

1844. Their children are Mary Jane (Dunlap) White, Andrew A. and Ida (Dunlap) Gubb.

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Zurhorst, Dr. Augustus F. G., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Monroe county, N. Y., September 27, 1847. His father, Augustus D. Zurhorst, was a native of England and for seven years was a surgeon in the British marine service. He married Mary Ann Estil; came to Monroe county in 1835, and died September 18, 1873. Dr. A. F. G. Zurhorst was educated in the Doolittle Institute, Weathersfield Springs, and Cleveland Medical College. He began his practice in Alabama and in 1894 came to Oakfield, where he has been very successful. Dr. Zurhorst is a Democrat and has taken quite an active interest in party matters. He served as supervisor of Alabama, and was for one year one of the Sessions justices of the county. In 1878 Dr. Zurhorst married Emma A. Cooley of Lockport, N. Y.; they had two daughters: Iola Jean and Katherine Elizabeth. Iola J. died August 26, 1898.

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Mayback, Jacob, p. o. East Oakfield, N. Y., was born December 3, 1859, a son of Gottlieb Mayback, a native of Germany, who came to Genesee county about 1833, and Christina Dunaworth, his wife. Jacob Mayback was educated in the common schools. He ran a general store for four years at East Oakfield and since then has been a farmer. He has been constable for nine years. In 1884 he married Cora Haxton, daughter of Samuel Haxton; they had two sons: Ernest and Harry, both deceased. Mr. Mayback is one of the progressive farmers of Oakfield, and as a citizen ranks with those who have at heart the welfare of the town.

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Burr, Fred H., p. o. East Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, April 1, 1857. His father, John Burr, was a native of Germany and came to Oakfield in 1850. He married Rachael Bobsin; were the parents of Minnie, Frank J., Fred H., August W., William N., John W. and Harmon J. Fred H. was educated in the common schools and engaged in farming. In 1881 he married Justina C., daughter of Frederick G. and Lucinda Craft of East Oakfield; they had one son, Orie E., born in 1884, who died in his fourth year. Mr. Burr is one of the representative farmers of Oakfield, of sterling integrity, always taking an interest in town affairs. He is a strong Republican and has been an efficient party worker.

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Nash, Amerissa E., p. o. East Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Barre, N. Y., October 10, 1828, a son of Whitman and Elizabeth (Baggerly) Nash. His father was a wagon maker and dealer in lumber; he was justice of the peace for twelve years and town clerk two years. A. E. Nash was educated in the old log house and has always been a farmer. He married Harriet, daughter of George W. Gardner; they have one daughter, Miriam. Mr. Nash is one of the representative men of Oakfield, of sterling integrity, and has always been interested in the progress of his town, always taking an active part in church and school matters.

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Ingalsbe, Parley V., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y.—Ebenezer Ingalsbe was a captain in the English army; desiring to visit America, he gave up his commission and sailed for this country. Upon his arrival he settled in Massachusetts, where he remained until

his death. His son Ebenezer was born in Massachusetts, February 25, 1752. He removed to Scipio, Cayuga county, N. Y., where he died in the seventieth year of his age; he married Phebe Easterbrooks, and their children were Elijah, born in Massachusetts, September 12, 1780; Ebenezer, born December 23, 1781; Phebe, born March 28, 1784; Azil, born February 14, 1786; Hulda, born January 4, 1789; Sally, born August 20, 1790; Adna, born January 11, 1793; Samuel, born August 17, 1796; and Emory, born October 24, 1798. Elijah Ingalsbe was a farmer; he moved with his father from Massachusetts to Scipio, Cayuga county; from Scipio to Wayne county, and from there to Byron, Genesee county, in 1826, and from there to Alabama in 1831, where he lived the remainder of his life, his death occurring July 19, 1872; his first wife was Polly Mitchell, daughter of Urial Mitchell, born February 11, 1784; she died April 22, 1813; their children were born as follows: Elijah B., May 3, 1805, died February 5, 1887; Rial E., September 24, 1806, died December 29, 1898; Hulda P., September 2, 1808, died May 11, 1841; Parley V., May 29, 1810; Sally L., April 11, 1812, married John M. Warren and moved to Michigan, where she died October 30, 1884. The second wife of Elijah Ingalsbe was Nancy Mitchell, sister of his first wife, born May 8, 1797; their children were Philinda, born August 29, 1815, died April 5, 1816; Phebe, born October 1, 1816; Adna, born September 15, 1818, died December 27, 1841; Anda, born October 9, 1821, died in 1896; Levi, born November 24, 1824. Parley V. Ingalsbe was born in Wayne county and came with his father to Byron, Genesee county, in the spring of 1826, and to Alabama in 1831; he married Sarah A., daughter of William and Harriet (Cutler) Macomber of Alabama; their children were William W., born January 26, 1847, died January 9, 1887; Edwin J., born October 12, 1852; Judson L., born February 4, 1855, died in 1858; Seward A., born June 9, 1857; Frances H., born March 11, 1860, died in 1863. Edwin J. married Mary V., daughter of Weden T. and Jane (Calkins) Bliss; their children are Frank R., born August 23, 1878; George W., born October 23, 1879; Edith H., born September 13, 1883; Ralph, born April 26, 1887. Seward A. married Ella Bliss, sister of the wife of his brother Edwin; their children are Florence H., born December 16, 1879; Low W., born August 2, 1882; Myrta R., born January 18, 1884; Clarence, born March 17, 1887; Morris, born November 3, 1894. Parley V. Ingalsbe was educated in the common schools and has always made farming his life's work. He was elected commissioner of common schools in 1840 in the town of Alabama; was elected justice of the peace in 1841, and re-elected in 1845. In 1856 he moved to the town of Oakfield, where he was elected justice of the peace in 1857, and re-elected twice after that. In 1863 he was elected supervisor of Oakfield, and re-elected in 1864 and 1865. He served two years as assessor and several terms as excise commissioner. He was United States census enumerator for Oakfield and Elba in 1870.

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Grinnell, Albert A., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in the town of Shelby, Orleans county, N. Y., June 12, 1865, a son of Willis A. and Lura Avery Grinnell. He was educated in the Albion High School and Rochester Business University. He came to Oakfield in 1887 and started in the produce, coal, lumber, carriage and bicycle business. He is the owner of the large warehouse near the West Shore station, and has built up an extensive and successful grain and produce business. September 26, 1888, he married Helen Adelle, daughter of Francis G. and Sarah Avery; they have

one daughter, Lola M. Mr. Grinnell is a progressive and enterprising business man, taking an active interest in the improvements of his town.

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Englisch, Otto B., p. o Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Calumet, Mich., April 29, 1872, a son of August and Henrietta (Deisseroth) Englisch. His father was a native of Germany, born in 1827, and died in 1885. Otto B. was educated in the Fremont Business College (Nebraska), and was a clerk for several years in a general store. He then engaged in the cold storage business in Omaha, Neb., and represented the company as buyer on the road; in 1888 he began the manufacture of plaster of paris at Omaha, and for a number of years represented that interest as general traveling salesman; in 1895 he removed to Kansas City, Mo., where an office of the company was opened and he was elected assistant general manager. In 1896 he came to Oakfield and purchased the Olmsted Stucco Co. plant, and organized the Englisch Plaster Works, of which company he is secretary, treasurer and general manager, the company operating the plant under his direction. Mr. Englisch married Alice Knode, daughter of Dr. R. S. Knode of Omaha; they have one daughter, Lucile. Mr. Englisch is a progressive and enterprising young business man, taking an active interest in the improvement and development of the town, and has done much for the up-building, improvement, and progress of the village since making it his home.

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Stevens, William Webber, was born in Stafford, Genesee county, N. Y., May 27, 1844, a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Webber) Stevens. His father was a native of Devonshire, England, and came to Genesee county in 1843, where he died May 14, 1896. Mr. Stevens removed with his parents to Oakfield, then called Caryville, when but four months old, and has since resided there. He received his education at Cary Collegiate Seminary, Lima, and finished at Eastman's Commercial College, Poughkeepsie. He has always followed farming as an occupation and is carrying it on quite extensively at present, and has taken a great interest in church and school affairs; holds the office of trustee in both at present. In 1870 he married Frances Jane, daughter of William Wolcott; they have seven children.

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Moulthrop, M. Nelson, was born in Otsego, N. Y., April 25, 1822, a son of Josiah and Sophia (Lanckton) Moulthrop, and was educated in the common schools. He engaged in mercantile business and in 1845 went into business at Albion; in 1847 went to Milwaukee and from there to Oshkosh, remaining there six years and was the first sheriff of Winnebago county under the State law. In 1859 he came to Elba and engaged in farming. Mr. Moulthrop married Clarissa, daughter of Shered Parker, in 1844, and they had two sons: Samuel P. Moulthrop, principal of Washington Grammar School, Rochester; and Edwin N. Mrs. Moulthrop died in 1881. He married again Mrs. Amanda Davis, a sister of his first wife. Mr. Moulthrop is one of the useful men of his town. He served as justice of the peace twenty years and was for several years one of the Sessions justices of the county. He has always taken an intelligent interest in school and church matters, and has sought to advance the best interests of his town and its people.

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Allen, William, was born in the town of Batavia, N. Y., November 7, 1819, a son

of Libbeus and Esther (Wright) Allen. His father was a native of Otsego county and came to Genesee county in 1816, and was in his ninety-fifth year at the time of his death. William Allen was educated in the common schools. The greater portion of his life was devoted to farming, in which occupation he was successful. He retired from his farm many years ago, and lives in a pleasant home on Elliott avenue in Batavia. In 1850 he married Rebecca Carr, who bore him three children: Mary, Jennie and Frank W. Mary died December 12, 1876, and Jennie died February 10, 1895. Mrs. Allen died April 26, 1890.

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Heal, William H., was born in Stafford, July 5, 1852. His father, Matthew W. Heal, was a native of England and came to the United States in 1836 with his parents, John and Mary Heal, who settled in Oakfield. M. W. Heal married Harriet, daughter of John March, and was a farmer and hotel keeper. William H. Heal was educated in the common schools and was engaged in farming for twenty years. In 1881 he began the produce and coal business in Le Roy, remaining there until 1896 when he was elected sheriff of Genesee county and removed to Batavia in 1897. The famous trial of Howard C. Benham for murder occurred during the first year of Mr. Heal's term as sheriff. The excellent order and perfect freedom from confusion which he maintained in the court room received the well merited commendation of court and counsel. In 1870 Mr. Heal married Emma D., daughter of Salma and Betsey White; they had three children: Homer S., Florence and Ethel.

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Baldwin, William H., was born in Oakfield, N. Y., January 28, 1828, a son of Rice and Phoebe (McCrillis) Baldwin. His father left home when twenty-one years old and came to Genesee county in 1813, settling in the town where he was a miller and farmer; he died in 1865 in his seventy-third year. William H. Baldwin was educated in the public schools and at Cary Seminary. Mr. Baldwin was one of the practical and successful farmers of Genesee county, but left his farm about 1884 and now occupies his pleasant home on Summit street in Batavia. He has always been respected by his fellow citizens as a man of integrity and usefulness. In 1856 he was married to Mrs. Jane M. Storms, daughter of Henry Edgerton; they have two daughters: Phoebe J., wife of Charles B. Avery of Oakfield, and Lillian E., wife of Frederick W. Clement of Bethany.

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Casey, John P., was born in Batavia, N. Y., August 10, 1857, educated in the parochial school, and early in life learned the plumber's trade. In the spring of 1885, with his brother, W. C. Casey (born April 30, 1859), he established their present business, making a specialty of fine groceries. Their father, William Casey, was born in Ireland, June 10, 1831, and came to the United States in June, 1853, settling in Batavia, where he was engaged in the shoe trade. He was prominent in organizing and building the Catholic church and in 1883 prepared a local history of that church. He died October 31, 1887. John P. Casey is at present trustee of St. Joseph's church and a member of the school board, and has ever received and merited the respect of his associates. Mr. Casey is a director of the local Home Association and has been prominent as a fireman. He is an active, public spirited man, has a large acquaintance and is held in universal esteem.

Farrall, George A., was born in the town of Hamlin, N. Y., November 4, 1856, son of Dennis Farrall, who was a native of Canada and came to the United States in 1845, settling in Brockport, where he married Harriet, daughter of Philemon Allen, and through life was engaged in farming; he died in 1865. George A. Farrall was educated in Brockport Normal School, afterward teaching for eight years; he was also engaged in contracting and building in Monroe county. In 1882 he came to Corfu, Genesee county, and taught school for two years, and in 1884 entered the employ of the Johnston Harvester Company, and is now general superintendent of the extensive works of that company, and consequently has under him fully 700 men. He is a very capable and tremendously energetic man. He is actively connected with the Baptist church. In 1883 he married Amanda, daughter of Charles Davis; they have six children: Hattie, Jessie, Bertrice, Hortensia, Ruth and Byron. Mr. Farrall takes an active interest in educational and religious institutions.

Shotwell, Isaac M., was born in Elba, N. Y., December 3, 1819. His father, Isaac M. Shotwell, came to Elba in 1818 from New Jersey, where he was one of the leading men of his town. Isaac M. Shotwell, jr., married Elvira L. Scofield, who died in 1853, and afterwards he married Delia A. Mattice, and they were the parents of two children: George M. and Mrs. Clara A. Kellogg. Mr. Shotwell died November 1, 1897. He was a strong temperance man and for many years had been a Prohibitionist. For many years prior to his decease he had retired from business and had lived in Batavia. He was a good square man, upright in character, and worthy of the esteem in which he was held.

Stutterd, Joseph F., was born in the town of Stafford, this county, February 3, 1836. His father, also named Joseph, was a native of England but came to Genesee county in 1828 and engaged in farming. He died April 1, 1871, after a life of usefulness. His wife was Sarah Pidge, and two children were born to them: Sarah M., who died in January, 1884, and the subject of this notice. Joseph F. Stutterd was educated at the Genesee and Wyoming Seminary at Alexander, and at the Albany Normal School, where he prepared for the profession of teaching. This occupation he followed with good success for ten years and then began farming on the old homestead farm. Mr. Stutterd is one of the representative men of his town and has taken an active part in movements intended to promote its welfare. Few men in Genesee county enjoy so wide an acquaintance with its people; he is well posted in current events which he discusses among his friends with intelligence and discrimination. Possessed of a fine baritone voice he has always been much interested in musical matters; neither has he neglected the schools and churches. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He served one term as justice of the peace, as one of the Sessions judges of the county for three terms (1891-92-93), and represented his town in the board of supervisors in 1870, 1871, 1881, 1882 and 1887—five years in all. Mr. Stutterd married Clara Alexander, and they have one daughter, Clara B. Stutterd.

Massé, Solomon, was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, October 12, 1829. His father, Ambrose Massé, was engaged in the mercantile business and was a dealer

in real estate. Solomon Massé was educated in Montreal and began his business career as a merchant in Canada. In 1850 he came to Buffalo and engaged in the same business until 1855, in which year he became a manufacturer of clothing. In 1859 he removed his business to Batavia, continuing there until 1877, when he retired from active labor. In 1879 Mr. Massé organized the Genesee County National Bank, of which he was president for six years. In 1885 he established his insurance and real estate business, and is manager of the Buffalo Savings & Loan Association at Batavia. In 1861 Mr. Massé married Josephine Robert; they have five children: Tiburce, Albert, Helen A., Marie L. and Marie A.

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Williamson George D., was born in Palmyra, N. Y., December 31, 1854, a son of William H. and Ann B. (Cottrell) Williamson. He obtained his education in the public schools, and for fourteen years was engaged in merchandising and as fire insurance agent. In 1887 he removed to Batavia and became a member of the firm of Weeks & Williamson in the furniture and undertaking business. The following year he purchased Mr. Weeks's interest, and is now carrying the leading stock of furniture in Batavia; and in the undertaking branch of his business he employs modern scientific methods in caring for the dead. Mr. Williamson may be recorded as a first class citizen, who is an interested and active participant in school, church and Y. M. C. A. affairs. He is a Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and also is a member of the Odd Fellows and Maccabees. In 1879 Mr. Williamson was married to Emma E., daughter of C. W. Hine; they have one daughter, Mae A., and one son, Roy H.

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Barnes, Joseph C., was born in County Cumberland, North of England, December 12, 1845, a son of William and Mary Barnes, and was educated partly in England and partly in Canada, to which country his parents came in 1857. He learned the tailor's trade and in 1865 came to Batavia where he was employed until 1873, when he established his present business and is carrying the leading stock of gents' furnishing goods and merchant tailoring goods in Batavia. Mr. Barnes is a worthy man, and has earned and maintained a place in the ranks of the representative business men of Batavia, and has served as a trustee of the village. In 1869 Mr. Barnes married Clara M., daughter of Nicholas Hawkins; they have two children: William Arthur and Eva J. Eva married Louis A. Woodward. His son is connected with his father's business.

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Jewell, Edgar M., was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, June 9, 1864, a son of William and Elizabeth Jewell. He was educated in the public schools, and was graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1882. For a time he carried on a drug business in Oshawa, Ont. In 1890 he came to Batavia and established his present business at 99 Main street, where he carries the largest stock of imported and domestic drugs, books, stationery, etc., in Batavia. Mr. Jewell occupies a merited high standing among the business men of his adopted village, and his influence is exerted in the promotion of the progress of the town and its residents. In 1887 Mr. Jewell married Eva Maud Guy, and they have one son, Harold Guy Jewell.

Pease, Robert B., was born in Avon, N. Y., February 23, 1835, a son of Alvin and Caroline (Chase) Pease. He came to Batavia with his parents when eight years of age and was educated in the public schools. He engaged in the hardware business in partnership with H. K. Buell in 1865, under the firm name of Pease & Buell, and purchased his partner's interest in 1886 and has since conducted the business alone. Mr. Pease is a public spirited man, has served as trustee of the village five years, member of the school board sixteen years, president of the board of trade three years, and has always sought to advance the best interests of his town. He married Mary, daughter of Edmund and Dorcas Bainbridge of Wyoming county, in November, 1862, and their children are Mrs. Frances C. Steele, wife of Oren C. Steele; Fred A., of Batavia; and Mrs. Maud E. Bowman, wife of Frank Bowman of Buffalo. Mr. Pease's father, who still survives, was sheriff of Genesee county from 1857 to 1860.

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Heal, Frank C., was born in Stafford, N. Y., September 29, 1858, a son of Matthew W. and Harriet (March) Heal. Matthew W. Heal came from England in 1834 with his parents, who settled in Le Roy; he engaged in farming and served as deputy sheriff for nearly twenty years. Frank C. Heal was educated in the public schools, and for nine years was engaged in the produce business. In 1880 he came to Batavia and conducted a hotel for seven years, and in 1897 established his present business of feed, flour and grain. Mr. Heal is an enterprising, public spirited citizen. He served for a time as one of the trustees of the village of Batavia. In politics he is a Republican and always takes an active interest in the affairs of his party. In 1881 he was married to Josephine, daughter of the late George Ruprecht.

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Olmsted, William D., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Le Roy, February 19, 1832, a son of Stephen and Barbara (Parmelee) Olmsted. His father was a native of Vermont and came to Genesee county at an early day, with less than one dollar in money and an axe, and took up land in Le Roy; he died in 1883. W. D. Olmsted was educated at Cary Collegiate Seminary and Old Round House at Le Roy. After finishing his schooling he engaged in the milling business. As an upright, trustworthy citizen Mr. Olmsted has established an undoubted claim, and his interest in the good of his town and its people is worthy of note. His wife was Frances A. Parmelee, who has borne him two sons—Carlos P. and Herbert W.

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Booth, Joseph, was a native of Yorkshire, England, and came to Batavia about 1845. In 1863 he married Laura E., daughter of Silas D. and Eliza A. (Smith) Whitney, who came from Washington county in 1835; he was one of the pioneer millers of the town of Elba. The death of Mr. Booth, which occurred July 15, 1867, was a loss not only to his family, but to all who knew him; of sterling, upright character, he ever received and merited the respect of his associates. He was survived by his widow, who resides in Batavia, and by one son, George W., whose death occurred soon after that of his father.

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Chamberlin, Amos, senior, was born in Barton, Vt., in 1772. He had four brothers, namely: William, Erastus, Ira and Abner, and one sister, Hattie. - Amos, sr., had nine children, six boys—Cyrus, Amos, Major, Alfred, John and Hazen—and

three girls—Almyra, Mable and Hattie. He left Barton with six boys and Almyra in 1814; Amos, jr., came on foot and drove a cow, and his mother came on horseback and brought Hazen, the youngest child, in her arms, through the then wilderness to Genesee county, N. Y. Amos, sr., took up a farm on lot No. 141 (east side), two miles northeast of North Byron, and with the aid of his older sons converted the same into a good farm. David Shed came from Verona, N. Y., and took up the west side of lot No. 141. He had thirteen children, four boys—Harry, David, Oliver and Milo—and nine girls—Polly, Phebe, Anna, Almeda, Betsey, Jane, Sally, Malvina and Asenith. Amos Chamberlin, jr., married Phebe Shed November 9, 1820; they had three children—Charles, Charles H. and Helen. Charles H. was born November 11, 1824, in Byron; he came from Byron with his father to Oakfield in 1835 and has resided there ever since. On November 11, 1851, he married Mary A. Bates; she died June 3, 1881; he married, second, Abbie J. Shed, December 13, 1882. In politics he has been a Republican, and has held the office of town clerk, and was justice of the peace for several years; was appointed postmaster under Lincoln's first term and held that office three terms; and was supervisor of his town. He started a general store in 1849 and continued it until 1884, when his health failed and he gave up business. He has built one wood store and two brick blocks of three stores each, having been burned out three times; he also built a fine house. He has resided in the town longer than any person now living there, and in the village since 1849. William, brother of Amos Chamberlin, sr., came to Ischua, Cattaraugus county, in the winter of 1815-16, with a sleigh covered with canvas and drawn by a yoke of oxen; the snow was so deep they had to hitch one ox before the other. He has a large number of descendants now living in Cattaraugus county. In 1837 Amos Chamberlin, jr., wishing to send \$1,000 in silver coin to Michigan, and there being no railroads or express companies, he put one thousand half dollars in each of two sacks, which he fastened to the pommel of his saddle, and mounting his horse, rode to Buffalo, where he took a boat to Detroit, and then rode a hundred miles farther west. Stopping at a tavern, in the morning when he wished to settle his bill, they refused to accept the Genesee county money; he found relief by going to a broker and getting "wildcat" money. Proceeding, he arrived safely in Branch county. Those are what some people call the good old times.

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White, Peregrine Kirk—so named, but generally known as Kirk P. White—was born on the White homestead farm, on the Byron Road, November 24, 1839. This farm was purchased from the Holland Land Co. by his parents, Chester and Lucy (Topliff) White, who came from the New England States in an ox cart in 1816, and still remains in the possession of the family. Kirk P. White was educated at Albion College, in Michigan, and was a more than usually well-informed man. He was for many years one of the assessors of Batavia, and was a genial, kind-hearted man, greatly beloved and respected. In 1883 he was married to Sarah A., daughter of William and Elizabeth (Warren) White. The death of Mr. White occurred September 27, 1891, and his loss was universally deplored by all who knew him. He is survived by his widow and two sons, John and Peregrine.

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Barlow, Charles, p. o. Le Roy, was born in Woulten, Hampshire county, England,



August 12, 1843, a son of William Barlow and Eliza Broker Barlow, his wife. He was educated in the common schools of London, Eng., and when fifteen years old was employed by his uncle, John Brooker, in whose service he continued for three and a half years. He then learned the gardening business with Edward Buxton; in 1867 he engaged in selling milk in London and continued that business until 1871, when he came to America, settling first in Perry, N. Y., where he lived for eighteen months and then came to Le Roy, N. Y. On December 25, 1866, Mr. Barlow married Sarah Bundy, at St. George church, Hanover square, Middlesex county, London England. They had seven children: Arthur, Henry J. (deceased), Alfred H., William C., Emily F. (deceased), Edith A and Charlotte S. Mr. Barlow is one of Le Roy's progressive farmers, of sterling integrity and is active in church and school matters.

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Tuttle, Hon. Thomas B., was born in Yates county, N. Y., September 30, 1844, a son of Henry and Elmira (Wells) Tuttle, natives of New York State. His grandfather, Thomas Tuttle, was born in Reade street, New York city, and emigrated to Western New York early in the present century and was one of the pioneers of Yates county. He subsequently removed to Hillsdale, Mich., where he was a pioneer, going by canal. He was a farmer and died in Michigan; he had a family of three sons and two daughters, three of whom are now living. Thomas B. Tuttle is the third eldest and was brought up in Hillsdale Mich., where he was educated, graduating from the high school and from a scientific course in the Hillsdale College, where he was an active member of the Amphictyon Literary Society. He engaged in the mercantile business as a clerk at Hillsdale, practically working his way through school by his own efforts. In 1866 he went to Dubuque, Iowa, and there opened a drug store on his own account and for five years did a successful business, when he returned to New York State, stopping at Lockport. But not satisfied with the outlook there he came to Le Roy and there located in 1872, and has since carried on the business in which he has been very successful. He was for a time trustee of Ingham University, and has held all the offices of the village from president down; was a member of the National Convention at Chicago in 1884 which nominated Blaine. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1894 and served two terms; he served on the Committee on Taxation and Retrenchment; Public Institutions and Revision Committees, was chairman of the Committee on Charitable Institutions in 1895; and was on the Committee on Strikes during the Brooklyn, N. Y., trouble; was responsible for passage of Corrupt Practices Act and took part in the defeat of the Single Tax bill and bill to exempt personal property from tax obligations. He has taken a very active part in Republican politics and is now a member of the board of education. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and I. O. O. F. In 1869 Mr. Tuttle married Henrietta L. Crocker of Stafford; they have one son, George M., a lawyer in Niagara Falls.

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Chaddock, Frank E., p. o. Le Roy, was born in Pavilion, N. Y., August 17, 1844. His father, Suel Chaddock, was born in Caledonia, N. Y., in 1819, moved to Pavilion when four years old, and resided there until 1860, in which year he moved to Le Roy. He was a farmer, and died in November, 1897. He married Eleanor E. Stanard of

Pavilion, who died April 11, 1881. Frank E. Chaddock was educated in the common schools. He taught school for four terms and then engaged in farming. In 1868 he married Aledia E. Stevens; they had two children: Nellie M. and Ada M., both deceased. Mrs. Chaddock died in 1888. Afterwards Mr. Chaddock married L. Antoinette Sprague, daughter of Edwin B. Sprague of Le Roy, N. Y. January 1, 1897, Mr. Chaddock was elected cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Le Roy, a position which he now holds.

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Merrill, Nelson J., was born October 24, 1830. His father, Ara P. Merrill, was a native of Whitestown, N. Y., and came to Genesee county in 1815; he married a Miss Rogers for his first wife, and after her death married Mary Strickland. Asa Merrill, his brother, came to Genesee county in 1809, and was prominent in the early growth of the town of Byron. Nelson J. Merrill was educated in the common schools, and in 1856 married Mary, daughter of David Gleason; they have three sons: Jay, Otto and Byron. Mr. Merrill is a practical and successful farmer, and ranks with Byron's enterprising, industrious and upright men.

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Miller, Francis T., was born in Byron, N. Y., October 16, 1847, a son of Wheaton S. Miller, a native of the same town, whose parents, Elisha and Martha (Tripp) Miller, came from Wilkes-Barre to Byron in 1810. Wheaton S. Miller married Emarrett, daughter of Isaac Southworth, and was engaged in farming and shipping produce and live stock; he died May 28, 1864. Francis T. Miller was educated in Byron and at an Albany academy. Mr. Miller is one of the progressive men of his town. In 1884 he established his grain business, in which he is still engaged in company with his brother, Elisha H. Miller. He served as supervisor three terms, 1879-81, and was member of assembly in 1890-91. He enjoys the entire confidence of the community where he resides, and his advice and assistance are often sought in business matters. In 1869 he was married to Julia A., daughter of James D. Benham; they had eight children: Holden C., James D., Francis T., jr., Marion, Mrs. E. L. McKelver, Imogene, Florence and Annabel. Mrs. Miller died in 1894, and Mr. Miller subsequently married Mrs. Ida Peckham.

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Waterman, Bennett, p. o. Morganville, N. Y., was born in the town of Stafford, N. Y., December 21, 1837, a son of Anthony and Sophia (Banister) Waterman, natives of Massachusetts. Anthony Waterman arrived in Stafford from Massachusetts March 12, 1816, in company with Versal Banister, his father-in-law, having \$1.37 on his arrival. They were eighteen days on the road with an ox team. Bennett Waterman was educated in the common schools, and is a farmer. He married Isabella, daughter of B. F. Cash; they have one daughter, Florence E. Mr. Waterman bears the reputation of an excellent citizen, and in the community where he resides is well known as a successful farmer and representative business man.

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Daggs, Charles H., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Rochester, N. Y., April 20, 1857. His father, George O. Daggs, was a native of London, England, and came to Rochester about 1840; he was a butcher. He married Elizabeth Rudman of Rochester, and they were the parents of George R., Charles H., William, David, Frank,

John, Fanny, Mary, Bert, Lillie, Nellie and Edward. He died in 1887. Charles H. Daggs was educated in the common schools; he came to Le Roy in 1875 and engaged in the meat business. He was elected constable for three years, and in 1888 was appointed chief of police and is still holding the office. He married Mary Curran; their children are Mabel, Frank, Lizzie, Lottie, Charles, Walter and Genevieve. Mr. Daggs is one of Le Roy's well known and highly respected residents, his integrity has never been questioned, and his interest in his town's well-being and advancement is a matter of general knowledge.

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Hager, John F., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in the town of Irondequoit, Monroe county, N. Y., October 29, 1845. His father, John A. Hager, was a native of Baden, Germany; he came to this country in 1835, and died in 1893; his wife was Malana Sours. John F. Hager was educated in the common schools and at the academy at Webster, N. Y. He has always been a farmer; in 1875 he removed from Gates, N. Y., to Le Roy, buying the Deming farm; in 1891 he assumed the superintendency of the "salt farm," and in 1895 started the Beechnut Creamery, which has a capacity of 1,000 pounds per day. He is full of push and enterprise and a valuable acquisition to the citizenship of his town. He was school trustee for five years, and was a trustee and is now a deacon of the Le Roy Presbyterian church. On March 19, 1874. Mr. Hager was married to Mary E., daughter of Asahel Pratt. Mrs. Hager was born in Gates, December 21, 1853, and died August 1, 1898; she was a graduate of Mrs. Nickols's Female Academy at Rochester, and was an active member of the Presbyterian church of Le Roy. Mr. and Mrs. Hager had one son, John B., born December 28, 1878, and died March 4, 1880; they also had an adopted daughter, Mrs. Bessie N. Hager Edson.

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Haywood, Mrs. Sally.—John Haywood was born in England, November 12, 1809, and came to Genesee county in 1836, where he engaged successfully at farming. He was trustee of schools for ten years. In 1846 he married Sally Shapland of England; they had five children: John, Elizabeth, wife of Henry Radley, Annie, wife of Dr. Harry Sutterby, Mary and William. Mr. Haywood died in 1892; his widow survives him. Mr. Haywood's life was without reproach; he was a kind neighbor, an industrious and sensible man, and commanded the respect of his associates.

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Boyce, James A., was born in Kingston, Canada, November 22, 1860. His father, Stephen Boyce, was a native of the same place and came to Bergen, N. Y., in 1864, where he was a farmer. James Boyce was educated in the schools of Bergen, and began his business career in the hardware trade. In 1883 he established his present business and is now carrying a general line of hardware, paints and oils. In 1889 Mr. Boyce married Eunice, daughter of George Lewis; they have one daughter, Helen. He is a member of the Maccabees and is recognized as a man of energy, good character, and like most self-made men, capable and progressive.

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Haxton, George W., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, January 2, 1851, the oldest son of Samuel and Eliza Haxton. His father was a native of New England and died in Genesee county in 1873. George W. Haxton was educated at Cary Col-

legiate Seminary and taught school for eight years. He then became engaged in the insurance and produce business, and is now a large farmer and dealer in stock and beans. He is a progressive business man, of sterling integrity and has always taken an active part in promoting the best interests of his town. In 1878 he married Ella A. Koppe of West Middlebury; their children are S. Fred, G. Sherwin and Florence G.

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McEwen, J. William, p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Le Roy, November 13, 1855. His father, Archibald McEwen, was a native of Johnstown, N. Y., and was a farmer; he married Margaret Green and died in 1882. J. W. McEwen was educated in the Le Roy Academy and after leaving school engaged in farming. In 1896 he, with Mr. W. W. Cole, embarked in the milling business. He has proved himself an enterprising business man, worthy of the confidence bestowed upon him. He married Elizabeth Veghte; their children are Archie, Edith and Helen.

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Seward, Charles F., p. o. Ray, N. Y., is one of those men not uncommon in this county, who pursue their course quietly through life, doing well and earnestly whatever they undertake. His career has been that of a successful farmer. He is a son of Leverett and Olive (Riddle) Seward, and was born in the town of Alexander, Genesee county, N. Y., September 5, 1825. His father came from Connecticut to Batavia in 1813 and bought land of the Holland Land Company. He was member of assembly from this county in 1836 and 1837. He died November 7, 1876. Charles F. Seward was married October 8, 1854, to Pamela, daughter of Edward and Joanna (Hoksley) Dykeman; they have two children: Olive, wife of Charles H. Dean of Alexander; and Ora M. Mrs. Seward died in April, 1879. Mr. Seward is a member of North Alexander Grange. He is an intelligent, companionable man and stands deservedly high in the esteem of all who know him. Winfield S. Seward, an older brother of Charles F. Seward, died January 8, 1893. Victor M. Seward, a younger brother, died in Rochester, in 1898.

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Fisher, Marion O., proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, Le Roy, was born in Ontario county, N. Y., in 1850, educated in his native place and completed his course at the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal school, from which he was graduated in 1877. He taught school in Middlebury, Ind., for five years. In the spring of 1882 he went on the road as a salesman for J. D. Beers & Son, with whom he remained for two years, and then took out a patent and worked it for a few years. He then traveled for the American Tablet Company of Dayton, Ohio, and one year for the Sidney (Ohio) Planing Mill Company and for three years traveled for himself. In April, 1895, he negotiated for the Eagle Hotel and took charge of the same. It had at that time but sixteen rooms, and he began immediately to make improvements; he added another story, so that there are now forty-one rooms in the house, lighted by electricity, heated by steam, with electric call-bells, and is first-class in every respect. A more genial landlord and lady cannot be found in Western New York. The hotel is one of the old landmarks of the village, having been built in 1820; it has had numerous proprietors, but was never run successfully till Mr. Fisher took hold of it. Mr. Fisher is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, F. & A. M., and Le Roy Chapter. In 1884 he married Emma A. Sylvester of Sinclairville,

N. Y.; they have three children: Sena M., Bertha O. and Sylvester Roy. Mr. Fisher's parents were Oscar N. and Elizabeth (Case) Fisher, natives of Ontario county, N. Y., and his grandfather, Jeremiah Fisher, born in 1800, is said to have been the first white child born in Ontario county. Some of his ancestry were in the early wars, and one of them received a commission as colonel in His Majesty's troops, signed by King George; this parchment is now in the possession of Dr. Fisher of Elkhart, Ind.

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Fanson, Francis William, manager and secretary-treasurer of the Cold Spring Creamery Co. of Bergen, N. Y., was born in the State of Illinois, in May, 1862. His father, William, was a native of England, who, when nine years of age, came to America with his mother. His mother did not marry again, and William lived for seven years with Samuel Dart in Bergen on a farm, and when sixteen began work for himself at farming. He married and moved to Illinois, but in 1864 returned to Bergen. In 1866 he went to Michigan, returned to New York in 1870, and in 1874 again moved to Michigan, where he still resides. Francis W. received his education in the common, district and city schools and remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age, when he married, and in 1884 left Michigan and came to Bergen to live on the homestead farm of his grandparents, Moses and Jane Berry, which he has occupied to the present time. In March, 1888, he interested himself in and became one of the active organizers of the Cold Spring Creamery Co. with a capital stock of \$1,400, which was later increased to \$2,000, Mr. Fanson being one of the principal stockholders at that time, and the largest stockholder now, and one of the directors since the organization of the company. In 1893 he was elected superintendent and secretary-treasurer of the company, which offices he is now filling. Under the excellent management of Mr. Fanson the business has thrived, the output of the creamery varying from 40,000 to 90,000 pounds of butter a year. In politics Mr. Fanson is a Republican; is an advocate of the temperance cause, and has served his town on the board of excise commissioners, but declines further proffered nominations. He is a member and master of the Bergen Grange, a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and commander of his tent. He is actively connected with church and Sunday school work, and a member of the Baptist church, of which he is deacon. He married Charlotte E. Cobert of Michigan; they have one son, Orla F.

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Sage, W. Monroe, a resident of the village of Bergen, N. Y., since 1861, was born in the town of Wheatland, Monroe county, N. Y., December 28, 1834, a son of Warren and Salome (Skinner) Sage. Salome Skinner was an eye witness to the battle of Lundy's Lane; her family lived near by and went to the woods for safety, and from their place of concealment witnessed the battle. Warren Sage followed carpentry during his early manhood, but later confined his attention to agricultural industry, owning a farm in the town of Wheatland, where he died February 1, 1856. W. Monroe Sage is well known in the musical circles of Western New York, having devoted the major portion of his life to music and musical convention work. He was reared on the farm, received his early education in the district schools and later attended Oberlin College, Ohio, and was graduated from Eastman's Commercial College in Rochester. He was endowed by nature with unusual musical talent and played the

violin while yet sitting in his high chair; at the age of seven played before public assemblages; he did not begin the scientific study of the violin until nineteen years of age, when he attended L. Hinsdale Sherwood's Musical Academy at Lyons, N. Y., and remained there until called home by the death of his father. A few years later he was graduated from the Friendship Academy of Music in the branches of violin, voice and harmony. Part of the time during his years of study he gave singing schools in the winters and attended the normal music schools during the summer months under the instruction of such noted masters as A. N. Johnson, William B. Bradbury, George F. Root and Carlo Bassini. Among the professors from whom Mr. Sage obtained his finest and most finished points in violin playing was Prof. Henri Appy, who came to America in 1850 as the violinist to Jenny Lind. In politics he is a Republican; he was the prime mover in bringing about the incorporation of the village of Bergen, and as a demonstration of their appreciation for what he had done the people honored him by electing him the first village president, which office he filled two years; the first year of his administration he caused to be placed 102 sidewalks, the second year he inaugurated the first street lighting by placing four lamps on four corners. In 1863 Mr. Sage married Frances A. D. Doolittle, daughter of Deacon James D. and Eunice M. (Carter) Doolittle, he a prominent merchant in Bergen, who died in 1884, leaving a beautiful home since occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sage. Mrs. Sage died May 1, 1899. The Sage family dates back in America to 1652, when David Sage, a native of Wales, settled in Middletown, Conn., being one of the pioneers there.

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Stevens, Elsworth T., a prominent representative and lifelong resident of Bergen, N. Y., was born in that town, on the farm he now owns, February 7, 1831. Thomas Stevens, his father, was one of several sons and daughters, and was born in Killingworth, Conn., November 25, 1787. In 1813 he moved to Bergen with an ox team and bought fifty acres of land in the woods, and in order to pay for it he engaged in the work of blasting out the rock where the flouring mills now stand in the village of Le Roy, walking there and back home each day. He was a strong, energetic man and after arriving home from his day's work would take his axe and set to work chopping down trees and clearing, working well into the night. He made a fine home and added more land to his farm by purchase from time to time, until he owned 180 acres. He was a great reader, broad-minded and keenly alive to all public affairs; during the last thirteen years of his life he was afflicted by total blindness, and it was then that his remarkable memory was a great source of comfort to him; he died in March, 1873. Elsworth T. Stevens has always remained on the home farm, purchasing the farm from his father after his mother's death. He has added to it and has one of the finest homes in the town of Bergen. In politics he has always been a Republican; he has been elected and re-elected to the office of highway commissioner for sixteen years, and to the office of assessor nine years. He is a leading member of the Bergen Grange, of which he is past master and is now filling the offices of purchasing agent and director. He married Maria Crampton, daughter of Amon G. Crampton, an active old gentleman of ninety-eight years of age, and the oldest man in the town of Bergen. Mrs. Stevens died in May, 1897. She was an active, intellectual lady, possessed of unusual poetical ability, and wrote many beautiful poems.

She was often called upon by church and society for readings and recitations, and often, upon special occasions, upon short notice, would sit down, pen in hand, and compose beautiful and appropriate lines.

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Oathout, Charles E., a resident business man of the town of Bergen, N. Y., is a native of the town of Riga, Monroe county, N. Y., and was born December 3, 1844, a son of Niles and Julia Ann (Stewart) Oathout. He was educated in the common schools and the Riga Academy, and his practical education he received in his father's store, under the tutorage of that parent. After the death of his father he succeeded to the business. In 1883 he moved to the village of Bergen, and in January, 1884, engaged in the hardware business, and with his practical experience, modern ideas and hustling abilities, established one of the best trades in that line in the county. In 1886 he sold one-half interest in the business to H. L. Gage. They erected a large modern two story brick store and continued there until November 1, 1892, when they rented their store and for eighteen months following were engaged in the manufacture of sensitized paper for photography. In 1897 Mr. Oathout removed to a farm near North Bergen. Mr. Oathout married Laura A. Parnell; they have one son, Elliott.

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Gleason, John S., is a native of Wyoming county, N. Y., born February 15, 1854, a son of John and Rosanna Gleason. He was reared on the farm, attended the district schools and took up the vocation of farming. He moved to the town of Bergen, N. Y., in 1873, where he continued farming until 1892, then moved to the village of Bergen, and in November of the same year purchased his present hardware business. January 1, 1896, he took in as a partner Mr. Will E. Gillette, since which time the firm name has been Gleason & Gillette, and under the able management of these two gentlemen the business has grown to proportions second to none in this section of the country. They carry a full line of hardware, farm tools, roofing, etc. In politics Mr. Gleason is a Republican, has filled the office of village trustee two years, and has been president of the village board of education since the union school system was adopted. He is a charter member of the order of the Knights of the Maccabees and received the honor of being elected the first commander of the tent in Bergen. He has been a delegate to represent his lodge at three different conventions, to the great camp at Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Utica. Mr. Gleason married Alice A. Palmer.

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Cook, Walter, an old and well-known resident of Bergen, N. Y., was born in Easton, Washington county, N. Y., in March, 1822, and brought to the town of Bergen in 1824 by his parents. He grew to manhood on the farm, received a limited education, and in 1845 concluded to try his fortune in the west, going to Illinois. He spent that year in the lead mines, thence to Wisconsin, where he spent another year in the lead mines, and then returned to Bergen. In 1852 he went to California, where he spent eight years, four years in the gold mines and four in the mountains, building and attending a water reservoir and ditch for mining purposes, a company being organized for that purpose, in which Mr. Cook was an active stockholder; he still retains his interest in the company. He returned to Bergen and purchased his present

choice farm of fifty acres, on which he has ever since resided. In politics Mr. Cook has been a Republican ever since the organization of that party, and while often urged to accept nomination for office, he steadfastly declines the honor. In 1862 he married Mrs. Delana H. (Green) Gifford, who was born in Phelps, Ontario county, in 1823.

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Herrick, Edward P., was born in the town of Bergen, N. Y., in 1842, a son of Pyram and Ann Eliza (Eldridge) Herrick. His father was born in Vermont, May 8, 1802, and came to Bergen about 1835, spending all but four years of his life in that town. He died in the town of Sweden, Monroe county, October 6, 1877. Edward P. Herrick received his education in the common district schools. He followed the vocation of farming, beginning for himself when twenty-three, and continued on rented farms until 1897, preferring to lease land rather than to buy, but in the latter year purchased a farm of 128 acres. In politics he is a Republican, always taking an interest in all public and political affairs of his town and has been elected to and filled the responsible office of town tax collector. He is a member of the Bergen Grange and of the Knights of Maccabees, Tent No. 6. In 1864 Mr. Herrick married Elizabeth J. Bunnell; they had three children: Susan J., born December 16, 1866, wife of George S. Avery of Batavia; Fred R., born July 21, 1873; and Roy E., born March 22, 1889, who died when eighteen months old. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick are members of the M. E. church, in which Mr. Herrick is steward and trustee; Mrs. Herrick is a member of the Foreign Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid, and W. C. T. U.

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Bower, Abner, one of the best known and wealthiest farmers in the town of Bergen, N. Y., is a native of Cayuga county, N. Y., born October 3, 1825, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Henry) Bower, and is the only surviving member of his father's family. He grew to manhood on the homestead, which he has since purchased from the heirs, where he has accumulated a large property, owning a farm of 320 acres and other investments. In politics Mr. Bower is a Republican. In February, 1844, he married Mary Ellen Huff, who died June 6, 1896. They had three children: Wesley A. (deceased), Mary A., wife of Chester Adams, and Millard F. (deceased).

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Hewes, Marcena Ballard, is one of the old and eminently respectable citizens of Genesee county. He was born in the town of Lee, Oneida county, N. Y., March 7, 1822. His grandfather Hewes was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was taken prisoner by the British and held a captive on board an English man-of-war until the close of hostilities; he was a nephew of Mr. Hewes one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Marcena Ballard Hewes grew to manhood in the town where he was born at the home of his grandparents, his mother having died when he was an infant, and his father marrying again. In 1848 Mr. Hewes came to the town of Le Roy, where an uncle of his lived. When he arrived he had but fifty cents to his name, but he was full of energy and pluck and went to work with a vim; he purchased a tract of eighty-four acres and added to this a few years later forty-five acres more. In 1879 he traded the forty-five acres as part payment for a 218-acre farm in the town of Bergen, and after many years of hard and successful toil on his farm is now taking the ease he has so justly earned by retiring from active farm



duties, leaving the farm in care of his sons. In politics Mr. Hewes has always been a strong and consistent Democrat and stands firm in the principles of bi-metalism. He has been twice married; his first wife was Cordelia Banister of Le Roy, whom he married on October 10, 1848; they had five sons and three daughters; his wife died in June, 1868, and for his second wife he married Mary Jane Stevens; they had two sons and one daughter.

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Wood, Frank D., is one of the prominent young men of the town of Bergen, of which he is a native, born April 24, 1860, a son of James and Susan (South) Wood. His parents were natives of England and in 1837 they came to America on a sailing vessel, requiring five months to make the voyage. James was a steady attendant at church and during the early years of his life walked regularly nearly every Sunday five miles to church; he was always a strict observer of the Sabbath and obliged his children to attend church and Sabbath school. Frank D. received his education in the Bergen public schools. During the years 1882, 1883 and 1884 he was a traveling salesman, selling farm machinery, and traveled through many of the Western States and Territories. He returned to Bergen and in 1898 purchased a farm of seventy acres, which he now carries on successfully. On February 16, 1886, he married Cora Louise Mason; they have one son, Percy Mason. Mr. Wood is an active Republican and has for several years been the Bergen member of the County Committee of that party.

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McPherson, Daniel J., son of Donald and Margery McPherson, was born February 5, 1849, in the village of Bergen, which is still his residence. His education was obtained in the district school, at a private school called the Bergen High School, of which B. F. Hamilton was the proprietor, and at the Rochester Business University. In the winter of 1873-74 he tried school teaching, but after one term abandoned it. After a trial of music teaching and type setting, the latter in the offices of the Progressive Batavian and Brockport Democrat, he, in 1877, entered the office of Platts & McPherson, grain and coal dealers at Bergen, as bookkeeper. In 1882, his father, who had purchased the interest of Henry Platts, took him into partnership and he continued in the business until March, 1898, when he sold out and retired. May 4, 1873, Mr. McPherson united with the Congregational church; in 1876 he was elected superintendent of the Sunday school and was six times re-elected. The other Sunday school offices held by him at various times were secretary, treasurer, chorister, organist, assistant superintendent and teacher. Mr. McPherson feels a deep interest in the prosperity of the church and contributes liberally to its support and also to all its benevolent objects. November 30, 1877, he married Emma H. Hume, daughter of Alonzo and Elizabeth Hume; they have two sons: Donald, born August 8, 1879, and Hume, born November 9, 1880. Mr. McPherson enjoys the confidence of his fellow townsmen, who have elected him to the following offices: Village collector in 1879; village treasurer in 1884 and 1885; town clerk in 1886 and 1887; justice of the peace in 1895 (re-elected in 1898 for four years from January, 1899); member of the board of education for three years in 1893 (re-elected in 1896); clerk of the board since his first election; village clerk continuously since 1889; has been a member of the Bergen Fire Department since its organization in 1886; its secretary since 1895; and

president of the Business Men's Association since its organization in May, 1896. In everything that pertains to the good of the village Mr. McPherson has shown a lively interest; he has contributed liberally to bring manufacturing concerns to the village and to provide telephone communication, and many persons in financial straits have found in him a friend indeed. In politics Mr. McPherson has always been a Republican; he is a temperance man and has always voted against license. Donald McPherson, a resident of Bergen from 1840 until his death, January 18, 1896, was born in Scotland, August 16, 1814. In 1836 he came to this State and settled in the town of Riga. Four years later he came to Bergen and bought the elevator which occupied the site where the Central station now stands, and engaged in the grain and produce business, which he carried on with success, with intervals of rest, until his death. During his business career he had for partners H. S. Elmore, A. T. Southworth, Henry Platts and from 1882, his son, D. J. McPherson. As a business man he had a reputation for rigid honesty and commanded the confidence of all who had dealings with him. As a citizen he took an interest in everything that was for the good of the community. His fellow townsmen honored him by electing him constable in 1845; collector and constable in 1846; constable in 1847; collector and constable in 1849; justice of the peace in 1850; sealer of weights and measures in 1852; commissioner of highways in 1857; and assessor in 1880 and 1887. In 1857 he united with the First Congregational church of Bergen and up to the beginning of his illness he prayed and labored for its prosperity; except when ill or away from home he was always present at the preaching services, the Sunday school, either as teacher or scholar, the prayer meeting, where his voice was always heard in prayer or testimony, the preparatory lecture and the business meetings. In 1857 he was elected a trustee of the church society and served as such thirty-five years; in 1858 he was elected clerk of the trustees and treasurer and served twenty-five years, collecting over \$30,000; in 1861 he was elected a member of the standing committee, which is the same as the session in the Presbyterian church; this office he held at the time of his death; elected deacon in 1880 and served until 1893, when he declined re-election on account of poor health. He was frequently a delegate to the Presbytery of Genesee, the church being under its care, and twice he was a commissioner to the General Assembly. He was emphatically a man of one book—the Bible. This he read, studied and shaped his life by its teachings. No matter how busy he was, and during the greater part of his life in Bergen he was very busy, he never failed to have family worship morning and evening, or to ask a blessing at each meal. He was a staunch Republican and a temperance man. Mr. McPherson was twice married; his first wife was Jane, daughter of Duncan and Elizabeth McPherson of Wheatland; two years after the death of his first wife he married, December 31, 1846, Margery, daughter of John and Catharine Gordon, who died October 12, 1895. He was the father of three sons and two daughters. The daughters and one son died in infancy; another son, William Henry, died at the age of eight years and four months; and the third son, Daniel J., lives to write this tribute to his father's memory. Writing from Ionia, Mich., Lemuel Clute, who married a niece of Mr. McPherson, said: "I have known him a number of years and have done a good deal of business of a confidential nature for him, and have always found him calm, cool, patient, trustful. He ripened into a good old age as only the perfect fruit ripens. Although he had been an active business man, I presume he had not a single enemy at his death, and every

one who knew him will remember him with a pleasant memory, and this condition with him was not accidental, but rather the result of trying to live right." The Rev. E. N. Pomeroy of Wellesley, Mass., a former pastor of the Congregational church, wrote as follows: "In the course of my ministry of twenty years and in the course of my life of nearly sixty years, I have never found a person whom I respected and regarded more highly than Donald McPherson. Good ability, good sense, and good will were united in his character. Having felt his influence on my own life and character, I can well believe that he influenced the lives and characters of a good many other persons. He will be missed in Bergen, but his memory and influence will remain. One always knew where to find him—it was on the side of truth and justice as nearly as he understood them."

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Hastings, John C., Alexander, N. Y., son of Jude and Mary (Curtiss) Hastings, was born in the town of Oppenheim, Fulton county, N. Y., July 4, 1840. He attended the public schools of his native town and was employed for a number of years at the glove trade in Gloversville, N. Y. In 1877 he bought the farm where he now lives and has since that time been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Hastings served three years in Co. D, 153d N. Y. Vols., in the war of the Rebellion. On October 3, 1862, he married Mary Ann, daughter of Henry and Sophia (Parker) Atty; they have four children: Cora Alice, wife of Charles D. Kelsey; George S., Ella and Amy E.

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Chaddock, Joseph, p. o. Linden, N. Y., one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of Alexander, N. Y., is a son of Luther and Sally (Washburn) Chaddock, and was born in Alexander February 23, 1824. His father and a brother came from New Hampshire to Alexander and bought land of the Holland Land Company. Mr. Chaddock received his education in the public schools of his native town and has devoted his entire life to agriculture. He has never aspired to public office, nor has he held other than assessor of the town. On March 3, 1854, he married Clarissa Merritt; they have three children: Flora, wife of Jay Hammond of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Clara, wife of Frank W. Simonds of Darien; and Mary, wife of Elwood Orcott of Nebraska. Mr. Chaddock is a public spirited man and always ready to support anything for the good of his town or the citizens thereof.

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Thomas, David G., p. o. Alexander, N. Y., son of George P. and Mary (Thomas) Thomas, was born in the town of Cuba, Allegany county, N. Y., May 23, 1856. His parents were natives of England and came to this country in 1838, settling in Oneida county, N. Y. When David G. was five years of age they removed to Rushford, where he lived for several years, being engaged in farming and the manufacture of cheese. In the spring of 1885 he removed to Alexander, where he conducted the cheese business until 1895. In 1894 the firm of W. E. Moulton & Co was organized, he being the company; they are large shippers of grain and dealers in beans and produce. Mr. Thomas was married November 21, 1883, to Lettie E., daughter of W. H. G. and Freelove (Calkins) Post; they have two children: Oel, born February 7, 1886, and Bertha, born June 25, 1888. Politically Mr. Thomas is a Democrat, but has never aspired to public office. He is a member of the Select Knights and Syl-

vian Lodge No. 479, I. O. O. F. Mr. Thomas is a man of excellent business ability and is an honored and respected citizen.

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Brainard, Luretta C., of Alexander, N. Y., (p. o. Attica, N. Y.), daughter of Timothy G. and Amanda (Hart) Baldwin, was born in North Chili, Monroe county, N. Y., January 12, 1828. She was educated in the common schools of her native town and on March 1, 1849, married Sebe B., son of Harris and Lydia (Turner) Brainard. He was born August 27, 1821, in Alexander, and died May 30, 1894. Three children were born to them: Frank Adelbert, born November 12, 1851, died April 20, 1852; Francis Amanda, born September 26, 1853, married Flint P. Smith of Flint, Mich.; and Caroline Augusta, born November 12, 1858, married Jerome Riddle of Alexander, N. Y., died October 4, 1893. Mrs. Brainard is a member of the M. E. church of Attica and the W. C. T. U.

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Norton, Franklin, p. o. Alabama, N. Y., was born in Byron, N. Y., September 11, 1830, son of Anson and Percy (Walker) Byron. His father was a native of Goshen, Conn., and removed to Byron, where he engaged in farming; he served in the war of 1812, and removed to Alabama in 1836 where he died in 1838; his widow survived him until 1850. Franklin Norton was educated in the public schools and by occupation is a farmer. He has been assessor for six years, town clerk one term, and is one of Alabama's progressive and prosperous men. He was married to Julia F., daughter of Joseph W. Allen; she died in January, 1897, leaving one son, Allen E.

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Fink, Fred, of Alabama, N. Y. (p. o. West Shelby, Orleans county, N. Y.) was born in Germany, April 19, 1833, a son of Jacob and Katherine (Krabs) Fink. Mr. Fink came to Genesee county in 1876, where he has since been engaged in farming. He has held the office of assessor twelve years, and has been school trustee for two years. He is a public spirited man, and has manifested a deep interest in schools and other public benefits. His wife was Mary Hagman; she bore him four children, namely: Elizabeth Fink Burns, and Rosa Fink Chubbuck, both deceased; Kittie Fink Tuttle, and William Fink. They have six grandchildren—a son and two daughters who survive Mrs. Burns, and Duane, Olive and Homer, children of William Fink, who is now conducting the farm.

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Avery, Rufus G., Alexander, N. Y., the oldest of a family of thirteen children born to Rufus G. and Keziah I. (Goodwill) Avery, was born in the town of Stafford, Tolland county, Conn., October 21, 1824. His brothers and sisters were as follows: Sarah, John G., Marygenett, Daniel G., William C., George E., James M., Julia M., Bradley C., Emma L., Martha E. and Charles B. His father was born in the town of Hebron, Tolland county, Conn., February 4, 1795, and died in Alexander, N. Y., July 16, 1879. His mother was born in the town of Willington, Conn., December 15, 1802, and died in Alexander, August 2, 1879. Mr. Avery began his schooling in the public schools of his native town and at the age of ten his parents removed to Darien, remaining there for two years, then removed to Attica, and after a residence of two years in that place settled in Alexander in 1838. Mr. Avery's first business experience was in the capacity of clerk in the store of E. G. Moulton of Alexander, in

whose employ he remained for two years. From 1843 to 1868 he was engaged in the wholesale and retail tobacco business in Buffalo, then entered the employ of the Buffalo and Washington Railroad, and with that road and the Buffalo and Southwestern was employed as a conductor for a period of ten years. During this service, however, he owned and operated a hotel at Alexander for two years, then gave up the hotel and railroad business and removed to his farm, since which time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, although for the last few years he has lived a semi-retired life. On October 26, 1847, he married Helen M., daughter of Capt. Uriah P. B. and Mehitabel (Page) Monroe; they had two children: Florence L., wife of Ellis R. Hay, and Walter P. B. (deceased). Mr. Avery has never held or aspired to political office, and is a member of Attica Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M. Personally he is of a very social nature and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him.

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Harrington, Andrew B., Alexander, N. Y., was born in a log house one mile west of Linden, Genesee county, N. Y., October 13, 1844. His grandparents, Ezekiel E. and Lydia E. (Cotton) Harrington, came from New Hampshire to the Holland purchase in Genesee county in a covered wagon (called a schooner), drawn by a yoke of oxen, in the year 1814. They had a family of eight children, three girls and five boys. Andrew B. Harrington is the youngest son of Daniel and Sarepta (Hill) Harrington, and until he reached his seventeenth year passed his life much as the sons of farmers generally do, in tilling the soil and going to school. When the Civil war began young Andrew, replete with patriotism, ran away from home and enlisted in the 24th N. Y. Cavalry, in the Army of the Potomac. He participated in twenty-four hard fought battles and served his country faithfully until the surrender of General Lee, April 9, 1865. While at home on a furlough, September 2, 1864, he married Adell, daughter of William R. and Christiana (Jones) Perkins; they have three children: Eugene W., an attorney-at-law in Buffalo; Clara Bell, who lives at home; and Daniel, who is station agent at Red Creek, Monroe county, N. Y., for the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Mr. Harrington has resided in the village of Alexander since 1871. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and has been deputy sheriff of Genesee county for twenty consecutive years, with the exception of one term; and has been president of the village for the last four years. Mr. Harrington is a notary public and an agent for different fire, accident and life insurance companies. In arriving at conclusions on any question he advances cautiously and by a process of sound reasoning, and when his judgment is once formed, nothing less nor more will induce him to change it than a similar process of ratiocination. He is frank and generous in character and affable in manner, and has many personal friends wherever he is known.

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Hint, John A., South Alabama, was born in Royalton, Niagara county, N. Y., November 16, 1860, a son of Joseph and Magdalea (Bauer) Hint. His father was a native of Germany and came to Niagara county November 23, 1857, and died in 1885. John A. Hint was educated in the common schools and since leaving school has followed farming. He married Oma Wight; they have one son, Cabot W. Hint. Mr. Hint is a good farmer, and one of the numerous residents of the town whose record of citizenship is alike creditable and worthy of remark.

Ingalsbe, Ebenezer, South Alabama, N. Y., was born in Byron, N. Y., March 5, 1819. His father was born in Scipio, Cayuga county, N. Y., and was always a farmer; he married Polly Bushman; his death occurred in 1848. Ebenezer Ingalsbe was educated in the common schools and has since then carried on farming and has raised some very fine stock. Mr. Ingalsbe married Anna E. Alexander, who bore him these children: Sarah, Martha, Charlotte, Alfred (who died in 1896), Orrin, Jennie and Hattie. Mr. Ingalsbe is one of the progressive farmers of Alabama, of sterling integrity, and has always been interested in the progress of his town, taking an active part in church and school matters.

Steele, Andrew G., who was born in Byron, N. Y., March 22, 1866, a son of John H. and Charlotte R (Green) Steele. His father was a native of Connecticut and came to Byron in 1855, where he was a farmer and active in promoting the growth and progress of his town; he died in 1888 in his eighty-third year. Andrew G. Steele was educated in the Brockport Normal School and taught school for three years. In 1889 he married Katie L., daughter of J. Z. Terry; Mrs. Steele died in the spring of 1898, leaving one daughter, Carolyn D. Mr. Steele is one of the practical and successful farmers of his town. He has served as assessor six years, and has taken an active interest in school and church matters. He is a public spirited citizen, and always seeks to promote the best interests of his town.

Green, Newton H., was born in Byron, N. Y., September 16, 1828, a son of Andrew H. and Lavinia (Goold) Green. His father was a land surveyor, who came to Genesee county and settled in the town of Bergen in 1809. He was a man prominent in town affairs, was supervisor of the town for years and member of assembly in 1839 and 1840; he died in 1875. Newton H. Green was educated in the common schools and Brockport Academy, and taught school for several terms. In 1855 he married Sylvina M., daughter of George Dewey; their children are Hattie L. Bowen, Carrie L. White, Charles N. Green and Emogene D. Walker. Mr. Green is a grain, stock and fruit farmer; his farm of about 400 acres is one of the choicest in Genesee county. He was town superintendent of schools two terms, assessor two terms, supervisor five years and a member of assembly in 1875 and 1876. Mr. Green is a man of unusual intelligence, and few men in Genesee county have ever enjoyed in a larger degree the confidence of the people. He is tall, of dignified and commanding presence. His older brother, Loren Green, also represented the county in the Assembly for two years. Since the above sketch was prepared Mr. Green has died. A good man and an honored citizen has gone to his reward. His death occurred April 15, 1899.

Merrill, Abner J., was born on the homestead in Byron, N. Y., March 2, 1858, a son of Ezra S. and Mary (Hitchcock) Merrill, and grandson of Daniel Merrill, who came to Genesee county in 1809 and settled in the town of Byron. Ezra S. through life was a farmer; he died in August, 1881. Abner J. Merrill was educated at Brockport Normal School, and in 1885 was married to Mary, daughter of Parliamer Munger. Their children are: Milan J., George L., Lester H. and Irene S. Mr. Merrill is a substantial farmer, and has through life cast his influence in favor of such local

measures and institutions as are of benefit to his town and its inhabitants, and is esteemed as a man of good principles and integrity of character.

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White, Iverson W., was born on the homestead in Byron, N. Y., January 8, 1856. His father, Miles G. White, was a native of Rutland, Jefferson county, and removed to Genesee county in 1828 with his parents. Miles G. White married Rozanna Blair, and through life was a farmer; he died in 1889. Iverson W. White was educated at the Le Roy Academy, and in 1885 married Carrie L., daughter of Hon. Newton H. Green, and their children are: Charles, Dewey, Tracey and Ada. Mr. White is one of the practical and successful farmers of Genesee county. He served as assessor three years and was elected supervisor in 1898. He is an exemplary, public-spirited citizen and stands high in the community.

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Brown, William F., p. o. Byron, N. Y., was born on the homestead farm, June 16, 1829, a son of Richard G. and Laura (Searles) Brown. His father was a native of Massachusetts and came to Genesee county in 1812, where he was a farmer and was prominent in the growth of his town; he died in 1885. William F. Brown was educated in the common schools. In 1851 he married Hannah S., daughter of Thomas Benton; they have one son, Edwin B.; their only daughter, Mary E., died in 1879. Mr. Brown is one of the practical and successful farmers of Genesee county. He has served as assessor, and has taken an intelligent interest in school and church matters. He is recognized as a man of sterling integrity, whose word is as good as his bond.

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Searles, Isaiah, was born on the homestead farm in Byron, N. Y., July 30, 1828. His father was John Searles, who was a native of Broome county, N. Y., and removed to Genesee county in 1814, bringing his household chattels on an ox sled; he was married to Mrs. Hannah Searles, daughter of John Stocking; he was a farmer all his life, and died in 1875. Isaiah Searles was educated in the common schools, and in 1853 was married to Eliza, daughter of Zurial Hall; they have two sons: Horace H. and Charles C. Mr. Searles is a prosperous farmer, a man whose life record may be pointed to with pardonable pride.

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Prince, Alpheus, M. D., was born in Lockport, Niagara county, N. Y., May 6, 1856, a son of Alpheus and Amy (Lester) Prince. His father always resided in Erie county; he served two terms in the Legislature, and was a well-known and prominent man; his death, which occurred in 1870, was a loss not only to his family, but to all who knew him. Dr. Prince was educated in Clarence Classical Union School, and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Buffalo in 1883. He was resident physician of the Erie County Hospital three years; practiced five years in Oakfield, and in 1891 came to Byron, where he has since been engaged in general practice. In 1884 Dr. Prince married Mary, daughter of Tracy Love; they have two sons: Howard L. and George B. Dr. Prince served as coroner six years, and has established an excellent reputation, not only as a physician, but a man of progressive ideas. He is a member of the Erie County Medical Society, State Medical Society, and of the Odd Fellows.

Andrews, Lewis B., M. D., was born in Bergen, N. Y., February 27, 1864, a son of Dr. Robert and Julia Andrews. Dr. Robert Andrews was a native of Monroe county, N. Y., and came to Genesee county in 1845, and since 1861 has been actively engaged in practicing his profession in Bergen. Dr. L. B. Andrews was educated in the Bergen Union School, Brockport Normal, and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Buffalo in February, 1885. He commenced the practice of his profession in Bergen, N. Y., where he continued until his removal to Byron in 1889. In 1885 Dr. Andrews married Anna, daughter of Horace and Sarah Southworth; they have one son, Norris. Dr. Andrews is one of the progressive men of his profession, taking an active interest in educational and religious institutions. He is a member of the N. Y. S. Medical Association and Central New York Medical Association, and has always sought to advance the best interests of his town and its people.

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Bushman, Henry, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., January 18, 1821, a son of Jacob and Martha (Halstead) Bushman. Jacob Bushman was also a native of Cayuga county; his father, John Bushman, was from Gettysburg, Pa. Jacob purchased land from the Holland Co., which he cleared for cultivation, and through life was a farmer; the property still remains in the possession of his son Henry; he died in 1860. Henry Bushman was educated in the common schools, and throughout his long life has been a successful farmer; he has served his town as assessor for nine years, and is a worthy, substantial man, whose standing among his fellows is enviable. On October 1, 1846, he was married to Sarah J., daughter of John Mills. Mrs. Bushman died April 17, 1897, in her seventy-second year; her husband and two daughters—Mrs. Mary E. Kellogg and Mrs. J. F. Rose—survive her.

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Watson, Clifton, was born in Cambridgeshire, England, October 19, 1828. He came to the United States and on June 4, 1850, settled in Byron, N. Y., where he began work on the farm next to the one he now owns at \$12 a month, and by practicing economy was able in the fall to pay the \$40 he owed for his passage over. For the next two years he worked by the month, and then for three years he and his brother operated the W. S. Miller farm on shares. In 1856 he went to California, riding on the first train that crossed the Isthmus to Panama; he engaged in mining at Sandy Gulch, Calaveras county, where he remained for twenty-three months, when he sold out his claim and returned to Byron, N. Y. In March, 1858, Mr. Watson married Rebecca, daughter of John and Mary Webb, and for a year worked by the month for W. S. Miller; the following seven years he worked the farm on shares and then purchased it, incurring a debt of \$7,500, which he has since paid, and also bought two other farms, now owning 350 acres of land. Mr. Watson prides himself upon his care of his stock, never having lost a horse or any cattle. He has been obliged to kill five horses because of old age, and now owns a horse twenty-eight years old. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have three children: John, Samuel and Mrs. Mary Davey. He has been successful in his undertakings and his record is that of a good citizen.

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Cockran, William, was born in Devonshire, England, October 15, 1831, and emi



grated to the United States in 1854, settling in Batavia. In 1860 he married Jane Carroll; they have one son and one daughter, Albert E. and Mary J. Mr. Cockran is one of the leading farmers of Genesee county, is active in school and church matters and has the reputation of being a man of sterling integrity and progressive ideas.

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Thomas, Charles H., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., a son of Henry D. and Annis (Sage) Thomas, was born in the town of Le Roy, May 5, 1830. His grandfather, Simeon Sage, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Thomas received his education in the schools of his native town and the academy at Alexander. His first business experience was at farming, which he has since successfully followed. Mr. Thomas is a deserving man, whose character is above reproach. On December 12, 1862, he married Adaline, daughter of William and Orphana (Webb) Hill; and they have two children—Henry and Mary.

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Crocker, J. Lyman, son of Isaac and Susan (Emmons) Crocker, was born in Hamilton, Madison county, N. Y., September 4, 1814. His education was received in the common schools of his native town and the Middlebury Academy. He was engaged in teaching school for a number of years and served his town as superintendent of schools and supervisor and filled other offices of minor importance. On June 14, 1843, Mr. Crocker married Tammay McIntyre of Worcester county, Mass., by whom he had two children—Edgar M. and Henry C. Mr. Crocker's father was a native of Colchester, New London county, Conn., and his mother of East Haddam, Middlesex county, Conn. They were married in December, 1812, and in 1814 they removed to Madison county, N. Y., and in 1816 to Genesee county, settling two miles south of Le Roy village on ninety acres, which he purchased the year previous. His grandfather, Simeon C., jr., was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and was connected with the quartermaster's department; he married a Miss Swift and reared a family of seven children. Mr. Crocker's great-grandfather, Simeon Crocker, sr., came from England at an early day and settled in Connecticut. Since the above sketch was prepared Mr. Crocker died on February 11, 1899.

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Phelps, George H., was born in Eagle, Wyoming county, N. Y., April 17, 1867, a son of Austin and Rosanna (Olney) Phelps. He received his education in the public schools. In 1885, he took up his residence in Batavia, where, in 1889, he established his present business of groceries, provisions and meats. Mr. Phelps is a bustling business man, and commands the good will of his fellow townsmen; he is fond of outdoor sports, and is an expert horseman and wheelman. In 1888, he was married to Florence A., daughter of John Roberts; she died on June 28, 1897, leaving one daughter, Beulah R.

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Acker, William A., was born in Tonawanda, February 12, 1856, son of George Acker, who was a native of Pennsylvania. He came to Tonawanda when quite a young man and engaged in railroading, and, in 1855, married Margaret Spies, and moved to Batavia about 1868. W. A. Acker was educated in the public schools and afterward took a position under his father as locomotive fireman, and for the past

eighteen years has filled the position of engineer. In 1878, he married Theresa, daughter of Charles Erdman; they have one daughter, Gertrude. Mr. Acker has made his own way in the world, and is a faithful, trusted man. He is awake to the advancement of schools and other public interests, and performs the duties of citizenship to the approbation of his fellow townsmen.

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Scheer, George, was born in Saxony, Germany, January 11, 1838, and came to the United States with his parents, Frederick and Minnie Scheer, who settled in Batavia, where his father was in the bookbinding and stationery business. George Scheer was educated in the schools of his native land and of Buffalo. After completing his schooling he learned the trade of painter. At the first call for volunteers at the outbreak of the Civil war, he gave up his position as foreman with the Kentucky Central Railroad and in April, 1861, enlisted in Co. B, 9th Ohio Vols., and took part in the campaign in West Virginia under McClellan and Rosencranz; was then transferred to the Department of Kentucky and was at the battle of Mill Springs; he continued with the Army of the Cumberland, participating in all its battles, until the fall of Atlanta, when he received an honorable discharge. He went to Cincinnati and had charge of the painting and decorating in railroad shops, and was connected with this branch of labor until 1881, when he came to Batavia and engaged in the grocery business, his store being located at what is now called "Ellicott Square." Mr. Scheer is a self-made man and takes an interest in all public matters; his integrity is undoubted and his example is worthy of emulation. In 1865 he was married to Minnie Stroh; they have two children, Herman and Bertha.

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Yates, Rev. John H., was born in Batavia, N. Y., November 31, 1837, a son of John Yates, who was a native of England, and with his wife, Elizabeth Taylor Yates, came to Batavia in 1832. He was a manufacturer of shoes, and was, during the later years of his life, a traveling temperance lecturer; he died December 5, 1866. John H. Yates, the subject of this sketch, was educated at the Batavia Union School, but at the age of eighteen was forced to engage in business as a clerk to help maintain his aged parents. For several years he was with his brother, Thomas Yates, in the shoe business; afterwards, for seven years, salesman in G. B. Worthington's hardware store. In 1871 he took charge of the fancy goods department in E. L. & G. D. Kenyon's double store and remained there fifteen years. In 1886 he was called to be local editor of the Progressive Batavian, and filled the position nearly ten years. When twenty-one years of age Mr. Yates was licensed to preach in the Methodist church, but was not ordained until 1897. For nearly seven years now he has been pastor of the Free Will Baptist church at West Bethany. In 1864 Mr. Yates was married to Miss Maria Everson of Port Hope, Ont. By her he had four sons, Fred E., Arthur C., Walter S. and Albert R. Three of them are now dead. Mrs. Yates, Walter and Albert all died in one week of diphtheria. Arthur Cleveland Yates the only son now living, has been for eight years and is now in the government printing office at Washington. In 1880 Mr. Yates was married the second time to Mrs. Sarah Cottle, also a native of England, with whom he is now living. At about the age of twenty, Mr. Yates began writing poetry at the solicitation of his mother, and very soon his ballads and hymns were printed and sung all over the land.

In 1891, Ira D. Sankey, the famous singer, engaged Mr. Yates to write gospel hymns for him, solely; he was led to do this because of the wonderful success of Mr. Yates's old man ballad, the "Model Church," which has been sung all over the world. After the contract with Mr. Sankey, the following hymns soon appeared from the pen of Mr. Yates: "Harbor Bell," "Faith is the Victory," "Beautiful Hills," "Our Name's in Heaven," and about twenty others. In December, 1897, Mr. Yates issued a volume of ballads and poems, a book of 117 poems and 226 pages, which are now nearly all sold. A second edition will be printed before the supply is gone. On the occasion of the dedication of the old land office in 1894, Mr. Yates wrote the dedicatory poem, "Our Ancient Landmark," a production of unusual merit.

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Rupp, Charles, was born in Batavia, N. Y., January 15, 1842. His father, G. M. Rupp, was a native of Baden, Germany, and came to the United States, July 4, 1836, and was engaged in shoe manufacturing; he was a man of sterling integrity and took an active interest in public events; he died in 1884. Charles Rupp was educated in Batavia and learned the shoemaker's trade, which he has always followed. In 1871 he married Laura A., daughter of Alonzo Leonard; they had five daughters: Mrs. Alice A. Pierce, Grace M., principal of West Main Street School; Mrs. Julia M. Caught (now deceased), Carrie B., who is a stenographer, and Laura A. Mr. Rupp is a substantial citizen and is much respected in Batavia. His industry and frugality have enabled him to give all his children good educational opportunities, which they have so well improved that they have won for themselves good positions.

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Thomas, Jesse M., was born in Albion, Orleans county, N. Y., March 19, 1867, son of Crandall M. Thomas, who was a native of Penfield, N. Y., where the family were among the earliest settlers. Crandall M. Thomas married Frances T., daughter of Moses Smith; he was one of the prominent men of his town. Jesse M. Thomas was educated in Albion. For a time he was engaged in the drug trade; in 1892 he came to Batavia, where he established his present business, making a specialty of fine groceries. In 1888 he married Grace D., daughter of Walter Lyon; they have two children—Jesse C. and Susie L. Mr. Thomas was named after Hon. Jesse W. Sweltzer, of Rushville, Ind.; he is a man of energy, good business ability, and has established a reputation for integrity, enterprise and worthy citizenship. Mrs. Thomas graduated from the Conservatory of Music in Boston, in 1888.

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Fisher, Joseph D., was born in the town of Batavia, N. Y., July 12, 1846, son of Roswell S. and Margaret (Chamberlain) Fisher. Roswell S. Fisher was a native of Francestown, Hillsborough county, N. H., and a grandson of Nathan Fisher, a Revolutionary soldier; he came to Batavia in 1834, and died there October 5, 1887. Mrs. Margaret Fisher's mother, Mrs. Lydia Chamberlain, was the widow of Abel Rowe, who was one of the first settlers of Batavia: he also kept the first hotel and was the first town collector of Batavia. Joseph D. Fisher obtained his education at Hamilton College; he was principal of East Pembroke school, following teaching for about three years. He is now a practical farmer, and one of the many inhabitants of Batavia whose career has been marked by uprightness of character and a spirit of progress.

In 1872 he was married to Libbie J., daughter of Richard Richards; they have four children—Ray R., George W., Mabel L. and Grace E.

Ellis, Hon. John J.—The subject of this biography was born in Bath, Steuben county, N. Y., August 24, 1854, and is descended from good old Revolutionary stock. His father, Chester Ellis, was the son of Jasen Ellis, who was the son of John Ellis,



known as King of Dryden, while his mother, Elizabeth Smith, was of Scotch and English extraction. Mr. Ellis obtained his education in the public schools, supplementing his studies with a course in telegraphy, in the art of which he became very expert, so much so that the officials of the Erie Railroad Company and the Western Union Company, repeatedly entrusted him with responsible and important duties, during the performance of which he was located at different times in Bath, Niagara Falls, Attica, Lancaster, Buffalo and Darien. Since 1895 Mr. Ellis has directed his attention very largely to the produce and grain business in which he has large investments. In asso-

ciation with two others, Mr. Ellis is also one of the proprietors of one of the largest carriage wheel factories in the State, located at Avoca. For many years he has taken an active part in politics, being an uncompromising Republican, and during that time he has been frequently honored with positions of public trust, having served as supervisor, justice of the peace and member of the Assembly. Mr. Ellis was first elected to the last office in 1897 by a majority that demonstrated his exceptional personal popularity and the confidence in which he is regarded by the people. He discharged his duties so creditably and with such satisfaction to his party and constituents, that the following year he was unanimously renominated and was re-elected by an increased majority over a strong opponent. His abilities were substantially

recognized by his legislative associates and the speaker of the House when he was selected for the exceedingly important chairmanship of the Committee on Villages and made a member of the Railroads and Public Printing Committees. Throughout his career, and in his personal relations at home and abroad, Mr. Ellis has exhibited that character of integrity, energy and fair-mindedness which have won for him an enviable reputation and the esteem and good will of all. He was married in 1875 to Matilda Julia, daughter of Henry and Matilda Spann of Attica, N. Y.; they had one child, Otto Cecill, born May 7, 1877, who was killed by the cars at Darien, September 12, 1880.

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Colville, William, was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., February 25, 1846, a son of Alexander and Mary A. (Westcott) Colville, and was educated in the public schools. In 1861 he enlisted in the 2d New York Cavalry, better known as the Harris Light Cavalry, and served for three years, holding the rank of first lieutenant, and was honorably discharged in 1864; he was taken prisoner at New Baltimore, Md.; his regiment participated in 173 engagements. In 1865 he removed to Philadelphia and thence to Worcester, Mass., where he was engaged in railroad business. In 1861 he came to Batavia and became connected with the Baker Gun and Forging Co., and in 1896 established a manufactory for the production of smokeless powder. Mr. Colville is an active member of the G. A. R. and has taken much interest in the work of the organization. In 1895 he was married to his second wife, Venetia Telfair. Mrs. Colville died July 13, 1899. He has one daughter by his first wife—Anna H.

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Sweet, John M., was born in Upper Canada, April 5, 1850, and came to the United States in 1860, settling in Niagara county, N. Y. He received his education in the common schools and served an apprenticeship at carriage making. In 1870 he took up his residence in Batavia, and in 1874 began the manufacture of carriages. He invented the patent hub now used by the Batavia Carriage Wheel Co., and the machinery used by them is from his designs. Mr. Sweet has for several years been superintendent of the large factory of the Batavia Carriage Wheel Co. He ranks as one of the best wheel experts in the country, and no man has done more by way of invention toward perfecting wheel hubs and wheel makers' machinery. He is without doubt one of the most skillful and ingenious mechanics this country has produced. He is a good citizen and a public spirited man. In 1872 Mr. Sweet was married to Mrs. Julia A. Griswold.

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Powers, Menzo E., was born in Batavia, N. Y., November 15, 1862, only son of Edward and Eliza J. (Willett) Powers. Edward Powers was a native of Thetford, Orange county, Vt., and settled in Genesee county in 1840. Samuel J. Willett, father of Mrs. Eliza J. Powers, was a prominent man in Genesee county, served as surrogate and held other positions of honor and trust. Menzo E. Powers is an energetic and prosperous farmer, is interested in the progress of education, having served four years as school trustee, and is active in his support of religious institutions. He was married to Carrie L., daughter of John P. Dennison; they have two sons: Leon J. and Charles E.

Garwood, Frank, was born in Suffolk, England, and emigrated to the United States in 1884. He came to Batavia, and on February 7, 1884, entered the employ of his uncle, John Garwood, who owned and conducted the Bushville Mills. John Garwood had settled in Batavia in 1860; he was well known and highly esteemed; he died in 1893. Upon the death of his uncle, Frank Garwood succeeded him in the proprietorship of the mills. Mr. Garwood is a stirring business man of unquestioned integrity, and has won many friends in his adopted town.

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Parker, Frank J., was born in Batavia, N. Y., April 13, 1818, son of Jeremiah and Roby (Newell) Parker. His father, Jeremiah, was a native of Massachusetts and in 1805 settled in Genesee county, where he was a farmer; he died in Pontiac, N. Y., in March, 1836. Frank J. Parker received his education in the common schools. In 1841 he married Nancy, daughter of David Church, who passed away October 9, 1859; they were the parents of seven children, five of whom survive: Frank A., Jane, Roby, Addie and Flora. He afterwards married Sarah, daughter of Denning Bartholomew. Mr. Parker was one of the pioneers of Genesee county and through his long life has been a farmer, in which occupation he has been successful. In the community where he resides he is respected and esteemed for his many good qualities.

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Farnsworth, Nathan H., was born in the town of Alabama, N. Y., July 13, 1856, son of William L. and Lucy J. (Westcott) Farnsworth. William J. was a native of Ontario county and settled in Genesee county in 1840. He was a farmer, also dealer in live stock, and was prominent in school and church affairs; he died in 1889, and his wife in 1862. Nathan H. Farnsworth was educated in Batavia and Oakfield. November 30, 1881, he was married to Myra B. Dunlap; she died January 5, 1883, leaving one daughter, Myra J. October 1, 1885, Georgia, daughter of David Sullings, became his wife; they have three daughters—Cora, Ruth and Viola. Mr. Farnsworth is a farmer of ability and intelligence and may be classed with those of his fellow citizens who are interested in promoting the advancement of the town's well being. He is a prominent Democrat.

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Weed, Harvey, was born in the town of Kendal, Orleans county, N. Y., December 16, 1817, son of Joseph Reed, who was a native of the town of Unity, N. H., and came to Genesee county in 1814, where he followed farming. He married Polly, daughter of Benjamin and Joanna Young Clough, and died in 1862. Harvey Weed was educated in the common schools, and afterward learned the tanner's trade and for three years was in charge of Judge J. Ingersoll's tannery. In 1838 he was employed by the Medina and Darien railroad and in 1843 came to Batavia and, with the exception of two years, was engaged in canal transportation; and later was engaged in farming. In 1860 he married Sarah B., daughter of Henry and Rhoda Beadle Sawdy. Mr. Weed was one of the self-made men of his town; he served as highway commissioner for three years. He died October 5, 1898. He had been a man of great physical endurance but a severe injury received about two years before his death shortened his life.

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Martin, William A., was born in Barry, Orleans county, N. Y., January 14, 1844,

son of William Martin of Orange county, who came to Orleans county in 1817 with his parents, William and Mary E. Martin. William Martin married Sarah E., daughter of Daniel Ross, and through life was a farmer; he died in 1893. William A. Martin was educated in the common schools and in 1835 married Sarah E. Lines, who died in 1887. He afterward married Ella E. Torrance; they have one son, Charles T. Martin.

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Welker, John, was a native of Oldenburg, Germany, and came to the United States in 1842 and settled in Wyoming county, but in 1862 came to Genesee county. He married Anna, daughter of Peter Dellinger; they were the parents of four children: George P., Francis J., Elizabeth B. and Josephine L. Mr. Welker was murdered on April 27, 1881, at his home by Charles Stockley, a farm hand in his employ. Stockley was tried and convicted and on August 19 was executed for the crime. The murder was wanton and unprovoked. Mr. Welker had always borne an excellent reputation. He was a prosperous and successful farmer. His widow died November 22, 1882.

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Davis, Angela K.—Joseph F. Davis was a native of Boonsboro, Washington county, Md. In 1857 he married Angela Kirkham, daughter of Chauncey and Angeline Pattison Kirkham. He was but a few years a resident of Batavia, but was a prominent man in his native State of Maryland. During the Civil war he was an ardent supporter of the Union, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of his State at the time emancipation of the slaves was decreed. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word and held a high position among his peers, the leading men of Maryland. Chauncey Kirkham, father of Mrs. Davis, came from Ithaca, N. Y., to Batavia in 1817, where he married Angeline Pattison. For many years he was a manufacturer of furniture; he was enterprising and progressive, active in promoting the public interests, and a man of sterling integrity. He died in 1857, leaving a widow and four surviving children—Angela, Lyman Stuart, Charles Henry and Mary Isabella. His son, Chauncey, jr., who was a member of the firm of Bostwick & Kirkham in the hardware trade, died the same year. He was a brother of Samuel Kirkham, the author of the well-known Grammar, Elocution and other educational works. Joseph F. Davis died in Philadelphia, October 3, 1879.

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Clark, Mrs. Eliza E.—Jerome A. Clark was born in Cooperstown, Otsego county, N. Y., October 29, 1811. He learned the jeweler's trade in New York and came to Batavia in 1834, where he established himself in the jewelry business, in which he continued to the time of his decease in 1885. Mr. Clark was for many years one of the wardens of St. James's church in Batavia, and was an exemplary citizen. As indicating the sentiment of his townsmen at his loss, on the day of his funeral all the business places in Batavia were closed. He was married to Caroline Holden, who died in 1855, leaving two sons: Hinman H. of St. Louis, and John H. of Chicago; for his second wife he was married to Mary Field, whose death occurred in 1869; he then married Eliza Holden, who survives him, with one son, Jerome De Lancy, of Batavia.

Post, Jesse F., was born in Batavia, N. Y., January 9, 1857, a son of William H. G. and Freelove (Calkins) Post. He was educated in Batavia, and in 1882 married Florence E., daughter of William Day; they have two daughters: Edith A. and Beulah C. Mr. Post follows the vocation of farming, of which he has made a success. In all respects he is a worthy citizen and an active element in the progress of his native town.

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Uphill, B. B., was born in Lancaster, Erie county, N. Y., January 19, 1858. His father, Thomas Uphill, came to Genesee county in 1868, where he was a wagon manufacturer and farmer; he was prominent in the public events of his town; his wife was Ann Lear. He died in 1892. B. B. Uphill was educated in East Pembroke, and in 1880 married Mary Moore; they have two sons: William J. and Jared L. Mr. Uphill is a successful farmer, and a man of excellent standing in the community where he lives.

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Williams, Myron A., was born in the town of Batavia, N. Y., December 28, 1845, a son of Chauncey and Caroline (Post) Williams. His father was a farmer and interested in public events and in the growth and progress of his town, having served the same for ten consecutive years as supervisor during the trying times of '65. Myron A. was educated at Lima, N. Y., and taught school for two years. In 1867 he married Mariette, daughter of Chester Cabot, who died in 1887, being survived by three children: Burt C., Elwyn A. and Ada M. In 1888 he married Nettie R., daughter of Abbott Wight. Mr. Williams has served his town six years as assessor. He is a notably excellent farmer, and his farm on the Oak Orchard road is traditionally "the finest farm in Genesee county," with splendid buildings, finely located; his farm home is as complete as could be desired. Apart from his prominence as an agriculturist, Mr. Williams is a man of progressive ideas, and is always found among the leaders in measures for the benefit of his town.

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Adams, Amos H., was born in the town of Stafford, N. Y., September 28, 1822, a son of Horace and Betsey (Eastman) Adams. His father came to Genesee county in 1812, where he died March 23, 1855. Mr. Adams began his education in the old log school house. In 1849 he married Louisa, daughter of Joseph and Amanda Hoyt. Mr. Adams is a practical farmer, devoting his attention intelligently to the development and improvement of agricultural methods, and is numbered among the successful men of his town.

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Martin, Charles T., was born in Orleans county, N. Y., March 3, 1843, a son of William and Sarah (Ross) Martin. He was educated in the common schools, and in 1881 married Augusta Balmer. In 1884 he bought the Alvin Pease farm of 100 acres, one of the choicest and best located in the county. He is interested in school and church improvement, and among his acquaintances is looked upon as a man of undoubted integrity.

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Loomis, Calvin S., was born in the town of Alexander, N. Y., June 21, 1834. His



father, Sylvester Loomis, was a native of Connecticut and came to Genesee county in 1815 with his parents, Nathaniel Loomis and wife, who settled in the town of Alexander. Sylvester Loomis married Susannah French. Mr. Loomis was a prominent man in his town and helped build the Erie canal; he died July 11, 1866. Calvin S. Loomis was educated at Alexander Seminary. In 1856 he married Lydia, daughter of Asa Shephard; they have three children: Charles L., Calvin H. and Mrs. Myrtie V. Terry. Mr. Loomis served as assessor in the town of Alexander six years, is an enterprising farmer, and bears the reputation of being an upright and useful citizen.

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Day, Elijah, was born in Batavia, N. Y., July 7, 1836. His father, Elijah Day, was a native of Onondaga county, N. Y. His ancestors in the United States were emigrants on the Mayflower. Elijah Day, sr., came to Genesee county in 1820, and was one of the pioneers. Elijah Day, jr., married Sarah J., daughter of Warren S. Mc-Worthy; they had four daughters: Mrs. Mary Shappell, Mrs. Carrie Craft, Mrs. Nellie Raynor and Mrs. Alice Emely. Mr. Day is one of the leading farmers of his town, and ranks among its best citizens, always awake to every movement for the betterment of his town and its people.

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Donnan, William C., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Princetown, N. Y., December 4, 1853, a son of Alexander and Jane (Conning) Donnan, whose other children were: David, John A., George H., Nathan W. and Essie. Mr. and Mrs. Donnan died in March, 1885. William C. was educated in the common schools and at the Normal School at Geneseo. In 1876 he came to Le Roy and was employed in a hardware store; in 1884 he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the National Bank of Le Roy, and is now the cashier of the Bank of Le Roy, which succeeded the National Bank in 1889. Mr. Donnan is a broad-minded man, of unquestioned integrity and probity, and is an active element in the development and progress of the important institutions of his town. He married Susan, daughter of Edward and Caroline (Willis) Freeman; they have four children: Willis Day, McKie, Doris and Grace.

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Beckwith, Harris P., p. o. North Pembroke, N. Y., was born in the town of Batavia, August 7, 1842, was educated in the district schools and East Pembroke Seminary, and has always been a farmer. In August, 1866, he married Lydia J. Seamans of Pembroke; they have four children: Bertha J., H. Arthur, Elsie and Grover. Bertha J. married Prof. H. E. Bolton, who is principal of the primary grade of the high school in Paterson, N. J. H. Arthur married Emma Seamans of Elba, N. Y., and they have two children, Leah and Ernest. Elsie is a teacher in Great Neck, L. I. Grover is a farmer at home and a student. Mr. Beckwith's father, Richard Beckwith, was born in Old Lyme, Conn., in the year 1795, and came to the home in the town of Batavia on the Buffalo road in the year 1807, when he was twelve years of age. He was educated in the schools of his day and was a farmer by occupation. He served in the war of 1812. He married Jane Whitney, formerly of Sheffield, Mass.; they had five children: Harris, Martha J., Mary, Maria and an infant not named. Mr. Beckwith died in 1866; his widow survives at this date, 1898. Harris Beckwith's grandfather, Thomas Beckwith, was born at Old Lyme, Conn., in

the year 1760; he married Abigail Smith, who bore him three children: Harris, Richard and Lucretia. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and was a prisoner on the prison ship Jersey, from which he made his escape. He died in 1854 and his wife in 1841. Ancestry of family is English on both sides.

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Dodge, Erastus S., was born in Seneca county, N. Y., in 1818, and was brought to the town of Corfu, Genesee county, N. Y., the same year by his parents. He was educated in the common schools and learned the jeweler's trade, and was also a practicing dentist. In 1849 he married Caroline Wilson. For many years prior to his death he had carried on the jewelry store at the corner of Main and Jackson streets, in Batavia. Mr. Dodge was a man highly esteemed for his many good qualities; he was enterprising and progressive, was interested in all movements for the benefit of his village, and his death, which event occurred on May 19, 1830, was a loss to the community in general. Mrs. Dodge has continued her residence in Batavia.

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Munger, Henry M., was born on the homestead in Byron, N. Y., May 7, 1853, a son of Martin D. and Lois (Hammond) Munger. His father was born in the town of Riga, N. Y., where his parents settled about 1810; he died in 1896. H. M. Munger was educated in the public schools and at the Brockport Normal School. Mr. Munger is one of the successful farmers of the county, a citizen in whom his fellow townsmen have the fullest confidence, which he merits by an honest, consistent course, emphasized by an active interest in the progress of his town. In 1860, he married Nora, daughter of David Wilcox; they have three children—Burton, Bruce and Florence. Their oldest son, Earl, died in 1898 in his eighteenth year, just as he was stepping into manhood.

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Ruprecht, Charles H., was born in Batavia, N. Y., April 28, 1857. His father, Frederick Ruprecht, was a native of France, born in 1822, and served ten years in the French navy. He came to the United States in 1853, settling in Batavia, and in 1852 he married Salome Dangler; he died March 4, 1889. Charles H. Ruprecht was educated in Batavia and spent twenty years as bookkeeper in the First National Bank. In 1898 he established his present business of banking and insurance. He has one daughter, Pauline. Mr. Ruprecht has built up a reputation for intelligent conservatism and fine business tact, at the same time evincing a commendable interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of his native town.

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Wiedrich, George D., is the recognized leader in general mercantile business in the town of Bergen, N. Y., a progressive man of advanced ideas. He was born in Wyoming county, N. Y., August 21, 1853. Henry Wiedrich, father of George D., was bound out to a farmer, with whom he lived until he was seventeen, when, on account of ill treatment and no school advantages granted to him, he left and began life for himself at farm work by the month; he never had the advantages of a school education until after he was twenty-one years of age, when he availed himself of a few limited opportunities to attend school. George D. worked on his father's farm and attended the district school. When seventeen years of age he taught school for two years and then entered a general store in Elba as clerk, where he

remained for fifteen years, and while there he was assistant postmaster over thirteen years. In 1886, in partnership with E. T. Chamberlain, he purchased the stock and business of a general store in Oakfield; in 1890 they purchased the stock and business of S. J. Arnold of Bergen, retaining their store in Oakfield. In 1892 they severed their copartnership relations, Mr. Wiedrich taking the Bergen store, which he has conducted ever since. His many years of experience in the mercantile business has qualified him for a successful career in that line. He has the largest and best stocked general store in town, with a trade in proportion. Since his early manhood Mr. Wiedrich manifested a keen interest in all public and political affairs, and when twenty-one years of age was elected to the office of town clerk of Elba, which he filled with credit for two years; he often represents his district in the Democratic county and assembly conventions, and 1894 was honored by the nomination for the office of assemblyman. December 29, 1875, he married Mary E. Hofman; they had two children: Walter D. and Ernest H. Mrs. Wiedrich died February 24, 1893.

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Willis, Alva U., was born in the village of Elba, October 4, 1819. His father was John Willis, a native of Connecticut. He came to Genesee county in 1808, and during his life was a miller, farmer and hotel keeper; he purchased his land of the Holland Company, and through his life maintained a prominent position in the county. His wife was Clarissa, daughter of John Underhill; they had three children: Alva U., George H., and Mary. Alva U. Willis was one of the extensive farmers of Genesee county, and though he retired many years before his death from the active duties of practical farming, he continued to devote his attention to the care of his farms and other investments. He was a prominent man in the town and county was supervisor for the years 1859-61 and 1876-77, and served as postmaster for three terms. He always sought to promote the highest interests of his town and its people. Mr. Willis was married in 1848 to Helen M., daughter of Jarvis Pettibone. He died on February 11, 1899, and is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Frank Harris, and her six children, and the five children of his deceased son, Charles J., namely: Helen M., George J., John L., Mary L., and Alva U.

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Palmer, Samuel P., was born in Otsego county, N. Y., December 9, 1812, and came to Genesee county with his parents about 1815. He learned the boot and shoe trade, in which he was engaged up to 1884. In 1840 he married Charlotte, daughter of Royal Tyler; they had three children: Albert W., Mrs. Lottie Taylor and Mrs. Ellen A. Fox. Mr. Palmer was a careful and judicious business man. He led an upright life and enjoyed the respect of the community where he so long resided.

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Carrier, Ansel Kellogg, p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born in the township of Pembroke, a half mile west of Corfu, June 27, 1847, received his education in the public schools, and has always followed the occupation of farming. January 21, 1874, he married Phila A. Sumner of the township of Darien; they have three sons: Eugene K., Ansel H., and Sumner D. Mr. Carrier's father, Hiram Carrier, was born in Livingston county, N. Y., April 5, 1806. His parents moved to Connecticut when he was six years old, where he was educated in the district schools and taught school several terms in the winter and was a successful farmer. At the age of twenty-one he

walked from Connecticut to Livingston county. In 1831 he returned to Connecticut and married Elizabeth West of that State, and returned to Livingston county with a team of horses and wagon over log roads and through the wilderness part of the way. They had five children; the oldest son, Milo, was born in Livingston county. They located three and a half miles west of Corfu, in Erie county, where they resided twelve years. The following children were born to them there: Lucy O., Edmund W., and F. Lorraine. In 1847 they came to the homestead now owned by Ansel K., where he was born as above noted. Hiram Carrier and wife survive at this date, 1898; he in his ninety-third year and his wife in her ninety-first year. He says they have been wonderfully blessed in many ways. Edmund W. was born in Erie county, November 22, 1838; his education was obtained in the common schools, also in the seminary, and he too is one of the town's best farmers. December 7, 1864, he married Kate Holmes; they had two children: Media K., teacher of mathematics in the Batavia High School, and Cyrus W., who is a thorough farmer at home. Mrs. Carrier died in 1890. Her father, Mansfield Holmes, was born in Schoharie county, N. Y., in 1789; he married Clara Orcutt of his native place, and had twelve children, Mrs. Carrier being the youngest. The grandfather Holmes was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The family of Carriers are members of the Presbyterian church; Edmund W. is one of the elders, and Cyrus W. is superintendent of the Sunday school. Ansel K. and wife are members of the Universalist church. In his political views he is a Prohibitionist. Edmund W. is a staunch Republican. Hiram's father, Josiah, was born in Connecticut, July 15, 1780; in 1805 he married Betsey Kellogg. Josiah's father, Thomas, was born in 1752; Thomas's father, Andrew 2d, was born in 1700; the father of Andrew 2d, Andrew, was born in 1675; Andrew's father, Thomas, was born in Connecticut in 1626, and died at the age of 109 years. The oldest son, Milo, is a mechanical engineer in charge of a sales department of pumping engines and water works machinery. January 31, 1853, he married Almira, daughter of Henry Fox; they have four children: Henry H., Lucy O., William G., and Charles W., who married Hattie Thompson; they have two daughters, Ruth L., and Hattie E. The Carriers located in Salem, Mass., and from there removed to Connecticut.

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Tompkins Family, The.—In 1864 Richard Greene Tompkins emigrated from Tullowclay, county Wicklow, Ireland, to Batavia, and immediately entered the employ of the Batavia Gas Light Company, in whose service he remained, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers, for over thirty years until the company disposed of its plant. Richard left his family in Ireland when he departed for America, but soon becoming satisfied that the latter country offered excellent opportunities for ambitious and enterprising people, he brought them to Batavia, where they all labored for their common welfare until the death of Mr. Tompkins, which occurred September 20, 1896. Mr. Tompkins was a good citizen and had earned that title by a life of industry, sobriety and honesty. He is survived by his widow, five children who reside in Batavia, and one daughter, Mrs. T. M. Howard of Weeping Water, Neb. Two brothers of Richard Greene—William Morton and Peter—also came to Batavia. L. J. Tompkins, the oldest daughter of Richard Greene Tompkins, established her millinery business in Batavia in 1881 in a small way, and by close care, courteous ways and good business management has increased it to the

leading millinery house in the village. She is public spirited and active in promoting the growth of her town, subscribing generously to bring manufacturing concerns to Batavia.

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Glade, John, is a native of Westphalia, Germany, and was born February 12, 1843. He learned the trade of carpenter in his native country, and emigrated to this country in 1868, taking up his residence in Batavia, which has since been his home. Not long after his arrival here he joined with John Dellinger in a copartnership under the name of Dellinger & Glade and engaged in contracting and building and other enterprises. They erected the Walker block, Richmond Hotel, Moynihan block, Richmond Memorial Library building, convent and rectory for St. Joseph's church, Uebele block, West Main Street school house, many stores and business houses and numerous private residences in Batavia and vicinity. They purchased the Bryan Seminary on Main street, which street they improved, naming it Dellinger avenue, making it one of the finest resident streets in Batavia. The partnership was dissolved in 1891, Mr. Glade forming another partnership in 1892 with John Pickert, as Glade & Pickert; this relation continued until 1894, since which date Mr. Glade has carried on business alone. He is the leading builder of the county, and well entitled to the position he has won in business circles and to the good will of his acquaintances. In 1869 Mr. Glade was married to Minnie Geise of Batavia. The children of this union are John, George, Frank, Leo, Mary and Clara.

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Burkhart, Harvey J., D. D. S., was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 14, 1864. He obtained his preliminary education in the public schools, and was graduated from the Baltimore Dental College in 1890 at the head of his class. Dr. Burkhart ranks among the foremost men in his profession in this country. He has interested himself in securing legislation raising the standard of admission to practice, and has succeeded in accomplishing a great deal toward weeding out incompetent and unqualified men. He is an excellent speaker, and his addresses before the District, State and National Societies have attracted much favorable attention. He was elected president of the New York State Dental Society in 1895, 1896 and 1897. At the annual meeting of the National Dental Association, held at Omaha in 1898 he was elected president. Dr. Burkhart is Regent's Examiner in Dentistry for the Eighth Judicial District. He is commander in the order of Knights Templar. In 1890 he married Jane Hingston; they have one son, Richard Hingston.

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Douglas, Caroline.—Leander Douglas was born in Orange county, N. Y., April 11, 1797, and removed to Stafford, Genesee county, in 1836. He was a contractor and builder, and constructed a portion of the New York Central railroad. He was a man of prominence in his town and his life record was clean and worthy of emulation. He was married to Isabella daughter of Abijah Norris, who bore him nine children, as follows: Abijah Norris, Leander G., Caroline, Hart, Jennie (Mrs. Chapple), Isabel (Mrs. Edwin B. Sanders), George, Mary Etta (Mrs. Chapple), Maria E. (Mrs. Henry De Bow), all living except Mrs. Jennie Chapple. Mr. Douglas died August 3, 1872. Miss Caroline Douglas resides in her pleasant home on East Main street, Batavia, where she is surrounded by her nephews and nieces who have gath-

ered from various points to attend Batavia schools. Miss Douglas is active in church, missionary and in "every good work." She is at the head of the various guild societies of the St James Episcopal church, and in every way is a worthy representative of a worthy family. Abijah Hart Norris, son of Abijah Norris and uncle of Miss Douglas, came to Stafford with his parents, and there resided until his death, which occurred August 30, 1894, in the eightieth year of his age. He never married. He was an energetic business man, having extensive interests in Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois, as well as in Genesee county. Up to the last he attended personally to all his business matters, and was always bright and genial, doing good wherever he went, especially in the vicinity where his material interests were located.

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Halsted, Livenus S., p.o. Ray, N. Y., was born in the town of Lebanon, Dodge county, Wis., August 18, 1851. He is a son of Hiram Halsted, and grandson of David Halsted, both of whom were substantial citizens of high personal character. Hiram was a prominent farmer of Genesee county until his death, which occurred July 21, 1891. David, his father, died October 28, 1866. The wife of Hiram Halsted and mother of Livenus S., was Laura Sawens, who still survives. Livenus S. Halsted received a common school education, and for a time after his school days he was engaged in teaching, finally taking up agricultural pursuits, of which he has made a success. Personally he is frank, affable and of a generous nature, making many friends; and being now in the prime of life, with a vigorous constitution, he doubtless has before him years of usefulness and honor. On March 2, 1874, he was married to Lucina E., daughter of Horace and Lucy (Durbon) Tinkham.

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Holden, Hinman, was born in Batavia, N. Y., February 17, 1852, a son of Richard O. and Hannah (Wells) Holden. Richard O. was engaged in the dry goods trade, and in 1836 established the store now conducted by his son Hinman. He was a prominent and public spirited man, and did his share in promoting the growth and progress of his town. He died in May, 1887. Hinman Holden obtained his education in the public schools of Batavia and at Hamden, Conn. He began his mercantile career in 1869 at the age of seventeen, in his father's store, and in 1881 he became a partner of his father, forming the firm of R. O. Holden & Son. For more than half a century this has been the largest dry goods house in the county. In 1886 Mr. Holden was married to Eva, daughter of Wilber Smith. Three children have been born to them, namely: Richard O., Hinman, jr., and Evelyn. Mr. Holden enjoys an honorable business record, and as a neighbor and citizen commands the merited respect of his townsmen.

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Horton, Medad S., p. o. Alabama, N. Y., was born in Alabama, December 27, 1848, to Medad and Phebe (Ingalsbe) Horton. He is a lineal descendant in the eighth generation of Thomas Horton of Guilford, Eng., who was one of the founders of the town of Guilford, in the colony of Massachusetts, in 1639. Col. Ebenezer Norton, a great-grandson of Thomas, settled in Goshen, Conn., in 1739. His wife, Elizabeth, lived till 1811, at which time her posterity numbered 208. The number since then has increased and they are widely scattered over the United States. Her (Elizabeth's) grandson, Medad, about the year 1800, with his sons Anson, Harmon and

Uri, and other children, emigrated to East Bloomfield, Ontario county, N. Y. When grown to manhood these three sons located in Genesee county, Anson and Harmon in Byron and Uri in Elba. In 1836 Anson sold his farm in Byron and moved to Alabama, where he suddenly died in 1838, leaving his wife (Percy Walker Norton) and seven sons: Alonzo, Moses, Medad, Daniel, Benjamin, Theron and Frank R., all grown to manhood. Medad, son of Anson, died in 1849, when Medad S. was about a year old; he was brought up by his uncle Daniel and educated in Cary and Lima Seminaries. Mr. Norton's first wife, Mary, daughter of James Cassidy, died in 1880, leaving three children: Burt Benjamin, Nina Theresa, and James (who died when seven months old). In 1881 he married Maria J., daughter of Nathan T. Holmes. Mr. Norton has always been a farmer and has been supervisor of Alabama for seven years. He is a man of sterling integrity and has always been identified with the best interests of his town and contributes largely to church and school matters.

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Carpenter, William, was born in Erie county, N. Y., July 21, 1828, a son of Jeremiah and Hepsy (Johnson) Carpenter. His father was an early settler in Erie county, where he cleared for cultivation four different farms; in 1859 he removed to Fillmore county, Minn., where his death occurred in 1863. William Carpenter was accorded the usual schooling at the district school, in the mean time assisting his father at farm work, and removed with him to Minnesota, whence he returned in 1876 to Batavia, where he has since resided, devoting his attention to land interests in the West. He owns 1,200 acres of land in Spink county, S. D., which is under cultivation and occupied by tenants. On the 6th of January, 1848, Mr. Carpenter was married to Betsey Abel, who died in Minnesota in 1872, leaving one daughter, Frank. Mr. Carpenter married for his second wife Clementine A. Rich, who died in 1885, when he married, third, Helen E. Holyoke of Hudson, Mass. His daughter Frank was married to John Butler; she died and left a daughter, Bessie, who became the wife of James G. Orr, jr., of Buffalo; she and her three children are the only surviving descendants of Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter is a self-made man and has been fairly successful in life's battle. While in Minnesota he held the office of justice of the peace and county commissioner. He is a Republican.

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Barr, William J., was born in Elba, N. Y., January 12, 1862, a son of J. J. Barr, and a grandson of Phineas Barr, a pioneer of Elba, who built the first sawmill in the town and was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church. William J. Barr attended the district schools and supplemented the instruction there obtained by study in private schools and the Oswego Normal School, from which institution he was graduated in 1885. In 1887 he was elected school commissioner in which office he served eight years, when he was appointed inspector under the compulsory education law. He is a public spirited citizen and has exerted a broad influence in the county, both in educational affairs and in the councils of the Republican party. His career as school commissioner marked a new era in education in the county. The schools were graded according to modern and approved educational methods, the standing of scholarship among teachers was raised, and the common school system received a lasting impetus. Mr. Barr is a Mason, holding membership in Batavia

Lodge, the Chapter and Commandery; he is also an Odd Fellow, a member of Majestic Lodge and Genesee Encampment. On January 18, 1894, he was married to Mrs. Emma Curtis, daughter of Josiah Gardner.

Stage, Jerry, p. o. Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Newstead, Erie county, N. Y., March 22, 1818, youngest son of James and Jane (Miller) Stage. James Stage was born, it is believed, in Chemung county, N. Y., in 1771, and married Jane Miller, who bore him thirteen children. Jerry Stage attended the common schools, and learned the blacksmithing trade, which he carried on both in Newstead and Pembroke. He also was the owner of a good farm; he now lives retired from business. He was made an Odd Fellow in 1849 and is a member in good standing of Rushville Lodge, No. 432, is past grand, and has taken the Grand Lodge degree. He is a firm Republican. On November 27, 1839, he was married to Lucy, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Carr) Smith of his native place. Four children were born of this union, namely: Lydia Ann, who married Henry M. Brown (died in 1893), and has one daughter, Ada, married to A. E. Butler; Frank, who died at the age of twenty-nine; Augusta, who married John I. Lown of West Batavia, and has three children: Guy E., Frank A. and Gladys L.; and Augustus, married to Grace Hutchinson of Alden, who are the parents of one son, Harry H. Augusta and Augustus are twins. Joseph Smith, father of Mrs. Stage, was born in Connecticut in 1795, and came to Erie county when a young man; he married Lydia Carr of Vermont, who bore him seven children, Mrs. Stage being the third. Mr. Smith died in 1863 and his wife in 1832.

Seaver, Hon. Charles A., was born in Byron, N. Y., March 8, 1845, and was a son of John Seaver, a well-known harnessmaker. Charles A. was educated in the common schools. Until 1887 he was a merchant in Byron. During the later years of his life he resided in Batavia, where he represented the Mutual Life and New York Life Insurance companies. He was quite prominent in politics, and served as supervisor of Byron in 1876-77; in 1886-87 he was a member of the Assembly, where his record was unsullied. In 1876 he was married to Miss Jennie Beecher, and of this union there were four children, as follows: Claribel, John B., Olivia M. and William Z., who died in infancy in 1887. Mr. Seaver was a Knight Templar. He died February 6, 1897, and was buried with Masonic honors. He was a good citizen and was faithful in his public service.

Reddish, Frank O., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Wyoming, Wyoming county, N. Y., November 13, 1853, a son of Hiram J. and Eliza M. (Watkins) Reddish. Hiram J. was a native of Wyoming county, and for many years conducted an extensive business at carriage manufacturing, employing at times thirty or more workmen. The children born to himself and wife were ten, as follows: Mary, Allen C., Orta-ville H., Adelbert W., Edgar A., Ellen (died in May, 1862, aged sixteen), Charles M., Frank O., Florence I. and Eugene A. The father died in 1887 and the mother in May, 1898. Frank O. Reddish was educated at the Wyoming Academy. In July, 1879, he engaged as traveling salesman for S. C. Wells & Co. of Le Roy, introducing their goods throughout the United States and Canada, and serving in the capacity of general agent until the death of S. C. Wells, in July, 1893, when he resigned and



purchased a three-fourths interest in a competing line formerly manufactured by George H. Wells & Co. On October 1, 1897, Mr. Reddish began the manufacture of pharmaceutical and proprietary medicines, as follows: Park's Tea for constipation, Park's Sure Cure for kidney and liver troubles, Park's Cough Syrup and Park's Kidney and Liver Plasters. Mr. Reddish married Rosetta M., daughter of Jacob and Barbara Gath Zigler; two children were born to them: C. Claude and Meta Eliza. Mr. Reddish is an energetic business man of undoubted integrity, active in good works, aspiring to the highest plane of citizenship.

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Merriman, Henry W., was born in Byron, N. Y., July 12, 1844. He is a son of Josiah and Mary (Wheeler) (daughter of Simeon) Merriman, and grandson of Robert. Josiah Merriman was a native of Massachusetts and came to Genesee county in 1826. He is a man much respected and has lived a life of usefulness. One of the great-grandfathers of Henry W. was a member of General Washington's staff, and in the possession of the family is a cloak presented by the general to the staff officer's wife. Henry W. Merriman is a farmer, making a specialty of stock raising. He stands high in the esteem of his fellow townsmen, as is evidenced by the fact that he has served them as assessor six years and one term as supervisor. In 1868 he was married to Lillian A., daughter of Charles Benham. To them have been born six children, as follows: Mrs. Jennie E. Schofield, Mrs. Carro P. Vrooman, Roy J., Ruth L., Josiah C. and Clark D. Mrs. Mary Merriman, the mother, died August 4, 1896.

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Radley, William H., was born in Stafford, N. Y., December 18, 1870. He is the son of William S. and Susan (Dowdle) Radley, natives of England; their children were: Florence, Benjamin and William H. William S. (the father) came to Genesee county in 1868, where he was engaged in farming; he died October 28, 1890. William H. Radley received his education in the common schools of his native town, and for a time followed farming, but in 1895 began business as a general merchant at Morganville, which he has since continued with a fair measure of success. In 1898 he was appointed postmaster at Morganville. He is a stirring business man and is looked upon as a worthy citizen and a young man of promise.

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Wood, Leonard C., was born in Stafford, N. Y., May 4, 1871. He is a son of William and Elizabeth King (Crocker) Wood. William Wood died May 20, 1884. Stephen Crocker, maternal grandfather of L. C. Wood, died September 27, 1892. Both William Wood and Mr. Crocker were wealthy and prominent men. Leonard C. Wood obtained his education in the common schools and at schools in Buffalo. He is well known as a farmer of superior methods, energetic, enterprising and awake to the progress of the age. In 1897 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he still holds. The family of which he is a representative member are people of education and refinement, respected and esteemed for the characteristics of virtue, integrity and intelligence which are stamped on the escutcheon of nobility.

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Merriman, Josiah, was born in the State of Massachusetts, January 11, 1811, son of Robert and Lucius (Woodruff) Merriman. Like the majority of the youths of his day, his education was confined to that obtainable at the district schools. He was

one of the pioneers of Byron, and through his long life has been a practical farmer, thorough and progressive in his methods, and a worthy example of the intelligent agricultural element of our population. He is now one of the largest landowners in Genesee county. Apart from the fact that Mr. Merriman has become nearly blind from advanced age, his faculties have been remarkably preserved. Of powerful and vigorous frame, he is a fine type of the prosperous farmer and worthy citizen. In 1837 Mr. Merriman married Mary Wheeler. Their family of children included Henry, Sheldon, Mrs. E. N. Moulthrop and Elmina S., who was born April 7, 1838, and died May 2, 1862.

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Wheat, Elias A., was born in the town of Barre, Orleans county, N. Y., October 20, 1818, son of Joseph and Caroline (Andrews) Wheat; the latter were among the pioneers of that county. Elias A. Wheat obtained his education in Chautauqua county, and in 1839 was ordained as a minister in the Methodist Protestant church. He was a member of the Genesee Conference for nearly sixty years, and served as pastor in the cities of Rochester and Buffalo, and in several other fields in Monroe, Livingston, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, and for fourteen years was pastor of the church in Elba. Mr. Wheat was a good man in every sense of the word, and his gentleness and piety left a lasting impression upon his associates. Faithful and earnest in his labors, sympathetic and tender in his temperament; he formed deep friendships and incurred no enmities; "his works do follow him." In 1847 Mr. Wheat married Hannah M., daughter of Josiah and Polly M. Rich. Two children were born to them—Frank W. and Mrs. Mary L. Blood. Mr. Wheat died in April, 1895, and was universally mourned by the many to whom he had proved the good friend, safe counselor and worthy example.

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Taylor, Eli, was born in Elba, N. Y., October 8, 1830, son of John and Phoebe (Dunning) Taylor. The family is descended from John Taylor, an emigrant from England in 1636. John Taylor, the father of Eli, was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., and came to Genesee county in 1813, where he was a farmer until his death in 1884. Eli Taylor, to whose career this brief sketch is devoted, received his education in the district schools and at the Cary and Lima Seminaries, where he gave evidence of a receptive mind and studious nature. Mr. Taylor is a practical farmer and has been successful in his vocation. His more than usual ability and his unquestioned integrity have won for him the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen, by whose selection he has served as town superintendent of schools and two terms as supervisor. In 1877-78 he was a member of the Legislature. During his last term in the assembly Mr. Taylor was chairman of the Committee on Villages. His frank and cordial ways had won the warm friendship of Gen. James W. Husted, the speaker, and the latter often called upon the member from Genesee to preside in Committee of the Whole. He made a capital presiding officer. Mr. Taylor is a Methodist and has always been actively connected with church and Sunday school work, and is held in universal and deserved esteem. In 1857 Mr. Taylor married Mary J. Ladue, who died in 1858; in 1859 he married Mrs. Harriet Howe; by this marriage there is one daughter—Mrs. Ella Taylor Putnam.

Rumsey, Edward D., was born in the town of Stafford, March 31, 1851, a son of Alexander and Amanda (Dixon) Rumsey, and grandson of Col. William Rumsey, who settled in Stafford about 1800. His father was engaged in mercantile and farming pursuits, and died April 6, 1870. Edward Rumsey was educated in the public schools, and in 1879 married Rebecca, daughter of Henry Prole; they have two children, Edward and Mary.

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Dibble, Isaac Vaughn, was born in Breakabeen, Schoharie county, July 1, 1845, a son of Ichabod Dibble, who married Candice Dennison, and through life was a cabinet and wagon maker, also a farmer; he died in 1888. Isaac V. Dibble was educated in the common schools and in 1866 married Mary, daughter of Dennis Conway; they had ten children, seven of whom are now living: Eugene H., Wesley G., Mrs. Robert Turner, Mrs. Thomas Carlin, J. Edith, William J., Sarah A., Candice J., Genevieve M. and Carl Isaac. Mrs. Dibble died September 14, 1897. She had a host of friends who deeply mourned her death. Mr. Dibble is one of the self-made men of Genesee county and for thirty-two years has been connected with the Wiard Plow Company. His standing in the community is based upon a life of integrity, sobriety and energy.

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Todd, Henry, is a native of Stockton-on-Tees, County of Durham, England, where he was born October 1, 1828. He came to the United States in 1852 and made Batavia his home. For a time he conducted the Genesee Democrat, and in 1861 he purchased the Spirit of the Times, which he edited and managed for a quarter of a century. Under his management the Times was a strong and influential newspaper, well filled with news and vigorous and able in its editorial columns. He has been prominent in the councils of the Democratic party; he was one of the founders of the New York Press Association, which met at Elmira in 1853, consisting of twenty-three members, of whom there are but four living at the present writing. He has never been an office seeker, and the only public positions he has ever held were as trustee of the State Institution for the Blind, and trustee of the village of Batavia. He is a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475, F. & A. M., Batavia Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., and Batavia Commandery No. 34, K. T. He has several times revisited his native England, where he was well connected. He is fond of companionship and has a large circle of attached friends. In 1851 Mr. Todd was married to Elizabeth Unthank, and of their union three children were born, namely: Henrietta E., Mrs. Fanny Talmage, and Charles E., who is now conducting a general job printing business.

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Hackley, O. Delos, was born on his farm in Batavia, May 14, 1831. His father, Ezekiel Hackley, was born in New Lebanon, Columbia county, May 25, 1794. Dr. Simeon Hackley, the father of Ezekiel Hackley, removed with his parents, John and Catherine, to New Lebanon from Norwich, Conn., about the year 1775. Ezekiel Hackley first reached Batavia early in March, 1819, removing from Bridgewater, Oneida county, with a large lumber wagon, the journey of one hundred and sixty miles having occupied seven days. He settled at once on the farm in the north part of the town of Batavia, where he continued to reside the rest of his life. He was

married to Sarah, daughter of Dr. Francis Smiley, at Litchfield, Herkimer county, N. Y., September 25, 1817. Dr. Smiley afterward removed to Elba. Mr. Hackley was much interested in the growth and progress of his town and was an active supporter of the First Presbyterian church of Batavia where he and his wife were united in 1826. Mrs. Hackley was a charter member of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the church. An interesting fact connected with the remarkable life history of Ezekiel Hackley was that he voted at every presidential election for seventy-two years, beginning with James Monroe, in 1816, and ending with Benjamin Harrison in 1888. He had voted at the elections at which nineteen out of twenty-three presidents had been chosen. He died November 21, 1891, in the ninety-eighth year of his age. O. Delos Hackley, was educated in the common schools and in 1860 married Kate, daughter of John Mercer, whose father, also named John Mercer, removed from Ballston, Saratoga county, to Batavia in 1808. The family have four children: Levant M., George L., Francis A. and Sarah S.

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Hackley, Francis A., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Batavia, January 8, 1868, a son of O. Delos and Kate (Mercer) Hackley. He was educated in the public schools of Batavia. In 1895 he started a hardware store in Oakfield and is still engaged in the business there. Mr. Hackley is a public spirited citizen, and, like his brothers, promises to do credit to the remarkable family of which he is a member. Quite a full sketch of the family appears printed elsewhere in this work.

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Lewis, Robert S., was born in Pavilion, N. Y., March 4, 1824, a son of Denby and Mary (Woodruff) Lewis. He was educated in the common schools and at select schools. After leaving school he learned the trade of a printer at Warsaw. Upon completing his apprenticeship he worked at his trade two or three years and then taught school in Canada for four years. In 1854 he married Nancy, daughter of Warren Tompkins, of Pavilion. Their surviving children are Mary A. and Fred A. Lewis of Batavia, N. Y., both of whom have for many years been employed in the surrogate's office, Miss Lewis as stenographer and Fred A. Lewis as clerk of the Surrogate's Court. In 1855, in company with Edwin L. Babbitt, Mr. Lewis became a proprietor and publisher of The Wyoming County Mirror, a weekly paper at Warsaw, N. Y. He soon purchased the interest of his partner and continued business alone for several years, finally selling the establishment to Harwood A. Dudley, esq., the well-known publisher of The Western New Yorker. Mr. Lewis next removed to Hornellsville, where he purchased and published for a year or two the Canisteo Valley Journal. He was appointed by President Lincoln route agent on the Erie Railway. He removed to Attica and continued in this capacity in the mail service for five years, when, to use Mr. Lewis's own expression, "Andy Johnson 'swung round the circle' and Lewis's official head was twisted off." Mr. Lewis removed to Batavia in 1868, and purchased of Harry Wilber the Genesee County Democrat printing establishment. The Democrat was discontinued and in February, 1868, The Progressive Batavian was established, and with this paper Mr. Lewis was connected as editor and publisher until January 1, 1897. Very few weekly papers have every maintained a more excellent reputation or exercised a wider influence in any community. At the date last named The Batavian was purchased by Griswold &

McWain, publishers of The Daily News, and after a short time the Batavian was discontinued. In a brief memorandum written by Mr. Lewis for the editor of this work, he says: "One of the greatest sources of satisfaction to me has been that almost all of the many boys who have served their apprenticeship under my care and direction have turned out well and become men of worth and standing. Among them are William Henry Merrill, now the principal editor of the New York World, and Andrew Jackson McWain, editor and one of the proprietors of The Batavia Daily News."

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Scott, George W., was born in Stafford, N. Y., September 8, 1819, a son of Ethel and Olive (Skinner) Scott. His father was a native of Middlebury, Conn., and came to Genesee county in 1816, where he carried on farming. George W. Scott was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. He has been overseer of the poor for five years and has served for a considerable time as trustee in the public schools. In 1844 he married Mary Rich. She had one daughter who died in her seventh year. After the death of his wife he married Fidelia A. Pardee. Mr. Scott owns a choice farm on the main road between Stafford and Batavia. He has always enjoyed the entire confidence and respect of his neighbors and of the community in which he lives. He has taken particular interest in school and church matters.

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Hull, Abner, was a pioneer in Genesee county, a native of Killingworth, Conn., born December 14, 1802. He came to Le Roy in 1808 with his parents. His father drove through from Connecticut with two yokes of oxen. Abner Hull lived in Le Roy until 1825, when he removed to Stone Church in the south part of Bergen and settled on a farm where he resided until his death, which occurred April 23, 1882. He was a justice of the peace for many years and twice represented his town on the board of supervisors. He led a life of industry and sobriety and transmitted to his children the heritage of an upright life. He married Rachael M. Parmelee, who died March 31, 1864. They reared five sons, Ferdinand H., William Burton, Carlos A., Eugene D. and Newton M.

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Hull, Ferdinand H., was born April 27, 1826. He was elected sheriff of Genesee county in November, 1860, and served the term of three years. He was a respected and upright citizen. His death occurred June 4, 1883.

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Hull, William Burton, was born August 17, 1830. He was a graduate of the Albany Normal School. He taught for a few years in Ghent, N. Y., and in the Albany Academy, but his life work as a teacher was performed in the High School at Canton, Ill., where he served as principal for about twenty years. He was married in Canton to Ruth Piper in 1882; he died in Bergen, July 10, 1891. He was survived by his widow and one son, Carlos Eugene.

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Hull, Carlos A., perhaps the best known citizen of Genesee county, was born in Bergen, October 19, 1832. Upon leaving school he taught for some time. On the

first of January, 1861, Mr. Hull became deputy sheriff, serving under his brother, Ferdinand Hull. He filled this position for three years. After the expiration of this time he spent several months closing up the business of the late sheriff, and on the 9th of August, 1864, he entered the office of the county clerk as deputy under George H. Holden. At the November election of 1867 he was elected county clerk and is now, in 1899, serving his eleventh term. Mr. Hull, like the other members of his family, is a Republican, but for many terms he has been nominated by all the political parties in the county. This simple statement discloses the esteem in which he is held and the character of the remarkable public services he has rendered.

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Hull, Eugene D., p. o. Stone Church, N. Y., was born March 31, 1835, on the farm where he has resided all his life. When a young man he taught school for some time. He was married April 3, 1861, to Vienna J. Dibble, and they have three children, Frank E., Ella M., wife of James O. Parrish of Denver, and Florence E. Mr. Hull has been supervisor of Bergen since 1884. He has been an active Republican and has represented his town and county in many party conventions. He served several years as member for Bergen on the Republican County Committee.

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Hull, Newton M., was born July 27, 1849. He was married November 8, 1883, to Kate Steuber. He has always resided on the farm where he was born.

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Gubb, William, was born in Devonshire, England, February 8, 1833, and came to the United States in 1856, settling in the town of Stafford. In 1854 he married Ann Braley; they had five children: James, William, Edward, Elizabeth and Jennie, wife of Frank Dorf. Mr. Gubb, in 1891, bought the Henry Craft farm, which he successfully conducted until his death, December 21, 1898. He took an interest in all good works, was an amiable neighbor and citizen without reproach. He always took an active interest in public affairs and was recognized as a man of sterling integrity, whose word was as good as his bond.

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Underhill, Alfred, was born in Avon, N. Y., December 4, 1811, and was brought by his parents, John and Esther Underhill, when he was five years old, to what is known as the Drake street road, then in Batavia, later in Elba, and now in Oakfield—living in three separate towns without removing. He married Margaret, daughter of Solomon Dunham, who bore him nine children, three of whom are now living—Sidney, Kate and Judson; those deceased were Delecta, Sarah, Esther, Henry Frank and Orin. Sidney Underhill was educated in Cary Collegiate Seminary, and was engaged as a salesman for about five years, when he took up farming. In 1859 he married Carrie, daughter of William C. McCrillus; they have one son, William C.

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Bierce, Miles H., was born at Hillsdale, Columbia county, N. Y., December 6, 1819. His early life was spent upon a farm and he was educated at the common schools and Cazenovia Seminary, and for a time taught school. While quite a young man he engaged in the mercantile business at Scott, N. Y., and in 1850 came to Batavia and engaged in the dry goods business, in which he continued for forty-seven

years. He was one of the oldest and most successful merchants of that day at the time of his death, on October 21, 1897. In 1884 he erected the block on the south side of Main street which bears his name. Mr. Bierce served as assessor for nearly twenty years, and was recognized as authority on the value of property and on assessment laws. He took an active interest in educational and religious institutions. In 1850 Mr. Bierce was married to Laura J. Smith, who died in 1855, leaving one son, Miles Stanley, now of Cortland, N. Y. In 1859 he married Mary M. Smith, who survives him. To them was born a son, Manly S., who was associated in business with his father, becoming a member of the firm of M. H. Bierce & Son, in 1884. In 1884 Manly S. married Alice J. Hewitt, daughter of Mr. M. W. Hewitt. Miles H. Bierce was a man of strong intellect and very positive convictions, and he possessed the courage to do at all times what he considered to be right.

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Beckwith, Richard S., was a native of Lyme, Conn., and came with his parents to Genesee county in 1807. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a prosperous farmer, a successful business man, always ready and willing to help in every good work. He married Jane, daughter of Ruluff D. and Bethsheba Whitney of Sheffield, Mass.; they have three children: Harris of North Pembroke, Mrs. Martha J. Gould of Batavia, and Mrs. Maria C. Woolsey of Kingman, Kansas. Mr. Beckwith was a pioneer of Genesee county, and his life, one of industry, was well spent. His death, which occurred June 21, 1866, was a loss not only to his family, but to all who knew him.

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Pratt, John W., the subject of this sketch, was born in Livonia, N. Y., April 25, 1859. He was descended, in the seventh generation, from Lieut. William Pratt, who came from England with Rev. Thomas Hooker, and settled in Newtown (now Cambridge), Mass., in 1633, and thence removed in June, 1636, to Hartford, Conn. The generations are: William, Samuel 1655, David 1688, David 1720, Peabody 1757, George 1784, George Franklin 1816, John Wilcox 1859. His paternal great-grandfather, Peabody, was a Revolutionary soldier, as was also his great-grandfather on the side of his paternal grandmother, Onesimus Risdon, a native of Vermont. His grandfather came to Livonia, Livingston county, N. Y., in 1807, where he built a tannery (afterwards removed to Springwater) and carried on an extensive leather furnishing and boot and shoe store. He was a man of great business ability and prominent in affairs, and died leaving a competency. His father, George Franklin Pratt, succeeded to the business and later entered into mercantile business in Livonia. His mother was daughter of Abner Wilcox and Sally Horton, who removed to Livonia from Dutchess county and settled on a farm of three hundred acres a mile north of the Center, and now owned by Samuel Woodruff. His maternal great-grandfather was also a Revolutionary soldier. Mr. Pratt is the youngest of five children, and inherited in a full measure the business energy of his family, which was early manifested. He also has the features of the Pratts marked through all the generations of the family. He was educated in the common schools of Livonia and studied at the Franklin Academy, Prattsburgh, N. Y., and the Walton Academy, Walton, Delaware county, N. Y. After finishing his education Mr. Pratt was for several years in the employ of T. W. Millham, general merchant and postmaster at

Livonia, N. Y., in the capacity of salesman and bookkeeper. In 1877 he came to Batavia and entered the office of the Wiard Plow Co., where he has been for twenty-two years, now occupying the position of cashier and head bookkeeper. In 1880 Mr. Pratt married Jennie A., one of a family of five children and daughter of the late Dr. Cyrus C. Baker, who was a prominent homeopathic physician of Batavia, N. Y. They have four children: Laura S., John C., Louella B. and Gertrude W. Mr. Pratt is one of the self-made men of the town, having served as trustee of the village and for the past eleven years as a director and treasurer of the Genesee County Permanent Loan & Building Association, and takes a general interest in school and church matters and has ever advanced the best interest of his town and townspeople.

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The subject of this sketch, Dr. Cyrus C. Baker, was born in Roxbury, Delaware county, N. Y., January 28, 1819. Soon after arriving at his majority he began the study of medicine with his brother, Dr. John F. Baker, a homeopathic physician at Lebanon, Madison county, N. Y., where he finished his studies and practiced until 1850, when he, together with his brother, removed to Batavia. Shortly after his arrival he went to Albion, Orleans county, N. Y., and practiced until 1863, when he returned to Batavia, where he practiced his profession until his death from heart disease, which occurred quite suddenly on the morning of July 17, 1887, he having been on the street only a few hours before. The doctor was one of a family of physicians, two of his brothers being physicians. He was a very conscientious, upright and quiet man, a man who never displayed his good deeds for the world to see, or talked about them for the world to hear. As a friend remarked, "If he could not speak well of a person, he never spoke ill of him." He was known by his deeds, and his pleasant smile and cheery words were almost as healing as his medicines. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for many years a trustee of the church in this village, and at the time of his death was town and county physician. He left four children by his first wife: Frederick and Frank (both since deceased), Hattie and Mrs. John W. Pratt of Batavia. His first wife's name was Cyrinthea Stokes. By his last wife (since deceased), a sister of the former companion, he left one daughter, Lulu M. At his death he left three brothers and two sisters, all having died since.

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Miller, Holden T., was born in the town of Byron, N. Y., February 1, 1841, a son of Wheaton S. and Emmarett (Southworth) Miller. His father was one of the prominent business men of Western New York and a leading man in his town. Although never admitted to the bar, he had acquired a large practical knowledge of the law, and was accustomed to the management of important legal matters. He was a remarkable man, was very widely known and universally respected. He died in 1865. Holden T. Miller was educated in the public schools and Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima. He engaged in the mercantile and produce business for twenty-one years, and February 15, 1879, came to Batavia and entered the Bank of Batavia as cashier, which position he still holds. In 1865 he married Cecelia G., daughter of Jacob Wiggins; they have one son, Wheaton S. Miller. Mr. Miller was supervisor of Byron four years, from 1868 to 1871. He enjoys the well-earned reputation of being one of the best business men of the county, and his advice has often been sought by his neighbors and by investors. He has always been a Republican and has been very influential in the party.



Pease, Edward, was born in the town of Stafford, Genesee county, October 29, 1825, son of Abraham Pease, who was a native of Connecticut and came to Monroe county with his parents in 1816. Abraham Pease married Mary Ellis and moved to Genesee county about 1820; he was a prominent man in Batavia, served as assessor and held other like positions; he died in 1863, in his sixty-fifth year. Edward Pease was educated in the common schools, and in 1849 married Harriet A., daughter of Robert B. Stanton; they have three daughters living: Harriet E., Sarah A. and Gertrude A.; their third daughter, Mary S., having died in 1880. Mr. Pease is a practical farmer, at which vocation he has been successful, and a man who commands the respect of his community.

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The farm known as the Sanford Wilber farm was first purchased and occupied by Amasa and Annis Wilber; they were the parents of four sons and two daughters. The youngest son, Sanford Wilber, remained on the homestead until his death in May, 1891; he left no children. Morris Cleveland Wilber was married at the age of twenty-one to Emma Churchill, shortly after which they took up their residence with Sanford Wilber, who was his uncle; they had two sons—G. Sanford and Earl D. Wilber. Mrs. Wilber died in 1881, and about a year later Morris C. was married to Myrta Adelle Griffin, who bore him one daughter, Grace Adelle Wilber. Mr. Wilber died June 9, 1898. He was a practical and successful farmer, and a man of unquestioned integrity, respected by all who knew him.

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Stickle, Charles W., was born at Cobourg, Ontario, July 26, 1843, of German parentage which may be traced back to the early part of the seventeenth century. In 1866 he was graduated B. A. with high honors from Victoria University, and three years later he received from his alma mater the degree of M. A. At the close of his college life he came to Oakfield, Genesee county, and taught as assistant master at Cary Collegiate Seminary until 1871, when he removed to New Jersey and spent eleven years there as master of a classical school in the city of Passaic. At the end of that time he returned to Batavia to accept the position of teller in the Farmer's Bank of Batavia, which position he still occupies. Mr. Stickle has been for many years a prominent Free Mason in this locality. For fifteen years prior to 1898 he was secretary of Batavia Lodge No. 475, and the fraternity have now honored him by electing him W. M. of the lodge. He is also secretary of Western Star Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., and recorder of Batavia Commandery No. 34, K. T.; he has also for many years been a member of the vestry of St. James Episcopal church, and assistant superintendent of its Sunday school. On January 1, 1870, Mr. Stickle married Emily Anna, daughter of Amasa D. Waldo; they have four children: Charles Waldo, M. D., of New York city; Dwight W., of Anaheim, Cal.; Howard W., of Boston, Mass.; and Wellington W., of Batavia.

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Downey, James, was born in County Down, north of Ireland, January 9, 1830, and came to America with his parents, James and Martha Downey, in 1835, settling in the town of Oakfield, where his father was prominent as a man and farmer. They moved to Batavia in 1846, where his father died February 29, 1869, in his eighty first year; his mother died in May, 1870. James Downey was educated in the common

schools and in 1859 married Ann J., daughter of John Thompson. They had five children: George H., Ida J., Mattie B., Gertrude A. and Maggie A. Mrs. Downey died February 2, 1878. Mr. Downey is known as a good farmer, and a man of undoubted integrity.

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Wade Bros.—John H. and James J. Wade, sons of Harris Wade, were born in Batavia, and educated in the Union School. In October, 1892, they established their present business of lumber and Lehigh Valley coal, making a specialty of pine and hemlock lumber, sash, doors, blinds and moldings of all descriptions; also handle asphalt cement roofing, and are agents for fire insurance. John H. Wade married, in 1894, Elizabeth, daughter of John Russell (deceased); they have two daughters and one son: Marion, Genevieve and Harris. The firm of Wade Bros. is one of the progressive firms of Genesee county, taking an intelligent interest in all public affairs. In October, 1898, they, in partnership with C. M. Hall, purchased lot No. 35 of the village of Batavia, formerly known as the ball grounds. They afterwards cut it up into twenty-five building lots and are erecting dwellings on same. It is recorded in the county clerk's office, and known as Niagara Square. Harris Wade (deceased), was born in the town of Stafford in 1836, a son of Ezekiel Wade, a native of Connecticut. He married Hannah, daughter of John Doyle (deceased); they had five sons and three daughters: Henry, John Henry and Thomas, all deceased, Mary, Mrs. Julia C. Kauffman, John H., James J. and Anna L. Mr. Wade was a farmer and was recognized as a man of sterling integrity. He died July 8, 1874, and his death was a loss not only to his family, but to all who knew him; of him it can well be said "an honest man is the noblest work of God." Mary Wade died May 20, 1899.

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Gorton, Warren, was born in Columbia county, N. Y., October 12, 1839, a son of William and Hannah (Tripp) Gorton, and was educated in the common schools. In 1881 he came to East Pembroke and purchased the East Pembroke Mills, making a specialty of fine grades of flour. In 1883 he married Nellie Plate; they had four children: Warren A., Ralph, Edward and Florence. Mr. Gorton has earned the reputation of being a good business man and is considered a worthy member of the community where he lives.

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Stanley, G. W., was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., October 4, 1838, a son of Joseph S. Stanley, and grandson of Jonathan Stanley, who was the first member of assembly from Onondaga county. Joseph S. Stanley married Mahala Welch, and was a merchant and a farmer; he died in 1882. G. W. Stanley was educated in the common schools, and carried on farming until 1855, when he engaged in the lumber business, with which he has been identified for forty-three years. On August 21, 1861, he enlisted in the 2d N. Y. Cavalry and took part in the battles of second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and the battle of Aldie, scarcely noted in the history of the war, but a sharp engagement, the regiment losing twenty-seven men and officers. He resigned in October, 1865, with the rank of captain. In 1870 Mr. Stanley married Louisa H., daughter of A. J. Cummings; they have one daughter, Maud C. Mr. Stanley is one of the progressive business men of his town,