

engaged in the manufacture of plows for ninety-four successive years, a record probably unequalled in this country and perhaps in the world.

Mr. Wiard is one of the progressive men of this town. He has always been foremost in promoting enterprises that tended to the advancement of the educational, moral and religious interests of Batavia. He was for many years a member of the board of education and served five years as its president. He was chairman of the building committee that erected the Baptist church and was one of the committee having in charge the construction of the city water-works. He has been a director of the Genesee County Permanent Loan and Building Association since its organization in 1878 and for the last eighteen years has been the president. Politically he has always been a Republican.

Mr. Wiard was married November 2<sup>d</sup>, 1856, to Emeline Warren who died in 1870. He afterwards married Celestia I., daughter of Peter and Emily (Webster) Warren of Wyoming Co., N. Y. They have five children, May, Louis, Ernest, Henry and Harry (twins).

In July, 1862, Mr. Wiard enlisted in the 129th N. Y. Volunteers, and he was mustered into the service August 22d at Lockport as second lieutenant in Company H of that regiment. The regiment was sent immediately to Baltimore, Md., and occupied Fort Federal Hill. Mr. Wiard was promoted December 2, 1862, to first lieutenant of the same company. About this time the regiment was transferred to the artillery service and was thereafter known as the 8th N. Y. Volunteer Heavy Artillery. During the time the regiment was in the defenses at Baltimore Mr. Wiard served as a member of two court martials and was Post Adjutant from October 25, 1863, until the regiment joined the Army of the Potomac May 12, 1864. This famous regiment was destined during its comparatively brief period of active service to participate in some of the fiercest fighting of the war, and the fact has now passed into authentic history that but one other regiment of the vast army which was recruited for the defense of the Union ever met with so great a loss as befell the 8th Heavy Artillery on the fatal morning of Cold Harbor. The regiment was also at Petersburg and participated in many other engagements. On the 17th of June, 1864, Mr. Wiard was severely wounded in the leg and sent to the hospital at Annapolis, Md. As soon as he became able to do light duty he was ordered into the defenses of Washington as an inspector of artillery. Soon afterward he was appointed inspector of artillery defenses of Washington north of the Potomac. He was appointed officer in charge of dismant-

ling the forts in and around Washington south of the Potomac, was inspector of artillery and acting assistant adjutant-general of Hardin's division. In May, 1865, the 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery was mustered out and Lieutenant Wiard was transferred to the 4th N. Y. Volunteer Heavy Artillery and was mustered into Company I as Captain, and finally discharged from the service September 26, 1865. Mr. Wiard has never recovered from his severe wound which he received. A surviving officer of the 8th Heavy Artillery has lately said that George Wiard was the bravest and coolest man under fire he ever saw and that his conduct in the fearful contest at Cold Harbor was beyond praise.

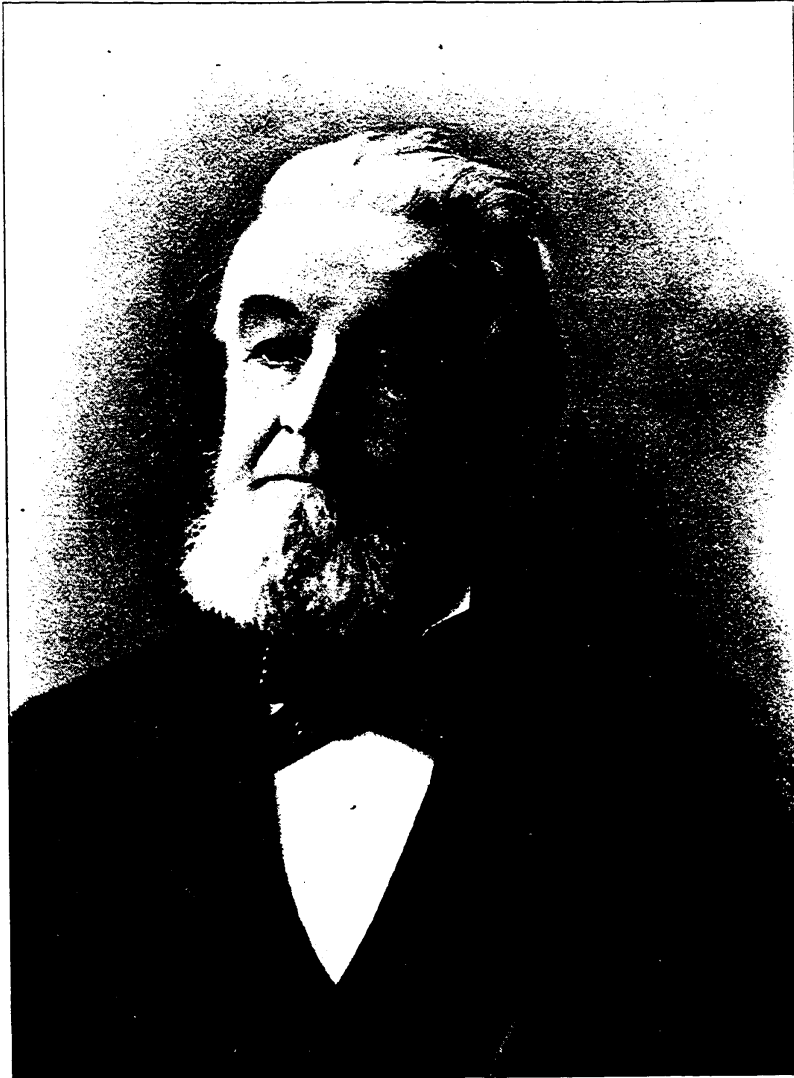
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#### GAD B. WORTHINGTON.

GAD B. WORTHINGTON was born in Lenox, Mass., October 2, 1815, from which place his parents, Gad and Fanny (Belden) Worthington, removed to Owego, N. Y. His father died March 1, 1861, and his mother, who attained the great age of 92 years, died June 9, 1885. In 1836 Mr. Worthington removed to Batavia, where he at once engaged in the hardware trade. He entered the employ of Belden & Otis, and in the year 1841, became a member of the firm, changing the firm name to Otis & Worthington. After the retirement of Mr. Otis he continued the business for a long time without a partner. The present firm of G. B. Worthington, Son & Co., was established January 1, 1882, the new members of the firm being Gad D. Worthington and J. Holly Bradish. Mr. Worthington has been connected with the hardware trade for sixty-three years and for many years he has enjoyed the distinction of having been longer engaged in business than any other man in Batavia.

Mr. Worthington has always taken an active interest in the growth and prosperity of the town where he has so long been an honored citizen. He is vice-president of the First National Bank, was one of the organizers and for many years a director of the Batavia Gas Light Company, and was for several years treasurer of the New York State Institution for the Blind. He is a member and senior warden of the St James Episcopal Church, and he was for a long time treasurer of the diocese of Western New York. In politics he is a Republican.

In June, 1841, Mr. Worthington was married to Anner M. Dixon, who bore him five children. She died in 1853. Subsequently he was married



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to Susan Towner, who died March 9, 1891. Of his five children Miss Amanda C. Worthington resides at home with her father, Gad D. Worthington is a partner of his father in the hardware business, the Rev. Edward William Worthington is rector of Grace Episcopal Church at Cleveland, Ohio, Sarah is the wife of E. De L. Palmer of Albany, and Mary is deceased.

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#### THOMAS P. BROUGHAM.

REV. THOMAS P. BROUGHAM, dean of St. Joseph's church of Batavia, was born in County Carlow, Ireland, in 1843, a son of Dennis and Catherine (Doyle) Brougham. He came to the United States in 1864. He was educated at St. Patrick's Monastery in Tullow, Ireland, and at Niagara University, New York, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1871 by Bishop Ryan of Buffalo.

His first pastorate was that of Westfield, Chautauqua county, where he remained fifteen months, and was then transferred to Newfane, Niagara county, fulfilling his duties there until 1882. In the latter year he came to Batavia, where he has since been in charge of St. Joseph's parish. Under his care the church has increased largely in membership, being at the present time about 2,700. He has erected the school and convent, also the parochial residence, to which he has given his best energies and gained the respect and confidence of all classes. The church under his guidance has become one of the leading societies of Western New York outside of Buffalo. Father Brougham has endeared himself not only to the members of his own parish but to those of other religious organizations and the public generally.

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#### E. KIRBY CALKINS.

E. KIRBY CALKINS was born in Henrietta, Monroe county, N. Y., February 18, 1866. After attending Monroe Academy and the public schools in Rochester he entered Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1883. He then entered the employ of the Walter A. Wood Mower and Reaper Co. at Rochester as bookkeeper. Here he remained until 1888, when he entered the employ of the Johnston Harvester Co. of Batavia, N. Y., as traveler, making several trips to Europe in their interest. January 1, 1894, he accepted a position as manager of the sales department of the Milwaukee Harvester Co. at Milwaukee, Wis., and remained there until August, 1894, when he be-

came connected with the Spirit of the Times as business manager. March 19, 1895, he formed a partnership with David D. Lent and purchased the Spirit of the Times and the printing business.

He was married March 18, 1891, to Miss Lena B. Hitchcock of Bristol, N. Y., and they have one child, Ruth K.

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### JOHN DELLINGER.

JOHN DELLINGER is a native of Genvilla, Lorraine, then part of France but now part of Germany, where he was born August 14, 1826. His father was Peter Dellinger, who emigrated to the United States in 1840 and settled in Sheldon, Wyoming county, then part of old Genesee county, where he died.

John Dellinger received his primary education in his native town, but after coming to America, the struggle for existence in the new country gave him little opportunity for further education, save what his native shrewdness and application enabled him to obtain. Of a strong, industrious and ambitious temperament, he soon outgrew the limitations of his environment, and leaving his home he engaged in various occupations till 1853, when he came to Batavia, where his career has been marked by self-reliance, energy and shrewd foresight. He engaged in building operations, and has become one of the most extensive contractors in that line in Genesee county. It is not exaggeration to say that of the business structures of Batavia the greater number have been erected by Mr. Dellinger. In 1873 he built the Union School house, and in 1874 the Opera House; he also erected the Richmond and the Washburn hotels, and opened through his property the street known as Dellinger avenue. He is to-day one of the largest tax payers in Genesee county. While not a politician, he has evinced a good citizen's interest in the important political measures of the day; he is not a seeker for public office, but his integrity and special fitness for the place led to his election to the office of assessor, in which position he gave the fullest satisfaction.

In 1856 Mr. Dellinger was married to Clara De Mengeot; they have had eight children, as follows: Mary, who was married to William F. Haitz, now living in Batavia; John, who died in 1880; Edward; Celestine, who was married to William S. Ryan and who died in 1895; Clara; Frank; Louise, who was married to Frank Spadinger, now living in Buffalo; and Della.



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PART III.

PERSONAL REFERENCES.



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Ward, Butler, p. o. Le Roy, was born in Perry, Wyoming county, N. Y., October 19, 1833. His father, Dr. Jabez Ward, was a native of Massachusetts and came to Perry, N. Y., where he was the leading physician. He married Aurilla Tufts, and died in 1842. Butler Ward was educated in the common schools and Perry Center Academy. In 1852 he came to Le Roy and entered the Genesee County Bank. In 1857 he went to Rockford, Ill., where he was connected with a banking house. In 1862 he enlisted in the war, serving as captain. He was wounded in the battle of Stone River and resigned in the spring of 1863. He then held a position in the U. S. Treasury for five years, after which he engaged in the insurance business in New York city for four years. In 1872 Mr. Ward returned to Le Roy and became cashier of the First National Bank. The charter expired in 1885 and it was then reorganized as the National Bank of Le Roy. In 1889 the Bank of Le Roy was organized and superseded the National Bank of Le Roy. On the death of William Lampson, February 14, 1897, Mr. Ward was elected president, and still continues in that office. He is the executor of Mr. Lampson's will and has the management of the large estate. October 27, 1857, Mr. Ward married Jane, daughter of Alexander McPherson, and their children are Ralph M., of San Diego, Cal.; Jean H. Ward, wife of R. J. McLennan of Toronto, Can.; Harold B., assistant cashier in the Bank of Le Roy; and Ruth T., at home. Mr. Ward and family are members of the Presbyterian church and take an active interest in the same. In politics Mr. Ward is a Republican, with strong independent tendencies.

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Walkley, Rosman L., p. o. Le Roy, was born in the town of Pavilion October 30, 1838, a son of Richard and Juliette (Mills) Walkley. Richard Walkley died February 24, 1887. R. L. Walkley was educated in the common schools and Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, and then engaged in farming. Mr. Walkley married Mary E., daughter of B. F. Peck, of Alden, Erie county, N. Y., and they have one son, Frank L., who married Carrie E. Coe.

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Paul, Henry, p. o. Le Roy, was born in Le Roy, August 4, 1848. His father, Alba Paul, was a native of Vermont and came to Le Roy in 1835, where he was a farmer. He married Sarah Gould of Vermont, and their children were Lyman, Alba, Henry, Alice and Frank. Mr. Paul died January 22, 1878; his wife in 1884. Henry Paul was educated in the common schools and Le Roy Academy, and served as trustee of schools two years. He married Alice, daughter of Domenick Fox, and they had

three children: Sarah, Henry and Walter. Mr. Paul is a successful farmer, a man of good character and he has always been identified with the best interests of his town, taking an active interest in church matters.

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Hebbard, L. B., p. o. Mumford, was born in Connecticut, December 31, 1834. His father, F. E. Hebbard, was a native of Connecticut and came to Genesee county in 1841, where he engaged in farming. He married Lydia Burnham, and died August 27, 1854. L. B. Hebbard was educated in the common schools and then engaged in farming. He served as assessor for two terms. He married Margaret, daughter of D. D. Campbell, and their children were Frank E., who died August 29, 1863; Delbert C., Lydia K., Anna M., Marion A., and Donald D. Mr. Hebbard is one of the progressive farmers of Le Roy, of upright character, and he has always sought to promote the best interests of his town.

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Covert, James H., was born in Albany, December 18, 1824, a son of Stephen and Sarah Doris Covert. His father came to Le Roy about 1832, where he followed his trade as a morocco and tanner finisher. He was one of the prominent men in the Presbyterian church and acted for a while as agent for the Genesee County Mutual Insurance Co.; he died in 1877. James H. Covert was educated in Le Roy and entered the mercantile business as clerk in 1842, with Champion Brothers. In 1854 he established his business in Corfu, and in 1860 came to East Pembroke, where he has been for over thirty-eight years. In 1858 Mr. Covert married Mary J., daughter of Col. John Webb; they have one daughter, Harriet Grace. Mr. Covert has enjoyed a successful business career and is thoroughly respected in the community where he has long resided.

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Gillett, Jerome, was born in Byron, September 2, 1833, a son of Moses Gillett of Byron. Mr. Gillett married Harrie M., adopted daughter of Abiel Gardner, and they had three sons: Cleveland M., William H. and Clayton R. Mr. Gillett was one of the representative men of his town, and his death, which occurred May 13, 1898, was a loss to his family and all who knew him. He was conservative in character and of sterling integrity. For many years he was proprietor of the hotel at South Byron.

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Martin, John S., p. o. Indian Falls, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, Genesee county, N. Y., April 9, 1844. His parents moved to Newstead, Erie county, when he was a boy and he was educated in the district schools and Lockport High School, and is now following the occupation of farming. October 4, 1868, he married Alzina Roberts of Newstead; they have three children: Laura A., William E. and John S., jr. Laura A. married William Clark of Pembroke, N. Y., and their children are Howard, Ernest and Ora M. William E. married Mary Smith of Pembroke. Mr. Martin's father, John Martin, was born in the year 1811, educated in the district schools, and married Laura A. Whitney. They had five children: George E., John S., Hiram N., Wallace S. and Mary C. Mr. Martin died December 23, 1885, and his widow survives at this date, 1898. Mrs. Martin's father, Julius O. Roberts, was born in Newstead, Erie county, N. Y., in 1819, received his education in the district schools

and was a farmer by occupation. He married Polly Avery; they had five children: Azom, Alzina, Alfred, Alice A. and Almira A. Mr. Roberts died September 2, 1862, and his widow February 2, 1888. Mr. Martin's grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Martin in his political choice is a silver Democrat. Ancestry of family is Irish, English, Welsh and Scotch.

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Porter, George A., p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born at Holley, N. Y., April 22, 1825. His parents moved to Rochester, N. Y., when he was a boy, where he attended the public schools and Rochester Collegiate Institute. He was a newsboy and sold the Rochester Advertiser, the first daily paper printed in Rochester; he was also an assistant to the city surveyor. He became a railway man, first as fireman, and was promoted to various positions until he became freight receiver on what is now known as the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co. at Rochester. In 1854 he came to Corfu and purchased an interest in a general store in company with his brother, Henry P., forming the firm of Porter Bros., which continued until 1882, when he purchased his brother's interest and conducted it on his own account up to 1886. W. H. Taylor was then taken as partner and the business was conducted by George A. Porter & Co., until 1893, at which time they sold to H. A. Maynard. Mr. Porter now lives a retired life. In 1857 he married Catherine A. Brock of Middletown, O.; they had four children: George B., who was drowned in the Miama River in 1880; Kate M., who died in 1881; Sarah R., who resides at home; and Bertha J., who married Robert R. Rowley of Attica, N. Y., and has two daughters, Catherine and Hilda. Mr. Porter's father, George A. Porter, was born at Sag Harbor, L. I., about the year 1794, and was educated by his father, who was a school teacher. He was a carpenter and contractor by occupation; he married Sarah E. Warren of Columbia county, N. Y., and nine children were born to them, five of whom grew to maturity: Henry P., Delia M., George A., Warren S. and Sobeskie T. Mr. Porter died in January, 1853, and his widow in 1877. Mrs. Porter's father, Jacob Brock, was born in Switzerland and came to this country when a boy; he married Catherine King, and they had fourteen children; both parents are dead. Mr. Porter in his political choice is a Democrat.

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Griswold, William, p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in the town of Le Roy, October 30, 1819. His father, Julius Griswold, was a native of Connecticut, and came to Le Roy in 1813. He was a shoemaker; afterward a farmer. He married Laura Thwing. His death occurred June 23, 1830. William Griswold was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer; he served as highway commissioner for six years. Mr. Griswold married Lucinda Bannister, and their children were Mary E., Francis M. and Thankful. Mrs. Griswold died in 1859, and Mr. Griswold then married Frances, daughter of Henry H. Hull; they have four children: Antoinette J., Paul W., Blanche and Grace. Mr. Griswold is one of Le Roy's progressive farmers, an intelligent, public spirited citizen. He is of kind and amiable disposition and enjoys the universal respect of the community where he has so long resided.

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Brodie, Mrs. John, p. o. Fort Hill, N. Y.—John I. Brodie was born in Scotland, and came to Genesee county about 1847, where he engaged in farming. He married

Helen, daughter of John Robertson, a native of Scotland, and they were the parents of Helen, Frances, Thomas, John, who died in July, 1888; Josephine, Jennie, and David, all three dead. Mr. Brodie died in May, 1894. Mr. Brodie was one of the representative farmers of Le Roy, a good citizen and a fine specimen of the Scotch race. He always took an active interest in the affairs of the town.

Wolcott, Albert W., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, N. Y., May 3, 1847. His father, William Wolcott, was a native of Oakfield and was a farmer. William Wolcott was supervisor of the town for fifteen years and president of the board of trustees of Cary Seminary. He married Elmira Whitney, and died in 1880. Albert W. Wolcott was educated in Cary Seminary and since leaving school has been a farmer. He served as assessor for three years. He married Lillian G., daughter of Watson Benham; they have three children: Ruth L., Alice A. and William A. Mr. Wolcott is a successful farmer. He is a good citizen and has always taken an active interest in church and school matters.

Wells, Schuyler C., was born in Poultney, Vt., February 6, 1840. His early life was spent upon his father's farm and at the age of fifteen he assumed its management. At the same time he pursued his studies at Troy Conference Academy, located in his native town, where he received a thorough business education. In his early days Mr. Wells displayed a natural fondness for drugs and medicines, and in 1866 came to Le Roy, where a copartnership was formed with his brother-in-law, Dr. S. L. Hooker, under the firm name of Hooker & Wells. They purchased Medical Hall and conducted an extensive drug business for three years, when the partnership was dissolved. During that time he applied himself to the study of medicine and gave special attention to observing the effects certain formulæ had on the human system. About this time Mr. Wells obtained a patent on a pail ear and an eave-trough; to manufacture these he sold his interest in the drug business and formed a copartnership with James P. Kneeland. He afterwards sold his interest in the firm and again entered the drug trade, devoting himself to the perfection of his formulæ, which he soon put on the market under the name of "Shiloh's Family Remedies." This was in 1871, and in 1873 he sold his drug business to F. T. Wilcox and devoted his entire time to the introduction of his remedies, soon becoming one of the most extensive manufacturers of proprietary medicines in the United States and Canada. In 1877, to accommodate his growing business, Mr. Wells erected a four-story brick building on Church street, and in 1882 was obliged to erect an addition, doubling the capacity of the plant. The same year he sold a one-third interest to his brother, the late George H. Wells, the business being conducted by S. C. Wells & Co.; this arrangement continued until 1892, when the copartnership was dissolved by mutual consent, George H. Wells retiring. Shortly after the sad death of Mr. Wells's brother, he announced his determination to arrange his affairs in such a way that his family would be protected in case anything should happen to him. With him the conception of an idea was closely followed by its materialization. To accomplish his purpose, in February, 1897, he organized a stock company, the principal stockholders being his own family; his widow is now president of the company. In 1880 Mr. Wells purchased "Dreamland," comprising 180 acres on East Main street, and after erecting one of the handsomest residences in town, built one of the largest stock

barns in the United States, together with a fast half-mile track and a covered eighth-mile track. He organized the New York State Trotting Horse Breeders' Association and was its first president. Mr. Wells was one of the original incorporators of the Le Roy Salt Co., but sold his interests in 1889. He was also one of the trustees of Ingham University. He was a trustee of the M. E. church, and when the new church edifice was erected he was made chairman of the building committee. To overseeing the construction of the building he devoted much time, and it is due largely to his energy and enterprise that the project terminated successfully. Mr. Wells was naturally of a genial temperament. He was disposed to make friends with all of his acquaintances and always sought to have his friendship for others reciprocated. In September, 1865, Mr. Wells married Anna E. Hooker, daughter of S. P. Hooker, president of the bank at Poultney, Vt., and a leading manufacturer; they had three children: Mrs. M. J. Root of Buffalo; Anna H. Wells and S. Carl Wells. Mr. Wells died July 21, 1898. Politically he was always a Republican.

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Lawrence, Edwin L., p. o. Lehigh, N. Y., was born in Erie county, N. Y., August 3, 1831, and came to live with his foster father, Benjamin Lawrence, on the homestead when six years old. Mr. Lawrence had the name of the boy changed from Cady to Lawrence by the Legislature. He was educated in the district schools and has always followed farming and is now living a retired farmer. He has married twice; first, to Abigail Hoyt of Batavia; they had three children: Carrie E., Morris B. and Frederick E. Carrie married Frank Day; they have three sons: William, Edwin and James. Morris B. married Nancy Booth of this locality, and is the farmer at home. Frederick E. resides at home. Mrs. Lawrence died in 1868, and in 1870 Mr. Lawrence married Eliza Reed, who bore him eight children: Emma, Edna, Hettie, Jennie, Dennis, Berty, Lee and Fay. Emma married Benjamin Ward of Pembroke; they have three children: Clarence, Howard and Gladdis. Edna married Walter Prince. Dennis married Martha A. Francis. Mr. Lawrence's father, Morris W. Cady, was born in Windsor, Vt., May 6, 1782; he married twice; first, to Elizabeth Thomas of his native place; they had four children: Helen M., George W., Edwin L., and Oscar T. Mrs. Cady died in 1837, and for his second wife he married Mrs. Tenny; they have one daughter, Murette. Mr. Lawrence in his political choice is a sound Jackson Democrat. Eliza P. Vosberry was the name of his second wife before her adoption. Ancestry of children by first marriage English and German; the children of second marriage English and Dutch.

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Samson, John P., manager the Le Roy salt works, was born in Le Roy, February 24, 1861, a son of Russel L., who came to Genesee county in 1822 from Vermont, where he was born in 1817. He came with his father, Caleb Samson, who was a cooper and carried on business here for a number of years. Russel was apprenticed to the jeweler's trade with H. N. Stanley, and at the end of his apprenticeship bought out his employer and conducted the business till his death, which occurred October 15, 1876. He was captain in the State militia for a number of years and his commission, which is signed by Gov. William H. Seward, is now in the possession of John P. Samson; he also has the apprenticeship papers which required him not to "play cards, gamble, or use his employer's money; not to frequent taverns or any other

places of public resort, nor otherwise absent himself day or night from his master's service without his leave." He received \$30 for the first year and \$5 additional for each succeeding year for five years. After serving the term he received a certificate of good moral character and a man capable of taking charge of business. He was a captain in the 195th Reg. of Infantry, with rank from July 10, 1839, signed by William H. Seward, and was honorably discharged March 11, 1843. The family came from England in 1629; Caleb Samson, the grandfather, was born January 19, 1792, married Fannie Raze May 2, 1814, and came to Le Roy in 1822; died in Ypsilanti, Mich., December 10, 1872. John P. Samson was educated in Le Roy Academic Institute, and upon the death of his father left school and assisted in conducting his father's jewelry store till 1885, when he entered The Le Roy Salt Co.'s office as book-keeper. On the death of A. E. Miller, on August 28, 1892, he was made manager of the concern, which position he has since held. This is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the east, averaging 125 employees, with a plant of a capacity of 1,500 barrels per day, with eleven wells. The salt is shipped all over the continent. Mr. Samson is a man well fitted for his responsible position and under his management the business is yearly increasing. He is a director in the Citizens' Bank; a director in the Le Roy Power and Milling Company and Hydraulic Electric Company. He is senior warden in Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, F. & A. M., an active member and director in Oatka Hose Company, and a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church. In 1891 he married Mary L. Olmsted of Le Roy; they had three children: Paul, Henry and Mary. Mrs. Samson died May 21, 1896.

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Briggs, William J., was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., November 5, 1840. His father, John Briggs, was a native of Rensselaer county and came to Genesee county with his parents, William and Christiana (McGowan) Briggs, in 1826. John Briggs married Mary Cornelia Burnham. William J. Briggs was educated in Batavia. He married Susie, daughter of William H. Davis; they have four children: George A., William D., John R. and Atta Laura. Mr. Briggs is one of the practical and successful farmers of his town, taking an active interest in school and church matters, and he is recognized as a man of good character and sound judgment.

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Ball, Frank W., was born in Le Roy, November 7, 1862, a son of Samuel A. and Falla (Sherman) Ball. The family are of English descent; John Ball settling in Watertown, Mass., in 1630, later moving to Concord, and the Ball family of New England are descendants from this family. About 1,500 persons came over at the same time. His son John was killed in King Philip's war, September 10, 1675. Joseph Ball was chosen hog constable of Worcester, Mass., in 1765, when fifteen years old, also in 1777; tithingman in 1778, and 1780; surveyor of highways and collector of taxes in 1780-81; deer reeve in 1781; and received one vote for lieutenant-governor at a meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of Worcester, Mass., in 1780. There were but fifty-three votes cast. He was on the muster roll of a company of minute and militia men, which marched from Worcester to Cambridge on the alarm of April 19, 1775. John Adams, another ancestor, made the first purchase of land in Ontario county, N. Y., consisting of 1,200 acres; they were among the very first settlers of that county. The grandfather, Isaac Ball, was a farmer and an early settler

in Ontario county, in 1796. Samuel A. Ball, his son, came to Genesee county from Adams Basin in 1852, and settled in Le Roy. He was a painter by trade, which he worked at during the summer and in a saw mill in the winter; this he followed up till about 1862, when he went to work for A. T. Drake, grocer, as clerk, and worked his way along, saving his earnings and in 1871 formed a partnership with C. H. Briscoe, the firm being Ball & Briscoe, which continued until 1873, in Churchville, Monroe county. Mr. Ball sold out his interest and returned to Le Roy and opened a store of his own, which he continued successfully until his death, which occurred on December 9, 1887. He was a valued citizen and a good business man. His widow survives, with three children: Jennie M., Frank W. and Charles H. Frank W. was educated in the district schools and Le Roy Academic Institute and in 1876 entered his father's store; since his father's death the business has been carried on under the estate, with Frank W. as manager, who is a thorough business man and has one of the best stocked stores in the village, with a fine trade. He is now serving his second term as trustee of the village and has been justice of the peace for four years. He is treasurer and trustee of the Presbyterian church; treasurer and trustee of Le Roy Chemical and Hose Co. for eight years; treasurer Firemen's Benevolent Association five years; treasurer of the Republican Club three years; secretary of the E. K. O. R. nine years; commander of the K. O. T. M. two years; and is identified with other societies of Le Roy. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. In 1885 Mr. Ball married Mary R. Gillett; they have two children: Helen G. and Mary E.

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Lay, John F., was born in Batavia, May 1, 1823. His father, George W. Lay, was a native of Catskill, N. Y., and was graduated from Hamilton College in 1817. He came to Batavia and studied law with Phineas L. Tracy, and was admitted to the bar in 1820. He married Olive, daughter of John Foote in 1821; in 1822 was appointed captain of the 16th Cavalry by Governor Clinton; in 1823 judge advocate by Governor Yates of the 4th Brigade of Cavalry; was county treasurer from 1825 to 1831; member of congress 1832-36; in 1840 elected from Genesee county to the State Legislature and appointed chairman of the Canal Committee; and appointed U. S. chargé d'affaires to the Court of Norway and Sweden in 1842-45; he died in 1860 in his sixty-third year. John F. Lay was graduated from Yale College in 1841 and admitted to the bar in 1844. He was a trustee of Union School in 1871-80, was one of its building committee and acted as superintendent of its construction for two years. He is vice-president of the Batavia Cemetery Association and president of the Drainage Commission of Batavia. He has always been interested in the growth and progress of his town, and his satisfactory performance of public duties, his usefulness and uprightness of character, have won for him the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen.

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Johnson, Uri, was born in Elba, December 11, 1832, a son of Tracy and Lois (Baker) Johnson. He was educated in the district schools and in 1861 married Isabelle, daughter of Mr. McCarroll; they have four children: Tracy, George, Stephen and Frances. Mr. Johnson is a farmer; in 1872 he purchased a part of the Dunham track, and has made farming a success. He has served as highway commissioner four years. He is an energetic and public spirited man with wide acquaintance.

Schlenker, Jacob, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, February 25, 1838, and came to the United States in 1852, settling in Orangeville, Wyoming county, N. Y. In 1858 he came to Batavia and in 1864 entered the employ of R. O. Holden & Son, remaining with them until October 10, 1897. In that year he established his present business and at the present time is one of the leading merchants of Batavia. In 1880 Mr. Schlenker married Carrie Kirchgraber; they have four children: Charles, Anna, Clara and May. Mr. Schlenker is one of the self-made men of Genesee county, and by active interest in the well-being and progress of his adopted town, an upright life and worthy deeds, has merited and received the respect of his acquaintances.

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Cleveland, John, p. o. East Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Le Roy, Genesee county, N. Y., October 16, 1835, educated in the public schools and has always been a farmer. He came to Pembroke with his parents in 1856, and married, on November 19, 1862, Mrs. Harriet Waterman of East Pembroke; they had two daughters: Jennie M. and Emma M. Jennie M. married, in June, 1884, Charles F. Hickox of Alexander, N. Y., who is a farmer and produce merchant; they have three children: John C., Grace M. and Mary V. Emma M. resides at home. Mrs. Cleveland had two children by her first husband: Charles, who is a resident of Pembroke, and Laura, who resides with her father. Mrs. Cleveland died in January, 1880. In March, 1891, Mr. Cleveland married Roxena Rogers. Mr. Cleveland's father, Simon D. Cleveland, was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., in 1809, and at the age of three years removed with his parents to Le Roy, where he was educated in the district schools and followed the occupation of farming. In 1833 he married Jane Youngs of Le Roy; they had three children: Mary A., who died at the age of twelve; John, and William, who resides in Nebraska. Mrs. Cleveland died in 1863, and Mr. Cleveland in 1889. John Cleveland has been justice of the peace three terms of four years each; in his political choice he is a sound Republican. The family attend the Presbyterian church and ancestry of family is English and Dutch of New England origin.

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Standish, Mrs. Mary E., p. o. Corfu, N. Y.—The late Asher Lane, father of Mrs. Standish, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., in the year 1812, educated in the schools of his day and carried on the harness and saddle business many years. June 16, 1833, he married Hannah Scott, who was born in Schoharie county, N. Y.; they had three children; Cornelius, who died in infancy; Nellie L., now Mrs. McDonald of Corfu; and Mary E., who was born in Montgomery county, N. Y. Mary E. married three times; first to Peter Ormerod, who was born in England, and died in April, 1875; second, in 1877, to Jonas Banton of Pembroke, formerly of Madison county, N. Y., who died May 15, 1891; and third, on November 26, 1895, to George K. Standish, of North Java, Wyoming county, N. Y. Mrs. Standish's maternal grandfather, Robert Scott, was born in Fishkill, N. Y., June 24, 1769, educated in the schools of that day and was a farmer in Sharon, N. Y. He married Mary Grantier; they had ten children: John, Mary, Elizabeth, James, Hannah, Henry, Cornelia, Phoebe, Zachariah and Lydia. Mr. Scott died May 15, 1851, and his widow July 5, 1856. This family is descended from King William III of England. King William III was the father of Anneke Jans, who settled in New York on a farm on which the



wealthiest part of the city is built; Trinity church and some of the most costly buildings are on it. The land is leased and cannot be sold, as Anneke Jans willed it to her heirs forever. Robert Scott's mother was Hannah Van Tassel before she married, and she was great great-granddaughter of Anneke Jans. Mary E. Stan-dish is the seventh generation from King William.

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Lake, Charles B., p. o. Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., October 25, 1832, educated in the common schools, and moved with his parents to Wyoming county and later to Darien, Genesee county, in the spring of 1845, and to Pembroke in 1848. Mr. Lake conducted a saw mill on his father's farm for ten years, and is now one of the town's thorough farmers; the homestead which he now owns was bought by his father in 1850. January 1, 1862, Mr. Lake married Martha A. Redman of Pembroke, and through her efficient help and his industry, integrity and sobriety, they made a fine property. Mr. Lake's father, Godfrey Lake, was born in Rhode Island, January 30, 1798, educated in the schools of his day, and was a millwright by trade, and also was a farmer. He married Maria Angle of Saratoga county, N. Y.; they had five children: Emeline, Ira A., Charles B., Sidney A., and Harriet M. He died November 4, 1872, and his wife August 3, 1852. Mrs. Lake's father, David A. Redman, was born November 17, 1799, and was educated in the district schools. He married Martha Burrill, a descendant of Lord Burrill of Wales, England; they had thirteen children, Mrs. Lake being the fifth child. Mr. Redman died March 28, 1873, and his wife May 9, 1869. Mr. Lake has been chairman of the Republican Committee, and is a sound Republican.

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Le Seur, J. W., M. D., was born in Hartland, Vt., March 18, 1857, a son of John and Ann M. (Wait) Le Seur. The family are of French descent and representatives thereof are still living in Paris and Bordeaux. Dr. Le Seur was graduated from Fort Edward (N. Y.) Collegiate Institute in 1877; Rochester University in 1881; Rochester Theological Seminary in 1884; and from Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia in 1886. In 1885 he founded the Medical Institute of Philadelphia, to which he still contributes articles on medicine and surgery. In 1886 Dr. Le Seur came to Batavia and began his practice with Dr. H. S. Hutchins; in 1887 he was appointed by Governor Hill one of the trustees of the Institution for the Blind. In 1884 Dr. Le Seur married Eleanora, daughter of Dr. Hutchins; they have one daughter, Margaret H., and one son, Horace H. Dr. Le Seur is one of the progressive men of his town; a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and chairman of its National Bureau of Public Health and Sanitary Science; ex-president of the Western New York Medical Society; vice-president of the New York State Homeopathic Medical Society; a member of the board of U. S. Pension Examiners; city health officer, and chairman of the board of trustees of the First Baptist church, and was chairman of the committee on dedication of the old "Holland Purchase Land office" as a memorial to Robert Morris at Batavia. Politically Dr. Le Seur is a Republican.

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Rowell, E. N., was born in Utica, N. Y., August 23, 1847, a son of Edward Rowell, a native of London, England, who settled in Utica in 1832, and for fifty years was

engaged in the manufacture of machinery. E. N. Rowell was educated in Utica and for some years was connected with various mercantile pursuits. In 1880 he came to Batavia and organized his present business of the manufacture of boxes, making a specialty of druggist's boxes. In 1896 the E. N. Rowell Co. purchased the Armstrong shoe factory building, and at the present time is employing nearly 200 hands. Mr. Rowell is one of the progressive men of his town, and is a worthy representative of good citizenship.

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Thomas, John, was born in France, January 23, 1848. His father, Peter Thomas, was a native of France and came to the United States in 1854, settling in the town of Sheldon, Wyoming county, and was a harness maker; he died in 1884. John Thomas was educated in the common schools, and in 1863 at the age of fifteen years, enlisted in Co. G, 8th N. Y. H. A., and took part in the battles of the Army of the Potomac after the battle of the Wilderness, to the close of the war. He then returned to Batavia and entered the employ of R. O. Holden, and in 1869 organized the dry goods firm of Stone & Thomas; in 1878 he sold his interest and established his present business of hats, caps, trunks, robes, etc. In 1881 Mr. Thomas married Mary, daughter of Charles Hogan; they have two sons: John F., born June 11, 1882, and James Blaine, born September 28, 1884. Mr. Thomas is one of the self-made men of Genesee county. He served as town clerk in 1876; village collector in 1877; and county treasurer from 1885 to 1891. He was elected supervisor of Batavia in 1892, and is now serving his fourth term.

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Bradish, J. Holley, was born in Lyons, N. Y., December 18, 1849. His father, Philander P. Bradish, was a native of Macedon, and the family trace their descent from Robert Bradish of Cambridge, Mass., who came from England in 1635. Philander P. Bradish married Maria T., daughter of Reuben Bradley. April 6, 1857, he came to Batavia and engaged in farming, afterwards in the manufacture of agricultural implements, and has been identified in the growth and progress of Batavia. J. H. Bradish was educated in the common schools and Mrs Bryan's Seminary. He has been engaged in the hardware business as clerk or partner since 1866. In 1882 he became a member of the firm of G. B. Worthington, Son & Co., one of the oldest hardware concerns in Western New York. In 1889 he married Jennie H., daughter of John Haywood. Mr. Bradish enjoys the reputation of being one of the best business men in Batavia. He has served as a member of the board of education for sixteen years; sewer commissioner six years, and has always merited and received the respect of his associates.

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Gardiner, William C., was born in Hamilton, N. Y., January 2, 1842, a son of Charles B. and Malvina T. (Slocum) Gardiner. His father was a contractor and builder and erected some of the public buildings of Madison county. The family trace their descent from Lyon Gardiner, who built the fort at Saybrook, Conn., and was the owner of Gardiner's Island, which is still in the possession of his descendants. W. C. Gardiner was educated in Hamilton. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. D, 26th N. Y. Vols., with rank of first lieutenant and was discharged in 1863. Returning home he began the practice of dentistry, and in 1874 came to Batavia and practiced until 1890, when

he became one of the reorganizers of the Batavia Carriage Wheel Co., of which he is vice-president. In 1863 Mr. Gardiner married Elizabeth, daughter of Erastus D. Wheeler; they have one son, Charles Wheeler Gardiner, now practicing medicine in New York.

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Wilson, Locklin M., was born in Pomfret, Chautauqua county, September 28, 1825. He came to Batavia in 1831 and through life was a contractor and builder. In 1850 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Mary Bates; they had one daughter, Mrs. Ida C. Chase. Mr. Wilson was a respected citizen of Batavia, interested in its growth and progress, and his death, which occurred March 7, 1891, was a loss to the town, as well as to his family, which only that of an upright citizen can occasion.

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Hamilton, John M., was born in Batavia, June 15, 1852, a son of Joseph and Letitia (Harris) Hamilton. His father came to Batavia from Rochester, N. Y., in 1848, where he was in active business for forty-two years, and died in 1892. John M. Hamilton was educated in the public schools of Batavia, and engaged in the marble business with his father in 1876, under the firm name of J. Hamilton & Son, which business is still successfully carried on. They are dealers in imported and domestic granites, marbles, and all kinds of cemetery work. In 1882 Mr. Hamilton married Estelle E. Hovey; they have one daughter, Grace. Mr. Hamilton is one of the progressive and enterprising men of his town, was village trustee two years and county treasurer six years. He was appointed postmaster of Batavia on June 1, 1898. He has served as chairman of the County Central Committee of the Republican party for many years, and he is considered one of the most successful campaign managers in Western New York. He has the rare faculty of knowing everybody. He is universally liked by his fellow citizens.

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Tryon, Augustus S., p. o. Le Roy, was born in Middletown, Conn., June 28, 1826, a son of Enoch and Sarah (Crowell) Tryon. His father was a native of Connecticut; he held the office of supervisor for ten years and was justice of the peace for a number of years. He died in 1845 and his wife in 1867. A. S. Tryon was educated in the common schools, and began his business life in South Carolina where he engaged in mercantile trade. In 1849 he went to California, where he engaged in mining and mercantile business, and in 1856 came to Le Roy and again started in merchandising; in 1880 he retired and took up farming. He has been trustee of the village two terms. He married Elizabeth T. Tryon, who died in 1883, and he married again Helen M., daughter of John Holmes; his children are Mary Tryon, Bryant, Augustus Crowell, Arthur Hubbard, and Clara M. Tryon Morey. Mr. Tryon is one of Le Roy's representative business men, of upright character, and he has always sought to promote the growth and prosperity of the town.

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Drake, Samuel O., was born in the town of Elba, September 7, 1818, a son of Samuel and Sylvia (Thorn) Drake, and was educated in the common schools. In 1846 he married Almira, daughter of Stephen and Rebecca (Palmer) Johnson, who were numbered among the pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Drake have one son, Charles O., of Caldwell, Missouri, and one daughter, Mrs. Sarah A. Chamberlain of Buffalo. Mr.

Drake is a successful and practical farmer. He has always taken an active interest in school and church matters and enjoys the well merited respect of his fellow citizens.

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Lowe, George F., p. o. Le Roy, was born in Geneseo, N. Y., January 28, 1857, a son of Austin and Mary (Carr) Lowe, and was educated in the common schools. Since 1888 he has carried on an extensive produce and commission business, buying at Le Roy and several other towns. He held the position of highway commissioner for six years, supervisor of Le Roy for the years 1892-93, and water and light commissioner for two years. Mr. Lowe married Fannie, daughter of Solomon Barrett, and their children are Fannie M., Jessie A., Florence C., Mira A., Ellsworth G., Frederick L. and Dorothy. Mr. Lowe is one of the active business men of Le Roy, and as a citizen is enterprising and never backward in supporting the best interests of his town.

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Bissell, Russell, p. o. Le Roy, was born in Greenfield, Mass., June 22, 1824, a son of Jabez Bissell. He was educated in the common schools and came to Genesee county in 1846, and has always been a farmer. He was assessor for twelve years, supervisor for two years, 1890-91, and poormaster for two years. Mr. Bissell is one of the representative business men of Stafford, of sterling integrity and has always been identified with the best interests of his town. He is a brother of the late Gen. C. F. Bissell, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this work.

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Lear, William S., and George W.—The subject of this sketch, son of Jared and Mary (Ings) Lear, was born at North Bruton, Somersetshire, England, June 21, 1821, and christened William Lear. He emigrated to America in 1844, landing in New York some time in the month of August; thence he proceeded to Buffalo, taking up his home at Lancaster, Erie county. In 1848 he married Catherine M. Hermandance of the same place and to them were born ten children: George Marion (who died in infancy), William Seyward, James Bryant, George Wesley, Francis Marion, Mary Ann, Julia Ellen, Emma Maria, Albert Christopher and Edward John. In 1852, having sold his farm at Lancaster, he purchased another in the town of Wales, Erie county, N. Y., living there from that time until 1866, when he again sold his farm and bought one at West Batavia, Genesee county, moving there about the first of April of that year. He remained on this farm until his death, August 27, 1896. Just previous to his death he sold his farm to his sons, William S. and George W. Lear. Mrs. Lear died February 7, 1899. Their second son, William Seyward Lear, was born in the town of Lancaster, Erie county, N. Y., on the 25th of February, 1851. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm, doing such work as is usually allotted to boys reared on the farm and going to school winters. During this time and early manhood he had acquired sufficient education to enable him to begin teaching in the district schools of his adopted county, commencing in November, 1873, and continuing in the profession until June, 1892, the last five years of his teaching being in the Corfu Union School. In politics Mr. Lear is a Democrat, and was nominated by that party in the fall of 1890 for the office of school commissioner and was defeated. On the 28th of July, 1892, he was married to Hattie L., daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Ira S. Mann of Corfu, N. Y. They have one son, Floyd Seyward, born July 7, 1895. In the summer of 1892 he moved to Wyoming, N. Y., and entered into the mercantile business, associated with his brother. Again in 1893 he was made the Democratic candidate for school commissioner of the first commissioner district of Wyoming county, and once more was defeated. April 1, 1895, having sold their mercantile business, Mr. Lear turned his attention to farming, at which he is now engaged. George Wesley Lear, fourth son of William and Catherine M. Lear, was born in Elma, Erie county, N. Y., July 29, 1854, coming with his parents to this county when eleven years of age. He was educated at Rural Seminary, East Pembroke, N. Y. After finishing his education he carried on farming and teaching district schools winters. In March, 1887, he married Helen M., eldest daughter of James A. Cooper; November, 1889, he engaged in mercantile business with Charles L. Eggleston at Victor, N. Y., and continued in that occupation until February, 1896, when, on account of the failing health of his parents, he, with his brother, William S., bought the old homestead and is now giving his attention to farming. He and his brother are among the leading and successful farmers of their town, and are recognized as conservative men of sterling integrity, who have intelligently lent their efforts to the advancement of their town and its institutions.

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Philleo, Henry S., was born in the town of Scipio, Cayuga county, April 12, 1816, a son of Joel and Clarissa (Lathrop) Philleo. His father came to Genesee county in 1818, settling in the town of Stafford and was a farmer. H. S. Philleo was educated in the common schools, and in 1841 he married Lany Bushman; their children are Winslow H., Charles E., Martha M., and Emma R. Mr. Philleo is one of the practical and successful farmers of Genesee county, deservedly esteemed as a man of integrity, industry and usefulness.

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Thomas, Charles, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 20, 1820, the youngest of four sons and three daughters born to Samuel and Jane (White) Thomas. Samuel Thomas was a cobbler by trade and moved with his family to the town of Yates, Orleans county, N. Y., in 1822, where he purchased a partly cleared farm and there spent the remainder of his life as an agriculturist; he died in 1831. Charles Thomas was reared on the farm, received a limited education in the district schools and remained on the farm with his mother and brother until thirty years of age. In March, 1862, he moved to the town of Bergen and bought a farm on the lake road; in 1865 he sold this farm and bought the farm of seventy acres which he owned at the time of his death. He was always an active, hard working and industrious man, and made many fine improvements on his farm, and well earned the rest he sought for a period before his demise. In politics Mr. Thomas was a Republican. In 1862 he married Emily Cook, born February 4, 1824, and a sister of Walter Cook of Bergen. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had no children and they were known among their friends and neighbors as a kind, accommodating and hospitable couple. Mr. Thomas died December 30, 1898, and his wife on January 2, 1899; they were buried in one grave.

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Sanders, Edwin Burden, was born in England, October 10, 1840. He was a son of Henry Sanders, who with his family came to Stafford from England in 1841. Henry

Sanders died in 1857 and his wife, whose maiden name was Ann Petherbridge, died in 1890. Edwin B. Sanders was educated in the common schools of Stafford and the public schools of Buffalo, and afterwards became one of Stafford's enterprising business men, carrying on a general store and being identified with other business interests of the town. He was postmaster at Stafford for twenty-one years and town clerk for nineteen years. In 1873 Mr. Sanders married Belle, daughter of Leander Douglass, and their children are Harry D., Carrie L., Leander E., William B. and Annie Belle. Mr. Sanders died April 27, 1887. He was one of the foremost citizens of Stafford, a man of genial disposition and of sterling integrity. He possessed in full measure the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He was a brother of the late John Sanders, who represented this county in the Assembly in 1879 and 1880.

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Sumner, Jerome, is a lineal descendant of John Sumner, who came with his brother Ephraim from Vermont in 1810, and settled in the town of Darien. They came through with a team of horses and were compelled to cut their way through the woods from Batavia on the old Buffalo road. After a few years Ephraim sold his farm to John and moved to Olean. John cleared the farm, erected buildings and cultivated the land till his death in 1836. He married Clarissa Winslow of Halifax, Vt., who died in 1851. Tyler Sumner, son of John, the pioneer, was born on the old homestead March 19, 1821; he married Mary Reed, October 20, 1850. and died May 22, 1888. Jerome Sumner, son of Tyler and Mary Reed, his wife, was born January 7, 1857, in the town of Darien, Genesee county, N. Y. His boyhood was spent in the common schools and on the farm. On February 9, 1883, he married Hattie Anthony; they had three children: Ollie M., Iva J., and Jay (deceased). Mrs. Sumner died February 12, 1892, and on July 9, 1895, Mr. Sumner married Clara H., daughter of William and Frances (Speice) Hutchinson; they have one daughter, May F., born February 9, 1897. Mr. Sumner has succeeded in gaining a competency of this world's goods and is surrounded by all the attributes of a happy home.

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Moissinac, Eugene H., p. o. Darien Center, son of Baptiste and Marie Jeanne (Vollard) Moissinac, was born in the city of Paris, France, July 30, 1846. In 1853 his parents emigrated to this country and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., where he attended the public schools until he was twelve years old, when his mother died, his father having died three years previous, breaking up the family home and turning him upon the world to fight life's battles. When yet a boy he secured a clerkship in the office of Farnham & Hodge, coal dealers in Buffalo, in whose employ he remained for nine years; then he accepted a position with the firm of G. R. Wilson & Co., taking charge of their retail coal department. After a service of about five years he accepted a position in the capacity of bookkeeper for D. C. Welch & Co., lumber dealers, where he remained about three years, when he again took the management of G. R. Wilson & Co.'s retail coal department, and there remained four years longer. His health failing him, he gathered together his worldly wealth, which by hard work and strict economy he had accumulated to a sufficient sum to enable him to buy his present farm, where he has since lived and enjoyed his country life. Mr. Moissinac has taken some interest in town affairs, was appointed justice of the peace to fill the vacancy made by J. J. Ellis resigning May 20, 1896; in 1897 was elected for balance

of term; and in March, 1898, was again re-elected for a full term of four years. In March, 1872, Mr. Moissinac married Caroline F. K. Powell of Buffalo, and they have two sons: Eugene E., born July 4, 1874, and Percy P., born March 23, 1883. Mr. Moissinac and his family are active members of the Baptist church and are one of the respected families of the county.

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Barber, Henry I., p. o. Darien Center.—One of the most intelligent and successful teachers in Genesee county is Henry I. Barber, son of James and Sarah (Boughton) Barber; he was born in the town of Middleburgh, Schoharie county, N. Y., October 10, 1865. His education was begun in the public schools of his native town and at the age of ten years he removed with his parents to Darien, where he attended the public schools of that town for a few terms, and at an early age began teaching. He then entered the State Normal School at Geneseo, and graduated in the class of 1892. After graduating he became principal of the Oakfield Union School, where he remained for two years, then became principal of the Union School at East Pembroke for one year, when he came to Darien Center and has since resided there, being engaged in teaching. On June 28, 1893, he married Alice M., only daughter of Horace L. and Lottie (Mann) Humphrey, one of the oldest and most respected pioneer families in Genesee county. They have one daughter, Ethel Lottie, born March 20, 1895. Mr. Barber is a member of New Lodge No. 451, I. O. O. F., and of Genesee Encampment No. 40, I. O. O. F., also of Kinsey Tent K. O. T. M. He is one of Darien's most respected and honored citizens.

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Robinson, Laban H., son of Elijah and Betsey (Jefferson) Robinson, was born on the old homestead in Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., March 23, 1841. His father and mother were natives of the Green Mountain State and came to Darien in 1822. There were no railroads at the time and their only mode of travel was with oxen, which they used to move their family to the west. Laban H. Robinson spent his boyhood with his father, who was a blacksmith. On August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Co. H, of the famous 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and served his country until the close of the war; he was wounded twice, once at Spottsylvania and once at Petersburg, Va. After the war was over he took up carpenter's work and in 1831 built a feed and saw mill in the village of Darien on Murder Creek, on the site of the mill built in 1854 by Stephen Douglas. Mr. Robinson does custom grinding and sawing and deals in groceries. On August 12, 1862, he married Mary A., daughter of Andrew and Catherine Lutz of Bennington, N. Y.; they have had three children: George F., Ulysses G. (deceased), and Charles E. Mrs. Robinson died April 30, 1873, and on April 28, 1874, Mr. Robinson married A. Lucy, daughter of Samuel and Fanny Loper; they have one daughter, Maud M.

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Canfield, Burroughs P., p. o. Darien Center, N. Y.—It is claimed that the name Canfield is of French extraction and was originally "Cam de Filo," but Mr. Canfield traces his lineage on his father's side to English origin. His father, David Canfield, was born in the town of New Fairfield, Conn., March 4, 1810, where his early life was spent. He died in Darien, N. Y., April 27, 1898. He was twice married; his first wife was Mrs. Clarissa G. (Durga) Canfield, who was born in Sherman, Conn.

in 1816, and died in Sheffield, Ohio, October 25, 1861. She was the mother of four children: Burroughs P., born in Sherman, Conn., September 13, 1840; Louisa, who died in Broome county, N. Y.; Mrs. Olive A. Mallory, wife of Hon. D. B. Mallory of Sherman, Conn.; and Mrs. Charlotte L. Kendall of Alden, N. Y. In 1843 the family came to Chenango, Broome county, N. Y., and in 1853 they moved to Sheffield, Ohio, where Burroughs P. received a liberal education at the Kingsville Academy. After finishing his education at this institution he was employed on the farm during the summer and in the winter he was employed in teaching school. In 1863 the family moved to Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., where, on September 7, 1869, Mr. Canfield married Julia, daughter of Solomon and Chloe (Durkee) Chapin, and in this same year they went to Earlville, Delaware county, Iowa, where Mr. Canfield engaged in the grain and produce business for three years. He was then called to Dyersville, Dubuque county, as principal of the graded school in that place and in June, 1874, they came back to their old home in Darien. They have two daughters: Ida M., born in Earlville, Iowa, May 27, 1871; and Clara O., born in Dyersville, Iowa, September 23, 1873. Each daughter has had the advantage of a good education and both are now teachers in the public schools. Mr. Canfield served his country during the war of the Rebellion in Co. G, 105th Ohio Vols., and was discharged from the service at Louisville, Ky., in 1862, on account of disability. He has always been identified with the Republican party and has held the office of town clerk and assessor, having held the latter office for over fifteen years. Whatever position he has held its duties have been discharged with thoroughness and efficiency and to the almost complete satisfaction of his constituents.

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Mix, David Ellicott Evans, was born in Batavia, January 19, 1837. His father, Ebenezer Mix, was born in New Haven, Conn., December 31, 1789, settled in Batavia in 1809, and soon entered the employ of the Holland Land Company. He was a man of decided taste for mathematics, and became one of the best known civil engineers in New York State. For twenty-one years he filled the office of surrogate of Genesee county. His son, David E. E. Mix, inherited his father's taste for mathematics and equalled in every respect, if he did not far excel him, in mathematical ability. He had been frequently employed by the State to work upon difficult problems, and his death was a public loss to Batavia. Mr. Mix married Sarah, daughter of the late Samuel Pruyn of Albany, N. Y. He left a widow and three sons: Samuel P., and Malcolm D. of Colorado, and David E. of Hartford, Conn.; Samuel P. is the only one now living. Mr. Mix filled many prominent positions in his town and his death, which occurred January 2, 1893, was a loss not only to his family, but to all who knew him. Mr. Mix's knowledge of the topography of Western New York, of lot and township lines and of everything connected with the surveys of Genesee county was remarkable. A mass of special learning on these topics "died with him," as he had a vast fund of this special information possessed by no one else.

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Walworth, Truman J., was born in the town of Royalton, Niagara county, May 9, 1821, a son of Samuel Walworth, and was educated in the common schools. In 1845 he came to Genesee county and that same year married Roxaline, daughter of Jacob Potter; they have one son, Vinton, and one daughter, Alfaretta. Mr. Walworth is



one of the self-made men of Genesee county, of untarnished reputation, industrious, intelligent and honest.

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Porter, Mrs. H. P., p. o. Rochester, N. Y.—The late Henry P. Porter was born in North Bloomfield, Ontario county, N. Y., January 7, 1821, and educated in the public schools. He was a clerk with Wells & Seymour of Batavia, and removed to Corfu in 1841, where he was a successful merchant until 1882, when he retired from business. He was for many years one of the first citizens of Genesee county. His business career was very prosperous. He was a Democrat, and his advice was always sought in the councils of his party. He died July 6, 1892. In 1851 he married Fidelia O. Hastings of Corfu; they had one adopted daughter, Marion, who married Frederick J. Smythe of Rochester; they have one son, Henry Porter. Mrs. Porter's father, Solomon Hastings, was born in Charlemont, Mass., in the year 1790, and came to Genesee county with his parents through the wilderness with the ancient teams of that day. He was educated in the schools of that day and followed the honorable occupation of farming. He married Sally Darrow, formerly of Northampton, Mass.; they had five children: Alonzo F., Olivia A., Amanda M., Diana E., and Fidelia O. Diana E. married Austin B. Waterman; they had one son, Clifford H., who now occupies the old Hastings homestead. Amanda M. married Truman C. Waterman. Mr. Hastings died in 1860 and his widow in 1868. Ancestry of family is English and Scotch.

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Dickinson, William H., p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born in Chautauqua, N. Y., July 18, 1868, educated in the district schools and is now conducting the Central Hotel at Corfu with success. September 25, 1891, he married Nellie B., daughter of Orrin and Eliza A. (Eastman) Lewis, of Darien, N. Y.; they have two children: Roy R. and Florence. Mr. Dickinson's father, Henry Dickinson, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1839; was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and in 1866 married Cora Barns, who bore him one son, William H., as above. Henry Dickinson died August 17, 1895; his widow survives at this date, 1898. Mrs. Dickinson's father, Orrin Lewis, was born at Rouse's Point, N. Y., September 12, 1833; attended the public schools and is a mechanic by occupation. July 14, 1868, he married Eliza A. Eastman of Attica, N. Y.; they had nine children, two died young and seven survive: Wilbur, Nellie B., Ida, George, Ella, Leon and Mamie. Wilbur married Flora Brown; they have two children. Mr. Dickinson in his political views is a staunch Republican. Ancestry of family is English, Scotch and Welsh, of New England origin.

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Flint, James Monroe, p. o. Akron, N. Y., was born in the township of Pembroke, Genesee county, N. Y., January 6, 1817, educated in a log school house, and always followed the honorable occupation of farming until he retired. The splendid farms he and his sons now own were an unbroken wilderness when he first came on the stage of action. He was married three times; first on February 2, 1843, to Deidamia Ford of Newstead, N. Y., who died December 30, 1844; second, on February 1, 1845, to Emeline Saxton, who died April 6, 1875, leaving four children: Milo M., Nelson W., Wallace K. and Harriet; and third, on June 15, 1876, to Mrs. Sarah (Hill) Anderson. Milo M. was born November 12, 1847, educated in the public schools,

and on March 15, 1876, married Susan Ford of Newstead; they had one son, Leon Ford; Mrs. Susan Flint died December 22, 1879. Nelson W. is a merchant in Akron; he married Emma Twinn of Newstead; they had three sons: Floyd M., Glen W., and Ray, who died in infancy. Wallace K. is a farmer in Newstead; he married Ida Cummings of that township, who has borne him four children: Mabel L., Ernest (died in infancy), Harrison and Monroe W.; Harriet resides with her brother, Milo M. Mr. Flint's father, Elijah Flint, was born in Dracut, Mass., March 11, 1779, and in 1802 he married Lydia Jones of Dracut; they had nine children. Elijah Flint came to Pembroke from Massachusetts in 1811, and died December 14, 1858, and his widow September 6, 1872. Mrs. Flint's father, Charles Hill, was born in the State of Vermont in the year 1805. He located in St. Lawrence county, this State, when a young man, and married Sarah Gowan of that county. Mr. Hill died in 1887, his wife preceding him the same year. Mr. Flint is a Universalist; in his political choice he is a thorough Democrat. The family date back to Salem, Mass., to the days of the Mayflower, to Thomas and William Flint. The family came from New England and was of Welsh origin.

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Keleher, Jeremiah J., Dr., p. o. Pembroke, N. Y., was born in the township of Pembroke, December 11, 1865, educated in the public schools, Corfu Union School and Akron High School. He taught school eight years and studied medicine in Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, Canada, from which he was graduated December 22, 1896. He was associated for a time with Dr. H. S. Wende of Tonawanda, and has practiced in the township of Pembroke with success. He is a member of Pembroke Lodge No. 432, and is past grand in the lodge. Dr. Keleher's father, John Keleher, was born in county Cork, Ireland, in 1826, and came to the United States when a young man, locating in Orleans county, N. Y. In 1852 he married Catherine Mahoney of Medina, who was also born in county Cork, Ireland, in 1831, and they had eight children: Margaret, Patrick, Hannah, John, Jeremiah, Kate and Mary, and a boy who died in infancy. The family came to Akron in 1852 and to Pembroke in 1858. Mr. Keleher, sr., died February 7, 1897, and his wife August 9, 1881. Margaret married George B. Clark of Pembroke. Patrick married Mary McCulley of Batavia, and they have five children: John, Kate, James, Louise and W. Howard. Hannah married Daniel Calnan of Pembroke; they have these children: John, Kate, Mary, James, Francis and Margaret. John married Mary Judge of West Batavia, and they have five children: John, Thomas, Francis, Mary and Margaret. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church of Pembroke. In his political choice Dr. Keleher is a Democrat. He is a successful practitioner in his profession.

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Long, John, p. o. Pembroke, N. Y., was born in the township of Darien, January 12, 1837, received his education in the common schools and is one of the town's best farmers. He was married twice; first to Permelia J. Remsen of Pembroke, who died in March, 1860, and second, on January 16, 1862, to Mary Ann Sturtevant of Newstead; they had three children: Edwin J., who was drowned June 9, 1888; Carrie E., who married George Burdett of Elba, N. Y., and have three sons: Ralph J., Ellis and Fay. Hazel E. is their youngest daughter and attends school. Mr. Long's father, Edward Long, was born in Washington county, N. Y., in the year 1809, and

came to Pembroke when a young man. He married Betsey Ann Briggs of Rensselaer county, and six children were born to them: Martha, John, Sterling, David, Charles W. and Edwin. Mr. Long died in 1889 and his wife in 1872. Mrs. Long's father, Alfred Sturtevant, was born in Vermont in the year 1812, and came to this State with his parents when a boy, where he attended the district schools and became an efficient teacher and farmer. He married Hannah Wortendyke of this State, and they had four children: Cecelia E., Mary Ann, Emogene and Josephine (twins). Mr. Sturtevant died in November, 1881, and his widow in September, 1892. Mr. Long's family attend the Christian church. In his political choice he is a staunch Democrat. He is a member of Akron Lodge No. 527, F. & A. M.

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Darrow, Asa K., p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born at Corfu, February 13, 1826, educated in the public schools and has had a variety of occupations. He was a machinist; was a forty-niner in California; oil operator and contractor in the oil regions of Pennsylvania; was a boat owner and captain on the southwestern rivers; has also been a lumberman, and has business interests in the western States, and is now retired toward the close of a life's battle well fought. He holds the office of street commissioner. He has married twice; first, in 1852, to Amy S. Edwards; they had three children: Guy A., who died at the age of six years; Jennie A., who married Herbert G. Walker of this place, then of Chicago, and has two children, Ella K., and Herbert G., jr.; and William A., a resident of the State of Washington and married. Mrs. Darrow died in 1864, and in 1872 Mr. Darrow married Allie L. King of the township of Pembroke; they had one son, Ralph A., a student at school. Mrs. Darrow died in January, 1897. Mr. Darrow's father, Luther Darrow, was born at Northampton, Mass., in the year 1794, and came first to Washington county with his parents and from there to Corfu in 1807. He was educated in the schools of his day and was always a farmer. He married twice; first, to Hannah Kinne of Rupert, Vt., who died in 1843, leaving seven children, three of whom survive: Asa K. (as above), Jennette (now Mrs. Turner of Pembroke), and William who, is a resident of the State of Iowa. For his second wife Mr. Luther Darrow married Mrs. Julia A. (Herrington) Hobert; they had one daughter, Emeline. Luther Darrow died in 1868. Mr. Darrow's grandfather, Z. Darrow, was a resident of Massachusetts. Mr. Darrow in his political choice is a Republican.

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Sparling, Frederick, p. o. Akron, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, Genesee county, May 7, 1854, educated in the common schools and Clarence Academy, and has always followed the honorable occupation of farming. December 25, 1873, he was united in marriage to Rose Kelkenberg of Newstead, Erie county. To them were born three children: Edward A., who is a farmer with his father; Myrtle M., who is a school teacher; and Amy L., a student at the Akron High School. Pauline E. Kelkenberg, an orphan niece of Mrs. Sparling's, also resides with them. Mr. Sparling's father, Anson Sparling, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in the year 1828; he was educated in the German schools and came to the United States in 1850, locating in Oakfield. One year later he married Sophia Burr of that place, formerly of his native place, and to them were born four children: Frederick, Anna M., Louisa M., and Eureka A., three of whom are now living. Mr. Anson Sparling died

September 6, 1896; Mrs. Sparling survived him about two years and a half, dying January 1, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sparling are prominent members of the First Presbyterian church of Akron. In his political choice he is a staunch Republican and has served as highway commissioner for nine consecutive years.

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Mallison, Jefferson H., p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born in Middlebury, Wyoming county, N. Y., December 3, 1832, educated in the district schools and was a merchant in Dale seven years; a hotel keeper at Darien Center for seven years; and a farmer for quite a number of years. He came to Corfu in 1882. He has married twice; first, April 13, 1856, to Ovanda K. Edwards of Chautauqua county, who died January 1, 1858, and on December 25, 1858, he married Margaret A. Snyder of Darien. They had four children: Osa, who died at the age of six months; Kate, who died in her second year; a boy not named; and Clinton H., who resides at home with his parents. Mr. Mallison's father, Valentine Mallison, was born in Middlebury, Wyoming county, N. Y., June 17, 1811, educated in the schools of his day and was a farmer and hotel keeper. He married Jane Whiting, and Jefferson H. was their only son. Mr. Mallison died June 28, 1884, and his wife January 25, 1848. She was born March 19, 1816. Mr. Mallison's grandfather, Ezra Mallison, was born in 1788. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. They settled on the Holland Purchase in 1806. Mrs. Mallison's father, Abram Snyder, was born in Germantown, Columbia county, N. Y., November 11, 1799, educated in the schools of that day and came to Dale, Wyoming county, when a young man. He married Catherine Simmons of Dale, and they had five children: William H., Mary, Catherine, Margaret A., and Ann E. Mr. Snyder died September 8, 1891, and his wife June 17, 1862. Mr. Mallison is an earnest Republican.

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Elliott, Edwin R., p. o. East Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Pavilion, Genesee county, N. Y., December 28, 1825, educated in the common schools and has been engaged in the meat business and farming. He has married twice; first, in 1850, to Hattie Richards of the town of Pembroke. They had three sons, George, William and Edwin R. Mrs. Elliott died in 1874, and for his second wife he married Isabel Durham of the town of Pembroke, who died December 10, 1896. On August 18, 1862, Mr. Elliott enlisted in Co. E, 140th N. Y. S. Vols., and was sent to the hospital with inflammatory rheumatism and honorably discharged by reason of surgeon's certificate of disability, February 16, 1863. His son, Edwin R., was born near East Pembroke, October 11, 1862; educated in the schools of Pembroke and Batavia and is a farmer. December 8, 1886, he married Addie Ford of South Alabama, and they have two children: Hattie O. and Glen E. The family attend the Presbyterian church. In his political faith he is a sound Republican and has held the office of inspector of election and is now school trustee. Edwin R., sr., is a member of Upton Post No. 299, G. A. R., Batavia, Dept. N. Y.

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Christie, Daniel H., p. o. East Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Mumford, Monroe county, N. Y., October 8, 1818, educated in the common schools and came from Caledonia, Livingston county, to Genesee county in 1844, and to his present homestead in 1857. On March 5, 1862, he married Nancy J. Willett of Pembroke; they

have two children: William W. and Mary E. William W. is the farmer at home. Mr. Christie's father, Hugh Christie, was born in Scotland in 1793, and came to the United States with his parents when a boy, locating in Johnstown, Fulton county, N. Y., where he was educated in the district schools. He married Mary Cameron of that place, and eleven children were born to them: Daniel H., Jane A., Charles, Catherine, Jeanette, two who died in infancy, Clinton, Archibald, Mary and Hugh B. Hugh Christie died September 5, 1853, and his widow December 24, 1870. Mrs. Christie's father, William Willett, was born in the eastern part of this State, January 30, 1798, educated in the schools of his day, and married Margaret Allen of Argyle, N. Y.; they had seven children: John A., Elizabeth, William H., James M., Nancy J., Sarah M. and Joseph. Mr. Willett died in 1860 and his widow in 1870. Mr. Christie and wife are members of the Presbyterian church; he is one of the trustees, also one of the elders. In his political choice he is independent.

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Diver, Edward, p. o. East Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Henrietta, Monroe county, N. Y., February 4, 1819, educated in the district schools and came to the town of Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., with his father, in his fourteenth year. He was a carpenter and joiner and has been one of the most successful farmers in Genesee county. December 18, 1844, Mr. Diver married Nancy Bushman of his native place and went to reside in Alabama, where he remained until 1867. They had two children: Mary E., and Adelbert E. Mary E. married Henry V. Phelps; they had six children: Atta N., Lena, Frank, Irene, Edward B. and Daisy who resides with her grandfather. Adelbert E. married Frances Boughton of the town of Batavia; they had two children: Edward B. and Nora I. who married Charles McHall of Henrietta, N. Y. Mrs. Phelps died November 19, 1883. Mrs. Diver died March 8, 1898. Mr. Diver's father, Calvin Diver, was born in Vermont in 1794, and came to this State when twenty-one years old. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 at Buffalo. About the year 1816 he married Cynthia Knox of his native State; they had nine children who grew to maturity: Cynthia M., Edward, Bingham, Willard, Oliver M., Almira, Erin, John M. and Ward D. Mr. Diver died February 12, 1875, and his wife October 13, 1873. Edward Diver was justice of the peace in Alabama four years, also collector; he has also been justice of the peace in Pembroke for three years, where he has resided since 1867. In his political choice he is a sound Democrat.

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Sumner, Mrs. Clarissa, p. o. Corfu, N. Y.—The late Jerome Sumner was born in the township of Pembroke, January 11, 1811, attended the schools of his day, was a farmer chiefly, also a carpenter and joiner. April 20, 1843, he married Clarissa Bentley of Darien, who was born in Pultney, N. Y. Mrs. Sumner's father, James Bentley, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., in the year 1784, attended the schools of his day and learned general blacksmithing. He removed to Steuben county when a young man and carried on his trade for many years. He married Esther Marshall of that county, and they had seven children: Clarissa, Hezekiah, William H., Hallet G., James H., Judson C., and Sarah E. Hezekiah R. married twice; his second wife was Sarah Van Lovan; they had four children: Jerome, Frank, Mary and Judson. William H. married three times. James H. was married. Judson C. married Fannie Jennings; Sarah E. married Dr. C. C. Epley. Mr. Bentley and family came

to Darien in 1839. He died in 1868 and his widow in 1870. Mr. Sumner was a member of the Universalist church and was known to be a man of industry, sobriety and integrity. Mrs. Sumner is an honored member of the same church.

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Smith, Edward, p. o. East Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Madison county, N. Y., August 2, 1823, educated in the district schools, came to Monroe county when eighteen years old and to Genesee county in 1850, and is one of Pembroke's intelligent farmers. In January, 1844, he married Sarah Hoose, formerly of Canaan, Columbia county, N. Y.; they have three children: Priscilla J., Esther A. and Reed. Priscilla J. resides at home; Esther A. married Ezra Seamans of Pembroke; they have two children: Leone and Webb H.; and Reed married Margaret Munsey of Pembroke; they have one daughter, Pansey, who married Jonn King of Pembroke, and they have a daughter, Hazel I. Mr. Smith's father, John Smith, was born in Columbia county, N. Y., in 1797, educated in the schools of his day and was a farmer; he married Amy Hoose of his native county and removed to Madison county. They had eleven children: Angeline, John, Edward, Meranda S., Margaret, Phineas, Jane, Adeline, Amy and Mary (twins), and Devolson. Mr. Smith died in 1872 and his wife in 1845. Mr. Smith's grandfather, Henry Smith, was born in Columbia county about the year 1772; he married Margaret Johnson of that county. He and his wife died in Cortland county. Mrs. Smith's father, Christopher Hoose, was born in Columbia county, N. Y., about the year 1800; he married Jane Hoose, and had one daughter, Sarah. Both father and mother are dead. Mr. Smith in his political choice has always been a Republican. The family are Universalists.

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Ellenwood, Samuel E., p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born in Kirkland, Oneida county, N. Y., January 20, 1820, and educated in the district schools, the high school in Erie county, and Clarkson Academy in Monroe county. His parents came to Genesee county when he was fourteen years old, and since leaving school he has always followed the business of farming. On September 13, 1849, he married Sally S. Eddy, formerly of Ogden, Monroe county; they have three children: Charlotte M., Eli G. and Allie H. (twins). Charlotte M. married John C. McPherson of Mumford; Eli G. married Laura E. Spencer of Columbus, O., and the family now reside in Batavia. Allie H. married Howard J. Campbell of Mumford; they had one son, Donald J.; Mr. Campbell died January 13, 1898. Mr. Ellenwood's father, Eli Ellenwood, was born near Clinton, Oneida county, N. Y., August 18, 1795, and educated in the district schools and College Hill Academy. September 17, 1818, he married Sophia M. Gridley of his native place; they had eleven children: S. Emory, Harriet, who died in infancy; Albert G., Frances F., Henry P., Helen M. and Harriet S. (twins), George G., Charles E., Charlotte M., and Adelaide G. Mr. Ellenwood died April 9, 1880, and his widow March 8, 1881. Mrs. Ellenwood's father, Arnold Eddy, was born in Chenango county, N. Y., March 31, 1795; married Sally H. Worthington, and had six children: Le Roy, Almond, Sally S., Serepta R., De Loss and Ellen G. Mr. Eddy died in 1827, and his widow in 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Ellenwood are members of the Presbyterian church. In his political choice he is a Republican. He has been school inspector and assessor several terms.

Cleveland, William H., p. o. East Pembroke, N. Y., was born on his present homestead in a log cabin, October 28, 1834. He attended the district schools and has always pursued the business of farming. April 26, 1859, he married Lydia J. Peck of the township of Pembroke; they had nine children: Octavia A., Nellie A., Effie P., Nelson W., George A., Heston J., Mary A., Ernest A. and Edith M. Effie P. married Fred Taggart of Batavia, and they have two children: Fred and Glen. Nelson W. married Alice Waite of Pembroke; they reside in Buffalo; their children are Arthur, Florence and Raymond. George A. married Grace Adams of his native township; they have one daughter, Alberta G. Mr. Cleveland's father, Jonathan W. Cleveland, was born in Dalton, Mass., June 3, 1798, and came to this State in 1832. He was educated in the schools of Massachusetts. January 26, 1820, he married Abigail, daughter of Elezer Blackman of his native place; they had eleven children: Nelson W., Elezer B., Levi C., Lodoiska A., Harriet Payn, Mary A., Stephen W., Aurilia A., Jonathan A., William H. and Mary E. Mr. Cleveland died April 10, 1878, and his wife December 25, 1877. Mr. Cleveland's grandmother was Anna Payn, a direct descendant of Hugh Payn, son of a page who went from Normandy with William the Conquerer. Mrs. Cleveland's father, William Peck, was born in Sand Lake, N. Y., in 1811, and educated in the schools of his day. He came to Pembroke when a young man and married Celinda Ryckman; they had three children: Joel, Lydia J., and Franklin, who died at the age of one year. Mr. Peck died in 1885 and his widow in 1893. In his political choice Mr. Cleveland is a Democrat, and the family attend the Presbyterian church.

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Kinne, Royal W., p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born in Corfu July 23, 1815, attended the schools of his day and followed the occupation of farming. He has married twice; first, in 1838, to Samantha Champion of the township of Darien; they had three children: Electa, Silas and Daniel. Daniel was a soldier in the Civil war, was wounded at Cold Harbor, June 2, 1863, and died there on June 9th. He was a member of Co. G, 8th Artillery, N. Y. S. Vols. The G. A. R. Post at Corfu is named for him. Electa married William H. Duguid of Pembroke; they had two children: Hattie J. Phelps and Royal K.; Mrs. Duguid died January 8, 1893. Silas married Mary E. Chadeayne; they have three children: R. Albert, Clara G. and Constance V. Mrs. Royal W. Kinne died March 8, 1863, and on November 15, 1864, Mr. Kinne married Miranda L. Duguid of Pavilion. Mr. Kinne's father, Jonas Kinne, was born in Rupert, Vt., in 1786, and came here with the Darrows in 1807. He married Hannah Darrow; they had six children: Electa, William, Randolph, Royal W., Jonas, and Julia who died at the age of five years. Jonas Kinne died in 1820 and his widow in 1837. Mr. Kinne's grandfather was Asa Kinne. Mr. Kinne has served his town as supervisor two terms; in his political choice he is a Republican.

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Russell, George A., p. o. East Pembroke, N. Y., was born in his present home near East Pembroke, April 11, 1848, and was educated in the district schools and East Pembroke Seminary. He has had a variety of occupations—farmer, miller and saw mill interests. On May 2, 1888, he married Emma L. Garrett of Albion, N. Y.; they have two children: Irving G. and Doris A. Mr. Russell's father, Samuel R. Russell, was born in Cooperstown, N. Y., November 28, 1801, and came to this part

of the State when a young man. He was educated in the schools of his day and was a farmer and paper manufacturer. He married Ann F. Strickland of Newstead, N. Y.; they had five children: Sylvester S., Helen L., Susan M., Augusta A. and George A. Mr. Russell died in 1883 and his wife the same year. Mrs. Russell's father, Joseph Garrett, was born in Canada, February 21, 1826. He married Mary Tyrell, formerly of Vermont; they had eleven children: Mary, Adelbert, Franklin, Lucy A., Emma L., Adelaide, Elizabeth, David, Augusta, Jessie and Alfred. Father and mother are both living at this date, 1898. The family attend the Episcopal church. In his political choice Mr. Russell is a Republican.

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Jones, Cornelia A.—The late Charles Jones was born in the township of Darien, N. Y., April 12, 1829, educated in the common schools and followed the business of farming. On May 1, 1855, he married Cornelia A. Stiles, then of Darien; they had three children: Martha E., Clara, and Clarence who died at the age of twenty-two years. Martha E. married Orlando W. Reed of Pembroke; they have one daughter, Bessie M. Clara married Newton Johns of Pembroke; they have one daughter, Bertha. Mr. Jones died May 31, 1895. His father, Nathaniel Jones, was born in Pompey, Onondaga county, N. Y., August 30, 1790, and came here with his parents in 1810. His grandfather, Levi Jones, was born September 2, 1757. They cut the trees on the Allegany road through the wilderness from Corfu north for at least two miles. Mrs. Jones's father, Warren Stiles, was born in Westfield, Mass., May 19, 1802, educated in the schools of his day and was a farmer; he married Betsey E. Holcomb of Granby, Conn. The family came to the township of Darien in the year 1834. Five children were born to them as follows: Mary E., born at her mother's old home, Simsbury, Conn.; four born in Genesee county, Cornelia A., Henry T., Alvira A. and John F. Mr. Stiles died August 14, 1875. One of the forefathers was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war; his commission bears date of April 6, 1776. The ancestry of family is Dutch, Welsh and English. Henry T. and John F. Stiles were both soldiers in the war of the Rebellion; the first named died there from exposure.

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Tupper, Sheldon C., p. o. Indian Falls, N. Y., was born in the township of Elba, N. Y., April 16, 1837, and educated in the district schools. In his early days he was a carpenter and is now a farmer, having owned his present homestead, near Indian Falls, twenty-two years. February 25, 1862, he married Laura W. Bullock of Elba, N. Y.; they have eight living children: Minnie C., Charles A., Fannie P., Annie E., Frank W., Homer E., Susie M. and Harry N. Minnie C. married Monroe Derr of Buffalo. Fannie P. married Warren Winslow; they have three children: Clarence M., Allen N., and Millie L. Annie E. married George Ott; their children are Niel and Mabel. Frank W. married Mary Inglesbe. Mr. Tupper's father, Menzie M. Tupper, was born in Connecticut, February 8, 1793, and came to this State when a young man; he married Amerilla Warren of his native State, September 13, 1822; they had eight children: Nathan L., Abigail C. and Lydia (twins), Tupper, Cordelia C., John C., Sheldon C., and Martha E. Mr. Tupper died in 1869, and his wife March 14, 1839. Mrs. Tupper's father, Alva N. Bullock, was born at Athens, N. Y., April 8, 1819, came to the town of Elba in 1837, and on October 26, 1841, married



Mary A. Waldo of Elba, who bore him seven children: Alva L., Silas E., Perlina, Homer D., Frank E. and Mary A. Mr. Bullock died May 11, 1896, and his wife January 10, 1864. Mr. Tupper in his political faith is thoroughly independent. His grandfather Tupper was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

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Wiedrich, John, p. o. Indian Falls, N. Y., was born in the town of Stafford, Genesee county, N. Y., September 14, 1857, obtained his education in the public schools and is now one of Pembroke's best farmers, coming to that town in 1875. On March 8, 1896, he married Sarah A. Walworth of Pembroke; they have two children: Edward and Lydia M. Mr. Wiedrich's father, Henry Wiedrich, was born in Alsace, Germany, in 1822, and came to the United States with his parents when six years old, locating in Wyoming county, where he was educated in the district schools. He married Elizabeth Ditman of Germany; they had nine children: George, Henry, jr., John, William, Elizabeth, Catherine, Carrie, Augustus and Edward. Father and mother are both living at this date, 1898. Mr. Wiedrich has been constable and inspector of elections for ten years. In his political choice he is a Republican.

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Clark, Edward H., sr., p. o. East Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Buffalo, N. Y., May 22, 1851. His parents moved to the town of Batavia when he was an infant and to the town of Pembroke in 1853; he obtained his education in the district schools and Niagara University. He is a carpenter and joiner and is now one of the town's best farmers. September 24, 1874, he married Mary J. Taylor of the township of Batavia; they had ten children: Rose M., who died young; Edward H., jr., Annie E., James A., Sarah A., Esther C., Marian G., Mary J., Emma F., and Monica G. Mr. Clark's father, James Clark, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1820. He married Sarah Rider of his native county, and came to the United States in 1849. They had four children, the oldest of whom died in infancy. James Clark died in 1888, and his widow in 1891. Mrs. Clark's father, John Taylor, was born in County Claire, Ireland, December 25, 1825, and came to the United States in 1848. He was section foreman on the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. many years; he married Ann Brown, who was born in 1831; they had eleven children: one died in infancy, Mary J., John A. and William A. (twins), Annie C., who died in her second year, Eliza J., Charles E., Robert N., Joseph M., George E. and Walter H. Father and mother are both living at this date, 1898. Edward H., jr., is a graduated trained nurse and at present is an attendant in the State Hospital in Buffalo, N. Y. Annie is a Normal graduate and teaches the intermediate department in the public schools at East Pembroke. The family are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. Mr. Clark is a Republican in politics. James J., his brother, died in 1891, leaving eight children, and his widow died in August, 1898.

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Shepard, Henry, p. o. East Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Covington, Genesee county, N. Y., May 29, 1818, educated in the schools of his day and was a farmer until he retired in 1884. He has married three times; first, to Electa Chipman of Pavilion, who bore him three children: Lorenzo B., Elbert H., and Celia M.; both sons are dead and the daughter resides with and cares for her father. Mrs. Shepard died in May, 1856, and in the fall of 1858 he married Mary Carr of Pavilion, who

died in September, 1869; and for his third wife he married, in June, 1870, Mary Rogers, of Pavilion, who died at East Pembroke in September, 1890. Mr. Shepard's father, Isaac Shepard, was born in Newfane, Conn., in 1733, educated there, and married Mary A. Sears of his native place; they came to this county in 1812; they had five children, four of whom grew to maturity: Norman, Henry, John and Delia. Isaac Shepard died in 1861 and his wife in January, 1852. Mr. Shepard's grandfather, Simeon Shepard, was born in Connecticut. Miss Shepard is a member of the Baptist church. In his political choice Mr. Shepard is a staunch Republican.

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Kennedy, Frank, p. o. Fargo, N. Y., son of Jay and Margaret (Sofridge) Kennedy, was born in the north of Ireland, August 2, 1837. His education was obtained in the schools of his native country and at the age of eighteen he emigrated to this country and located in Rochester, N. Y., where he soon secured a position in a carriage factory, and where he was employed for three years. He then removed to Darien, where he has since resided with the exception of about two years, when he lived in Alden. On May 22, 1858, Mr. Kennedy was married to Jane, daughter of James and Eliza (Loughrige) Blair; they have nine children: Maggie, Charles C., Emmitt F., Colburn H., Eva, Alice M., Lila B., Myra L. and Jay E. Mr. Kennedy is a member of Alden Lodge No. 108, A. O. U. W. Politically he is a Republican, and has always been more or less active in party affairs, but never held or aspired to public office. He is one of Darien's most respected citizens and his friends are legion.

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Wright, Orlo W., p. o. Corfu, N. Y., Darien's commissioner of highways, and one of her progressive and enterprising citizens, is the youngest of a family of four children born to George W. and Elizabeth (Wickmore) Wright, and was born in the town of Alden, Erie county, N. Y., July 17, 1859. He is of English descent, his grandfather, Morris Wright, having come to this country from England in the year 1818. Mr. Wright is a member of the Genesee County Grange. He is one of the thorough farmers of Darien, and in addition to operating his farm, he is engaged in dealing in cattle, employing one or more men to assist in his farm work; his farm of eighty acres is situated just south of Corfu village. Mr. Wright has succeeded in gaining a competency of this world's goods and is surrounded by all the attributes of a happy home.

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Fisher, Carlton G., p. o. Darien Center, N. Y.—One of the most respected and prosperous farmers of Genesee county is Carlton G. Fisher. He is the youngest son of Charles M. and Alice M. (Grannis) Fisher, and was born in the town of Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., September 24, 1872. His education was begun in the common schools and finished at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He located at Darien Center and engaged in the produce business in which he was quite successful; he was also engaged in the money brokerage business in Batavia for a year, when he retired from mercantile pursuits and removed to his farm in Darien, where he has since resided. On January 22, 1895, Mr. Fisher was married to Mary L., daughter of Henry C. and Louisa (Husted) Springer of Alexander; they have a son, Carlton Alanson, born April 10, 1897. Mr. Fisher in his intercourse with men is frank and manly and is universally esteemed among his fellow citizens.

Cofran, Thomas K., son of Jacob and Rebecca (Kimball) Cofran, was born in the town of Yorkshire, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., January 30, 1831. He was the youngest of a family of nine children, three sons and six daughters. His educational advantages were very limited indeed, but being possessed of a desire for learning, he used every endeavor within his power to secure an education and was successful. He engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with success. On January 30, 1856, he married Manervia E., daughter of George and Elizabeth (Deming) Hunt; their children are Elmer M., Milfred H., Candace, wife of Irvin Farnsworth, Milo, and Viola, wife of Frank R. Wood. Politically Mr. Cofran is a Republican and a firm supporter of that organization. He has held the office of justice of the peace, and is a member of Alden Lodge No. 108, A. O. U. W. Mr. Cofran is a prosperous and progressive agriculturist and an intelligent and upright citizen.

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Chick, Charles F., p. o. Attica, N. Y.—One of the most extensive and successful farmers and breeders of fine horses and cattle in Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., is Charles F. Chick, who has a farm of 186 acres. Mr. Chick is the son of George and Jane (Percy) Chick, who emigrated from England to Batavia, N. Y., in 1852, from which place, after six months, they removed to Buffalo. Mr. Chick and his twin brother, William, were born December 21, 1855, on the Charles E. West farm at Cold Spring, Buffalo, which farm of 300 acres his father conducted for nineteen years. His schooling was limited, but being a naturally intelligent youth with a keen perception, he made up for his lack of schooling by those best of teachers, observation and experience. In 1871 he removed with his parents to Bennington, N. Y., where he married Carrie, daughter of Henry Walker; their children were Henry and Arthur. Mrs. Chick died on January 29, 1894, and Mr. Chick married for his second wife, on December 30, 1895, Ella M., daughter of John and Elizabeth C. (Sterling) Foltz.

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Newton, Charles J., was born in the town of Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., September 27, 1848, a son of John and Lydia (Newton) Newton. His father died when he was but a child and early in life he was left dependent upon his own exertions for a livelihood. Mr. Newton spent three years as a commercial traveler in the employ of Curtis Whittlesey and later he engaged in the mercantile business on his own account at Fargo, N. Y., where he carried on business for two years, when he sold out and removed to his farm in Darien, where he has since resided. In January, 1890, Mr. Newton married Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Eva (Croop) Spece of Lancaster, Erie county, N. Y. Mr. Newton has never mixed largely in political matters, but his opinions were judiciously formed and fearlessly asserted; he is now a member of the school board. He has a large circle of friends and is an honored and respected citizen.

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Richley, Alexander F., p. o. Sawens, N. Y., oldest son of Florain and Elizabeth Richley, was born in the town of Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., March 3, 1860. His father was born in Baden, Germany, emigrated to this country in 1848 and settled in Darien, where he now resides. His mother is a native of Switzerland; she came to this country in 1852. Mr. Richley was educated in the public schools of his

native town and lived at home until January 30, 1883, when he married Mary Smith, who has borne him two children: Charles B., born May 7, 1893, and Clara E., born June 17, 1890. Mr. Richley is not a club man and has never connected himself with any societies, save the American Fraternal Insurance Union. He has been somewhat active in public affairs, having held the office of commissioner of highways and is now the supervisor of his town, having been elected as a Democrat in 1898.

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Godfrey, Oscar E., was born in Elba, N. Y., September 10, 1833. His father, Nathan S. Godfrey, was a native of Orange county, N. Y., and came to Stafford, Genesee county, in 1826 with his parents, Elijah and Catherine (Slawson) Godfrey. Nathan S. married a daughter of Andrew B. Jones, and through life was a farmer and appraiser of real estate; he was a man whose judgment was sought and respected by all who knew him; he died May 8, 1891. Oscar E. Godfrey was educated in the common schools. In 1833 he married Annie, daughter of Stephen Shepard; she died in 1894. Mr. Godfrey is a good farmer, a plain and substantial citizen. In politics he is a strong Democrat.

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Wilder, John, was born in the town of Elba, N. Y., April 21, 1819, a son of Ezra Wilder, who was one of the pioneers of Genesee county. In 1838 he was married to Rebecca A. Walker; she died in 1854, and in 1860 Mrs. Elizabeth Troop, a daughter of Richard and Phelinda (Logan) Gilbert became his wife. By his first marriage he had two daughters: Adeliza, who was married to David Shotwell of Elba and is deceased; and Florilla, the wife of Walter H. Raymond. Mr. Wilder was a practical and prosperous farmer, a man of unblemished character, and in his death, which occurred March 20, 1884, his town lost one of its valuable residents.

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Gardner, Jeffrey W., was born in Schuyler county, N. Y., February 5, 1808, a son of J. W. and Freelove Gardner. His father was a native of Rhode Island and was one of the pioneers of Genesee county, settling in the town of Elba in 1809. Mr. Gardner was a practical and successful farmer, and his career in life was the embodiment of industry, honesty and commendable aspirations; his death, on May 1, 1882, removed from the community an active and useful citizen. Mr. Gardner married Mrs. Martha M. Atwater, widow of Eli Atwater, who had two children: Lucius Atwater, born in Wisconsin, December 23, 1868, and Mary Minerva Atwater, born September 27, 1870. Two children also blessed the second union: Jeffrey T., born October 27, 1876, died March 23, 1877; and Grace F., born November 28, 1878, who still lives on the homestead farm with her mother. Hon. John C. Gardner, of the town of Oakfield, was the eldest brother of Jeffrey W., and was prominent in the growth and progress of his town, filling many important positions, and was elected to the Assembly in 1849. He was thrice married; first to Atha Field, who died August 6, 1861; second to Harriet D. Hose, who died August 7, 1870; and third to Jane Britton, who died August 5, 1898. Mr. Gardner died May 29, 1882, honored and respected by all who knew him.

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McCrorry, John, was born March 15, 1812, in Ireland, of Scotch descent. He came to America in 1822 with his father, mother, three sisters and one brother, settling in

Pavilion, Genesee county. The same year his mother died and for two years the children were given homes among strangers. In 1824 his father bought a farm on the town line road between Batavia and Stafford, and there Mr. McCrory spent his life till 1836, when he married Mary A., daughter of Deacon Clark of Stafford, and established his home one mile east of Daws Corners. Ten years later he sold that farm and bought one in Stafford, near the home of his childhood, where he remained until 1854, when he removed to the village of Elba. For thirty-eight years he was one of the foremost men of his town and village. In the maintenance of good public schools and in the erection of suitable public buildings he was always interested; his good judgment and unusual sound sense won for him a place in the confidence and esteem of the people not easily gained. Mr. McCrory was a regular attendant at the Baptist church, serving for years as trustee and for nearly a quarter of a century as treasurer of the church. It is worthy of note just here that he attended the weddings of each of his sisters and of his brother, also the golden wedding of each of his sisters. It is rare that such a privilege is granted to one member of a family. In 1876 his wife died, and in 1878 he married Ordella Phelps, daughter of Chester Phelps of Elba. Because of his cheerful disposition, decided energy and perseverance, good business qualifications and well known integrity, Mr. McCrory served as an inspiration to young men and old, and was ever ready to aid by influence and money those in need. He died at his residence in Elba, August 24, 1892.

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Holmes, Westley G., was born in the town of Henrietta, N. Y., January 23, 1813, and came to Elba in 1850. In 1839 he married Olive Roxanna, daughter of Thomas Stevens; they had one daughter, Amy C., wife of D. R. Harkness, to whom were born four sons, Westel E., George N., Estes D. (who was drowned July 30, 1895) and Alva S., and two daughters, Mina L. and Edith D. Mr. Holmes was a farmer all his life; he died in 1886, and he is remembered as an upright, consistent man, whose assistance in any good work was always ready and freely given.

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Loveridge, Joel A., was born in Ogden, Monroe county, N. Y., April 13, 1856. His father, Loomis Loveridge (deceased), was a cousin of Prof. Elias Loomis of Yale College, the compiler of Loomis's Series of Mathematics. Loomis Loveridge married Emily, daughter of Judge William Butts, and through life was a farmer; he died in 1893. J. A. Loveridge was educated at Brockport Normal School and Eastman's Business College. He taught school for eighteen years, and in 1896 was elected school commissioner of Genesee county, receiving the largest vote ever given a candidate for that office. In 1881 Mr. Loveridge married Cora Van Saun; they have three children. Mr. Loveridge is giving his undivided attention to the duties of his office, and is making an excellent record.

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McIntyre, Estes E., was a native of Charlton, Worcester county, Mass.; he came to Genesee county with his parents, Amos and Nancy McIntyre, in 1818; they made the journey in a wagon from Massachusetts and settled in the town of Elba. Mr. McIntyre was married to Alce, daughter of Ezekiel and Alce White in early life. He was a farmer and an exemplary man in all the walks of life; he died on August

4, 1878; his widow died in 1889. One daughter survives, Hattie J. McIntyre, a resident of Elba.

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Raymond, Walter H., was born in Elba, N. Y., July 25, 1845, a son of William C. and Sarah (Southworth) Raymond. William C. Raymond came to Bethany in 1828 and soon after removed to Batavia, where he entered the employ of Alva Smith; in 1830 he formed a partnership with Mr. Smith and established a business in Elba, in which he was engaged up to the time of his death. His children were William H., born December 16, 1839, served in Company H, 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery for three years; Walter H., Mary A., wife of Prof. Samuel P. Moulthrop, now residing in Rochester; and Charles L., born July 30, 1853, and who is now in the city engineer's office in Rochester. The family trace back to the Raymonds in Connecticut, who were among the pioneers of that State. William H. married Waitie, daughter of Christopher and Roxanna Larkin; they have two children: George L. and Winifred. Walter H. married Flora A., daughter of John Wilder; two children have been born to them: Maud, and Grace (deceased). The business house of the Raymonds at Elba is one of the landmarks of Genesee county. William H. served as supervisor for four years, and Walter H. as postmaster for several terms.

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Iverson, Charles, was a native of Paisley, Scotland, and came with his parents, Henry and Ann (Clarke) Iverson, to the United States in 1820. He married Melissa A., daughter of Levi H. and Betsey Warner; their children are Betsey A., Charles H., Sarah A. and John C. Mr. Iverson was a practical farmer, a man of liberal and enlightened sentiments, of clean character, and a staunch member of the Methodist church. His death occurred November 12, 1893, and his loss was keenly felt in the community where he lived.

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Moulthrop, Edwin N., p. o. Batavia, N. Y., was born in Wisconsin, October 27, 1849. His father, M. Nelson Moulthrop, formerly engaged in the mercantile and produce business but now retired, has been justice of the peace for fifteen years; a sketch of his life appears elsewhere in this work. E. N. Moulthrop was educated in the common schools and Brockport Normal School. He taught school for three seasons and then engaged in farming. In 1872 he was married to Emogene, a daughter of Josiah Merriman; they have two children—Ray and Pearl C. Mr. Moulthrop is a successful and prosperous farmer, and he enjoys the merited respect and confidence of the community in which he resides.

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Prole, George, p. o. Morganville, N. Y., was born in Stafford, N. Y., August 25, 1847. His father, Henry Prole, was a native of England, and came to Genesee county in 1840, where he carried on farming. He married Mary Radley, and they have three children, George, William and Rebecca, wife of Edward D. Rumsey. George Prole was educated in Le Roy and at the Buffalo Commercial School. He is a farmer and a large dealer in produce, being associated with William Prole, under the firm name of George Prole & Bro. Mr. Prole married Emma, daughter of Henry Deshon; they have three children: Henry, Florence and Nellie. Mr. Prole is one of Stafford's successful and representative business men, of sterling integrity and has

always been interested in the welfare of his town. Henry Prole died June 5, 1899, at the age of eighty-four years.

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Mullen, Albert T., p. o. Morganville, N. Y., was born in the town of Stafford, February 9, 1856. His father, William Mullen, was a native of North Devonshire, England, born December 1, 1828, and came to Genesee county in 1851, where he carried on farming; he married Elizabeth Ford of North Devonshire, England, who was born in September, 1822. Albert T. Mullen was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. He married Nellie E., daughter of John and Mary Scoins; the latter was born in the town of Stafford, August 20, 1856; her father was born in England in June, 1818, and her mother January 19, 1823. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen have three children: Clarence A., born August 30, 1878; William A., born April 25, 1883; and Earl W., born October 30, 1892. Mr. Mullen is a respected and public spirited citizen.

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Lathrop, Jay, p. o. Morganville, N. Y., was born in the town of Stafford, November 19, 1840. His father, John Lathrop, was a native of Pittsford, Vt., and came to Genesee county in 1813, settling on the farm which has been in the possession of the family since. He married Martha Clifford, who died May 14, 1837, leaving six children: Mary Lathrop Benham, who died April 14, 1896; William; Ann Lathrop Taggart, died September 21, 1897; Whitman; Julia, died April 23, 1847; and Martha C., who has been a missionary in India for thirty years. Mr. Lathrop married for his second wife Elizabeth Herrick, daughter of Samuel Moody; they had six children: Jay, Howard, Abial, Caroline E., Helen F. and Walter E. Mr. Lathrop died February 22, 1887, aged ninety-three years. Jay Lathrop was educated in the common schools and since leaving school has been engaged in farming. He married Mina M., daughter of Alvan Warner; they have one daughter, Florence M. Mr. Lathrop has served three terms as supervisor, is one of the representative men of the town, and is the owner of one of the choicest and best equipped farms in the county.

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Gill, James, is a native of England, and was born April 4, 1834. His stepfather, George Thomas, came to Stafford in 1842, where he died in 1886. James Gill arrived in Genesee county in 1844, was educated in the common schools, and has followed farming all his life. For ten years he was school trustee, and in various ways has proved his usefulness as a citizen. His life has proved him to be a man worthy of the confidence and respect of his fellows. His wife is Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Moore of England; their children are Caroline F. Heddon, Sarah Gill Kingdon and Ralph G.

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Smith, Stanley M., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Le Roy, February 20, 1861. His father, Chauncey M. Smith, was a leading physician of Le Roy, and married Cornelia A. Collins; he died in 1864. Stanley M. Smith was educated in the common schools and the academy of Le Roy. In 1876 he engaged in the drug business. He is village treasurer and was for four years foreman of the Oatka Hose Company and in 1895 was elected chief of the fire department; he is also president of the Gen-

esee & Wyoming County Firemen's Association. He married Orpha C., daughter of Philo and Sarah L. Lull of Norwich, N. Y. Mr. Smith is an upright, enterprising man, interested in the advancement of the public institutions of the town, and in every way is a worthy citizen.

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Halbert, William R., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Glasgow, Scotland, September 14, 1819, and on May 24, 1828, emigrated to America, coming on what was then a large sailing vessel of 450 tons burden, being eight weeks on the ocean; he was three days in reaching Albany and three more in arriving at Utica, where his father met him at the canal; there he remained ten years, working in the cotton mills part of the time. At the age of nineteen he went to Canada and worked on a farm for three years, and in 1843 came to Le Roy, where he has since lived as a farmer. In March, 1852, Mr. Halbert married Ellen E. Pierson, daughter of Linus Pierson. Mrs. Halbert died January 15, 1853, on the farm where Mr. Halbert now lives in his eightieth year. Mr. Halbert has served as highway commissioner six years, inspector of election twelve years, and has been elder in the First Presbyterian church of Le Roy over twenty-five years.

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Bartlett, Rufus, p. o. Le Roy, was born in New Hampshire, May 15, 1824, a son of Jonas and Edec (Robertson) Bartlett. His mother died in 1840 and his father in 1874. Mr. Bartlett was brought up on a farm, educated in the common schools, and in 1848 married Sarah B. Hood of Massachusetts; their children are Isabella G., Edward R., Charles L. and Grace E. In 1853 Mr. Bartlett went to Geneseo to superintend the Big Tree farm for James S. Wadsworth, where he remained six years, removing to Illinois, where he resided until the fall of 1864, when he came to Le Roy and engaged in the milling business. Mr. Bartlett has been trustee of the village, was poormaster eight years, and assessor seven years. He is one of Le Roy's representative business men, of sound integrity, and a man of more than ordinary influence in the development and progress of his town.

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Harmon, Edwin M., was born in Wheatland, Monroe county, N. Y., July 8, 1831, educated in the common schools, and brought up on a farm, which occupation he followed until thirty-five years of age, when he engaged in the milling business in Scottsville, where he continued for seven years. In 1871 he went west and located in Champaign, Ill., where he was special agent for Lycoming Insurance Company for five years. On account of ill health he returned east and came to Le Roy in 1878, and engaged in the insurance business, which he has since continued successfully. He represents the following insurance companies: North America, German American, Philadelphia Underwriters, Hanover Fire Association of Philadelphia, New York Underwriters, Royal, Phoenix of Hartford, Phoenix of London, Lancashire, Connecticut, Commercial Union and Niagara, Norwich Union, Equitable Life Insurance Co., Hartford Steam Boiler and Lloyds Plate Glass. He has built up a very fine insurance business in this section and has become well known all throughout the county. He was elected town clerk in March, 1898, for one year; is a stockholder in the Citizens' Bank and a member of the I. O. O. F. Oscar Harmon, a brother of Edwin, raised a regiment, the 125th Illinois, and went out with them as colonel; he was killed



at Kenesaw Mountain as they started for the sea, and was taken to Dansville, Ill., for burial.

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Gillett, Samuel, was born in Orange county, N. Y., August 6, 1823, a son of Isaac and Eleanor (Vail) Gillett, natives of Orange county, N. Y., of which the family were pioneers. The maternal grandfather, Benjamin Vail, was a captain in the Indian wars and was killed at the battle of Minnesa. Isaac and Eleanor Gillett came to the town of Stafford, Genesee county, in the spring of 1844, purchased a farm and lived there until their death; they had six children, three of whom are living. Isaac Gillett died in 1867. Samuel Gillett was educated at Montgomery and Chester Academies; he taught school for several winters, beginning when sixteen years of age; the first winter he taught for \$13 per month. He has been engaged in farming for many years, owning sixty acres where he resides, having sold several hundred acres; he has also been engaged in other business, being interested in a hardware store in Sioux City, Iowa. He has been supervisor of the town several years and was president of the Le Roy Academic Institute for a number of years; has been assessor and highway commissioner, and has been prominent in nearly all public affairs and is a valued citizen. Although now seventy-five years of age, he is yet quite active. On February 16, 1848, Mr. Gillett married Susan Board; they have eleven children living. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett celebrated their golden wedding in 1898, there being present all their children and twenty-five grandchildren, and Mrs. Gillett's sister and her husband who stood up at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder for many years.

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Steiner, Samuel, p. o. Le Roy, was born in Switzerland, July 15, 1829, a son of John Steiner, a native of Switzerland, who emigrated to Monroe county in 1850, and Magdalena Straham, his wife. He died in 1873. Samuel Steiner was educated in the common schools and engaged in the locksmith business for five years. In 1849 he came to Monroe county, and to Le Roy in 1873, where he engaged in farming. He married Katherine Marvan, who died in 1889. Mr. Steiner is one of Le Roy's progressive farmers, whose career has been marked by integrity, industry and a desire to promote the well-being of the community in which he resides.

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Seyffer, George G., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Le Roy February 9, 1862. His father, Gottlieb Seyffer, was a native of Germany, and came to Genesee county about 1848; he was a tinsmith. He married Mary Mutchler of Germany; they are the parents of Edward, Frederick and Carrie Seyffer Stevens. George G. Seyffer was educated in the common schools and for eight years was connected with N. B. Keeney & Son's commission house. April 1, 1884, he engaged with the Erie Railroad and has been promoted to station agent. He has been secretary of Oatka Hose Company for ten years. Mr. Seyffer is a thorough business man, of untarnished reputation, and performs a citizen's duty in forwarding the welfare of his town.

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Rogerson, Edward, a native of Yorkshire, England, was born in 1851, and came to Canada when but a youth and remained in Toronto until 1880, where he was engaged in the dry goods and hat business. In that year he came to Le Roy and be-

came associated with W. D. Matthews in the malting business. Mr. Rogerson remained with him as manager until Matthews's death in 1888, when the business was conducted by his son, Wilmot D. Matthews, and Mr. Rogerson became a partner. In 1894 Mr. Rogerson formed a company and purchased the business outright, and carried it on as the W. D. Matthews Malting Company, which continued until October 1, 1897, when the business was absorbed by the American Malting Company, with Edward Rogerson as manager, which position he has since filled. They have twenty-two branches distributed throughout the United States. The season's output from this establishment is from 600,000 to 700,000 bushels with an average of sixty employees. Mr. Rogerson has paid strict attention to the business and has made it one of the best of all the branches. He is one of Le Roy's most substantial citizens, progressive and always has an open purse for the advancement of the village. He was president of the village for two years; is one of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church and owns a fine fruit farm near the village. He is a stockholder and director in the Citizens' Bank of Le Roy. In 1873 Mr. Rogerson married Marion R. Matthews, who died in 1888, and in 1890 he married Minnie U. Hazelton. By his first wife he had four children and two by the second.

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Cleveland, Dr. John F., was born in St. Catharine, Ontario, February 25, 1837. His parents were natives of New York State, but moved to Canada for a short time and while there John F. was born. The family are descendants of Moses Cleveland, who came from England and undoubtedly are related to Ex-President Cleveland. The parents both died in Canada and the children came to the United States. Dr. Cleveland received his primary education in Canada, came to New York city and took up the study of medicine, and was graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1865. He was a medical cadet at the Ladies' Home Hospital on Lexington avenue, New York city, for some time. After graduating he became acting assistant surgeon U. S. A., first ordered to Elmira, N. Y., then transferred to Hart's Island, New York, where he had charge of 3,400 rebel prisoners and where he remained until the close of the war. In 1870 he located in Le Roy, where he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice, and is numbered among the oldest and most prominent physicians in this locality. He was a member of Genesee County Medical Society while it existed. He is president of the village board of health. Dr. Cleveland has a fine home and is enjoying the fruits of his industry. In 1871 he married Frances V. Fisher, a native of Wyoming, N. Y.; they have one son, Harold F. Cleveland, aged eighteen years.

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Randall, Perry, was born at Stafford, Genesee county, N. Y., July 16, 1822, a son of Stephen and Rachel (Fifield) Randall. Stephen Randall was born in Nottingham, N. H., in 1782, married in Danville, Vt., to Rachel Fifield, who was born in Gilman-town, N. H., in 1777. They emigrated to Genesee county, arriving in Le Roy after a journey of three weeks in the depth of winter February 2, 1815. They brought with them their family of nine children, a span of horses, two yokes of oxen, three cows and \$1,400 in gold. With the energy and decision characteristic of the father and head of the family, the farm was bought and the family moved in within twenty-four hours. The farm consisted of 150 acres, lying in that excellent tract, just east

of Morganville, then wild, with only three acres of clearing and a log house built thereon. There was no road laid out to their place, so they were obliged to leave their team and luggage over night in the road one and a half miles east of them. Where the house now stands was an unbroken forest of heavy beech and maple trees; with industry and prudence the farm was soon cleared up and paid for and has ranked for many years among the first in the county. They raised to maturity a family of fourteen children, and at the death of the father in 1859 they were all living, but at this date (1898) there is but one living, Perry, the youngest of the family. On January 16, 1868, at the death of Rachel Fifield Randall there were 267 descendants of the family living, seventy-five of whom dined together at the Randall homestead. Their house was ever distinguished for its hospitality; the church to which they belonged also received a hearty support. Mrs. Randall died in her ninety-first year and received an honored burial from her descendants and neighbors. Of the descendants of this family all have been honored and respected and some of them have reached distinction; three of the grandsons were officers in the United States army, and one of high standing made a tour around the globe, commissioned by the Government; another is a minister of eminence, and General Brewster Randall, the second son, was a resident of Ohio for many years, where he was made a member of the Legislature and later became Speaker of the House. His oldest son is Brig.-Gen. George Morton Randall of the U. S. A. Perry Randall was raised on a farm in the town of Stafford; he received such an education as the schools of those days afforded, including one term in a select school which was held in the house of his father. He remained on the same farm which his father purchased until the spring of 1893, when he retired and removed to Le Roy and purchased his present beautiful home, where he is spending his days in comfort. He still owns the old homestead and has added to it until now he owns 750 acres, which also comprises the old homestead of his wife's family. On October 29, 1846, he married Mary E. Batchelder, born June 1, 1828; they had seven children: Isabelle, wife of Henry Seymour, who died in 1874; Orange F.; William P.; Alida M.; Emma A. (deceased); Frederick S. now district attorney of Genesee county; and Fannie W., wife of F. H. Dunham of the Batavia bar. Mrs. Randall died October 1, 1892, beloved and revered by all with whom she came in contact. This is one of the oldest families in the county and one of the most respected. Mr. Randall has been a man who has devoted his time to his farming interests and has been very prosperous. He has many times been called to fill offices of honor and trust but many more times has refused to accept such offices. The family has always been highly respected, liberal in their views and purse and favorably known throughout the county.

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Woodward, Orator F., was born in Bergen, Genesee county, N. Y., July 26, 1856, a son of Abner T. and Phoebe (Lyman) Woodward. In 1883 Mr. Woodward engaged in the patent medicine business on a small scale, and his business has since grown to immense proportions. In 1896 he added the manufacture of "Grain-O," and in less than fifteen months it had spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This is a drink made from grains and is designed for people who cannot drink coffee or tea. He has a plant consisting of four large buildings, all of which he owns individually; also has one of the finest residences in the county. His business is one of the

largest of its kind, and his goods are known all over the continent. He is president of the board of water commissioners. He married Cora L. Talmage of Le Roy; they have five children.

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Root, Charles, was born in New York State and was a resident of Detroit, Mich. He married Alice, daughter of Hiram W. Hascall, who was a native of Le Roy, and a prominent lawyer. Charles Root was a banker and merchant in Detroit and a large dealer in lumber. His children were George K. and Marshall J. Mr. Root died in New York in March, 1888. He was a man of upright character and of more than ordinary business ability.

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Stone, Dr. Frank L., was born in Oneida county, N. Y., December 25, 1835, a son of John H. and Maria (Tiffany) Stone. He was educated in the public schools and Collegiate Seminary at Whitesboro, N. Y., and Kingsville Academy of Ohio. He began the study of medicine and was graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York city, in 1865. He began his practice with his preceptor in Oriskany, N. Y., where he remained one year, coming thence to Genesee county, N. Y., in the spring of 1868, locating at Stafford where he remained until 1879, when he removed to Le Roy and has since been in active practice there. He is a member of the Genesee County Medical Society; New York State Central Medical Society; New York State Medical Association; New York State Association of Railway Surgeons; has been surgeon for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad for ten years; and was elected coroner in 1889, and has held the office ever since. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., of which he is an examining physician. He was town clerk for four years while a resident of Stafford. He is a Republican and has taken a very active interest in politics. On January 1, 1868, Dr. Stone was married to Ellen M. Brierly; they have one daughter living.

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Curtiss, Stephen F., was born in the town of Le Roy, N. Y., September 6, 1824, a son of Azor and Catherine (Fowler) Curtiss, who were natives of Vermont and Connecticut respectively. His mother was a daughter of Thomas Fowler, and sister of Dr. Stephen, who emigrated to Little Sandusky, Ohio, about 1814. His brother's wife was a cousin of Gen. Robert E. Lee. This branch of the family all went to Ohio. Azor Curtiss came to Genesee county, N. Y., in 1812, settling just east of the village of Le Roy, near the old Ganson Hotel. Here he purchased a tract of land and put up a blacksmith shop, where he carried on business for several years, then moved to Stafford, but returned to Le Roy two years later and opened a furnace. He ran this for a couple of years, across the road from the old Ganson House, and then started two furnaces, one of which was on the site of the Episcopal church and the other on the site of John Maloney's grocery store; he also started one at Richville. He carried on this business for a number of years and finally sold out and lived retired until his death, which occurred about 1888. He was inspector of elections for a number of years, was quite prominent in his day and a man who had the respect of all who knew him; he was a prominent Mason, was high priest of his chapter for a time, and a Scottish rite Mason; he was here during the famous Morgan excitement. He was the father of eleven children by his first wife

and eight by his second; four of the former and four of the latter are living. Stephen F. Curtiss was raised on a farm, educated in the district schools and worked for his father in the furnaces until nineteen years of age, first as an employee, working his way through the different positions until he had charge of the factory, turning out twenty parlor stoves and ten cook stoves daily. He continued this business until the factory was sold, when he went on the road selling stoves. He later went to Canada, making a set of patterns which he took with him, and had his stoves made there to save duty. He remained in Canada eighteen months, where he was very successful. He then bought a farm five miles from Le Roy in the town of Bergen, and farmed it twelve years, when he returned to Le Roy and purchased a store and was engaged in dealing in barley, oats, corn, wool and all kinds of produce and agricultural implements and bought and packed pork every fall. He also owned and conducted a lumber yard for over twenty-five years, doing an immense business. In 1889 he sold out and has since been retired from active business, having accumulated a competency, and is now living to enjoy the fruits of his industry. Mr. Curtiss held the office of justice of the peace eleven years in Bergen and eight years in Le Roy. He purchased a farm of 136½ acres in Le Roy, which he now looks after. The Curtiss family is well known in Genesee county and Mr. Curtiss has long been identified as one of the most substantial and worthy citizens of the town of Le Roy. He was made a Mason in November, 1846, in the old round house temple at Le Roy, and is the oldest living Mason in Western New York; he was acting master of his lodge, has been high priest of his chapter for thirteen years and has held all the subordinate offices in both lodge and chapter, and every year of his office has made an address, which has been copied in the minute book of his chapter and in newspapers; he has been very active in both Blue Lodge and Chapter and is one of the best known Masons in Western New York. We copy here a part of his address, delivered to Le Roy Chapter No. 183, December 7, 1896, paying tribute to two of his most devoted comrades and brothers: "Early in our Masonic career we were taught that the cradle and the coffin stand in juxtaposition to each other, and that the moment we begin to live that moment we begin to die. Although during the past year the dread messenger has not frequently called for those who were members of our chapter and prominent in our councils, yet remembering that he regards neither age, talent, or condition, that he enters the palatial residence as well as the humble home, and in every instance takes those whom we love and honor, let us offer a fraternal tribute to the memory of our companions who have laid aside the tools of their operative labors and have gone to their reward. Companion George A. Rathbun joined Le Roy Chapter July 20, 1866, and died September 28, 1896. He was born in Le Roy and when a young man moved with his father's family to Ridgeway, Pa., where he devoted himself to his profession, that of law. He was highly esteemed and was elected to various offices of trust by his friends. His friendships were constant; his devotion to Masonry was sincere, and his loss a severe one to the fraternity and especially to Le Roy Chapter. Companion William Huyck joined Le Roy Chapter February 3, 1865, and on the 3d day of August, 1896, we heard the inevitable tidings that one more companion had passed to the undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. The first feeling is one of sadness, a pang of personal loss; we start unconsciously when gathered in our accustomed places, we look for his familiar face, we wait patiently with the faint hope that he, always punctual,

may for this night at least, be detained for a short time. Companions, many times have I entered this hall happy and cheerful, eager for the hearty hand shake and words of welcome which I invariably received, and now see only the vacant seat and miss the familiar face. The sad realization comes, no matter how well we have been prepared, like a sudden shock. Here it is that we have met together for many happy hours; here it is that our lives have been slowly welded together in one beautiful mould as it were; and here it is that we must recognize the loss of our departed companion, and here it is that the bonds of union should strengthen our love for each other, sanctified by that deeper love for his that is gone. Having known Companion Huyck from boyhood and always on familiar terms, and traveled miles together, always enjoying each other's confidences and secrets, I probably knew him better than any other man; and I can truthfully say that no honester man or more sincere Mason ever crossed the threshold to the door of our chapter. I cannot say and I will not say, that he is dead; he is just away, with a cheery smile and a wave of hand, he has wandered into an unknown land, and left us dreaming how very fair it needs must be since he lingers there. Now, companions, as I retire from this high and honorable office to again to take my place in the rank and file of the craft, I feel it my duty to express to you an abiding sense of profound gratitude for the honor that you conferred upon me and the many courtesies and your hearty cooperation. You as officers and companions have in keeping the morality and character of your chapter. You should see to it that none but good men and true are permitted to pass the outer courts of the sanctuary, and when they having conceived a high and exalted opinion of our ancient and time honored fraternity are permitted to pass through our forms and ceremonies, you are hereby charged not to permit the ceremonies or any part thereof to be marred with levity or anything that would cause offense to the most fastidious; but on the contrary, to exemplify your work in the most solemn and impressive manner and prove to the candidate that the object of Masonry is to elevate man, not to degrade him, but make him think better of himself, his neighbor, his family and his God. Then will he have a higher and more exalted opinion of Masonry, be an esteemed friend and worthy companion. With the exception of the church, there is probably no institution on earth that so surely and constantly accompanies the progress of industry and civilization as that of Masonry; wherever its seats are established there is the greater assurance of just and equitable government, business honor and personal integrity, and of domestic virtue and general happiness. With what honest pride and sincere satisfaction must these observations fill the breasts of all true and zealous craftsmen; for wherever it is established social enjoyment and commercial safety can be regarded as secure in the largest sense that is possible to human nature. Let us always, therefore, by moral deportment, manly dignity and prudent zeal, earnestly devote our best energies to its maintenance and advancement, then will we be better fitted for that house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens. Let us as we start for our homes go out of this chapter fully determined to redouble our assiduity in the cause of caputular Masonry, taking with us the pick of renewed zeal, the crow of a uniform work and the spade of united effort; then will we be fully prepared to remove the rubbish lying about our chapter and then our brethren of the symbolic degrees, seeing our increasing activity, will hasten to become Royal Arch Masons and assist in the great and glorious work of rebuilding our mystic temple without the hope of fee or reward.

Then, and then only, can we justly claim the noble name of Mason; then, and then only, can we appropriate to ourselves the proud title of a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. Now, companions, as you go home to your dwellings, bearing my gratitude for your good behavior in your journey through life, let all hearts be swelling with hopes of distinction and prospects of pleasure." On April 23, 1846, Mr. Curtiss married Sallie Stevens; they have one daughter living, L. Josephine, who is not married and lives with her father; and two grandchildren, daughters of Elsie C. Curtiss Lewis; their names are Virginia M. Lewis and Louisa Josephine Lewis, one aged sixteen and the other eleven, and they are living at home with their father, Alva W. Lewis.

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Lewis, Cornelia T., p. o. Pavilion, N. Y., daughter of Warren and Sylviaette (Smith) Tompkins, was born in the town of Pavilion, August 20, 1832. Her father was born in Pavilion and her mother in Vermont. Mrs Lewis lived with her parents until February 2, 1851, when she married Samuel Judson Lewis, who was born in Pavilion in 1827, and died in 1853. He was a man of good business ability and was for many years a teacher in the public schools. They had one daughter, Stella (Mrs. John Broughton), who died in 1888, leaving two children; Judson Lee and Mabel Cornelia. Mrs. Lewis is a member of the M. E. church and has a host of friends.

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Townsend, Horace E., p. o. Pavilion Centre, N. Y., son of the late Elbert Townsend and Emily Olmsted Townsend, was born in the town of Pavilion, Genesee county, N. Y., April 26, 1864, on the home farm, which he now owns and successfully manages, raising thoroughbred stock, with a dairy, shipping milk; also with feeding facilities and modern improvements in silos, etc. On September 10, 1884, Mr. Townsend married Grace, daughter of Albert P. and Katharine Holbrook Hendee. They have had three children: Pearl, born March 25, 1887, died April 11, 1888; Spencer A., born October 24, 1891, and Gladys Emily, born December 9, 1897. Mr. Townsend now holds the office of justice of the peace, has been a delegate to the different Republican conventions and served on the Republican county committee. The late Hon. Elbert Townsend was one of Genesee county's most prominent and respected citizens; he was not only well and favorably known in his own country for the breeding of American Merino sheep, but in foreign countries as well. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1890, "Oatka Valley Stock Farm" contained imported Holstein cattle, Percheron horses, and American Merinos. The products of his flock came into competition with those of different parts of the world, and were awarded the highest prizes at the Paris Exposition in 1872. Mr. Townsend held prominent offices in the Genesee County Agricultural Society and was a life member in the State Society. For years he was an officer of the American Merino Sheep-Breeders' Association. In 1872 and 1873 he represented his county in the State Legislature, at the age of thirty-two years. His father, Ashley Townsend, was a native of Vermont and the inventor of the grain separator now in use; the latter was first manufactured at Pavilion Centre. The Olmsteds and Holbrooks on the mother's side were among the pioneers of Genesee county, holding prominent positions as citizens, agriculturists and horticulturists. Their native State was Vermont.

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Scarff, Rev. James Madison, pastor of the regular Baptist church of Bethany Center for the past twenty-three years, is a son of Joshua H. and Lydia (Stoutemeier) Scarff, born in Rockingham county, Virginia, February 26, 1829. He was graduated from Dennison University in the class of 1852, receiving the degree of A. M., and from the Theological Seminary of Rochester in 1855. His first pastorate was at St. Mary's, Ohio, where he remained until 1868, when he removed to Bethany, where he has since resided. In 1876 he accepted his present charge and through his labors the church society was largely increased. On June 11, 1857, he married Emily Elliott, who died in August, 1895, leaving four children: Frank E., Luella E., Mary E. and Phoebe L. Since 1868 Rev. Mr. Scarff has resided in Bethany and here he is enjoying the autumn of his life in a beautiful home, in a community in which he has done so much to advance its welfare and elevate its social and moral life.

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Howard, Aaron E., who for ten years past has been numbered among the most successful business men of the town of Bethany, was born in Grafton, Vt., February 1, 1836. He is a son of Jonathan and Hannah (Loveland) Howard. His father, who was a physician, was born in Winchester, N. H., March 27, 1805; his mother was born in Grafton, Vt., January 26, 1805. In 1845 they removed to Perry, Wyoming county, N. Y., where Aaron E. Howard received in the public schools a liberal education. He was engaged in teaching for two terms, then entered the service of Charles Pritchard as a clerk in his store, where he remained for eighteen months. He was variously employed until 1887, when he located in Linden, N. Y., where he has since carried on a prosperous mercantile business. On May 4, 1862, Mr. Howard married Lois, eldest daughter of Abraham and Eliza (Richards) Vorhees; they have one daughter, Mabel (Mrs. George Morse). Mr. Howard is one of the prominent members of Bethany Grange and is an honored and respected citizen.

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Ludlum, Herbert H., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, May 11, 1835. His father, Joseph Ludlum, was a native of England, and came to Genesee county about 1830; he was a cooper by trade and married Hannah Smithhurst; he died in 1838. Herbert H. Ludlum was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. He married Frances, daughter of John Allen; they have three children: Hattie R., Howard E. and Clarke B. Mr. Ludlum is a practical farmer of good repute, and merits the respect and good-will of his fellow citizens which he has earned by a consistent, honorable course in life.

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Caple, Henry, was born near Bristol, England, in 1841. His father, Robert Caple, was a native of England, born in 1819, and came to Oakfield in 1836. He returned to England in 1839, married Sarah Sainsbury and the family came to Oakfield in 1849, where he established the merchant tailoring business for Burden & March. He served four years in the Civil war in the 49th N. Y. Vols. and 8th Heavy Artillery; he died in Elba in 1898. Henry Caple was educated in the common schools and Cary Seminary; he has been treasurer of the seminary for fourteen years, served two terms as supervisor and has held many other responsible positions. In 1860 he married Sarah A. Warren, who died in June, 1891, leaving two daughters: Mrs. F. M. Bignall of Elba and Mrs. Arthur Nichols of Buffalo. In September, 1892, Mr.



Caple married Lucy King Mellen, who was born in Norfolk, Va., and is a descendant of Commodore Barry, commissioned by George Washington. She was in the city of Richmond during the siege.

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Caple, Alfred, late of Oakfield, N. Y., was born February 5, 1846. His father, Robert Caple, was a native of Somersetshire, England, and emigrated to Genesee county, N. Y., in 1836. On September 11 1861, he enlisted in Co. D, 49th N. Y. Vols., and was discharged for disability. Alfred Caple was educated in the common schools. In partnership with his brother Henry he engaged in the tailoring business, later buying out his brother's interest and continuing alone; he also carried on a large farm. Mr. Caple died on February 9, 1897. He was a good man, and enjoyed the esteem of his acquaintances. He was married to Antoinette Winans; their children were Edward, Homer, Louis, Henry, Clarence, Bertha, Laura, Bessie, Clarke, Dean, Donna, Olive and Theodore.

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Ham, Philip, p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Columbia county, N. Y., April 5, 1831, a son of Philip and Catherine (Pultz) Ham. He received his education in the common schools, and through life has been a farmer. His first wife was Abigail Relyea, who died August 11, 1892. He married second, Mrs. Almira M. Duers, a daughter of Sterling Hotchkiss. Their children are Delbert Ham, who was married October 26, 1898, to Blanche, daughter of James Boyce; and Victoria Duers (daughter of William Duers), who married Charles Anthony, a school teacher; they have one son, Glenn Duers Anthony, a student at Cary Seminary. Mr. Ham is a well known and popular citizen of Oakfield, a prosperous farmer and a man of unblemished character.

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Griffin, Samuel B., was born in Erie county, N. Y., December 17, 1829, a son of Henry Griffin, a native of Onondaga county, who came to Genesee county in 1840 and died in 1844. Mr. Griffin was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. In 1850 he married the widow of George Macomber; their children are Francis A., Archibald, Adelle, John A., Charles H., Sarah A. and Nancy G. Mr. Griffin is a citizen of good standing and has always been found with those whose efforts were devoted to the public good.

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Wright, Frank E., p. o. Oakfield, was born in Barre, Orleans county, January 31, 1852, a son of John E. Wright and Celia Ann Olmsted. His paternal grandfather was Hon. Elisha Wright, a colonel in the war of 1812 and later member of the Assembly from Orleans county. On his mother's side Mr. Wright can trace his ancestry in an unbroken line back to John Alden, the youngest signer of the famous Mayflower Compact. Mr. Wright was educated at the academy at Le Roy and the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and College at Lima, N. Y. In 1871 he went to Kansas and soon entered the Bank of Blue Rapids City as bookkeeper. He was married in September, 1872, to Miss Ettie Moulton of Batavia; they have one son, Arthur M., born March 20, 1887. In 1876 Mr. Wright came to Batavia and engaged in the drug business with Dr. L. L. Tozier, buying the doctor's interest at the end of one year, and conducting the business until the spring of 1881. In 1883 he located in Oakfield,

and, associated with A. H. Greene of Byron, established the business of banking, under the title of The Exchange Bank. At the end of four years he purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted a general banking business alone. Mr. Wright is one of the representative men of Oakfield, of sterling integrity, and takes an active interest in church and school matters. He has held various local offices, as president of the village board and of the board of education. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee and treasurer. He is also a trustee of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y.

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Reed, Julius W., was born in Simsbury, Conn., February 11, 1821, a son of David and Electa (Tuller) Reed. David Reed was born in Danbury, Conn., November 23, 1788, and died June 5, 1862. Electa (Tuller) Reed was born in Simsbury, Conn., October 9, 1801, and was married to David Reed at Simsbury, September 21, 1819. Their children were as follows: Julius W., born in Simsbury, Conn., February 11, 1821; Lorin W., born in Simsbury, Conn., April 7, 1822; Adaline, born in Simsbury, March 6, 1823; De Witt C., born in Simsbury, June 29, 1824; Homer T., born in Simsbury, September 21, 1827; Sherman D., born in Bristol, Ontario county, N. Y., September 11, 1829; and Wilbur F., born in Bristol, October 1, 1834. Julius W. Reed was educated at Cary Seminary; he taught school for two years, and then engaged in farming. In 1852 he married Mrs. Amanda Macomber Reed, widow of his brother, the late Lorin Reed, who died April 5, 1849, leaving two daughters: Harriet E. and Loraine. Mr. and Mrs. Reed had five children: Seymour, Myrta J., George W., Julius W., and Emma, who died in infancy. Mr. Reed was always prominent in church and school affairs, was one of the first directors of the Bank of Batavia and was supervisor of the town of Oakfield in 1880. He was a progressive and successful business man, taking an active interest in the development of his town. He died July 25, 1881.

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Dunlap, William C., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Orleans county, N. Y., November 16, 1830, a son of William and Elizabeth (Hunt) Dunlap. His father was a native of Connecticut, and came to Orleans county when a young man; he died in August, 1874. William C. Dunlap secured his education in the common schools of Shelby, attending at the old log school house. Mr. Dunlap is one of the representative farmers of Genesee county. In 1843 he came to this county and settled on the farm which he now occupies. He has been identified with all the public enterprises of the town of Oakfield. He has been particularly energetic, enterprising and liberal in all that pertains to public affairs; any undertaking for the benefit of the town always has been sure of his support; in his neighborhood he has borne more than his share of the labors, serving as school trustee and pathmaster almost continuously for years. He has held the offices of assessor, overseer of the poor, highway commissioner, and trustee of the seminary for thirty years—always with satisfaction to his fellow townsmen. No one was ever more ready to assist a neighbor than he, and he is benevolent and charitable to an unusual degree; he is always called upon in troubles of every nature, being clear-headed, impartial and sound in his views; and has always lived an exemplary, energetic and active life, with no derogatory habits. He married Mary E. Noble, daughter of Boltwood Noble of Orleans county, in April,