

of the town of Le Roy in 1894, re-elected in 1896, serving four years; served as chairman of the board of supervisors for the past two years; is chairman of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church of Le Roy; has been secretary and treasurer of the Patrons of the Mutual Fire Relief Association; for five years was district deputy for the Grangers Association of Genesee county; and has held other positions of trust. Philo L. Pierson was born at Stone Church in 1810, was a carpenter and builder, and built the Ingham University building in Le Roy. His later days were spent on a farm. He served as assessor several terms. He was father of ten children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Cordelia M., Helen E., Myron P., who served as a lieutenant in the 100th N. Y. Reg., and was in Libby and Columbia prisons; Hobert M., Dwight H., Daniel M. and Sarah M. Mrs. Pierson died in 1856 and he married for his second wife Lydia Pratt. He died in 1875. Simon Pierson was born in Killingworth, Conn., and was an officer in the war of 1812. He married Sylvia Kelsey of Connecticut and came to Genesee county in 1807 with an ox team and cart, being about twenty-five days on the road. He located at Stone Church. The lid of his chest which he used for a table is now in possession of the Batavia Historical Society. He reared two sons and five daughters, and died in 1864 aged eighty-five years. He was a son of Samuel Pierson of Killingworth, who was a Revolutionary soldier and a son of Samuel, a son of Abraham Pierson. Rev. Abraham Pierson came from Yorkshire, Eng., in 1640, and was pastor of the church at Southampton, L. I. He had a son, Abraham, who graduated from Harvard College in 1668, and became the first rector of Yale College.

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Brown, Anthon H., p. o. West Batavia, was born on the Brown homestead, which was settled in the year 1817, in the township of Pembroke, February 7, 1849. He was educated in the district schools and has always followed the occupation of farming. August 17, 1870, he married Maria Vedder of the township of Batavia; they have three children: Ina M., Bessie L. and John W. Ina M. married Fred F. Lawrence. Mr. Brown's father, Hon. John W. Brown, was born in Sharon, N. H., May 7, 1817, and came to this homestead with his parents when five months old. He was well educated and was a farmer. January 1, 1838, he married Roxanna L. Nobles of the township of Batavia; they had nine children who grew to maturity: Julia M., Adeline R., Theresa C., Cyrus W., Estella L., Arthur H. and Anthon H. (twins), Harlan J. and Sarah E. Cyrus W. was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. John W. Brown was supervisor of his town many years; was twice elected member of the Legislature and served during 1865 and 1866. He was instrumental in enlisting many soldiers for the war of the Rebellion, and was thoroughly interested in every matter for the good of the county and country; he died June 20, 1893, and his widow April 14, 1896. Mrs. Brown's father was John G. Vedder; was born in Stone Arabia, Montgomery county, N. Y., in the year 1817. He married Mary A. Fuller of his native place and five children were born to them: Margaret, Catherine, Martha, Maria and Eugene. Mr. Vedder is living at this date, 1898. Mrs. Vedder died August 11, 1891. Anthon H. Brown in his political choice is a staunch Republican.

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Babcock, William Eaton.—Mention is made of this family in the earliest history of New England. Tradition and national record have handed down a knowledge of

James Babcock, the founder of the family in the United States. He was born in Essex, England, about 1580, was one of the Pilgrims, and in 1620 removed with his family to Leyden, Holland, to emigrate with that body to America. He embarked in the ship Anne early in 1623, arriving in Plymouth, Mass., in July, where he lived the remainder of his life. He had four children. John, the second son, removed with a number of others, in 1648, into that part of Rhode Island now called Westerly, where the company made a settlement, and where he lived until his death, July 19, 1719, aged over 100 years. He left ten children, whose descendants in 1860 numbered over 5,000.<sup>1</sup> John was the first magistrate chosen in Westerly and held that office for many years. He owned nearly all of Westerly and a part of South Kingston, and much of this land is now in possession of his descendants, having been in the family over two hundred years. Many of the members of the Babcock family took an active part in the French and Revolutionary wars. Henry, born in 1733, was a colonel in the British service; he commanded a regiment in the French war and was wounded at the battle of Ticonderoga; during the Revolutionary war he was a general in the State troops of Rhode Island and distinguished himself on many occasions. Oliver, another member of the family, was a captain in the Revolutionary war; he was at the siege of Fort Washington on the Hudson, and was so indignant at the surrender of that post by the colonel in command that he broke his sword across a cannon, declaring that it should never be yielded to the British. Reuben Babcock, another member of the family, born at Voluntown, Conn., March 2, 1758 (grandfather of the subject of this sketch), also served as private and sergeant in the Revolutionary war; he was the youngest of a family of seven, whose parents were married in 1733; in 1789 he married Hannah Hendricks and settled in Petersburg, Rensselaer county, N. Y. where he resided until 1796, when he moved to Poestenkill in the same county; there he bought a farm on which he lived the rest of his life, dying February 24, 1849, aged ninety-one years. Reuben, jr., was the oldest of a family of six; he was born in Petersburg, October 24, 1789; early in 1809 he was a sergeant in the militia, in 1811 he was made a lieutenant, and in February, 1812, at the age of twenty-two, he was made a captain. In June following the war of 1812 was declared, and in January, 1813, he was appointed brevet captain for the purpose of raising a uniformed rifle company; in this he was successful, and received a commission as captain thereof in March, 1814; in July following his company stood a draft, and not being among the number drawn he volunteered to go as a substitute, acting as first lieutenant and serving until the close of hostilities. About 1860 he received a warrant for 160 acres of land and money to pay for clothing used in the service. Thus, at the age of twenty-four, with one brevet he held four commissions. In 1810 he married Susanna M. Gould, of English parentage, who was born in Woodstock, Conn., May 10, 1790. They were the parents of twelve children; two died in infancy and ten lived past middle age. Their names were Eliza, Cynthia, Harry, Samantha, William E., Lucy, Mary, Amanda M., Sarah and Charles. The family moved to Troy, N. Y., early in 1831, and in the fall of 1833 moved to Pembroke, Genesee county, N. Y. He bought a farm and also carried on the business of builder until he was appointed postmaster at East Pembroke in 1853, which office he held for over eight years, and though a strong Democrat he was one of the first to

<sup>1</sup>Albert Wells, New York city.

buy a flag and unfurl it at the breaking out of the Civil war. He was several times elected to town offices. He died February 15, 1877, aged eighty-seven years and nearly four months. Susanna M. (Gould) Babcock, his wife, was seventh in a family of twelve children, eleven of whom were the parents of 101 children, and about 1840-50 ten of those families lived in the town of Pembroke. She was of a retiring disposition; her great industry and perseverance were marked in caring for her large family; she early joined the Baptist church and taught her children to attend church regularly, and before they left the parental home nearly all of them were members or became members soon after. Her death occurred on August 30, 1860, at the age of seventy years, three months and twenty days. William Eaton Babcock was born in Poestenkill, N. Y., November 27, 1818. At the age of thirteen he had studied only Webster's Spelling Book and taken a six weeks' course in Murray's Grammar. At that age he began daily work, and for two seasons he was a member of a gang of thirty men in Troy. At the age of fifteen he moved with the family to Pembroke, where, during the first three months of his residence, he "finished" his education by taking a course in arithmetic and reading in a backwoods school house, but with a most excellent teacher, whose wages were \$14 per month and board himself. From fifteen to twenty-one he worked with his father at carpentering and farming; at his majority he continued as a contractor and builder for several years; among the contracts he executed were the Rural Seminary, hotel, Baptist church, flouring mill and stores, and many private residences and other buildings. During this time he was carrying on the business of making flour barrels, giving employment to from five to ten men for several years. In 1858 he originated and carried on with success the business of manufacturing shingles and barrel headings; this continued five years, shipping many cars each year to eastern markets, and now, forty years after, the business is still profitable. During this time he was also engaged in bridge building; among others of lesser note he built four across the Tonawanda for the towns of Pembroke and Batavia, two being of ninety feet, one of one hundred feet, single span, and one of one hundred and thirty-five feet, two spans. In 1879 he became proprietor of the East Pembroke custom and merchant flouring mill. In 1882 he rebuilt the building, substituting a frame for the stone wall of which it was originally built. In 1889 he put in an entire new set of roller process flour machinery, of fifty barrels daily capacity, taking entire charge of remodeling and doing the work except wherein the head miller assisted. In March, 1892, he exchanged the mill for a farm, and since then has devoted his attention to farming; in earlier years he had owned and held interests in several farms. Mr. Babcock has several times been elected to town offices. With all whom he has employed and in all the contracts he has executed, no controversy has arisen; and in the public work, after the price was agreed upon, no writings were required. He makes no pretensions in literature, but has written articles upon public and business matters, which have appeared in Chicago, Buffalo and New York publications and local papers, many of them being without name or hint as to authorship. He was a Democrat, but has been a Republican since the organization of that party.

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Dorman, Carlton G., was born on the homestead, March 20, 1856. His father, John Dorman, was a native of New Haven, Conn., and came to Genesee county in

1808 with his parents, who purchased their land from the Holland Land Co., and which has been in the family for ninety years. John Dorman married Caroline, daughter of William and Sophia Briggs Main; he died in 1873. Carlton G. was educated in Batavia. He has been one of the leading farmers of his county, actively interested in school and church matters, and intelligently performing the duties of a useful citizen. He has always been a Republican and an ardent protectionist of the Blaine-McKinley type, and ever ready to uphold the best interests of his party and country.

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Speyer, George, was born in the town of Elba, N. Y., March 5, 1867, son of Conrad Speyer, who was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and came to Genesee county in 1855 and settled in the town of Alexander. He married Barbara Sunricker and through life was a blacksmith. In 1869 he moved to the town of Batavia, where he died in 1895. George Speyer was educated in Batavia and in 1896 married Kate, daughter of Russell Robbins. Mr. Speyer is one of the enterprising men of the town; he was appointed postmaster of Daws in 1896; and by a consistent, intelligent course in life, he has won the good opinion and confidence of his townsmen.

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Pratt, William F., p. o. Batavia, was born in Erie county, N. Y., January 19, 1856, a son of Charles P. and Ellen M. (Humphrey) Pratt. He finished his schooling in Batavia, N. Y., in the winter of 1875-76. His brother, Charles T., was born in the town of Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., March 13, 1847, and from the age of ten years was his father's mainstay, helping him in all his undertakings. On May 1, 1872, he bought out his father's milling business in Indian Falls, N. Y., and ran the mills for four years, or until May 1, 1876, when he took his only brother, William F., into partnership, under the firm name of C. T. & W. F. Pratt; they have since then carried on business together. They conducted the merchant and custom mills at Indian Falls until March, 1886, when they removed to Batavia where they now reside; for ten years they operated a dairy farm, and since have been engaged in general farming and fattening sheep and cattle during the winters. Charles P. Pratt, father of the above brothers, was born in Bennington, Wyoming (then Genesee) county, January 16, 1818; from 1839 to 1849 he ran a saw mill at the "Gulf" in Darien and dealt in lumber; at the latter date he moved to the county line and engaged in the manufacture of shingles for six years; in 1856 he removed to Alden village where he carried on a general store for three years, and in 1859 again took up the manufacture of lumber and also conducted a pump factory connected therewith, at Storm's Mills, Marilla, N. Y., until 1864, when he purchased the grist and flouring mills in Indian Falls, to which place he removed his family the year following; he followed the milling business until 1872, then for five years carried on a farm, after which he again engaged in mercantile trade at Darien Center, which existed until 1882; he then removed his goods to Indian Falls, where he continued in business for eleven years, at the expiration of which period he traded his store for a farm at Corfu, N. Y., which he conducted for two years and retired from business; he has since resided with his sons at Batavia. May 9, 1846, he married Ellen M. Humphrey, who died April 25, 1897. William F. Pratt was married on April 13, 1881, to Lizzie Phelps, born January 3, 1860, daughter of Albert M. and Caroline M. Phelps; they

had one child, Gertie, who died July 23, 1889, aged eleven months. Charles T. Pratt is unmarried.

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Wright, F. S., p. o. East Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Alexander, August 14, 1850, a son of Samuel and Hannah (Judd) Wright. His father was born in Genesee county and died March 4, 1897. Mr. Wright was educated in the common schools and has always made farming his business. He has married twice; first, to Maria Austin, who died leaving two children: Howard and Olive. Mr. Wright subsequently married Edith Green. Mr. Wright is one of the progressive farmers of Oakfield, and a man of sterling integrity.

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Larkin, Thomas W., was born in Cohocton, Steuben county, N. Y., October 4, 1860, a son of William and Ellen (O'Neil) Larkin, natives of Ireland. Thomas W. was educated in the public schools of his native town, came to Le Roy in 1876 and was clerk for L. C. Kelsey, and afterward for Charles Morgan. In 1884 he purchased the store of M. M. Manley & Co., boots and shoes, which he subsequently removed to his present location, where he carries a large stock and does a successful business. Mr. Larkin is a member of the fire department and foreman of the chemical company. He is a member of the I. O. F. and Encampment, and the Royal Arcanum. He takes great interest in Republican politics and is chairman of the Republican committee. He is a member of the M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee, treasurer, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. In 1880 Mr. Larkin married Clara Woodward; they have had three children: Nellie, Clara and Bertha. Mrs. Larkin died in 1888 and in 1890 Mr. Larkin married Celia L. Green; they have one daughter, Elsie W.

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Elston, Isaac, was born in Scott, Cortland county, N. Y., in 1830, a son of William, born in 1805, and Matilda (Peck) Elston. His father was a native of Utica, N. Y., and his mother of Connecticut. For a number of years they were residents of Cortland county, where the mother died. The father came to Genesee county, where he died in 1893, aged eighty-six years. He was a farmer for many years and for a time a merchant in Crawfordsville, Ind. Isaac Elston was a resident of Charlotte, N. Y., for seventeen years, where he had a fruit farm. He came to Genesee county in 1884 and settled in the village of Le Roy, where he has since resided. Mr. Elston has one child living, Mary M., wife of Charles S. Kellogg of Le Roy; they have two children: Pierre E. and Frances E.

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Kellogg, Charles F., is a native of Pavilion, Genesee county, N. Y., born in 1869, and educated in the high school and Le Roy Academic Institute. For eleven years he was with F. E. Wooding, dry goods merchant of Le Roy. On August 1, 1896, he purchased his present business. He represents some of the leading insurance companies in the world, among which are the Aetna of Hartford, Continental, N. Y.; Franklin, Philadelphia; Glens Falls, N. Y.; Hartford of Hartford, Home of New York; Liverpool, London & Globe, London Assurance, North British & Mercantile, Orient of Hartford, Providence of Washington, Queen Ins. of America, Springfield Fire & Marine, and the Sun of London. He also deals in real estate. He carries

pianos, organs, musical instruments, etc., and is organist in St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The Oatman family, who were massacred by the Indians in the early days, were relatives of the Kellogg family by marriage.

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Dennis, M. O., was born in the town of China, Waldo county, Maine, June 24, 1845, a son of Jacob and Nancy (Longfellow) Dennis, and was educated in the common schools. In 1875 he came to Batavia and established his present insurance business; in May, 1882, was appointed general agent for the Insurance Company of North America and Pennsylvania Fire. In 1878 Mr. Dennis married Viola Peck; they have one son, Merton L.

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Smith, Wilber (deceased), son of Alva and Sarepta (Townsend) Smith, was born in Batavia, N. Y., March 26, 1835. Mr. Alva Smith was one of the early settlers of Batavia, where he was engaged in mercantile trade. Wilber Smith early evinced business capabilities beyond the ordinary; at the age of sixteen he became associated with his father in his business. As an instance of his ability and fitness for commercial life, it is remembered that when he was but seventeen years old he was sent to New York to purchase goods for their trade. In those days this meant more than it would at the present time, for in the purchase of the stock knowledge of the wants of patrons, keen judgment and business economy were requisites and these were seldom found in so young a man. He continued as a merchant during his life. He was a worthy citizen, looked up to and respected by all, and was always active in movements tending toward the good of the people and the development and progress of the town. He was charitable to the poor, relieving want and suffering whenever it came under his observation, without ostentation and with unassuming modesty. In truth, he was a good man in all that the term in its best sense implies. On June 8, 1858, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Eva A. Dolbeer, daughter of Col. William Dolbeer, who was a native of New Hampshire, and subsequently became a resident of Wyoming county, N. Y., finally removing to Hamilton, Canada, where he died. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born three children who reached years of maturity, as follows: Eva A., who became the wife of Hinman Holden; William D., a merchant in Batavia; and Cornelia. The family are members of the Episcopal church of which Mr. Smith was for a time a vestryman; Mr. Smith died on April 13, 1893.

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Smith, William D., was born in Batavia, N. Y., August 26, 1863. He is a son of Wilber Smith, and grandson of Alva Smith, one of the pioneers of Batavia. His father died in 1893. William D. Smith was graduated from Hobart College in 1884, after which he engaged in the hardware trade, which he has since continued. In 1888 he was married to Helen McLeod Cross, daughter of Wilson Cross. Mr. Smith has won recognition as a thorough and successful business man, and as an estimable, substantial citizen.

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Dolbeer, Charles H., was born in Perry, Wyoming county, N. Y., January 22, 1841, son of William Dolbeer, who was a native of New Hampshire, and settled in Perry in 1822. He married Caroline Smith and through life was a reputable and successful

wagon manufacturer. He was connected with the militia and held commissions as quarter-master adjutant, lieutenant-colonel, and colonel of the One Hundred and Sixty-First Regiment. The family trace their descent from Nicholas Dolbeer, of Rye, N. H., who settled there about 1660. Charles H. Dolbeer was educated in the public schools and a private academy, and in 1858 came to Batavia and entered the employ of Alva Smith & Son. In 1862 he enlisted in the Twenty-fourth N. Y. Battery of Artillery and was promoted to orderly sergeant. He was commissioned second lieutenant of this Battery by Gov. Horatio Seymour, January 6, 1863, and was made chief of General Ledlie's brigade ambulance corps in the same year. His service was mainly in Eastern Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. He received an honorable discharge in 1864. In 1866 he went to St. Louis, where he was employed in the offices of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company. In 1881 he removed to Little Rock, Arkansas, and became auditor of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad. He returned to Perry in 1891 and in 1893 came to Batavia and engaged in the hardware business, from which he is now retired. In 1880 Mr. Dolbeer married Florence, daughter of James H. Beals, of Boston; they have two daughters: Florence and Caroline. Mr. Dolbeer stands high in the G. A. R. He has been commander of Ord Post at Little Rock, and of Robinson Post at Perry, N. Y. He is now a comrade of Upton Post at Batavia.

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Seamans, Ezra A., was born in East Pembroke, N. Y., July 12, 1849. His father, Charles Seamans, was a native of Woodstock, Conn., and came to Genesee county in 1839, where he was engaged as a shoe manufacturer; he married Hannah, daughter or Ezra Howard. Mr. Seamans helped to build the seminary and gave largely to the Baptist church; he died in 1888. Ezra Seamans was educated in the seminary at East Pembroke, and entered the hardware business in 1873, in which he has continued for twenty-five years. In 1875 he married Esther, daughter of Edward Smith; they have one son, Webb, and one daughter, Leoni.

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Olmsted, John R., was born in Le Roy, N. Y., October 17, 1819, son of Col. William and Cynthia (Franklin) Olmsted. His parents were natives of Connecticut, his father coming to Genesee county in 1810. John R. Olmsted was educated in the district schools and at Round House School, from which he was graduated. He studied law in Le Roy and in Rochester, and was admitted to the bar in 1847. He began the practice of his profession in Le Roy with Mr. Charles Bartow (deceased), and for half a century was in practice, ranking with the best lawyers in the county for many years. He never sought office, devoting his attention strictly to his profession, attaining success. In 1896 he retired and is now enjoying the fruits of his industry. He was married in 1853 to Elizabeth M. Allen, of Mumford, N. Y.; they have six children: John B., Harvard '76, a lawyer in Buffalo; Oliver A., Harvard '82, in the grain business at Chicago; Allen S. of Cornell, and Jacob W., manufacturers in Le Roy; Mrs. E. P. White, Wellesley College, of Amsterdam, and Lily R., Ingham '92 and Columbia College '99, musical department. Mrs. Olmsted graduated from Ingham University in 1845 and has since been known as a writer of poems and essays for newspapers and magazines. Her history appears in "A Woman of the Century," edited by Frances E. Willard and Mary A. Livermore.

Morris, William, p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in England, November 23, 1827, a son of John and Elizabeth Morris. William Morris was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. He married Rachael Graham, July 23, 1854; they have had twelve children of whom seven survive; Camilla, Clara A., George A., Walter F., Willie I., Etta L. and Herbert E. Mr. Morris is one of Le Roy's representative farmers of irreproachable character.

Johnson, William J., p. o. Mumford, N. Y., was born in Mumford, December 25, 1858. His father, William Johnson, was a native of England, and came to Genesee county in 1853; he was always a farmer and married Eliza Huffer. William J. was educated in the common schools and has always followed farming. He married Clara, daughter of James Ridd; they are the parents of Gay R. and Everett. Mr. Johnson is a successful farmer and is respected in the community.

Williams, Jennie.—Robert Williams was born in Denoigt, North Wales, June 7, 1815, and came to the United States in 1849, settling in Batavia. He married Ann, daughter of John Coville; they had two daughters: Annie and Jennie. Mr. Williams was one of the best informed men on horticulture in Western New York. His death, which occurred May 27, 1897, was a serious loss not only to his family, but to the community.

Howell, Livingston D., was born in Bethany, Genesee county, N. Y., February 28, 1853, a son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Wells) Howell, natives of New York and Connecticut respectively, who came to Genesee county at an early day. Mr. Howell's father was a farmer and quarryman and died on the farm now owned by Livingston D. He was a soldier in the late war, served as captain of Co. K, 100th Regiment, and was twice wounded on his right breast. Livingston D. Howell was raised on the old homestead and was educated in the district schools and Le Roy Academy. He has always followed farming and quarrying and owns 200 acres of land with a fine quarry which has been worked for about twenty-five years. He employs on an average forty to fifty men, the stone being shipped principally to Tonawanda for furnace purposes. Mr. Howell is an enterprising citizen and enjoys the respect of the community. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and A. O. U. W. He married Elizabeth Wheelock; they have four children: William L., Mabel E., Mary G. and Everet L.

Heal, M. W., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Devonshire, England, October 6, 1827. His father, John Heal, was a native of England, and came to Genesee county in June, 1836, where he followed farming. He was sergeant in the Bellevue troops for several years in England. He married Mary Warren, of England. Their children were William, Edward, James, Robert, John W., Mary Ann and Elizabeth. Mr. Heal died in 1877. M. W. Heal was educated in the common schools and was a farmer until 1864, when he purchased the hotel at Stafford, which he conducted for twenty-seven years. He married Harriet E., daughter of John March; they had six children: William H., John M., Frank E., Hattie, Emma and George. Mrs. Heal died December 4, 1894, and Mr. Heal subsequently married the widow of Henry



Lock. He held the office of deputy sheriff twelve years and of constable thirty years. He also dealt largely in farming implements, and for over thirty years was an auctioneer.

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Morris, J. L., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Ireland, May 14, 1833. His father, Thomas Morris, was a native of Ireland, and came to New York in 1852, and to Le Roy in 1852, where he was a merchant tailor. He married Julia Lynch, and died in 1866. J. L. Morris was educated in the common and normal schools, and was for some time engaged in the dry goods business. He subsequently became interested in quarrying and stone cutting. He married Anna, daughter of Peter Doland; their children are Anna N., Mary L., Emma A., Frank L., Jennie E. and Josephine C.

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Sutterby, Joseph, p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Seneca Falls, N. Y., July 31, 1867. His father, Henry Sutterby, was a native of England and came to Seneca Falls in 1859, where he followed farming. He held the office of trustee of schools for a number of years. He married Elizabeth Norris, of England; they are parents of Henry, William who died in 1855; John, Elizabeth, Judith, Frank, Gertrude, Joseph, Fred, Jessie, Charlotte and Mabel. Mr. Sutterby died in February, 1896. Joseph Sutterby was educated in the common schools and Seneca Falls Academy. In 1887 he attended the Ontario Veterinary College of Toronto, from which he graduated in 1889, and came to Le Roy the same year. He is one of the leading veterinarians of the county. He has established a good reputation for several veterinary remedies, among which are his spavin balsam, condition powder, heave remedy, and Sutterby's chemical dehorner. In 1891 Dr. Sutterby married Florence, daughter of H. C. Duguid. They have had two sons, Ralph D., who died in February, 1896, and Floyd, born February 28, 1897.

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Skinner, Dr. Scott W., was born in Monroe county, N. Y., July 16, 1844, was educated in the public schools, and when the war broke out enlisted in Co. G, 78th N. Y. Infantry, serving from December 16, 1861, to April 5, 1865; was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and in many of the campaigns of the Army of the Potomac. He was captured September 17, 1862, at the battle of Antietam, and five hours later made his escape. He was captured a second time at Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, on July 21, 1864, and three hours later made his escape. At the close of the war he resumed his medical studies and was graduated from the Medical College of Philadelphia, March 4, 1868. He immediately began practice in Rochester, N. Y. Later he removed to Richmond, Va., and in 1874 came to Le Roy, where he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice. He was the first president of the first board of education in 1890, and was again elected in August, 1896; has held the office of coroner for some time; was health officer for two years; was made president of the Republican Club in 1888, which office he has held continuously since. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and was master of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 three years; high priest of Le Roy Chapter No. 183 seven years in succession, and a member of Batavia Commandery No. 34. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, in which he was regent seven years, and president of the Empire Order during its existence. He was president of the pension examining board of surgeons under

President Harrison, and holds the same position under President McKinley. In 1888 he organized a local military company and has been its commander ever since. In 1868 Dr. Skinner married Ellen L. Smith, of Wayne county, N. Y.; they have three sons: Scott W., jr., a graduate of Union College and the Albany Law School, now practicing in Waterford, N. Y.; Merton R., a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia in 1898, now in the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital, and R. Lee, a graduate of Union College, now in business in Le Roy.

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Williams, L. T., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Le Roy, December 27, 1848. His father, Cornell Williams, was a native of this State and a lifelong farmer. He married Mary J. Doty and their children were: Horatio, George, James, Caroline, Herbert, and the subject. Mr. Williams died in 1882 and his wife in 1879. L. T. Williams was educated in the common schools and Le Roy Academy. He engaged at the carpenter and joiner trade and later became a carpenter and builder. In 1896 Mr. Williams was elected trustee of Le Roy village and in 1897 was chosen its first president. In 1898 he was elected noble grand of Le Roy Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 731. Mr. Williams married Elizabeth, daughter of Alvin Clark; their children are: Florence L. and Howard F.

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Prentice, Charles F., was born in the town of Stafford, Genesee county, N. Y., September 5, 1833. His father, Daniel Prentice, was a native of Massachusetts and came with his parents to Genesee county, N. Y., early in the present century, locating at what is now Stafford, where he followed farming. C. F. Prentice was educated in the public schools and reared on a farm. He came to Le Roy in 1865 and bought the mill property built by Jacob Le Roy in 1822, and has continued the milling business since. He later purchased a mill in Batavia in connection with a partner, operated it a few years and sold it. He also owns a fine farm at Stafford. He is a member of one of the old and substantial families of Genesee county and is a citizen of high repute. He organized the successful Le Roy Salt Company in 1884, and has been its president since its organization. He is also president of the Hydraulic Electric Company, organized in 1896, of Le Roy, and with his son, Howard, now owns the entire plant, of which his son is secretary. The Le Roy Power and Milling Company was organized in 1896, and he has been its president since. He is a stockholder in the Citizens' Bank of Le Roy, and has in many ways exerted a large influence upon the welfare of the village and town. In 1863 Mr. Prentice married Rosepha J. Cole, a native of Michigan; they have two daughters and a son.

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Dutton, G. W., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Oneida county, N. Y., May 27, 1836. His father, Horace Dutton, was a native of Vermont and came to Wyoming county in 1837, where he was engaged in farming. He married Katherine Coddington, was justice of the peace many years, and died in 1848. G. W. Dutton was educated in the common schools and the academy at Arcade, Wyoming county. On March 7, 1860, Mr. Dutton married Emma, daughter of Gregory Metcalf of Vermont; they have had two children: Amelia H. and Fred G. Mr. Dutton is one of the progressive farmers of Le Roy and a respected citizen.

Torrey, Amos G., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Gorham, N. Y., August 4, 1838, and was engaged in the wholesale drug business. He went to Europe a number of times and reported for the New York World and Brooklyn Eagle. He married Clara, daughter of Harrison Osborne, a native of Le Roy, who was a dry goods merchant there. Their children were: Samuel, who died in 1893; Amos G. and Clara B. Mr. Torrey died in 1880. He did a large amount of literary work, contributing many articles for the leading magazines.

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Patterson, Jerome J., was born in the town of Elba, N. Y., January 2, 1861, a son of Jerome and Elizabeth (Crawford) Patterson, and was educated in the schools of Batavia. He learned the druggist business in this place and in 1886 became a member of the firm of W. S. & J. J. Patterson. William S. Patterson, who was a brother of the subject of this sketch, died December 3, 1898. It is doubtful if the loss of any citizen of Batavia has ever been more deeply felt by the community. Jerome J. Patterson has since continued the business. The establishment is now one of the largest in Genesee county, and has been built up on a foundation of integrity and honorable trade methods. Mr. Patterson is the inventor of a machine for the production of acetylene gas which promises results of large importance. He has spent considerable time in Europe, superintending its introduction. Mr. Patterson is a Republican and acts the part of the progressive citizen in the promotion of public affairs.

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Simpson, William C., was born in Ithaca, N. Y., in 1829, and came to Genesee county when a boy with his parents, Hiram and Mary Simpson. He married Christina, daughter of John and Mary Moore; they have one daughter, Minnie E., wife of Dr. Benjamin F. Showerman. Mr. Simpson through life was connected with mercantile operations. He was for many years a member of the well known dry goods firm of Southworth & Simpson. After the death of his partner, Gardner T. Southworth, August 6, 1884, Mr. Simpson continued the business alone until his death. His death, which occurred August 31, 1892, was a loss not only to his family, but to all who knew him; of sterling integrity and conservative character, he represented a high standard of citizenship. He was for many years a member of the vestry of St. James church in Batavia.

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Keeney, N. B., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Le Roy, October 4, 1820. His father was a native of Connecticut and came to Genesee county in 1816. His mother was Mary Bishop; they had ten children, only two of whom are now living: Mrs. Emma K. Bixby, of St. Louis, and N. B. Keeney. Mr. Keeney was educated in the common schools and then engaged in farming. He now owns 2,400 acres of land in South Dakota, making sheep and cattle raising a specialty. He is also engaged with his son Calvin N., in the produce and seed growing business, in which they have a large and successful trade. Mr. Keeney married Mary M., daughter of Calvin Ely of Lancaster, N. Y.; they are the parents of Calvin N. Keeney and Mrs. Martha K. Robinson.

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Lapp, Joseph, is proprietor of a planing mill, manufacturer of sash, doors, blinds,

mouldings, cisterns, etc., in Le Roy, the business having been established in the spring of 1890 by the firm of Kroner & Lapp. They purchased the ground and erected thereon a large building 53 by 80 feet and equipped it with modern machinery. He employs from ten to twelve men, and his goods are mostly used in this section. Joseph Lapp was born in Le Roy, N. Y., October 17, 1864, was educated in the public schools and was variously employed for many years. He engaged with Mr. Kroner in establishing his present business, which has been successfully developed. Charles Lapp, father of Joseph came to Le Roy in 1854 and worked for Chauncey Olmsted for many years. He is still living in Le Roy, now retired, and is father of eight children, six of whom are now living.

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Gilbert, Sephrine D., secretary of S. C. Wells & Co., was born in Wyoming county, N. Y., in 1867, and came to Le Roy with his parents when three years of age. He was educated in the Le Roy Academic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1885. He read law with Thomas P. Hedden two years, but never entered into practice. While in the law office he was elected a justice of the peace, which office he held ten years. He was at the same time engaged in the coal and ice business. In February, 1897, he became associated with S. C. Wells and was prominently influential in having the firm incorporated in June, 1897, he becoming its secretary, which position he has held since. Upon the death of Mr. Wells, on July 21, 1897, Mr. Gilbert became the acting manager of the company. They employ about twenty persons in the manufacture of the well known Shiloh's Family Remedies, Karl's Clover Root Tea, etc. Mr. Gilbert is a young man of rare executive ability and his efforts in promoting the large business under his management have been crowned with success. He was a village clerk of Le Roy more than ten years, being defeated only twice in all that time. He also held the office of justice of sessions for the years 1892 and 1893. He has been chief engineer of the fire department two years and a member of the volunteer fire department sixteen years. In 1889 Mr. Gilbert married Ada G. Collins, of Le Roy. Mr. Gilbert's parents were William and Harriet B. (Dailey) Gilbert, natives of New York State, who came to Genesee county in 1870 and located in Le Roy. William Gilbert died in 1886.

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Rogers, Fred C., planing mill operator, manufacturer of sash, doors, blinds, window frames, mouldings, cisterns, dealer in timber, etc.—This business was established in 1865 by S. F. Curtiss, who was succeeded by Mr. Rogers in 1889. Mr. Rogers was born in the village of Le Roy, May 2, 1855, a son of Nathaniel M. and Mary J. (Webb) Rogers. His parents were natives of Connecticut and came to Genesee county about 1836, locating in the town of Scottville, and later in Le Roy. When a boy ten years of age Nathaniel M. Rogers started in life for himself. He was educated in the public schools and worked nights and mornings for his board. He afterward worked in the thrashing machine factory at Roanoke and during the big strike of that concern he and one other man were the only two that held out for ten hours a day, the regular day's work being twelve hours. He learned the builder's business and became a prominent contractor, erecting many buildings throughout Western New York. After the Le Roy fire he built up the burned district on the north side of Main street. About 1860 he engaged extensively in the produce busi-

ness, carrying it on until 1871, when he retired; he died in July, 1894. Fred C. Rogers was educated in the Le Roy Academic Institute and afterward followed carpentering and building until 1889, at which time he purchased his present business. This is now one of the largest concerns of its kind in this section. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and is noble grand of this lodge; also a member of the fire department. In 1880 Mr. Rogers married Jennie Baxter; they have three children: Fred H., Marion and Vera.

Redfield, Frank B., was born in Batavia, March 20, 1847. His father, Heman J. Redfield, was a native of Suffield, Conn., and the family trace their descent from William Redfield, who came from England in 1639. Heman J. came to Ontario county in 1800 and for about twenty years practiced law in Le Roy. In 1836 he came to Batavia in the interests of the Holland Land Co. He married Abbie N. Gould, January 27, 1817, who died in 1841, and he afterwards married Constance C. Bowles. Mr. Redfield was one of the prominent men of Western New York, serving as State senator, collector of port of New York under President Pierce, district attorney and master in chancery and other positions of honor and trust; he died in 1877. A sketch of his career appears elsewhere in this work. F. B. Redfield was educated in the public schools and in Canandaigua and Concord, N. H. In 1874 he married Caroline, daughter of William Dolbeer; they have two daughters, Constance and Rachel Dolbeer. For many years Mr. Redfield was prominently identified with the New York State, the Western New York and the Genesee County Agricultural Societies, and he served as director of each. Of late years he has been connected with the management of the Batavia Industrial Company, of which he is an officer. Mr. Redfield is one of the wardens of St. James Episcopal church.

Fiske, Sylvanus W., p. o. Morganville, N. Y., was born in the town of Stafford, N. Y., October 8, 1829. His father, Henry A. Fiske, was a native of Jefferson county, N. Y., and came to Genesee county in 1810, where he was engaged in farming. He married Eliza Parker; they were the parents of Samantha Fiske Brooks, born September 5, 1831; Henrietta, born July 21, 1834, died February 25, 1845; Amanda, born January 15, 1836, died March 2, 1845; Earles I., born November 19, 1839; Wilbur, born May 5, 1843, died February 24, 1845; Henry L., born May 15, 1845, died March 1, 1845; Willis and Sylvanus W. Henry A. Fiske died September 22, 1863, aged sixty years. His wife was born December 19, 1810, and died January 20, 1874. Sylvanus W. Fiske was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. He was commissioner of highways three years and assessor for three years. In 1851 he married Genette, daughter of Aaron Beswick; they had one son, Henry L., born November 29, 1861, died February 19, 1879. In answer to an inquiry from the editor of this publication, Mr. Fiske has lately written the following; "In the early fifties I commenced with my wife to work out a debt for sixty acres of land. I desired to see something of the world that I lived in. When the eighties arrived I began to see a chance, and followed it up for eight years, visiting the Rockies, Mammoth Cave, Washington and California, stopping at all important points as I journeyed. Then I went to Europe for three months. The next year I went to the National Park, to Alaska and as far as Chilcoot, where they make icebergs of the

ocean. It was always natural for me to gather all I could of nature's fine things. In crossing the fields my pockets would fill up in spite of me, but my general work of gathering commenced about the time I saw that I would be able to see something of the world." Mr. Fiske has been an ardent student of nature and of the works of primitive man. His collection of Indian relics gathered in many parts of the country, is a very remarkable and valuable one. It is now, by the liberality of the collector, in the possession of the Holland Purchase Historical Society, and is preserved in the famous Old Land Office at Batavia, where it attracts much interest and admiration. Mr. Fiske enjoys the thorough respect and confidence of the community and his mind is stored with much that is curious and interesting on the special topics to which he has devoted so much attention.

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Sprague, Eunice, p. o. Alexander, N. Y., is a daughter of William and Melissa (Hyde) Sprague, and was born in Livonia, Livingston county, N. Y., May 24, 1815. She is a descendant on the maternal side from William Hyde, who came from England in 1633 to Massachusetts, and in 1639 located in Saybrook, Conn.; through Samuel (2), born in Hartford, Conn., in 1637; Samuel, jr. (3), born in Norwich, Conn., in 1665; Elijah (4), born in Lebanon, Conn., in 1705; Moses (5), born in Lebanon, Conn., September 11, 1751; Melissa (6), born in Connecticut, February 1, 1794; Eunice (7), (the subject). Moses Hyde (5) married, in Connecticut, December 6, 1787, Sarah Hyde Dana, daughter of Anderson and Susannah Huntington Dana; she was born September 30, 1763, and died November 5, 1854. Anderson Dana was born in Connecticut and was a lawyer. He removed to Pennsylvania, where he lived six years. At the Wyoming massacre he was killed, as was a son-in-law named Whiting. Mrs. Dana, his wife, after the battle went to her house, a mile from the fort, and gathered such necessaries as she could carry and her husband's valuable papers, in momentary fear that she might be killed; that night, with her children and one horse, in company with two other families, she set out for Connecticut, picking her way through the woods by marked trees for fifty miles; after three weeks of wearisome travel and much suffering they arrived in Connecticut. William Sprague and Melissa Hyde were married in Middleburg, Schoharie county, N. Y., on April 1, 1810; they removed to Livonia, N. Y., in 1811, to Covington in 1830, and to Alexander in 1848. William Sprague was born September 12, 1784 and died on May 1, 1862, and his wife Melissa died on July 30, 1867, in Alexander. Their children were as follows: (1) Harry Sprague, born February 6, 1811, married Janet Scott on December 23, 1840, and died December 18, 1886; he was a successful farmer, an honest man, and highly respected by all who knew him; they had two sons: Albert, born January 21, 1843, married Climena Paine on December 20, 1874; and Edwin, born July 18, 1847, and now lives with his mother at the old home in Covington. (2) Cynthia Sprague, born February 10, 1813, married Henry Watkins on April 2, 1832, and died October 17, 1881; she was a true Christian woman, devoted to her family and always ready to help in any good work. Their children were as follows: Nathan M. Watkins, born in Covington, N. Y., September 23, 1836, married Martha Gilmore on December 1, 1858, died May 21, 1892; and Mary M., born February 10, 1851, died August 26, 1869—a dutiful daughter, greatly mourned by her parents and friends. (3) Eunice Sprague, born May 24, 1815; she has never married, but devoted herself to her par-

ents as long as they lived. She still lives in the old home. For many years she lived alone, protected by a faithful dog. (4) Lester Sprague, born in Livonia, September 7, 1819; he was graduated from Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., with the degree of M. D., and first practiced in Homer, Mich., and subsequently in Naples, N. Y., where he had a successful practice. October 25, 1843, he married Martha J. Lyon, and his death occurred on June 19, 1863, where he was beloved and mourned by many to whom he had ministered. The children of Lester and Martha J. Sprague were these: William Lyon, born at Naples, July 27, 1849; graduated from Cornell University with the degree of A. B. in 1873, and from Hobart College as A. M. in 1890; married Alice Everett of Dansville, N. Y., on January 12, 1893; he was principal of Naples Union school from 1864 to 1869, instructor in Latin and Greek in the State Normal School at Buffalo, 1889-96, and now has charge of public school No. 34 in Brooklyn, N. Y.; he has a strong character and is a good representative of a long line of worthy ancestors; and Laura Eunice, born July 27, 1860, at Naples; she was graduated from Michigan University at Ann Arbor with the degree of Ph. B. in June, 1891, taught in the State Normal School at Buffalo several years, and is now in a ladies' school in Brooklyn, where thirty-five teachers are employed. She is called a very successful teacher. (5) Drayton Sprague, born December 30, 1821, and married Cordelia Loomis November 15, 1854; he has been a successful farmer and has satisfactorily filled various public offices in his town. He served as supervisor in 1870 and 1871. He possessed a decided taste for music, and for several years led the church choir. In 1886 he was severely injured by an accident, and the remainder of his life was filled with great suffering, borne with unflinching patience. He died in May, 1899. Carl Drayton, only surviving child of Drayton and Cordelia Sprague, was born November 1, 1858; married Carrie Jane Lewis February 24, 1886. They have one child, Clarence Leon, born November 9, 1889. (6) Elmer Sprague, born August 24, 1833, died in infancy. (7) George Sprague, born June 25, 1837; he received the degree of M. D. from Albany Medical College, and during the Civil War enlisted as assistant surgeon in the 5th Ohio Cavalry, his first service being at the battle of Pittsburg Landing; he was in active service for full three years, a portion of the time as surgeon of his regiment. He was a skillful surgeon. In 1865 he settled in Alexander, where he died of diphtheria November 26 of the same year.

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Lewis, William Walter, was born in Alexander, N. Y., August 27, 1844. He is the son of Anson and Mary (Peck) Lewis. Anson Lewis was a prominent citizen of Alexander and served several years as supervisor of the town, where his father, James Lewis, had been one of the pioneer settlers. James Lewis died September 2, 1871, and the death of Anson Lewis occurred December 31, 1892. W. W. Lewis was educated in the public schools and in the Genesee and Wyoming Seminary at Alexander. In 1862 he entered the employ of the Erie Railroad. In 1864 he went south in the employ of the United States as military telegraph operator, and after the close of the war he remained in East Tennessee as an operator until 1868. From 1869 to 1882 he was the station agent of the Erie Railroad at Caledonia. In the latter year he came to Batavia to take a similar position, which he still retains. In 1871 he married Jennie Carmichael, and they have one daughter Blanche, the wife of Arthur M. Armstrong, of Buffalo. Mr. Lewis has for many years been one of the directors of the Genesee

County Loan and Building Association, in which he takes a great interest. He is a public spirited citizen and is active in school and church matters; in politics he is a Republican. He served as president of the village of Batavia for the year 1892.

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Gleason, Patrick, p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Le Roy, June 18, 1859. His father, Michael Gleason, was a native of Ireland and came to Genesee county in 1850; his wife was Mary, daughter of Thomas Mackey, and their children were Patrick, Thomas and Katherine. Mr. Gleason died March 9, 1872, and his wife July 5, 1889. Patrick Gleason was educated in the common schools and afterwards worked in the produce business. In 1886 he engaged in the coal and produce business for himself. In 1888 Mr. Gleason married Mary F., daughter of Robert Moody; they are the parents of Mary, who died in 1892; Agnes, Robert and Philip. Mr. Gleason now has one of the largest cold storage establishments in Western New York, having two large refrigerator machines; large quantities of fruit are brought here from different States. He has branch offices in a number of other towns in this State. He also owns a very large bean elevator, handling about a quarter million bushels a year and employing 150 people.

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Miller, F. W. & Co., manufacturers of machinery and agricultural implements of all descriptions.—This business was established in 1880 by A. Miller & Son and continued until 1886 under that name. The father died in 1886 and the business was continued by F. W. Miller until the beginning of May, 1897, since which time it has been conducted by the F. W. Miller Manufacturing Co., the partner being C. W. Bradley. They removed to Le Roy in the fall of 1895 and Mr. Miller erected the buildings in that year, the main building being 100 by 40 feet; foundry, 80 by 50 feet, and three other buildings. They employ on an average twenty-five men and do a large business in the manufacture of various kinds of implements and machinery. Mr. Miller is a native of Orleans county, N. Y., born in 1854, and was educated in the Normal School at Brockport. He is a practical mechanic with rare natural aptitude for the business. Mr. Miller is also an inventor and is the patentee of the celebrated Miller Bean Harvester, which is widely known; is also inventor of the Miller's Pride Steel Land Roller, Miller's Bean Planter and a number of other improvements in plows, cultivators, etc., all of which are manufactured by this company. In the spring of 1898 Mr. Miller was nominated for president of the village of Le Roy, but declined the nomination. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge. He has been twice married; first to Marian C. Cruthers, and second, in 1888, to Charlotte L. Tiffany; they have three sons: Joseph A., aged nine years; Walter O., aged four years, and Fred Tiffany, an infant.

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Hills, J. R., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Albany, N. Y., December 13, 1830, a son of Rensselaer Hills, a native of Albany also. Mr. Hills married Jennie, daughter of Asel Knapp, of Dutchess county, a man of sterling integrity and a farmer. Mrs. Hills has one daughter, Matie L. Hills Trega. Mr. Hills died July 4, 1883. He was a thorough business man and in the community where he lived was highly esteemed.



Brown, John S., was born in Batavia, N. Y., June 1, 1856. His father, John Brown, was a native of Ireland and came to the United States in 1843, settling in Batavia. He died in October, 1896, and his wife in May, 1897. In 1896 Mr. Brown established his present grocery business. In 1887 he married Margaret E. Keefe; they have had these children: Margaret, Louise, Joseph, Leo, William, Stephen, Edmund and Vincent. Margaret died in 1893. Mr. Brown is a respected citizen of Batavia and by honorable methods has built up a successful business.

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Moulton, Warren E., p. o. Alexander.—The Moulton family were among the first settlers of the town of Alexander. Captain Royal Moulton, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Springfield, Mass., December 26, 1772, and he died in 1865. He was the first settler on the Batavia road and the first Whig supervisor elected in the town. He was a son of Joseph Moulton, who was married three times and had nineteen children. In some instances a younger child was given the same name as a child who had died. Royal Moulton married Betsey Trask. She died in 1842. The children of this family were Polly, born in 1797, died 1889; Lewis born in 1800, died in 1802; Betsey born in 1802; Lucinda born in 1804; Marcia born in 1806; Elbridge Gerry born August 23d, 1812; and Byram born in 1818. Elbridge Gerry Moulton is now the oldest living native born resident of the town of Alexander. He was engaged in the dry goods business for many years and has the credit of having done a larger volume of trade than any other man in Alexander, his sales in some instances having amounted to more than \$100,000 a year. He served as supervisor in 1840, fifty-nine years before the publication of this work. The services of no other surviving supervisor date back so far into fourteen years. He was also a member of the board of supervisors for the year 1848. He has also served as town clerk and was postmaster from 1849 to 1853. In 1859 he was elected to represent Genesee county in the Assembly of the State and was honored by re-election in 1860. By his first wife Mr. Moulton has two children, Franklin G. Moulton and Mrs. Helen B. Tisdale, both residing in Batavia. In 1849 he married Mary, daughter of Pomeroy and Harriet (Buell) Warren, and they had four children: May E., now deceased, who was the wife of John T. Chamberlin, Warren E., Mrs. Harriet C. Cotes and Mrs. Edith A. Spann. Mrs. Moulton died April 23, 1899. Warren E. Moulton was born in Alexander, April 24, 1853. He was educated at the public schools and at the Genesee and Wyoming Seminary. After leaving school he engaged in farming until 1891, when he opened a bean house. In 1894 he formed a co-partnership with David G. Thomas under the firm name of W. E. Moulton & Co., and the firm are dealers in grain, beans and other farm produce. Mr. Moulton married Cora A., daughter of David and Betsey (Chaddock) Johnson, and they have one daughter, Bessie M., born April 5, 1880. He always has been a Republican and is one of the most active and influential men in his town and county in party matters.

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Mockford, Edward John, was born in England in 1853 and came to the United States in 1856. In 1868 he entered the employ of Johnston, Huntley & Co. at Brockport, and when the business was reorganized under the name of The Johnston Harvester Company he continued his connection with the concern. Starting in a subordinate position he subsequently filled the positions of bookkeeper, cashier, secretary,

superintendent and vice-president. In the latter part of 1898 he severed his connection with the company and later established himself in Chicago where he is president of the Advance Packing and Supply Co. Mr. Mockford married Adelle Spring and they have three children, Ada Elizabeth, Richard Edgar and Susie Frances. He has been actively identified with the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was superintendent of the Sunday school for many years in Batavia; he was also for several years a member of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A.