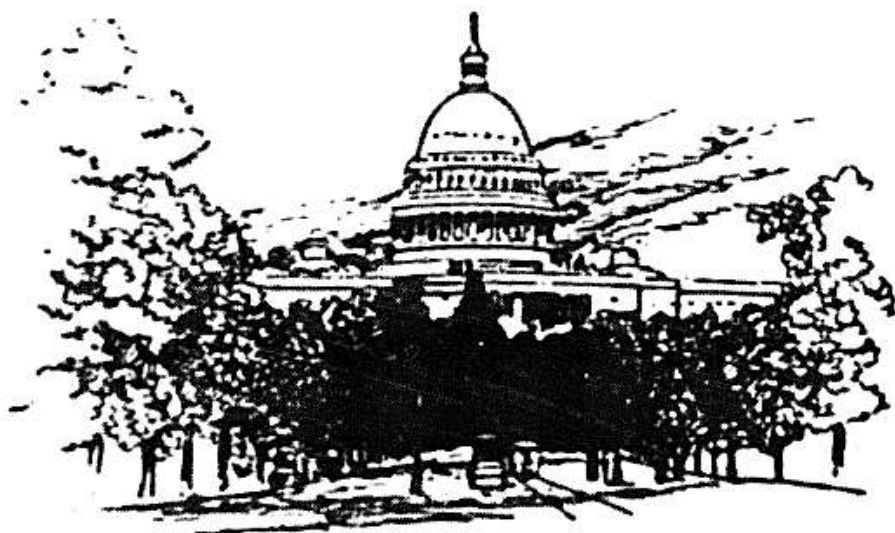


HENDEE, George Whitman, acting governor of Vermont (1870), was born at Stowe, Lamoille co., Vt., Nov. 30, 1832, son of Jehial P. and Rebecca (Ferrin) Hendee. His parents were unable to give him the education they felt he ought to have, and after attending country schools he carried himself through the People's Academy at Morrisville. In 1852 he began the study of law in the office W. G. Ferrin of Johnson, and in 1855 was admitted to the bar. Soon it became evident that he had chosen the



vocation to which he was best adapted, his practice increased rapidly, and was extended to the supreme court of the state and to the U. S. circuit and district court. As a business man as well as a lawyer, Gov. Hendee for many years has had the weight of important duties upon his shoulders. He was one of the pioneers or projectors of the Portland and Ogdensburgh railroad; for seven years gave his whole time to it, and has been a director from the opening of the road until the present time. For several years he has been president of the Montreal, Portland and Boston railroad of Canada. In addition, he is a director and the vice-president of the Union Savings

Bank and Trust Co., of Morrisville. He was receiver of the National Bank of Poultney and the Vermont National Bank of St. Albans, and was national bank examiner from 1879 until 1885. Gov. Hendee has frequently been elected superintendent of public schools; the first time when he was only twenty-one years of age. In 1861-63 he represented Morristown in the state legislature; in 1858-59 was state's attorney for Lamoille county; during the civil war was deputy provost-marshal; in 1866-67 and 1868 represented Lamoille county in the state senate, and in 1869 was elected lieutenant-governor. In February, 1870, he was sworn in as governor, on the death of Gov. Washburn, and served the remainder of the term. He represented Vermont with great credit in the forty-third, forty-fourth and forty-fifth congresses. To him as a member of the committee on the District of Columbia is largely due the reorganization of the government of the district, and his services were not less valuable on the committee on private land claims. Gov. Hendee now devotes considerable time to breeding of blooded carriage horses. He has been president of the village board of trustees, and is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He was married, Nov. 17, 1855, to Melissa, daughter of Stevens and Caroline (Johnson) Redding, who bore him a daughter, now deceased. His wife died in 1861, and on Dec. 23, 1863, he was married to Viola S., daughter of Loren and Fidelia (Palme) Bundy.

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HENDEE, GEORGE WHITMAN, Lawyer, Ex-Governor, Morrisville, was born in Stowe, November 30, 1832, son of Jehial P. and Rebecca (Ferrin) Hendee. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools and in the People's Academy at Morrisville. His parents were poor and all of his educational advantages were obtained by his own strenuous and unaided exertions. At the age of twenty he began the study of law in the office of W. G. Ferrin of Johnson. He was admitted to the Bar of Lamoille county in 1855. It was an era of frequent justice and jury trials, and the industry, pleasing address, and clear insight of the young advocate were soon rewarded with an ample and constantly increasing practice. A large proportion of the more important cases were soon committed to his charge, and nearly all of his recent practice has been in the County and Supreme Courts of the State and in the United States Circuit and District Courts. During the past quarter of a century the discharge of important political duties and the management of large business enterprises have at times withdrawn the attention of Governor Hendee from his professional labors. He was one of the pioneers in the construction of



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the Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad, devoting his entire time to it for a period of seven years, and he is now the only Director who has given the road continuous service since the organization of the corporation. For a number of years he has been President of the Montreal, Portland & Boston Railroad of Canada. His connection with banking interests has been varied and extensive. He is a Director and President of the Union Savings Bank and Trust Company of Morrisville. He was Receiver of the National Bank of Poultney, and of the Vermont National Bank of St. Albans. He was also National Bank Examiner from 1879 to 1885. Governor Hendee is and always has been a Republican. When he was twenty-one years old he was elected to the position of Superintendent of Schools, and from that time to the present there has been no year in which he has not been called by the public to discharge some official trust. He has many times acted by order of the court as Auditor, Trustee and Special Master. He was a member of the Legislature in 1861 and 1862; State's Attorney for Lamoille county in 1858-59; Deputy Provost Marshal during the war; State Senator for Lamoille county in 1866-67 and 1868, and Lieutenant-Governor in 1869. On the death of Governor Peter T. Washburn, he was installed as Governor by Judge Steele, and he served during the remainder of the term. He was a member of the Forty-

third, Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses, serving on the Committee on Private Land Claims and on the District of Columbia. He was largely instrumental in drafting and securing the passage of the law which made an entire change in the form of government of the district, under which it has since existed, and which placed the district on an entirely sound financial basis. During his long public career he has served his town in many and varied capacities, and the grateful appreciation in which his services are held is well known. He has served a number of terms as President of the Board of Village Trustees. During the past fifteen years he has sought relaxation in agricultural pursuits. He is largely interested in the breeding and development of first class light carriage horses of the Morgan type and blood. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is interested in all public improvements. He was united in marriage, November 17, 1855, with Melissa, daughter of Stevens and Caroline (Johnson) Redding. Their only child was Lillian Frances, now deceased. His first wife died in 1861, and on December 23, 1863, he married Viola S., daughter of Loren and Fidelia (Paine) Bundy.

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Hendee, George Whitman, lawyer, state senator, congressman, governor, was born Nov. 30, 1832, in Stowe, Vt. He was prosecuting attorney in 1858; a member of the state house of representatives in 1861-63; and of the state senate in 1866-68. He was lieutenant-governor of Vermont in 1869; was governor in 1870; and in 1873-79 he was a representative to the forty-third, forty-fourth and forty-fifth congresses as a republican. He was United States bank examiner for six years; and president of Union Savings bank and trust company of Morrisville, Vt.

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Hendee, George Whitman.—He was born in Stow, Vermont, November 30, 1832; received an academic education; studied law and admitted to the bar; was Prosecuting Attorney in 1858; a member of the State House of Representatives in 1861 and 1862; of the State Senate in 1866, 1867, and 1868, and President *pro tem.* the last year; was Lieutenant-Governor of Vermont in 1869; was Governor in 1870; and elected to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Congresses, serving in the former on the Committee on the District of Columbia.

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