

is commander of General Upton Post No. 299, G. A. R., and is now in command of the 8th Brigade, G. A. R., of the 8th Judicial District, with the rank of brigadier-general.

Winslow, Charles T., p. o. South Alabama, N. Y., was born in Cambria Mills, Mich., September 20, 1866, a son of Edson J. and Sarah Ingalsbe Winslow. His father was a native of Monroe county, N. Y., and came to Genesee county in 1850. He has an honorable record in the Civil war; he was a corporal in the 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and was severely wounded in the face at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864; a surviving officer of the famous 8th Heavy Artillery has lately said, "There was not a better soldier in the regiment than Edson Winslow." C. T. Winslow received his education at Starkey Seminary; after leaving school he went to Oregon where he was engaged in the lumber trade for six years. He married Sarah A. Ingalsbe. Mr. Winslow is a careful and thrifty farmer, and is known as a man of intelligence, integrity and modern ideas.

Moynihan, Michael, was born in Ireland in 1840 and in 1851 came to the United States with his parents, John and Julia Moynihan, who settled in Batavia and were prominent in the history of the Catholic church. Mr. Moynihan was educated in the Union schools, and learned the clothing business with S. Masse. He has been engaged in the clothing trade as clerk or proprietor for nearly forty years. In 1877 he established himself in business which he since has carried on successfully. Mr. Moynihan is serving his second term as trustee of Batavia, and actively participates in educational and religious affairs and beneficiary societies. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Moynihan, as his friends well know, has a very forcible way of expressing himself, and although making no pretensions as a public speaker, he is often called upon when matters of local interest are under discussion, and his remarks always carry weight. In 1872 Mr. Moynihan was married to Margaret Keenan; their children are Edward, Frank, Michael, John, Mary, Margaret, Ellen, Monica and Anna.

Ebling, Charles M., was born in Buffalo, August 26, 1860, a son of John Ebling, who was a native of Germany and came to the United States in 1845, settling in Buffalo, where he conducted a cooperage and hotel business; he died in 1893. Charles M. was educated in Buffalo, and engaged in the grocery and meat business. He established his present business in Batavia in 1882. In 1883 he was married to Mary, daughter of George Stakel; they have two sons: Carl and Herman. Mr. Ebling served as a village trustee from 1885 to 1887; his record as an honorable business man and valuable citizen is of the highest.

Marsh, Almond C., was born in Dorset, Vt., February 29, 1824, and came to Genesee county in 1842, settling in the town of Bethany, where he lived for about twenty-eight years. Thence he removed to Le Roy, where he bought and sold stock in connection with farming, remaining there about twelve years. Since then he has resided in Batavia with the exception of one year spent in the West. In 1849 he was married to Rebecca, daughter of Asel Dow; they have one daughter, Mrs. L. N.

Smith of Watseka, Ill. Mr. Marsh is one of the practical and successful farmers of his town. He served three years as assessor, and in various ways has given practical evidence of his interest in his town's welfare; he bears an unblemished character and is popular in his community. Mrs. Marsh died December 11, 1897.

Parmele, Lucius B., M. D., was born in Alden, Erie county, N. Y., November 16, 1840. His parents, John J. and Joanna (Baker) Parmele, were natives of Connecticut, his father having come with his parents to Ontario county in 1807. Dr. Parmele prepared for college in Alden Seminary and was graduated from the University of Rochester in 1864 and the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo in 1867, receiving the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Rochester in 1872. He began the practice of his profession in East Pembroke in 1867, and in 1883 came to Batavia, where he established his present practice. In 1868 he married Susan A., daughter of Ebenezer Allen; they have three children: Mrs. Wm. P. Curtis, Lucius A. and Porter L. Dr. Parmele served as supervisor of Pembroke for the years 1878-1879 and 1880, and as a coroner of Genesee county for twelve years, ending in 1896.

Fargo, Adelbert B., p. o. Alexander, N. Y., son of Walter B. and Sarah M. (Covell) Fargo, was born in Warsaw, Wyoming county, N. Y., October 28, 1857. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native town, supplemented by a course at the Warsaw Union School. He is descended from James Fargo who settled at or near New London, Conn., early in the seventeenth century. His father was a farmer and it was quite natural that his son should take up the same pursuit, which he did, and has been successfully engaged in farming since. On May 28, 1884, he married Mary L., daughter of Sanford and Ann (Thompson) Riddle; they have two children: George R., born May 17, 1886, and Florence L., born March 5, 1888. Mr. Fargo is a member of Attica Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M. He has lately been appointed one of the Sidepath Commissioners for Genesee county under the bicycle law of 1899.

Kraatz, Louis, p. o. Akron, N. Y., was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, November 14, 1853, was educated there and came to the United States in 1872, locating in Pembroke, Genesee county, N. Y., and is one of the town's best German farmers. He has married twice; first, on March 3, 1879, to Ellen Tesnow, of Pembroke, who died in 1889, leaving four children: Charles, Louis, jr., Dora and Alvin. In 1891 Mr. Kraatz married Annie Tesnow, sister of his first wife; they have two children, Pearl and Raymond. The oldest son, Charles, is attending college at this date (1898). Mr. and Mrs. Kraatz are members of the M. E. church of Akron, he being president of the board of trustees. In his political choice he is a thorough Republican. The Tesnows came from the same part of Germany as the Kraatzes.

Sweet, Charles A., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Elmira, N. Y., April 16, 1853. His father, Asa W. Sweet, was born in Albany county, and served three years in the Civil war, after which he was a foreman in a planing mill in Williamsport, Pa. He married Caroline Freeman and had two children; he died in 1896. C. A. Sweet was educated in the common schools and was engaged in photography for twenty years. November 9, 1894, the Diamond Wall Cement Company was incorporated at Will-

Williamsport, Pa., with the following officers: F. H. McCormick, president; Eber Culver, vice-president; C. A. Sweet, secretary and treasurer; and N. H. Culver, general manager. In 1897 they started a branch plant at Oakfield, with C. A. Sweet as manager. Mr. Sweet married Jennie A. Erwin; they have one daughter, Harriet. Mr. Sweet was five years in the City Guards and seven years in the fire department of Williamsport; also ten years in the fire department of Wellsboro, Pa. He was elected drill master and is a past grand and past P. C. P. in the Odd Fellows; also is a past captain in the Patriarchs Militant. Mr. Sweet is an enterprising business man, of sterling integrity and takes an active part in church and school matters.

Staples, Job A., was born in Berkshire county, Mass., August 17, 1842, a son of Lyman and Susan (Harkness) Staples. His father was a native of the same town and came to Elba in 1847, where he was a shoemaker and farmer; he was one of the prominent men of the town in both school and church matters; he died in 1855. Job A. Staples was educated in the common schools and Cary Collegiate Seminary. In 1860 he engaged in the lumber, stave and cooperage business, and in 1888 established his mercantile business, and still continues both branches. In 1861 Mr. Staples married Maria, daughter of Thomas Griffin; their children are: N. Elmer, George K., Charles J., Cleveland J., Emma J., Marian F. and Alida B. Mr. Staples served as supervisor for 1880 and 1882 and has filled other town offices. He has been successful in his business life, and is numbered among those who, in all proper ways, have labored for the public weal.

Vickery, Maria H., p. o. Darien Center, N. Y., was born in Martinsburg, Lewis county, N. Y., April 22, 1847, daughter of Justus B. and Jane (Salmon) Corp. Mr. Corp was born in Russia, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 29, 1817, and married Jane Salmon January 14, 1841; she was born August 28, 1817. They were among the oldest residents of Darien. Mrs. Vickery remained at home with her parents until April 14, 1870, when she married Dr. Howard W. Vickery, son of Benjamin and Catherine (Waterbury) Vickery, and born in the town of Yates, Orleans county, N. Y., August 29, 1834. His boyhood was spent upon his father's farm and in attending the common schools until 1851, when his parents removed to Darien Center. In 1852 he attended the seminary at the latter place, afterwards clerking in his father's store and spending his leisure hours reading medicine, preparatory to entering the office of Dr. Bullard of Buffalo as a student. In 1863 he was graduated from the medical department of the University of Buffalo with the degree of M. D. He immediately began practice in Mt. Morris, where he resided for a few months, when he removed to Caledonia and went into partnership with Dr. Wells, returning to Darien Center in 1865. In 1873 the doctor sent a sample of the water of the Victor Mineral Spring to George Hadley, M. D., professor of chemistry and pharmacy, of Buffalo, to be analyzed, who replied that it was very similar to the water of Congress Spring at Saratoga. The analysis being satisfactory, the firm of Dr. W. H. Vickery & Co. was formed for the sale of the water, and a large business was done until they sold out to other parties. This celebrated spring is about two miles from the Erie railroad station. In 1882 he built a large store, keeping drugs and a general line of goods and doing a fine business until he sold out in 1888. During all these years he carried on

a large and lucrative practice until his death, March 16, 1897. Dr. Vickery was a great student and a lover of home. His leisure hours were spent with his family, which consisted of his wife and two children: Katie M. and Irving H. He was Board of Health physician and a member of the Odd Fellows. Dr. Vickery was of English and Scotch descent. Three Vickery brothers came from England to America on a hunting and pleasure trip. One of the brothers died in the wilderness near Lake Champlain; the remaining two hollowed out a log and buried him therein near the lake. They then separated, one going down the Hudson river, while the other settled in Rensselaer county. He was a strong Tory, and while he was on a hunting expedition his seven sons enlisted in General Washington's army and wintered with him at Valley Forge. On his way home he heard that his sons had joined the American army, and was so indignant that he went into the stable after arriving home and cut the hamstrings of thirty valuable blooded horses. Benjamin Vickery, his grandson, was born in Nassau, Rensselaer county, in 1777, and was married to Catherine Waterbury of the same place on September 5, 1816. Her maternal grandparents, Arthur and Catherine (McKenzie) Morrison, came from Glasgow, Scotland to America. A daughter, Mary, was born in March, 1777, in New York city; her parents settled in Kinderhook; they were tories, and at the beginning of the Revolution left this daughter with German friends named Graham, and both entered the army. Mary grew to womanhood, believing the Grahams her true parents; as her father and mother did not return at the close of the war, her foster parents brought her up as their own child. She married Samuel Waterbury December 29, 1799. During all these years her father and brothers were searching the country for her, finally finding her and her family living in Nassau. Her father's home was near St. John, New Brunswick; he desired Mary and her family to return with him, as he was wealthy and would do well by them; but her husband declined to go because her people were tories. Her father visited her once afterwards. She died November 20, 1865, at Yates, Orleans county. Her daughter, Catherine (Waterbury) Vickery, was born November 23, 1800, and died at Darien Center, March 16, 1882. Her husband, Benjamin Vickery, died February 29, 1880, at the same place.

Collins, George B., was born in Batavia, N. Y., June 9, 1864. His father, John Collins, was a native of Ireland and came to Genesee county in 1850, where he has been a farmer. He served two years in the War of the Rebellion, enlisting in Co. A, 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery. He married Ellen McVea. George B. Collins received his education in the common schools, and in 1887 moved to Byron and engaged in farming; in 1894 he engaged in the mercantile business, which he is now conducting, carrying the leading stock; he is also a dealer in real estate. In 1884 Mr. Collins married Lillian M., daughter of John Spear; their children are: George Le Roy, Mae and Esther L. Mr. Collins is one of the self-made men of Genesee county, progressive in the best sense of the word, and commands the esteem and confidence of his associates.

Call, Robert, was born in Chawleigh, Devonshire, England, June 5, 1831, a son of John and Grace (Paine) Call, who were the parents of Mary, Ann, John, William and Elizabeth. John Call died in 1873. Robert Call was educated in the common schools

and came to America in 1853; in 1854 he married, at Fitchburg, Mass., Charlotte, oldest daughter of Robert and Mary Ann Joslin, born May 25, 1834, at Filleigh, Devonshire, England; their children are: William A., Albert H., Charles J. and Lizzie A. Mr. Call was a gardener for five years near Boston, and in 1858 came to Stafford, Genesee county, N. Y., where he engaged in farming. In 1868 he purchased the farm where he now resides, making a specialty of potato raising. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and he afterward voted for Grant, Hayes and Garfield. In 1882 he joined the Prohibition party and has voted with it ever since and worked for its success, devoting much time and money to the cause. He was vice-president of the Silver Lake Temperance Assembly for a number of years. He has been a member of the First Christian Church of Stafford for thirty-five years, has been its trustee and clerk for more than twenty years, also trustee of the Ministers' Aid and Benevolent Society, and one of the advisory board for the Aged Ministers' Home for all the Christian churches of the United States and Canada, which is located at Castile, N. Y. He has been sent as a delegate by the church to its annual conference sessions for the last twenty-five years, has been treasurer of the conference for fourteen years, and twice was sent by that body as a lay delegate to the Quadrennial Convention of all the Christian churches of America and Canada. From small beginnings Mr. Call has, by thrift and enterprise, become one of the largest land owners in the county.

Lewis, Jasper B., p. o. Alexander, N. Y., a native of Alexander, Genesee county, N. Y., born September 24, 1838, is a grandson of James Lewis, who emigrated from Massachusetts to the Holland Land Purchase in Genesee county in 1804, and son of Anson and Mary (Peck) Lewis. His father was a successful farmer of Alexander until his death. The Peck family are one of the oldest and most respected pioneer families of Genesee county. Mr. Lewis's boyhood was passed on his father's farm and in the public schools until he was twenty years of age, when he entered the employ of the Erie railroad at Alexander as station agent, and has been in the employ of the same company since 1858, with the exception of nine months. Mr. Lewis is also agent for the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express and the Western Union Telegraph Company. On October 16, 1862, he married Cornelia A., daughter of Gilbert Nelson; they have one daughter, Nellie, wife of William G. Pollard of Batavia, N. Y. Mr. Lewis was a member of Tonawanda Lodge No. 145, I. O. O. F., for twenty-one years, or until it disbanded, and has been a trustee of the Universalist church for fifteen years; he held the office of supervisor during the years 1881, 1882 and 1883, and has been poormaster for many years. Mr. Lewis is a man of unusual intelligence, courteous and affable demeanor, but frank in his manner and expression. During the forty years he has been in the service of the Erie Railroad he has proved himself a man of industry, integrity, and fidelity to the interests of the company he represents.

Whiting, Flavius J., p. o. Darien, a son of Nathaniel and Alpha (Kezar) Whiting, was born in the town of East Winthrop, Kennebeck county, Me., July 9, 1822. His early education was obtained in the common schools of his native town, and when eighteen years of age he removed west, locating in the town of Clarkson, Monroe county, N. Y., April 14, 1840. He attended the Brockport Collegiate Institute for

three years, working on farms during vacation. In 1843 he commenced teaching and continued that occupation for twelve years, at the same time holding the office of town superintendent of schools five years, also justice of the peace four years. In 1856 he removed to the town of Alden, Erie county, where he resided ten years, teaching and farming alternately winter and summer. He was elected assessor for three years. In 1866 Mr. Whiting moved to Corfu in Genesee county, and two years later moved to Darien, where he has resided twenty-one years, continuing the occupation of farming, and teaching part of the time. Mr. Whiting was elected to the office of supervisor in Darien, which office he held for a period of six years, 1889-90-91-92-96-97. He cast his first presidential vote in 1844 for Henry Clay and has voted at every presidential election from Clay to McKinley. He has always been identified with the Republican party, and is one of Darien's leading and most respected citizens. On January 1, 1850, he was married to Eleanor, daughter of Henry J. and Elizabeth Smith; they have three children: Mina, wife of Allie Griswold; Eugenia, wife of Frank Rogers; and Charles, who was married to Florence Shelts.

Fisk, Pliny B., was born in Byron, December 8, 1830. His father, Levi Fisk, was a native of Franklin county, Mass., and came to Genesee county in 1818, settling in the town of Byron, and in the same year he erected a small woolen mill. He married Cynthia Coleman and became a successful and prosperous farmer. He was one of the founders of the Congregational church in Byron; served on the board of supervisors, and was elected to the Assembly in 1850 and 1851. He died September 16, 1878, in his eighty-eighth year. He was survived by John S. Fisk, who died February 2, 1894, Pliny B. Fisk, and by three daughters, Clarissa Fisk, Cynthia C. Fisk and Abigail F. Green, widow of the late Hon. Loren Green. Pliny B. Fisk and Mrs. Green are the only survivors of the family. Pliny B. Fisk was educated in the common schools and in 1857 married Jane Walker, daughter of Cyrenus Walker. They have one son, Levi W., who resides in Byron. Mr. Fisk has been a successful farmer and has throughout his life taken an active interest in school and church matters. In politics he is a Republican.

Warboys, John, was born in Hertfordshire, England, August 22, 1825, and came to the United States in 1854 with his wife, Mary A. Smith, settling in Bergen in 1855. In 1865 he bought the Giles Tripp farm and afterwards bought part of the Adams farm, having 200 acres in all. Of the numerous body of English immigrants who have established homes in Genesee county, none has made a better record than Mr. Warboys; of industrious, thrifty habits, he has made the best of his opportunities, and is known as an upright, whole-souled man.

Bryant, Clarence, p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in the town of Pavilion, N. Y., January 11, 1854. His father, Nathan Bryant, was a native of Massachusetts, and came to Genesee county in 1840, where he carried on farming. He served several years as supervisor of Pavilion; married Janet Stewart, and died in 1878. Clarence Bryant was educated in the common schools and Le Roy Academy. He taught school several winters and then took up farming. In 1886 he came to Le Roy and engaged in the meat market business. He was collector in Pavilion for one year and

assessor for three years, and in 1897 was elected supervisor of Le Roy. He married Ella E., daughter of George Howard; their children are Nathan H. and Lewis M. Mr. Bryant has always been a promoter of the best interests of his town and is a prominent business man.

Gillette, George M., is a representative and one of the most prominent young men of the town of Bergen, a native of the town, born April 1, 1859, a son of James M. and grandson of Miles Gillette. His grandfather was a pioneer in this section of the county, moving to the town of Sweden in 1816, where he assisted in clearing the Ainsworth and Jennings farm. In what is known as the cold season, he with many more of the pioneers, were compelled to subsist almost entirely on bear meat and smaller game. He was drawn for the Patriot war in 1837 and while on his way to Buffalo found a pocketbook containing considerable money and valuable papers. He found the owner in Buffalo, who demonstrated his appreciation by helping him to secure a discharge from his draft in 1838 and 1839. He made four trips to Michigan on horseback, bringing back with him droves of cattle and hogs. George M. Gillette was educated in



the Le Roy Academy, from which he was graduated in 1877. He then entered the employ of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co., in the baggage department, and was in the employ of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R., and Houston & Texas Central R. R. for two years in Colorado, Kansas and Texas. Returning home he engaged with the West Shore Railroad Company, remaining with them until 1888, when he resigned his position to engage in farming, in which he is interested at present, owning a farm adjoining the village, in which he takes great interest.

Since his early manhood Mr. Gillette has manifested a keen and active interest in the political affairs of the county and State, and is a member of the Genesee County Republican Committee. In 1893 he was a delegate to the State Republican convention that nominated Levi P. Morton for governor; in 1895 he was a delegate to the Republican Senatorial convention; in 1896 was again delegate to the State convention that nominated Frank S. Black for governor, and again in 1899 a delegate to the convention that nominated Governor Roosevelt, and has often attended as a delegate county and assembly conventions. In 1897 he received the appointment to the position of deputy clerk of the Assembly, and again in 1898 and 1899. Mr. Gillette is a member of several clubs and societies and chief engineer of the Bergen Fire Department. He takes active interest in all measures for the public good in his village and town. He has married twice; first, to Ella A., daughter of Sylvester Gillette; they had one son, Ralph D. His second wife was Mary A. Schubmehl of Bergen. Mr. Gillette was appointed, in the summer of 1899, deputy collector of Internal Revenue, under Hon. A. D. Sanders, and he entered upon the discharge of his duties about July 1.

Pestlen, Charles, jr., p. o. Alexander, N. Y., was born in Mecklenburg, in the northern part of the German Empire, September 8, 1862, and in 1881 emigrated to this country with his parents, settling in the town of Alexander, Genesee county, N. Y., where he has since resided. Mr. Pestlen is well educated, speaking and writing both German and English, and withal is a self-made man. He is a tiller of the soil and from his youth up has always been a practical farmer. On January 19, 1892, Mr. Pestlen married Jennie, daughter of James and Sarah (Ingrom) Conn; they have three children: Emma J., Andrew Charles and Cora Isabella. Mrs. Pestlen was born in Newtownhamilton, Ireland, January 8, 1864. Mr. Pestlen is an upright and intelligent man, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him.

Laramy, Philip, was born in Devonshire, England, January 30, 1835, and came to the United States in 1845. His father, John Laramy, settled in Batavia in 1840; he was a brewer and maltster; he died in 1880. Phillip Laramy was educated in the common schools and in 1857 married Mary, daughter of William Cochram; they had four children. Frank J., William H., Lewis P. and Mrs. Fannie M. Forsyth. Mr. Laramy is a farmer, and has been successful at that vocation; his good standing among his townsmen may not be impugned.

Hunn, William H., was born near Springfield, Mass., July 27, 1846. His father, Seymour P. Hunn, came to Elba, N. Y., in 1853, and was engaged in the market and provision trade; he married Diantha Sykes, and died in 1882. W. H. Hunn was educated in the common schools. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. L, 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and took part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, and received an honorable discharge at the close of the war with rank of first sergeant. In 1866 he married Louisa, daughter of Henry Brockway; their children are: Clifton R., W. H., jr., Mrs. George W. Reed and Mildred L. Mr. Hunn has served as collector and president of the village two terms, and has held other offices. He is a man entitled to the confidence of his townsmen, and is rated as progressive, energetic and honest.

Joyce, William H., p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Genesee Falls, N. Y., September 18, 1863, a son of John Joyce, a native of Ireland, and Mary McTigue, his wife. William Joyce was educated in Pike Seminary and has always been a farmer and produce dealer. He is superintendent of the Lehigh Salt farms. Mr. Joyce is a representative farmer, a man who does his work intelligently, and is up to date in his ideas and methods. Mr. Joyce married Nellie, daughter of Thomas Keating; they have one son, John T. Mr. and Mrs. Keating are natives of Livingston county, N. Y., and he is a farmer.

Torpy, Anson, was born in Madison county, N. Y., in 1801, and came to Genesee county in 1822. He was twice married; his first wife was Fannie Stocking, who died in 1871, leaving three children, Rosina (Mrs. C. H. Reynolds), Daniel and Reuben. In 1873 he married Emily, daughter of Clinton Arnold. Mr. Torpy died in 1889. He was one of the pioneers of the county, and took an active part in the growth and progress of his town. As instances of his pioneership, he drew his wheat thirty miles to Rochester and sold it for fifty cents a bushel, and the young trees for his first orchard he carried on his back from Bergen; the orchard is still in bearing. He was a man of strong character and unquestioned integrity, and in his death his town lost one of its most useful and esteemed citizens.

Silliman, Charles D., p. o. Corfu, N. Y., a native of the town of Stratford, Fulton county, N. Y., was born on Christmas day, 1852. He is the oldest of a family of six children of George and Sarah E. (Wood) Silliman, both of whom are still living, as well as all of their six children. George Silliman was born February 8, 1826, and is son of D. S. Silliman (born 1795, died 1844) and Catherine Sherwood, his wife (born in Connecticut in 1798, and died in 1891); they were the parents of eight children. The parents of D. S. Silliman were Justice and Ruth (Jennings) Silliman, who had ten children. Sarah E. (Wood) Silliman, mother of Charles D., was born July 17, 1832, a daughter of Daniel (born 1800, died 1881), and Huldah (Jennings) Wood (born 1790, died 1865), who were early settlers of Stratford, N. Y.; they had six children. Charles D. Silliman early in life manifested an ardent love of study and a thorough application to literary pursuits. His general scholastic training consisted of a full course to graduation at Fairfield Seminary. Immediately after graduation he began teaching in the village schools and was afterwards a teacher in the seminary. He was successfully engaged in teaching in Herkimer and Genesee counties for eighteen consecutive winter terms. On November 24, 1881, he married Emma T., daughter of Harrison and Jerucia (Moore) Terry; they have four children: Raymond T., E. Pearl, Ruby R. and Althea J. Mr. Silliman is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, of which organization he has been secretary for eight years; he is also a member of the K. O. T. M. and of the American Fraternal Insurance Union. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and his father and both his grandfathers were deacons in the Baptist church. He is superintendent of a Union Sunday school. Mr. Silliman is a prosperous and progressive farmer, and an intelligent and upright citizen.

Buckley, Michael, p. o. Le Roy, N. Y., was born in Ireland, February 7, 1832, a

son of William Buckley, who lived and died in Ireland. Mr. Buckley was educated in the common schools of his native island and came to Genesee county in 1860, where he engaged in farming. He married Mary Gaynor of Ireland; their children are Alice, Mary, William, Patrick, Julia M., Thomas and Andrew. Mr. Buckley is one of Stafford's busy farmers, of industrious and good moral habits, and has proved himself a useful man in his adopted country.

Page, J. Quincy D., p. o. Pavilion, N. Y., one of the prominent and most successful business men of Pavilion, was born in the town of Pavilion, April 10, 1859, a son of John R. and Mary (Doty) Page. He was reared in his grandfather's family and educated in the public schools of his native town. At the age of twenty he engaged in the cooperage business on his own account, which he successfully conducted until 1897. He was the originator and builder, and is now the owner and proprietor of the village water works. He is now proprietor of the Page Hotel at Pavilion and has conducted the same since 1891. On March 22, 1887, Mr. Page married May Walker; they have one daughter, Olive A. Mr. Page is a prominent member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and A. O. U. W. Personally he is of a very social nature and enjoys the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances.

Pratt, Melvin D., was born in Livonia, Livingston county, N. Y., January 22, 1830, a son of David and Electa (Gibbs) Pratt, natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively, who came to Genesee county in 1836 and settled on the farm now owned by Melvin D., where they resided through life. David died in 1882, aged ninety-one years; his wife died in 1878; they had four children. The grandfathers of the subject of this sketch—Peabody Pratt and Philo Gibbs—were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. Melvin D. Pratt received his education in the district schools and at Le Roy Academy. With the exception of two years spent at manufacturing in Flint, Mich., he has always lived on his present farm of ninety-five acres, just east of the village of Le Roy; it is one of the best improved farms in that section of the county. Mr. Pratt is a prominent citizen of his town, and stands on a high plane in the estimation and confidence of his townsmen; he has served them as collector for one year, assessor twelve years, supervisor from 1882 to 1891, inclusive, and justice of the peace four years, and is now serving on his second term. In 1852 Mr. Pratt was married to Cornelia L. Adams; she died in August, 1855, leaving one daughter, Cornelia L., who was married in December 1887, to Frank J. Nash. In 1856 Mr. Pratt was married to Mary A. Pratt of Flint, Mich. They are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he has been trustee, deacon and elder for several years.

McVean, Archibald, was born in the town of Le Roy, N. Y., February 14, 1845, a son of John P. and Catharine (Witherwax) McVean, natives of Johnstown, N. Y., and Kinderhook, N. Y., respectively. The family are of Scotch and Dutch origin. Peter R. McVean was born in Scotland and sailed to America, landing just before the Declaration of Independence. They came into Genesee county about 1820 and settled in the town of Le Roy, purchasing a tract of land on which he remained until his death; he died in 1855, aged ninety-seven years. John P. was a farmer and

died in Le Roy in 1853, and his wife in 1894, aged eighty-four years; they had three children, two now living, Peter J. and Archibald. Archibald McVean was educated in the district schools and has always lived in Le Roy, with the exception of three years spent in the lumber business in Michigan. He now owns 100 acres of land on which he resides. He was highway commissioner for eight years. In 1872 Mr. McVean married Emogene Farnham, daughter of Nathaniel Farnham, an early settler of Genesee county; they had five children: Robert, Ralph, Archibald, Mary and Hugh. Mr. and Mrs. McVean are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee and also member of the session. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. and Patrons of Husbandry. Politically he is a Republican and takes an active interest in his party.

Rathbone, Arthur Barker, p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, December 23, 1837, only son of Laurin and Elizabeth (Barker) Rathbone. Laurin Rathbone was born in Milton, Saratoga county, N. Y., in 1806, came to Oakfield in 1826, where he died January 26, 1892. A daughter, Augusta, resides in Oakfield. Arthur Barker Rathbone was educated at the Cary Collegiate Seminary, Middlebury Academy, and was graduated from the University of Rochester in 1859 with the degree of A. B., and in 1863 received the degree of Master of Arts. In 1862 and 1864 Mr. Rathbone, with his father planted extensive pear and apple orchards, in which he is still interested. Since 1869 he has been a hardware merchant in the village of Oakfield. Mr. Rathbone was president of the village in 1874, 1875, 1877 and 1881, and supervisor of the town in 1883 and 1884. He has been secretary of the board of trustees of Cary Collegiate Seminary for twenty-three years. An active member of St. Michael's Episcopal church, he has been a vestryman since 1871 and senior warden since 1892. Politically Mr. Rathbone has always been a Democrat. He has been the nominee of his party three times for school commissioner and once for member of assembly. He was postmaster at Oakfield under President Cleveland's administration. January 23, 1867, he was married to Georgia Whitwell Richmond of Nunda, N. Y. They have two daughters—Frances Lucille and Georgia Whitwell—and one son, Richmond Laurin, who also received his early education at Cary Seminary, later entering Cornell University from which he was graduated in 1898 with the degree of Mechanical Engineer; after his graduation he entered the engineering office of an electrical company in New York city.

Bissell, James A., represents one of the oldest pioneer families in Genesee county. His grandfather, Aaron Bissell, settled in the town in 1807, where he took up a tract of 275 acres from the original holders in what was known as the Triangular Tract and for which he paid the cash. He was known to have had the most ready money of any of the early pioneers. He was a native of the town of Hebron, Tolland county, Conn., born in 1779; he was a cooper by trade, and when twenty-one years of age his father, Levi Bissell, a Revolutionary soldier, gave him a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes and he started out to battle for himself. He worked eight years at East Haddam, on the Connecticut river, on a contract making sugar and molassas barrels for the New Orleans and Cuba trade. At this he saved \$800 (the money he had to purchase his land with), and in the spring of 1806 he, with his brothers Levi

and Alexander, came west. Levi and Alexander took out articles of agreement for 800 acres and Aaron for 160, in what is now the town of Sweden, Monroe county. Returning to Connecticut that winter they made a transfer of the land to a man named Reed, who settled it a short time after. The brothers again came west and Aaron settled in Bergen, erected log buildings, cleared his farm and became a successful farmer, and an influential man in the early politics and affairs of his town, and for many years was a member of the board of supervisors; in politics he was a Democrat. When the war of 1812 came on he arranged for his family and started for the front, getting as far as Le Roy, when he met a man who offered to go as his substitute; he hired him and returned home to his family. His wife was Lucinda Austin, who was the first woman school teacher in the town of Bergen north of the village. Her father, Capt James Austin, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. She died when forty-six; Aaron lived to be past eighty-two. They reared three sons and three daughters. Aaron Mann, the youngest son, was born in Bergen in 1817, became a farmer and spent his entire life on the homestead, a part of which he owned. In politics he was a firm Democrat. His wife was Avis, daughter of John Mitchell of Rochester, and their children were James A., Emily L., Frances A., Fred M., William A. and George A. He died in 1862; his wife survives him and resides with her youngest son—a good generous woman, a kind neighbor, but of a retiring disposition. James A. Bissell was born in Bergen on the homestead in January, 1846, received his education in the district schools, Prof. Throop's select school and Prof. Hamilton's private school in Bergen. His father died when he was seventeen and he was therefore early thrown into much responsibility on the farm. He remained at home and faithfully attended to the work and the affairs of the farm for several years. When about twenty-two years of age he began for himself, following farming to the present time. He later purchased a part of the estate farm from the heirs. He now resides on his farm near the village of Bergen. Mr. Bissell is influential in political affairs of his town, a firm and consistent Democrat and a strong advocate of what he considers the righteous principles of bi-metalism, and while firmly declining many of the proffered nominations for many town offices, he has filled the office of justice of the peace two terms of four years each, and has frequently represented his district as a delegate in the county and assembly conventions. He is a man of progressive thought, well informed and of good judgment. He is a member of the order of the Knights of the Maccabees, in which he has served in various official capacities. In 1880 he married Loretta E. Rightmeyer of Bergen; they have one daughter, Avis M. Mr. Bissell is one of the oldest members of the Bergen Cornet Band, at one time was leader of the band and has been a member of it for thirty-five years.

Scanlon, John, son of Bartholomew and Ellen (Roche) Scanlon, was born in County Clare, Ireland, June 15, 1850. His education was such as the common schools of his native country afforded, and at the age of nineteen he emigrated to this country and came direct to Darien, where he has since resided. Mr. Scanlon began life poor, but by industry and good management, which is characteristic of his nationality, has succeeded in obtaining a competency of this world's goods and has two fine farms in Darien. He has held the position of railroad section foreman for the past eight-

een years and still retains it. He always takes an interest in town affairs, although he has never held or aspired to public office; the only office he has ever held was school trustee for two years. On June 11, 1875, he married Lenora, daughter of Michael and Mary (Roland) Haley; their children are John E., Nellie M., who was graduated in 1897 from the Attica High School, receiving a Regent's certificate; Michael F., William J., M. Raymond, James B. and Dolores. Their oldest son is also a graduate from the Bryant & Stratton's Business College of Buffalo. Mr. Scanlon is a member of Kinsey Tent No. 227, K. O. T. M.

McCulley, John H., was born in Batavia, N. Y., April 16, 1837, a son of Thomas McCulley, who came to Batavia in 1814; he married Sarah, daughter of Silas Hollister, who came to Batavia in 1812; he was a contractor and builder, and died in 1865. John H. McCulley was educated in the public schools; in 1863 he purchased the Watrous farm, and makes a specialty of dairying. Mr. McCulley served as highway commissioner for twelve years. He has been successful in business, and few men in the county enjoy a larger acquaintance or have more friends. In 1869 Mr. McCulley was married to Lucy Pease, daughter of Alvin Pease.

Post, Abraham, was born in Readington, Somerset county, N. J., on the 11th of February, 1810. His ancestors were from Holland, and were of high character and respectability. In 1824 he was placed in the store of a merchant in Somerville, N. J., with whom he remained until 1830. By his industry, punctuality, integrity and business talents he won the esteem and confidence of his employer, by whose instruction and aid he became thoroughly conversant with mercantile transactions. In 1830 Mr. Post went to New York city, where he engaged in business on his own account, and in which he continued until 1837. In the latter year he relinquished his business in the city and removed to Genesee county, where he purchased a large farm in the town of Alexander, upon which he lived as a successful farmer until 1871. Retiring from his farm in 1871, he came to reside in the village of Batavia, where he had previously purchased land, on which he had erected buildings to please himself, and there he spent the remainder of his life. His death occurred on the 7th of September, 1881. Mr. Post was a public spirited man and was always a participant in every good-work, giving liberally to educational and religious institutions. He was a man of strongly marked character, full of decision, firmness, integrity and good sense. In his habits and principles Mr. Post inherited the elements of that high morality which distinguished his ancestors. Mr. Post was twice married. His first wife was Miss Amy E. Hubert of Somerville, N. J., to whom he was married in 1834; she died in 1851, leaving six children, four of whom are now living. In 1858 he was married to Miss Catherine A. Jansen of Batavia, who, after twenty-three years of peculiarly tender and loving companionship, survives to mourn his loss.

Rupp, Andrew, was born on the homestead in Batavia, May 14, 1840, a son of George M. and Julia A. Rupp, natives of Germany, who came to Batavia July 4, 1836. George M. Rupp was a manufacturer of boots and shoes and died in July, 1884. Andrew Rupp was educated in the public schools and learned the tinsmith's trade, at which he worked for over thirty years. He has been one of the assessors of the vil-

lage of Batavia for several years. Mr. Rupp is one of the progressive men of his town, taking an intelligent interest in all public affairs and in keeping up with the improvements of the present age. He is a bachelor.

Wagner, Mathias, son of Mathias and Mary (Staple) Wagner, was born in the town Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., June 5 1853. His boyhood was passed on his father's farm and in the public schools. His first business experience was in Pittsburg, Pa., where he was employed in a hotel for two years. He then secured a position in a glass factory, where he remained for three years, at the end of which time he returned to Darien, where he has since been engaged in farming. On January 25, 1886, Mr. Wagner married Mary, daughter of Daniel and Frances (Rinhard) Mead, and they had six children: Mary, Joseph, Charles, Frances, Lauretta and Anna. Politically Mr. Wagner is an ardent Democrat and has held the offices of school trustee, pathmaster and other offices of minor importance. In all the official places thrust upon him by his fellow citizens he has acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of all.

Fuller, George D., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born September 22, 1824. His father, Holland Fuller, was a native of New Hampshire and came to Genesee county in 1815; he died in 1873. George D. was educated at Cary Collegiate Seminary. He was married to Sarah Freeman, and after her death he was married to Mary J. Sleeper; their children are Mary C. Parker, George M., Holland, Marion, Halsey, John M. and James E. Mr. Fuller died June 6, 1895. He was a successful farmer and in all respects a worthy citizen.

Miller, R. Tracy, p. o. Alexander, N. Y., is a lineal descendant on the maternal side of Lieutenant Thomas Tracy, who emigrated from England to Norwich, Conn., in 1637. This Lieutenant Thomas Tracy was the youngest son of Sir Richard Tracy of Suffolk, England, who was a descendant of Sire De Tracie, a Norman nobleman who went to England with William the Conqueror in 1060. The line of descent from Lieutenant Thomas Tracy is as follows: 2 John, 3 Wins'ow, 4 Joshua, 5 Nehemiah, 6 Alanson, 7 Martha, 8 R. Tracy. R. Tracy Miller was born in Bennington, Wyoming county, N. Y., June 1, 1851. When he was ten years of age his parents removed to Alexander, where he was educated in the public and high schools, graduating from the latter in 1867. Mr. Miller has always taken an active interest in town affairs, and was elected supervisor 1896, and is now serving his third term; he was chairman of the board in 1898. He is frank and generous in character, affable in manner, and has many friends wherever he is known. On February 26, 1872, Mr. Miller was married to Minnie L., daughter of Lyman and Philotha (Prescott) Brown; they have two children—Lyman and Martha.

Kinne, Charles A., p. o. Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Corfu, N. Y., August 28, 1842, received an academic education, and his early life was devoted to farming. In 1869 he was appointed station agent of the Batavia and Tonawanda branch of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. at Pembroke, and at the same time was a dealer in produce, until 1885. He has been supervisor of his township five years and magistrate two

terms. He was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue and served three years and three months under Cleveland's first administration; in November, 1893, he was reappointed, serving until the present time, 1898. In politics he is a thorough Democrat. In 1865 Mr. Kinne married Maggie Buxton of Pembroke; they have one son, Ernest C., who is practicing law in Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Kinne's father, Jonas W. Kinne, was born in Corfu, N. Y., February 21, 1818, and died January 20, 1899; he was educated in the schools of that early day and was always a farmer; he married Maria Long of Pembroke; they had two children: Charles A. and Augusta M., who married Wilder E. Sumner of Corfu; they have one daughter, Ina M. Jonas W. Kinne's father, Jonas Kinne, was born in Rupert, Vt., in 1786, and came here with the Darrow family in 1807; he married Hannah Darrow; they had six children: Electa, William, Randolph, Royal W., Jonas and Julia, who died at the age of five years. Mr. Jonas Kinne died in 1822 and his widow in 1837.

Scott, Isaac Caniff, p. o. Fort Hill, N. Y., was born in Canada, January 26, 1845. His father was a native of Oneida county, N. Y., and was a school teacher for a number of years; he later became a farmer, and was a trustee of one school district for fifteen years; he afterward moved to Canada and there was married to Elizabeth B. Adsit, whose parents were natives of New York State; their children were Ebenezer, born in 1841, died in 1865; John, died in 1851; Jane, Joseph W., Caroline E., Alonzo, who was killed by a horse in 1865. Isaac Caniff Scott was educated in the common schools, and has always been a farmer; he has been school trustee for two years. In 1870 he was united in marriage with Mary E. Hopkins, of which union four children were born, namely: Jesse J., who died of scarlet fever in 1876; Sydney C., Anna M. and John E. Mrs. Mary E. Scott is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Hopkins, natives of England, who came to America when young; their children were Emma C., Anna E., Charles J., who died of typhoid fever in 1876, John B., George H. and Jesse J., who was graduated from Cornell University in June, 1888, and died September 11 of the same year. Mr. Scott is one of Le Roy's progressive farmers, is of undoubted integrity, and has always been active in promoting his town's welfare.

Drake, George L., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Yates county, N. Y., January 11, 1825, a son of John and Fanny (Haxton) Drake. His father was a native of New Jersey and came to Genesee county about 1845, where he carried on farming and was one of the first to manufacture tiles. He died about 1861. George L. Drake was educated in the common schools and engaged in farming and in the manufacture of tiles. Mr. Drake is a man of clean reputation, and has made himself useful by participating in all measures for the advancement and good of his town.

Parker, Harlow E., was born in the town of Elba, N. Y., July 7, 1826, a son of Sherrod and Sally (Williams) Parker. Sherrod Parker served in the war of 1812, and was prominent in the growth and progress of his town; he died in 1875 in his eighty-second year; his father was a Revolutionary soldier. Harlow E. Parker was educated in the common schools; he is one of the practical and substantial farmers of Genesee county; he served as supervisor during 1872 and 1873, and had been

assessor six years; he has always taken an active interest in educational and religious institutions, and he is greatly respected in the town where he has lived all his life. In 1850 he was married to Almira J., daughter of Daniel and Margaret M. Hooper; they have two children—Will H., the present supervisor of Elba, and Mrs. Helen M. White of Brockport.

Chick, William p. o. Attica, N. Y., son of George and Jane (Percy) Chick, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1857. His parents were natives of England and came to this country in 1852, settling in Batavia, N. Y., where they lived for about six months, then removed to Buffalo. Mr. Chick received his education in the common district schools and almost his entire life has been devoted to farming. He became a resident of Darien in 1885, buying the farm where he now lives. In March, 1885, he married Mary, daughter of Christian A. and Wilhelmina (Bauer) Gruner of Alexander; they have one son, George H., born January 14, 1886. Mr. Chick is a successful and progressive farmer, and is respected by all who know him.

Clark, Mrs. Mary, p. o. Batavia, N. Y.—John Clark was born in Ireland, June 10, 1844, and emigrated to Genesee county in 1859. In 1861 he engaged in farming in Stafford, Genesee county. He was a thrifty, industrious man, honorable in his dealings and a good neighbor; starting in life poor, at the time of his decease, May 29, 1893, he left to his family a fine farm. In 1875 he was married to Mary, daughter of Christopher and Mary Riggs; they had five children: John, Anna E., Mary L., Rose I. and William.

Nelan, Maurice, who for a number of years has been recognized as one of the foremost and successful farmers of Genesee county, won his way to the front rank of his generation by sheer energy, hard work and a genius for overcoming obstacles and making circumstances the servants of his will. He is truly the architect of his own fortune, inheriting nothing from the generation before him but an honored family name and the high qualities of character for which he has long been noted. He is a son of Dennis and Ellen (Pierce) Nelan, and was born in County Kerry, Province of Munster, Ireland, July 20, 1834. His father died when he was a boy of four years, leaving a widow and three children dependent upon their own exertions. In 1852 Maurice emigrated to this country, landing in New York with but twenty-five cents in money. He worked his way to Middlebury, Wyoming county, where he secured employment on a farm. For his first year's service he received but \$26. By hard work, strict economy and an indomitable will he accumulated enough money to buy a farm, and has added to it from time to time until now he has two hundred and thirty acres of as fine land as is to be found in Genesee county. Mr. Nelan married Jane A. Welton, by whom he has three children, viz.: Thomas, Morris and Lewis. Mr. Nelan is a liberal supporter of the M. E. Church, although he is not a member. Politically he is a Republican and his first vote was cast for President Lincoln. He held the office of highway commissioner for seven years. Mr. Nelan has a pleasant home and in his domestic and social relations he is kind and genial. Strangers always find him courteous and pleasant. He is liberal and public spirited, and a free and cheerful giver to public enterprises that tend to promote the best interests of his community.

Deming, Henry D., was born in Byron, N. Y., August 27, 1830, a son of William H. and Sallie (Castelin) Deming. His father was a native of Berkshire county, Mass., and came to Genesee county in 1825; he was a farmer and wagonmaker, and was active in the interests of his town, serving as assessor for several years; he died in 1887. Henry D. Deming was educated in the common schools and at Brockport Academy. He is a man of excellent character, and he has never been backward in taking a part in such measures and institutions as have promised to be of benefit to his town. In 1855 he was married to Delia Spafford, who died in 1861, leaving one son, William H. Deming; in 1866 he was married to Marion Hume; she died in 1887, leaving two children: Charles H. and Mrs. F. E. Neal; he afterwards married Mrs. Elizabeth Shute.

Holmes, David Corwin, p. o. Darien, N. Y., a prominent farmer of Genesee county, is a son of Mansfield and Clara (Orcutt) Holmes, and was born in the town of Fulton, Schoharie county, N. Y., November 9, 1833. He received his education in the common schools and Schoharie Seminary, and taught school for three terms, after which he settled in the town of Darien and engaged in farming. His father died when he was eleven years of age, and he and his brothers were compelled to make their own way in the world, besides caring for their mother and sisters, thus early learning by experience the practical duties of life, which education has not been without its good results. Mr. Holmes is interested in his town's welfare and progress, and has held the offices of collector and justice of the peace at different times for eleven years; he is a member of North Alexander Grange and of the Presbyterian Church at Corfu, N. Y. On December 28, 1859, Mr. Holmes was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Nancy (Ward) McDonald. They had four children: Sylvester, who was married to Mona Crennell of Rochester; Ella M., married to Samuel Osborne of Elmira; Clara, wife of Ralph W. North of Alexander; and Effie M., who died on September 6, 1881.

Halsey, Fred, p. o. North Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Alabama, N. Y., May 15, 1868, a son of Henry and Lucetta (Frary) Halsey. His father was born in Alabama, and is now living in Oakfield, N. Y., where he is a dealer in produce and hay. Fred Halsey was educated at Cary Seminary and at Rochester Business University. After leaving school he was a dealer in produce for two years, and then engaged in farming, devoting his attention to dairying; he ships about forty gallons of milk per day. He is a pushing, energetic man, and possessed of those characteristics which insure success in life. Mr. Halsey was married to Marion, daughter of George Fuller; they have two children: Alice F. and Catherine R.

Rhodes, George, p. o. Wheatville, N. Y., was born in Alabama, N. Y., January 22, 1835, a son of Sylvester and Sophia (Tryon) Rhodes. His father was a native of Connecticut and came to Genesee county, N. Y., about 1820; he died in Ohio in 1848. George Rhodes obtained his education in the common schools, and has been a progressive and successful farmer. He has always been a Republican and has been active in party affairs. He is a public spirited man, who reads the papers and knows what is going on in the world. In 1858 he was married to Mary D. Amsden;

they had six children: George L., Clara, Augustus A., Nellie M., Gertrude and Mertie (deceased).

Farley, Abiather, late of Le Roy, N. Y., was born in the town of Le Roy, August 16, 1839, a son of Byron and Lucretia (Stevens) Farley. His father was a native of Vermont and came to Genesee county in 1829, where he died in 1842. Abiather Farley was educated in the common schools and through life was a farmer. In an unostentatious way he performed the duties of a good citizen, and was much respected in the community where he lived. He married Mary A., daughter of E. Niles, who bore him three children: Edwin D., Estel and Fenton, who survive him. His death occurred on February 8, 1899.

Barrett, Mrs. A. M., p. o. South Alabama.—Elvin A. Barrett was born in Byron, Genesee county, N. Y., April 2, 1842. His father, J. B. Barrett, was a farmer; he married in 1841 Sarah M. Adams, who died in 1884; his second wife was Mary J. Davis. Elvin A. Barrett was educated in Elba. In 1861 he enlisted as private in the war of the Rebellion, serving two years in the ranks, after which for twenty months he was in the quartermaster's department. His first wife was Elizabeth Percy Dibble, who bore him three sons: Nelson T., of the Buffalo bar; Velsey B. and Stanton E. Nelson T. and Stanton E. enlisted to serve in the Spanish war—Nelson as second lieutenant in the 65th N. Y. Vols. and Stanton as private in the 203d N. Y. Vols., later promoted to sergeant. Nelson and Stanton are graduates of the University of Rochester. In 1877 Elvin A. Barrett was married to Albina M., daughter of William and Aun E. Amsden; they are the parents of two daughters, Una A. and Lotta E. Mr. Barrett is prominent in his town, has been justice of the peace, member of the county committee, etc., and is highly respected.

Mullen, John W., p. o. Morganville, was born in the town of Stafford, N. Y., September 17, 1854. His father, William Mullen, was a native of North Devonshire, England, born December 1, 1828; he emigrated to Genesee county in 1851, where he carried on farming; he married Elizabeth Ford of North Devonshire, England, in 1852, who was born September 5, 1822. John W. Mullen was educated in the common schools and Batavia Union School. He engaged in farming and later, in 1883, took up carpenter and joiner work. He was justice of the peace for four years, and in 1896 was elected supervisor and re-elected in 1898; he has also been a member for Stafford of the Republican County Committee for eight years. Mr. Mullen was married to Iola E., daughter of Ira and Adeline Austin, February 28, 1888. Mrs. Mullen was born in Cowlesville, Wyoming county, May 12, 1861; her father was born in the town of Darien, Genesee county, February 13, 1816, and her mother in the town of Le Roy, May 12, 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen have two sons: Ralph W., born December 8, 1889, and Lloyd J., born September 5, 1891. Mr. Mullen is one of Stafford's representative business men, of sound integrity, and has always aided in promoting the best interests of his town.

Simonds, Frank W., p. o. Lehigh, N. Y., was born in the town of Alexander, Genesee county, N. Y., February 24, 1853. His father, Benjamin C. Simonds, is a son

of John and Sabara (Cole) Simonds. John Simonds was a pioneer surveyor. Benjamin C. was born in Geneseo, N. Y., April 7, 1817, and with his parents removed to Alexander in 1824; he received a good education and at the age of eighteen began teaching school, which he followed for several winters. During the years 1840 and 1841 he traveled as an agent with a team over 10,000 miles in the State of Ohio. He married Almira H., daughter of Russel Wait of Darien, N. Y., and soon after purchased 100 acres of his father's farm; this he sold and in 1854 purchased the farm of 200 acres in Darien of his father-in-law, Russel Wait; on this farm are two churches and a large cemetery. He made farming a successful and paying business. His children were six sons, the subject of this sketch being the third. Mrs. Simonds died March 3, 1893, survived by her husband. Frank Wait Simonds was educated in the public schools of his native town, the academies at East Pembroke and Alexander, and also one year at Grand Rapids, Mich. After completing his schooling he was first employed as a clerk in the grocery of J. R. Pettit at Ellicottville, where he remained until failing health compelled him to resign and return home. He later filled the position of traveling salesman for a Batavia firm, canvassing through some thirteen States, until again his health failed and he was obliged to return home. On May 3, 1876, he was married to Clara L., daughter of Joseph and Clarissa (Merritt) Chaddock of Alexander; they have one son, Ely J. B., born February 16, 1884. Mr. Simonds now owns and resides upon a large portion of the original homestead, his father living with him; he carries on dairying, is a lover and owner of fine stock, and is an enterprising and successful farmer; he is public-spirited and gives liberally to benevolent objects. He has always taken an interest in town affairs, and politically is a decided Republican; he has served his town a number of years as assessor and was supervisor for the years 1893-4-5, and has repeatedly been chosen as a delegate to congressional and county conventions. He is a member of Corfu Lodge No. 634, I. O. O. F., and he and his family are members of the Advent Christian Church.

Williams, Anson P., was born May 14, 1848, a son of Chauncey and Caroline A. (Post) Williams, and was educated at Lima, N. Y. In 1885 he married Irene, daughter of James Gregory; they have two children: Chauncey A. and Jennie C. Mr. Williams is one of the most intelligent farmers of the county, and is the owner of a choice farm. His record is clean, characterized by good sense, industry, integrity and a progressive spirit. His father was a man of much prominence, and was particularly active and useful as supervisor from Alabama during the Civil War period, in recruiting soldiers to fill the quota for the county.

Schafer, Herman, was born in Hesse, Germany, April 18, 1848, and came to the United States in 1871, settling in Batavia, where he engaged in the hotel and wholesale and retail liquor business, in which he remained until 1894, when he established his private bank which he still continues. His office is located in the Commercial building, on Main street, owned by him, and his residence, which is located at 20 Elicott avenue, is a pleasant and substantial home. In 1873 Mr. Schafer married Anna Stakel; they have two daughters: Mrs. Cora Schafer Huber and Marie Elizabeth, both accomplished musicians; Mrs. Huber is considered by many competent critics the finest pianist in Western New York. Miss Marie is a well known and ac-

complished vocalist. Mr. Schafer has served as excise commissioner for the town of Batavia, and is president of the Lutheran Evangelical Church Society, and takes an active interest in school and church matters.

Jackson, A. P., M. D., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in the town of Newstead, Erie county, N. Y., December 22, 1841, a son of William and Mary Ann Jackson. His father was a native of Massachusetts, and through life was engaged in farming



and the manufacture of boots and shoes; he was a firm Presbyterian, for many years the leader of the choir, and took an active interest in all church work. Dr. Jackson was educated in the district schools, the Clarence Academy, and in the High School of Buffalo. He began the study of medicine in 1858 in the University of Buffalo, N. Y., that sterling old medical school whose renown is overshadowed by no other, and was graduated from the Albany (N. Y.) Medical College on December 23, 1862, the day following his twenty-first birthday. Still ambitious for a deeper knowledge of his chosen profession, he removed to New York city and pursued a course of medicine and surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and also in Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Soon after graduation he settled in the village of Oakfield, N. Y., where he has since resided, successfully pursuing his profession. Having a taste and love for

the science of surgery, a few years ago he took a course in operative surgery under Professors Senn and Murphy, noted surgeons of Chicago, thus specially fitting himself for this important branch of his profession, in which he has been notably successful. Dr. Jackson has been prominently connected with the medical profession since he began practice. He was at one time president of the Genesee County Medical Society, and held the office of coroner for Genesee county for nine years, and again, on April 27, 1899, was appointed to the position by Governor Roosevelt, to fill a vacancy; he is a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, and was one of its founders; also a member of the International Association of Railroad Surgeons, the New York Association of Railroad Surgeons, and is now, and has been since its inception, surgeon to the western division of the West Shore Railroad, and is health officer of both the corporation and town of Oakfield. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and a member of the Masonic order, being a Knight Templar. Dr. Jackson is popular in the medical profession, popular in social and business circles, and is regarded highly by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Perkins, Samuel F., was born in Fairport, N. Y., October 25, 1833, a son of Asa and Martha (Esten) Perkins. His father lived to a ripe old age, dying in his ninety-fourth year. Samuel F. received a common school education, and early in life entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad; he is well known as a locomotive engineer, one of the oldest in Western New York; his service as an engineer covers a period of about forty years, which fact alone is substantial evidence of his ability, carefulness and fidelity; for more than a quarter of a century he has drawn the passenger train between Batavia and Canandaigua, and not only stands high in the estimation of his employers, but has attained a foremost place as a citizen of Batavia. In 1858 he was married to Margaret, daughter of Jeremiah Foland; they are the parents of four children—Edward, Mary E., Cora A. and Grace M. Mr. Perkins is a Methodist.

Kemp, B. George, was born on the homestead farm, November 19, 1856. His father, George B. Kemp, was a native of Marcellus, Onondaga county, N. Y., and came to Genesee county in 1832 with his parents, John and Charity Kemp, settling in the town of Middlebury. George B. married Frances R., daughter of Capt. Augustine and Nancy (Wheeler) Belknap; they had one son, B. George Kemp, who read law with George Bowen and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He then resumed farming and did not practice his profession. The death of George B. Kemp on January 13, 1895, was a loss to the whole community. He was one of the charter members of Batavia Lodge, F. A. M. B. George Kemp was married in June, 1899, to Miss Elsie Russell of Batavia.

Richardson, Frank, was born in Schuylerville, Saratoga county, N. Y., November 1, 1851, a son of Phineas Richardson, a prominent contractor on public works. Mr. Richardson was educated in the public and private schools and was engaged on public works for some years. In 1886 he came to Batavia and engaged in the hardware business. He was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Batavia Carriage Wheel Co., of which he was made president; this is one of the prosperous and valuable adjuncts of Batavia's manufacturing interests, with a capacity of one hundred sets of wheels per day and employing about eighty men. Mr. Richardson possesses keen foresight, financial ability of a high order, is careful but enterprising, and is in every sense a valuable citizen. In 1883 Mr. Richardson was married to Emma Johnson, who died in 1887, survived by one son, Rufus J. On the 11th day of July, 1899, he was married to Miss Elizabeth K. Cavanaugh of Batavia.

Dailey, Michael, was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1844, and came to the United States in 1852, with his parents, Michael and Sarah Dailey, who settled in Batavia. Mr. Dailey was educated in the Union school and in 1863 engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued several years. He then established business as a furniture dealer and undertaker, which is continued at the present time by Mrs. Dailey. In 1866 Mr. Dailey married Anna, daughter of Daniel and Rosanna Prindle, and five children survive. Anna, Catherine M., Elizabeth, Joseph and Monica. The death of Mr. Dailey, which occurred March 13, 1883, was a loss not only to his family, but to all who knew him. He was public spirited in the best sense of the

word, and ever ready to contribute his efforts to the welfare of the community. At the time of his death he was chairman of the Democratic county committee and one of the trustees of the State School for the Blind in Batavia. He had held the office of village trustee and other local positions of honor and trust.

Hammond, O. D., was born in the town of Sheldon, Wyoming county, N. Y., October 9, 1836, son of Henry D. Hammond, who was a native of New Jersey. married Lydia Zahr, and was a farmer during his life; he died in 1884. O. D. Hammond was educated in the public schools and in 1870 settled in Batavia. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. G, 160th N. Y. Volunteers, and was detailed to follow his trade of harness making for the army. He took part in the battles of Bayou Teche, Fort Bislin, siege of Port Hudson, Winchester, Cedar Creek and Fisher's Hill, and received an honorable discharge at the end of the war. He then went to Attica and resumed his business. In 1870 he came to Batavia and in 1878 established his present business of harness manufacturing. In 1867 he married Ellen A. Wallbridge; they have three children: Mildred, Louis and Leon W. The latter is an expert penman and conducts a tobacco and cigar business in Batavia; in 1898 he married Carrie Higgins. O. D. Hammond is a successful business man and takes an intelligent interest in public affairs.

Broadbooks, Peter, was born in Alsace, Germany, February 29, 1840, and came to the United States in 1854 with his parents, George and Catherine Broadbooks. He received his education in Germany. In 1863 he came to Batavia, where he engaged in carriage making and blacksmithing, and has patented several valuable mechanical devices. In 1861 he married Catherine Shumaker, who died in 1886; he afterward married Elizabeth Seesser; they have one son Willis G. Mr. Broadbooks is one of the energetic men of Batavia, is interested in educational and religious institutions, and strives to be of benefit to his fellow citizens.

Olmsted, Albert C., was born in Le Roy, N. Y., a son of Chauncey L. and Maryette (Bailey) Olmstead. Chauncey L. was an extensive mill owner in Chicago and Burlington, Iowa, and of lumber interests at Saginaw Valley, Mich.; he was very prominent in organizing and building the Le Roy Academy, and in erecting and maintaining the church; he was quiet and unostentatious, but awake to the best interests of his town; he died in 1872. A. C. Olmstead was graduated from the Poughkeepsie Institute in 1866, then went to Burlington and engaged in milling business. In 1873 he came to Batavia and organized the firm of Howard & Olmsted, and selling his interest to Mr. Howard, in 1879 he opened his present coal and lumber business, which he has since continued. In 1875 Mr. Olmsted married Grace, daughter of Dr. Norris G. Clark of Batavia; they have one son, Henry B., who is pursuing a course in electrical engineering at Columbia College.

Ferris, Arthur, was born in Batavia, N. Y., March 2, 1853, a son of Michael and Catherine (Dunphy) Ferris. His father was a native of Ireland and came to Batavia in 1846 and died in 1889. Arthur Ferris was educated in Batavia and in 1878 established the coal and wood business, in which he is now successfully engaged. In 1878

Mr. Ferris married Mary, daughter of Thomas Reynolds; they have three daughters: Theresa, Margaret and Anna. He is one of the two lay trustees of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, and he has taken an active interest in the work of the church, as well as that of the parochial school. Mr. Ferris has served as a trustee of the village of Batavia, and also of the New York State School for the Blind.

Guiteau, Jerome C., was born in Livingston county, N. Y., May 20, 1839, a son of Loring Martin and Sarah M. (Cranmer) Guiteau. The family are descended from French Huguenots. Loring M. Guiteau was born June 29, 1806. After obtaining his education he learned the tanner's trade at Perry village, Wyoming county, N. Y. After finishing his apprenticeship he established a tannery and boot and shoe factory in Springwater, Livingston county, N. Y., and carried on the business a number of years. He sold out and removed to South Alabama, Genesee county, and established a tannery; this business he continued about six years, when he sold it and moved to Kerryville in the same county, remaining one year, and then to Richville, same county, where he carried on tanning one year. He then, in 1856, settled in Batavia and was associated with his son, J. C. Guiteau, in the leather and findings trade in Batavia with a tannery at East Pembroke; this business subsequently passed wholly to the son. Mr. Guiteau died in Batavia, October 8, 1879. J. C. Guiteau came to Batavia in 1856, a little earlier than his father, and established the leather, hide and findings store above mentioned, which he carried on for more than thirty years. In 1889 he entered upon his present business of insurance and real estate. In 1862 he married Mary Thompson; they have two children—George J. and Helen M., wife of William C. Underhill. Mr. Guiteau is one of the self-made men of Genesee county, and takes an active interest in educational and other public affairs. He served as county treasurer two terms, from 1880 to 1886.

Showerman, Benjamin F., was born in Bethany, September 11, 1863. His father, J. M. Showerman, M.D., was a native of Cattaraugus, and his father, Peter Showerman, was a native of Albany county, where the family were among the pioneer settlers. Peter Showerman came to the town of Alexander in 1812, where he was a farmer; he married Roxanna Powers, a direct descendant of Hannah Dustin. J. M. Showerman studied medicine with Dr. John Baker, and was graduated from the Buffalo Medical Institute; he married Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer Thomas, and died May 25, 1899. B. F. Showerman was educated in the University of New York, graduating from the medical department in 1886. He immediately began his practice in Batavia, and in 1893 married Minne, daughter of William C. Simpson.

Perry, C. E., was born in Rochester, N. Y., August 8, 1863, a son of Hugh and Caroline (Rowland) Perry. His father was a native of Wales and came to the United States in 1838. C. E. Perry was educated in Rochester and entered the dry goods business. In 1892 he came to Batavia and organized the firm of Perry & King, and in 1895 purchased Mr. King's interest and now continues the business alone. In 1889 Mr. Perry married Prudence A., daughter of Samuel Downing; they have two children: Albert D. and Lois W. Among Batavia's business men Mr. Perry enjoys the

reputation of being enterprising, honorable and successful. He believes in progress and acts upon his convictions.

Schlenker, John, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to the United States in 1852 with his parents, who settled in Wyoming county, N. Y. He was educated in the district schools and in 1860 came to Batavia, where he learned the tin-smith and plumber trades, and in 1875 established a business for himself, in which he remained until 1892. In 1870 he married Julia Schleddler, who died in 1879. On April 7, 1887, he married Anna S. Nichols. Mr. Schlenker is an industrious, frugal and highly honorable man, and a citizen without reproach.

Washburn, John (deceased), was born in Hillsdale, Columbia county, N. Y., October 21, 1821, a son of Cornelius and Maria (Vanderburg) Washburn of Dutchess county, N. Y. He came to Darien, Genesee county, in 1856 and in 1862 came to Batavia, where he was a farmer three years and afterward a hotel keeper. April 30, 1843, Mr. Washburn married Lavina Loomis; they have one child living, a son, George C. Mrs. Washburn is a daughter of Beeder and Polly (Root) Loomis, natives of Great Barrington, Mass., where Mrs. Washburn was born January 28, 1823. Mr. Washburn was an enterprising man of unquestioned integrity; politically he was a Democrat. His death occurred October 7, 1897, as he was nearing his 76th birthday.

Washburn, George C., was born in Hillsdale, N. Y., October 6, 1844, a son of John and Lavina (Loomis) Washburn. His father was a farmer and hotel keeper and in 1856 came to Darien, and in 1862 to Batavia, where he engaged in the hotel business, and died October 7, 1897. George C. Washburn was educated in the public schools; in 1884 he established his present business of dealing in coal and lumber. In 1875 he married Grace A., daughter of John Durstin. Mr. Washburn is a representative business man, and merits the confidence reposed in him by his associates.

Ingalsbe, Elijah, was born in Boylston, Mass., in 1780. When fourteen years old he moved to Washington county, N. Y., then to Scipio, Cayuga county; he married Polly Mitchel, who bore him five children: Elijah B., Rial E., Parley V., Polly and Sally. His wife died and later he married his first wife's sister, Nancy Mitchel, who bore him four children: Phebe, Adna, Anda and Levi. After his first son was born Mr. Ingalsbe moved to Ontario county, and in 1826 to Byron, Genesee county, and in 1851 to the town of Alabama, where he died in 1872. Levi Ingalsbe was born in Penfield, N. Y., November 24, 1824, and now resides on the homestead in Alabama. He married Esther, daughter of Isaac A. Whitney, in 1850, and their children are Whitman L., Alma E., Junius M., Slocum B., all living in Alabama, Genesee county, N. Y.

Hazleton, Sidney S. (deceased), was a native of Haddam, Conn., born about 1804. In 1846 he came to Genesee county, N. Y., locating in the town of Le Roy, where he purchased a farm and lived until his death, which occurred in 1878. His farm was one of the finest fruit farms in the county, and his son, James E., was a horticulturist of some note and was authority on a great many plans of raising fruit. The

family history can be traced back for 200 years; the early ancestor coming from Hazelden, Dallington, County Sussex, England, whence their name. They were early settlers and a family of influence in Connecticut, where Sidney S. took a deep interest in educational matters. They had a large family, three of whom are living: Frances, married John F. Field, who spent the most of his life in mining in Colorado, and died in 1877. He explored mines and was an expert in mining matters; Albert Hazleton of Pavilion, N. Y., and Mrs. E. F. Ensign of Madison, Ohio.

Tyler, Martin C., p. o. Morganville, N. Y., was born in Wyoming county, N. Y., November 2, 1830. His father, David Tyler, was born in Ovid, N. Y., February 22, 1797, and was a carpenter by trade. He married Phoebe Osborn, and their children were Lyman M., Marie L., Moses G., James M., Jedediah O., Martin C., Sallie A. and Mary A. Mr. Tyler died July 14, 1867. M. C. Tyler was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. In December, 1861, he enlisted as a private in the Civil war, participating in the battle of Shiloh at Pittsburg Landing; was seriously wounded at the siege of Vicksburg, and after engaging in the battles in the vicinity of Atlanta, went with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea; he was discharged in December, 1865. In 1866 Mr. Tyler married Julia A., daughter of Harry Frances of Lenox; they have one daughter, Marcia F. Mr. Tyler is of sterling integrity and has always been identified with the best interests of his town.

Weaver, George D., was born in the town of Van Buren, Onondaga county, N. Y., June 24, 1836, a son of Abel Weaver, one of the early settlers in Onondaga county; he died in 1879. Mr. Weaver was educated in the common schools and in early life followed farming. In 1871 he went to Troy and engaged in the lumber business, in which he remained until 1888, then retired from active business and settled in Batavia. In 1859 Mr. Weaver married Addie F. Bonesteel. Mr. Weaver is one of the successful men of New York State, taking an active interest in religious institutions and is recognized as a man of sterling qualities, who has ever received the respect of his associates. The following is furnished for publication by Mr. Weaver, as a statement of his personal "Religious Convictions:"

"After serving many years as a trustee in the First Baptist Church of Troy, N. Y., and endeavoring to promote the interests of that denomination as best I could, I finally became convinced that all churches with their creeds, should possess the qualities of the primitive church, one of which is Apostolic healing.

"This conviction was forced upon me by immediate association with those who based their claims to be Christians on their ability to heal sickness on the same basis that sin is removed, and in unison with the Biblical command of Jesus. 'Go ye into the world, preach the gospel, heal the sick.' Following this conviction, in the year 1895, I united with the 'First Church of Christ, Scientist,' of Boston, Mass., and have since, with a great degree of pleasure, been able to see Christian Science go forth in this 19th century and successfully meet the opposition, tyranny and conservatism that any movement that has for its final end the greatest amount of good, must necessarily meet, but which is receiving the same treatment that all religious movements have received in their primitive condition. And a movement that bases all its claims for what it is and what it does, on God as a divine Principle, will be able in any generation to withstand the criticism and fanaticism of popular opinion, which when weighed in the balance is found wanting. No religious movement has made such progress and addition to its membership and the erection of permanent Churches in this country and Europe and other foreign countries, since the days of

Martin Luther. Locally we have an organization in Batavia holding regular services on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, with an average attendance of from fifty to seventy-five, followed by Sunday school, conducted after the discipline of the Christian Science Church in Boston. Largely the devotees of this congregation are those that have been healed of diseases where the M. D.'s and other practitioners have failed to effect a cure. It is with a degree of pleasure I see the press opening its columns to the subject of Christian Science. This must necessarily be so from the fact that all subjects at one time obscure, as they develop and interest the public, the press realizes that its prosperity is in proportion to its friendliness to truth. The services in Christian Science churches are all conducted by choosing a first and second reader, usually a gentleman and lady. One to read selections from the Bible and one to read from our text book, 'Science and Health.' All loyal Christian Scientists adhere to the principle inculcated and set forth in 'Science and Health, With Key to the Scriptures,' by Mary Baker Eddy of Concord, N. H.

"GEORGE D. WEAVER."

Strong, Sylvester F., was born in Turin, N. Y., September 6, 1855, son of John Strong, who was a native of New York city. He married Elizabeth Foster and was a life long farmer. Sylvester F. Strong was educated in Rochester and in 1882 came to Batavia and entered the employ of the Johnston Harvester Company as assistant superintendent, remaining until 1884. He was subsequently interested with others in founding the Batavia electric light plant. Selling that out he moved upon a farm which he occupied until his death. In 1888 he married Louisa N., daughter of Eli H. Fish, who was one of the pioneers and prominent men of Batavia and influential in promoting the growth and progress of the place. Mr. Strong died June 25, 1899. He had led an upright life and was an industrious and greatly respected citizen. He is survived by his widow and one son, J. Harold.

Bogue, Nelson, was born in Elba, Genesee county, N. Y., January 24, 1844. His father, Dan H. Bogue, was a native of Enosburg, Vt. He married Miss Maria Turner, daughter of Elijah Turner, who came from Chenango county, N. Y., and who was among the first settlers in Elba. Nelson Bogue, the third son, is in every respect a self-made man. By his own efforts he made his way through Batavia High School, the Alexander Seminary and the State Normal School of Albany, N. Y., where he graduated in June, 1865. He was assistant teacher in the Attica High School, principal of the Oakfield and Elba schools for one term each. Not owning any land he leased an acre here and there; in 1868 began the foundation of the Batavia Nurseries which now rank among the most complete and best equipped nurseries in the State. Mr. Bogue has not been content with a careful observation and study of the methods of the American nurseryman, but has traveled extensively in Great Britain and the Continent with the view of getting more knowledge covering the selecting, propagating and growing of superior nursery stock. He has been prominently connected with both the agricultural and educational interests of his county and State. Has served as secretary and president of the Genesee County Agricultural Society; was member of executive committee of State Agricultural Society, and is now and has been for several years member of the executive committee of the Western New York Horticultural Society. When Mr. Cleveland was governor he appointed Mr. Bogue a trustee of the State School for the Blind at Batavia for a term of six years, and he is now (March, 1899) serving his sixth year of a like appointment from ex-Governor Flower. Mr. Bogue is a lover of rural life, and, although personally directing his large nursery interests, has found time to quite largely engage in the breed-

ing of Morgan horses and Jersey cattle, and to add to his surroundings many features that make home attractive and happy. He was never married.

Webber, John H., was born in Stafford, N.Y., April 15, 1837. His father, John Webber, was born in England and came to Genesee county in 1818; he married Sophia, daughter of Gen. W. L. Churchill, who served with credit in the war of 1812. John H. Webber has always been a farmer. He married Mary J., daughter of William and Elizabeth Radley; they have three children: Nellie C., Charles R. and Clara E. Mr. Webber is one of the representative citizens of Stafford, a man of unblemished character, and worthy of the respect accorded him.

Darbee, Francis, was born in Bethany, N.Y., August 21, 1841, a son of Lafayette and Mary (Colby) Darbee, and was educated in the common schools. He has always been a farmer and held the office of trustee of schools for two years. He has been married twice; first to Sarah Moore, and after her death to Louise Schwab, and they had three children: Fannie V. and Mabel (both deceased) and Floyd B. Mr. Darbee is a well known and respected citizen of Stafford. His integrity is unquestioned and his interest in public affairs has been active and beneficial to the town.

Haywood, John, was born in England, August 20, 1829, a son of William and Mary (Sanders) Haywood. His father was a native of England and came to Genesee county in 1852, where he carried on farming. He died in 1879 and his wife in 1887. John Haywood was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. In 1856 he married Ann Shapland; their children are Elizabeth A., Mary J., Sarah E., George, John C., Ellen M., Richard, Henry, Walter, Robert, Carrie V., Edith B., Albert C., and Cora E. who died in 1883. Mr. Haywood is one of the representative farmers of Stafford, and throughout his long life has enjoyed the respect of the community.

Douglass, Hart, was born in the town of Stafford, N. Y., February 23, 1839, a son of Leander and Isabelle (Norris) Douglass. His father was a native of Orange county and came to Genesee county in 1837. He was a tanner by trade and was a large contractor in canal and railroad work; he died in 1872. Hart Douglass was educated in the common schools and Pembroke Academy, and has always followed farming. He married Penelope S., daughter of William Westcott; they have two children: Rose N. and Norris W. Mr. Douglass is one of Stafford's enterprising citizens, of sterling integrity and active public spirit.

Wright, James H., was born in Byron, N.Y., December 17, 1837, a son of John and Jemima (Parmelee) Wright. His father was a native of Connecticut and came to Genesee county in 1807, and died in 1867. James H. Wright was educated in the common schools and was long an enterprising and prosperous farmer. He bought the first steam thrashing machine used in this part of the county and for seven years has been employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company as engineer in the pump house, where he has earned the confidence of his employers. He married Julia S., daughter of Alva Stevens; they have one daughter, Jennie Wright White.

Cook, Homer, p. o. Pavilion, N.Y., was born January 14, 1841, a son of Ambrose and Betsey (Beckwith) Cook, and received his education at the Burley Hill School. He has always resided on the farm where he was born, and is still engaged in that occupation and fruit growing. His farm contains 140 acres, of which twenty acres are devoted to apple orchard and thirteen acres to pears. His buildings are exceptionally fine, consisting of four barns, a fruit house and other necessary outbuildings. Politically he is a Republican.

Tillotson, Fred D., p. o. Le Roy, N.Y., son of Chauncey E. and Jeannette L. (Duguid) Tillotson, was born in the town of Pavilion, Genesee county, N.Y., December 15, 1856. He received his primary education in the public schools, subsequently taking a course in the Le Roy Academy. Mr. Tillotson's first occupation in life after finishing his schooling was on the farm, and his entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. On September 11, 1878, he married Lizzie, daughter of John H. and Sarah (Rapp) Drury of Stafford; they have one daughter, S. Jeannette, born July 15, 1879. Mr. Tillotson has taken an active part in local public affairs, having held the office of deputy sheriff for the past two years; he has also served as one of the Republican town committee.

Church, George H., a resident of Bergen nearly all his life, was born March 31, 1844, a son of Samuel and Harriet (Wilcox) Church. His father was born in Oneida county, N.Y., December 16, 1809, and when sixteen years of age came to Bergen, where he learned the blacksmith's trade, but after a few years was obliged to leave it on account of his health, and he then engaged in the brokerage business. He was a lifelong Democrat and held the office of justice of the peace and was justice of sessions at the time of his death, which occurred April 8, 1866. Mrs. Church was a daughter of Capt. Austin Wilcox, who came from Connecticut to Bergen with his wife and five children in 1815, making the journey in covered wagons drawn by oxen. Mrs. Church was born January 31, 1817, being the first child born to them after their arrival in this county, where she resided all her life. She was an active Christian woman and one of the oldest members of the Congregational church at the time of her death, March 2, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Church had three children: Mary J., George H. and Charles S. Mary J. married B. T. Taber of Buffalo, and Charles S. is deceased. George H. acquired his education at the common schools in Bergen and the Bryant & Stratton Business College of Buffalo. From 1864 to 1867 he resided in Buffalo, in the latter year going to Wayland, Steuben county, where he engaged in business. He returned to Bergen in 1868. Since 1877 he has been engaged in the lumber business and since 1885 has owned and conducted a saw and planing mill in connection with his lumber yard. Mr. Church was a Democrat until 1896, since which time he has acted independent of party. He has been called upon by his town's people to fill various offices—justice of the peace, village trustee, treasurer and president of the village, president of the school board, and has been a trustee for twenty-five years of the Congregational church. May 15, 1872, Mr. Church married Belle F. Farnham of Holland, N.Y.; their children are: Jennie B., Clara L., Harriet W., Laura B., Charles S. and Walter S.

Keller, Andrew, is a lifelong resident of Genesee county, born in the town of Stafford, June 8, 1820, the eighth of a family of five sons and five daughters born to Henry and Elizabeth (Flint) Keller, who were natives of the Mohawk country. Henry was born about 1790, and was a farmer. When a young man he moved to Allegany county and in 1819 settled in the town of Stafford; he died in 1865. Andrew Keller grew to manhood on the farm where he was born and of which he and his younger brother, Jacob, came into possession after the death of their father. After a few years Mr. Keller purchased his brother's interest and a few years later sold the homestead, and also bought and sold another farm. In 1878 he purchased a farm of 100 acres in the town of Bergen, where he lived ten years, when he retired from active life, leaving the farm for his son Wilber to conduct. Since that Mr. Keller has divided his time between the farm and the village of Bergen. He has been a member many years of the Stafford Grange, in which he has filled many official positions. Mr. Keller married Caroline Giles of Bethany; their children are: Mrs. Etta Berge, Wilber, and Jennie, wife of William Brodie. Mrs. Keller died in February, 1892. Wilber J. Keller was born in the town of Stafford, January 20, 1861, and was educated in the district schools. He remained on the homestead and assisted his father until 1890, when he took exclusive charge of the farm. He also buys and fats cattle and poultry, which he butchers and sells in the markets in Rochester. He married Minnie, daughter of William and Ann Page; they have two sons and two daughters.

Griffin, C. H., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, April 8, 1863. His father, Samuel B. Griffin, was a native of Wales, N. Y., born December 17, 1829. He married Mary Macomber, daughter of Richard and Temperance (Everts) Campton; their children were: Francis A., Archibald M., Myrtie A., John A., Charles H., Sarah A. and Nancy Y. Charles H. Griffin was educated at Cary Collegiate Seminary, and in 1884 started a general store. On January 1, 1898, he was appointed postmaster. Mr. Griffin married Fannie, daughter of Andrew and Libbie Benton. Mr. Griffin is an enterprising business man and a respected citizen.

Macomber, John L., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Alabama, January 29, 1833. His father, William Macomber, was a native of Kinderhook, N. Y., born in 1797, and settled in Alabama in 1831, where he followed farming. He married Harriet Cutler of Alabama; they had eight children. Mrs. Macomber died in 1844 and Mr. Macomber married Miss M. M. Roe. Mr. Macomber died December 10, 1861. John L. Macomber was educated in the common schools and Cary Collegiate Seminary. December 18, 1861, he married Helen G., daughter of Sylvester Willis; they have one daughter, Alice Macomber Parker, wife of Fred B. Parker, who have one daughter, Helen Macomber Lydia Parker. Mr. Macomber has been trustee of Cary Seminary for twenty-five years, and was elected president of the village in March, 1898. He is a brother of the late Francis A. Macomber, of Rochester, who was for many years one of the justices of the Supreme Court of this State.

Callan, Lawrence D., p. o. Oakfield, was born in the town of Wheatland, N. Y., January 24, 1858, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Carrel) Callan. His father was a

native of Ireland and came to America at the age of fifteen years. He was a stone mason by trade. L. D. Callan came to Oakfield in 1891 and started the leading meat market of the town. He was elected supervisor in the spring of 1898, and was president of the village two years. He is a substantial, energetic and successful business man. In politics he is a Democrat.

Armstrong, Addison, p. o. Oakfield N. Y., was born in Monroe county, N. Y., October 12, 1826, a son of Laurens Armstrong, and was educated at Cary Collegiate Seminary. His first wife was Nancy, daughter of John Smith of Oakfield, and his second wife was Jane, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Pask. His children are: Mrs. Mary L. Taylor, John S., Elizabeth A. and Fanny N. Mr. Armstrong served as supervisor for the years 1860 and 1861. He always took an intelligent interest in public affairs and was a man of sterling integrity. He died June 14, 1898.

Pugsley, Dr. Charles S., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Erie county, N. Y., February 4, 1844. His father, Smith Pugsley, was a native of Poughkeepsie and came to Genesee county in 1825, where he engaged in farming and civil engineering. He married Elizabeth V. Peterson, and died in 1878. Dr. Pugsley was educated in the common schools and at Clarence and Williamsville Academies. He began the study of medicine with Dr. Kittenger in 1867, and from 1869 to 1870 was in the Erie county poor and insane asylum as house physician. February 22, 1870, he was graduated from the Medical University at Buffalo and began his practice at Ransomville, Niagara county, March 27, 1870, forming a co-partnership with Dr. John Dutton of Clarendon, Orleans county, which partnership continued until the death of Dr. Dutton, on August 9, 1871. In 1878 Dr. Pugsley came to Oakfield and in December, 1881, bought the drug business and real estate of J. J. Stedman. December 8, 1874, Dr. Pugsley married Cora E., daughter of H. C. Martin; they have three children. Dr. Pugsley is one of the successful physicians of Oakfield and has served several years as coroner of the county; he has also been president of the village and of the board of education, and in 1886 was elected a curator of the Buffalo Medical University. The doctor belongs to the Masonic order, also a subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows, in both of which he stands high. Dr. Pugsley has done much to assist in improving and upbuilding the village of Oakfield.

Halsey, Henry, p. o. Oakfield, was born in Henrietta, Monroe county, a son of Edward and Nancy (Goff) Halsey. He was educated in the common schools and attended the Quaker School at Union Springs for three years. During the three succeeding years he worked the homestead farm, and in 1886 came to Oakfield and engaged in the hay and produce business. In 1861 Mr. Halsey married Lucetta Frary; they have two sons: Fred E. and Bruce F. Mr. Halsey is an enterprising business man, taking an active interest in the development of the town.

Coffin, A. D., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Middlefield, N. Y., October 10, 1845, a son of Ferran and Harriet (North) Coffin. He was educated in the common schools and commenced farming, making a specialty of hop raising. In 1875 he be-

gan the manufacture of a fertilizer for his own use and afterwards started a large factory in Oneonta, N. Y. He came to Oakfield in 1891, and started a plant of seventy-five tons capacity per day, the product of which found a wide distribution. Mr. Coffin married Charlotte, daughter of George Parchall of Otsego county; their children are Luella, Gilbert and George.

Allen, Seneca, p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in the town of Batavia, September 7, 1821, a son of Libbeus A. and Esther (Wright) Allen. His father was a native of Otsego county and came to Genesee county in 1817. He died December 4, 1887, aged ninety-four years. Seneca Allen was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. In 1844 he married Maria Showman; their children are Millard, Walter, Retta, and Carrie Ware, who died in 1871. Mr. Allen is one of the progressive farmers of Oakfield, and a man of sterling integrity and high character.

Anthony, Paul, p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., April 25, 1823, a son of Dryers and Rachel (Winner) Anthony, was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. He had the mail contract from Batavia to Albion for a time and has been trustee of schools for five years. He married Emily, daughter of William Childs; they have three children: Sophy, Alice and Charles. Mr. Anthony is one of the leading farmers of Oakfield, and enjoys the respect of the community.

Bauer, John, p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Germany, February 16, 1849, educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. He came to Oakfield from Germany in 1877, and married Mary Burr; they have three children; Fred J., Frank J. and Helen. Mr. Bauer has met with success in his efforts and is classed among the reputable and respected citizens of the town.

Barrett, Joseph B., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Monroe county, N. Y., July 26, 1819, a son of Joseph and Mehitabel (Brown) Barrett. His father was a native of Vermont and came to Byron, Genesee county, in 1824, and died in 1831. J. B. Barrett was educated in the common schools, taught school for five years, and took up farming. He was assessor in Elba twelve years and in Oakfield three years; he also served as highway commissioner and was school trustee for fifteen years. In 1841 Mr. Barrett married Sarah M., daughter of Abram Adams, who died in 1884; he married, second, Mary J. Davis of Brockport, and his children are Elvin A., Isabelle, Page, Edward P., Augusta and Isaac. Mr. Barrett is a public spirited citizen and in the several official positions occupied by him, has demonstrated his fitness for public service.

Edgerton, Alanson, was born in the town of Barre, Orleans county, N. Y., December 12, 1823. In 1853 he married Emeline Palmer of Ridgeway. He removed with his parents to Elba when he was ten years old. His active life has been passed as a farmer. He removed to the village of Batavia in 1878, and remained until 1898, when he returned to his farm. Mr. Edgerton has been a prosperous and successful farmer. He is endowed with a powerful, vigorous frame, and at seventy-six shows

few traces of old age. His eldest son, Freeman Edgerton, was born April 13, 1861. He was educated in the public schools and at the Batavia Union School. In 1882 he married Susie, daughter of Truman Phelps, and they have four children, Ray N., Alanson H., Neva L. and Emma F. He is a farmer and resides in Elba. Hart Edgerton, the younger son of Alanson Edgerton, was born January 16, 1863. He resides in Rochester.

Fisher, Monroe L., p. o. Darien Center, N. Y., is a member of one of the oldest and most respected pioneer families in Genesee county. His great-great-grandfather came from Brownville to the Holland Purchase in Alexander in 1804, and settled on what is now known as the "Lillie Fisher farm," where he spent a long and useful life, and died at the advanced age of ninety-eight. Alanson T., his great-grandfather, was born in Brownville, N. Y., September 20, 1800; married February 27, 1844, Sophia Monroe, and settled in Darien Center, where he remained until his death on March 6, 1886. Charles M. Fisher, the only son of Alanson T. and father of Monroe L., was born November 28, 1845; married Alice M. Grannis, August 1, 1866, and to them was born two sons. Monroe L. Fisher was born in Sedalia, Peters county, Mo., July 23, 1867. In 1868 his parents removed to Batavia, N. Y., where he was educated in the public schools. His brother, Carlton G., was born in the town of Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., September 24, 1872.

Parker, William H., M. D., p. o. Darien Center, N. Y., who is prominent among the physicians of Genesee county and held in high esteem by the community, is the third son of Lyman A. and Sarah J. (Danser) Parker, and was born in the town of Clarence, Erie county, N. Y., August 9, 1856. He received his primary education in the public schools and the Clarence Union School. In 1878 he entered the office of Dr. Henry Lapp as a student, and in 1881 was graduated from the University of Buffalo with the degree of M. D. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Corfu, where he was successfully engaged for eighteen months. He then removed to Clarence and formed a copartnership with his preceptor, Dr. Lapp, under the firm name of Lapp & Parker, which partnership continued five years. At this time he located in Buffalo and while a resident of that city was appointed superintendent of the Erie County Insane Asylum, which position he held three years. In the fall of 1879 he was elected coroner of Erie county, which office he held until he removed to Darien Center. In 1895 he was elected to the same office in Genesee county, which office he now holds. In June, 1897, he he was appointed U. S. pension surgeon. Dr. Parker is a member of the Wyoming County Medical Association, the Gross Medical Club, and while a resident of Buffalo was a member of the Erie County Medical Society. On October 15, 1884, he married Kate, daughter of Ebenezer W. and Harriet (Hason) Ladd, of Clarence.

Strong, George, p. o. Lehigh, N. Y., a native of Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., was born October 2, 1835, a son of Eben P. Strong, who was born in Warren, Conn., January 28, 1794. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was sent with a detachment of soldiers from his native town to Sackets Harbor. He was discharged in 1813 and came to Pembroke (now Darien), and obtained a land contract from the

Holland Land office. On January 16, 1822, he married Margaret Johns, who was born in Lancashire, England, January 11, 1799. He died on the farm where he first settled March 28, 1843. Mrs. Strong died October 7, 1888. George Strong was one of five children. He was educated in the public schools, and has devoted his entire life to agriculture and the raising and marketing of small fruits. In November, 1851, he married Emma A., daughter of George and Betsey (Kennedy) Wells; they have three children: George W., born in April, 1861; Orlo E., born in November, 1865, and Perry V., born September, 1868. Mr. Strong is a member of the North Alexander Grange and Advent church.

Nye, Ira H., p. o. Ray, N. Y., son of Freeman and Harriette (Stevens) Nye, was born in Mottville, Onondaga county, N. Y., May 13, 1843. When five years of age his parents removed to Darien, where he was educated in the public schools. After his boyhood, which was spent on his father's farm, he began his business experience in 1866 by going to Michigan to engage in horse dealing, which he carried on very successfully for ten years. He then located in South Bend, Ind., where he resided until 1881, when he removed to Stevens Point, Wis., where he carried on a wholesale business for two years. He next went to Bay City and conducted the same business there for three years. In 1886 Mr. Nye accepted the management of the stock farm of Gen. Howard, of Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained until 1891, and then came to Batavia. After one year he bought his present farm in Darien, where he has since lived. On December 14, 1865, Mr. Nye married Frances, daughter of Zina and Rebecca Wait; they have one son, Carl. Mr. Nye is a man of a few words, of sound business judgment, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

Sutherland, James H., p. o. Darien, N. Y., son of Amaziah and Lucy (Hall) Sutherland, was born in the town of Pembroke (now Darien), Genesee county, N. Y., December 16, 1828. He had the advantages of a good education and at an early age was employed as a teacher in the public schools during the winter months and in the summer worked on his father's farm. In 1852 he engaged in mercantile business at Darien Center, where he conducted a general store until 1868. He then accepted a position with the Erie Railroad Company, in charge of the Griswold station, and faithfully discharged his duties there nineteen years. At the end of this service he engaged in farming, which he still follows. Mr. Sutherland has always taken an active interest in political affairs and held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years. He was supervisor of his town from 1881 to 1884. In politics he is a Democrat. On July 4, 1853, he married Emma, daughter of Lorine and Eunice (Jinks) Carter; they have one daughter, May, wife of Giles Ranger. Mr. Sutherland is a member of Attica Lodge No. 462, F. & A. M.

Smith, W. H., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, June 21, 1854. His father, J. J. Smith, was a native of Mohawk, came to Oakfield in 1830 and was a blacksmith for fifty years. He married Louisa Hart; their children were Warner H., Melancton J., Edward, Wallace, Nancy A., Louisa and Emma; he died in 1886. W. H. Smith was educated in the common schools and followed the trade of his father. In 1890 his place was destroyed by fire. In the same year he built the new

brick block where he carries on an extensive business in the sale of wagons and all kinds of farming implements. He is erecting also another large block. In 1872 he married Louisa Tripp; they have three children: Frank, Beattie and Della. Mr. Smith is an active business man, is always ready to do his share of any task that promises to benefit the town, and is respected throughout the community.

Brown, William H., son of Allen and Nancy J. Brown, was born in Steuben county, N. Y., September 13, 1838. His parents were among the early settlers of Steuben county, and when he was yet a boy they moved to the town of Alexander, where he attended the common schools and later removed to Darien. He worked on his father's farm in his early youth and at the age of twenty-one began to till the soil on his own account. On November 22, 1860, he married Diana, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Vandebogart) Innes; they had three children: Jennie, wife of Nicholas L. Mosher, Gertrude and Agnes D. The youngest daughter was graduated from the State Normal School at Geneseo in the class of 1898. Mr. Brown and his wife are members of the Methodist church. He is a member of Corfu Grange. Mr. Brown is a good and useful citizen, and is esteemed accordingly by his friends and fellow-townsmen.

Gibson, Robert, p. o. South Alabama, N. Y., was born in South Alabama, July 20, 1845. His father, William Gibson, was born in Ireland in 1809, and came to Genesee county in 1832, where he followed farming. He married Margaret Tauff, of Ireland, who died in 1855. Robert Gibson was educated in the common schools, and in 1863 enlisted in the volunteer service in the 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and was mustered out at Monson's Hill in June, 1865. He then engaged in farming, which he continued fifteen years; he then engaged in the produce and stock business. Mr. Gibson is one of the representative men of the town, and has always been identified with its best interests.

Moule, Philip H., was born in the town of Riga, N. Y., August 25, 1850. He is a son of Levi D. Moule, who was a native of Ulster county, N. Y., and came to Genesee county in 1847. Levi D. Moule married Mary S. Van Dusen, and was a farmer. He located in Batavia in 1866, purchasing the Pease farm, which is now owned by his son, Philip Moule. He died May 7, 1894. Philip H. Moule was educated at Batavia and in 1875 married Mary A., daughter of Foster Bradley. They have four children: Foster L., Leonard G., Dora B. and Myrtle A.

Mylcrane, William T., was born in Syracuse, N. Y., November 10, 1853. He is a son of William Mylcrane, who was a native of the Isle of Man and emigrated to this country in 1845, settling in Syracuse, where he was a prosperous contractor and builder. William T. Mylcrane received his education in the district and high schools of Syracuse, and after graduating from the latter accepted a position at the head of the bookkeeping department of the large dry goods house of D. McCarthy & Co. Resigning that position he became connected with the Cape Cod Coarse Salt Company, of which he was made manager. Under his administration this company prospered and Mr. Mylcrane remained with it seven years, becoming in the meantime

owner of part of a large solar salt field. At the close of this period he became associated with the Baker Gun and Forging Company of Syracuse, makers of a superior line of shotguns. Mr. Mylcrane was made secretary and treasurer of this company in 1888, and owing partly to his influence the works were removed to Batavia. He followed in 1889 and since that time has been prominent in the direction of the company. In 1898 he was elected president and holds that responsible position at the present time. The company turn out some of the finest guns made in this country, and under Mr. Mylcrane's sagacious management the business is prosperous. Mr. Mylcrane was married in 1876 to Sarah B. Miller. He is high in Masonry and has held the office of master of Batavia Lodge No. 475, and of commander of Batavia Commandery No. 34, K. T. He has been a member of the Board of Trade since its organization.

Harris, Frank J., was born in the town of Elba, N. Y., August 16, 1855, son of James W. Harris, who was a native and one of early residents of the same town. James W. married Mary E. Parker, and was a successful farmer. Frank J. Harris was educated in Batavia, and on July 12, 1881, married Kate F., daughter of A. U. Willis; they have six children: James, George, Robert, Lulu B., Helen M. and Edna. Mr. Harris bought his present farm of two hundred acres in 1868. He has served as assessor for three years.

White, Darius, was born in Center York, Livingston county, N. Y., February 14, 1822, a son of Samuel and Betsey (Rogers) White. He was educated in the common schools, and in 1867 married Cornelia, daughter of Joseph Lund, who settled in the town of Alabama in 1811; they had one daughter, Harriet Corrine, who died in 1897. Mr. White is a successful farmer and during his long life has been accorded the esteem of his fellow citizens.

Pratt, Charles, was born in Orange county, November 3, 1828. His father, Thomas Pratt, was a native of London, England, and came to the United States in 1804, settling in New York; he married Christina Ackerman, and through life was a farmer. He moved to Monroe county in 1833 and in 1850 to Genesee county, where he died in 1870. Charles Pratt was educated in the public schools and in 1855 married Harriet E., daughter of John A. Sanford. Mrs. Pratt died in 1868. Mr. Pratt is one of the practical and successful farmers of his town. He has served as highway commissioner three years and as assessor six years. His sisters, Mary and Martha Pratt, are associated in the management and ownership of their large farm. Mr. Pratt has been a Free Mason for twenty-five years and is prominently identified with the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

Kenney, Richard R., was born in Ireland and came to the United States and settled in Batavia in 1847. In 1845 he married Margaret Carhart; they have seven children: John, William, Joseph, Mary, Catherine, Gertie and Margaret. Mr. Kenney is a successful farmer and a citizen of recognized worth.

Jacks, James C., was born in Batavia, N. Y., August 20, 1818, a son of Samuel and

Betsey (Husted) Jacks. His father was a native of Londonderry, N. H., and was a prominent blacksmith and farmer. James C. was educated in the public schools and in 1841 married Josephine B., daughter of John Chester Wilford; they have had five children: Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., Corwin, Mrs. Mary E. Kellogg, Mrs. Julia W. Bradley and Mrs. Sarah Josephine Silliman. Mr. Jacks died August 5, 1898.

Swezey, Hiram, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., October 6, 1824, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Wood) Swezey. He was educated in the common schools and Fairfield Academy. He taught for several years, but during most of his life has given his attention mainly to farming. In 1858 he moved to the town of Victor and remained there until 1882, when he came to Batavia and purchased the Jerome Thompson property. He is largely engaged in dairying. In 1853 Mr. Swezey married Mary, daughter of Daniel Silliman; they had five children: George S., H. Eugene, Cora J., May G. and Caroline.

Edgerton, Henry G., was born in Orleans county, N. Y., May 30, 1825, and is a son of Henry and Jane (West) Edgerton. His father was a native of Vermont and removed to Orleans county in 1816, where he was one of the pioneer farmers; he died in 1874. Henry G. Edgerton was educated in the common schools and came to Elba with his parents in 1832. In 1843 he married Eleanore, daughter of Rice Baldwin; they had four children: George B., Charles A., William F. and Mrs. Albert Martin.

Miner, Sherman L., was born in Batavia, N. Y., December 11, 1864. He is a son of Austin T. Miner, who came to Batavia in 1811 as one of the pioneer settlers. Sherman L. Miner was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer. In 1898 he purchased his present place. In 1893 he married Mary J., daughter of Francis Prescott; they have two sons: Francis Austin and Leman Sherman.

Cary, Martin, was born in Ireland in 1835, and came to the United States in 1848 with his brother, William Cary, settling in the town of Perry, Wyoming county. In 1853 he came to Genesee county and lived in Batavia, where he learned the mason's trade. In 1860 he married Eliza Bradley; they have three daughters: Mrs. Alice B. Bogue, Mrs. William Childs and Georgiana.

Parker, Orrin C.—The subject of this sketch was born March 29, 1838. He married Melia A. Pember August 11, 1862. The same year he enlisted as a private in the 129th N. Y. Volunteers, but before the regiment left Lockport for the front he was commissioned second lieutenant in Company G. When this regiment was reorganized and became the 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery he received the appointment as first lieutenant in the same company. In December, 1864, he was made captain and transferred to Company E, which he commanded until the close of the war. Captain Parker participated with this famous regiment in all its campaigns, including Cold Harbor, Reams Station and Appomattox. His army record was first class. He was elected treasurer of Genesee county in 1875. He served seven years as eminent commander of the Batavia Commandery No. 34 of the Knights Templar. In late years Captain Parker has been engaged in farming.

North, James Agard, was born in Alexander, N. Y., July 13, 1856, on the same farm where his father, for whom he was named, was born January 4, 1813. The father died at Attica, November 9, 1893. James A. North, sr., was married June 6, 1847, to Rebecca Safford. Mrs. North died in Alexander July 14, 1884, at the age of sixty-two years. Mr. North was married in March, 1878, to Eunice A. Gould, and they have had two children: Frank A. and Myra R. On the 4th of August, 1898, Myra was killed near her home in Stafford by a train of cars. Mr. North began teaching school at the age of sixteen years and has taught nearly every year since. He is one of the few teachers in Genesee county holding a State certificate entitling him to teach without further examination for life. He removed to Stafford in 1885, and carries on his farm besides keeping up his work as a teacher. He has one sister, Mrs. Edward H. (Olive) Putnam of Attica, and one brother, Safford E. North of Batavia.

Wheeler, G. Harrison, was born in Batavia, N. Y., March 14, 1842. His father, George C. Wheeler, was a native of Rehoboth, Mass., and came to Genesee county in 1824 with his parents, Col. Simon and Rachael Wheeler, settling in the town of Oakfield. George C. Wheeler married Hannah S., daughter of George Benson; he died in 1895 in his seventy-ninth year. G. Harrison Wheeler was educated in the common schools. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. K, 12th N. Y. Volunteers, and served during the campaigns of the Army of the Potomac, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of the war. In 1866 Mr. Wheeler married Lavinia, daughter of John Fischel. In 1866 he purchased the Cook farm of ninety-eight acres. He has served as highway commissioner for two terms and as commander of Upton Post, G. A. R.

Gillette, Charles L., was born in Orange county, N. Y., April 16, 1831, and is a son of Isaac and Eleanore (Vale) Gillette. In 1854 he married Mary S., daughter of John Webber; they have four children: Isaac W., Harry L., Ralph W. and Sophie E. Mr. Gillette received a common school education, has made a success of farming and has been especially active in the temperance cause.

Miner, Austin T., was born in Berkshire county, Mass., February 9, 1811, and with his parents, Leman and Joanna Tauer Miner, came to Genesee county in 1816, among the pioneer settlers. Leman Miner died in 1836. Austin Miner was educated in the district schools and in Wyoming, after which he taught school for several years. From 1840 to 1850 he was interested in woolen manufacture. In 1857 he married Exana M. Smith, who died in 1840. He afterward married Caroline A., daughter of Ebenezer E. Brown; they have eight children: Lyman B., John A., Otis A., Seward H., Donnelly S., Sherman L., George Elliot, Mrs. Mary J. Rickert and Mrs. Florence Taverdale.

Uphill, William H., was born in Somerset, England, and came to the United States April 10, 1850, with his parents, Thomas and Ann Uphill, settling in Erie county. He came to Genesee county in 1868. William H. Uphill was educated in the common schools. In 1880 he married Alice, daughter of Orlando Spencer; they have three children: James G., Sarah and Louise. Mr. Uphill is a prominent farmer

and interested in public affairs. In 1890 he was elected highway commissioner and has served seven years.

Terry, John W., was born on the homestead in Batavia, N. Y., October 1, 1848. His father, George W., was a native of the town of Byron, N. Y., where his father, George W. Terry, settled about 1810. George W., sr., married Jemima Gillett, and died in 1850. George W., jr., married Lavinia, daughter of Roswell Graham, for his first wife; his second wife was Emily, daughter of Chester White. Mr. Terry died April 9, 1879, in his sixty-eighth year. John W. Terry was educated in the common schools and in 1876 married Jennie daughter of Albert Parker; they have five children: George A., Parker C., Walter J., John W., jr., and Jessie R.

Reid, James, was born in Ireland, September 11, 1824, and came to the United States in 1846, settling in Batavia. In 1865 he married Mary Dean; they had six children: Patrick, John, Roger, James, Mary and Catherine.

Fitzsimons, John, was born in County Westmeath, Ireland, in 1848, a son of John and Ann (Evers) Fitzsimons. His father was a lifelong farmer and emigrated to the United States in 1863, coming direct to the town of Sweden, Monroe county, N. Y., where he resided five years. He then moved with his family to Bergen, where he bought a farm on which he and his wife spent their remaining days. John Fitzsimons attended school in Ireland and came to America with his parents, remaining with them and assisting on the farm until nearly the time of their death. In 1883 he purchased his present farm of 110 acres, to which he moved in 1886. Mr. Fitzsimons is a consistent believer in the principles of Democracy and is a respected citizen. In February, 1886, he married Margaret McCormick; they have three children: Bessie, born in 1888; Marie, born in 1890, and Helena, born in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimons are members of St. Peter's Church of Le Roy.

Smith, Mary E., p. o. Darien Center, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bell) Champany, and wife of the late J. Craig Smith, was born in the town of Columbia, Herkimer county, N. Y., April 30, 1835. Her childhood was spent at home and in the common schools. Her parents removed to Rome, Oneida county, where she was employed in a cheese factory. It was here that she first met Mr. Smith, who was employed by the same firm as bookkeeper. In September, 1859, they were married and subsequently Mr. Smith was placed in charge of a factory at Truxton, N. Y., making cheese from the milk of 1,550 cows. In 1873 he removed to Darien Center, bought the store and cheese factory of John Buckley, where he carried on business until his death, March 23, 1898. Mr. Smith was one of the prominent men of the town, was a staunch Republican and held the office of town clerk for eight years. He was a member of New Lodge No. 451, I. O. O. F., and of the Order of the Macabees.

Childs, Wilber J., p. o. Pembroke, N. Y., was born in the township of Pembroke, N. Y., June 1, 1842, was educated in the common schools and his early life was spent in farming. For the past thirteen years he has been a general merchant in Pem-

broke. In 1892 he was appointed postmaster by the Cleveland administration, having been deputy postmaster for several years before. April 16, 1884, he married Lizzie L. Litt of Pembroke, and they have one son, Lawrence Litt, born October 6, 1894. Mr. Childs's father, William Childs, was born in Connecticut in 1781 and was a farmer. He married Sarah Whiting of his native place, who bore him eight children: Zulyman, Amelia, Emily, Eliza, and in 1815 the family came to Batavia, where were born Lucy A., Sarah J., Mary E. and Wilber J. Mr. Childs died in 1863 and his widow in 1874. Henry Childs, grandfather of Wilber J., was born in Connecticut and was prominent in educational affairs, having taught school many years. Mrs. Childs's father, John Litt, was born in Germany, April 8, 1803, where he was educated. He married Clara Young of his native place, who was born in 1812; they had four children: Julia L., Clara, Conrad and Lizzie L., all born in Germany except Mrs. Childs. Julia L. married Dan Dean of Pembroke. Clara married Frederick Senn of Pembroke; they had five children: Julia, Clara, Henry, Martha and John. Mrs. Senn died September 6, 1873. Conrad was a soldier in Co. C., 100th N. Y. Infantry, and was killed at Fort Wagner in 1863. Mr. Litt died January 22, 1879, and his wife October 10, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Childs are members of the Christian Church, of which he is one of the elders and Sunday school superintendent.

Earl, Thomas A., p. o. Attica, N. Y., son of Mahlon and Elva A. (Earl) Earl, was born in the town of Alexander, Genesee county, N. Y., August 8, 1863. He received his education in the Attica Union School. From his boyhood he had a natural fondness for telegraphy, and early in life began an apprenticeship in the Erie Railroad station at Alexander. Later he entered the employ of the L. S. & M. S. Railroad at Erie, Pa. where he remained two years, when he was transferred to Salamanca, and there remained five years. He then entered the train dispatcher's office at Oswego, in the employ of the R., W. & O. Railroad, remaining in their employ there and at Syracuse six years. He next went to Rochester in the N. Y. C. & H. R. Railroad office, and after one year resigned his position and returned home, where he has since been engaged in farming. On September 29, 1887, Mr. Earl married Gertrude L., daughter of Edward C. and Rusha (Smith) Bryant of Hornellsville, N. Y.

Nightingale, John, was born in Yorkshire, England, March 10, 1830, and came to the United States in 1832, with his parents, David and Sarah Nightingale, settling in Rome, N. Y. He married Caroline E., daughter of Benjamin E. Wheat; they have three sons: George H., Frank A. and Charles R. Mr. Nightingale is a successful farmer; has served as assessor and highway commissioner, takes an intelligent interest in town matters and is recognized as a man of sterling integrity. George Nightingale married Hattie L., daughter of S. S. Brown, and they have one daughter, Anna L. Mr. Nightingale is one of the old residents of the town of Byron.

Bull, Pierrepont E., was born in Stephentown, Rensselaer county, N. Y., August 31, 1799. His father, Abner Bull, was a native of the same county, and the family trace their descent from Thomas Bull, who came to the United States in the ship Hopewell, landing in Connecticut in 1635. Pierrepont E. Bull came to Genesee county in 1826, and married Rhoda, daughter of Nathan Patchen; they had two

daughters: Mrs. Elizabeth Barker of Clarendon, and Miss R. W. Bull. Mr. Bull was one of the successful and respected farmers of Genesee county, and his death, which occurred in 1868, was a distinct loss to his family and the community. His wife died in 1870.

Hall, Samuel T., was born in Elba, February 27, 1834, and is a son of Zurial and Polly (Ford) Hall. His father was a native of Connecticut and came to Byron in 1809; later he moved to Rock county, Wisconsin, where he died in 1878. Samuel T. Hall was educated in the common schools, learned the carpenter's trade and for twenty years was employed by the Johnston Harvester Co. at Brockport and Batavia. In 1859 he married Phoebe J., daughter of Jesse Seeley; they have two daughters: Mrs. Charles C. Fellows and Mrs. Jewell.

Bennett, Albert F., was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1843, and is a son of Lucius R. Bennett, a native of Connecticut. A. F. Bennett was educated in Wisconsin and learned the miller's trade. In 1889 he came to Byron and entered into partnership with Mr. McKenzie in the milling business. In 1868 he married Phoebe G. McKenzie, and they have two children; Charles and Flora. Mr. Bennett is a public spirited citizen and has served as justice of the peace.

Searls, Clayton, p. o. East Pembroke, was born on his present homestead, April 30, 1858, was educated in the public schools and East Pembroke Seminary, and is a successful farmer. December 4, 1884, he married Millie M. Vroom of Marilla, Erie county, N. Y., and they have had three children: C. Starr, L. Clair (who died in his eighth year), and Vera M. Mr. Searls's father, John Searls, was born at Sand Lake, N. Y., April 6, 1821, and came with his parents to this town when fifteen years old. He was educated in the district schools and by his father, who was a school teacher. He was thrice married; first, on November 19, 1845, to Catherine Dobson, who died July 14, 1847; second, in 1849, to Eliza Wait, who died April 18, 1855, leaving one son, Ozias W.; and third, on March 18, 1857, to Minerva M. Bottsford, who bore him three children: Clayton (as above); Cora A., wife of Dr. Elliott C. Smith, who died May 29, 1883, aged twenty-three years; and Melinda J., who died August 6, 1864. Mr. Searls died April 26, 1865; his widow survives at this date (1898). His father, Reuben, was born in Massachusetts in 1793, and his wife, Sophia Gould, was born in 1792. Mrs. Searls's father, Eliakim Bottsford, was born in Milford, Conn., in 1793. He married Polly Ford of his native place, born in 1800, and nine children were born to them. Mr. Bottsford died in 1875 and his wife in 1855. Mrs. Millie M. Searls's father, George Vroom, was born in Pultney, Steuben county, N. Y., in 1825, and came to Wyoming county when a boy and subsequently removing to Erie county, where he married Hannah M. Brooks, who was born in Franklin county in 1831. They had four children: Charlotte, Hannah E., Chester G. and Millie M. (as above). Mr. Vroom died in 1896; his widow survives at this date (1898). Mr. Searls is a Republican, and respected by his townsmen.

Foss, Fred, p. o. Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in October, 1839, was educated in the schools of that country, and came to the United States

in 1860, locating in the town of Pembroke, Genesee county, N. Y., where he has since carried on farming and now owns an excellent farm. In 1861 Mr. Foss married Sophia Harty, of Indian Falls; they have one son, John, who is a farmer, and who married Jessie McCrae; they have four children: Roy, Jane, Bert and Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Foss are members of the German Evangelical church.

Blood, Luman, p. o. Ray, N. Y., is a son of Nathan and Rhoda (Everts) Blood, and was born in the town of Bethany, Genesee county, N. Y., March 26, 1833. After obtaining such education as was afforded by a common school in those days Mr. Blood began teaching during winters and working on the farm in summers until he was about twenty-five years of age, when he turned his attention to farming, in which he has been engaged ever since. In April, 1858, he married Sarah Sprague; they have three children: Arthur, Fred and Cora, wife of Emory Lincoln.

Pettibone, James A., p. o. Attica, N. Y., is a native of the village of Attica, Wyoming county, N. Y., where he was born August, 19, 1852. His ancestors were French Huguenots and came to this country in 1774, settling in Connecticut. James A. is a son of Giles and Sophronia (Sheldon) Pettibone, who came from Connecticut and Vermont respectively to Warsaw, N. Y., in 1821. In early life he had few educational advantages, but in after years he was a diligent student and by his own exertion has succeeded in acquiring a good practical education. Mr. Pettibone has devoted his entire life to agriculture with the exception of two years (1884 and 1885) when he was engaged in the retail boot and shoe business in Attica. Mr. Pettibone was married February 10, 1876, to Mary, adopted daughter of Jonas and Almira (De Mary) Coon; they have five children: Nettie, Edgar, James, Arthur and Ernest. Mr. Pettibone is a man of good character and is esteemed in the community.

Moulton, Orsamond B., p. o. Alexander, N. Y., was born in Alexander, Genesee county, N. Y., August 9, 1833. His grandfather, who came from Massachusetts in 1810, was among the first settlers of that town, then almost a wilderness, and was subjected to all the privations, toil and difficulties peculiar to pioneer life. Orsamond B. is a son of Lewis and Melvina (Benedict) Moulton, and has spent his entire life upon the farm, with exception of ten years during which he was employed by the Big Four and the Lake Shore Railroad Company, from 1861 to 1871. Since that time he has been successfully engaged in farming. In February, 1855, Mr. Moulton married Emily, daughter of David and Minerva (Bradway) Thorp; they have two children: Elliott, who is a station agent for the D., L. & W. Railroad, and Emma, wife of Clarence Vrooman of Alexander. Mr. Moulton is a member of Bethany Grange, and holds the office of highway commissioner of the town.

Moulton, Edward F., p. o. Alexander, N. Y., son of Byram and Corrinna L. (Wells) Moulton, was born in the town of Alexander, Genesee county, N. Y., August 3 1843. His father was the son of Capt. Royal Moulton, who came to Alexander in 1810, and was born near Springfield, Mass., in December, 1772. He was the first settler on the Batavia road, where he resided until his death in 1865; he was the first Whig

supervisor elected in the town. Byram Moulton had four children: Edward F., Albert H., Byram, jr., and Charles W. Edward F., the eldest, was educated in the common schools and the Genesee and Wyoming Seminary. In 1862 he enlisted in the 22d N. Y. Independent Battery Light Artillery, and served until the close of the war. He then returned home and engaged in farming for three years, after which he entered the U. S. railway mail service, serving on all the divisions of the N. Y. C. and L. S. & M. S. railroads between New York and Chicago. In 1891 he retired from the mail service and settled on his present farm where he has since resided. On July 3, 1862, Mr. Moulton married Ella B., daughter of Wellington and Phoebe (Beardsley) Colby; they have one son, Albert. Mr. Moulton is a member of Upton Post No. 299, G. A. R., of Batavia; has held the office of collector of taxes of the town, and inspector of elections.

Ahl, Charles, p. o. West Bethany, N. Y., son of John O. and Elizabeth (Clor) Ahl, was born in the town of Orangeville, Wyoming county, N. Y., April 20, 1841. His parents were natives of France and on coming to this country settled in Buffalo, where his father carried on a tailoring business for a number of years. He subsequently removed to Wyoming county, where he resided until his death. Charles Ahl has always been engaged in farming. On April 10, 1873, he married Barbara Markley; they have three children: Arthur, John W. and Albert J. Mr. Ahl is an industrious and enterprising citizen.

Snell, H. E., was born in the town of Pembroke, N. Y., October 13, 1870. His father, H. H. Snell, a native of Connecticut, came to Genesee county in 1855 with his parents, who were among the pioneers of the town of Linden. H. H. Snell married Susan M. Seaman, and through life has been engaged in educational work and is now superintendent of schools at Hoosick Falls, N. Y. H. E. Snell was educated in the union schools, and learned the blacksmith trade, establishing his present business in Elba in 1896. In 1891 Mr. Snell married Miriam, daughter of Edward Shaffer; they have two sons: Wade H. and Harold E.

Turner, A. L., was born in Clarendon, N. Y., September 6, 1861, a son of Charles and Orvilla (Pettengill) Turner, and was educated in Clarendon and Holley. In 1883 he came to Elba and established his hardware business. In 1885 he married Harriet, daughter of David Weatherbee, and they have one daughter, Grace. Mr. Turner is one of the progressive business men of his town, has served as justice of the peace twelve years, and takes an active interest in political affairs.

Allen, Gideon, p. o. Alabama Center, N. Y., was born in Washington county, January 9, 1824, a son of Joseph and Eliza (Case) Allen. His father was a native of Washington county and came to Genesee county in 1835, where he was a farmer; he died in 1886. Gideon Allen was educated in the common schools and for twelve years worked at the carpenter and joiner trade. He then took up farming. In 1854 he married Marcia Willis, daughter of Sylvester Willis of Rutland, Vt.; they have two children, Bertie and John W. Mr. Allen's long life has been so spent as to bring him the respect of the community.

Roberts, Charles D., p. o. Wheatville, N. Y., was born in Alabama, October 21, 1853, a son of George and Sarah (Starkweather) Roberts. Charles D. was educated in Cary Seminary and has always followed farming. He married Jennie Maus; they have two children: J. G. and Kittie R.

Fountain, Norton, p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Mendon, Monroe county, N. Y., November 11, 1833. His father was a native of Orleans county, and married Pauline Davis, daughter of Martin Davis; their children were John, Robert, Jerome, Howard, Caroline, Adelaide and Norton. Mr. Fountain died in 1861. Norton Fountain was educated in Macedon Center and at the Rochester Business College, after which he taught school three years. Mr. Fountain is one of the progressive farmers of Alabama and a man of excellent character and of sterling integrity.

Vancuren, Edward, for ten years past has been one of the successful farmers of Genesee county. He is one of a family of four children of Charles and Catherine (Groat) Vancuren, and was born in Rochester, N. Y. He married Emily Dunn of Pembroke; they have one son, Arthur. The family reside in Darien, p. o. Corfu.

Maloney, John, son of Thomas and Julia (Delehanty) Maloney, was born in Genesee, Livingston county, N. Y., May 12, 1861. He came with his father's family to Darien in 1876, where he was educated in the public schools, supplemented by a course at the State Normal school at Genesee. He has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits. Politically he is a Democrat and has held the office of tax collector, pathmaster, school committeeman and excise commissioner, all of which he has filled to the entire satisfaction of his fellow townsmen. On February 5, 1883, Mr. Maloney married Ellen A., daughter of Martin and Ellen (Scanlon) Haley; and they have had nine children: Nellie, Martin and Thomas (twins), William, Mary (deceased), John, Leo, Robert E. and Julia. Mr. Maloney resides in Darien.

Ingraham, George S., son of Alfred and Lucinda (Watkins) Ingraham, was born in the town of Springwater, Livingston county, N. Y., October 18, 1828. When he was two years of age his parents removed to Wayland, Steuben county, where he was educated in the common schools. He lived at home until twenty-three years old, when he took up the carpenter trade, which he followed for ten years. In July, 1853, Mr. Ingraham married Amelia Smith, and their children are Mary, wife of Charles Neal; Ira Harmon, Albert and Edwin H. Mr. Ingraham's father was a soldier in the war of 1812; his grandfather was in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Ingraham resides in Darien.

Wagner, Joseph W., son of Mathias and Mary (Staple) Wagner, was born in the town of Darien, Genesee county, N. Y., March 18, 1858. His parents were natives of Germany and came to this country in 1847, settling in Darien, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Wagner received his early education in the common schools of his native town and in the town of Alden. He worked on his father's farm until June 17, 1884, when he married Mary, daughter of George and Katherine

(Huber) Dunham, one of the oldest families in Darien. They have five children: John, Rosa, Ada, Edward and Frank. Mr. Wagner is a member of the Genesee County Grange and one of Darien's most respected farmers.

Seymour, M. D., p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Mayville, N. Y., August 21, 1864, and is a son of J. M. and Helen (Burnett) Seymour. After obtaining his education in the common schools and Mayville Seminary, he taught school for five years and then engaged in contracting and the millwright business. He came to Oakfield in 1893 and built the stucco works, which has a capacity of forty tons of product in ten hours and employs thirty-five men. Mr. Seymour married Mary E. Hart; they have two children, Miller and Loren.

Root, Oliver, p. o. Oakfield, N. Y., was born in Cattaraugus, N. Y., February 5, 1817, a son of Oliver Root, who was a native of Whitestown, N. Y., born March 16, 1793, and one of the pioneer settlers of Cattaraugus county; he died aged seventy-eight years. Oliver Root, the subject, was educated in the common schools and is a successful farmer. He came to Batavia in 1837 and to Oakfield in 1849. He married Sarah Sprague. Their children are Charles W., William, Emory, Lillie, Elmer E., Otis and Frank.

Feezlear, Jerome T., is one of the best known teachers in Genesee county, and was born in Orleans county, N. Y., February 6, 1845, a son of John B. and Elizabeth A. (Bradford) Feezlear. Elizabeth Bradford was a direct descendant of William Bradford, who was one of the first governors of New York. John B. Feezlear was a native of Wayne county, N. Y., and a blacksmith by trade, which he followed throughout his life. Jerome T. Feezlear received his education in the Holly Academy and began teaching in 1861. In 1862 he received an appointment as clerk in the internal revenue office, which position he resigned within a year on account of ill health. He has resumed his former occupation and has taught continuously each year since, making in all a period of thirty-seven years in the profession. He came to Bergen in 1865. In 1861 and 1865 he offered his services to the government by enlistment, his mother objecting each time, and he was rejected on account of his youth. In politics Mr. Feezlear is a Republican and has been elected and several times re-elected to the office of justice of the peace. He has often represented his town as a delegate in the county, judicial and assembly conventions. He is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows of thirty years' standing and fourteen years a member of the State Grand Lodge. He is the senior member of the school board of Bergen and has always manifested a keen interest in local educational affairs. On February 26, 1867, he married Sarah E., only child of Alonzo and Ann Sackett; they have two children: Jerome and Jennie.

McElver, James, was born in the North of Ireland, May 1, 1824, and came to the United States with his mother, Mary Anderson McElver, who settled in St. Lawrence county. His father died in Ireland in 1824. Mr. McElver was educated in the common schools, learned the blacksmith's trade in Ogdensburgh, and in 1846 came to Genesee county, settling in Byron in 1848. In 1874 he purchased the Cummings

foundry, and at the present time is making a specialty of manufacturing agricultural implements. In 1846 Mr. McElver married Maria Olmsted; their children are James, William, Burt, Edwin, Ellen McCard, Mrs. Cora Post and Mrs. Addie Farrington. Mr. McElver is one of the self-made men of Genesee county, has served as collector, and takes an active interest in local public affairs. He is a member of Byron Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 655.

Norton, Harry C., was born in Byron, April 5, 1859, a son of Erastus H. Norton, also a native of Byron, and grandson of Harmon Norton, who came to Genesee county from East Bloomfield. Erastus H. Norton married Mary M., daughter of Jedediah Harris, and was a farmer all his life. In 1862 he enlisted in the 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery and served three years. He was prominent in the affairs of the town; he died February 25, 1895. H. C. Norton was educated in Batavia and at Oberlin College, and taught school for five years. In 1885 he married Cornelia Knight; their children are Clarence, Charles, Ruth, Gertrude and Francis. Mr. Norton is a man of refinement and education, public-spirited in the best sense, and enjoys the respect of the community.

Waterman, Anthony J., was born in the town of Byron, N. Y., April 18, 1856. His father, Thaxter Waterman, was a native of the town of Stafford, where his father, Anthony Waterman, settled in 1808. Thaxter Waterman married Mary, daughter of Phineas White, and was a lifelong farmer. A. J. Waterman was educated in the common schools, learned the carpenter trade, and for ten years was a contractor and builder. In 1891 he established his present hardware business in South Byron. In 1885 he married Ella, daughter of Alfred W. Fisk; they have two daughters: Hattie M. and Laura L. Mr. Waterman was appointed, in 1897, postmaster at South Byron, and now holds the office. He is a Republican and labors to uphold the principles of his party.

Dibble, Joseph D., was born in Byron, N. Y., February 13, 1817. His father, Andrew Dibble, was a native of Massachusetts and came to Genesee county in 1813; he married Percy Dodge and was a prominent citizen in the town; he died February 6, 1885. Joseph D. Dibble married Eliza J. Dewey; they have six children: Levant, Charles, William, Eunice P., Letty B. and Fannie. Mr. Dibble is one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Byron. He served as poormaster four years and, by a long and useful life of integrity, now enjoys the high respect of the community.

Cole, George W., was born in the town of Floyd, Oneida county, N. Y., April 12, 1824, a son of Samuel and Desire (Nelson) Cole. His father was a clothier and a farmer in Oneida county. He was prominent in public life; held the offices of constable, collector, assessor for six years, member of assembly in 1864-65 from Oneida county, and took an active part in the affairs of his county through the War of the Rebellion. G. W. Cole was educated in the common schools and in 1866 came to Byron, Genesee county. In 1847 he married Alvira Martin; they had four children: Jay C., Charles M., William G. and Mrs. Libbie J. Jones. Mrs. Cole died in 1868, and a daughter, Frankie A., in 1866. Mr. Cole is one of the representative men of Genesee county

and a practical and successful farmer; has served as commissioner of highways and is recognized as a man of excellent character.

Dillon, Michael, p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born in Ireland, April 20, 1847, and came to the United States when three years old. The family located in Darien, Genesee county, where he was educated in the district schools. He has always followed farming. He has been twice married; first, to Agnes Goodwin of Darien, who died May 30, 1887, leaving three children: Frank P., who married Hattie Salisbury; Ella A., who married Charles Boyer of Rochester, and Loren E., a minister of the Advent Church, now in charge of the church at Wayland. On June 5, 1890, Mr. Dillon married Martha M. Kinne of Lockport, N. Y. September 20, 1864, Mr. Dillon enlisted in Co. A, 69th N. Y. Veteran Infantry, served in the Army of the Potomac as corporal, and was honorably discharged June 30, 1865. Mr. Dillon's father, Peter Dillon, was born at the old home in Ireland, about the year 1826. He married Catherine Marronie of his native place, and came to the United States in 1849. They had four children: Michael (as above), John, Marie and Ella, and are both living at this date, 1898. Mrs. Dillon's father, Timothy Goodwin, married Clarinda Waite; they had three children: Frank, Porter and Agnes. Mr. Goodwin died quite young and his widow in 1855. Mrs. Martha A. Dillon's father, Robert Kinne, was born in the town of Amsterdam, N. Y.; he married Samantha Kinne, and had ten children: Stephen, Osmar, Oliver, Inez, Martha, Polly, Orion, Amos, Elmira and Lillian. Mr. Kinne died April 27, 1888, his widow December 28, 1896. Michael Dillon and wife are members of the Advent Church in Darien. He has been a member of the ministerial committee of the church for fifteen years. He is a Prohibitionist.

Van Alstine, Samuel, p. o. North Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Oakfield, Genesee county, N. Y., July 4, 1841, obtained his education in the public schools and in early life was a farmer. August 22, 1862, he enlisted in Co. H, 129th New York Infantry, and in 1863 was transferred to the 8th Heavy Artillery. He was wounded in the battle of Cold Harbor in June, 1864, and was honorably discharged June 9, 1865. He then came to Pembroke, N. Y., and has been a general merchant in North Pembroke for fourteen years. He has served as postmaster for the past eleven years. On December 13, 1865, Mr. Van Alstine married Anna M., daughter of Jacob Martin of the town of Alabama; they have two sons: William J. and Ernest H. William J. married Hattie Hale of Alabama, and is now a resident of Elmira; they have two sons: Earl and Bertie. Mr. Van Alstine is manager of a general store in that city. Ernest H. is engaged in business with his father. Mr. Van Alstine is a member of D. W. Kinne Post No. 536, G. A. R. of Corfu, Department of N. Y.

Owen, John D., p. o. Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Pembroke, March 26, 1839, was educated in the common schools and in early life was a farmer. He also manufactured cigars, and served as postmaster in Pembroke thirteen years. He has been station master at Pembroke thirteen years in the employ of the N. Y. C. & H. R. Railroad Co., on the Batavia and Tonawanda branch. October 6, 1870, he married Mary J. Reed of his native place; they have two children: John D., jr., who is a farmer, and Robert D., who was a soldier in Co. I, 202d Infantry N. Y. S. Vols. in the Spanish

war. Mr. Owen's father, Alanson Owen, was born in Homer, N. Y., March 22, 1803, and was a successful physician during his life. He came to Pembroke in 1830, and married Marinda E. Chase of Byron, Genesee county, born October 9, 1813. They had three children: Charles W., John D. and Alta M. Dr. Owen died in 1880 and his widow in 1888. Mr. Owen's great-great-grandfather, and also his grandfather, Roderick Owen, and his two sons, were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. John D. Owen was a soldier in Co. D, 14th N. Y. Vols., and was honorably discharged by reason of surgeon's certificate of disability. His brother, Charles W., is also an honorably discharged soldier of the war of the Rebellion. Mrs. Owen's father, George N. Reed, was born in Lockport, Niagara county, N. Y., in May, 1827, and was educated in the Lockport High School. He married Amy Johnson of Erie county; they had three children: Harriet, Mary J. and George N. Mr. Reed died March 30, 1871, and his wife in 1856. John D. Owen is a member of Akron Lodge No. 527, F. & A. M., and of Richville Lodge No. 432, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Owen is a talented painter. The family trace their ancestry in the United States back at least to 1635.

Gabbey, John M., M. D., p. o. Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Pembroke, March 8, 1867. He was educated in the public schools and in the Buffalo Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1891. After teaching school one year he entered the medical department of the Buffalo University, in the fall of 1892, which he attended for two years. He then entered the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated on June 5, 1895. In the autumn of that year he became professor of physiology, giving lectures one year; at about the same time he entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, graduating with distinction from that institution April 2, 1896. He earned the money to pay the expense of his education and by persistent study and his excellent natural qualifications, stands among the leading young men of his profession in the county. His father, James Gabbey, was born in the north of Ireland in 1817, was educated in the schools of that country, and was a farmer by occupation. He came to the United States when a young man, and on May 8, 1848, married Jane, daughter of James Crossen, who bore him seven children: James C., Robert, Mary, Margaret, Nancy, Thomas and John M. Mr. Gabbey died September 9, 1880, and his widow September 20, 1890. Dr. John M. Gabbey is a member of Pembroke Lodge No. 432, I. O. O. F., and Corfu Lodge No. 503, K. O. T. M.

Gibson, William, p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born in the town of Oakfield, Genesee county, N. Y., July 19, 1838, was educated in the common schools and has always been a farmer, with the exception of the time he served in the army. April 11, 1864, he enlisted in Co. D, 179th N. Y. Vols., was wounded in the shoulder and breast in front of Petersburg on July 30, 1864, and also in the left leg on April 2. Upon the evacuation of Petersburg, he was transferred to the 18th U. S. Regular Infantry, May 18, 1865, as second lieutenant and honorably discharged and mustered out on June 7, 1865. He is a member of Kinnie Post of Corfu No. 635, G. A. R., and is past commander of the post; he is a Republican. December 31, 1857, he married Beattie Crook of Holland, N. Y.: they have three children: Margaret, Cora B. and Jennie. Jennie married Thomas Childs of Buffalo; they have one son, Floyd C. Mrs. Gib-

son's father, Frank Crook, was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1796, and removed to Erie county with his parents when a boy. He married Lucy Kenyon of Erie county; seven children were born to them: Freeman, Leander, Caroline, Almira, Riley, Beattie and Hannah. Mr. Crook died in 1873; his wife died about fifty years ago.

Duguid, William H., p. o. Corfu, N. Y., was born in the town Pavilion, Genesee county, N. Y., April 20, 1834, and received his education in the common schools. For ten years he was a miller until failing health caused him to take up farming. In 1862 he married Electa Kinne; they had two children: Hattie S. and Roy K. Hattie S. married, first, John Bennett of Corfu; they had one son, Harry W; Mr. Bennett died in 1892, and Mrs. Bennett married, second, George H. Phelps. Roy K. is a blacksmith and farmer. Mrs Duguid died January 8, 1893. Mr. Duguid's father, Jason Duguid, was born in Pompey, N. Y., in 1803, was educated in the common schools and Pompey Academy and settled in Pavilion when a young man. He married Achach Halbert of Pavilion, and nine children were born to them: Jennette L., Addison, Sarah A., Miranda L., William H., Manfred, Henry C., Nelson A. and Melvin D. Mr. Duguid died in 1874 and his widow in 1889. Mr. Duguid's grandfather, William Duguid, was born in Scotland and came to the United States in the seventeenth century. William H. Duguid is a staunch Republican and a useful and respected citizen.

Cook, Charles, p. o. Batavia, N. Y., son of Andrew and Rebecca (Johnson) Cook, was born in County Tyrone, in the north of Ireland, November 12, 1853. His father was a successful farmer and the son followed in his footsteps. He was educated in the public schools of his native land and in 1879 emigrated to this country, settling in Alexander. His first business experience in this country was on the D., L. & W. railroad, where he remained a short time. Resigning his position he began work for Sanford Riddle on a farm. Later he worked for Frank Wright three years, after which he bought his present farm, which consists of 120 acres of good land. He made a trip to his native land and while there met and married Mary J., daughter of William and Mary A. (Walker) Hannah; they have two children: Walter J., born June 16, 1895, and Hobart H., born April 28, 1898. Mr. Cook is a Republican and active in the local political field, but has not sought office.

Spink, Winfield S., p. o. Alexander, N. Y., is a native of Ohio, and of English descent. He is a son of Allen D. and Lydia A. (Olyn) Spink, and was born April 3, 1850. He received a good common school education and was successfully engaged in teaching several terms. He spent about six months in 1897 in traveling for the Milsom Rendering Co., but has acted as their agent for the last ten years. In December, 1873, Mr. Spink married Mary E., daughter of William H. G. and Freelope R. (Calkins) Post. Mr. Spink has long been an active member of the Odd Fellows and Select Knights, and takes an active interest in town affairs.

Parish, George B., p. o. Alexander, N. Y., son of Isaac and Emeline (Howe) Parish, was born in the town of Alexander, Genesee county, N. Y., April 21, 1846. His

father was born and spent his life as a farmer in that town, and died in 1872. Mr. Parish had but very slight opportunities for obtaining education, attending the common schools of his district for only a few months during the winters. But by reading and observation he has gained a store of general information, and has been for the past twenty years one of the successful farmers of the town. On December 20, 1872, Mr. Parish married Julia E., daughter of George W. and Phoebe A. (Bushnell) Wing of Alexander; they have one daughter, Nettie E. Mrs. Parish died December 28, 1898. Mr. Parish is a brother of the late William I. Parish, who was a captain in the 9th N. Y. Heavy Artillery during the Civil War, and who afterwards served as sheriff of Genesee county. Mr. Parish is a member of the Select Knights, and is highly respected.

Kidder, Oel S., p. o. Alexander, N. Y., is a member of one of the oldest and most respected pioneer families in Genesee county. John Kidder, grandfather of Oel S., came to Alexander in 1806 and settled on the farm now occupied by Oel S. He cleared the land with the help of his sons, Alvin, Earl, Hosea and Sidney; Earl resided on the farm until his death in 1871. Oel S., son of Earl and Synthia (Rix) Kidder, was born on the old homestead, May 22, 1836. He was reared on the farm and received his education in the common schools of his native town. On December 26, 1860, he married Josephine, daughter of Norman F. and Deborah (Poole) Perry; they have three sons: Albert D., Earl and Perry H. Mr. Kidder held the office of supervisor for the years 1886 and 1887, and has been excise commissioner and trustee of the Alexander Union School. The family are staunch Democrats.

Gourley, James, was born in the North of Ireland, May 25, 1829, and came to Canada in 1834. In 1837 he went to Rochester and in 1850 settled in Elba, N. Y., where he has carried on blacksmithing and carriage making for forty-eight years. In 1850 Mr. Gourley married Sarah Dean. Throughout his life Mr. Gourley has followed the course that never fails to win respect and confidence.

Jones, Eli M., was born in the town of Byron, N. Y., in 1822. His father, Andrew B. Jones, was one of the pioneers of Genesee county and built the first mill in the town of Stafford. Eli M. Jones married Roxanna, daughter of William and Fannie (Stewart) Reynolds; they had eight children: Jasper, Henry, Charles, Andrew, Ellen, Esther, Fannie and Mrs. Nancy Parker. During the long life of Mr. Jones he has enjoyed the respect of the community. Prudent and successful in business, his integrity never questioned, his life stands as one worthy of imitation.

Norton, Myron W., was born on the family homestead, a son of Horace B. and Fidelia C. (Mills) Norton, and was educated in the common schools. He has followed farming and has attained unusual success. Among his fellow citizens he is respected. His farm is one of the choicest in the county and it is noted for the care and neatness with which it is maintained.

Edgerton, Philo, was born on the family homestead, in Elba, N. Y., May 5, 1832, a son of Henry and Jane (West) Edgerton, and was educated in the common schools.

On December 21, 1853, he married Mary J., daughter of Alsop and Rebecca Palmer; their children are John C., Philo A., Mary J., Sarah R., Clara B. and Philola A. Mr. Edgerton is one of the successful and respected farmers of Genesee county. He has always taken an active interest in local public affairs and has served as highway commissioner and assessor. He is a staunch Republican and takes much interest in the affairs of his party. His stalwart frame shows few of the ravages of time. His large farm is one of the finest and best equipped in the county.

Lewis, J. M., M. D., was born in York county, Canada, July 7, 1851, a son of Richard Lewis, a native of Wales. He was educated at the Collegiate Institute of Toronto, Canada, and studied medicine at Jefferson College of Philadelphia. He was graduated from the Medical University at Philadelphia in 1874, and from the University of Buffalo in 1880. He came to Elba in 1877. In 1874 Dr. Lewis married Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Steckley; their children are Bertha, Mary G. and Joseph L. Dr. Lewis is a member of the Western New York Homoeopathic Association and of the Knights of the Maccabees.

Ames, Alfonzo, p. o. North Pembroke, N. Y., was born in the town of Byron, N. Y., July 1, 1825, a son of David and Charlotte (Bush) Ames. His father was a native of Connecticut and came to Genesee county in 1816; he died in 1856. Alfonzo Ames was educated in the common schools and then took up farming. He was trustee of the schools for twenty one years, and during his long life has enjoyed the respect and confidence of the community. Mr. Ames married Lucinda Fuller; their children are Theron, Clara, Ella and Edith.

Miller, Eugene H., p. o. North Pembroke, N. Y., was born in Monroe, Mich., February 24, 1857, a son of Henry and Mary (Shoemaker) Miller. His father is a farmer and blacksmith; his mother died in 1895. E. H. Miller was educated in the common schools of Michigan and in Dundee High School. He is largely interested in the dairy business, and shipping milk to Buffalo. Mr. Miller married Mary, daughter of Jacob Shoemaker; they have one son, Harry E. Mr. Miller's business career has thus far been characterized by prudence, good judgment and enterprise. These elements have resulted, as they commonly do, in giving him a satisfactory measure of means.

Ingalsbe, Harmon C., p. o. Basom, N. Y., was born in Alabama, N. Y., April 2, 1847, a son of Rial E. and Sally Ingalsbe, and was educated in the common schools. In 1891 he was elected commissioner of highways and held the office seven years, and in 1898 was elected supervisor. Mr. Ingalsbe married Martha Wells, daughter of Gideon Wells; they have two sons, George and John. Mr. Ingalsbe is one of the prominent citizens of Alabama, of sterling integrity, excellent business qualifications, and active public spirit. He is a Republican.

Pierson, Dwight H., son of Philo L. and Sarah M. (Hull) Pierson, was born November 5, 1844, in Le Roy, was reared and educated on a farm and spent ten years in teaching school. In the spring of 1889 he was elected assessor, was supervisor