, May 7, 1833. She is a daughter of Martin P. and Caroline (Downs) Hooker, both natives of Hampton, New York. Mrs. Martin's mother died at the early age of forty-one and her father again married. He reared one daughter by this second union, namely: Minnie, wife of R. A. Williams, residing in the town of Hampton. Mrs. Martin is the eldest child of her parents and has one sister, Laura, wife of John D. Jones.

The subject of this sketch has lost three of her ten children. Those who died were: a son who died in infancy; Caroline, who died at the age of seventeen months; and Minnie, who died when eight years old. Those living are: Lucy; Samuel H.; George P.; Elisabeth; Fred; Laura, and Calista. Lucy is a professional nurse. Samuel assists in managing the farm. George P. is an able street car conductor in the city of Boston, Massachusetts. Elisabeth is the wife of Warren Shaw, in Granville, Vermont, and has one daughter, Abbie. Laura and Calista are both young ladies, still at home.

Fred Martin first saw the light of day on the old homestead farm September 12, 1870. He began the battle of life while still quite

young, and deserves much credit for making such a manly fight. The management of this fine farm devolves principally upon him, and his duties are well performed. This ancestral heritage consisted of two hundred and forty acres, upon the death of his father, in 1892. It now contains three hundred acres, and is in a high state of cultivation. Besides carrying on general farming, Mrs. Martin constantly keeps over twenty fine milch cows. The products of the dairy are sold to the creamery. Two horses are also kept, in addition to the yoke of oxen, which is still almost indispensable in the New England States. In the midst of this happy group of sons and daughters, who anticipate her every wish, the subject of this sketch is spending the sunset of life in peace and happiness.

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ROBERT J. HUMPHREY, editor and proprietor of the "Poultney Journal," a popular weekly, settled in his present home on Bently avenue, Poultney, Vermont, in the spring of 1867. He erected his printing office in 1897, and not only publishes a good weekly paper, but does a paying business in job printing.

Mr. Humphrey was born in Wales, May 10, 1833. He is the eldest of nine children, seven of whom were sons, and two were daughters. He is a son of John W. and Eleanor (Roberts) Humphrey, a grandson of William and Catherine (James) Humphrey and a great-grandson of Humphrey P. Humphrey, who was

born in the north of Wales, in 1755, and reared three sons, namely: John, born in 1781; Humphrey, born in 1784; and William, born in 1787; also one daughter, named Catherine, born in 1790.

William Humphrey, Robert J.'s grandfather, was one of the survivors of the British army in the memorable battle of New Orleans. He served under General Pakenham. He was on the way to Moscow, when Napoleon "met his Waterloo." He came to America in 1831. William Humphrey was twice married. His marriage with Catherine James, in 1808, resulted in the birth of four sons, namely: John W., father of Robert J.; Ebenezer; James; and William. The mother of these children died, and their father again married. Catherine Jones became his wife, and bore him five more sons, namely: Griffith G.; Daniel; Humphrey; Ezra and Henry D. The last is still living in Prospect, New York. The mother of these children died in Remsen, Oneida county, New York, in November, 1838.

John W. Humphrey, father of Robert J., was born in Wales, October 28, 1809. In 1832, he was joined in marriage with Eleanor Roberts, also of Welsh nativity. She was born June 24, 1811, and passed to her final rest May 14, 1879. She was survived by her husband until 1888, when he died, in the seventy-ninth year of his life. Their remains rest in Middle Granville, New York. Nine children were born of their happy union, of whom Robert J. was the eldest. The others are: Catherine; William; John A.; David J.

Sidney; Daniel; Ebenezer and James Henry.

Catherine is the widow of Robert W. Jones, of Middle Granville, New York. William died, in 1857, aged twenty-one years. John A. lost his wife and only child. He followed them to the grave, June 20, 1896. David J. is a harness maker, at Hoosick Falls, New York. Sidney and Daniel died when six years old. Ebenezer was born in 1847, and died in 1879, leaving a widow, only. James Henry died, in 1857, at the early age of seven years.

Robert J. Humphrey's parents came to America, in the spring of 1849. They were five weeks and two days in crossing the ocean. His father was a slate worker, and located at Whitesboro, Oneida county, New York. Within a year, however, he removed to Castleton Corners, Vermont, and worked in the slate quarry of A. W. Hyde, for several years. He then removed to Middle Granville, New York, and worked in the Penrhyn Slate Mills. These mills were operated and owned by a Welsh company, and were so named in honor of Lord Penrhyn, of Wales.

At twelve years of age, Robert J. Humphrey began working in the quarries with his father, before coming to America. He was sixteen years of age when the family crossed the ocean. March 14, 1854, Mr. Humphrey was joined in marriage with Delia Drake, a daughter of Julius and Sally (Tomlinson) Drake, of Castleton, Vermont. Soon after marriage, the young folk went west, and were located, for a short time, at Kankakee, Illinois. They next went south to Greenville, Washington county, Mississippi, where their

first child was born. In the spring of 1857, they returned to Illinois, settling in Iroquois county, where the second child was born. In September, 1859, they returned east, and settled in Middle Granville, Washington county, New York. While residing there, four more children came to brighten their home.

In 1866, Mr. Humphrey moved to Poultney, Vermont, and entered the employ of J. J. Joslin, and he has made his home there ever since. Four sons were born to him there, of his first union. In 1878, Mr. Humphrey purchased the "Bulletin" office, and published the "Poultney Journal," for three years. He then sold it to Frisbee & Hayles, and engaged in the slate business, buying and selling. In November, 1876, his much beloved wife and faithful companion became ill. She died June 30, 1878, after a long and painful illness, leaving her husband and seven sons to mourn her loss. As she was a member of the Episcopal church, she was buried with Episcopal services. Rev. E. Randall officiated at the funeral, assisted by Rev. Mr. Wasson. Her remains are resting in the Poultney cemetery. The following are the names of her children: W. F., born April 16, 1856; Eva E., born June 19, 1858; John C., born October 21, 1860; Eva, born August 1, 1862; George H., born July 2, 1863; Flora, born February 19, 1866; Louis H., born September 12, 1867; Charles W., born January 1, 1870; Albert D., born June 15, 1871, and Harold, born January 2, 1876. The daughters died when each was about six months old.

October 14, 1879, the subject hereof was

again married. Miss Ella Spooner, of Poultney, became his wife, and bore him one daughter, Clara Mae, who was born December 16, 1883, and is now a young lady, of sixteen years. She is attending school, and is quite an accomplished pianist. Mr. Humphrey is a Mason of high degree. He is a Knight Templar, a member of Killington Commandery, No. 6, Rutland, Vt.; Morning Star Lodge, No. 37; Poultney Chapter, No. 10; and Morning Star Council, No. 10.

In politics, the subject hereof is a Democrat. It is quite complimentary to him to note that, in 1890, he was elected to the legislature in a Republican town, and is the only Democrat ever elected to the legislature of Vermont, from Poultney. He is a vestryman of the Episcopal church, in which he was baptized in infancy. He has served as justice of the peace, and in minor offices. In 1886, he was appointed postmaster of Poultney, and served four years, and on President Cleveland's re-election, he was again commissioned to the same office, and served two full terms.

His eldest son, W. F., lives in Geneva, N. Y., and is conducting a large and prosperous printing office, which he owns. He is married, and has one son. His next son, John, is also married, and has four children. He and Louis (unmarried) are with their father. George H. is in Buffalo, N. Y., in the printing business, is married, and has two children. Charles W., a druggist in Poultney, is married and has one child. Albert died January 5, 1891. Harold is in Poultney; he is a clerk, and is married.



ALEXANDER S. NEWTON.

ALEXANDER S. NEWTON, the head of the Newton & Thompson Manufacturing Company at Forest Dale in the town of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, is one of the oldest and most honored citizens of that place. Mr. Newton was born in Hubbardton, Rutland county, on the site of the old battle ground, February 7, 1823. He is a son of Rufus M. and Sally (Brown) Newton, and grandson of Ebenezer Newton.

Ebenezer Newton was born in Keene, New Hampshire. He married a Miss Hubbard and reared a family of sons and daughters. He was a great hunter and trapper in Brandon before the town was organized—it was then known as Neshobe. He was a typical frontiersman and was a sturdy type of the early pioneer. He and his wife both sleep in the cemetery at Rochester, Vermont. She lived to be a centenarian and died in 1839. Their children all lived and died in Vermont, their native state.

Rufus Newton was born in 1775 and served in the ranks of the American army during the War of 1812. About 1796 he married Sally Brown, who was born in 1777, a daughter of Joseph Brown, a prosperous merchant of Keene, New Hampshire. Soon after marriage, they settled on a farm in Rochester, Vermont, where they reared eight of their ten children. Those who reached maturity were: Ebenezer; Sarah; Harriet; Charles; Rufus; Mary; Alexander S.; and Maria. Ebenezer was born about 1799. He went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he died in the sixtieth year of his life. He had a wife and two children,

Sarah married David Newton, her cousin. She died in Rochester, Vermont, in 1889. Two of her three children survived her,—Mrs. Hattie E. Clark, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who died in September, 1892, and Mrs. Emily O. Persons, now of Chicago, Ill. Her son, Charles G., a captain of a Vermont company in the Union army, was killed in the battle of Cold Harbor.

Harriet married Rufus M. Green, of Poultney, and died in middle life, leaving one child. Charles, who died in Castleton, Vermont, was a Congregational minister and never married. Rufus was a cabinetmaker in Saratoga, where he died at the advanced age of seventy-five years; three of his four children survived him. Mary married Asa Goodnough, of Brandon, where she died in 1844; three children survived her. Maria married John Ingalls, of Ashland, Dodge county, Minnesota, where they were pioneers forty-four years ago; they have one daughter and three sons, and also several grandchildren.

Subject's father died in Forest Dale, in 1858, and was followed to the grave by his widow in 1862. They rest in the cemetery in Brandon. The father was a Baptist, while the mother worshiped with the Congregationalists. Although they were in good circumstances they never accumulated much property.

Alexander S. Newton was educated in the public schools. When fourteen years old he began learning the cabinetmaker's trade in Brandon, with Deacon Knowlton, serving seven years. He not only provided for him-

self but assisted in providing a home for his parents. In February, 1838, Mr. Newton married Sylvia Hack, who bore him three children, two of whom outlived her, namely, Alice Hannah, and Mary Emma. The former married Samuel Washburn and the latter became the wife of Rollin Wood and died in 1892, leaving two children. Mr. Newton's first wife died in 1859, and some time after he wedded Esther A. Austin, of Rochester, Vermont. She is a daughter of Stillman and Louisa (Flanders) Austin. Mrs. Newton's maternal great-grandfather, Reuben George, and his seven sons, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton have lost two daughters; one died in infancy; Viola died at the tender age of five years; they still have five children living, as follows: Eugene A.; Irving C.; Charles S.; Etta L.; and Leila G. Eugene A., who resides in Forest Dale, is a miller by occupation, and has a wife and four children. Irving C. is also married and resides in Ticonderoga, Essex county, New York. Charles S. finds employment in his father's factory. Etta L. married Wilson T. Smith, of Brandon, and they have three children. Leila G. married Paul Field, of the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton have seventeen grandchildren. One of these, Alma Esther, a daughter of Eugene A., lives with our subject and his wife. Mr. Newton and his three sons are all members of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Newton is also a charter member of the I. O. O. F. He is a Republican and

served in the Legislature, in 1892. He has also served as selectman, and in other town offices.

The plain, but most substantial, large residence of our subject is partly frame and partly solid stone. It was erected by Royal Blake seventy-five years ago and became the home of our subject and his family, a quarter of a century ago. The spacious grounds with forest and shade trees and the hundred-acre farm make it a fine house and a charming rural retreat.

The Newton & Thompson Manufacturing Company, of which our subject is the president and leading member, was established in 1856 by our subject and Benoni Howard. The firm name was Howard, Newton & Company. Ten years later it became Newton & Thompson. In 1885 the company was incorporated with A. S. Newton, as president; C. H. Bump, vice-president; L. J. Fortier, treasurer; and E. C. Thompson, secretary. In 1897, Edward C. Thompson died and since then the style of the company has been the Newton & Thompson Manufacturing Company, with L. J. Fortier as secretary and treasurer. This is one of the oldest and most successful establishments of its kind in the United States and furnishes employment to a great number of men. The first automatic machine for novelty turning was Mr. Newton's own invention and was the foundation of the business. This is one of the few business enterprises that has continued to pay every month and never shut down for more than a month during the most critical panics. The secret of its success has

been and is the mechanical genius and perseverance of Mr. Newton, whose untiring energy and skill has contributed so largely to the benefits of the whole community. A great many of the improvements are also due to the general manager, C. H. Bump, who has served as general manager since the company's incorporation. Also mention should be made of E. C. Thompson, to whom as a man of untiring energy the company's success is largely due.

The publishers of this work take pleasure in announcing that an excellent portrait of Mr. Newton, executed from a recent photograph, is presented on a preceding page.



CHARLES HOWARD DUNTON, A. M., D. D. Among the ablest educators of the Green Mountain State, stands Professor Charles Howard Dunton, the subject of this sketch. Dr. Dunton was connected with the Troy Conference Academy, at Poultney, Vermont, for a quarter of a century. On account of failing health, he retired, in 1897, from that institution, of which he had been principal for twenty years.

Charles Howard Dunton was born at Underhill, Vermont, January 24, 1844, of sturdy New England parentage. His early life was spent on the farm where he gained that robustness and strength of body which enabled him to bear up so long under the arduous toil of later years. From the district school he went to the New Hampton Institute, at

Fairfax, Vermont. In 1870, he graduated from the University of Vermont, and in 1871-1872, he pursued a post-graduate course at Boston University. His degree of A. M. was received from his alma mater, and in 1886, Syracuse University conferred upon him the degree of D. D. When in the dark hours of 1862, the call came for more volunteers, the subject hereof, though but eighteen years of age, left the teacher's desk and went to the front. He enlisted as a private in Company F, 13th Reg., Vermont Vol. Infantry, and after a creditable service of six months, he contracted a serious illness and was honorably discharged for disability.

When Dr. Dunton ended his studies in Boston, he entered the Troy Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. Previous to this, he supplied the pulpit of that church, at Johnson, Vermont. His first regular appointment, however, was in 1872, when he was sent to Manchester and Dorset. In 1874, he was elected a teacher of natural science in Troy Conference Academy at Poultney. This institution had been suspended for several years, but was reopened at that time. For three years Dr. Dunton continued there to teach natural science and, also, mathematics. In 1877, he was chosen principal of that academy.

For twenty years, he directed its growth. During that time, four hundred students graduated from the musical and literary courses, to say nothing of the number who were trained in the commercial department. As a teacher, he was most thorough; as a dis-

ciplinarian, he was kind to the young offender but severe with the incorrigible element; as a counselor, he was wise and thoughtful. His early struggles gave him a tender concern for the poor student who was "working his way" through school, and the young man or woman who earnestly desired an education, was never turned away from the halls of the academy. Many men and women, who rank high in their respective walks of life, owe their start to the generosity and sympathy of Dr. Dunton and to this day the memory of his noble, unselfish life, while at the academy, still urges them onward to a higher ideal of Christian manhood.

Dr. Dunton's career as a citizen and as a church member is also most noteworthy, but it is as an educator that he has made an enviable record. His ability in this direction has not been unrecognized by either the church or the state. For ten years, he was appointed by the successive governors of Vermont, as one of the state examiners of normal schools. He was also one of the delegates of this state to the Interstate Educational Convention at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1883, from which body emanated the famous Blair Educational bill.

Dr. Dunton has served several years as president of the National Association of Principals of Methodist Seminaries. He is always a prominent figure at the annual conference meetings. In 1892, he was elected one of the delegates to the general conference at Omaha, and while there, he served on some of the prominent committees. For a long period,

he was one of the board of examiners of Troy Conference, before which body all applicants for admission, and undergraduate preachers, must appear for examination. In June, 1897, Dr. Dunton, on account of failing health, severed his connection with the Troy Conference Academy at Poultney, and has enjoyed a brief period of recreation. In 1897, he was elected county examiner of teachers for Rutland county. In the fall of 1898, he was elected to the lower house of the legislature, and was chairman of the committee on education. As a citizen, Dr. Dunton has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the town, state and nation. He keeps well posted on the political movements of the day, and is often consulted in regard to matters of moment in connection with local affairs. He has served as chairman of the Law and Order League. In his political views, he is a Republican.

Charles Howard Dunton is a son of Elijah and Mary Ann (French) Dunton, and a grandson of Elijah and Lydia (Coolidge) Dunton. The grandfather of Dr. Dunton was wounded in the battle of Plattsburg, New York, September 11, 1814. He was a tavern keeper many years. He was united in marriage with Lydia Coolidge, a sister to the famous Quaker publisher, Daniel Coolidge. The latter was a publisher in New York City for many years, and was succeeded by his two sons, George and William, who were successful publishers of blank books, etc. They also published the "Webster Spelling Book."

Dr. Dunton's grandparents reared four

children: Warren, who died when twenty years old; Elijah, the Doctor's father; Almira; and Rachel. The father of these children died when fifty-four years old, and rests at West Port, New York. His widow died in the seventieth year of her life, and sleeps at North Underhill, Vermont.

Elijah Dunton, father of the subject hereof, was born at West Port, New York, April 1, 1811. In 1839, he was joined in marriage with Mary Ann French, a daughter of Jonathan and — (Palmer) French. Dr. Dunton's parents spent the most of their lives on their farm in Underhill, Vt., where their six children were born. Of these children, only three are now living, namely: George C., who resides on the old home farm; Martha P., a teacher in Troy Conference Academy; and Charles Howard, the subject of this biography. The first born, Anna, died when twenty-six years old. William F. died, in 1888, in Minnesota. He was unmarried. No record of Dr. Dunton's life would be complete without appropriate mention of his estimable wife to whom he ascribes much of his success. June 26, 1872, he was united in marriage with Nettie W. Belding, an accomplished daughter of Judge Samuel and Flavia (Waterman) Belding, of Johnson, Vermont.

Mrs. Dunton was born in 1844. She was educated at Johnson Normal School, and Fort Edward Institute. Her musical studies were completed in London and Paris. After teaching in various states she became the wife of the subject hereof,—then a young Methodist pastor. She accompanied him to Poul-

ney, and has ever aided him with her counsel, and taken a deep interest in his chosen work. For ten years, Mrs. Dunton taught vocal and instrumental music at Troy Conference Academy. She has always been intensely interested in temperance work. She was president, for four years, of the Burlington district, W. H. M. S. of the M. E. church.

In his denomination, Dr. Dunton is without doubt or question placed in the front rank, in Vermont. His untiring energy and educational ability have brought him well merited success in his chosen calling, to which he has ever been most devoted. He has recently accepted the position of Dean of the Claffin University, at Orangeburg, South Carolina. It is his intention to leave temporarily his magnificent home which he built, in 1886, near the academy, for the scene of his new labors. One thing is certain, Dr. and Mrs. Dunton will be followed to their southern home by the sincerest wishes of the whole community for their welfare and continued prosperity. Let us hope that in the sunny south, they will find the "fountain of perpetual youth" which Ponce De Leon, and many others, have sought in vain.

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PARKER JONES, deceased, was born in Hillsboro, New Hampshire. He was a son of Ebenezer Jones, a prominent farmer of that locality. Parker Jones was reared on his father's farm and when fifteen years old, became a clerk

at the famous Astor House in New York City. He was with that house for a period of thirty-five years and filled all the positions up to that of manager. He was very popular with the Astors, who appreciated his worth. He had many other friends among prominent and noted people of the day. He was a close friend of Franklin Pierce and was frequently an honored guest at the White House. Mr. Pierce was born in the same town. Mr. Jones also partook of the hospitality of Abraham Lincoln and Daniel Webster. June 14, 1859, he was united in marriage with Julia Clara Andrus. After ten years of wedded bliss, Mr. Jones died, in 1869, at the Astor House. His remains were interred in the lot marked by the family monument in Pawlet cemetery. Among the host of sorrowing friends who attended the last sad ceremonies, was a large delegation from the merchants and press of New York City, and many other admirers of Mr. Jones. Notable among these were Mayor Hoffman, A. T. Stewart, and Thurlow Weed. The latter had just returned from Europe.

Julia Clara Jones, widow of Parker Jones, is a daughter of Ezra and Nancy (McDaniels) Andrus, and granddaughter of John H. and Temperance (Willie) Andrus. John H. Andrus was born in Norwich, Conn., about 1764. About 1785, he traveled to Vermont on foot, and began life for himself in the woods of the Green Mountain State. He cleared some land and within a few years his crop of wheat amounted to 1,000 bushels. He found a ready market for

his wheat in Troy, New York, which was then the nearest market. He married Temperance Willie, who had two sisters, Lucy and Sally. John H. Andrus and his wife were blessed with five daughters and two sons. The sons were: Ezra and John. Ezra Andrus was born in the town of Danby, Vermont, in August, 1799. About 1820, he was joined in wedlock with Nancy McDaniels, a daughter of James and Sally (Harrington) McDaniels. The young couple began life on the ancestral farm of the husband, who was an able farmer, himself. He was recognized as one of the leading farmers of his district, where all his life he was an esteemed and worthy citizen. Prior to his death he had a long and tedious illness; although he suffered much, he was heroic and bore his pain patiently. He was a Christian and was prepared to die when the final summons came. He died in 1864, aged sixty-five years. His widow survived him many years and finally passed away, March 22, 1886. Ten children were born to this worthy couple, seven of whom were daughters and three were sons, and all of them were given exceptionally good educational advantages. They were named as follows: Sally Ann, Eliza Ann, Nancy Maria, James McD., Julia Clara, John Holmes, Mary Esther, Merritt C., Cordelia Caroline, and Alta, who died young. Sally Ann married Mark H. Wooster, and at her death left three children. Eliza Ann married Dr. Phineas Strong. She died in Buffalo, New York, past middle age, three sons and one daughter surviving her. Mary Esther

is a maiden lady and also resides at the old homestead. Cordelia Caroline married Col. Birge, of Chicago, and died in Grand Rapids, Mich., leaving one son who is now deceased.

Nancy Maria married John Hutchins Meadon; he was born in Albany, New York, of English parentage and received his education there. His grandfather, Rev. William Webb, D. D., was pastor over a church in that city for forty years. Mr. Meadon in early life was in business in Cincinnati, Ohio. He afterwards conducted a successful business in his native place, still later going to Troy, N. Y., where he was one of G. V. S. Quackenbush & Co.'s most trusted buyers for thirty years. He died in New York City April 9, 1886. Mrs. Meadon lives with her sisters and brother on the homestead farm in Pawlet.

John Holmes Andrus, brother of Mrs. Jones, went to New York City while still a young man. He found employment in the postoffice, where he remained three years. Later, he accepted a position with the Adams Express Company and remained in their employ thirty-one years. He was exceedingly popular and made a fine record in the express business. When the company erected its large, uptown office at Number 12, West 23rd street, in 1873, it was the first large business house on that street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. John H. Andrus was placed in charge of the new office as soon as it was completed and had full charge of all the company's business in that office until his death. Mr. Andrus was an unmarried man but was most genial and warm-hearted. He

was especially affectionate and kind to his sisters and nieces, to whom he was also very indulgent. He died in New York City July 25, 1895. His remains were brought to Pawlet for interment by his sister, Mrs. Meadon, who was accompanied by two officials of the Adams Express Company. The funeral services were held at the old homestead.

James McD. Andrus, eldest brother of Mrs. Jones, is a progressive farmer in the town of Pawlet, Rutland county, Vermont. He resides in one of the most picturesque and beautiful residences of that vicinity. His home is called "Bonnie View" and is a most delightful spot. The house is about one hundred years old, but has been remodeled, with ample verandas on two sides. This gives it the appearance of a modern farm cottage. Mr. Andrus was born on an adjoining farm August 13, 1831, and received his education at the Troy Conference Academy. He afterwards taught school during the winter months for several years. He spent one year in a drug store in Troy, New York. February 24, 1870, he was joined in marriage with Sarah Grace Otis, a daughter of William and Delia (Peck) Otis, of Danby, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Andrus have four children, namely: Cordelia Caroline, Caasi McD., John Holmes, and William Otis, who is fourteen years of age. These children are all living at home. Mr. Andrus is an ardent Democrat, and has served in some of the town offices. He worships at the M. E. church, of which Mrs. Andrus is a member. Both are valued members of society.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Jones

purchased the old homestead in Pawlet, where she and her two sisters, Mrs. John H. Meadon and Mary Esther Andrus, reside, together with their youngest brother, Merritt C. Andrus. It is one of the best located and most attractive places in Rutland county.



EBENEZER JOLLS ORMSBEE of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, son of John Mason and Polly (Willson) Ormsbee, was born in Shoreham, Addison county, Vermont, June 8th, A. D. 1834.

He received the education afforded by the common schools of the state and the academies at Brandon and South Woodstock, Vermont, dividing his time between the farm and the school until his majority, when he taught school winters while acquiring the higher branches taught in the academy.

He began the study of the law in the office of Briggs and Nicholson, at Brandon, in 1857, and was admitted to the bar of Rutland county at the March term of court in 1861.

Instead of entering upon the practice of his profession at once he enlisted in the "Allen Grays," a military company of Brandon, in April, 1861; this company became Company G of the First Regiment, Vermont Vols., and having been elected second lieutenant thereof, he was commissioned as such April 25th, 1861, and was with his company in the service of the United States during the term of its enlistment, being mustered out of the United States service August 15th, 1861. Returning home,

he again enlisted in Company G of the 12th Reg't., Vermont Vols., was elected captain of the company and commissioned September 22nd, 1862. This regiment was attached to the Second Vermont Brigade, commanded by Gen. Stannard, and was assigned to duty within the defences of Washington and continued in the performance of that duty until June, 1863, when it became the Third Brigade of the Third Division of the First Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, and history gives to this brigade a prominent and noteworthy part in the battle of Gettysburg,—the term of enlistment of the 12th Vermont Reg't. expired on the last day of the battle. Capt. Ormsbee was with his company constantly during its term of service, sharing the dangers and hardships of his men and was again mustered out with them, July 14th, 1863.

Taking up the duties of civil life, he commenced the practice of law at Brandon, in the spring of 1864 as a partner of Anson A. Nicholson, which partnership continued until 1868, when he became the partner of Hon. Ebenezer N. Briggs, with whose son (Hon. George Briggs) he is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Brandon. Was appointed Assistant United States Internal Revenue Assessor in 1868, serving as such until 1872. Was elected States Attorney for Rutland county, 1870 to 1874; Town Representative from Brandon, in the General Assembly of the State in 1872 and Senator from Rutland county in that body in 1878. Appointed and served as a Trustee of the Vermont Reform School from 1880 to 1884, when he was elected



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Lieutenant Governor of the State and was elected Governor of the State in 1886 and occupied that office for two years, his term of office expiring in October, 1888.

Among many other positions of trust and confidence to which he has been called, is that of Chairman of a Commission to treat with the Pi Ute Indians at Pyramid Lake, Nevada, concerning the relinquishment of a portion of their reservation to the United States, to which he was appointed by the President in 1891, and later in the same year, he was appointed by the President as the United States Land Commissioner at Samoa, the duties of which office he discharged until May 16th, 1893, when he resigned on account of personal duties at home and returned to this country and resumed the practice of his profession.

The subject of this sketch has been twice married. In 1862 to Jennie L. Briggs, daughter of Hon. E. L. Briggs of Brandon, and in 1867, to Frances (Wadhams) Davenport, daughter of William L. Wadhams of Westport, N. Y.

Always an ardent Republican in politics, he has been an active member of the State Republican Committee and a firm supporter of the principles and policy of that party.

He is a member of St. Paul's Lodge, F. & A. M. of Brandon, and has long been a comrade of E. J. Ormsbee Post No. 18, G. A. R., of Brandon.

His religious preference is that of Episcopalian and for many years has been and now is the Senior Warden of St. Thomas Church, Brandon.

He is now (1899) engaged in the practice of his profession at Brandon, although for several years, he has devoted the principal part of his time to the performance of his duties as receiver of the Vermont Investment & Guarantee Company of Orwell, Vermont, and one of the Debenture Trustees of said company.

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PROF. ABEL EDGAR LEAVENWORTH, an honored and esteemed citizen of Castleton, Vermont, whose portrait is presented with this sketch, is regarded as one of the ablest educators of his day. Almost his entire life has been spent as an instructor. In 1897, on account of failing health, Prof. Leavenworth resigned from the presidency of the State Normal School at Castleton, a position filled by him for many years in a most capable manner.

He was born at Charlotte, Vermont, September 3, 1828, and is a son of Abel, Jr., and Anna (Hickok) Leavenworth, and grandson of Abel, Sr., and Lydia (Bartlett) Leavenworth. The family originally came from England. The first to leave the mother country for America was one Thomas Leavenworth who settled in Woodbury, Connecticut, where he died in 1683. His son, Dr. Thomas, was born in Woodbury, Connecticut, or, possibly, in England, in 1673. He was a man of energy, position, and wealth. From him have descended men of influence, among them professional men, several of whom were

physicians of note. His son, also called Thomas, was the great-grandfather of our subject. This latter Thomas was born at Stratford, Connecticut. He was among the refugees driven by the Indians from the Wyoming Valley, then in Connecticut, but now included in Pennsylvania. He lived to be an octogenarian and died in the town of Hamden, Connecticut.

Abel Leavenworth, Sr., grandfather of our subject, was born at Woodbury, Connecticut, January 30, 1765, and died in Middlebury, Vermont, January 25, 1813. His marriage with Lydia Bartlett took place at Charlotte, Vermont, November 29, 1791. Lydia was a daughter of Elihu and Statira (Meigs) Bartlett, and her paternal grandfather was Rev. Moses Bartlett, who was born in Guilford, Connecticut, in August, 1772. Her maternal grandfather was Deacon Timothy Meigs, who was a descendant of Rev. Abraham Pierson, the first president of Yale College.

Abel Leavenworth, Sr., was a carpenter by trade. He built a mill at Charlotte, Vermont, and settled there in the woods. At that time no roads had been built and nothing but bridle-paths led to his new and secluded habitation. He and his worthy wife reared five sons and three daughters.

Abel Leavenworth, Jr., was born in Charlotte, Vermont, November 24, 1800, and died at the same place May 3, 1879. He was twice married. January 12, 1826, his marriage with Anna Hickok was consummated. This union resulted in the birth of nine children,—three sons and six daughters. Mrs. Leavenworth

was a daughter of Amos and Anna (Foote) Hickok. Our subject's father was a marble manufacturer in Charlotte, Vermont, in early life, but subsequently removed to Madrid, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where he remained twelve years. In 1844, however, he returned to Charlotte. He was an officer in the artillery of the old state militia. Six children of his first marriage reached adult life, namely: Abel E., subject of these lines; Lydia Anna; Louisa Miller; Lucy Jane; Charlotte Laura; and Sarah Sabrina. Lydia Anna now resides in Burlington, Vt.; she is the widow of the late Alfred Sherman of Charlotte, Vermont. Louisa Miller resides in Castleton. Lucy Jane married J. N. Alvord, and died in Decker, Ill., November 19, 1865, leaving two sons who are now in Texas.

Charlotte Laura, who resides in Castleton, is the widow of Joshua Russell. Sarah Sabrina is the wife of S. S. Tuttle and resides in California. The beloved mother of these children passed to her eternal rest December 10, 1849. April 10, 1851, Abel Leavenworth again married. This time Mary E. Joslyn became his wife and bore him three children, namely: Mary Elizabeth, who died when fourteen years old; Amy Jeannette, who was born in Charlotte, Vermont, August 9, 1854; and Ella Maria, who was born December 6, 1856, and died when but eleven years old.

Prof. Leavenworth was reared on a farm where he remained until after his twenty-first birthday. He attended the district school during his early youth. This was supplemented by a preparatory course, at Hinesburg Acad-

emy, which course he completed at the age of seventeen. He then engaged in teaching during the winter, following that occupation until he attained the age of twenty-one when he left the farm and entered the University of Vermont at Burlington. He was one of the founders of the Delta Psi fraternity and also a member of other societies. On account of an injury to his head, young Leavenworth was advised to go south. He became principal of the Bolivar Female Academy, in Polk county, Missouri, where he remained until 1855. Upon leaving for that section of the country he received high testimonials from President Worthington Smith, D. D., endorsed by ex-Governor William Slade, of Vermont.

Prof. Leavenworth was principal of Hinesburg, Vermont, Academy for five years before the war. He next took charge of a boarding school for boys at Brattleboro, Vermont. He then enlisted in the army and made a most worthy record, which will be mentioned later. At the same time he was part owner and editor of the "Vermont School Journal." Returning from war, Prof. Leavenworth again took charge of the Hinesburg Academy where he was principal for three years. Later he was principal of the New Haven Academy for seven years; he established there courses of studies, secured a fund of \$11,000, and the school was incorporated as Beaman Academy in honor of the largest donor. This latter position he resigned to accept that of principal of the State Normal School at Randolph, Vermont. This important position was held by

our subject from December, 1874, till August, 1879. During that time Prof. Leavenworth signed certificates of ten graduating classes, comprising about 239 graduates.

For twenty-five years our subject was an active member of the Chittenden County Teachers' Association, and filled every office including the presidency. He was an active member of the State Teachers' Association from 1859 until his retirement, and was its president for two years. He was one of the six teachers selected by the state to examine and select text books for the public schools. From 1879 to 1881 he was engaged in general educational interests. In 1881 Prof. Leavenworth went to Castleton and purchased the real estate of the Rutland County Normal School. For sixteen years he was principal of that school which he conducted by authority of the legislature, and was the proprietor of that fine property. This school was established October 15, 1787, and in 1887 celebrated its centennial. About 600 former students were present and were banqueted in a royal manner, in the elegant park of sugar maple and elm trees. The occasion was not unlike a patriotic Fourth of July celebration and will long be remembered.

About 1892 the health of our subject began to fail and he took his son in as his assistant. This son, Philip Reynolds Leavenworth, a graduate from Yale University in 1892, continued to assist his father until the latter resigned in 1897, when he succeeded him as principal. Philip Reynolds Leavenworth was joined in marriage with Sarah Theodocia Al-

len, of Hadley, Massachusetts, a graduate of Smith College. The Normal School at Castleton had some important changes during the principalship of our subject. The preparatory department has been discontinued. This famous institution of learning has graduated some fine classes, and has turned out men and women who have made their mark in the world. It is now conducted by the state and graduates but one normal class each year.

Prof. Leavenworth has been twice married. September 14, 1853, he was joined in marriage with Mary Evelina Griggs in Corning, New York. She proved a faithful companion to him until cut off by death, July 30, 1877. She bore her husband seven children, namely: Anna Maria; Francis Abel; Samuel Edgar; Clarence Greenman; William Stowell; Emily Reynolds; and Philip Reynolds. Anna Maria was born at Bolivar, Missouri, August 7, 1854, and died at Hinesburg, Vermont, February 6, 1859. Francis Abel was born at Hinesburg, May 20, 1856, and died at Middlebury, Vermont, October 15, 1876. Samuel Edgar was born March 6, 1858, and is now a resident of Nebraska, where he is engaged in the sheep business; he previously lived in North Dakota where he still owns a farm and store. Clarence Greenman was born February 28, 1860, in Hinesburg, Vt., and is the general agent for the Vermont Marble Company, at Cleveland, Ohio; he has three sons and one daughter. William Stowell was born July 28, 1862, in Brattleboro, Vt., and is a professor in Ripon College in Wisconsin; he has one son. Emily Reynolds died aged sixteen months, Novem-

ber 11, 1866. Philip Reynolds was born February 18, 1867.

After the death of his first wife, Prof. Leavenworth formed a second matrimonial alliance, this time with Lucy Wadsworth, of Minetto, New York. Mrs. Leavenworth is a daughter of Marcus North and Julia (Burt) Wadsworth, granddaughter of Thomas and Sarah (North) Wadsworth, of Farmington, Conn., great-granddaughter of William and Ruth (Hart) Wadsworth. Six generations of Wadsworths were born in Farmington, Connecticut, in the same house. The family was noted for mental and moral worth as well as for wealth. The first of the name to seek a home in America was one William Wadsworth, who was born in England about 1600, and was one of the Hooker colony to emigrate to Hartford, Connecticut. He was one of the founders of that city and stood high in his community. He held many positions of trust. His son, John Wadsworth, removed from Hartford to Farmington, Connecticut; he married Sarah Stanley, of Hartford, in 1662. He was one of the most wealthy and influential men of his day. He served in the State Senate of Connecticut and was on duty there when his brother Joseph seized the charter and placed it in the Oak. His death occurred in Farmington in 1689. His son, William, was the next in line of descent.

Mrs. Leavenworth's maternal ancestors, the Burt family, were founders of Springfield, Massachusetts. Henry Burt emigrated from England in 1635 on the ship "James." He lived four years in Roxbury, Massachusetts,

and then removed to Agawam, now Springfield. He was a prominent public man and was a very perfect type of a Puritan. In cases of emergency he conducted religious services. His death occurred April 30, 1662, at Springfield. His son, David, born in England, was the first white man in Northampton. Benjamin Burt and his wife were taken prisoners at Deerfield, Massachusetts, and were among the ninety captives taken to Canada. Mrs. Leavenworth is the eldest of five children born to her parents. The others are: Mary, who died at the age of nineteen; James Burt, who lives at the old home in Minetto, Oswego county, New York; William Moulton, also a resident of Minetto; and Thomas Hart, of Gayville, South Dakota. Mrs. Leavenworth is a refined, cultured lady. She had an academic schooling and also followed teaching. She is a member of the society of D. A. R., also Colonial Dames of Vermont.

Prof. Leavenworth has a most notable war record. May 24, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company K, 9th Regiment, Vermont Vol. Inf., and served three years. He was rapidly promoted. July 9, he was made first sergeant, and November 17, of the same year, he became first lieutenant. December 1, 1864, he received a captain's commission. He was appointed provost marshal at Richmond April 5, 1865. He was mustered out June 13, 1865.

He was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry. He was appointed acting assistant inspector-general by General John A. Dix, June 10, 1863, and was assigned to General Isaac J.

Wistar's brigade. He acted as inspector-general of United States troops at Yorktown, Gloucester, Fort Magruder and vicinity from July 29, 1863, to May 3, 1864. While acting in the same capacity for the Second Division, Eighteenth Army Corps, in the battle of Drury's Bluff, he was the only officer on duty of Major-General Weitzel's staff. He led the skirmish line into Richmond April 3, 1865, assisted by Joel C. Baker, first lieutenant of Company K, and Burnham Cowdry, second lieutenant of Company D, as well as by 120 men of the 9th Vermont Regiment.

Prof. Leavenworth's life record possesses many notable and praiseworthy features. Success has crowned his efforts in almost every undertaking. His has been a true and noble life, worthy of emulation by the youth of today.

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FERDINAND GOSSELIN. This gentleman, of whose life we now propose to give a few salient facts interesting alike to his many friends and neighbors in Rutland, Vt., his present residence, and to many throughout Rutland county, is one of the solid and prosperous merchants of the city and deals in meats, provisions, and staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Gosselin was born December 22, 1848, in Henryville, Province of Quebec, Canada. He is a son of John Gosselin, a prosperous Canadian farmer, who was born in the district below Montreal. The family originated in France, whence our subject's grandfather emigrated to Canada.

John Gosselin died November 26, 1874, at the age of sixty-five years; he was survived by his widow until the thirteenth day of November, 1886, when she, too, passed to the life beyond the grave, in her seventy-fifth year. Her remains now rest in St. Johns, Canada, while he sleeps in Farnham, Canada. This worthy couple were parents of nine children of whom eight grew to maturity, four sons and four daughters, and six are still among the living. Those living are: John, who resides in Lockport, Ill.; Delima, wife of James Daharty, of Providence, R. I.; Philomene, wife of Edmund Dupuis, of Henryville, Canada, where Mrs. Dupuis was born; Ferdinand, subject of this sketch; Edward, of Worcester, Mass.; and Joseph, residing in Butte City, Mont. The deceased are: David, who died at the tender age of four years; Adeline, who died aged twenty-nine; and Caroline (Mrs. Archambault) who died in her twenty-fifth year, leaving four children.

Ferdinand ranks seventh in the order of birth in this interesting family. He had the advantage of a good schooling in Canada, and at the age of seventeen years began learning the carpenter's trade. After serving a three years' apprenticeship, he followed his chosen occupation for a period of fifteen years. In 1870 he left Canada and worked two years in St. Albans, Vermont, locating in 1872 in Rutland, where he worked most of the time in the shop, making sashes, doors, and blinds.

In 1882, Mr. Gosselin discontinued working at his trade and entered into his present business under the firm name of Gosselin &

Poulin, being located on Center street. After nine years of prosperous trade, our subject purchased his partner's interest in 1892, and has since conducted the business alone at Number 27, Center street, where he has been located since November, 1890. He has acquired an enviable reputation as an upright, conscientious and obliging merchant and enjoys the patronage of the best class of people in the city. December 29, 1873, our subject linked his fortunes with those of Victoria Geer (or Giguere), a native of Keyesville, N. Y., where she was born in 1853; she is a daughter of Joseph and Salina (Desroches) Geer, highly respected and industrious people. Her father was partly of Scotch ancestry and was descended from the nobility. He was a blacksmith by occupation and conducted a shop of his own for many years, removing later to Rutland, where he worked in the railroad shops. He was twice married, his first marriage resulting in the birth of seven children, two of whom are still living. His second union was prolific of ten children, seven of whom are numbered among the living,—four daughters and three sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Gosselin buried their eldest son, Arthur Philip, on the twenty-fourth day of March, 1895; he was nearly nineteen years old. He had been fatally injured by the cars when returning home from college. This was a terrible blow to his parents and family. Four children still bless their home, as follows: Lena Elizabeth, who graduated from the Rutland High School in 1894 and is also

a graduate in music, finishing in 1895, is an accomplished musician and teaches music, besides being her father's able assistant and bookkeeper. Helen Eugenia, who graduated from Rutland High School in 1896 and from the R. E. C. I. in 1897; Blanche Louise, a miss of fourteen years, attending high school in Rutland; and George Adelor, who was born February 1, 1889, and is a bright, manly little fellow. Surrounded by this interesting family at his beautiful home at Number 60, Elm street, where he settled in March, 1888, our subject enjoys life and has much to live for. He is a member of St. Jean Baptiste Society, of which he has been treasurer several years. In politics his influence and votes are cast in favor of Democracy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gosselin are valued members of the French Catholic church.

Mr. Gosselin is well-known in mercantile circles as a substantial citizen, whose industry, strict integrity, pleasant manners, and honorable character entitle him to a high place in the esteem of the community.

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HON. ENOS C. FISH, member of the Vermont Legislature, and, for twenty-two years, deputy sheriff of Rutland county, was born in the town of Ira, Rutland county, Vt., September 11, 1836. He is a son of Enos C. and Marcia (Chapman) Fish, and a grandson of Preserved Fish.

Preserved Fish was born on Massachusetts Bay, about the year 1775, of humble parents;

when still quite young, he was bound out to his brother, Benjamin Fish. He was joined in marriage with a Miss Carpenter, whose twin brothers were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. This worthy couple reared eleven children, ten sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and most of whom had families of their own. These children and their families are scattered over the United States, from Maine to California. Several of the sons served in the War of 1812, and distinguished themselves for bravery.

Enos C. Fish, father of the subject hereof, was born in Rutland county, in 1812. He was united in marriage with Marcia Chapman, who was born in the town of Clarendon, Rutland county, Vermont. This union resulted in the birth of seven children, five of whom grew to maturity. Their names are: Clarissa (wife of Joseph S. Lincoln, of West Rutland), who has a son and has lost a daughter; Enos C., the subject of this sketch; Filecia, wife of L. W. Fish, of Ira, Vt.; Emily, widow of Rev. W. S. Blaisdell, who died in Florida, leaving three daughters; Henry C., a farmer in Ira; George D., who died in childhood; and Annette, who also died early in life. The beloved mother passed away in Ira, upon the same farm where Preserved Fish first settled, and where his death occurred. The father of these children also died upon the same farm, in 1890, aged about seventy-eight years. He held the various town offices and represented his town in the State Assembly.

The ancestors of the subject hereof were all

Baptists, in which faith he was reared. He obtained the customary schooling of a farmer's boy, and pursued the peaceful occupation of farming for many years; in fact, he still owns two fine farms. In 1857, Enos C. Fish wedded Clarissa Peck, who bore him one child, Helen, wife of C. S. Harris, of Missouri. Mrs. Fish laid down the burden of life, in 1866, at the homestead farm. Two years later, Mr. Fish contracted a second matrimonial alliance. Frances Freeman, a daughter of Frederick and Viola (Peck) Freeman, became his wife, and has proved herself a most amiable companion.

In 1862, Mr. Fish was elected constable, which office he held until 1877, when he was made deputy sheriff. That was twenty-two years ago, when he left the farm, and settled in West Rutland. Soon after locating there, he built his fine residence on Clarendon avenue, where he is most pleasantly situated. His farms are situated in the town of West Rutland and the town of Ira, which derived its name from Ira Allen, a brother of Ethan Allen so famous in history.

Mr. Fish is a lover of fine horses, and drives a fine team. Socially, he is a Knight Templar and a Mason of high degree, having passed all the chairs from the blue lodge to the grand lodge. He follows the leadership of the Republican party, and is a very influential member of that organization, by which he was elected to the Vermont Legislature, in 1898. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fish are members of the Congregational church, of which Mr. Fish is now serving as committeeman. The life of

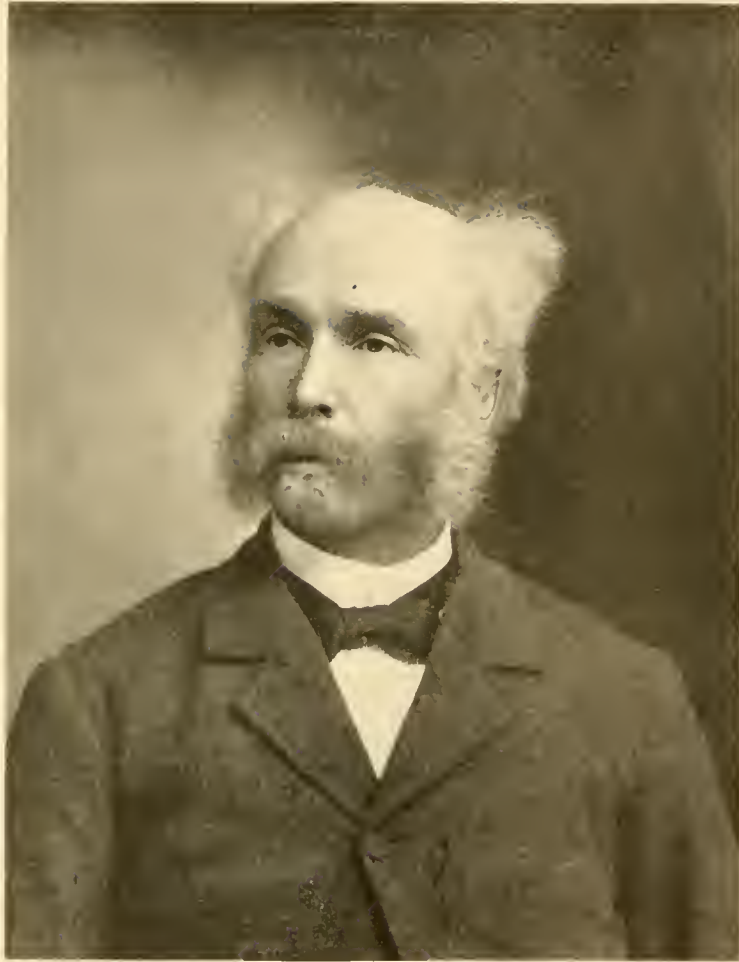
the subject of this sketch has covered a wide range of experience, and he has been directly or indirectly connected with prominent men and offices in many spheres of activity. On all questions of local moment, he is well informed, and has proved himself a good counselor on more than one occasion in town meetings when important subjects came up for consideration and discussion. In everything that tends to promote the material advancement and prosperity of West Rutland, he is sure to be deeply interested, as he has the welfare of the community at heart.



JOHAN METCALF, of Fair Haven, Rutland county, Vermont, has been since 1882 proprietor and publisher of the "Fair Haven Era." The Era was established in 1879, by Henry L. Luman, and has grown to be a widely circulated and influential journal.

He was born in England, in 1857. He was the second child of Walter and Harriet (Huntton) Metcalf. When he was four or five months old, his parents came to this country, and have made their home in Poultney, Vt., since 1867. Of the eleven children born to them eight reached manhood and womanhood. They are: Elizabeth; John; Thomas; Harriet; Walter; Charles; Susan, and Robert.

John Metcalf was educated in the public schools and at St. John's Academy, in Poultney. He was married, in 1886, to M. E. Spencer, daughter of Rev. Dwight and Martha (Hovey) Spencer. They have three children, Madeline, Marjorie, and Harold.



ISAAC L. HILL.



MRS. JULIA B. HILL.

In politics, Mr. Metcalf is a Republican, and has always been a firm supporter of Republican principles.

ISAAC L. HILL, a prominent grist miller, manufacturer and farmer, of the town of Mount Holly, Mechanicsville P. O., was born in the town of Mount Holly in 1840. He is a son of Abraham and Lucy (Cole) Hill. A liberal education was obtained in the public schools which fitted him for the profession of teaching. This occupation he followed successfully in his native town until he enlisted for service in the Union army, during the Civil War.

Abraham Hill, father of our subject, was born at Braintree, Vermont, and received his education in the public schools there. At the age of twenty-one years, he located in the town of Mount Holly, Rutland county, and followed farm work for different people. He then bought a small farm, followed farming and dairying, and later on took up the butcher business, selling meats to people in the surrounding country. He was united in marriage with Lucy Cole, a native of Mount Holly, Vermont. Six children were born to them and named as follows: Miranda (Flanders); Isaac L., the subject of these lines; Elizabeth; Mary (Tobin); David, a man of extraordinary height, who was a soldier in the Civil War and died in a hospital in 1864; and Bradley, who died in infancy. Abraham Hill was a Baptist in his religious belief, and a Republican in his political convictions.

When it became evident that a great conflict would inevitably take place between the North and the South, Mr. Hill enlisted as a private in Company I, 5th Regiment, Vermont Vol. Inf. His company was sent to St. Albans, and then with its regiment to Virginia, where it formed a part of that famous army division known in the history of the Rebellion as the Army of the Potomac. At the battle of Savage Station, his regiment was almost annihilated. His company entered this engagement with sixty-four and returned with only sixteen men. Company E, of the same regiment, went in with sixty-six and came out with six men. In this disastrous struggle, our subject was wounded, but his courage was undaunted. He afterwards fought at Harrison's Landing, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Malvern Hill, the Wilderness, and was engaged in numerous skirmishes and minor engagements. In the course of these battles, he was badly wounded and afterwards discharged. After being cured and fully restored to his health, he re-enlisted in 7th Regiment, Vermont Vol. Inf. He saw a great deal of hard fighting, but, as he expected it, he therefore bore it like a philosopher.

After returning from the war Mr. Hill worked eleven years for P. E. Chase and ran one of the departments of the saw-mill, working at various machines, and when the mill was removed to Rutland, he bought a farm and followed agricultural pursuits. He added to his farm from time to time until he had one of the finest farms in Mount Holly. In addition to farming he ran a butcher's cart until

1891. Stock raising and dairying also became a part of his business. He raised considerable stock on his farm, all of which he sold from his wagon. His dairying business was a feature of considerable note; he kept the best grade of milch cows, having from thirty-five to fifty-five head of cattle on his farm; the butter and cheese he shipped south and to local markets.

Mr. Hill still conducts the farm but in 1891 located in the village of Mechanicsville, where he made some very substantial investments. He bought his residence property, saw-mill, and grist mill, adjoining, and started a store for the benefit of his employees. He has a very complete line of machinery in both mills, and is prepared to turn out large quantities of work; in his grist-mill he grinds feed, and has a capacity of seventy-five bushels of coarse feed per hour. His saw-mill gives employment to five men in the busy season. In connection with the saw-mill, he runs a hay-baling outfit.

Our subject was united in marriage with Julia Benson, who was born and educated in the town of Mount Holly, Vermont. Ten children have been born to bless the home of our subject and his estimable wife. They are: Sydney, who conducts a meat market at Ludlow; Herbert, who is engaged in the same line of business in Mechanicsville; George, who ably assists his brother Sydney; Harry; Herman; Hattie (Bruce) Nettie; Lena; Kate; and Lottie.

Mr. Hill is a genial man, popular with everybody, active and public-spirited in bring-

ing about events of such character as advance the interests of his fellowmen. He is a Republican, and has served his party in various offices, as lister, member of the school board, and superintendent of schools. He is a supporter of the M. E. church, and a member of Colfax Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F. He has filled various positions in the lodge, and has served as treasurer.

Recent portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Hill are shown in connection with this sketch, being presented on a preceding page.

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ELMER DUANE KEYES, deceased. The distinguished gentleman, who is the subject of this sketch, was in every respect a self-made man, and was a typical exemplification of the thrift and integrity of New England. From the humble position he occupied at the outset of his active career, as a man without means, his business ability and personal integrity raised him to be the head of the largest wholesale grocery business in the state of Vermont. As a business man he occupied a unique position. His untiring energy and ceaseless industry were ever fruitful of the best results and he commanded to an unusual extent the respect and confidence of all who were in any way associated with him. In his home life he was a thoughtful and loving husband and parent, and a most genial entertainer of the many he delighted to call his friends.

Mr. Keyes was born in South Reading,

Vermont, July 15, 1838, and was a son of Marvin and Lucinda (Fullam) Robinson. His mother dying when he was quite young, he was adopted by an aunt, who married Washington Keyes; in the course of time, Elmer assumed the name of Keyes which clung to him ever afterward. He worked on the farm with his foster-father, who was a well-to-do farmer, until he reached his majority, having in the meantime received a good education. He began teaching when only eighteen years of age, and taught school five winters, spending the corresponding summers in work upon the farm.

Early in the Civil War, Mr. Keyes enlisted in the Union army as a lieutenant in Company H, of Colonel Wheelock G. Veazey's regiment, the 16th Vermont Volunteers. On December 31, 1862, he was promoted to the captaincy of his company and occupied that position until the end of his term of enlistment. The 16th Vermont Regiment had a very prominent part in the battle of Gettysburg. After leaving the army, our subject engaged in business in Felchville, Vermont, where he remained until September, 1870, when he removed to Rutland. On October 1, 1870, he bought the retail grocery business of S. F. Paige, and took into partnership N. R. Bardy, who had been head clerk in Mr. Paige's store, which partnership continued until June 1, 1883, when Mr. Bardy retired. The business had assumed very large proportions during these years, and an extensive wholesale branch had been established.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Bardy, Mr.

Keyes took into the business C. O. Perkins, then a traveling representative of the firm, and in June, 1885, Erwin E. Keyes, the eldest son of our subject, was admitted to the partnership. The business during all those years was conducted in the large brick building on Evelyn street. Soon after locating in Rutland, Mr. Keyes purchased one-half of the block and a few years later secured the remainder of the building. He gradually withdrew from the active management of the Rutland business soon after his son entered the firm, and for a few years prior to his death devoted his time largely to his real estate and other financial interests in the West. Mr. Keyes never sought office, but served on the staff of Governor Washburn. At the time of his death he was a director of the Baxter National Bank, the Howe Scale Company, and the Peoples' Gas Company, all of Rutland, Vt.; vice-president of the Bank of Volga, South Dakota; vice-president of the Equitable Loan & Trust Company; and a director in several financial institutions in various parts of the West.

Mr. Keyes was a sufferer from chronic bronchitis and asthmatic troubles for nearly fifteen years before his death, and during the last five years of his life suffered from several attacks. During a six weeks' business trip through the West, he drove for thirty-four miles over a South Dakota prairie and contracted a cold, from the effects of which he never recovered. His chronic ailments developed into emphysema, which caused his death on the fourth day of December, 1893,

at the age of fifty-five years. He was a Mason and a faithful communicant of Trinity Episcopal church.

In speaking of Mr. Keyes' death, Mr. Bardsly, his former partner, paid the following warm tribute to his personal character and business ability: "Mr. Keyes was a man of the most thorough and painstaking instincts. His word was regarded as the equivalent of his name, and he never engaged in any undertaking without entering into careful and thoughtful examination of its minutest details, and the outgrowth of our business under his direction was phenomenal. Mr. Keyes was prompt and active in his business life, never wasting words when time was more valuable than speech, but at home or in society he was ever genial."

As stated previously in this sketch, Mr. Keyes was a son of Marvin Robinson. He was a grandson of Ebenezer Robinson, great-grandson of James Robinson, great-great-grandson of Jonathan Robinson; and great-great-great-grandson of William Robinson.

William Robinson was born about 1640, and probably resided in Bristol, England, before coming to this country. He settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, on his arrival in America, but in the old records he was sometimes styled "of Cambridge," and sometimes "of Watertown," Massachusetts. About 1668, he married Elizabeth Cutler, born in Cambridge, Mass., July 15, 1645, a daughter of Richard Cutler, of Cambridge, Mass., by his first wife, Elizabeth Williams, who was a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Stalham)

Williams, and was born in England. Robert Williams was born in England, so the record of William Williams, of Hatfield, England, states. The embarkation record reads: "April 8, 1637, Robert Williams, Cordwyner (cordwyner was a shoemaker), of Norwich, County Norfolk, England, in the "John and Dorothy," of Ipswich, William Andrews, master. For New England to inhabit." The History of Cambridge, by Lucius R. Page, gives the names of the children of William and Elizabeth Robinson, as follows: Elizabeth; Hannah, born in Concord, Mass., July 3, 1671, and died there October 5, 1672; William, born July 10, 1673; Mercy, born August 7, 1676; David, born May 23, 1678 ("lame and helpless" in 1695); Samuel, born April 20, 1680; and Jonathan, born April 20, 1682, the great-great-grandfather of Mr. Keyes. William Robinson executed a will March 27, 1693, which was presented for probate June 26, 1693, but was disallowed on account of its informality, at which date all the children, except Hannah, were living.

Jonathan Robinson, the great-great-grandfather of Mr. Keyes, was born in Cambridge, Mass., April 20, 1682. He purchased a farm, in 1706, near where later occurred the battle of Lexington. From a deed in the possession of the family, it appears that Isaac Powers, of Cambridge, Mass., sold this land, which was bounded on the east by land of Joanna Winship; on the west, by land of the heirs of Samuel Winship; on the north, by the Concord road; and on the south, by the land of John Dickinson. This and other deeds to

Jonathan Robinson of land, bounded by the properties of the Winships, Whitmores and Bowmans, leaves no doubt but that he resided on or very near the place now occupied by Jonas Gammell, at the termination of Oak street, the house now burned. Jonathan Robinson was by trade a weaver. He filled the honorable office of "tything-man" in 1735, and in 1744 was on a committee to dignify and seat the meeting-house. The children of Jonathan and Ruth Robinson were as follows: Jonathan, born July 25, 1707; Ruth, born June 29, 1709, and died October 23, 1722; Abigail, born February 4, 1711, the wife of Nathaniel Bacon, of Lexington, Mass.; James, the great-grandfather of Mr. Keyes; Lydia, born August 29, 1718, who married Caleb Simonds; and Hannah, born January 8, 1721. Jonathan Robinson died in 1753, and his wife died April 25, 1759. His will, dated February 2, 1754, was proved February 8, 1754.

James Robinson, the great-grandfather of Mr. Keyes, was born August 30, 1715, on his father's farm in the town of Cambridge, Massachusetts. On May 23, 1751, he married Elizabeth Frash, who died soon after. His second wife, Margaret, who died November 5, 1769, bore him eight children, as follows: Ruth, born January 28, 1753; Joseph, born March 18, 1755, and married Mrs. Betty Hadley; Silas, born February 20, 1757; Asa, born January 19, 1759, was in the Long Island campaign of the Revolutionary War, 1776; James, born November 26, 1760, married, May 25, 1787, Judith Reed, of Woburn,

Mass.—he was a soldier in the Continental army; Rhoda, born May 10, 1763, died young; Ebenezer, our subject's grandfather; and Parsis, born January 25, 1767, and died February 1, 1767. By his third wife, Elizabeth, James Robinson had three children, namely: Jonas, born May 18, 1770, died December 1, 1773; Rhoda, born October 20, 1771, married Simeon Snow, May 24, 1791; and Lydia, born January 2, 1772, and died January 5, 1772. James Robinson was admitted to the church March 10, 1765. He died August 12, 1774.

Ebenezer Robinson, grandfather of Mr. Keyes, was born on the Cambridge farm February 14, 1765. When only sixteen years of age, he entered the colonial service in the struggle against England for independence. He served on an American ship, was taken prisoner, confined on the old British prison-ship, "Jersey," was released, and afterwards served in the army again (see History of Reading Centennial). He moved to the town of Reading, Windsor county, Vermont, in 1788, cleared away the forests in South Reading, and made himself a farm. He married Hannah Achley, November 18, 1792, and they passed a long and peaceful life on this farm; his death occurred October 31, 1857, at the age of ninety-two years and eight months. His wife was born in 1771, and died February 8, 1857, aged eighty-six years and two months. Their children were as follows: Lewis, born August 19, 1793, died November 16, 1871; Marvin, our subject's father, who was born March 24, 1800, and died

December 22, 1866; Rhoda, born February 8, 1790, and died October 21, 1873; Hannah, born June 20, 1805, died April 19, 1873; Ebenezer, Jr., born December 30, 1808, died July 5, 1848; Eliza, born May 20, 1807, died December 13, 1860; Calvin, born January 13, 1798, died March 28, 1819; and Sally T., born September 19, 1802, and died October 6, 1816. All of the family were born in South Reading, Vermont.

Marvin Robinson, father of Mr. Keyes, was married to Lucinda Fullam on October 11, 1826, and by her he had seven children, namely: Franklin Marvin, born August 2, 1828, died March 25, 1885; Edwin Aurelius, born October 18, 1829, died November 8, 1892; Charles Henry, born July 18, 1831; Wallace Fullam, born December 22, 1832; Forest Alonzo, born May 29, 1835, died March 19, 1836, aged ten months; Maria Frances, born January 2, 1837; and Elmer Duane, the subject of this biography. All the above-mentioned children were born in South Reading, Vermont. Franklin Marvin graduated from Dartmouth College, and settled in Dubuque, Iowa, where he became a prominent lawyer and highly respected and wealthy citizen. Edwin Aurelius, Charles Henry and Wallace Fullam were associated for many years in a large provision business in Boston, Mass., under the firm name of W. F. Robinson & Company. Wallace Fullam Robinson is now president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Maria Frances, of Cambridge, Mass., is the widow of J. O. Whitten, who was a prominent citizen of that place.

Lucinda (Fullam) Robinson, first wife of Marvin Robinson, was born September 13, 1797, and died November 25, 1839, aged forty-two years and two months. On September 22, 1840, Mr. Robinson married his second wife, Charlotte Wood, who was born May 2, 1816, at Hartland, Vermont, and was a daughter of Jonathan and Betsey Wood. She died April 14, 1889, aged seventy-four years. Their children numbered three, and were all born in South Reading, Vt.; the record is as follows: Elroy Clement, born January 30, 1844, died October 28, 1885, aged forty-one years; Delia Ada, born January 24, 1847, died October 29, 1851, aged four years and nine months; and Addie Lestina, born November 7, 1852, and died August 9, 1873, aged twenty years and nine months. Marvin Robinson died December 22, 1866, aged sixty-six years, eight months and twenty-eight days. He spent his life principally, if not wholly, in South Reading, and there kept a tannery and devoted much time to farming.

Elmer Duane Keyes was united in marriage with Lorette C. Hawkins, September 14, 1862, and three sons were born to them, one of whom died in infancy. Erwin Elmer succeeded to his father's business in Rutland; and Arthur Hawkins resides at home, having left Amherst College, upon the death of his father. Mrs. Keyes is a daughter of Ferdinand and Charlotte (Amsden) Hawkins; her father and mother were both born in Reading, Vt., where their marriage occurred January 1, 1834. Her mother is a daughter of Abel Amsden, who served in the American Revo-

lution under three enlistments, each time receiving an honorable discharge at the expiration of his term of service, thus making her a real daughter of the American Revolution.

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GEORGE H. CHURCHILL, a prominent dairy farmer and lumberman of the town of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, was born December 27, 1852, in the town of Brandon on the farm which is still his home, his birth occurring in the old house, located across the road from his present residence. He is a son of Nathan and Nancy (Lyon) Churchill and grandson of Caleb and Sarah (Hawley) Churchill.

Caleb Churchill was born in Plympton, Mass., April 4, 1757. When twenty-five years old he moved to Chittenden, Vermont, being one of the first three settlers to locate there. The place was then known as Philadelphia. Caleb Churchill married Sarah Hawley, of New Railford, Massachusetts. After marriage they settled in their new home in the woods and in time cleared a good hill farm. They settled on the hills to avoid the floods and malaria so prevalent among the lower lands, which, however, had somewhat richer soil. Eleven children were born to them, five of whom were sons, and six, daughters, as follows: Betsey, John, Leah, Caleb, Sarah, Zacheus H., Nathan H., Azem, Joanna, Maria, and Sylvia. Betsey was born April 24, 1789, married Anson Manley, and reared a small

family. John, born December 12, 1790, married Lois Latham, and reared six children. Leah was born December 9, 1792. Caleb was born December 15, 1794. Sarah was born March 10, 1797. Zacheus H. was born March 29, 1799. Azem was born November 13, 1805. Joanna was born March 26, 1808, and died at the early age of six years. Maria was born May 29, 1810. Sylvia was born August 1, 1814. All married and had families of their own except the one who died young. It is a fact worthy of note that ten of these children lived to attain the advanced age of seventy-nine or eighty years. But their age did not equal that of their father, who died at the age of ninety-nine years, five months, and eleven days. His wife died December 12, 1842, and both sleep the sleep of the just in the Chittenden cemetery. Caleb Churchill was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving two terms of three months each.

Nathan H. Churchill was born in Philadelphia, or Chittenden, Vermont, June 11, 1803. He was twice married. His first marriage, with Dorothy Sheldon, which took place October 4, 1825, resulted in the birth of six children. One of their sons, John Anson, is a prominent resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he located in early manhood. He was one of the pioneers to Pike's Peak and assisted in laying out the city of Denver, Colorado. After the death of his first wife, in 1838, Nathan H. Churchill was joined in marriage with Nancy Lyon, a daughter of John and Polly (Carey) Lyon, of Brandon. This joyous event was celebrated March 10, 1839.

They began domestic life in the old house across the road from what is now the home of our subject. The house was then but a few years old, and was situated on a tract of land purchased by Nathan H. Churchill, containing about 70 acres. He made several additions to his original purchase, until he owned 200 acres of land, which is the size of the farm at the present day. This union resulted in the birth of six children, as follows: Dorothy C., born May 27, 1840, and died at the age of five years; Nathan W., born December 9, 1842, and died July 5, 1886, leaving a wife and two sons; Jane L., born March 15, 1844, who married Horace Smith, and died June 30, 1887, in California, leaving five sons; Royal M., born October 27, 1846, and died May 24, 1880; Riley V., born May 13, 1851, who is a farmer in Neola, Iowa, and has four sons and one daughter, living; and George H., the subject of these lines.

Subject's father began without means but was of a speculative turn of mind. He bought and sold lands and in that way became possessed of means. At his death, January 12, 1884, he left a good estate. His first farm was in Chittenden. Selling out, he went to the fine spring of the home of our subject, and purchased lands there. This spring is now well known as the Churchill Sand Spring, and had even gained a famous reputation before the drought of 1899, when it continued to run three gallons per minute while many other springs and streams went dry. After purchasing this spring farm, he erected a distillery to make wintergreen oil. He hired French

residents of the section to pick the wintergreen, and by this industry added very materially to his wealth.

On his mother's side, Mr. Churchill is descended from William Lyon, whose name is registered in the Roads Office, London, England. He was born in 1621, and in 1635, when a lad of fourteen years, came to this country in the ship "Hopewell." He settled in Roxbury, and afterwards married Sarah Ruggles. His son, John, was born in Roxbury, Mass., April 10, 1647, and he, in turn, was the father of William Lyon, who was born in Roxbury, Mass., September 15, 1675. Captain Jabez Lyon, son of the last named William Lyon, was born March 7, 1704, and died May 30, 1760. His wife, Uramia, was born in 1709, and died in 1797. They had a family consisting of four daughters and three sons, the latter being named as follows: John, born in 1730, and died in infancy; Stephen, born in 1739, and died in 1795; and Asa, born in 1744, and died in 1785.

Our subject's mother, Nancy (Lyon) Churchill, was born December 9, 1819. She is a daughter of John and Polly Lyon and granddaughter of Jabez and Mehitable Lyon. Her grandparents were the parents of the following ten children: John, born February 14, 1779; Hannah, born July 20, 1780; Mehitable, born December 17, 1781; Matilda, born July 13, 1784; Polly, born February 9, 1787; Olive, born April 12, 1789; Ezbon E., born May 8, 1791; Nancy, born January 20, 1794; Lucy, born November 25, 1796; and Luman, born January 1, 1799.



ALVERTON G. JONES.

The mother of George H. Churchill was the sixth of the twelve children born to her parents. Their names and dates of birth are as follows: Diadama, born May 22, 1811; Judith, born July 28, 1812; Lucinda, born March 31, 1814; Abigail, born January 21, 1816; Mary, born January 20, 1818; Nancy, subject's mother; an infant daughter who died unnamed; Jabez, born October 12, 1823; Jane Ann, born December 30, 1825; John, born February 9, 1828; Silence M., born June 21, 1830; and Aaron, born March 27, 1833.

George H. Churchill obtained his education in the district schools, and has continued to remain on the farm, but has been interested in various enterprises. October 4, 1876, he married Mary Jane Sargent, a daughter of Dr. A. J. and Ruth (Edmunds) Sargent, of Chittenden, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill have lost one daughter, Ruth, who died in infancy. They still have three sons, namely, Fred W., born in 1877; Leo R., born in 1881; and Andrew Hawley, born in 1891.

Mr. Churchill is a Knight Templar. His political views coincide with those of the Republicans, and he has been a faithful public servant. He served six years as selectman; six years as lister; six years as a school director; and as highway surveyor, eight years. He assisted materially in securing the excellent roads in his section. Our subject has a saw mill situated on his farm, and propelled by water power. It is built upon the same location formerly occupied by the old sash mill of his father.

Mr. Churchill has lately improved and en-

larged this mill and saws a great deal of lumber. He carries on general farming and also keeps a small dairy. In 1899 he also built a silo. He has lived to realize the success of all his undertakings which is but the natural result of his own well-directed efforts and industry.

ALVERTON G. JONES. One of the leading business men of the town of Sudbury, Rutland county, Vermont, is the gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch, and whose portrait appears on a preceding page. He operates a large creamery and store there, and has a fine stock farm.

He was born in Shoreham, Addison county, Vt., June 6, 1859. His father, Alverton J. Jones, was born in the same neighborhood, in the year 1830. His grandfather was Jason Jones, of Cornwall, Vermont. The family have been Vermonters for several generations. Its pioneer representative in America came from England, but the remoter ancestry originated in Wales. The early settlers of the Jones family in Vermont were intelligent and substantial farmers.

Grandfather Jones married Lydia Hurlbut, of Cornwall, Vt., and the issue of their union was five sons and two daughters, of whom the father of the subject of this personal history was the eldest. Alverton J. Jones has two brothers living, Edwin E. and Henry C., both farmers in Cornwall. Jason Jones died about the year 1887, at the age of eighty-six

years, and his widow passed away in 1893, when eighty-seven years old. They are buried at West Corwall, Vermont.

The mother of Alverton G. Jones, Ellen C. (Griswold) Jones, was born August 2, 1833, and was a daughter of George W. and Mary (Gale) Griswold, of Cornwall, Vermont. The Griswold family were tillers of the soil. The grandmother of Ellen C. (Griswold) Jones was Clarissa (Sargent) Gale, wife of Ira Gale, of Cornwall, who reared a large family of bright children. She died at ninety-two years of age. George W. Griswold passed away at the age of eighty-four years, and his faithful consort, Mary, followed him when eighty-six years old. The subject of this narrative is thus descended from an ancestral line whose longevity is remarkable. The nuptials of Alverton J. Jones with Ellen C. Griswold occurred in March, 1855. Four children were born to them: Alverton G., to whom this sketch pertains; George A., who died at the age of two years; Frederick Rockwell, now a barber in Washington, D. C.; and Clayton W., who was in the employ of his brother, Alverton G., until recently, when he became a partner in the business. He is married and has one child, a charming little daughter. Alverton J. Jones died in 1870, and his wife, after remaining a widow about fifteen years, married L. W. Hall. Her death occurred May 17, 1899, at the age of sixty-four years.

The subject of this sketch had a limited schooling, his mother being left alone, with four small children with limited means of sustenance and a condition of health far from

encouraging. It was but natural, therefore, that Alverton G. Jones prematurely began the struggle of life, urged on by the spur of necessity. When thirteen years old he commenced to work, and obtained but three months of schooling each winter until he reached the age of eighteen. When twenty years old he became a clerk for his uncle, C. R. Griswold. The latter died and left the business in the hands of his nephew, Alverton G., who closed it up and returned to Cornwall.

In 1880 Mr. Jones moved to Brandon, Vt., and was employed in clerking and handling produce. He has been engaged in trade since 1881. For three years he was occupied in shipping produce at Cornwall. In 1885 Mr. Jones built his first creamery, which he conducted until it was destroyed by fire. He started his present creamery in April, 1886, and moved his family to Sudbury in 1888 and opened his store in the spring of 1889. He is one of the busiest men in Sudbury.

This creamery is one of the best in Vermont, having the patronage of numerous dairies, some of which are very large. It makes from one thousand to twelve hundred pounds of choice butter daily, which brings the highest price in the leading markets of this region.

Mr. Jones has already built up a fine business in general merchandising, and his farm of 140 acres produces some choice cattle and horses. He keeps about fifteen horses for business and breeding purposes, in which latter line he has taken pains to raise a select

stock of blooded horses. The subject of this sketch is a Republican in politics, and has, for the most part, avoided office.

Though yet young in years, Mr. Jones is well known as a hustler in trade and a successful business man. Happily, moreover, the wear and tear of about twenty-five years, unremitting toil, have not left their heavy impress upon him as they would have done on many other men.

While not a member of any religious denomination, he is a supporter of the Congregational church. December 24, 1883, Alverton G. Jones married Ada L. Shattuck, of West Windsor, Vt., a daughter of Cornelius and Clarinda (Miller) Shattuck, representative farmers of that place.

JOHN EMORY BUXTON, a progressive farmer and real estate speculator, resides at Middletown Springs, Vermont, which is his native place. Mr. Buxton has led a somewhat varied and interesting career and at the present time farms only for pleasure.

He was born October 20, 1839. He was educated in his native village and in Fairfax, Vermont. After leaving school, Mr. Buxton followed teaching for several winters, conducting affairs on the homestead farm during the summers. The farm was then his property. In 1867, he sold out to his brother Edwin, and, leaving his family for a time, went to Iowa. He engaged in the hardware business in Moingona, Iowa, where he was

joined by his family in the spring of 1868. The following year Mr. Buxton accepted a position with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company as purchasing agent of coal, wood, and railroad ties for the Iowa division. He held that position until 1881. The last seven years of this time he resided in Boone, Iowa, and from there he removed to Oska-loosa, Iowa, at which time he took charge of the extensive coal mines at Muchakinock, Iowa, for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. This was a most responsible as well as a most dangerous position, which a less courageous man would not have cared to hold. It was especially dangerous during strikes; at one time the union miners were camped about the mine and threatened war upon Mr. Buxton's miners who were non-union men. But our subject was firm and undaunted. A carload of rifles was ordered by telegraph from Chicago and were promptly sent. Although the union miners could not understand the sheriff, when he read the riot act to them, as they approached the guards, composed of Mr. Buxton's men with rifles, they understood the language of bayonets and cold lead and retreated. That was the nearest Mr. Buxton ever came to having any strike in his mine. His men were always ready to shoulder the rifle to protect the mines. During the sixteen years of his mining business, his family returned to Vermont to spend their summers at the old home.

In 1897, Mr. Buxton concluded to not die with the harness on, and resigned his lucra-

tive but wearing situation, while he was yet strong and healthy. He returned to the delightful old home and farm, which he had repurchased some years previously. This farm contains more than 300 acres and was first settled by his father in 1825. In 1832, the brick house was built, the brick being made on the premises. The farm is now one of the finest and best in the vicinity. It is kept in a high state of cultivation and contains a most beautiful landscape of bottom flats and undulating hill lands. The original residence has been enlarged and modernized by our subject who also built the large new commodious barn, 40 ft. wide by 180 ft. long. The red barn on the hillside which did service in former years is an old landmark. It is utilized for storing much of the hay raised on the farm each year.

Mr. Buxton, himself, is now enjoying the fruits of his industry, but keeps good and trusty men, who do all the manual labor. He believes he has a competency but thinks too much money a cumbersome load of canker-ing care. His investments are largely in real estate in Rutland county, but he has five sections of farming land under cultivation in Nebraska. He recently purchased a valuable business block in Rutland. Few men are so well preserved in body and mind, who have passed through so many years of heavy care and responsibility. He continues to rise early, eat plain food, and is prompt in all things, even to his meals. During his mining life, he was subjected to discipline as rigid as that required by military regulations.

John Emory Buxton is a son of Luther and Samantha (Paris) Buxton, grandson of Timothy and Elizabeth (Calvin) Buxton, and great-grandson of John and Betsey (Kelley) Buxton. John Buxton, who was a native of Rhode Island, moved from there to Danby, Vermont, in 1790. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was a farmer and was in good circumstances for his time. His marriage with Betsey Kelley resulted in the birth of eleven children; they reared seven sons, and three daughters. The following grew to maturity, and married: Timothy (subject's grandfather), Stephen, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Joseph, Hannah, Lydia, Prudence, and Diana. Benjamin was accidentally drowned in Lake Ontario. Joseph died in 1868. Hannah married Daniel Hulett. Lydia married Jacob Rush. Prudence married Seba Phillips.

Timothy Buxton was born in Danby, Vermont. He married Elizabeth Calvin, and had three sons, as follows: Luther, subject's father; Benjamin; and Jonathan. Benjamin resided in Hamburg, Erie county, N. Y., in the vicinity of Buffalo, until his death in the spring of 1899, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. At the age of ninety-five years he attended to his own banking. He reared a family of children, who are settled near him. Jonathan was last heard of in 1869. He then lived at Slatersville, R. I., and was then one hundred and two years old. His wife was one hundred years old.

Luther Buxton, our subject's father, was born in Danby, Vermont. There also his mar-

riage occurred. In 1825, he was united in marriage with Samantha Paris. They settled on the farm now the home of our subject, where their eleven children were born. The names of their children are: Adelaide; Malona; Julia Ann; Daniel; Mary Jane; Harvey; Henry; John Emory, the subject of these lines; Edwin; Almira; and Helen. Adelaide died in early childhood. Malona is the widow of David Edmonds. She is the oldest living member of the family and resides in Middletown Springs. Julia Ann married David Cook of the same neighborhood, and is now deceased; five children survive her. Daniel settled in Marengo, Ill. He married Ann S. Cone, who died when thirty-five years old, leaving one daughter. Mary Jane married Crocker J. Clift, and lived on the old farm, where her death took place October 28, 1886; she left two sons,—William B. and Edwin Buxton. Harvey was an able lawyer in Carlyle, Illinois, where he died, leaving six children. Henry was a prosperous farmer in Middletown, Vermont. Edwin farms in Nebraska. He has a family of nine children. Almira resides at the old home. Helen married Dr. J. S. Henderson, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; she is a business woman and has been book-keeper and accountant for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company's mine store at Oskaloosa for many years.

Luther Buxton died November 28, 1851, when fifty-three years old. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring December 26, 1878. She was a noble woman. She gave a good home training to each mem-

ber of her large family of children and managed with skill her large farm of 300 acres. She was much beloved and honored by all her children, who are so widely scattered now. The last to leave was Helen (Mrs. Henderson), who still makes summer visits at the old home, which is a sacred and charming spot to them all. November 20, 1865, John Emory Buxton was joined in marriage with Antha M. Clift. Two children have been born to them, namely: Mae Louise and Benjamin Clift. Mae Louise Buxton was born August 20, 1866. She is the wife of William A. Wells, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. They have one son, Emory Buxton, four years of age, and an infant daughter, Leona Mae. Benjamin Clift Buxton, who was born September 18, 1867, is his father's successor as manager of the coal mines at Oskaloosa, Iowa. He married Ethel Gray, a daughter of Leonidas Gray, and they have two daughters, Mae Gray, aged six years; and Corine Gray, aged five years. Our subject's children were educated in Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, and in the Northwestern University of Illinois.

Mrs. Buxton is a daughter of Nathaniel and Polly (Crocker) Clift. Her father was born April 1, 1801, and her mother April 10, 1807. They were married January 16, 1829. Twelve children were born to them, six sons and six daughters. Two sons died in infancy. The names of the other ten children are as follows: Alice Lucy; Sarah Eliza; Jane Mary; Henry Rollin; Crocker J.; William Walton; Martha Emily; Antha M. (subject's wife);

Charles Martin; and Louise Elizabeth. Alice Luey is the widow Dye, of East Poultney, and has one daughter. Sarah Eliza is the wife of Truman Lewis, of Orwell, Vermont; they had four sons and one daughter, of whom two sons only are living. Jane Mary married Albert Clark, of East Poultney, Vt.; she died May 12, 1867, being survived at this date (1899) by two of her five children. Henry Kollin is a progressive farmer of Middletown, Vermont. He married Emeline Camp Ogden, of Newark, New Jersey, and ten of their eleven children are still living. Crocker J. is postmaster at Middletown Springs,—his sketch appears elsewhere in this work. William Walton, who was named for the Rev. William Walton, of Marble Head, Massachusetts, famous in colonial times, is a hardware merchant in South Dakota at Rapid City. January 4, 1871, he was joined in marriage with Emma Jane Wemple, of Janesville, Wisconsin. They have one son and one daughter. Martha Emily was married to Dr. Albert A. Deering, of Boone, Iowa. They have four children. Charles Martin is now in Point Loma, San Diego county, California. He married Eulalia Kennedy. Louise Elizabeth died April 10, 1865. The father of these children died December 2, 1875, and was survived by his widow until October, 1882.

Mrs. Buxton's paternal great-great-grandfather was Samuel Clift. He married Lydia Daggett, and they reared five sons, all of whom rendered valued service to our country during the Revolutionary War, three of them, Lemuel, Wills and Waterman, attaining the

rank of major. The names of the five sons are here given: Amos, Lemuel, Joseph, Wills, and Waterman. Amos Clift was born September 20, 1737, and died July 29, 1806; he is the great-grandfather of Mrs. Buxton. In the Revolutionary War he was a recruiting officer and held many positions of trust. Lemuel, who was born October 10, 1755, and died September 13, 1821, settled in Dutchess county, New York, and reared a large family. Joseph Clift was born September 13, 1750, and died May 9, 1827; settled in Onondaga county, New York, and also reared a family. Wills, born June 18, 1745, and died in 1810, settled in Saugatuck (now West Port), Connecticut. Waterman Clift was born December 28, 1741; the date of his death is unknown. He settled in Windham, Connecticut. Mrs. Buxton is eligible to both the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Colonial Dames. Her son and daughter are eligible on both maternal and paternal sides.

On her maternal side, Mrs. Buxton descended from Deacon William Crocker, who emigrated from England to Barnstable, Mass., in 1639. He was among the first settlers of that place. He reared seven children, six of whom were sons. Josiah, the fifth child, married Malatiah Hinekley, a daughter of Thomas Hinekley, who was Governor of the Plymouth Colonies for eleven years. The next in line of descent was Joseph Crocker. He married Temperance Bursley. Their seven children were all born in Barnstable. William,

who was the first born, married his cousin, Mary Crocker, and they reared eight children. Their youngest son, Benjamin, married Bathsheba Hall. Benjamin and Bathsheba (Hall) Crocker were the great-grandparents of Mrs. Buxton. They reared six children. The sixth child was Peter Crocker, a soldier of the Revolution, who married Hannah Young, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, and reared twelve children. The ninth child was Polly Crocker, Mrs. Buxton's mother.

Mr. Buxton is one of those broad-gauge men, so seldom seen, physically and mentally, socially and financially. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason. In his political opinions, he favors the Republican party, but has never entered the political field.

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MRS. ANNA B. PHELPS, widow of the late Harrison Phelps, resides in Fair Haven, Rutland county, Vermont, and is a woman of rare worth and loveliness of character.

Harrison Phelps was born in the town of Orwell, Vermont. He was a son of Elnathan and Phoebe Phelps, respected and esteemed residents of Orwell, where Mr. Phelps followed farming. He died in 1842, and his widow survived him many years,—dying at the advanced age of eighty years. Harrison Phelps was reared to farm life and continued to follow that line of work, for a long period. He left his farm in New York, in 1875, and located in Fair Haven, Vermont, where he

lived a retired life, and enjoyed the fruits of early industry. He passed peacefully away in May, 1895, aged eighty-one years. In politics, Mr. Phelps was a Republican, and held many town and county offices in the state of New York. He also served long as justice of the peace, and as supervisor. In early life he united with the Baptist church, but subsequently became an Adventist. He was an earnest Christian worker, and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

Mrs. Phelps is a daughter of Hezekiah and Myra (Miller) Bosworth, of Hampton, New York. Her father was a practical farmer on the farm where he lived ever since he was ten years of age. He and his wife reared ten of the fifteen children born to them. The first of these ten to die, was William Bosworth, who was then about forty-four years old. Five are still living, namely: Cynthia, widow of Asa Meacham, of Tacoma, Washington; Anna B., the subject of these lines; Amanda, wife of Don E. Atwood, of Castleton (see sketch elsewhere, herein); Eliza, widow of John D. Wood, of Fair Haven; and Myra, wife of Nathan Batchelder, of Hampton, New York. David Bosworth, one of Mrs. Phelps' deceased brothers, was an Advent preacher. He died in March, 1899, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

The subject of this sketch received a good education in the public schools of her native place. October 30, 1843, she was joined in marriage with Harrison Phelps. Two daughters blessed this union, Julia E. and Emma A. Julia E. is the wife of Henry Webster, a pros-

perous farmer in Poultney Seminary, and taught school several years, prior to her marriage. She is a lady of exceptional ability.

Emma A. was a most amiable and much beloved character. She was called away from her earthly home when only fifteen years of age. It will be observed that Mrs. Phelps comes of a family noted for longevity, and for true worth. She has lived to sustain the family reputation in both respects. She has many warm friends in the community where she has spent nearly a quarter of a century, and her presence is considered almost indispensable at social gatherings.



MRS. MARY MELVINA HALLOWELL, a summer resident of Castleton, Rutland county, Vermont, is the widow of William Penrose Hallowell, who died in Philadelphia, Pa., April 13, 1894. Mr. Hallowell was a native of the Quaker City, where he spent the greater part of his life. He was a stock broker, and was an officer of the 55th Reg., Massachusetts (colored) Vol. Infantry.

Mrs. Hallowell is a daughter of Colonel Farrand and Melvina (Tomlinson) Parker. Her father was a native of Castleton, and her mother, of Connecticut; the latter, however, was brought to Castleton, while still young. She was a daughter of Caleb Tomlinson, who died in Castleton, leaving four daughters and two sons. Colonel Parker was a very successful business man. He was a prosperous merchant of Castleton, for many years, but

afterward engaged in the marble business, which is the principal industry of that section of the Green Mountain State. He owned and operated marble quarries during his later years. He was an earnest and zealous member of the Congregational church. Some years prior to his death he was somewhat afflicted with deafness. Though not a robust man, he possessed much energy and endurance. Four children were born to him and his worthy wife. Of these one died in infancy. The other three are: Jennie L., wife of Theodore Wilkins, in Bedford, Massachusetts; Mary Melvina, the subject of these lines; and George Farrand, a prominent business man, of Philadelphia, where he has lived many years. He has a wife and one daughter. Mrs. Hallowell's mother died about the year 1891. She was followed to the grave, a few years later, by her husband, who died December 21, 1895. They rest in the new cemetery, in Castleton.

Mrs. Hallowell has been twice married. She was first united with Henry Dewey, a first cousin of the famous Admiral. Henry Dewey was a native of Bennington, Vt., and was engaged in the marble business. He died while still a young man, and left his widow with two children: Mabel, and Henry Arthur. Mabel Dewey is a young lady still at home. Henry Arthur Dewey has a lucrative position with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia. These children were educated in the Friends' School, of Philadelphia,—a most excellent educational institution.



ORVILLE CLARK BAKER, M. D.

Mrs. Hallowell spends her winters in Philadelphia, but her summers are all passed in Castleton, at the old home where her parents settled soon after their marriage, and where she and her children were both born.

The brother of the subject of this sketch, also, spends his summers in this pleasant spot, endeared by so many sacred associations.



ORVILLE CLARK BAKER, M. D., a prominent physician in the village of Brandon, Vermont, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, resides at Number 16, Franklin street, where he located in 1891. Dr. Baker comes of good old Quaker ancestry. He was born in Peru, Clinton county, New York, September 3, 1851. He is a son of Henry and Marie (Buck) Baker, and grandson of David and Lydia (Agard) Baker.

David Baker was born in Peru, N. Y., about 1754. He was thrice married. His second wife, Lydia Agard, was the mother of our subject's father; she also bore her husband one other son and two daughters. David Baker had children by each of his three wives, rearing, in all, twelve children, all of whom are probably now deceased. One son, William, was killed in the Civil War. Another son, Hiram, was a farmer in Peru, where he died aged eighty-two years; he was quite well-to-do and reared one son. One daughter, Mary, married E. Barlow, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, where she died in old age; she left one son. Another daughter, Huldah, married Jehial

Hathaway, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and at her death left a large family. David Baker was a Quaker. Our subject's grandparents were buried in the Quaker Union burial ground in Peru.

Henry Baker, father of our subject, was born in 1809, probably in Peru, New York. He died in 1858. Like his father, he was a Quaker, was also thrice married, and had twelve children. His first wife was Eunice Wright. She died early and left one son. His second wife was Clara Wright, a sister to his first wife. At her death, she left but two children. Henry Baker was then united in marriage with Marie Buck, a daughter of David and Mary (Maxfield) Buck, of Peru.

Soon after their marriage, our subject's parents settled on a part of the old homestead farm. They had five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: William H., Orville Clark (our subject), Lydia Agard, Eva A., and Horatio E., of Ausable, N. Y., who is serving a second term as supervisor of his town. William H. Baker, who was a farmer by occupation, died at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving a widow. Lydia Agard married Melville L. Reed, of Schuyler Falls, New York.

After the death of Henry Baker, his widow married again, becoming the wife of David Hallock. She died in 1898 in Ausable, where she sleeps the last long and dreamless sleep.

Orville Clark Baker was educated in the common schools, which he left when sixteen years old; this he supplemented with a course at the Plattsburg, N. Y., High School and

Saranac Academy. He had previously left home at the age of fourteen years, and had worked on farms in the summers for wages, and for his board during the winter, at the same time attending school. When eighteen years old, he taught his first term of school—a winter term of seven months in the district school. He continued to teach and soon took up the study of medicine in connection with teaching. He studied medicine more or less until he was twenty-four years old, when he wisely decided to devote his whole time and attention to medicine.

In February, 1879, he graduated from the University of New York, where the degree of M. D. was conferred upon him. Soon afterward, Dr. Baker began the practice of his chosen profession in Hebron, Washington county, New York. He remained there for two and a half years and met with flattering success. He then sought a better location in Hartford, New York, where he practiced medicine for eight years and a half. In July, 1890, Dr. Baker located in Brandon, Vermont, where he has been a regular practitioner ever since. September 3, 1878, Dr. Baker married Frances M. Buck, of Grand Isle, Vt. Mrs. Baker is a daughter of Edward and Martha J. (White) Buck. Her father died in Jay, New York, in 1893, aged seventy-three years. He left a widow and three daughters; one daughter, Jane Hathaway, resides in Jay, where the beloved mother is also spending her declining years. Another daughter, Louise, wife of George W. Crown, resides at Essex Junction, Vermont. Mrs. Baker was the recipient

of a high school education in Plattsburg, N. Y., and taught school prior to her marriage. Four children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Baker, as follows: Eva Frances, Arthur James, Horatio O., and Clarence M.; their ages are, respectively, eighteen, fifteen, six, and three years. The older ones are students in the Brandon High School.

Dr. Baker is a prominent man in Masonic circles. He is a Knight Templar and is a member of Mt. Calvary Commandery. He is also past master of St. Paul Lodge of Brandon. In politics, he is a staunch Republican and has served his party in various ways. While in Hartford, he served as supervisor and is now serving as chairman of the Brandon school board. Both Dr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the M. E. church, of which the Doctor is steward and also trustee.

Dr. Baker is a prominent man and an active member of various medical societies, among them the New York State Medical Society, the Vermont State Medical Society, and the Rutland County, Vt., Medical Society. He served as president of the Washington County, N. Y., Medical Society. In the practice of his profession he has won for himself an enviable reputation for skill and punctuality. His practice is gradually extending into the neighboring towns and counties. His income is further augmented by his connection with various insurance companies. He acts at the present time as medical examiner for the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vermont, New York Life, Home Life and the Metropolitan Life Insurance com-

panies of New York. Dr. Baker is a pleasant, agreeable gentleman, and is a useful member of society.

MISS ALICE MARY HARRISON, a well-known citizen of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, comes of a prominent, old New England family. She is a daughter of Samuel Wilson and Jane P. (Braird) Harrison, and was born in Chittenden, Rutland county, Vermont.

Samuel Harrison, the earliest known ancestor, was born in England and was graduated from the University of Oxford, although it is not known whether he studied for a profession. He taught much in early life and in 1772 came to America and settled in Roxbury, Mass., and afterward moved to Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He was united in marriage with Nancy Robinson, and they had three children: Samuel; Joseph; and Jesse. After the death of his wife he formed a second union with Betsey Dent, and their children were: Betsey; Dent; and William Henry.

Samuel Harrison, the oldest child born to his parents, was born on April 26, 1756, in Norton, Derby county, England, and soon after coming to America with his father, in 1772, the Revolutionary War began. He enlisted in the Continental army and served under Warner in his expedition to Canada, in 1775, continuing in the army for three years, a part of the time as a lieutenant. On March 9, 1780, he married Rebecca Keeler, who was born in Ridgefield, Conn., August 26, 1756.

He located in Pittsfield, Mass., and early removed to Chittenden, Vt., where he was one of the early settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison had the following offspring: Samuel; Lovisey; Betsey; Joseph; Clarinda; William Henry; and Pamela. He died on April 6, 1813, and his wife followed him, May 1, 1832. Samuel Harrison, their oldest son, was born in Chittenden, Vt., and lived there all of his life, dying there at the age of fifty-three years. His wife was Lois Smith, a daughter of Reuben Smith, and their children were: Willard Smith; Almira; Laura Ann; Samuel Wilson; Jane; and Adelaide.

Samuel Wilson Harrison was born July 19, 1817. His wife was Jane P. Braird, who was born in Rutland, Rutland county, Vermont, December 6, 1813, and was a daughter of Henry and Sibyl (Daniels) Braird. Samuel Wilson Harrison attained to considerable wealth, as a farmer; he was a man of influence and much respected in the community. He was born July 19, 1817, and died April 19, 1878. Two children were born to Mr. Harrison and his wife, as follows: Henry Clayton; and Alice Mary.

Henry Clayton Harrison early in life began preparation for the legal profession and was graduated from Dartmouth in 1871, being admitted to the Rutland county bar in 1874. He was very successful in practice, but of late years has turned his attention to farming, at which his father was so successful. He was united in marriage with Mary Cain, of Rutland, and they had four children, three of whom are now living: Mary Wilson Harrison,

who is in the class of 1900 in Burlington University; Susan Avery, who lives with our subject; the third child was a son who died in infancy; and Annie Elizabeth, who is now in school. Mrs. Harrison died on December 26, 1888.

Miss Alice Mary Harrison resides in her handsome home on Franklin street, in Brandon, where she keeps summer and winter boarders. She is a practical business woman, and her home is always open to a large circle of friends with whom she has associated for many years. Miss Harrison is the possessor of some valuable old pieces which have been in the family for many generations. Nathaniel Daniels, the great-uncle of her mother, kept a tavern in Worthington, Mass., and was given by his father a pewter platter of odd shape, which is eighteen inches in diameter. This was used in the first Independence dinner of Worthington, Massachusetts, and is now in her possession. She also has a quaint old wooden chair, which Rebecca Keeler had when she moved from Connecticut to Chittenden, Vermont. She has a number of other pieces of antique furniture.

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TIMOTHY H. ALDEN. On the farm, which is his present home, the subject of this memoir was born, in the town of Brandon, Rutland county, Vermont, August 29, 1827. He is a son of Hiram Alden, grandson of Timothy Alden, and great-grandson of Thomas Alden, and is descended,

in the seventh generation, from John Alden, who was the historic proxy of Miles Standish in wooing Priscilla Mullen, but in the end appropriated that maiden to himself.

Hiram Alden, the father of Timothy H., was born in Leicester, Addison county, Vermont, June 23, 1801. His father, Timothy, a native Vermonter, was born about the time of the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

Timothy Alden, grandfather of Timothy H., was the husband of Polly Smith, a native of Vermont. He was a physician, and, in the latter part of his life, was a resident of Leicester, Vt., where he died about the year 1843, and where his remains are buried. His widow survived him until about the year 1853, and died at an advanced age. They reared six sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, except two of the sons, Timothy and Seymour, who died in youth. The other children of Dr. and Mrs. Alden were as follows: William; Hiram, father of Timothy H.; Betsy; Julia; Alma; Isaac; Stephen; of these all married and had offspring except Alma, the sole survivor, who is now nearly ninety years old.

Mr. Alden's maternal great-grandfather, Samuel Burnell, settled in Brandon on two tracts of 100 acres each, which now comprise our subject's farm and the one adjoining. He was one of the pioneer settlers in the wilderness there. The site of his first abode is now indicated by an old foundation and cellar near the spring on the hillside. Samuel Burnell passed away at an early age, dying in 1814, and being survived by his widow and an only



JOHN M. WILLIAMS.

child, aged five years. His father, who lived to be over eighty years old, reared a family of six sons and four daughters, all of whom married and some of whom removed to the state of New York, and subsequently moved still farther west.

The mother of the subject of this biography was Abigail Burnell, who was born in September, 1800, just across the road from Timothy H. Alden's homestead. Hiram Alden and his wife Abigail were married in March, 1825, when the bride was in her sixteenth year, and Timothy H. was born before she was eighteen years of age. Following his birth came that of Lydia W. Mrs. Alden died in 1875. She was the only child of Amos and Lydia (Warner) Burnell. Mr. Burnell was born on the hill farm back of the town, where Samuel Burnell had settled. Since that period the title of this farm has not changed or passed out of the family, and the one adjoining changed owners only recently, in the spring of 1889. Mr. Alden's ancestors of the Burnell family were successful farmers, and modest and worthy people.

Being raised as a farmer boy, Timothy H. Alden was favored with only a common schooling. On February 28, 1856, he was married to Vilora J. West, a daughter of George Washington West, and his wife Cynthia M. (Pepper) West, who was born and reared in Washington, Vermont. Although a blacksmith by trade, Mr. West did not follow that occupation for any great period. Mr. and Mrs. West resided in Brandon village, where they had four sons and two daughters,

one of the sons dying young. Mrs. Alden's younger sister, Alice J., is the wife of Howard A. McKenny, residing in Gorham, Maine. Mrs. West died in 1873, aged fifty-nine years, and Mr. West died in 1878, when seventy-three years old. Excepting ten years spent in Boston, between which city and Brandon they frequently journeyed to and fro, the couple passed their lives in Brandon.

Mr. Alden is a Republican, but has neither held nor sought public office. He has, however, served on the school committee. He is engaged in mixed farming but has bred and worked some good horses. His gelding "Tim" is now the property of Mr. Tailer in New York City.

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JOHN M. WILLIAMS, deceased, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was a prominent farmer who resided upon his farm near Sudbury, Rutland county, Vermont, and was one of the substantial citizens of the community, interesting himself in all matters of a public nature, tending to advance the best interests of his fellow-citizens. He was born at West Port, Essex county, N. Y., December 7, 1835, and was a son of Josephus and Lucy (Olds) Williams.

Josephus Williams was a well-to-do farmer in the eastern part of the town of Sudbury, where he lived with his family for many years. He married Lucy Olds, of West Port, N. Y., and they became the parents of five children: Their only daughter, Electa Ann, died

at the age of twelve years. John M., the subject of this biographical record; William T., a farmer in West Port, N. Y.; Frank J., a farmer of Castleton, Vt.; and Eugene C., who went to Michigan in the "seventies," and there follows agricultural pursuits. Upon the death of Mrs. Williams, our subject's father married his first wife's sister, by whom he had one son, Plynm E., of Sandy Hill, N. Y. Josephus Williams lived to reach the age of seventy years, dying about the year 1877.

John M. Williams, in 1857, on the 16th of September, was united in marriage with Ellen S. Wheeler, of Sudbury, a daughter of Augustus and Sophia (Little) Wheeler, her grandmother Little being Penelope McRoberts, a native of Scotland. Her paternal grandfather was Seth Wheeler, of Granville, N. Y., who served as a captain throughout the Revolutionary War and lived to reach the age of seventy years. His son, Augustus Wheeler, was a farmer by vocation, and owned an excellent farm in Sudbury. His union with Sophia Little was prolific of nine children, of whom but two are now living, namely: Ellen S., the widow of our subject; and Dennis W., a pioneer settler of South Dakota. Mr. Wheeler died in December, 1874. He was a prominent man in his section of the county and saw active service in the War of 1812.

Early in life, John M. Williams took to farming and after his marriage lived with his wife on a small farm about one-half mile distant from the old Wheeler property. Upon the death of her father, they came into possession of the latter property, which he continued to

farm until his demise, January 20, 1899. He was a man of good business capacity and was very successful. He was an active member of the community in which he lived, and his death was a sad loss to a host of friends and acquaintances in whose midst he had spent his entire life. The following children blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams: Guy Wheeler and Clara A. Guy Wheeler, a hustling business man and live stock dealer, succeeded to the ownership of the homestead. He was united in marriage with Cora A. Dow, a daughter of Orator and Clara (De Long) Dow, of Leicester, Vt., where he follows farming; this union was blessed with two sons: Royal C., born May 21, 1892, and Robert Guy, born March 2, 1885. Clara A. is the wife of John G. Bucklin. Mrs. Williams is in the best of health physically, and lives in the happy companionship of her children, who live close by, and in the midst of a large circle of close friends, many of whom she has known since early life.

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MRS. ANN JENNETT HOADLEY is the widow of the late Harvey Hoadley, and resides at Middletown Springs, Vermont. Harvey Hoadley was born in Timmouth, Vermont, July 16, 1807, and passed to his final rest January 16, 1887. The house in which he was born is now one hundred years old. He was a son of Alvan and Thirza (Rogers) Hoadley.

Alvan Hoadley was born in Branford, New Haven county, Connecticut, and was of Eng-

lish stock. His birth occurred December 31, 1779. He married Thirza Rogers, who was born August 20, 1788. Mr. Hoadley went to Tinmouth, on horseback, in 1804, and his marriage took place September 12, of the same year. He paid two hundred silver dollars for an old fashioned cottage and one acre of land. He was a blacksmith by trade, as were his son, Harvey, and four of his grandsons. Alvan Hoadley was twice married. His first wife bore him two children, Harvey, and Thirza. Thirza married a Mr. Palmer, of Connecticut, where she was taken when nine months old,—having lost her mother at that age. Her father was again married; the second time he was joined in marriage with Rachel Rice, who bore him four sons and one daughter. All are deceased except two of the sons, namely: Jonathan, a resident of New York State, and Charles, who resides in Tinmouth, Vermont.

September 2, 1833, Harry Hoadley was united in marriage with Ann Jennett Gray, the subject of this sketch. This happy union resulted in the birth of five children, as follows: Alvan G., William H., Francis Harvey, Justus Rogers, and Joseph P. Alvin G. was born July 9, 1836, and died October 13, 1878, in Castleton, Vermont. One daughter, Nettie M. Carter, of Rutland, Vermont, survived him. William H. was born June 11, 1839. In 1861, he enlisted in the Union army in response to the first call for volunteers. He died, April 17, 1876, leaving one son, Ives O., who resides in Tinmouth, with his wife and two children. Francis Harvey was

born April 6, 1847. He was a soldier in the Civil War, serving three years, and coming out of the service, when eighteen years of age. He was wounded, not seriously, however, in an engagement in the Shenandoah Valley. He is now married, but has no children. Justus Rogers was born September 22, 1855. He is engaged in the insurance business, and has a wife, only. Joseph P. was born August 25, 1856, at Middletown Springs, Vermont. He is married and is an artesian well driller, by occupation.

Harvey Hoadley was a quiet, unobtrusive man. He was a communicant of the Methodist church, and served many years as steward therein. Both he and his wife joined that church in 1842, and were among its most faithful worshipers. Mrs. Hoadley is the only living member of the class she joined in 1839. By special request of her pastor and others, she is writing a history of the class. Mrs. Hoadley is a daughter of Henry and Minerva (Loomis) Gray. Her father was born July 7, 1784, and her mother April 25, 1795. Their marriage was solemnized December 2, 1813. They settled at Middletown Springs, and lived in three different houses, before occupying the fine, brick residence which Mr. Gray built in 1832. Mrs. Hoadley's brother, Eugene Gray, resides there at the present time. There it was that the beloved parents both passed away.

Mr. Gray passed to his final rest June 4, 1865, and was followed by his widow, November 18, 1870. They were the parents of four children, viz.: Ann Jennett, the subject of

these lines; Henry S., born September 21, 1816, and now a resident of Tinmouth; William N., born September 13, 1819, and residing near Middletown Springs; and Eugene W., who was born February 4, 1828.

David Gray, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hoadley, married Hannah Slingerland, who was a widow, her maiden name having been Hannah Newbury; by him she had five sons. She died in Middletown Springs, at the home of her son, in 1838, aged seventy-eight years. Mrs. Hoadley (as was her husband), has been a thoughtful, studious person. Many years ago, each of them began keeping a diary, both of which are valuable records.

The subject of this sketch has ever been a woman of most wonderful energy, though not large, nor strong. She is well preserved in body, and is still in the full possession of all her faculties. Some time since she suffered a severe fall, which caused a slight lameness. Her memory is most remarkable; by it and her various records, she has rendered valuable assistance to many persons in compiling genealogical records.

It was a severe trial to Mrs. Hoadley to let her noble boy (her youngest son), go to the war. But after a severe struggle, her patriotism prevailed, and when he was fifteen years of age, she consented to his enlistment. He was most anxious to go, a year before. Mrs. Hoadley kept in close correspondence with the captain of his company, and, subsequently, with her son, directly, and was glad to know that he was among the model soldiers of the command,

GEORGE B. WINN, a retired and disabled veteran of the Civil War, resides in a snug home at Number 55, Washington street, in Fair Haven, Rutland county, Vermont. He has a fine, large lot with seventeen rods' frontage. Besides his neat and pleasant house, he has a convenient barn, and keeps a nice looking turnout with which he takes daily drives for the benefit of his health. Mr. Winn was born in Hampton, N. Y., January 22, 1832. He is a son of Richard and Alice (Reed) Winn. His father was born in Ireland, about the year 1779, and came to America, when still a single man. After locating in Hampton, N. Y., he was joined in marriage with Alice Reed,—their wedding occurring in 1829. Mrs. Winn was a daughter of John Reed, of Ireland, and was born in Hampton. George B. Winn's parents lost their first born, who happened to be twins. George B. was the third child, and he had one brother, Richard.

Richard Winn was born in 1834. In 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, from Hydeville, joining the 11th Reg., Vermont Artillery. He was subsequently transferred to the infantry, and served, in all, three years. He was wounded, and had smallpox, which was eventually the cause of his death. He died, in 1895, in Rutland, a widower, and leaving no children. The subject hereof also has one sister, Elizabeth A. She married Stephen F. Clough, resides in Rutland, Vermont, and has one daughter. George B. Winn's father died in 1845, and was survived many years by his widow, who remained true to his memory.



HORACE HONIE DYER.

She died in 1883, at about seventy years of age.

George B. Winn followed farming, during his youth. He assisted his father, who was a man in humble circumstances. Upon the death of that parent, George left home to learn the moulder's trade in Poultney, Vermont. He served a three years' apprenticeship and subsequently followed that trade for seven years. August 7, 1862, Mr. Winn entered the Union army, from Whitehall, New York. He enlisted as a private in Company C, 123rd Reg., New York Vol. Infantry. After serving three years, he remained in the army about five months, before receiving his discharge. Mr. Winn was wounded in the battle of Silver Creek, N. C., on March 17, 1865. A ball struck him in the arm, causing a compound fracture of that member, near the shoulder. His arm has been useless much of the time since then. For the past seven years, the subject hereof has also been troubled with blood poisoning.

In politics, Mr. Winn is a Republican. He is, also, a member of Bosworth Post, No. 53, G. A. R., of which he has served as commander. April 2, 1856, Mr. Winn was joined in marriage with Mary A. Edgerly, of Poultney, Vermont. Mrs. Winn was, however, a native of Whitehall, New York. She bore her husband two children, one of whom, a son, died in infancy. The other, a daughter, was called Isabelle L. She is now in Saratoga, N. Y., where she is a successful dress-maker. Mrs. Winn also had one daughter by a former marriage, namely: Elizabeth Moore,

who is now a widow, and has one daughter, Jessie Belle Greer.

Mr. Winn is generous and kind hearted. His affliction arouses much sympathy in his community, where he is exceedingly popular. He is an important personage in G. A. R. circles. In that organization he has served as junior vice commander and chaplain.

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HORACE HOXIE DYER, whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, is considered by many to be the most affluent and influential farmer in Rutland county, Vermont, and is certainly one of its most worthy citizens. He comes from a long line of distinguished ancestors, and, although he is now almost an octogenarian and has led a remarkably busy life, is far from being worn out, but is still vigorous in mind and body and is actively engaged in looking after his numerous investments and domestic affairs.

The founder of the Dyer family in America was William Dyer, who was born in London, England, and emigrated to America, locating in Boston, Massachusetts. He subsequently removed to Newport, Rhode Island, where he died in 1677. His wife, Mary, a Quakeress, was hanged for "conscience sake" on Boston Common, January 1, 1660, choosing to die rather than abandon her faith. On March 15, 1637, he, with other residents of Boston, signed a remonstrance affirming the innocence of Mr. Wheelwright and that the court had condemned the truth of Christ, for

which, November 17, 1637, he was disfranchised. April 28, 1637, William Dyer, with eight others, signed a compact preparatory to the settlement of Newport, he being the town clerk. In company with eighteen others, he, as clerk, signed the compact to incorporate themselves into a "Bodie Politick," in Portsmouth, R. I., March 7, 1638; and, June 5, 1639, he and three others apportioned the lands, having recorded to his name, March 10, 1640, eighty-seven acres.

William Dyer was secretary of the town of Portsmouth from 1640 to 1647; in 1648 he was general recorder; from 1650 to 1653, he was attorney-general of Rhode Island. On the eighteenth day of May, 1653, he received a commission from the assembly to act against the Dutch, he being at that time commander-in-chief of the seas. He was also commissioner from 1661 to 1662; a deputy from 1664 to 1666; general solicitor from 1665 to 1668; and secretary of council in 1669. Dyer's Island, which he owned, was named for him by Governor Coddington and others. William Dyer was sent to England on important missions by the colonies and many times was a conferee of Roger Williams. His son, Samuel Dyer, was the next in line of descent.

Samuel Dyer was born in Boston, Mass., December 20, 1635, and died in Kingston, R. I., in 1678. His wife was, before marriage, Ann Hutchinson, who was born November 17, 1643, and died January 10, 1717. Their son, Edward Dyer, was the next in line and was the great-great-grandfather of Horace Hoxie Dyer.

Edward Dyer was born in Newport, R. I., in 1670, but subsequently settled in Kingston, R. I., where his son Samuel was born in 1702. Samuel Dyer moved to West Greenwich, R. I., where he died: on February 24, 1725, he married Tabitha Niles, of East Greenwich, R. I., and their son, George, was next in line of descent.

George Dyer, the grandfather of our subject, was born in West Greenwich, R. I., December 26, 1736, and died in Rutland, Vermont, January 8, 1817, past eighty-one years of age; he wedded Ann Nichols, a daughter of Hon. Joseph Nichols and Abigail Spinck, his wife, of East Greenwich, R. I., Mr. Nichols being a prominent man in public affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer were married on Christmas Day, 1760, and their union was prolific of ten children,—seven sons and three daughters, of whom Edward, our subject's father, was the sixth son. The beloved mother died with her eleventh infant in 1780, at the age of forty years. Some years after her death, George Dyer married for his second wife, Amey Wait, who died in 1812.

Edward Dyer was born in West Greenwich, R. I., June 23, 1774. He was twice married. His first wife was Sally Bowman, of Clarendon, Vermont. Their marriage was celebrated November 1, 1798. Mrs. Dyer left her earthly home, August 1, 1816, leaving nine of her ten children to mourn her demise. Her tenth child, an infant, was buried with her. Of her children, only one is now living, Mrs. Mason Hulett, residing in Salisbury, Vermont, a most sprightly and well-pre-

served lady for her years, both physically and mentally. Edward Dyer was again married, January 7, 1818, to Hannah Hoxie, of Milton, who was born April 10, 1789, a daughter of Gideon Hoxie who was the town clerk of Milton for over forty years. Gideon Hoxie, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Milton, Vt., and had the distinction of taking the first wagon to that village, was a son of Stephen Hoxie, of Charlestown, R. I., who belonged to an old Quaker family.

Mrs. Dyer still has her diaries, written in 1812, when she was but a young lady, and they contain many interesting reminiscences. She was a woman of strong individuality and character and possessed a remarkably good memory, coupled with plenty of good common sense. She bore her husband four children, of whom two lived to maturity, namely: Horace Hoxie, subject of this sketch; and Sarah Bowman, wife of Zenas C. Ellis. Mrs. Ellis was born in 1821 and died July 7, 1876, leaving four sons, namely: George W., an able lawyer of New York City; Edward, M. D., a prominent physician of Poultney, Vt., who has a family; Horace B., of Castleton, Vt., a prominent hotel keeper; and Zenas H., who is a farmer on the old homestead and is also a prominent banker and business man,—he is a fine scholar, has been a life-long student, and is a noted linguist. Edward Dyer, father of the subject of this biography, owned at one time some 800 acres of land in Rutland county, which he acquired by small purchases. His first purchase was made in 1794 when he bought 140 acres. He did not inherit wealth

but earned and made his fine property. He died May 12, 1854; the mother of our subject died February 17, 1869.

Nathaniel Dyer, a great-uncle of Horace Hoxie Dyer, rendered valuable service to our country during the Revolutionary War, and his father's large estate and home was a place of rendezvous throughout the war. Re-unions often occurred there. General Nathaniel Greene was a cousin of Nathaniel Dyer.

Horace Hoxie Dyer was born on the same farm and in the same house in which he now resides, two miles south of the city of Rutland, on the second day of April, 1820. He received his primary education in the district schools. At the age of ten years he went to a private school taught by Rev. Hadley Proctor and later attended the Brandon school, when Rev. Proctor was principal. At the age of sixteen years, he returned home, where he has since resided, with the exception of four months during the winter of his eighteenth year, when he taught in Fair Haven. His father needing him, he discontinued teaching for there was much to do at home, business demanding the attention of his father elsewhere.

On the fifteenth day of February, 1866, Horace Hoxie Dyer wedded Abigail Jane Hitchcock, of Clarendon, Vermont. She is a daughter of Henry and Hannah Lucy (Hullett) Hitchcock. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer have only one child, a son, Horace Edward, who, with his wife and two daughters, resides in Rutland. He was captain of Company A, 1st Vermont Volunteer Infantry, in the late Spanish-American War, and upon being mus-

tered out of U. S. service was commissioned major of the 1st Infantry, Vermont National Guards. He graduated from the University of Vermont, in 1893.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyer have spent their wedded life at the pleasant home made sacred by its associations, having been built by his father in 1810. Mr. Dyer is a Republican and has served the people of Rutland as selectman for seven years, and in other town offices. In 1878 he was elected to the Vermont Senate without any solicitation on his part and without spending either his time or his money. He was president of the Rutland County Agricultural Society for three consecutive years; justice of the peace from 1843 to 1870, or later, when Henry Hayward was chosen his successor at Mr. Dyer's urgent request; he was in the state militia from the time he attained the age of eighteen years and was captain of the Rutland company for many years. He is vice-president of the Killington National Bank, of which he was one of the organizers, and is a trustee of the Rutland Trust Company, of which he was vice-president for several years.

Henry Hitchcock, father-in-law of Mr. Dyer, was for many years a merchant in Rutland, later engaged in business in the village of Clarendon, Vt., and still later turned his attention to farming and the manufacture of marble, owning a quarry and also a mill. He was born August 22, 1805, in Pittsford, Vt., and died August 27, 1871, in Rutland. His wife was born July 4, 1817, and died January 28, 1893. They reared only two of their five

children, viz.: Mrs. Dyer; and her maiden sister, Louise Amelia Hitchcock.

Rev. Palmer Dyer, brother of Horace Hoxie Dyer, was educated in Union College at Schenectady, New York. His first charge was Granville, N. Y., about 1823; his next charge was at Syracuse, and in 1824 he went on a missionary trip to Illinois. After a long and tedious journey, he reached Chicago, Ill., then a swamp hole. While an Episcopalian missionary in Chicago, he administered the first Episcopalian communion service in that city, in a Congregational church upon the invitation of the pastor, who also partook of the sacrament. In Chicago, he purchased an Indian pony which he rode to Peoria, where he established a mission, also establishing missions in different parts of Illinois and Michigan. He was the editor of the "Episcopal Watchman," published in Hartford, Connecticut. He was drowned at Ausable Chasm, near Lake Champlain, in August, 1844. Rev. Mr. Dyer was a gifted writer and seemed to be inspired of God,—the following poem from his pen seeming prophetic of his early and tragic death.

LIFE'S VOYAGE.

"It is I; be not afraid."—Mat. XIV, 27.

As towards yon bright and blissful shore,
 Floats my frail, trembling barque along,
 Let tempests rage, let billows roar,
 They cannot drown my joyous song,
 They cannot hush my voice of prayer,
 Nor fill my trusting heart with dread;
 For God is with me everywhere,
 To cover my defenseless head.

As once He bade the waves be still,
 When loved ones sailed on Galilee,
 With gentle gales their canvas filled,
 And sped them safely o'er the sea;
 So now, amid the angry waves,
 Behold! He comes to rescue me;
 I fear not that in Ocean's caves
 My lonely sepulchre may be.

I see Him when the lightnings flash
 In awful grandeur round me flies,
 I hear Him when the thunder's crash
 Rolls deep athwart the darkened skies;
 O then His smile, and then His voice,
 As in the mildest breeze of even,
 Both bid my fearless heart rejoice,
 While wafted on my course to Heaven.

LE GRAND EASTMAN, the veteran fisherman, of Rutland, Vermont, comes of a family noted for longevity, of which he himself furnishes a splendid example. Mr. Eastman is now in his ninety-second year, but thinks nothing of walking three or four miles to fish for brook trout, and then back again over the same route. He celebrated his ninetieth birthday by walking four miles into the mountains, and catching a fine string of brook trout. He then walked home again, and was none the worse for the wear. He is still one of the most expert fishermen in this part of the country. During the trout season, Mr. Eastman is out whipping the stream, at least a week at one time. "I know all their tricks," says the aged angler, "but they don't know all of mine." The veteran fisher relates many interesting anecdotes of his experience with the rod, in Vermont and

Wisconsin. By his long and varied experience, he has familiarized himself with the habits and haunts of the speckled brook trout. The largest ever caught by him was a "four-pounder," taken in Wisconsin. He uses grasshoppers for bait, and has landed as many as two hundred and twenty-nine fish in a single day.

Mr. Eastman was born in East Rupert, Bennington county, Vt., June 20, 1808. He is a son of Elijah and Charlotte (Baldwin) Eastman, a grandson of Capt. Enoch Eastman, and a great-grandson of Jonathan Eastman.

Jonathan Eastman was a native of Massachusetts. He died in February, 1807, in his ninetieth year, in East Rupert, where he was the first settler. He kept the first tavern in that town, having formerly lived in Norwich, Connecticut. Upon first going to East Rupert, he went thirty miles from Bennington through a dense forest, and took the precaution to mark the trees. This was a wise step, as he was frequently obliged to go to mill at Bennington, on horseback, over the same route.

Jonathan Eastman was the great-grandson of Roger Eastman, who was born in Wales, in 1611. In 1638, he crossed the ocean on board the ship "Constance," sailing from Southampton, England, of which John Jobson was master. Roger Eastman was the first of the family to come to America, and settled in Salisbury, Massachusetts. Captain Enoch Eastman, Le Grand's grandfather, was a hero of the Revolutionary War; he fought at Ben-

nington under General Stark. He died June 23, 1829, in his eighty-second year. Elijah Eastman, father of Le Grand, first saw the light of day, in Rupert, Vermont, on February 25, 1780. He was a most rugged man up to the time of his death. He was a great horseman, and a fine judge of horses. It was characteristic of the Eastman family that none was ever sick until the last illness. For an Eastman to be taken sick was his death knell. Elijah was one of fifteen children, all of whom grew to maturity, except one daughter, who died in infancy. Thirteen of them married and reared families,—some, very large in number. Le Grand's uncle, Jonathan, was the only one who lived a life of celibacy. Elijah was the first of nine sons to die, his death occurring February 22, 1842, when he was sixty-two years old. One daughter died in the prime of life, and several lived to be from eighty to eighty-six years old.

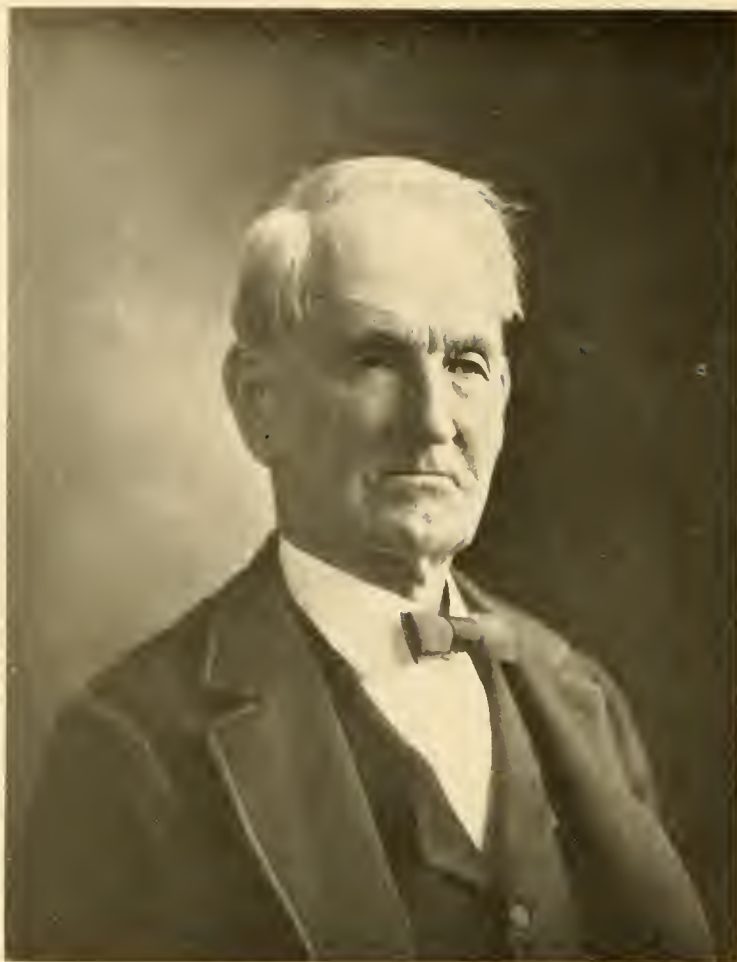
Elijah Eastman won for his life partner Charlotte Baldwin, of French ancestry, their marriage occurring in 1805. She was a daughter of Eleazer and Jemima (Crane) Baldwin, and was born in Dorset, Bennington county, Vermont, in 1784. Her death occurred on September 14, 1835. Two children were born to this union: Le Grand, the subject of this record; and Dorson.

Le Grand Eastman has been a speculator in live stock, all of his life, and in this way has made a handsome competency. Since his eighteenth birthday, he has dealt in cattle, horses and sheep. He spent two years at Warrenton, Va., where he went in 1854.

While there he dealt in sheep and had a fine stock horse, which he took to Wisconsin, and sold for \$1,650. He remained seven years in Lancaster, Grant county, Wisconsin. At a later period, he purchased a farm in Kenosha, Wis., which he still owns. He lived there twenty-six years, and spent eleven winters with a cousin, in Plymouth, Wis. From there he went to the Green Bay district where he had great sport in fishing. He has dealt in fine Merino sheep, for some of which he has obtained five hundred dollars, per head.

Mr. Eastman is absolutely an independent thinker. He belongs to no sect, church, or creed. He is bound by no party ties. His first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson. He has voted the Democratic ticket, except when voting for Lincoln and Grant. He has not performed manual labor for over fifty years, and has never used tea, coffee, liquor, or tobacco, in any form. He never married, and resides at Number 82, Church street, Rutland, with his nephew, John E. Eastman, whose sketch is hereto appropriately appended.

John E. Eastman occupies the pleasant home which he built in 1888. He was born in East Rupert, the only son of his parents, and was reared upon a farm. He was joined in marriage November 24, 1863, with Ellen J. Phelps, a daughter of Willis and Emma (Underhill) Phelps. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eastman. Two daughters died in infancy. The only surviving child is George P., who was born in Castleton, Vt., February 17, 1876.



JOHN M. GOODNOUGH.

John E. Eastman followed farming for many years, and was also a telegraph operator for some years at Castleton, Vt. He went to Rutland, in 1881, as clerk, being employed in the flour and feed store of S. P. Custis, who was the first coal dealer in Rutland. Mr. Eastman remained in his service, nine years. In November, 1891, he was disabled by a falling elevator. Socially, he is a master Mason, and, politically, he has voted the Democratic ticket, except when supporting Lincoln and Grant.

JOHN M. GOODNOUGH, a retired farmer residing in Pittsford, Rutland county, Vermont, is looked upon as one of the solid men of the town. He was born in Brandon, Vermont, March 30, 1813, and secured a common school education, leaving home to undertake his own support, when eighteen years old. For some time he worked as clerk in stores and hotels. His father, who was the proprietor of a country tavern, although not rich, was a good liver and paid his debts. For thirty years our subject was a wool buyer in Rutland and Addison counties, working on commission. When the wool market dropped he began dealing in sheep,—he sold as high as 4,000 to one man.

May 30, 1838, he married Sarah Ann Gorham, a native of West Rutland, who was then a young lady of nineteen. For several years the young folk occupied the Harwood farm, a part of which was once owned by Mrs. Goodnough's father. Upon this farm our sub-

ject erected a neat and convenient house and other substantial buildings. For more than sixty years, this worthy couple traveled side by side, through the trials and vicissitudes of life. By energy, sagacity, and good management, they accumulated a handsome competency. They settled in their present large and comfortable residence in Pittsford, twelve years ago, just after the house on the farm was burned, in 1887. Mr. Goodnough still has 1,000 sheep on his 500-acre farm. Mrs. Goodnough died March 20, 1899, aged eighty years.

Our subject lost one son, Irving B., and has a daughter living,—Grace. Irving B. Goodnough, who was a bright lad, full of promise, died when sixteen years and three months old. Grace Goodnough is now Mrs. Chas. Pinckney; she has lost one child and has one son and two daughters living. Those living are: Jessie, wife of Walter S. Hale; Grace, a student in New York City; and John Irving, a young man of twenty years. Gertrude, born October 10, 1877, died April 7, 1895.

John M. Goodnough is a son of Willis and Lydia (Mott) Goodnough, and grandson of Timothy and Sally (Lincoln) Goodnough. Timothy or "Flint" Goodnough was born in Charlestown, Mass., where his entire life was spent. He wedded Sally Lincoln and reared six sons and six daughters. Among them were: Eliza, Asa, Daniel, Willis (subject's father), and Jonathan. Willis Goodnough was the fifth son. He was born March 25, 1781. While still a young man, he went to

Brandon, Vermont, and located in that town. January 25, 1802, he was joined in marriage with Lydia Mott, a daughter of Deacon John Mott. Four children blessed their union, namely: Elijah, Daniel, Mary, and John M., subject of this sketch. Elijah pursued the life of a farmer as his father did before him, and lived and died in the town of Brandon, Vermont. He had no children. His widow still survives him, aged ninety-two years. Daniel was also a farmer in Brandon. He died in 1896, aged eighty-seven years, leaving one son and one daughter. Mary married Mr. Buell; both are now deceased. They left two sons and two daughters. Willis Goodnough, our subject's father, died when seventy years of age, and his wife, Lydia, survived him five years, dying in 1855.

Our subject is independent in politics, but generally votes with the Republican party. He has served as selectman, as postmaster, lister, etc. Mrs. Goodnough was a member of the Congregational church, but Mr. Goodnough has broad, liberal views on the subject of religion. He believes in the "Golden Rule" and has charity for all. We present a portrait of the subject of this sketch on a preceding page.

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MARK LEWIS, a prominent farmer and stock raiser in East Poultney, Vermont, was born on the farm which is still his home, on November 21, 1831. His farm is one of the few in that region, which have never passed into the pos-

session of strangers. It is a fact of which Mr. Lewis is justly proud, that the old ancestral acres are still in his possession. The place was first settled, in 1771, by his great-grandfather. This farm contains about four hundred acres. It is really two farms united. About one hundred and fifty acres are composed of woodland, and rocky ground. The original farm was increased by Mark Lewis, and by his father.

Mr. Lewis had a fair chance to obtain an education in the public schools, but was not an apt pupil. When twenty-two years old, he left home to seek his fortune in the West. He went as far as Peru, Illinois, where he remained two weeks. In that short time, he got enough of the West, and returned home. September 13, 1855, he was joined in marriage with Sarah Jeannette Hosford, a former schoolmate. Mrs. Lewis is a daughter of Isaac W. and Sarah J. (Ransom) Hosford. She was born in February, 1832. Four children resulted from this union, namely: Charles S.; George; Mary; and Mabel. Charles S. resides on a part of the homestead farm. He married Martha E. Farwell, and has the following children, viz.: Ernest E.; Everett F.; Arthur C.; and A. Louise. George is unmarried, and still under the parental roof. Mary was accidentally drowned in a cistern when six years of age, and Mabel died when three years old.

Mr. Lewis is a natural mechanic, and has done some of his own building,—such as barns, outhouses, etc. He also built his own cheese factory and cider mill. He keeps from

twenty-five to fifty head of cattle, and has six horses. For a number of years, he made a specialty of raising fine wool sheep, of choice Merino stock. Since 1880, he has gradually discontinued this branch of farming.

The subject of this sketch is, politically, a staunch Republican. He served as selectman for fifteen consecutive years, and then resigned. He is a son of Captain John and Rhoda (Fifield) Lewis, a grandson of John and Ann (Cleveland) Lewis, and a great-grandson of Josiah and Molly (Cole) Lewis.

Josiah Lewis went from Connecticut to Poultney, Vermont, at an early date. He settled on the old military road, about one-half mile from Mark Lewis' home. He was a soldier in the Revolution. He participated in the battle of Hubbardton, and in the capture of Ticonderoga. For a time he was an aid on the staff of Colonel Brookins. He married Molly Cole, of Connecticut. She was one of the heroines of the Revolution. During Burgoyne's invasion, with her first-born, a son, who was then her only child, she fled to a place of safety. For services she rendered the patriots in carrying news and otherwise, she received a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres, and was given a farm adjoining the home of Mark Lewis.

Josiah Lewis died about the year 1800. He reared five sons and five daughters (and, probably, more). John Lewis, Mark's grandfather, was born in Connecticut, and accompanied his parents to Poultney; he is supposed to have settled about two miles north of East Poultney. His union with Ann Cleveland

resulted in the birth of eleven children, as follows: Polly; Eliada; Azuba; Albert; John, Jr., Mark's father; Anna; Aurelia; Ezra; Josiah; Hannah; and Harry. Mark Lewis' grandfather died in 1827, aged sixty-four years.

John Lewis, Jr., or Captain John Lewis, as he was commonly called, was ushered into the world in 1792. He was born upon the homestead farm, reared to farm labor, and spent his entire life upon this farm. He built a saw mill on the place. He was a prominent man in that section. He represented the town of Poultney in the legislature, in 1851, and frequently held town offices. He was twice married. His marriage with Polly Buckland resulted in three children, namely: Helen; Fanny B.; and Carlisle. Some time after her death, Mr. Lewis formed a second marriage. He was united with Rhoda Fifield, who bore him six children, as follows: Hiram; Mark, the subject of these lines; Julius; Charlotte; Martha; and Mary.

Hiram died in Poultney in November, 1897. Two daughters and one son survived him. Julius was a volunteer in the Union army during the Civil war. He was first sergeant, and was killed at Charlestown, West Virginia, after having served nearly three years. He was unmarried. Charlotte was twice married. Her union with Rollin Marshall resulted in the birth of two daughters. She is now the wife of Eleazer Hayward, of Poultney. Martha is the widow of Henry A. Pond.

Mark Lewis' mother was a native of Poult-

ney. She was about seven years younger than her husband. She lived to the good old age of seventy-five years. Her remains were buried in Poultney by the side of her husband, who had died, November 13, 1865. Mark Lewis' father was well and favorably known. He was a captain in the militia. He added to the farm left him by his father, and made a specialty of raising fine wool sheep. He was an influential man of his day, and was an able farmer.



DR. CARROLL B. ROSS* is recognized by all as the leading practitioner of West Rutland, Vermont, where he set up an office in 1886, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his noble profession. The Doctor enjoys not only a large office practice in town, but also has considerable practice in the surrounding country; his handsome turnout drawn by two powerful horses inspires his possible patients with confidence, for they know when needed and sent for, he will reach them right speedily. Their confidence in both the promptness and skill of Dr. Ross, is well merited, and his success is richly deserved.

Dr. Carroll B. Ross was born in Poultney, Rutland county, August 23, 1861. After receiving a common school education, Carroll B. Ross took a preparatory course in the Troy Conference Academy, and afterwards graduated at Middlebury College (Vermont) in 1882. He then attended Harvard University,

from which he graduated in 1886, and received the title of M. D. The same year, he began the practice of his chosen profession, building at that time his present convenient office. During the same year, his marriage occurred.

Dr. Ross has been twice married. November 17, 1886, he was united in marriage with Ada L. Dunton, a daughter of W. H. and Harriet (Randall) Dunton. Mr. Dunton is now a resident of Center Rutland, having lost his beloved wife some time since. He had four children, namely: Harriet, wife of Edward Dana; Ada L., the Doctor's first wife, now deceased; Mariam, wife of C. A. Simpson; and William, who resides in Center Rutland. The Doctor's first marriage resulted in the birth of two children, Paul D., born in 1889; and Adelaide, born in 1891. Mrs. Ross was called away from her husband and her interesting family, in 1892, at the early age of thirty-one years. In 1897, Dr. Ross again married, this time wedding Harriet Stewart, a daughter of W. H. Stewart, a retired chaplain of the navy. Mrs. Ross was born in the state of Massachusetts, and on November 1, 1898, she presented her husband with a little son, who bears the name of Stewart. Dr. Ross works hard for the success of the Republican party. He believes in orthodox religion. Socially, he is a Knight Templar, a Forester, and is a valued member of other beneficiary societies.

The founder of the Ross family in America was one Paul Ross, who was a native of Scotland, where his birth occurred in 1767. After attaining his majority, he determined to

seek a home in America, and accordingly set sail for the land of the free, in 1788. His marriage with Olive Moore, an attractive young lady, was celebrated during the voyage across the ocean. Arriving in America, the young couple settled in Derry, New Hampshire, where Mr. Ross followed farming. The young wife died in giving birth to her first child, leaving a little son called Paul M., who was the grandfather of the subject hereof. The death of his beloved wife was such a blow to the stricken husband that he, too, died about a year afterward, leaving the little son entirely alone in the world.

Paul M. Ross was born in Derry, New Hampshire, September 4, 1800. He was fostered by one Judge Reed, and at the age of eight years was bound out to a harness maker, which business he learned, and followed for many years. Upon reaching manhood's estate, he settled in East Poultney, where he followed his trade, and it was there that his marriage occurred. He chose for his life partner, Charlotte M. Dewey, whose family boasts of near relationship with Admiral Dewey, now so famous in the history of our country. This union resulted in the birth of but one child, Carroll B. Ross' father. The Dewey family were prosperous and influential people. Paul M. Ross in time became the owner of considerable property, and was the proprietor of the building in which the "Northern Spectator" was published. It was in that office that Horace Greeley served as printer's "devil," and was the butt of many a practical joke. Dr. Ross' grandmother took poor Hor-

ace's part in more than one affair, but especially did this happen when the men and boys about the printing office inked his tow head. Paul M. Ross was a man of influence in his community and held various town offices, also serving as postmaster. He died in 1870, while his widow survived him until 1898, when her death occurred at the age of ninety-three years. The remains of this worthy couple rest in the cemetery at East Poultney.

Dr. L. D. Ross, father of the subject hereof, was born in Poultney, Vt., on July 4, 1828. He was joined in marriage on his thirty-second birthday (July 4, 1860), with Adeline A. Baldwin, an accomplished young lady of Bristol, Vermont. She is a daughter of Hiram and Roxana (Strongwood) Baldwin. Dr. L. D. Ross graduated from the Castleton Medical College. He was a volunteer surgeon in the Civil War, and was in service two years. He was a busy man in his profession, but found time to serve the town in educational matters, as superintendent of schools. In 1873, he was deprived of his much loved companion; since then his daughter has ministered to his wants, and made home pleasant for him. The following children were born to him and his worthy wife, namely: Carroll B., subject of this sketch; Willis M., an attorney-at-law and real estate dealer, in Rutland; Anna D., a maiden lady, who is comforting her father's declining years; Lucretius H., a successful physician and surgeon, in Bennington, who graduated from Harvard University in 1898; Paul G., postmaster of Poultney, where he is also an attorney-at-law, has a wife and two chil-

dren; and Charles L., who is a druggist and expert pharmacist of Hoosick Falls, New York.

The subject of this sketch is a hard worker in his profession, and keeps himself posted in medical science, in fact he is strictly an up-to-date man in every respect.



REUBEN R. THRALL,* a worthy representative of the agricultural class of citizens of East Poultney, Rutland county, Vermont, resides upon his farm near Lake St. Catherine, and is engaged in dairying,—delivering his product to the consumers, at Poultney. His farm consists of one hundred and twenty acres, and is well stocked with cattle and horses, there being always from five to ten horses of good grade. He is untiring in his industry, and his efforts has been attended by the greatest success. Mr. Thrall is a rare specimen of physical manhood, standing six feet two and one half inches in height and weighing about two hundred and thirty-five pounds, and before going to war, in which he received injuries, he possessed almost Herculean strength. In politics, he is unswerving in his support of the Republican party. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he is an active worker.

Reuben R. Thrall was born in West Rutland, Vermont, January 6, 1838, and is a son of Luther and Laura (Chipman) Thrall, and a grandson of Jesse Thrall, a native of Rut-

land. The latter's father for many years lived in Turkey Hill, Connecticut.

Jesse Thrall was a well-to-do farmer and owned a farm in Rutland, and was an inn-keeper in Castleton, being proprietor of the Mansion House. He was one of the early emigrants to Ohio, and traveled the entire way overland with his team and covered wagon, as it was before the era of railroads. His son, Luther, made three trips to Ohio, walking as far as Buffalo, N. Y., where he took a schooner, and went the remainder of the way by lake. Jesse Thrall settled in a sparsely populated region, in which there were no defined ways of travel, other than by blazed trees. He survived his wife some years and died in Circleville, Ohio, an octogenarian. He was the father of four sons and one daughter, viz.: Luther; Walter; Reuben R.; William B.; and Charlotte. Luther was the father of Reuben R. Walter was a prominent lawyer of Columbus, Ohio; he was born in 1794, and died in 1886. Reuben R., the member of the family for whom the subject hereof was named, was a prosperous lawyer in Rutland, Vt., and continued in active practice until his ninetieth year, spending the remaining years of his life in retirement. William B., a journalist, was editor of the "The Ohio State Journal," and was comptroller of the treasury of the state of Ohio. He was a prominent man in Masonic circles, and served as grand master of the grand lodge of Ohio. Three of his sons served in the Civil War, in which one lost his life. Another son, William R., was a surgeon in the Crimean War, and

later a division surgeon in the United States army in the Department of the South. Charlotte, the youngest child born to Jesse Thrall and his wife, married Guy W. Doane, an attorney-at-law of Circleville, Ohio, by whom she had a large family of children.

Luther Thrall was born in Rutland, Vt., April 25, 1792, and, during the Civil War, was an enthusiastic Abolitionist, being most active in the underground transportation of colored refugees. He was united in marriage with Laura Chipman, who was born April 16, 1803, and was a daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Stone) Chipman. She was a descendant of Hope Howland, whose father was one of the surviving passengers of the Mayflower. To this union were born three sons, the second of whom died in infancy. The others are: Stephen C., and Reuben R. Stephen C. was a college graduate, and an Episcopal clergyman, being a rector in Haverhill, Mass., Goshen, N. Y., and San Francisco. He died at the age of sixty-one years, and was survived by one son and two daughters. The father of the subject hereof died in 1878, and was survived for twenty years by his widow, who laid down the burden of life, in 1898.

Reuben R. Thrall obtained his primary education in the public schools of Rutland, after which he took a course at Fort Edward Institute. In 1861, he joined the Rutland Light Guards, and served three months under Captain William Y. W. Ripley. After a four months' absence from home, he re-enlisted in the same company, which went out with the

12th Reg., Vermont Vol. Infantry. He served as sergeant, for a period of nine months.

November 15, 1866, Mary E. Clark, of Poultney, became the wife of the subject hereof; she is a daughter of Reuben E. and Sarah (Baker) Clark. This union has been blessed by the birth of six children, namely: Guy Clark, who was born January 26, 1869, and resides upon the farm with his father; Albert Gray, who was born February 2, 1871, and died September 6, 1897; Francis Chipman, who was born July 26, 1874, and is a clothing salesman in the R. H. White store in Boston, Mass.; Luther G., who was born in June, 1876, and married Elsie Farr, on April 26, 1896; Charlotte, who graduated from the Poultney graded schools at the age of sixteen years; and Charles, who died at the early age of seven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Thrall and family worship at the Episcopal church in Poultney, and are liberal contributors to worthy charitable institutions.

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JOHN W. BLANCHARD,* a leading ice-dealer of Rutland, has been a member of the police force of that city one year. He established his ice business in 1894, and puts up from ten to fifteen tons of fine spring brook ice. He delivers daily to his city customers, keeping two double teams running constantly. Mr. Blanchard is a Mason of the Red Cross of Constantine. In politics, he is a Republican and represented the town of Chittenden in the State Legislature in 1894.

He has also held other town offices. He settled in his large and pleasant home at Number 197, North Main street, in August, 1895.

Our subject was born in Savoy, Mass., April 7, 1851. His father and grandfather were natives of that place. He is a son of William J. and Judith (Wing) Blanchard and grandson of Hiram Blanchard. Our subject's parents were married when the bride was only fourteen years old, and they were given three sons and three daughters. One daughter died in infancy. One son, Nelson A., died when thirty-four years old, leaving a wife and three children. Our subject's father was a preacher of the Second Advent church and was also a physician. He was born June 14, 1830, and died in Manchester, Vt., in December, 1897. Our subject's mother is still living; she resides with her daughter Ida, wife of Albert Billadeaux, in Rutland. Jennie, another daughter, is the wife of Warren Hunton, of Rutland.

John W. Blanchard is next to the youngest child of the family and had a common schooling. In 1868, he accompanied his parents from Massachusetts to Bennington, Vt., where they continued to live for about eight years and then moved to Chittenden. In August, 1895, our subject went to Rutland. Prior to going to Rutland, he was engaged in lumbering. Before his twenty-first birthday however, he became a benedict, Flora Baird, of Chittenden, Vt., becoming his wife. She is a daughter of Rufus and Phoebe (Hibbard) Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard lost an infant daughter and still have five children liv-

ing. Those living are: Rufus, aged sixteen years; Gelda Belle, aged eleven; Millard Fillmore, a robust boy of nine years; John W., aged five years; and Florence, a babe of one year.

Mr. Blanchard possesses good business ability and enjoys a fair patronage. He is genial, good-natured, and obliging, and has many friends.



MRS. LOVINA HEWITT,* widow of Seth H. Hewitt, deceased, enjoys the distinction of being one of the oldest ladies in Pittsford, Rutland county, Vermont, where she resides upon her fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres. Mrs. Hewitt was born in the town of Pittsford, near Proctor, Vermont, July 21, 1812. She is a daughter of Robert and Ruth (Miller) Loveland. Her father was born in Hartford, Connecticut, March 19, 1765, and her mother, nine years later. They were married at Glastonbury, Connecticut, in 1791. Their first child, Ruth Miller Loveland, was born July 3, 1792. The rest of their thirteen children were born on their farm in Pittsford, one mile north of Proctor. This was the farm upon which Mrs. Hewitt's parents settled in their early married life, and was the first farm settled in Pittsford.

Mr. and Mrs. Loveland were in humble circumstances, but by industry and economy acquired considerable means. Their four sons and nine daughters all reached adult life. They

married, with the exception of one daughter, Lozina, who was a twin sister of the subject hereof. She died upon the old home farm, in 1894. Another daughter, Phylinda, married William Wheeler. She died February 21, 1899, at the extreme old age of one hundred and one years, and six months. More than fifty grandchildren resulted from the union of Mr. and Mrs. Loveland, forty-seven of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Mr. Loveland was a public spirited man, and held various town offices. He died May 13, 1856; he was preceded to the grave by his wife, who died March 18, 1846. Their remains rest in the Pittsford cemetery. They were devout members of the Congregational church.

Mrs. Hewitt and her younger sister, Temperance, are now the only survivors of this large family, which is particularly noted for longevity. Temperance is now the widow Butterfield. She resides in San Jose, California, where her son teaches school, and her daughter teaches music. In February, 1838, the subject hereof was joined in marriage with Seth H. Hewitt.

Mr. Hewitt was born April 21, 1811, on the farm where Mrs. Hewitt still resides, in a log house which was the first dwelling in which his parents settled. He was a son of James and Phoebe (Mead) Hewitt. His father was a native of Stonington, Conn., where he was born February 23, 1771. His mother was born in Rutland, February 13, 1774. They were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity and married. James Hewitt died April 8, 1858, and had previously

buried his beloved wife, August 8, 1855. They rest in the old cemetery at Pittsford. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt settled upon the farm where the latter still lives. It then contained two hundred acres. Four children were born to them. One son, Francis, died at the age of one year. The others are Sarah G., the first born, a maiden lady, still at home with her mother; Ruth, wife of Milton Landon, a farmer near by the old home; and Josephine, a successful milliner in Brandon.

Mr. Hewitt was a quiet, industrious farmer and carried on general farming very successfully. Mrs. Hewitt still enjoys good health, and retains possession of all her faculties. She is a member of the Pittsford Congregational church.

CLARENCE H. MURDICK,* of the firm of Murdick & Parkhurst, leading grocers of the city of Rutland, Vermont, has been engaged in the grocery business since 1890, when he became an active member of the firm of Burr & Murdick at Numbers 39 and 41, Center street, Rutland. The partnership then formed existed for three years, at the close of which Mr. Burr retired from the grocery business and removed to New York City,—engaging in the real estate business. His interest in the grocery store was purchased by Mr. Parkhurst, who is still a member of the firm. These gentlemen have been doing a large and constantly increasing business until now their establishment is regarded by many as the leading grocery house

in Rutland. The firm also conducts a branch store at Number 1, West street, which is placed in charge of the fathers of Mr. Murdick and Mr. Parkhurst, respectively. The entire force connected with the concern numbers eight, including the bookkeeper, the members of the firm, and their fathers, each of whom is a practical and hard working man. Although the heads of the firm are young men, they have met with gratifying success, considering the short period they have been in trade.

Murdick & Parkhurst's principal store is situated in a fine, double, stone structure, where they carry a full stock of staple and fancy groceries and provisions. The branch store, on the corner of West and North Main streets, is one of the old landmarks of Rutland. It is an old fashioned, brick building with low ceiling, and heavy timbers hewn and encased, at least a century ago. In this store is carried a complete stock of groceries and provisions, together with flour, feed, hay, straw, and grain.

Clarence H. Murdick was born in the village of Mendon, Rutland county, May 27, 1866. He is a son of Wallace J. and Harriet E. (Nichols) Murdick, and a grandson of Leonard H. and Elizabeth (Turner) Murdick.

Leonard H. Murdick was born in New Haven, Addison county, Vt., about the year 1797. He was joined in matrimony with Elizabeth Turner, who was born October 15, 1815. They reared a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, of whom four are still living. Leonard H. Murdick was a me-

chanic, and operator, in a woolen mill. In 1850, he was seized with the gold fever and went to California, where he died in Placerville, October 27, 1850. His remains still rest there, while his widow was buried in New Haven, Vermont, where she died January 21, 1873, twenty-three years after her husband's demise.

Wallace J. Murdick, father of Clarence H., was born in New Haven, Addison county, Vt., June 18, 1830. During many years, he was engaged as a mechanic in saw mills, box factories, etc. On the twentieth day of October, 1855, he was joined in marriage with Harriet E. Nichols, of Cavendish, Vermont. Mrs. Murdick is a daughter of Amasa and Alvira (Gilmore) Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Murdick have only two children, one daughter, and one son, the latter the subject of this brief sketch.

Clarence H. Murdick was reared on his father's farm in the town of Mendon, Vt., where he remained until sixteen years of age, receiving a practical, but common school, education. His next two years were spent in farm work, after which young Murdick entered the employ of the Rutland Cracker Co., working in the city for one year. He subsequently became traveling salesman for Thomas J. Lyon, who was engaged in the cracker and bakery business. After serving thus for five and a half years, Mr. Murdick relinquished this position and at once engaged in the grocery business, in Rutland. June 28, 1893, he led to the hymeneal altar, Emma Pierce, an accomplished young lady, of Rut-

land. Mrs. Murdick is a daughter of Nathan and Susan (Edson) Pierce. Mr. Pierce is deceased, while his widow resides in Rutland, with her three children. Mr. Pierce was, during his life, one of the leading merchants in Rutland, dealing in dry goods and general merchandise. He was also engaged in the marble business, which is one of the leading industries of the vicinity.

The subject of this sketch and his most worthy wife have two children, Philip Pierce, aged four years, and Robert W., aged two and one half years. Mr. and Mrs. Murdick reside in a comfortable home at Number 10, Nichols street. They are willing workers in the Baptist church, and are responsive to charitable appeals. Mr. Murdick is a Republican, in his political relations. He is a man whose business ability and enterprise indicate that he is bound to succeed.

MARVIN A. McCLURE.* Of the prominent citizens of Rutland county, the gentleman whose name is prefixed to this sketch has a creditable and enviable standing. He is a man of recognized business talent, as is evinced from his rise from humble beginnings, and he has placed himself in the front rank among the business men of Rutland, Vt., where he resides, and where his dealings have made a host of acquaintances, and caused him to become, socially, a person of importance. May 1, 1892, Mr. McClure opened a music store

on Center street in Rutland, and in 1895 added to the first another large store room, sixty-seven by sixty-nine feet, where he carries a full line of pianos, organs, and all kinds of small musical instruments, sheet music, etc. Mr. McClure is general agent for Hazelton Brothers, McPhail, Conover, Schubert, Sommer, and Gibson pianos, and also handles Wilcox & White and Chicago Cottage organs, together with a complete line of sheet music and musical merchandise. Mr. McClure has the state agency of four standard pianos, and has five men on the road while he himself is busily engaged looking after their work. His principal field is New England and Eastern New York.

Marvin A. McClure was born in Middletown, Rutland county, Vermont, May 30, 1857. He is a son of Harry B. and Susan (Maloney) McClure, a grandson of Samuel and Sarah (Arnold) McClure, a great-grandson of James and Patty (McClaren) McClure. James McClure was a native of Scotland, and upon coming to America, settled first in Norwich, Connecticut. At a later period, he followed farming in Middletown, Vermont, where both he and his wife sleep their final sleep. He married Patty McClaren, who was born in Scotland, as her father was, and came to America with his family.

Samuel McClure, Marvin A.'s grandfather, was born in Connecticut, and, accompanied by his parents, removed to Middletown, Vt., about the year 1800. He died about the year 1840 and was a worthy and substantial New England farmer, who lived about a mile

and a half south of the village. Samuel McClure, after his marriage with Sarah Arnold, continued to cultivate the farm, and they reared nine of their ten children, six sons and three daughters; of these children, all are deceased except one son and one daughter.

Harry B. McClure, father of the subject hereof, was born in Middletown, December 31, 1814. He was a mechanic, and in connection with farming conducted a wagon shop. He was not only a good wagon maker and an expert mechanic, but could do a fine piece of cabinet work, and made many coffins. In those days coffins were made to order, according to measure, and were not kept in stock as they are at the present time. Harry B. McClure was a worthy member of the Baptist church, as were most of the McClure family. He was joined in matrimony with Susan Maloney, a charming lady of Middletown; Mrs. McClure was born in 1816. After the marriage the young folk continued to reside in Middletown until about 1869, when they removed to Spencerport, Monroe county, New York, where Mr. McClure conducted a fifty-acre fruit farm. He was an influential citizen in Middletown, though not a man of wealth, nor a seeker of political distinction. Both he and his wife died at Spencerport. Mrs. McClure's death took place in 1880, at the age of sixty-four years, and her husband survived her until 1888, when he died aged seventy-four years. They were the parents of the following children: Henry W., a commercial traveler, residing in Rutland, where he has a wife and five children; Charles

W., a mechanic in Middletown, where he has a wife and two sons; George W., a prosperous dry goods merchant in Boulder, Colorado, who has two sons and one daughter, but, unfortunately, was deprived of his beloved wife; Samuel A., who has been a letter carrier in Rutland for twelve years, and who is still unmarried; Emmet C., who died in Rutland, September 15, 1898, leaving a widow and one young daughter; and Marvin A., the subject of this sketch.

Marvin A. McClure was reared to farm life and obtained only a common school education. At seventeen years of age, he left the farm and his home in Western New York, and went to Rutland, in 1874. There he entered the employ of J. B. Meeker, the music dealer, working in the capacity of clerk. Eight months later found him so homesick that he returned home, where he remained on the farm during summers, and worked in a doctor's office during winter, reading medicine. This was carried on for two or three years. In March, 1877, Mr. McClure returned to Rutland, entering the employ of McClure & Hall, who were music dealers, being indirectly the successors of the firm with whom our subject was first employed.

Mr. McClure had charge of the office and books and also acted as salesman when necessary and not otherwise engaged; he remained with the firm of McClure & Hall for nine months; he then purchased Mr. Hall's interest in the business, and the McClure Brothers were the proprietors of the music store until 1887, when reverses came, and the

firm went out of business. Mr. McClure and his brother continued to tune and repair pianos and organs, and went on the road for a number of years, working in that capacity. At a later period Marvin A. McClure, our subject, entered the employ of the Estey Organ Co., conducting their business of selling organs and pianos, and also handling a line of small musical instruments. After remaining in their employ about four years, he became a traveling salesman for Cluett & Sons, musical dealers of Troy, N. Y. He was with them less than a year, and then opened his present store in Rutland.

October 8, 1879. Mr. McClure was joined in marriage with Lottie E. Day, a belle of Spencerport, New York. Lottie was a schoolmate of her husband, in former years, and was a daughter of Samuel H. and ——— (Davis) Day. Lottie's mother died and her father took unto himself another wife, another Miss Davis, who was a sister of his former wife. He had four daughters, all children of his former wife. To the subject hereof and his wife have been born the following children: Susie; Harold; Ernest; Florence; and Alice Bertha. Susie, Harold, and Ernest died in infancy. Florence, their fourth child, who died March 21, 1897, aged fourteen years, was a most interesting daughter, and a child of promise. The immediate cause of her death was typhoid fever. Alice Bertha was born January 21, 1887, and is now a promising child of twelve years, mature for her age.

Mr. McClure is a master Mason, of the Rutland lodge. He is also a member of the I. O.

O. F. lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, and Royal Arcanum. In politics, he is a Republican, but never sought office. The subject of this sketch resides in a pleasant home at Number 55, Church street, where he settled in 1894; he attends divine services at the Congregational church, of which he is a member.

ALBERT N. GEBO* enjoys the distinction of being the only merchant in the village of Hydeville, Rutland county, Vermont. Mr. Gebo is a prosperous business man who moved to Hydeville, nine years ago, and purchased the stock and trade of Bolger Brothers, general merchants of that place. Mr. Gebo was born in Canton, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., October 4, 1854. He is a son of Peter and Maria (Paige) Gebo, respected residents of Canada. His father was born in Canada, May 2, 1812. His mother was born one day later, but died May 1, 1897, while her companion survived her until May 17, 1898.

Mr. Gebo's maternal grandfather was Tef-field Paige, from France, whose wife was of English descent. They were married at Niagara Falls, New York. At a later period, they went to Canada, where some of their children were born. They subsequently removed to Canton, New York. Mr. Paige was a man of considerable means, and was a speculator. Mr. Gebo was the youngest of eight children, four boys and four girls. Their names are: Peter; Jane; Delia; Nelson; Theodore; Adeline; Maria; and Albert N., the subject hereof.

Peter died in 1879, in Peshtigo, Wis., aged forty-three years, leaving a family. He was a volunteer in the Union army during the Civil War. He enlisted in Company A, 60th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Infantry, and served three years. He then re-enlisted, and served until mustered out at the close of the war. Jane married William Perry and died at Canton, when thirty years old, leaving two children. Delia married a brother of William Perry. She died in Canton and also left two children. Nelson was also a volunteer in the Civil War. He died at twenty-three years of age, in the hospital at Newport News, where he fills a soldier's grave. He was a corporal of Company I, 92nd Reg., New York Vol. Infantry. He became sick at Richmond swamp, and died from disease. Theodore was in the same company, and died a short time after his brother. He was twenty-one years old. Adeline died in Potsdam, N. Y., aged twenty-six years. Maria died at the same place at twenty-two years of age.

Albert N. Gebo's father was a farmer. The subject of this sketch remained at home, on his father's farm, until he attained the age of twenty years. He received only a limited education. He began a mercantile career at twenty-one years of age, by engaging as a clerk in Nick Lowell's store at Norwood, New York. He was a salesman there, for five years. When twenty-six years old, he became a benedict. October 11, 1880, he was joined in wedlock with Helen Payette, an attractive young lady of Plattsburg. Mrs. Gebo is a daughter of Theophilus Payette. After marriage, Mr.

Gebo was in the furniture business, in Norwood, from 1881 to 1891, when he went to Hydeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Gebo have one child, Cora, who is now a young lady, still at home. She is quite an accomplished pianist. Mr. Gebo votes a straight Republican ticket. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. The subject of this sketch possesses good business ability, and enjoys a fair patronage. He keeps a nice, clean, fresh stock of groceries and general merchandise, in a well arranged store.

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CHARLES F. THOMAS,* a rising young business man of Rutland, Vermont, where he is successfully engaged in the drug business, is a member of the firm of Miner & Thomas, druggists and pharmacists at Number 43, Merchants' Row. He was born in Plattsburg, New York, October 18, 1864, and after receiving his primary education in the public schools of his native city, took a thorough course in the Plattsburg High School, graduating with honors, at the age of eighteen years. He immediately entered the drug store of Walter Gilbert, of Plattsburg, with whom he remained as clerk for six years. He then attended the school of pharmacy, at Albany, New York, graduating therefrom March 17, 1870.

In March, 1894, Mr. Thomas purchased the interest of T. B. Atchison, and entered into partnership with L. A. Miner, with a half interest in the business. The partnership

then formed still exists, and the firm of Miner & Thomas does the main pharmacy and drug business in Rutland. October 14, 1891, Mr. Thomas married Helen Blanch Guibord, a young lady of Plattsburg. Mrs. Thomas is of French descent. Her father is Henry W. Guibord, a prosperous grocery merchant, in Plattsburg, and her family stands high in both business and social circles. Her father's brother is a bank cashier and helps sustain the name and dignity of this old and honorable family. Mrs. Thomas' mother was one of thirteen children, of whom four sons and five daughters are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas was born one son, Raymond Franklin. He is a bright, lively boy, born August 23, 1896, and is a perfect picture of health and happiness. It is needless to say that this precocious little fellow is not only a constant revelation and delight to his parents, but attracts the admiration of all who see him. In 1896, Mr. Thomas built his beautiful home at Number 21, East Central street, where he is most pleasantly situated, and is most devoted and happy, in his domestic life.

Charles F. Thomas is a son of Charles Thomas who was born about 1834, either in Canada or in Clinton county, New York. His grandfather was a millwright, and also a contractor and builder, in the New England States, Canada and Northern New York, where he constructed both saw and grist mills. He wedded Sarah Cromley,—their marriage occurred in Canada. Sarah was a native of the old country, a descendant of the French Hu-

guenots. This worthy couple reared three sons and two daughters. The sons are: James, who resides in the West, where he is a man of property and business; Charles, father of the subject hereof; and Doras, who resides in Plattsburg, New York, and is a prominent contractor and builder.

Charles F. Thomas is one of five children, the others being James Edward; Agnes Frances; Margaret; and Harvey. James Edward is a stationary locomotive engineer, residing in Plattsburg. He is a widower with one son. Agnes Frances graduated from the Plattsburg High School, and is now a successful dress-maker in Plattsburg. Margaret also graduated from the Plattsburg High School and is now successfully engaged in teaching. She is also a graduate of the Potsdam Normal School. Harvey is a bookkeeper in Boston, in the employ of the wholesale drug-house of West & Jennings. Mr. Thomas is a Thirty-second degree Mason, being a member of the blue lodge, of Rutland, of the Chapter, of the Knight Templars, and of the Scottish Rites. He is also a charter member of Rutland Lodge, No. 345, B. P. O. Elks, and was one of the organizers of that lodge. It was instituted about three years ago and now enrolls a membership of more than one hundred of the best business men in Rutland. Their club rooms, which are located in the Rutland Bank Building, are the finest in the city, and, some say, in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are active members of the Congregational church, and contribute freely to its support. The business relations

of the subject of this sketch are the pleasant, and the leading position he holds in business circles, comes as a direct result of the system and care with which he watches every detail.

ROBERT JONES,* a retired quarryman, has been a resident of Hydeville, Rutland county, Vermont, for thirty-five years. He is a native of Wales, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Jones) Jones, both natives of Wales, where they spent their entire lives. When twenty-five years of age, accompanied by his wife and one child, Robert Jones crossed the ocean to seek a home in America. He located in Fair Haven, Vt., in June, 1853, nearly forty-seven years ago. He is a slate quarryman, and was brought up to this business. Mr. Jones has been twice married. His first wife died in Hydeville, in the fall of 1895. She was a most faithful companion and assisted the subject hereof to make what he has in the way of worldly goods. She was economical, and a good manager in household affairs. She was the mother of five children, three of whom are still living, namely: Henry Jones, who resides in Washington county, N. Y., with his family; Winifred, wife of Robert Davis, of Fair Haven; and William Jones, of Fair Haven, where the Jones family have slate quarries, in which both he and his father are interested.

In the fall of 1896, Mr. Jones contracted a second matrimonial alliance. At that time, he was united with Mrs. Olivet Wilson, a

widow lady, with one daughter. This daughter, whose name is Estella, is the wife of John W. Flagler, of Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Jones is a daughter of Roswell and Mary (Linfield) Hutchins. Her mother was a native of Minerva, N. Y., and her father, of Boston. After marriage they settled in Winchester, N. H., where both died. Mr. Hutchins died at the age of sixty years, leaving his widow with six children, namely: William; John; Eunice; Clarissa; Mary; and Olivet (Robert Jones' wife). William died in 1879, leaving a widow. John resides in Winchester. Eunice married Amos Tufts. She died at thirty-seven years of age, leaving four children. Clarissa married Lott Ripley. She died in 1895, aged seventy-two years. Mary married Lorenz Atwood, and resides in Charlestown, New Hampshire. She has three children. The parents of these children were prosperous and thrifty farmers.

Mrs. Jones obtained a good education, being a high school graduate. She was united in marriage with Joseph Wilson. Mr. Wilson was a hardware merchant in Winchester, at that time, but removed to Rutland, in 1858, and in 1861, located in Hydeville. He remained in the hardware business until his health failed. The last fifteen years of his life were spent in retirement. He was a master Mason; he died March 14, 1887, aged sixty-one years. Mrs. Jones has not lost her charms. She has always enjoyed the best of health, and is a remarkably well preserved and youthful appearing lady, for her years.

Mr. Jones made his first visit to Wales dur-

ing the summer of 1898, when he and Mrs. Jones took a pleasant journey. They enjoyed the voyage, but Mr. Jones does not care to return there permanently, having prospered greatly in the land of his adoption.



MRS. FANNY B. WOOD,* a well-to-do and influential lady of Fair Haven, Rutland county, Vermont, has been a resident of that flourishing village, for a quarter of a century. For twenty-two years, she has lived in her present comfortable home at Number 63, Prospect street. Mrs. Wood is the youngest daughter of John and Polly (Buckland) Lewis.

John Lewis was born in the town of Poultney, Vermont; after reaching manhood, he attained considerable prominence in that vicinity. He served several terms in the legislature. He was twice married. His first union was contracted with the mother of the subject hereof, who bore him the following two daughters and one son: Ellen; Fanny, the subject hereof; and Carlisle. Ellen married Bingham Williams, of Charlotte, Vermont. She died when only twenty-eight years of age, leaving two sons. Carlisle was a progressive farmer near Charlotte, Vermont. He died when sixty-eight years of age, leaving five sons and three daughters. The beloved mother of the subject hereof laid down the burden of life when fifty-four years of age. Some time afterward, Mr. Lewis again mar-

ried. Rhoda Fifield became his wife, and bore him five children. Three are still living, namely: Mark, Charlotte, and Martha. Mark resides in the town of Poultney, as does also Charlotte, who is now a Mrs. Hayward. Martha is the widow of the late Henry Pond. Julius Lewis, half brother of the subject hereof, was a soldier in the Civil War. Just two weeks before his term of service was to expire, he was shot through the heart. His untimely death took place in his twenty-eighth year. His remains were brought back to Poultney, where they were buried with appropriate ceremonies.

The father of the subject of this sketch died in 1886, when seventy-four years old. Mrs. Fanny B. Wood was the recipient of a good education, and followed the profession of teaching, for some years. She was twice married. Her first marriage took place in 1843, when she was twenty-three years old. At that time she became the wife of Nelson Ransom, a prosperous dry goods merchant of Poultney, Vermont, his native place. Mr. Ransom was not only a prominent and successful business man, but was also a faithful public servant. He served as assessor and collector for seven towns of Rutland county. He was a Thirty-second degree Mason, and was master of the Morning Star Lodge in Poultney. He was a fine appearing man, and was refined and intelligent.

Some years after the death of her first husband, the subject hereof contracted a second matrimonial alliance. She was joined in marriage with Fayette Wood. Mr. Wood was a

native of Fair Haven. He was a son of Samuel Wood, a carpenter, and resident of Fair Haven. Mr. Wood died at his residence on Prospect street, August 22, 1887, after many years of connubial bliss. At the time of his demise, he was sixty-four years of age.

Mrs. Wood is spending the sunset of life surrounded by every possible comfort. Her many virtues of heart and mind have endeared her to relatives and neighbors, alike.



WILLIAM N. GRAY,* a retired farmer, resides on his splendid eighty-acre farm at Middletown Springs, Vermont. This village is his birth-place. He was born September 14, 1819, and is now nearly four score years old. Mr. Gray was reared on a farm, and had but meager schooling, or book learning. His father was "all business," and brought his boys up to work. William N. remained at home and shared the common fortunes of the family, until he attained his thirty-sixth year.

May 24, 1843, he was joined in marriage with Mary W. Sawyer. The Sawyers originally came from Connecticut. Mary was a daughter of Noah W. and Olive (Barker) Sawyer. She was born in Timmouth Vermont, March 27, 1821. Her father was a prosperous merchant of that place, and was a man of prominence. He served in the legislature, and held other offices. He reared four daughters, and lost one son, an infant. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Sawyer again

married. In this instance he married Charity W. Clark, a daughter of Dr. Clark. This, second, union resulted in the birth of one daughter, Emily, who is now the widow Rice, of Niagara Falls, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray began housekeeping in the old house where Mr. Gray was born, and where, also, his first two children were born. In 1873, he purchased his present farm, paying cash for it, all of which he made by his own efforts, after giving the proceeds of many years of his life after his majority, to his father. Immediately after purchasing this farm, he removed there with his family. He sustained a sad and irreparable loss in the death of his worthy wife, June 18, 1899, when she was seventy-eight years old.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray, namely: Olive N.; Mary T.; an infant son; and William S. Olive N. married George A. Bullard. She was born June 5, 1845, and died in Elmira, New York, March 5, 1898, leaving three daughters. Mary T. was born June 3, 1849. She married Charles F. Harris and resides in Poultney. She has one son William Gray, a musician of note. He entered Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, in 1898. He is bright and scholarly, and a young man of good morals. A promising future is open before him.

William S. Gray the youngest child of William N., conducts the affairs of the farm, which his father has given up to him. He was born April 22, 1861. January 18, 1888, he was joined in marriage with Estelle Clift, a daughter of Henry R. and Emeline Camp

(Ogden) Clift. Estelle was born December 19, 1866, and died June 24, 1895, leaving all of her ten children,—five sons, and five daughters. The subject hereof also has two interesting grandsons, the progeny of William S. Gray. Their names are, Walter Sawyer, a lad of eleven years, and Raymond Clift, a boy of five years.

William N. Gray is a son of Henry and Minerva (Loomis) Gray, and a grandson of David and Hannah (Newbury) Gray. David was born April 9, 1757. He married Hannah Newbury, who was born September 2, 1760. She had one son by a former marriage, Newbury Slingerland, born in 1780. The union of our subject's grandparents resulted in the children: David; Henry; Edward; Isaiah, and John.

David was born September 2, 1783. Edward was born May 17, 1786. He was a miller, in Michigan. Isaiah was born July 7, 1799. Early in life he left his native place to seek his fortune, and all trace of him was lost. John was born October 4, 1800. He was a clothier, by occupation. He conducted his father's carding and dyeing establishment for many years. At a later period he owned a similar establishment in Corinth, New York, where he died.

Henry Gray, William N.'s father, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, July 7, 1784. December 2, 1813, he was joined in wedlock with Minerva Loomis, who bore him four children, all of whom are still living. The eldest of these is Mrs. Ann Jennett Hoadley, a sketch of whom also appears in this volume.

She is eighty-four years old. The youngest of the family, now, is seventy-one years of age. Minerva Loomis was a daughter of Fitch and Eunice (Brewster) Loomis, and a granddaughter of Fitch and Reuben Loomis. The Loomis family were among the pioneer families of Connecticut. Reuben Loomis left that state, and located in Middletown, Vermont. The farm settled by him was retained by the family, until 1874. One of the landmarks on the place is a magnificent elm tree, planted by Reuben Loomis. This tree has survived its planter more than a century.

William N. Gray's parents lived in two different houses, previous to occupying their fine brick residence, in Middletown. This residence was built in 1832. Henry Gray was the leading man of the village. He was a millwright by trade, and did much building there and elsewhere. He owned saw mills, and had large tracts of timber land on the mountains. He kept on hand constantly a great amount of lumber,—enough to fill any contract. He built many of the houses in the village, and at one time owned nearly half of the property in it. He built his water power and woolen mills, where the great Gray horse power factory now stands. He erected and operated a distillery, which was the first one in the village.

About the year 1849, he sold his water power and buildings to A. W. Gray, whom he had reared, from the age of twelve years. William N. Gray is, politically, a staunch Republican. He has served in all the offices of his town, including a membership in the legis-

lature in 1848 and 1849. He was then but twenty-eight years old, and even his father opposed his election, and voted against him: However, he was elected by a majority of two votes. Mr. Gray is not a member of any church, but was reared in the Congregational faith.

Everything considered, the subject of this sketch has made an excellent record. He built the five buildings standing upon his place, and has otherwise improved it. He is surrounded by loving children and grandchildren, and is spending his closing years in quietude and comfort.



DR. VOLNEY ROSS,* deceased, was a representative man in many business lines. His time was ever at the disposal of his friends, and he was called to fill many important positions of trust. In his life and career, we see the full beauty of his Christian spirit. For sixty-four years, he was known and honored in Brandon, Vermont, as a man of probity, a merchant of stainless integrity, a good citizen, a kind neighbor, and a faithful friend.

Dr. Ross was born June 12, 1814, in Shrewsbury, Vermont. He was a son of James and Phoebe (Rugg) Ross. His mother was a daughter of Levi and Relief (Whitcomb) Rugg, both of whom were natives of Swanzey, New Hampshire. In June, 1784, they removed to Rindge, New Hampshire.

Dr. Ross' father was of Scotch ancestry.

After his marriage, he settled in Wendell, Massachusetts, and engaged in farming, for many years. At a late period in his life, he removed to Shrewsbury, Vermont. Both parents finally died in extreme old age, at the home of one of their sons, in Clarendon, where they lie buried. A coincidence in connection with the Doctor's ancestors may be mentioned here. His paternal grandmother also bore the name of Rugg, which was his mother's maiden name. Dr. Ross is one of a family of nine children,—six daughters, and three sons.

He received his early training on the paternal farm, where so many successful business careers have been begun. He attended Castleton Seminary, and graduated from the medical department of that institution. He immediately went to Brandon, Vermont, where he began the practice of medicine, in 1836. Dr. Ross commenced without capital, and, although he was a successful physician, the greater part of his fine property was acquired by merchandising. He opened a drug store, in 1842, and in 1850, conducted a general store. His brother, Ephraim, was his partner, and the firm name was V. & E. Ross. Subsequently it became Ross & Pitts, and still later, Ross, Pitts & Co. The two sons of Mr. Pitts being the Company. In 1889, the business was sold to W. D. Nutting, who is the present proprietor of the store.

Dr. Ross was twice married. November 6, 1837, he wedded Maria L. Hill, a native of Salisbury, Vermont. Three children blessed this union,—two daughters, and one son,

namely: Martha; Charles Hill; and Mary Louise. Martha is the widow of Charles D. Pitts, and resides in the old home in Brandon. She has two sons, Charles Willard, of Chicago, and Arthur B., of Brooklyn, New York. Charles Hill Ross also resides in Brandon. He has a wife and two daughters. Mary Louise is the wife of J. W. Copeland, of Troy, New York. She has two daughters. The first wife of Dr. Ross died January 12, 1880. In 1881, Dr. Ross contracted a second matrimonial alliance. In this instance, Adelaide V. Abbott became his wife. She is a daughter of William P. and Mary (Aldrich) Abbott. Her parents were natives of Cornwall, Vermont. Both are now deceased. They reared but two daughters, Mrs. Ross, and her younger sister, Abbie M., who is the widow of Henry A. Hawley.

Dr. Ross was a deacon of the Congregational church and sang in the choir, for many years. He was not only a leading physician and successful business man, but was greatly interested in the general welfare of his town. Although he attended to his business closely, he found time to serve in various town offices, and was vice president and director of the First National Bank, up to the time of his death. He died in the village of Brandon, February 11, 1898. His funeral was held in the Congregational church, and was attended by a large concourse of friends. Rev. Dr. Smart, the pastor, who had charge of the obsequies paid the deceased doctor the following tribute:

“Ought we not to rejoice that God was

pleased to give us such a friend, and that for so long a time, we have had the example of a real man of God's own making continually before us; an encouragement and an inspiration to seek and gain a like nobility of life for ourselves? Time which tries all lives brought out his virtues in increasing light. The friends he gained he retained, and was always adding to the number; for it was quite impossible to know him, and not love him. The beauty of a winsome spirit lingered even to the sunset; increasing age confirmed him in the secure place he had won in the love and esteem of his friends and neighbors, whether they were the friends of the days that were, or of the day which is.

“He will be greatly missed, for to him was given, to ‘still bring forth fruit in old age.’ He retained his interest in the town, and loved to assist in everything which would promote its welfare. He will be missed most in this church, whose faithful friend and servitor he has been. Almost to the end he was permitted to share her services, and assist her work. It is only six weeks since he took his place for the last time in the choir, where he has sung the praise of God for over forty-three years, and sat with his brethren at the table of our blessed Lord. A pillar in this temple of God has been removed. Only his example remains to bid us follow in his steps, and, like him, to be steadfast until the Master comes. His monument is his life. His memorial is in the hearts of his friends. His ‘name is ointment poured forth.’ There is no need for eulogy. The silent tribute of this

large company of mourners is the best testimonial to the man as we have known him, and shall ever remember him.

"We can only hope and pray that the God who gave, and has taken, this beneficent life, will bless its influence; and that from it there shall fall, at least upon our individual pathways through the coming years, the light which testifies to the richness of God's grace, and to the honor which waits on a well spent life. We bury all that was mortal in our friend; but the spirit of the man may still go with us, and cheer our homeward way.

"I have never known so serene a life. It should be a revelation to us, a forcible admonition, of how much we miss by not seeking this grace of the graces, which under the strain of earth's cares and losses can preserve the heart sweet and make life a happiness to the very last. Serene in life, he was also serene in death. He saw its approach, and waited for the summons of God, as one waits to hear a loved one knock at the door. Oh, for the secret of such a life! 'Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.'

"For ourselves, we may mourn: but for him let us give thanks. Let us give him Christian burial, with the resurrection light falling on his grave, and with hearts looking up to the blessed company of those who have finished their course, and who wait for our coming to their rest. Let us bury him in the joy of our Lord, and with the prayer that for us all, there may be an end for all our sorrows, in the love of our heavenly Father, who

calls us by way of the Cross of his dear Son, to rest in the hope of his love which never fails."

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MRS. MARIA K. HYDE,* widow of the late Pitt William Hyde, is one of the oldest and most esteemed residents of Hydeville, Vermont. She is well known throughout Rutland county, and is regarded as a lady of true worth.

The Hyde family originally came from England. It is, there, one of the oldest and most honored, and is particularly noted for the refinement and intelligence of its members. The Hyde genealogy is one of the most voluminous, complete, and expensively prepared family histories, in the United States. The first of the name to seek a home in America were two brothers, one of whom was Jedediah Hyde, who was afterward a captain in the Revolutionary War. Pitt William Hyde was born in Sudbury, Vermont. He died June 23, 1881, in his sixty-fifth year. He was a dealer in marble. He and his older brother, A. W. Hyde, were the founders of Hydeville, and at one time, owned nearly all of it. The Hydeville Marble Company was composed of these two brothers, and Dudley B. Fuller. They did a large and profitable business.

Pitt William Hyde was united in marriage with Maria Kilburn, the subject hereof, October 8, 1851. Soon after their marriage the young folk settled in the good home where Mrs. Hyde still lives, and which has been her abode, for nearly half a century. Three chil-

dren were born to them, two daughters and one son, as follows: Sarah; Annie May; and William Pitt. Sarah married Oliver S. Prebrey, and resides in Burlington, Vermont. They have three sons, and one daughter. Annie May married Theodore Smith Sherman, of Castleton, Vermont. They have one daughter, and two sons. William Pitt, the only son of Mrs. Maria K. Hyde, is a resident of Portland, Maine, where he has charge of a stock exchange. He bears a favorite name for many generations in the Hyde family, with a transposition, however, making it William Pitt. In naming his son, he returned to the old ancestral name, and calls him Pitt William. He also has one daughter.

Mr. Hyde was a Thirty-second degree Mason. He was prosperous, and made the most of his fine property by industry, thrift, and good business management. In politics, he was a Democrat, prior to the Charleston Convention, but was a Republican ever afterward. He served in the legislature of the state of Vermont, for six years. In his religious belief, he held the Episcopalian faith, and was a member of that church. He served as treasurer, and as vestryman. Mr. Hyde was in every sense a true gentleman; he was ever kind and genial in social and business circles, and was recognized as a leading spirit in both.

Mrs. Hyde was born in Berkshire, Vermont, near the Canadian line. She is a daughter of Alphonso and Harriet (Johnson) Kilburn. The first of the Kilburns to come to America, sailed over from England on the ship "Increase." Abram Kilburn, Mrs. Hyde's

grandfather, lived in Litchfield, Connecticut. He married Elizabeth Miranville. They reared a large family of sons and daughters. Abram Kilburn, however, was not robust, and died comparatively young. The remains of these grandparents rest in the little graveyard at Poultney. Mrs. Hyde is one of a family of six children, four of whom were daughters, and two were sons. All reached maturity, married, and are still living, except one. Hiram Kilburn died in Fair Haven, Vt., in 1895, or 1896. He was sixty years old; his widow survived him. During the greater part of his life, he was engaged in the manufacture of wool, but spent his declining years in retirement on his farm.

George Oatman Kilburn, another brother of Mrs. Hyde, went to California, in 1849, and engaged in gold mining. He is now a resident of Los Angeles, California.

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HARRY P. POWERS,* of Number 3, Pine street, Proctor, Vermont, holds an important and lucrative position with the Vermont Marble Company, of that place. Mr. Powers is not only land surveyor for the above company, but boxes all their marble, by contract. He was born in the village which is still his home, January 6, 1855. He was favored with exceptional educational advantages. He graduated from Middlebury College, in 1882. The following year he entered the Hartford Theological Seminary (Congregational), from

which he graduated, in June, 1886. He then labored with the American Home Missionary Society, being stationed in the West, for a brief period. This life, however, did not suit Mr. Powers, who then chose a business career, for which he believed himself to be better adapted.

In 1888, he accepted his present position which he likes and where he gives perfect satisfaction to his employers. July 6, 1885, Mr. Powers was united in marriage with Cora Alice Prior, a daughter of Elbridge William and Helen (Headle) Prior, of Sherburne, Vermont. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Powers, viz.: Charles Prior and Walter Palmer. Charles Prior Powers is a lad of eleven years; his brother is one year his junior.

Harry P. Powers is a son of Jeremiah C. and Jane Aurelia (Rogers) Powers, a grandson of Richard Montgomery and Polly (Carpenter) Powers, and a great-grandson of Jeremiah Powers. The Powers family settled in Proctor, Vermont, at an early date. Jeremiah Powers was a native of Greenwich, Massachusetts, where he was born, in 1732. He was twice married. His first wife, whose name has not been preserved, bore him eight children, namely: Jeremiah; Dolly; Prudence; Justus; Joab; Richard Montgomery; George and Gardner. Harry P. Powers' great-grandmother died in August, 1823, and the surviving husband contracted a second matrimonial alliance. In this instance, he married Elizabeth Cooley, who was born in 1775.

Richard Montgomery Powers was the fourth son of his parents. March 9, 1795, he was joined in wedlock with Polly Carpenter. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Richard Montgomery, Jr.; John; Charles; Lucy; Daniel C.; Mary; Dolly; Amanda; Melinda; Sarah; Nicholas; Jeremiah C., Harry P. Powers' father; and Artemas C. Nicholas Powers was an able architect and bridge builder. He died at eighty years of age.

The grandfather of the subject hereof and his eldest son were in the War of 1812. The son was accidentally drowned at Winooski Falls, and is buried in Burlington, by the side of Ethan Allen. After the burial of this son, his father walked to his home which was sixty-three miles distant. He was only twenty-four hours on the way, and carried forty pounds of his son's things. Richard Montgomery Powers died in 1847. His widow survived him until 1863, and died an octogenarian.

Jeremiah C. Powers, father of Harry P., was an able farmer as was his father, before him. He was a stalwart man, of noble physique. February 7, 1847, he was joined in marriage with Jane Aurelia Rogers. She was born in Whitefield, New Hampshire, January 3, 1827. Two daughters and one son were the result of this union, as follows: Lydia Maria, Kate Gertrude, and Harry P., the subject of these lines. Lydia Maria Powers is a clerk in the War Department at Washington, D. C., where she has been employed many years. Kate Gertrude is the widow of Charles

Powers, of the same city. Jeremiah C. Powers died very suddenly, of heart failure, his death taking place September 9, 1881. His widow survived him until July 20, 1894.

Harry P. Powers is, politically, a Republican, and has served as selectman, and as village trustee. While in Kansas he was deputy county surveyor of Rice county. He erected his present comfortable residence, in 1889. He is now building a handsome modern cottage on River street. Mrs. Powers was educated at the normal school at Randolph, Vermont, and, prior to her marriage, taught school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Powers are social favorites.



ARNOLD MANCHESTER,* a prominent stock farmer and dairyman of Rutland county, Vermont, is most pleasantly situated on his one hundred and five-acre farm just outside the village of Brandon. Mr. Manchester was born in Whitehall, New York, November 2, 1821. He is a son of John and Pamela (Meeker) Manchester, and a grandson of Thomas Manchester.

The Manchester family originally came from England. Tradition says that three brothers of that name came over in the historic Mayflower. One brother is said to have settled in Massachusetts, another in Rhode Island, and the third in New Hampshire.

Thomas Manchester was a farmer. He removed from Rhode Island to Shaftesbury, Vermont, about the year 1791, and settled,

later, in Whitehall, New York. His family consisted of four sons, and two daughters. All reared families. One son went to Ohio, and the family thus became scattered. Thomas Manchester died about the year 1821, and rests in Hampton, New York. John Manchester, Arnold's father, was born in Rhode Island in August, 1787. He was a farmer in very fair circumstances. He did not aspire to wealth, but was out of debt, and lived well, besides having money to give each of his children a start in life. He married Pamela Meeker, a native of Redding, Connecticut. She was one of a large family of children, several of whom lived to reach "the nineties." Mrs. Manchester, herself, attained the age of seventy-five years, and was cut off by consumption. Arnold's parents had seven children. All grew up save the first born, Lucy, who died young. The others were: Mary; Arnold; Huldah; Lewis P.; Lucy A.; and John.

Mary married Wales C. Humphrey. Huldah married N. G. Barker, of Hubbardton, and is now nearly seventy-five years old. She has one daughter. Lewis P. was a farmer, and died, of consumption, at the age of fifty-five years. One son survived him. Lucy A. was twice married. Her first husband lost his life in the Civil War, and she was left with three little daughters. Her second husband was Albert Breeze, by whom she had one daughter. John, the youngest son, died when a youth of seventeen years. Arnold Manchester remained on the paternal farm until he attained his majority. He then hired out

as a farm hand, for several years. He was thrice married. November 16, 1848, he wedded Eliza A. Morehouse, of Brandon. Five years later she passed to her final rest,—a victim of consumption. One son, Franklin Manchester, survived her. He was a druggist in Brandon, and died, in 1895, leaving a widow and three children.

The second matrimonial venture of Arnold Manchester was with Lucinda C. Brown, of Whiting, Vermont. She bore her husband one son, John, who died at the early age of ten years,—just one year after the death of his mother, who laid down the burden of life in 1865, while yet in middle age.

Mr. Manchester's present wife was, before her marriage, Elmira N. Brown. She is a sister of the second wife of the subject hereof. One daughter blessed this union, Flora B., now a young lady, in her seventeenth year. Mr. Manchester settled at his present home, December 30, 1876, just in time to begin the New Year. At that time he purchased not only his present farm, but seventy acres along

the creek, one mile west of Brandon, and twenty acres of cedar swamp. The whole was bought for a consideration of \$10,000,—\$2,500 of which was borrowed capital. In a very short time, however, he sold a marble privilege to a company, for \$2,000, and was able to clear the debt.

December 6, 1897, Mr. Manchester met with quite a misfortune. His cow-shed (containing nine fine cows), together with two large barns, was destroyed by fire. In his efforts to save his faithful animals, he came near losing his own life. Fine new buildings took the place of the ones burned. Mr. Manchester now has ten cows, and has made a specialty of keeping fine Merino sheep. At one time, three-fourths of his flock of sixty-five sheep fell victims to an epidemic. He has owned some very choice stock in this line. Mr. Manchester is the possessor of a fine constitution, and has always enjoyed robust health. Although he has been a hardworking man, he is still strong and active, and appears much younger than he really is.



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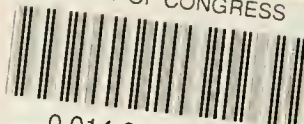
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