

children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson: 1. Lewis F., who is field superintendent of the Niagara-Hudson Power Corporation, at Prospect, Oneida County. 2. Florence, deceased. 3. Ruby E., lives at Syracuse. 4. Herbert A., the subject of this sketch. 5. Allan O., lives at Prospect, Oneida County.

Lewis Orlando Robinson was the son of Lewis H. and Elizabeth (Tenney) Robinson, natives of Pompey and Fabius, respectively. Both are buried at Fabius. She was a relative of the Tenney who founded the old Franklin Press, later known as the Syracuse Journal. Fannie Fern (Fiske) Robinson was the daughter of Alexander and Helen (Boss) Fiske, who were natives of New York. Alexander Fiske served during the Mexican War from 1847 until 1849, and was wounded twice while in the service. He died from his injuries a year following the close of the war.

Herbert A. Robinson received his early education at Pompey and Fabius. After his graduation from Onondaga Valley High School in 1903 he received the degree of Ph. B. at Syracuse University in 1907. He then attended the Law School of Syracuse University for one year, after which he read law in the offices of Hiscock, Doheney, Williams & Cowie, Syracuse, and later with Higby & Lay, Syracuse. After his admission to the New York Bar in 1911, Mr. Robinson practiced his profession at Syracuse until 1916. The following three years were spent at Marion, Wayne County, and in 1919 Mr. Robinson located at Weedsport. He has been a member of the board of education for four years, and served as village clerk for four years. He was elected justice of the peace in 1921.

In 1911 Mr. Robinson was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Smiley, the daughter of Edward A. and Elizabeth (McComber) Smiley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Rhode Island. He resides at East Orange, New Jersey, and his wife is deceased. Before his retirement Mr. Smiley was actively identified with Lake Minewaska, New York, a resort, which he owned and operated. To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been born three children: 1. Shirley, a graduate of Weedsport High School, class of 1929, attends New Jersey College for Women. 2. Edward, a

graduate of Weedsport High School, class of 1932. 3. Herbert A., Jr., a student.

Mr. Robinson is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Weedsport Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 385, Past Master, B. P. O. Elks, Phi Beta Phi fraternity, Whittlers Club, Cato Golf Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Cayuga County Bar Association.

Ira J. Kingsley, who has since 1910 engaged in the general practice of law at Cato, is prominent in civic organizations there and holds the high regard of the entire community. He is the son of Herbert E. and Villa R. (Fox) Kingsley, born at Brookfield, Madison County, New York, July 12, 1885.

Herbert E. Kingsley was born at Columbus, Chenango County, New York, June 14, 1858, and he now resides at Syracuse. He was educated at Brookfield and taught school there for several years. He then spent fourteen years in the employ of the United States government as superintendent of the sub-letting of contracts for mail routes. This work took him to all parts of the country. In 1905 he engaged in the real estate business at Syracuse, where he has lived retired since 1927. He is a Republican and holds membership in Elmwood Presbyterian Church. Villa R. (Fox) Kingsley was born at Taylor, Cortland County, February 14, 1860, and died June 6, 1902. She is buried at Brookfield, New York. Mr. Kingsley married (second) Miss Lucy E. Andrews, of Oswego, New York. To Herbert E. and Villa R. (Fox) Kingsley were born four children: 1. Jennie L., lives at Colorado Springs, Colorado. 2. Phila M., lives at Cheyenne, Wyoming. 3. Freddie, deceased. 4. Ira J., the subject of this sketch.

Ira J. Kingsley grew up at Brookfield, Madison County, where he attended the public schools. He was graduated from Colgate Academy in 1904 and from the Law School of Syracuse University in 1909. After serving a clerkship in the offices of McGowan & Stolz, of Syracuse, Mr. Kingsley was admitted to the bar on November 16, 1909. He then established a private practice at Cato in May, 1910, where he has continued to the present time,



IRA J. KINGSLEY

being numbered among the highly successful lawyers of Cayuga County. He was admitted to the United States Courts on October 8, 1923. At the present time Mr. Kingsley is attorney for the town of Ira and village of Cato. He has also been village clerk of Cato since 1912, and supervisor of the town of Ira since 1922, and chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Cayuga County in 1928. From 1913 until 1921 he was justice of the peace at Ira, and in 1915 was a member of the Cato High School Board. For many years Mr. Kingsley has been a member of the Cayuga County Republican Committee of the First District of Ira. He is a member of the Cayuga County Bar Association and Northern New York Bar Association.

On August 4, 1915, Mr. Kingsley was united in marriage with Miss Jennie A. Loomis, the daughter of Orange E. and Jennie (Lawson) Loomis, natives of New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Hubbardsville, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley have no children.

Mrs. Kingsley served as Matron of Cato Star Chapter, No. 234, O. E. S., in 1918-19-20.

Mr. Kingsley has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Cato Golf Club. His lodge affiliations are: Cato Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 141, master in 1921; Jordan Chapter, R. A. M., No. 317; Salem Town Commandery, K. T., No. 16; Masonic Club of Cato; Cato Star Chapter, O. E. S., No. 234, Past Patron; Past Assistant Grand Lecturer of Cayuga-Tompkins District, O. E. S.; and Past Noble Grand of Northern Cayuga Lodge, No. 728, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Kingsley is a director of the First National Bank of Cato.

Rev. John M. Ball, who is pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Cato, has a wide acquaintance throughout Cayuga County and is highly esteemed. He was born at Rochester, New York, May 24, 1889, the son of Edward C. and Maria (Kavanaugh) Ball.

Edward C. Ball was born at Rochester, August 13, 1859, and now resides at Cato. He was a carpenter in early life and for many years was a successful contractor and builder. He has lived retired since 1915. Mr. Ball is an independent voter, and holds membership in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. His wife was also born at Rochester and died in 1911. She is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester. Their children were: 1. John M., the subject of this sketch. 2. Julia, in religious life known as Sister Edward Marie, and a teacher in St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Auburn. 3. Rev. Edward, who is assistant pastor of St. Stephen's Catholic Church and principal of De Sales Institute, Geneva, New York.

John M. Ball was educated in the parochial schools of St. Monica, Rochester, and in 1909 was graduated from St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. He then was graduated from St. Bernard's Theological Seminary in 1915, being ordained to the priesthood, June 12, 1915, by Bishop Hickey, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester. During 1915-17 Father Ball was a member of the faculty of Rochester Catholic High School as well as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church. He became assistant at St. Mary's Church in Auburn on February 14, 1918, and on June 18, 1919, was transferred to Palmyra, New York, as assistant pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Father Ball returned to Auburn in April, 1920, as assistant at St. Mary's Church, and on August 1, 1925, assumed his duties as pastor of St. Patrick's Church at Cato, and at the same time took charge of St. Thomas' Catholic Church at Red Creek, New York.

St. Patrick's Church, Cato, New York.—Before the organization of a parish and the erection of a church edifice, the Catholics in the vicinity of Cato were ministered to by the following priests from St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport, New York: Rev. Joseph Albinger (1863); Rev. J. Leddy (1864); Rev. C. Wensurski (1865); Rev. N. Byrne (1866-67); Rev. M. Purcell (1868); Rev. James O'Connor (1868); Rev. Anthony Cassessi (1869-72); Rev. John C. Kenny (1872-75). During this time, services were conducted and

Mass was celebrated in private homes where the worshippers were accustomed to assemble. The home of Jeremiah and Hannah Conley, just north of the four corners in Meridian, served as a church for some time. Mass was also celebrated in the home of Thomas Fitzgerald (now owned and occupied by Frank Henry), and later in a church building (just west of the Lehigh Railroad) formerly occupied by the congregation of the Dutch Reformed Church. This building has since been demolished.

In 1872, Rev. John C. Kenney, of Weedsport, began plans for the erection of a church building on Mechanic Street in Cato. The land was purchased from Allen Holcomb. The building was completed by the fall of 1863, the builder being Malachy Grace, of Weedsport. For three years Cato was an out-mission of Weedsport.

In November, 1876, Rev. Henry Koenig was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Cato, New York, and St. Thomas's Church, Red Creek, New York, with residence in Red Creek. He was succeeded on August 26, 1877, by the Rev. John Codyre, who remained till January 1, 1878. At his departure, Rev. D. M. O'Donoghue took charge of the two parishes and worked zealously till June, 1881, when he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport. Due to his energy and labor, the church indebtedness was greatly reduced. Rev. Dennis Curran began a brief pastorate which ended early in 1882. In 1882, Father James Day came to Cato as pastor. It was during his pastorate that the parochial residence was moved from Red Creek to Cato. In 1884, the much beloved Father William Morin took up the work in the Cato parish and continued till May, 1891. He was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Ruby.

Father Ruby's pastorate extended over the long period of sixteen years. During this period, a great deal of work in every department of church activity was accomplished by the energetic and zealous pastor. Additional land was acquired, the Philo Rockwell residence was bought and remodeled to suit the purposes of a rectory. The effect of Father Ruby's apostolic spirit and self-sacrificing labors are very much in evidence today. His work was ably carried on for six years by Rev. Thomas F. O'Connor. Rev.

Patrick Smith came from St. Mary's, Auburn, to Cato in 1913. He effected remarkable improvements in the Church properties during his two years' administration. In 1915, Rev. Thomas Lochren was appointed pastor and continued the good work of his predecessors. During his ten years as pastor, Father Lochren endeared himself to the members of his two parishes by his zeal for the cause of the Church and by his broad human understanding and sympathy. The present pastor, Rev. John M. Ball, was appointed by the Most Reverend Thomas F. Hickey on August 1, 1925.

Eugene M. Rich.—One of the enterprising and highly successful business men of Cato, where he is engaged in the wholesale produce business, is Eugene M. Rich, who is a member of a distinguished pioneer family of Cayuga County. He was born at Auburn, June 12, 1891, the son of Hon. Adelbert P. Rich, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Eugene M. Rich obtained his early education in the grade and high schools of Auburn. He is a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and Colgate University. Mr. Rich began his business career in the sales department of the Warner Sugar Company, New York City. He came to Cato in 1914, where he had extensive farming interests until 1918. He has since been identified with the E. M. Rich Wholesale Produce Company and is well known as a shipper of fine produce throughout the United States.

In 1916 Mr. Rich was united in marriage with Miss Clara Remington, the daughter of Frank and Grace (Wright) Remington, of New York. Mr. Remington was a pharmacist and for many years was the proprietor of a drug store at Auburn. Both he and his wife are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rich have a daughter, Harriet, a student.

Mr. Rich is a Republican in politics and has served as justice of the peace. In 1926 he was appointed supervisor of Cato to fill an unexpired term, and in November, 1927, was elected to that office. He was re-elected in 1929 and again in 1931. Mr. Rich is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Delta Kappa

Epsilon fraternity, Owasco Country Club, and Cato Golf Club. He is Past Master of Cato Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 141.

Hon. Adelbert P. Rich.—Having spent his entire professional career in Auburn, where he rose to be one of the outstanding figures in professional circles, Judge Adelbert P. Rich, retired, served as Justice of the Supreme Court continuously from 1901 until 1930, and he is among Cayuga County's most honored and esteemed citizens. Judge Rich was born at Cato, Cuyaga County, May 16, 1860, the son of Capt. Frank R. and Frances W. (Petty) Rich.

Capt. Frank R. Rich was born at Cato, Feb. 3, 1835, and died March 26, 1883. He received a common school education and read law in his father's office, being admitted to the New York Bar in 1855. He then successfully practiced law at Cato until the time of his death. He was also United States Loan Commissioner for many years. He served throughout the Civil War, being a captain in the 111th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. Captain Rich was a member of Cato Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 151, being Past Master. He was married on June 15, 1859, to Miss Frances W. Petty.

Frank R. Rich was the son of George R. Rich, who was born at Fort Ann, Washington County, New York, in 1809. In 1834 George R. Rich removed to the town of Ira in Cayuga County. He engaged in farming and also read law as a clerk in the office of Judge Humphries. Mr. Rich was admitted to the bar in 1842 and to the United States courts in 1848. From 1859 until 1867 he was United States Loan Commissioner, an office later held by his son. George R. Rich spent his professional career at Cato and died there in 1889. He was married on April 23, 1834, to Miss Margaret Ann Wood.

Adelbert P. Rich was educated at Cato Union School and Academy. He also attended private schools. Later, he read law with his father and in April, 1882, gained admission to the New York State Bar at Rochester. In the fall of that year he located in private practice at Cato. During 1881-82 he was president of the

board of health and during 1881-84 was a member of the board of education. In 1884 Mr. Rich removed to Auburn, where he formed a partnership with John A. Dutton. Later, he was associated with E. C. Aiken until 1901. For several years Mr. Rich served on the Auburn Board of Health. He was elected and served as special county judge during 1883-86, and from 1887 until 1893 was district attorney of Cayuga County. In 1901, as mentioned above, Judge Rich was elected Justice of the Supreme Court.

On August 7, 1881, Judge Rich was united in marriage with Miss Ida M. Chase, of Cato. Their children are: 1. Bertha, married E. F. Metcalf, lives at Auburn. 2. Frank, lives at Cato, 3. Laura, married Heywood Bartlett, lives at Rochester. 4. Eugene M., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. 5. Harold, a World War veteran, lives at Buffalo.

Judge Rich is a member of the National Republican Club of New York City, Hamilton Club of Brooklyn, Genesee Valley Club, Owasco Country Club, and Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

Ernest G. Tabor.—Among Cayuga County's most substantial citizens may be mentioned Ernest G. Tabor, who for many years has held the office of clerk of the county board of supervisors. He is a native of Cayuga County, born at Ira, July 29, 1864, son of Daniel H. and Elsie Martha (Scutt) Tabor.

Daniel H. Tabor, who died in 1902, was a well known business man of Meridian for many years. He was born on a farm near Cazenovia, Madison County, and in early life was interested in farming and dairying. He subsequently became senior member of the tobacco firm of D. H. Tabor & Company, buyers and shippers of high grade tobaccos. During 1878-79 he served as supervisor of Ira, and he also held the office of superintendent of highways for several terms. Mr. Tabor was a lifelong Republican and attended the Baptist Church. His wife was born in Columbia County, New York, and died in 1906. Both are buried at Meridian. Their children were: 1. George, deceased. 2. Frank, deceased. 3. Nathaniel, deceased. 4. Elsie, deceased. 5. Ernest G., the subject of this sketch. 6. Charles, deceased.

The boyhood of Ernest G. Tabor was spent at Meridian and he attended the public schools. He is also a graduate of Mead Business College in Syracuse. After several years as a general farmer, Mr. Tabor became identified with the leaf tobacco business, being associated with D. H. Tabor & Company. Later the firm was reorganized as Tabor & Dudley. Mr. Tabor's public career began in February, 1894, when he was elected supervisor of the town of Cato, Cayuga County. He served in that capacity until November 16, 1906, and at the latter date was elected clerk of the board of supervisors of Cayuga County. With the exception of the years 1909 and 1910, Mr. Tabor has held that office continuously since 1906. He has also been village trustee.

In 1883 Mr. Tabor was married (first) to Miss Nett L. Clark, who died in 1914. She was the daughter of Harry and Achse (Thomas) Clark, the former a native of Clark Hollow, and the latter of Onondaga County, New York. Both are buried at Meridian. To Ernest G. and Nett L. (Clark) Tabor was born a daughter, Thola Nett, who is librarian for the Syracuse Journal. Mr. Tabor married (second) Edith (Hawker) Taber, daughter of Ernest and Jenny Hawker, both deceased.

Mr. Tabor is a Republican, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks No. 474, Hollister Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and United Commercial Travelers.

Mr. Tabor takes an unusual interest in the collection of Indian relics and also has a fine display of birds which are identified with Cayuga County.

James D. Bloomfield.—A member of one of the oldest and best known pioneer families of Cayuga County, James D. Bloomfield, of Meridian, is a substantial citizen of the community in which he lives. He is commissioner of elections in Cayuga County. Mr. Bloomfield was born at Cato, Cayuga County, June 17, 1877, the son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Fancher) Bloomfield.

Charles A. Bloomfield was born at Cato in 1837 and died in 1911. He spent ten years in the produce business in New York City, but with the exception of that time his entire life was spent

as a general farmer in Cayuga County. He owned 170 acres and was especially interested in the growing of grain and tobacco. At the time of his death Mr. Bloomfield was living retired. His wife was born at Cato in 1836 and died in 1925. Both are buried at Meridian. Mr. Bloomfield was a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to Jordan Lodge, F. and A. M. To Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield were born three children: 1. Harriet, married Howard Follett, lives at Weedsport. 2. Robert, who died in 1914. 3. James D., the subject of this sketch.

Charles A. Bloomfield was the son of Robert Bloomfield, who was one of the first settlers of Cato, and a prosperous farmer of this section. Elizabeth (Fancher) Bloomfield was the daughter of Stephen Fancher, a native of Connecticut and an early settler of Cato. He served as sheriff of Cayuga County and took an active and prominent part in the early history of the community.

James D. Bloomfield obtained his education in the public schools of Meridian and in 1895 was graduated from Jordon High School. He remained on his father's farm until 1908, at which time he purchased the general mercantile business of A. M. West at Meridian, which was thereafter known as J. D. Bloomfield. He was identified successfully with this enterprise until 1923, when he disposed of his interests and liquidated the business. In that year he was appointed superintendent of Section No. 6, New York Barge Canal, with headquarters at Waterloo, New York, but after one year in that capacity he resigned. In 1926 Mr. Bloomfield was appointed commissioner of elections in Cayuga County, being re-appointed in 1928-30. He had been elected supervisor of the town of Cato in November, 1919, and held that office continuously until 1927, at which time he resigned to assume his present duties. As supervisor of Cato, Mr. Bloomfield was the first Democrat to hold that office for a period of thirty-five years. He is now president of the Meridian Board of Education.

In 1908 Mr. Bloomfield was united in marriage with Miss Bernice Lockwood, daughter of George and Belle (Busby) Lockwood, natives of Cato. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Weedsport. Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield have a son, James L., who attends Meridian High School.

Mr. Bloomfield has always been a Democrat. He has the following lodge and club affiliations: Cato Lodge No. 141, F. and A. M.; B. P. O. Elks, No. 474; Hollister Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Masonic Club; Cato Golf Club; and United Commercial Travelers.

Allen Ames, who is a veteran of the World War, is well and favorably known at Port Byron, where he was born, April 4, 1898. He is the son of William and Elizabeth (Holmes) Ames.

William Ames was a native of Port Byron. He was a photographer by profession and was located at various places in New York State. At the time of his death in 1900 he was living at Port Byron. He held the office of street commissioner and was a Democrat in politics. He also was a member of the Methodist Church. His widow, born at Clyde, New York, resides at Rochester. Their children were: 1. John, lives at Rochester. 2. Hazel, deceased. 3. Van Dorsen, deceased. 4. Howard, lives at Rochester. He is a veteran of the World War, and served as a member of the 308th Infantry, 98th Division. 5. Allen, the subject of this sketch.

Allen Ames attended Port Byron High School. He was employed in the offices of the International Harvester Company in Auburn until his enlistment for service in the World War in April, 1917. He was sent to Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, and later transferred to Camp Wilson, San Antonio, Texas. From there he later went to Fort McIntosh, Laredo, Texas, as a member of the Sixth Infantry, and he was sent to France with a casual company. He was next transferred to the Fifth Ammunition Train and attended an infantry school in France. He participated in the St. Mihiel offensive and Pouvencoul sector's activities, being discharged on July 24, 1919. In May, 1927, Mr. Ames enlisted as a private in the 174th Regiment, 44th Division, at Buffalo, and in June was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. He resigned in October, 1929, and is now a second lieutenant in the 513th Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps, Anti-Aircraft, Officers Reserve

Corps. He belongs to John Cool Post No. 257, American Legion, Past Commander; Cayuga County Department of the American Legion, Past Commander; "40 and 8" Society; and Coast Artillery Association.

After his discharge from the Army in 1919, Mr. Ames became a salesman for the National Cash Register Company, at Rochester. He entered the railway mail service in May, 1921, and worked in Buffalo, New York City, and Pittsburgh. He is now identified with the service between New York City and Syracuse.

In 1927 Mr. Ames was united in marriage with Miss Maude D. Kirkby, the daughter of John and Charlotte Kirkby, of Brockville, Ontario. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Brockville. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ames, John Allen and Richard Kirkby.

Mr. Ames is a Republican, and belongs to Port Byron Lodge No. 130, F. and A. M., Masonic Club, Port Byron Sportsmen's Association, and Chamber of Commerce.

William O. Rabourn, M. D., is of the younger generation of physicians and surgeons in Cayuga County, and is engaged in successful practice at Port Byron. He is a native of New York, born at Cooperstown, December 16, 1905, the son of Ossian and Leonora (Southard) Rabourn.

Ossian Rabourn was born in Indiana, but has spent many years as a resident of Syracuse, New York, where he is now chief linotype operator for the Syracuse Herald. In early life Mr. Rabourn was a school teacher. He is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and is affiliated with Otsego Lodge, F. and A. M. Leonora (Southard) Rabourn was born at Elk Creek, New York, and is a member of a well known pioneer family of that section of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Rabourn's only child is William O., the subject of this sketch.

The early education of William O. Rabourn was received in the public schools of Cooperstown and Syracuse, and in 1923 he was a member of the graduating class of Central High School,

Syracuse. He received the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine at Syracuse University in 1927 and 1931, respectively. During 1930-31 he was an interne in Good Shepherd Hospital, Syracuse, and in November, 1931, located at Port Byron. He is an active member of the Cayuga County Medical Society, and also belongs to the New York State Medical Association and American Medical Association.

In 1931 Doctor Rabourn was united in marriage with Miss Mary Van Pelt, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Ryan) Van Pelt, natives of New York and Ireland, respectively. Mr. Van Pelt died in December, 1930, and is buried at South Butler, New York. His widow still resides there.

In politics Doctor Rabourn is identified with the Republican party. He holds membership in the First Baptist Church, Chamber of Commerce, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternities.

Harry R. Warren is outstanding among the successful business men of Cayuga County, being the owner of a coal, lumber and builders' supply business at Port Byron, which was established by his father more than sixty years ago. He was born there, June 7, 1877, the son of Richard and Elizabeth (Day) Warren.

Richard Warren was born at Finedon, Northamptonshire, England, May 31, 1840. His wife was a native of Axebridge, England, born December 25, 1846. Their marriage took place at Port Byron, May 10, 1870. Mr. Warren had come to this country with his mother in 1852, his father having settled in Will County, Illinois, near Joliet, in 1847. His parents were James and Ann (Warner) Warren, both natives of England. There were six children in the Warren family: Richard, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, James and Thomas, all deceased. After the death of his father, Richard Warren returned to Port Byron with his mother. He learned the trade of wagonmaker and was thus engaged from 1859 until 1862. He then enlisted for service in the Civil War and served as a member of Company F, 111th New York Volunteer

Infantry. Mr. Warren was wounded at the battle of Petersburg, Virginia. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant, May 25, 1865. In 1876, in partnership with John Litts, the firm of Litts & Warren became organized. They became extensive dealers in coal and lumber in Port Byron, and in 1886 Mr. Warren purchased his partner's business, and the enterprise continued as Richard Warren until 1903, at which time his sons, Howard W. and Harry R. Warren, became members of the newly organized firm of Richard Warren & Sons. The firm continued until the death of Howard W. Warren in 1909, thereafter being known as Richard Warren & Son, and upon the death of the elder Mr. Warren in February, 1914, the entire organization came under the management of Harry R. Warren, subject of this sketch. Richard Warren was a Republican, and held the offices of village president and trustee. He was treasurer and trustee of the Presbyterian Church for many years, and Past Commander and Adjutant of Lockwood Post, No. 175, Grand Army of the Republic, Port Byron, New York. Elizabeth (Day) Warren died January 1, 1930. Both Mr. and Mrs. Warren are buried at Port Byron. Their children were: 1. Mary L., deceased. 2. Nellie, deceased. 3. Adelaide, lives at Port Byron. 4. Harry R., the subject of this sketch. 5. Howard W., who died in 1909. 6. Irvin R., lives at Port Byron. 7. Alice L., married Robert Donaldson, lives at Port Byron. 8. Nellie, II, deceased.

The education of Harry R. Warren was received in the public schools of Port Byron, from which he was graduated in 1894. He took two years of graduate work in the high school before becoming associated with his father's coal and lumber business, as mentioned above. Mr. Warren is also secretary and director of the Port Byron Telephone Company.

On June 28, 1905, Mr. Warren was united in marriage with Miss Maude L. Tebo, the daughter of Ambrose and Hattie (Newport) Tebo, natives of Potsdam and near Jordan, New York, respectively. Both are deceased and are buried at Baldwinsville. Mr. and Mrs. Warren have two children, Helen M. and Robert L.

Mr. Warren is a Republican and for seventeen years has held the office of justice of the peace, four years of which time he also

was village trustee. He was a member of the Republican Town Committee for many years. In November, 1925, he was elected supervisor, and has been re-elected to the latter office in 1927-29-31. He was also elected chairman of the board of supervisors of Cayuga County in 1932. He is chairman of the Cayuga County Work Relief Committee. Mr. Warren is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as trustee since 1910, and he belongs to Port Byron Lodge No. 130, F. and A. M., Past Master; Rock Springs Lodge No. 568, I. O. O. F., Past Noble Grand; Sons of Veterans; Seneca River Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

Irvin R. Warren.—One of the most progressive business men of Cayuga County is Irvin R. Warren, merchant miller, of Port Byron. He was born at that place, June 7, 1881, the son of Richard Warren and Elizabeth (Day) Warren.

A complete biography of Richard Warren, prominent pioneer business man of Cayuga County, appears elsewhere in this history in the sketch of Harry R. Warren.

Irvin R. Warren obtained his education in the public schools of Port Byron and Auburn. In 1900 he became a bookkeeper for C. E. Wethey Hardware Company, at Port Byron, and from 1902 until 1906, was bookkeeper for the Nye & Wait Carpet Company, of Auburn. During the following year Mr. Warren was superintendent of the latter concern, and in 1907 he became a partner in the flour and feed business with which he is now identified, being associated until 1909 with Thomas W. Warren. Mr. Warren is now sole owner of the enterprise.

On June 23, 1907, Mr. Warren married Miss Alice Pulford, of Marathon, New York, the daughter of Frank A. and Rose A. (Spargur) Pulford. Both were born in New York and died in 1901 and 1910, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Warren have been born three children: 1. Doris E., a teacher of dramatics. 2. Richard F., who is associated in business with his father. 3. Carol J., a student.

Mr. Warren has always been a Republican and has held the office of village mayor. He and his family are active members of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

Robert Lansing Zabriskie.—As vice president of the Aurora National Bank and treasurer of Wells College, the career of Robert Lansing Zabriskie has long been identified with the business and civic life of the community. He was born at Aurora, October 23, 1872, the son of N. Lansing and Louise F. (Morgan) Zabriskie.

A complete sketch of the life of N. Lansing Zabriskie appears elsewhere in this history.

After his graduation from Cayuga Lake Military Academy at Aurora, Robert Lansing Zabriskie entered Princeton University, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Electrical Engineer in 1895 and 1897, respectively. He then went to New York City with the Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Company, General Engineers, and later was identified with the New York Telephone Company as an engineer. He returned to Aurora in 1904 and during the following year was appointed treasurer of Wells College, which office he has most capably and efficiently filled for many years. He became associated with the interests of the Aurora National Bank as a director in 1905 and in 1926 was elected vice president. Mr. Zabriskie is also president of the Park Company, 41 Park Row, New York City.

Mr. Zabriskie was married (first) in 1899 to Miss Aubin M. Wells, who died at Aurora in 1917. She was the daughter of Robert W. and Lucy F. (Hutchins) Wells, natives of Mississippi, both now deceased. To Robert Lansing and Aubin M. (Wells) Zabriskie were born three children: 1. Louise Morgan, married William F. Redfield, lives at Montclair, New Jersey, and they have two children, Aubin Louise and William Francis, Jr. 2. Aubin Wells, married S. Frank Fowler, lives at Knoxville, Tennessee, and they have three sons, S. Frank, Jr., Robert Zabriskie, and James Lansing. 3. Robert Wells, who is a student at Yale University.

Mr. Zabriskie married (second) in 1922 Miss Hazel Everingham, the daughter of Sumner and Mary (Hart) Everingham, of

Chicago, Illinois. He served as a member of the Chicago Board of Trade for many years and is now retired.

Mr. Zabriskie is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, of Aurora. He is also a trustee of the Aurora Public Library.

Lloyd S. Riford.—As vice-president of the Beacon Milling Company, Inc., of Cayuga, Lloyd S. Riford ranks among the community's most progressive citizens. He was born at Randolph, Vermont, April 27, 1889, the son of Horace Payne and Clarissa (Walker) Riford.

Horace Payne Riford, deceased, was a native of Lincoln, Vermont. He was a successful dairy farmer and owned a well improved farm for many years. At the time of his death he was living retired. Mr. Riford died in 1907 and his wife died in 1914. Both are buried at Randolph, Vermont. He was a Republican and served as a member of council and as school director. He was a member of the Congregational Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Riford were born six children: 1. Ruth, married Gilbert W. Hamilton, lives at Melrose, Massachusetts. 2. Earl, lives on the homestead in Vermont. 3. Charles, lives at Korbel, California. 4. Percy, lives at Royalton, Vermont. 5. Phillip, deceased. 6. Lloyd S., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Lloyd S. Riford was spent at Randolph, Vermont, where he attended the public schools. After his graduation from high school in 1908 he entered Dartmouth College for one year. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of New Hampshire in 1914, and the degree of Master of Arts at the University of Missouri in 1915. During the following two years Mr. Riford was instructor in dairy husbandry at Rutgers College, as well as dairy husbandman of the New Jersey Experimental Station at New Brunswick, New Jersey. During 1917-20 he served as production manager for the Walker-Gordon Laboratory Company, at Plainsboro, New Jersey, and in the latter year purchased a farm on West Genesee Road, Auburn, where he resides at the present time. Mr. Riford is prominent as a suc-

cessful breeder of pure bred Guernsey cattle. He has been identified with the Beacon Milling Company, Inc., since 1920 and has held the offices of secretary and vice-president.

In 1917 Mr. Riford was united in marriage with Miss Florence Trimmer, daughter of Thomas C. and Josephine (McNally) Trimmer, of Waltham, Massachusetts. The former resides there and is a retired watch manufacturer. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Riford have two children, Lloyd Stephen, Jr., and Nancy Elena.

Politically, Mr. Riford is a Republican. He is an elder of the Second Presbyterian Church, member of Sea & Field Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 3-974, Y. M. C. A., and belongs to Sigma Nu, Alpha Zeta, and Sigma Xi fraternities. He also holds membership in the Rotary Club and Auburn Country Club, and is identified with the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association and American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Frederick Sefton, M. D.—He is a native of Portwood, Great Portwood, Chestershire, England, the son of James and Katherine (Goodwin) Sefton. He is in direct line of descent from Thomas Sefton, M. A., D. D., Oxon., (1553-1631), Prebend of Heathfield, and Canon Residentiary of Chichester Cathedral.

Doctor Sefton's father was engaged in the exportation of mill machinery to the United States, and in farming. He was a native of Chestershire.

His mother born in Shropshire was of county farming stock.

Doctor Sefton was privately educated in England and in the United States. He took the degree of M. D., at Yale University, 1884. He continued his medical studies in London and Paris during 1884-1885, specializing in mental and nervous diseases; 1886-1901 he served as Senior Medical Officer and Acting Superintendent of the New York State Asylum for Insane Criminals. Since 1891 he has been in private practice as specialist in mental and nervous diseases.

He has been a trustee of the Auburn Savings Bank since 1907, and its vice-president since 1925. From 1907 to 1931 he was a



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director of the Cayuga County National Bank, and since 1931 of the united Auburn-Cayuga Bank and Trust Company. He has been president of the Y. M. C. A. Board of Trustees since 1909, and President of the Board of Trustees of the Seymour Public Library since 1925. He was a member of the Board of Education, 1907-1913. He was Active Chairman of the Building Committee of the Case Memorial Building; the present Junior High School building; the Lincoln and the Seward Schools; the Auburn City Hospital; the St. Peter's Church Parish House.

In 1890, Doctor Sefton married Maude Milligan Fitch. They have had three children: Katherine Sefton Page, deceased; and Wilfred Sefton, M. D., and Pennington Sefton, who reside in Auburn.

Doctor Sefton is a vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church; a life member of the American Psychological Association; a member of the Auburn City Hospital staff, the County and State Medical Societies. He is a Free Mason; a State Visitor of the Willard State Hospital. He is a member of the Lotos Club of New York; the Owasco Country Club; the Auburn Chamber of Commerce; the Auburn Rotary Club.

William S. Finney, who is the capable and well known post-master of Cayuga, is a veteran of the Spanish-American and World wars. He was born in the town of Aurelius, Cayuga County, January 22, 1877, the son of William S. and Martha (Wiley) Finney.

William S. Finney, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. Both he and his wife were natives of the town of Aurelius. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in Battery C, Ninth New York Heavy Artillery, and he served with that outfit throughout the war period, being discharged in 1865. He was severely wounded at the battle of Winchester and suffered injuries which subsequently caused his death in 1893. His wife died in 1926. Both are buried at Cayuga. Mr. Finney was a Republican and held membership in the Methodist Church. There were seven children in the Finney family, as follows: Augustus, de-

ceased; George, deceased; Guy, merchant, lives at New Hartford, New York; William S., the subject of this sketch; Olen, lives at Phoenix, New York; Zaida, married John Townsend, lives at Auburn; and Ray, lives at Syracuse, New York.

William S. Finney was the son of George E. Finney, who was a native of Massachusetts and one of the first settlers of Cayuga County, where he is buried. He was a farmer. Martha (Wiley) Finney was the daughter of Horace E. Wiley, a native of Scotland. He also was a pioneer in the town of Aurelius and became an expert cabinetmaker and craftsman.

After his graduation from Cayuga High School in 1895, William S. Finney spent three years in the employ of the Auburn City Railway Company. In June, 1898, he enlisted as a member of Company M, Third New York Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the Spanish-American War, being discharged as a private on November 30, 1898. During the following two years he was again employed by the Auburn City Railway Company. From 1900 until 1903 he was identified with the Rochester & Sodus Bay Railway Company, and in the latter year was appointed railway mail clerk between Syracuse, New York, and New York City. During 1907-17 Mr. Finney served as a factory inspector in the New York State Department of Labor, six months of which were spent as assistant electric railway inspector under the New York State Public Service Commission.

In August, 1917, Mr. Finney enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to Fort Niagara, New York, where he attended the officers' training school. He received the commission of second lieutenant and was transferred to Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington, where he remained for a short time, later being attached to Company D, Thirty-eighth Machine Gun Battalion. He was discharged as a second lieutenant, December 3, 1918. From 1919 until 1922 Mr. Finney was identified with the Crown Willamett Paper Company as an accountant, being located in their offices at Astoria, Oregon, Truckee, California, Floriston, California, and Los Angeles, California. In the latter year Mr. Finney returned to the East. He has held the office of postmaster of Cayuga since January 22, 1927, being appointed during the admin-

istration of President Coolidge. He is identified with the New York State League and National League of District Postmasters.

On December 2, 1903, Mr. Finney was united in marriage with Miss Ada Stark, the daughter of Josiah and Nancy Stark, of Williamson, New York. Ada (Stark) Finney died in 1924 and is buried at Williamson.

Mr. Finney is a Republican, a member of Salem Town Lodge F. & A. M. No. 326, Buffalo Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Major Lawton Post, United Spanish War Veterans.

John Henry Witbeck, M. D., is outstanding among Cayuga County's most prominent professional men, and has successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Cayuga since 1888. He was born at Fleming, Cayuga County, October 31, 1865, the son of Wilbur Tuttle and Mary J. (Hall) Witbeck.

Wilbur Tuttle Witbeck was born at Fleming, Cayuga County, and engaged in general farming until 1890. He then located at Moravia, New York, as district manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and later served in the same capacity at Cayuga. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to Salem Town Lodge F. & A. M. No. 326. Both Mr. and Mrs. Witbeck are deceased and are buried at Cayuga. They were the parents of two children: 1. John Henry, the subject of this sketch. 2. Luella, married John McIntosh, both deceased.

Wilbur Tuttle Witbeck was the son of Henry and Sally (Tuttle) Witbeck, natives of New England. They were early settlers and successful farmers of Fleming, Cayuga County. Henry Witbeck was the son of Thomas Witbeck, a native of Holland, who served throughout the War of 1812. The gun carried by Thomas Witbeck in the service is now in the possession of Dr. John H. Witbeck.

John Henry Witbeck is a graduate of the district schools of Cayuga County and in 1884 completed a course of study at Cazenovia Seminary. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine

at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, in 1888, and during the following year served as interne in Bellevue Hospital. His entire professional career has been spent at Cayuga; in 1916 he took a special course in laboratory and public health study at Syracuse University. He has been health officer of the town of Aurelius and village of Cayuga since 1889, and is a member of the staffs of Auburn City Hospital and Mercy Hospital. He is also identified with the Cayuga County Medical Society, New York State Medical Association, American Medical Association, New York State Public Health Association, and Cayuga County Tuberculosis Association.

Doctor Witbeck was married (first) to Miss Harriet Garrettson, deceased. She is buried at Madison, New York. He married (second) Miss Veronica McCarthy, daughter of Charles P. and Mary (Brown) McCarthy, of Elmira, New York. Mr. McCarthy died in 1932 and his widow lives at Auburn. He was a prominent citizen and served as fire commissioner, alderman, and school director of Auburn. Doctor and Mrs. Witbeck have a daughter, Dorothy, who is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and Syracuse University.

Politically, Doctor Witbeck is a Republican. He has been a member of Salem Town Lodge No. 326, F. & A. M., since 1889.

Harry F. Clark.—As mayor of Union Springs, Harry F. Clark takes a prominent part in business and civic affairs, and is a representative citizen of Cayuga County. He was born at Union Springs, May 18, 1875, the son of William H. and Margaret M. (Simmons) Clark.

William H. Clark was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Manlius, New York, and as a young man enlisted in Company F, First Regiment, New York Volunteer Cavalry. He was injured in the service and was discharged with the rank of sergeant. Mr. Clark had learned the trade of tinner in the employ of the Woodworth Hardware Company at Union Springs, and subsequently purchased an interest in the store. He later became

sole owner of the enterprise, and afterward was associated with his son, Harry F., subject of this sketch. The business was conducted as William H. Clark & Son, and continued until 1899, at which time the elder member of the firm retired. Mr. Clark died in 1913. He was a Republican and served on the school and village boards. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was born at Homer, New York, and died in 1915. Both are buried at Union Springs. There were two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark: 1. William G., deceased. 2. Harry F., the subject of this sketch.

Harry F. Clark grew up at Union Springs and soon after attending high school and Oakwood Seminary, he became associated with his father in the hardware business. As mentioned above, it was sold in 1899 and in the following year Mr. Clark purchased a farm of 100 acres at Springport, Cayuga County, which he still owns. He returned, however, to Union Springs in 1912, and since 1916 has been identified with George S. Fordyce's business as bookkeeper. They are dealers in coal, lumber and grain.

In 1896 Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Charlotte M. Myers, the daughter of Frank G. and Stella (Tallman) Myers, the former a native of Union Springs and the latter of Scipio, New York. He is deceased and his widow lives at Union Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have a son, William Robert. He is a graduate of Union Springs High School and lives at home.

Mr. Clark has always been a Republican. He has served as assessor and village trustee for several terms, and is now mayor of Union Springs, being elected to the latter office in March, 1930. He was also elected supervisor of the town of Springport in November, 1929, and re-elected in 1931.

Mr. Clark is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Warren Lodge F. & A. M. No. 147, Frontenac Lodge No. 52, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Cayuga County Farm Bureau.

Norman L. Woodford, M. D.—A prominent citizen of Union Springs and a leader in his profession in Cayuga County, is Doctor Woodford, one of the younger physicians and surgeons in this

section of the state. He was born at Marcellus, Onondaga County, August 22, 1898, the son of Clarence and Marian (Waldron) Woodford.

Clarence Woodford, a native of New York, was born at Pompey. He is now in the employ of the United States Postal Service and resides at Marcellus, where his wife holds the office of postmaster. She received her first appointment during the Harding administration. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodford are Republicans and hold membership in the Presbyterian Church. He is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge No. 524, F. & A. M., Past Master; and Charles H. Platt Chapter, R. A. M., Past High Priest. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodford were born seven sons, as follows: 1. Hugh, coal dealer, lives at Marcellus. 2. Kenneth, United States Postal Service, lives at Syracuse, New York. 3. Vernon, district passenger ticket agent for the Southern Railroad Company, lives at Charleston, South Carolina. He served in France during the World War with the United States Marine Corps. 4. Norman L., the subject of this sketch. 5. Harvey, assistant cashier, First National Bank, Marcellus. 6. Austin, stock transfer department of the American Railway Express, National Bank, New York City. 7. Glenn, United States Postal Service, Syracuse.

The early education of Norman L. Woodford was received in the public schools of Marcellus, from which he was graduated in 1915. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Syracuse University in 1919, and in 1921 was graduated from the Medical School of Syracuse University with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. As an interne, Doctor Woodford was located at the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Syracuse, and in 1922 established a private practice at Union Springs. He has taken graduate work in New York City, and is a member of the staffs of Mercy Hospital and Auburn City Hospital. He is also identified with the American Medical Association, New York State Medical Society, and Cayuga County Medical Society, Past Vice President. Doctor Woodford is health officer for the towns of Springport and Fleming, and village of Union Springs.

In 1922 Doctor Woodford was united in marriage with Miss Helen E. Welsh, daughter of Robert and Mary (Scott) Welsh,

natives of Galashiels, Scotland. The former died in Scotland and the latter resides at Marcellus, New York. For many years Mr. Welsh was superintendent of the Crown Woolen Mills of Marcellus. To Doctor and Mrs. Woodford have been born four daughters: Sarah Jean, Claire Marian, Norma Agnes, and Mary Elizabeth.

Doctor Woodford is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Warren Lodge No. 147, as Junior Deacon, Union Springs Chapter No. 179, R. A. M., High Priest. He is also a member of Union Springs board of education.

Elsie V. Webb, who has been identified with the Union Springs post office for more than thirty years, is a highly esteemed and widely known citizen of Cayuga County. She was born at Cortland, New York, the daughter of C. O. and Esther (Olds) Webb.

C. O. Webb was a native of Lafayette, Onondaga County, New York. In early life he was a millwright and later became identified with the installation of milling machinery. In this capacity he traveled throughout the United States and was well known among manufacturers. Mr. Webb was living retired at the time of his death in 1913. His wife, also born in Onondaga County, died in 1893. Both are buried at South Onondaga. Mr. Webb was a Republican and belonged to Warren Lodge No. 147, F. & A. M. To Mr. and Mrs. Webb were born three children: 1. Almond, deceased. 2. Lillie, married J. W. Patterson, lives at Moravia, New York. 3. Elsie V., the subject of this sketch.

Elsie V. Webb received her education in the public schools of Union Springs. Her parents removed to Moravia when she was still an infant, and about fifteen years later came to Union Springs where she has since resided. She was graduated from Union Springs High School in 1900 and on August 17, 1901, entered the local post office as assistant postmaster. She has held the office of postmaster since 1924, being appointed in 1924 and again in 1928 by President Calvin Coolidge. Miss Webb is a member of the New York State League of District Postmasters and National League of District Postmasters.

Miss Webb is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is Past Patron of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter No. 339. She also is treasurer of Springport Red Cross Association and trustee of Springport Free Library.

William M. Murray, who is identified with the Finger Lakes Creamery, of Union Springs, is recognized as one of the able business men of Cayuga County. He was born at Auburn, November 2, 1881, the son of John D. and Barbara (McCaull) Murray.

John D. Murray was a native of Scotland, and a member of the historic and romantic Murray clan, whose fame in the annals of Scotland equals that of Bruce or Wallace. In 1871 John D. Murray became a resident of Cayuga County, and for a number of years was a salesman for the old hardware firm of Terrell, Johnson & Company. After severing these connections he engaged with Choate Brothers as bookkeeper, and remained in their employ for a number of years. In 1897 he received an appointment at the Auburn Prison as an officer, and in May, 1900, was promoted to assistant superintendent of industries at the prison. Three years later he became superintendent, and served in that capacity until his death in February, 1911. He is buried in Auburn. Mr. Murray was credited with being one of the most efficient public officials ever connected with the Auburn institution. His widow still lives in this city. He was a Republican and belonged to B. P. O. Elks No. 474. To Mr. and Mrs. Murray were born five children: 1. Douglass, who died in 1907, was a representative newspaper man in Washington, D. C., at the time of his death. 2. Grace, who died in 1907. 3. William M., the subject of this sketch. 4. John D., who was killed in action during the World War. His death occurred on September 28, 1918, at the closing stage of the war while he was serving as a member of Company E, Three Hundred and Ninth Infantry, Seventy-eighth Division. He is buried in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Theaucourt, France. 5. Isabella M. Remington, lives at Auburn.

After attending the Auburn Public Schools, William M. Murray entered Cornell University where he specialized in the study

of agriculture and dairying. He received his diploma at that institution in 1907, and began his business career with Springer & Mead, of Moravia. They purchased a creamery at Sempronius, New York, and conducted the business under the firm name of William M. Murray & Company. Mr. Murray sold his interests in 1915, and at that time came to Union Springs where he became associated with the grocery firm of Lamb & Murray. Three years later the business was reorganized as Mesereau & Murray, and in 1920 Mr. Murray retired from the partnership. He then organized the Finger Lakes Creamery in association with W. D. Griffith. It ranks among the finest and most modern creamery plants in Central New York and has an extensive market for its products at Auburn, Syracuse, and throughout Pennsylvania.

In 1913 Mr. Murray married Miss Mabel Rynders, the daughter of Albert and Harriet (Ingram) Rynders, both natives of Cayuga County. They live at Sempronius. To Mr. and Mrs. Murray have been born two sons: 1. Bruce R., a graduate of Union Springs High School, class of 1931, now a graduate student at the high school. 2. Douglas, a student.

Politically, Mr. Murray is a Republican, and he has served as justice of the peace since 1922. He also is president of the Board of Education. He is a trustee and deacon of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Moravia Lodge No. 41, F. & A. M.; Union Springs Chapter No. 179, R. A. M., Past High Priest; Frontenac Lodge No. 152, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Noble Grand; and Cayuga County Farm Bureau.

During 1901-06 Mr. Murray served as a member of the Second Separate Company, New York National Guard, and was discharged with the rank of corporal.

Mayor Thomas A. Leffingwell.—Recognized as a leader among the progressive young men of Cayuga County is Thomas A. Leffingwell, who is mayor of Aurora, and owner of "Hygh-Fylde Farms." He was born at Brooklyn, New York, November 29, 1896, the son of Dr. Albert and Dr. Elizabeth (Fear) Leffingwell.

A complete sketch of the late Doctor Leffingwell appears elsewhere in this history.

Thomas A. Leffingwell attended the Aurora public schools and in 1914 was graduated from Somes School. He then spent two years at Harvard University and in 1918 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University. During the World War Mr. Leffingwell was a member of the Student Army Training Corps. Since the completion of his university work he has been identified with the successful management of "Hygh-Fylde Farms." He is widely known throughout the State of New York as a breeder of pure bred Guernsey cattle and also has an extensive dairy business, being a wholesale and retail dealer. He is a prominent member of the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association.

Politically, Mr. Leffingwell is a Republican. He was village trustee from 1919 until 1931 and in the latter year was appointed to the office of mayor to fill an unexpired term. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church.

Albert Leffingwell, M. D.—In the death of Doctor Leffingwell in Aurora on September 1, 1916, the medical profession lost one of its outstanding leaders and the State itself gave up one of its greatest humanitarians. Doctor Leffingwell was one of the founders and directors of the Dansville Sanitorium and was recognized throughout the medical world for his knowledge of vivisection.

Albert Leffingwell was born at Aurora, New York, February 13, 1845, the son of Dr. Elisha and Jane E. (Jackson) Leffingwell. His early education was received in the public schools of Aurora and he was a graduate of Hamilton College. He then became an instructor at the Brooklyn (New York) Polytechnical Institute, and in 1874 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Long Island Hospital. Doctor Leffingwell then resided abroad and engaged in scientific research and study during 1875-79, and during 1881-82 traveled extensively in Japan, China, and Burma. During 1882 he also traveled in India, Africa and Spain, and from

1889 until 1890 was a resident of Palestine, Egypt. Doctor Leffingwell lived in Russia in 1905 and during 1906 was American Consul at Warsaw, Poland. He served as trustee of Wells College during 1912-16. He was identified with Dansville Sanitorium in 1862, known earlier as Jackson Sanitorium. Later, in 1882, after the burning of the main building of the sanitorium, Doctor Leffingwell became associated with his brothers, Drs. Elisha D. and William E., and Dr. James H. Jackson, and they erected the new hospital, which passed entirely to the control of Doctor Jackson in 1888. In 1895 Albert Leffingwell returned to the village of his birth, Aurora, where he continued in private practice and study until his death. Prominent among the writings of Doctor Leffingwell are the following: "Rambles in Japan Without a Guide," published in 1892; "Illegitimacy and Influence of Seasons Upon Conduct," published in 1892; "Vivisection in America," published in 1894; "The Leffingwell Record," published in 1905; "Morality in London," published in 1908; "An Ethical Problem or Side-lights Upon Scientific Experimentation on Man and Animals," published in 1914. The latter is recognized as the crowning literary achievement of Doctor Leffingwell.

In 1880 Doctor Leffingwell was the author of the first defense of the Republican doctrine of protection to American industries that ever found place in an English periodical. It was later extensively used in political campaigns throughout the United States.

Doctor Leffingwell was a life member of the Long Island Historical Society, founder and first secretary of the American Society for Regulation of Vivisection, and president during 1904-1905 of the American Humane Association.

In 1871 Doctor Leffingwell married (first) Miss Mary C. Hathaway, who died in 1886. He married (second) in 1892 Dr. Elizabeth Fear, of Dansville, New York, now a resident of Aurora. Their children were: 1. Albert Fear, who is identified with the advertising firm of Riegel & Leffingwell, New York City. He is a World War veteran, having served in France as a member of the Intelligence Department, 108th Infantry, 27th Division. 2. Thomas Arthur, a sketch of whom appears in this history. 3. Dana Jackson, who died March 7, 1930.

Harry E. Anthony, M. D.—One of the able physicians and surgeons of Cayuga County, Doctor Anthony, of Moravia, also has gained an extensive reputation as a playwright. He was born at Groton, New York, December 3, 1878, the son of Alonzo D. and Mary (White) Anthony.

Alonzo D. Anthony, who died in 1927, was a native of Virgil, New York. As a young man he served an apprenticeship as a machinist and he followed that trade for many years, being foreman in the American Road Roller Company at Groton, New York. At the time of his death he was living retired. Mr. Anthony was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to Groton Lodge, F. and A. M. His wife was born near South Lansing, New York, and died in 1880. Both are buried at Groton. To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony were born four children: 1. Jay, deceased. 2. William, deceased. 3. Anna, married Calvin Jacobs, both deceased. She was widely known as a writer of poetry. 4. Harry E., the subject of this sketch.

Harry E. Anthony attended the public schools of Groton, from which he was graduated in 1895. He spent two years at Syracuse University, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and in 1901 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Maryland. During his senior year he took interne work in the Maryland General Hospital. Doctor Anthony began the private practice of medicine at Locke in 1901 and four years later was appointed to the medical staff of the Dr. Given's Sanitorium of Stamford, Connecticut, where he headed the men's department. The following year he came to Moravia to establish his practice. While engaged in the general practice of medicine, Dr. Anthony is especially interested in the treatment of diseases of the eye. He took his post-graduate work in the eye at the Post Graduate Medical and Hospital in 1907 in New York City, and holds membership in the Cayuga County Medical Society, New York State, and American Medical Associations.

Doctor Anthony married (first) in 1904 Miss Bessie Gorman, who died during the same year. She was the daughter of Charles and May (Demmon) Gorman, who are residents of Locke. Doctor Anthony married (second) Dr. Martha Annie Howe, of Marl-

boro, Massachusetts, the daughter of Warren Howe, deceased. She is a graduate of Women's Medical College, class of 1900, and was for three years a member of the staff at the Dr. Given Sanatorium. To Doctor and Mrs. Anthony were born two sons: 1. Warren A., who died in 1929, buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. 2. Eugene, a graduate of Moravia High School, class of 1931, being valedictorian of his class. He now attends Syracuse University.

Doctor Anthony is coroner's physician in southern Cayuga County and health officer of Moravia. He is trustee of the board of education and president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also trustee of the Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 41, and St. John the Baptist Chapter, R. A. M. No. 30.

The following comedies have been written by Doctor Anthony: "Old Doc Spivens"; "Bill Hudson P. P. P."; "Horace's Nightmare"; "Step On It"; "When the Bubble Burst", for which he has received royalties; and "It Won't Be Long Now."

Reginald P. Davis.—Among the most prominent citizens of Cayuga County is Reginald P. Davis, who is the owner of "Hidden Spring Fruit Farm," near Weedsport. He was born at Seabright, New Jersey, August 1, 1893, the son of Charles and Ida P. (Williams) Davis.

Charles Davis and his wife were born in Massachusetts, the former at Medford and the latter at Roxbury. In early life Mr. Davis engaged in the cordage business and he later was a successful merchant in Boston, Massachusetts. He was living retired at Milton, Massachusetts, at the time of his death in 1929. His widow resides at New Rochelle, New York. Mr. Davis was a Republican and held membership in the Unitarian Church. There were five children in the Davis family: 1. Nathaniel, deceased. 2. Pauline, first married Davis Hutchins, deceased. She subsequently married Hugh Watkins and lives in the suburbs of London, England. 3. Suzette, married George Beavers, lives at

Ardsley-on-Hudson, New York. 4. J. Winthrop, lives at Stonington, Connecticut. 5. Reginald P., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Milton Academy in 1912, Reginald P. Davis entered Harvard University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in 1917. At the outbreak of the World War he enlisted for service and was assigned to duty in Company M, 314th Infantry, 79th Division. He was severely gassed during action on the Meuse Argonne offensive and was discharged in January, 1919. Mr. Davis was interested in the teaching profession from 1920 until 1930 and was identified with schools in Texas, Colorado, California and New Mexico. In February, 1931, he purchased the old Bentley homestead of sixty-nine acres from David L. King. Mr. Davis has set out hundreds of fine fruit trees and is one of the most scientific agriculturists in this section of the State.

In 1922 Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Jessie G. Sites, the daughter of Eugene and Frankie Sites, who are residents of Elyria, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two children, Madelaine and Charles. Both attend private schools.

Mr. Davis is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, No. 474, and Cayuga County Farm Bureau. He is adjutant of Clarence Clark Post No. 568, American Legion.

F. Howard Slayton.—As proprietor of "Meadow Springs Farm," Mr. Slayton is recognized as one of the able and successful farmers of Cayuga County. He is also interested in the hay, grain and produce business at Port Byron. Mr. Slayton was born at Conquest, Cayuga County, February 20, 1893, the son of Thomas Jefferson and Ida (Wilcox) Slayton.

Thomas Jefferson Slayton was born at Conquest, Cayuga County, November 23, 1869, and died in 1910. His wife was a native of Ira, Cayuga County, born April 5, 1873, and she died in 1930. Both are buried at Conquest. He was a general farmer and a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent

pioneer families. He was a Republican and although very active in local affairs he never aspired to public office. He was trustee and Sunday school superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Past Noble Grand and charter member of the I. O. O. F. He also belonged to the Grange. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Slayton was F. Howard, the subject of this sketch.

Thomas Jefferson Slayton was the son of Francis Howe and Mary Ann (Olmstead) Slayton. He was born at Conquest, November 1, 1836, and his wife was born at Victory, Cayuga County, November 2, 1840. Both are buried at Conquest. He was a farmer. Francis Howe Slayton was the son of Thomas Jefferson and Harriet M. (Lake) Slayton. Thomas J. Slayton was born at Conquest, July 11, 1806, and his wife was a native of Connecticut, born July 9, 1805. They are buried at Conquest. Thomas Jefferson Slayton was the son of Elijah and Hannah (Howe) Slayton. Elijah Slayton was born September 22, 1777, and his wife was born December 7, 1785. They are also buried at Conquest. Thomas Slayton was a native of Great Britain and emigrated to the United States, thus being the founder of the family in this country. He was married in 1707 to Hannah Culwood.

F. Howard Slayton grew up at Conquest and received his early education there. He attended Port Byron High School. After the death of his father he became manager of the farm and in 1917 purchased another farm of 140 acres at Conquest. The following year he added another farm of eighty-one acres to his holdings, and in partnership with Charles Aldrich he operates a tract of 196 acres. Since 1922 Mr. Slayton has also been interested in the hay, grain, cattle and produce business, and he is widely known as a shipper.

In 1912 Mr. Slayton was united in marriage with Miss Mabel G. Tyler, daughter of Charles H. and Grace A. (Wallace) Tyler. The former is a native of Cayuga County and the latter of Oswego County. He is connected with the New York State Highway Department. To Mr. and Mrs. Slayton have been born four children: 1. Eleanor, is a graduate of Port Byron High School and is taking a postgraduate course at the Port Byron High School. 2. Rachael. 3. Mary E. 4. Thomas Jefferson, 3rd.

Mr. Slayton has always been a Republican and for a period of four years was Republican County Committeeman. He has also been trustee of the town board of education and since 1923 has served continuously as supervisor of the town of Conquest. He was chairman of the board during 1930.

Mr. Slayton is a trustee of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with Cato Lodge F. & A. M. No. 141, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grange, Cayuga County Farm Bureau, and Auburn Rotary Club.

Ezra L. Lain, who is successfully engaged in business in Elmira, as a dealer in farm implements, and also as proprietor of the Southern Tier Storage and Sales Company, is a native of Chemung County. He was born in the town of Ashland, March 31, 1882, the son of Tim E. and Mary (Crane) Lain.

Tim E. Lain was born on a farm near Wellsburg, where he spent his early life as a farmer. He was also a teacher in the district schools of Chemung County for ten years. In later years he engaged in dairy farming. Mr. Lain died November 11, 1918. He was a Democrat and served as highway commissioner. He was also trustee of the school district for twenty-five years. He was a member of the Wellsburg Methodist Episcopal Church and belonged to Chemung Valley Lodge, No. 350, F. and A. M.; and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, charter member and district deputy in 1904. His wife was born at Fassett, Pennsylvania, and died February 29, 1889. They are buried at Wellsburg, New York.

Tim E. Lain was the son of Lawrence Lain, who settled on a farm near Wellsburg in 1837. The original Lain homestead is still in the possession of the family.

To Tim E. and Mary (Crane) Lain were born two children: 1. Ezra L., the subject of this sketch. 2. Lois C., married Arthur Boughton, lives at Rochester, New York.

Ezra L. Lain obtained his education in the public schools in the town of Ashland, Chemung County, New York. In 1901 he en-



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tered the employ of G. A. Morley, at Reading Center, New York, as an apprentice blacksmith and horseshoer, and three years later he became identified with the shops of J. E. Reddick, at Dundee, New York. In 1905 Mr. Lain returned to Wellsburg, where he engaged in business until 1922. He then established his present business in Elmira as a dealer in farm implements, and in January, 1931, removed to his present location, 700 Madison Avenue. He is the local representative and dealer for the International Harvester Company for this locality.

On February 15, 1906, Mr. Lain married (first) Miss Jessie M. Bennett, of Montoursville, Pennsylvania. She was born July 25, 1871, and died August 15, 1915. She was the daughter of George M. and Sarah (Wood) Bennett, natives of Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bennett died in 1912 and his wife died January 29, 1919. They are buried at East Smithfield, Pennsylvania. To Ezra L. and Jessie M. (Bennett) Lain was born a son, Raymond L., born December 28, 1908. He is a graduate of Wellsburg High School, Meeker Business College, and Cazenovia Seminary. He married Miss Lonnette Walker, of DeRuyter, New York, and they have a daughter, Beverly Joan, born July 12, 1931.

Mr. Lain married (second) on April 11, 1919, Miss Anna Smith, a native of East Smithfield, Pennsylvania, born November 29, 1881. She is the daughter of D. G. and Jennie (Scott) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, natives of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, died in 1916 and 1918, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Lain have a son, Smith L., born June 10, 1922.

Mr. Lain is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wellsburg, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Chemung Valley Lodge, No. 350, F. and A. M., past master; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M., past high priest; Southern Tier Council, No. 16, R. and S. M.; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19, K. T., Elmira; Elmira Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Wellsburg Lodge, No. 760, past grand; Chemung County Farm Bureau; Elmira Rotary Club; Association of Commerce, and Sons of the American Revolution, Newtown Battle Chapter.

Mr. Lain and his family reside at Wellsburg.

P. M. Rathbun.—One of the most representative men of Cayuga County, widely known throughout Central New York, is P. M. Rathbun, who is owner and publisher of the *Moravia Republican-Register*. He was born at Poplar Ridge, Cayuga County, February 5, 1875, the son of George and Sarah J. (Main) Rathbun.

George Rathbun was born at Moravia in 1838. He became one of the most successful farmers in this section and specialized in dairying. His wife was also born here. Both are deceased and are buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. Mr. Rathbun was a Republican and held various public offices. He was one of the five charter members of Moravia Lodge, I. O. O. F. To Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun were born three children: 1. Bertrand, deceased. 2. P. M., the subject of this sketch. 3. Eva, deceased.

George Rathbun was the son of Amos and Jane A. (Robinson) Rathbun. Amos Rathbun was born at Venice, New York, September 11, 1801, and died October 2, 1874. He was a farmer and is buried at Moravia. The founder of the family in America was Richard Rathbone, who was born in 1574. He married Marion Whipple, who was a sister of Capt. John Whipple. During the early history of the family in this country the spelling of the name was changed to "Rathbun." A complete genealogical record was written in 1898 by John C. Cooley, of Oswego, New York.

P. M. Rathbun obtained his education in the public schools of Moravia, from which he was graduated in 1891. He taught school in the rural districts for three years and in 1896 became owner of the *Moravia Republican*. Five years later it was merged with the *Moravia Valley Register* and was re-named the *Moravia Republican-Register*. Mr. Rathbun has continued as its owner to the present time and his connection with the publication has proven most successful. It is published weekly on Thursday.

In 1903 Mr. Rathbun was united in marriage with Miss Mabel C. Shove, the daughter of George E. and Mary (Keeney) Shove, both natives of New York. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Homer, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun have no children.

Mr. Rathbun is a Republican and for fourteen years held the office of town clerk. He is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 41, Past Master; St. John the Baptist Chapter R. A. M. No. 30, Past High Priest; Owasco Valley Chapter O. E. S. No. 30, Past Patron; and Masonic Club. He was the first president of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Albert A. Morse, who is associated with John Morse & Sons, grocers, is recognized as one of the dependable merchants of Moravia. He was born at San Francisco, California, May 23, 1880, the son of John and Carrie (Parker) Morse.

John Morse is a native of Moravia. In early life he went west to Denver, Colorado, and later to San Francisco, California, where he conducted a meat business for seven years. He returned to Moravia, however, in 1882, and farmed until 1900. He then established a grocery business, with which he is still identified with his sons. Mr. Morse is a Democrat, a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Noble Grand. Carrie (Parker) Morse was born in San Francisco, California, and died September 7, 1883. She is buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. To this union were born two sons: 1. Albert A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Edwin K., of Moravia. John Morse married (second) Miss Ella Lowe, of Moravia. They have a son, Elmer L.

Albert A. Morse grew up at Moravia, and was educated in the public schools. He is also a graduate of Rochester Business College. He became stockman for Beadle & Sherberne, of Rochester, and later was office clerk in the employ of Lindsely & Kerr, of Rochester. During 1899-1901 he clerked in the grocery store of James M. Thomas, at Moravia, and from 1902 until 1913 operated a farm near Niles, Cayuga County. Since 1913 Mr. Morse has been manager of the business of John Morse & Sons.

In 1901 Mr. Morse was united in marriage with Miss Bertha DeWitt, who died March 26, 1925. She was the daughter of George and Alice (Abbie) DeWitt, of Niles, New York. Both

are buried at Owasco, New York. To Albert A. and Bertha (DeWitt) Morse was born a son, Charles Lee, who lives at Leonia, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Syracuse University. He married Miss Katherine Tilney, and they have a daughter, Nanette Alberta. He is identified with the American Doughnut Machine Corporation, New York City.

Mr. Morse married (second) on August 10, 1926, Miss Anna Dennis, daughter of Volney and Mary (Brown) Dennis, natives of Niles, New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Kelloggsville, New York.

Mr. Morse has always been a Democrat. He served as town clerk from January 1, 1918, until January 1, 1922, and as supervisor from 1922 until 1928, being re-elected to the latter office again in 1932. Mr. Morse is trustee and treasurer of the Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 41, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Noble Grand, and Past District Deputy Grand Master, Cayuga District No. 2, I. O. O. F. He has been president of the Chamber of Commerce and Cayuga County Agriculture Corporation.

George H. Perkins, mayor, is among the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Port Byron and Cayuga County. He was born at Sodus, Wayne County, May 11, 1873, the son of George W. and Sarah (Tinklepaugh) Perkins.

George W. Perkins was a native of Sodus, New York, born December 21, 1823. His wife was born there also, January 18, 1845. Their marriage took place January 26, 1870. Mr. Perkins died March 1, 1885, and his wife died February 14, 1913. Both are buried at Sodus. For a number of years Mr. Perkins conducted a ship chandlery in New York City and later owned a fleet of boats on the old Erie Canal. His boats plied between Buffalo and New York City with headquarters in Port Byron, and a number of his captains became notable characters in the history of that era in navigation. Mr. Perkins was a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge.

The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins was George H., the subject of this sketch.

George W. Perkins was the son of Horace and Harriet (Terry) Perkins. Horace Perkins was born at New Hartford, New York, October 14, 1796, and his wife was a native of Enfield, Connecticut, born May 30, 1799. He died January 3, 1867, and she died September 26, 1854. They are buried at Port Byron. Horace Perkins was a veteran of the War of 1812 and served in the company of Captain Claudius V. Boughton, General Peter B. Porter's Brigade, New York State Volunteer Cavalry. He served as postmaster of Port Byron, and from March 3, 1853, until December 31, 1856, was justice of the peace of the Town of Mentz, Cayuga County. He also was police justice from May 18, 1859, to May 19, 1863.

Horace Perkins was the son of Dr. Richard, Jr., and Elizabeth (Nichols) Perkins. He was born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1766, and was a graduate of Harvard University. He became a prominent physician and practiced at Whitestown, New York. Richard Perkins, Jr., was the son of Dr. Richard, Sr., and Mary (Hancock) Perkins. Richard Perkins, Sr., was born in 1730, and was a native of Massachusetts. He also was a graduate of Harvard University and practiced medicine at Framingham and Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Mary (Hancock) Perkins was a sister of Governor John Hancock. Dr. Richard Perkins, Sr., was the son of Rev. Daniel and Annie (Foster) Perkins. Rev. Daniel Perkins was born at Topsfield, Massachusetts, June 13, 1697, and his wife was born November 8, 1699. They are buried at West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Harvard University, and was pastor of the Church of England. Rev. Daniel Perkins was the son of Capt. Tobijah and Sarah (Denison) Perkins. He was born at Weymouth, Massachusetts, October 20, 1646, and his wife was a native of Topsfield, Massachusetts. He served as a member of the Legislature and was very active and prominent in military and political affairs. Capt. Tobijah Perkins was the son of Rev. William and Elizabeth (Wooton) Perkins. He was born in London, England, August 26, 1607, and emigrated to America on March 9, 1632, on the vessel "William

and Francis." He settled at Boston, Massachusetts, and was a minister of the Church of England. He with eleven others laid out the village of Ipswich, Massachusetts. He was a surveyor and military band leader and was awarded a land grant for his activities.

George H. Perkins attended the Port Byron High School as well as Albany Business College. He became a bookkeeper and stenographer and in 1899 became associated with the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company, with offices in New York City. He became assistant sales manager but in 1925 resigned and removed to Port Byron, where he has since lived retired. In 1928 Mr. Perkins was appointed mayor to fill the unexpired term of the late George Newkirk, and in March, 1929, he was elected to that office, being re-elected in 1931.

In 1915 Mr. Perkins was united in marriage with Miss Lettie M. Carpenter, the daughter of Edwin and Ruth A. (Thomas) Carpenter, the former a native of Centerport and the latter of Owasco, New York. Both are deceased. He was an owner of boats on the Erie Canal and was the son of Nathaniel Bowen and Mary (Horton) Carpenter, natives of Centerport, New York.

Politically, Mr. Perkins is a Republican. His lodge affiliations are: Port Byron Lodge F. & A. M. No. 130; and Rock Spring Lodge No. 568, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Clarence Gray Parker.—After a most successful career as a lawyer in Moravia for forty years, Clarence Gray Parker died there, March 29, 1932. He had gained a wide reputation in the courts of Cayuga County and Central New York and was highly esteemed. Mr. Parker was born at Montville, New York, August 27, 1867, the son of Otis Gray and Hannah Lovina (Richmond) Parker.

Otis Gray Parker was a native of Niles, Cayuga County, as was his wife. Both are deceased and are buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. He was a miller.

Clarence Gray Parker was educated in a little brick schoolhouse at Montville and later attended Moravia High School. He also was a pupil of Hosea Curtis. Mr. Parker began reading law in the office of the late Hon. S. Edwin Day and that of Frank S. Curtis before entering the Law School of Cornell University. In 1891 he was graduated from that institution as an honor student and with the degree of LL. B. He specialized in the study of history and political science. Mr. Parker received special mention for his graduation thesis, which ranked among the five best in the class of 1891, and he has since been cited by the Law School as an authority in criminal work. After his admission to the bar on January 8, 1892, Mr. Parker opened an office at Moravia, which he continued until 1903. He then became associated with the late James A. Wright, and the firm of Wright & Parker continued until 1912. From the latter date until his death Mr. Parker conducted a private practice. As deputy attorney general he obtained titles for the state of the properties which compose Filmore Glen State Park, and his efforts in that line were commended by the attorney general.

On May 23, 1894, Mr. Parker was united in marriage with Miss Edith Emma Morse, the daughter of Albert and Abbie F. Morse, of New York. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Moravia. Mr. and Mrs. Parker had two sons: 1. Carlton W., born September 30, 1896, a graduate of Moravia High School, class of 1916, attended Central City Business College, and was employed as a clerk in the office of the adjutant general at Washington, D. C., in 1917. He farmed at Moravia from 1919 until 1927, and is now identified with the Main Line Filling & Service Station, Moravia. 2. Albert Richmond, a graduate of Moravia High School, class of 1929. He is associated in business with his brother.

Politically, Mr. Parker was a Republican, and for many years he served as a member of the local board of education. During his term as president of that body the new high school building was erected. He was also one of the founders of the Citizens Bank of Locke, of which he served as director and attorney. He was a vestryman of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and was affiliated with Moravia Lodge No. 510, I. O. O. F.

William Fitts.—One of the most representative citizens of Cayuga County is William Fitts, who lives retired at Moravia. He was born there, March 14, 1866, the son of Hon. Leander and Mary S. (Smith) Fitts.

Hon. Leander Fitts was born at Sempronius, Cayuga County, in May, 1822, and his wife was a native of the same place, born in 1826. He died in April, 1891, and she died in January, 1890. Both are buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. Leander Fitts was a graduate of Albany Teachers' Institute and taught school in Tompkins and Cortland counties. Later, he was a merchant at McLean, Tompkins County, and for a time he was also bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Syracuse. He later became bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Cortland and in 1864 was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Moravia. He served in the latter capacity until his death. Mr. Fitts was a Republican and served several terms as supervisor for the town of Moravia, and served for two terms, 1888-1891, as a member of the General Assembly. He was treasurer of the board of education from its inception until his death, and also was president of that body. He was a member of the Universalist Church, at McLean. To Leander and Mary S. (Smith) Fitts were born twins: 1. William, the subject of this sketch. 2. Louise, who died in 1907. She is buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia.

Leander Fitts was the son of Martin and Miriam (Dresser) Fitts. Martin Fitts was born in Massachusetts, in October, 1791, and his wife was born in 1793. He died in April, 1876, and she died in October, 1866. Both are buried in Sand Hill Cemetery, Sempronius, New York. He was a farmer throughout his life. Martin Fitts was the son of John and Rebecca (Dresser) Fitts, natives of Charlton, Massachusetts. Their marriage took place October 12, 1775. He was born in 1747 and died May 11, 1836. His wife was born May 6, 1757, and died April 7, 1841. Both are buried at Charlton, New York. John Fitts was the son of Robert, Jr., and Kezia (Towne) Fitts. Robert Fitts, Jr., was born November 9, 1718, and died in September, 1754. His wife was born in February, 1715, and died in 1839.

Robert J. Fitts, Jr., was the son of Robert, Sr., and Hannah (Dike) Fitts. Both were natives of Ipswich, Massachusetts. He was born in July, 1690, and was an extensive land owner. Robert Fitts, Sr., was the son of Abraham, Jr., and Mary (Ross) Fitts. Their marriage occurred January 9, 1693. Abraham Fitts, Jr., died in 1714. He was the son of Abraham, Sr., and Sarah (Tomson) Fitts. Their marriage took place on May 16, 1655. He died March 27, 1692, and his wife died June 5, 1664. Abraham Fitts, Sr., was the son of Robert or Richard Fitts, also a native of Massachusetts.

William Fitts, subject of this sketch, received his education in the public schools of Moravia, being a graduate of the high school in 1886. In that year he became a clerk in the First National Bank of Moravia, and subsequently was appointed assistant cashier. At the time of his retirement in 1924 Mr. Fitts was serving as active vice president of the institution. He is still a director of the bank.

In September, 1887, Mr. Fitts was united in marriage with Miss May L. Aikin, who died in November, 1927, and is buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. She was born at Scipio in 1867, the daughter of William and Addie (Jump) Aikin, both natives of Scipio. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fitts, Harold, born November 17, 1894. He was a graduate of Moravia High School and was attending Brown University at the time of his death in October, 1914. He is buried at Moravia.

Mr. Fitts is a Republican and has been treasurer of the board of education in Moravia since April, 1891. He is a trustee of the Congregational Church, and president of Indian Mound Cemetery Association. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and American Philatelic Society. His lodge affiliations are: Sylvan Lodge F. & A. M. No. 41, Past Master; St. John the Baptist Chapter R. A. M. No. 30, Past High Priest; Salem Town Commandery, K. T. No. 16; Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., life member, Rochester, N. Y.; Owasco Valley Chapter, No. 330, O. E. S.; and the Masonic Club of Moravia. In 1902 he was District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirtieth Masonic District.

Gen. Edgar Stilson Jennings, retired, is a native of Auburn, born August 25, 1870, the son of William H. and Eva M. (Alvord) Jennings. William H. Jennings was a merchant and established a business in the city of Auburn in 1869. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in this city.

Edgar Stilson Jennings was educated in the grade and high schools of Auburn, and entered his father's store after leaving school. He went through old Mexico and Cuba in 1892 and then returned to Auburn. Later, he became senior member in the firm of E. S. and F. A. Jennings, art dealers, 4-6 Exchange Street. In 1917 Mr. Jennings was appointed warden of the Auburn State Prison, and served until his retirement in 1930. He held the office continuously with the exception of time spent in the service during the World War. General Jennings was warden at the prison in December, 1929, when the greatest prison riot of all time took place. He was seized and held captive by the convicts, who threatened him with death unless he would open the doors and free them. All the corridors were filled with convicts who were armed and demanded automobiles for their escape. The principal keeper was killed and when news of the riot leaked out the National Guard was called out, together with the city police, and state police. Eight convicts were killed and the rioting lasted from 11 a. m. until after 6 p. m. of that day. During the trouble General Jennings was severely gassed and was subsequently forced to retire on account of his health.

The war record of General Jennings follows: He enlisted in an Auburn company of National Guard, March 3, 1891; later served in the Spanish-American War, being commissioned a second lieutenant, and mustered out of the United States Army, in December, 1898. The local company retained federal designation as Company M, Third New York National Guard. On June 15, 1904, he was commissioned captain, received the commission of major on March 17, 1911, and became colonel December 19, 1915, with his regiment being mustered into United States service June 19, 1916, for Mexican border duty. He was mustered out November 30, 1916. Prior to the Mexican border service he had served

the city of Auburn as commissioner of charities, 1910 to 1914, and as police commissioner from 1914 to 1916.

In 1917 he became colonel of the One Hundred and Eighth Infantry when the United States entered the World War, and took his regiment to Spartansburg, North Carolina, for training. In May, 1918, he attended Field Officers Training School, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and returned to his regiment in time to embark with it for France. He engaged with the One Hundred and Eighth Infantry in defensive on Dickenbush and Sherpenberg sectors, July 9th to August 30th, 1918; offensive on Ypres-Lys front, Belgium, September 18, 1918; offensive at Somme, France, September 24th to October 20, 1918. His regiment met with its greatest baptism of fire at the battle of September 29-30 in the vicinity of Bony, France, when Hindenburg's line was broken. Other battles were: LaSalle River, vicinity of St. Souplet, France, October 18, 1918, and severely gassed in that engagement; Jone Der Mer Ridge in vicinity of Arbre Guernon, France, October 18, 1918; also Vierstraat Ridge, near Mt. Kemmel, Belgium, August 31-September 2; St. Maurice River, in vicinity of Catillon, France, October 19-20, 1918; minor actions were: East Poperinge line, Belgium, July 9, 1918; Dickenbush sector, Belgium, August 21-30, 1918. His regiment was mustered out March 31, 1919. Upon the reorganization of the National Guard into federalized units, he was commissioned Brigadier-General, and placed in command of the Fifty-Fourth Brigade, New York National Guard, September 13, 1919. He was breveted Major General on December 23, 1922.

Citations and decorations received by General Jennings were: Commanding general of the Twenty-seventh Division in orders World War; King of Belgium, World War, with citation and decoration Croix de Guerre with Palm; by governor of the State of New York, brevet commission of Major General; from United States Spanish-American War, with three bronze stars and three silver stars; New York State Conspicuous Service Cross with two stars by New York State Legislature; and New York State Long Service Medal, thirty-five years.

General Jennings is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Sea

and Field Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M.; Masonic Club of Auburn; B. P. O. Elks No. 474; W. Mynderse Rice Post No. 97, American Legion; Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War; Major Lawton Camp No. 39, United Spanish War Veterans; Auburn Country Club; Chamber of Commerce; and National Republican Club.

In 1897 General Jennings married Miss Louise Elizabeth Robinson, in Auburn.

Rev. Francis Thomas Moffett, who is pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, at Moravia, has been in charge of this parish since 1929, and holds the high regard of the people of the community, including all other faiths. Father Moffett takes a keen interest in every movement for the welfare of the community and during his pastorate here he has been most active in civic affairs. He was born at Auburn, July 8, 1884, the son of James and Alice (Coneck) Moffett.

James Moffett was born at Providence, Rhode Island, and his wife was a native of Bellville, Ontario, Canada. She is deceased and is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester. He resides at Moravia. Mr. Moffett was a baker by trade and was thus engaged until his retirement in 1918. His father was Patrick Moffett, a native of Ireland, who is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn. James Moffett is a Democrat, a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and belongs to Bath Council Knights of Columbus No. 2478. There were eleven children in the Moffett family, of whom Francis Thomas, the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

Francis Thomas Moffett grew up at Rochester, New York, being six months of age when his parents removed there. In 1900 he was graduated from St. Bridget's School, and in 1905 completed a course of study at St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. He was graduated from St. Bernard's Theological Seminary in 1911, and ordained on June 10, 1911, at Rochester by the late Archbishop Quigley. During 1911-12 Reverend Moffett was assistant

pastor at St. Bernard's Church, at Scipio, and from 1913 until 1919 was assistant at St. Monica's Church, Rochester. He was transferred to St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs, New York, in 1919 as assistant pastor, and in 1922 was sent to St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, at Hammondsport, New York, as pastor. Father Moffett came to St. Patrick's Church in Moravia as pastor, January 12, 1929. He has made numerous improvements in the church property, having the interior of the church redecorated and a new organ installed.

Reverend Moffett is affiliated with Bath Council No. 2478, Knights of Columbus, and was chaplain of that body during his residence in Hammondsport. He also takes an active and prominent part in the affairs of the Holy Name Society in Moravia.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, of Moravia.—The organization of a Catholic parish in Moravia was perfected in 1872. Previously the Catholic people of the community received the sacraments from priests from Auburn and masses were celebrated in various homes of the region. In 1872 and the following year Rev. Archangel Paganini, who was stationed at Scipio, administered the newly organized parish at Moravia. Church services were conducted in a building that had been purchased from the Methodist Church society and moved to a site on Grove Street.

Father Paganini was succeeded in 1873 by Rev. Hugh J. Rafferty, who was also pastor of St. Bernard's Church at Scipio Center. During the pastorate of Father Rafferty the rectory on Grove Street was purchased. Several years ago this rectory was sold and the present and modern rectory on South Main Street purchased. While Reverend Rafferty was in charge of St. Patrick's parish here the old church building was sold. It was moved to the corner of Grove and School streets and converted into a residence. Following the disposal of the old wooden structure, work on the present brick edifice was started and in 1884 the cornerstone was placed. The building was finished that year and occupied for services.

Rev. Thomas F. Hickey was appointed first resident pastor in 1888, when of August 26th, the parish became independent of Scipio. Father Hickey was pastor until 1895. Later, he became titular Bishop of Berenice and coadjutor with right of succession to the first Bishop of Rochester. On January 18, 1909, upon the death of Bishop McQuaid, he succeeded him as second Bishop of Rochester. In 1929 the church he had served for twenty years as Bishop honored him, upon his retirement, with the title Archbishop of Vimanacium.

Father Hickey was succeeded here by Rev. John J. McGrath. Reverend McGrath later became pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and head of the Auburn deanery. Reverend McGrath was succeeded by Rev. T. M. O'Connor, who in turn was succeeded by Rev. C. B. Silke. On October 1, 1915, Rev. Walter B. McCarthy succeeded Father Silke as pastor. He served until 1920 and was succeeded by Rev. Arthur Smith. Father Smith in 1929 was succeeded by Rev. Francis T. Moffett, the present pastor (1932).

The mission church of St. Anne's in Owasco was formed in 1912 and is in charge of the Moravia pastorate.

John W. Gard, M. D.—Numbered among the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Cayuga County, Doctor Gard is also recognized as one of the community's most valued citizens. He was born at Kings Ferry, Cayuga County, November 2, 1888, the son of William and Catherine (Burns) Gard.

William Gard, retired, lives at Auburn. Both he and his wife are natives of Genoa and he spent thirty years in the employ of the Auburn State Prison. He is a Republican, a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Holy Name Society, and Auburn Council No. 257, Knights of Columbus. To Mr. and Mrs. Gard were born two sons: 1. John W., the subject of this sketch. 2. William, who is associated with the Empire Gas & Electric Company, at Auburn.

The early education of John W. Gard was obtained in the parochial schools of Auburn and in 1908 he was graduated from Auburn High School. He spent two years at the University of

Michigan and in 1914 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Union University, Albany Medical College. After a year as interne in the Albany Hospital, and also a year in Auburn City Hospital, Doctor Gard established his present private practice at Genoa. He has also taken graduate work in obstetrics at Lying-In Hospital, New York City. Doctor Gard is a member of the staff of Genoa Hospital and belongs to the Cayuga County and New York State Medical Associations.

In 1915 Doctor Gard was united in marriage with Miss Edna Corning, who is a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1910, and the daughter of George and Rebecca (Kinchley) Corning, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively. Mr. Corning settled in Auburn with his parents in early life and throughout his life was interested in the shoe business, in later years being employed by the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company. He died in 1909 and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn. His widow resides in that city. To Dr. and Mrs. Gard have been born three sons: John, George, and Charles.

Doctor Gard is a Republican, a member of St. Hilary's Catholic Church, and Omega Upsilon Phi fraternity. He is health officer for the towns of Genoa, Venice and Scipio.

James Wallace Skinner, M. D.—Having engaged in the practice of medicine at Genoa for almost fifty-five years, Doctor Skinner is recognized as the dean of physicians and surgeons in Cayuga County, and his capability in his chosen profession is widely known. He was born at Wheatland, Monroe County, New York, October 31, 1853, the son of Almond and Amanda (Nims) Skinner.

Almond Skinner was a native of Ontario, Canada, and his father was sent from that country for aiding the Americans during the War of 1812. The Skinners were farmers and settled in Monroe County. Almond Skinner was a Republican and held membership in the Baptist Church. Both he and his wife are buried in New York. Their children were: 1. Mortimer, deceased. 2. Dr. Scott N., served as a surgeon throughout the Civil War, now deceased. 3. Demis, married Dr. R. A. Adams, deceased. 4. Celia,

deceased. 5. James Wallace, the subject of this sketch. 6. Jessie Hurley, lives at Genoa. 7. Emily, deceased.

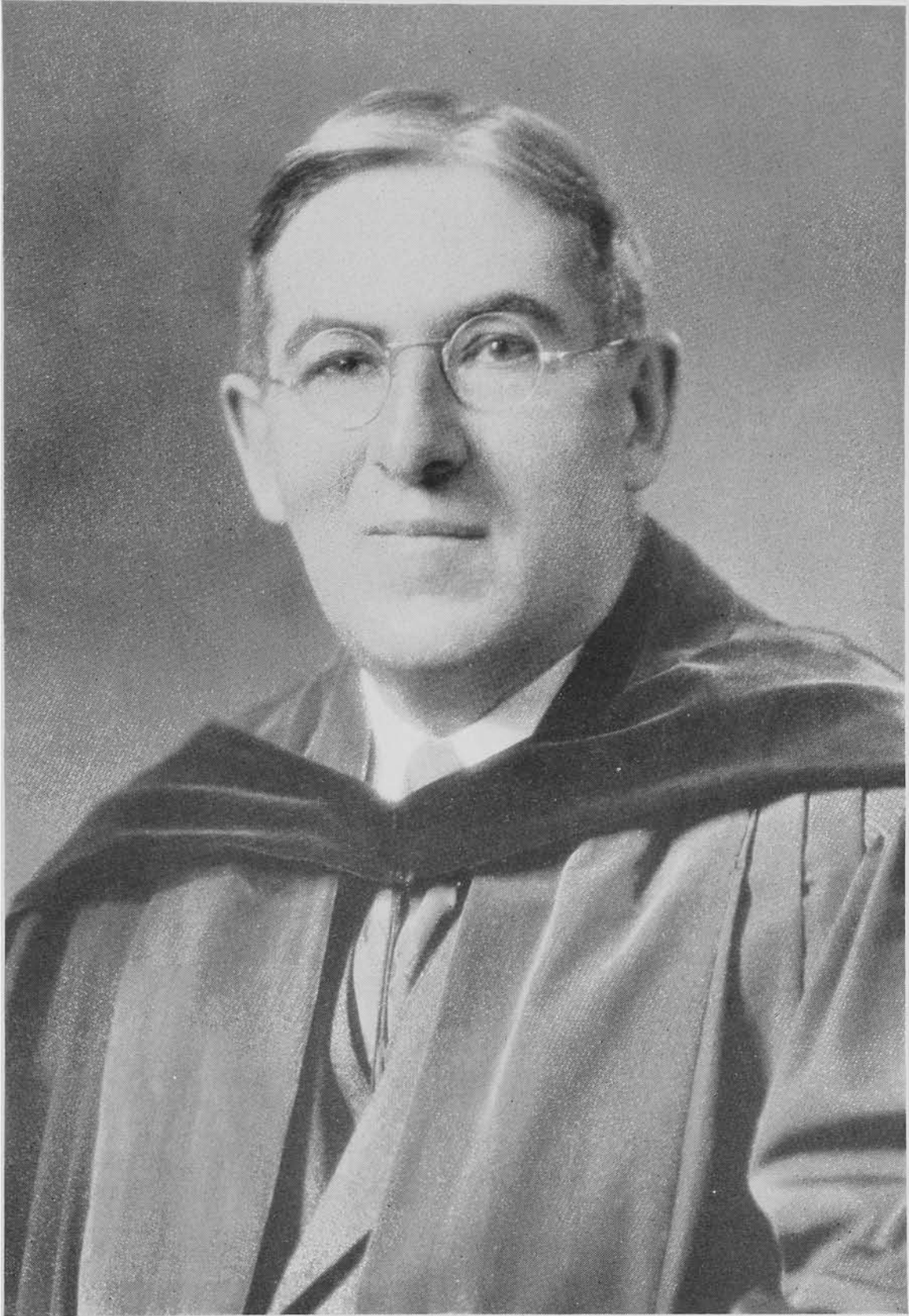
James Wallace Skinner was reared and educated at Scottsville, New York, and after his graduation from high school in 1874 he entered the University of Michigan, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1878. His entire career has been spent in practice at Genoa and in 1912 he founded the Genoa Hospital, which has enjoyed a wide reputation in Cayuga County as a dependable institution. During his early years of practice Doctor Skinner drove horses in making his sick calls and averaged twenty-five miles daily for a period of thirty-four years. This, he estimates, equals 310,250 miles or thirteen times around the world. He now drives his own automobile and still is active in practice. He is a member of the Cayuga County and New York State Medical Societies.

Doctor Skinner married Miss Corina Carpenter, who died in 1929. Their daughter, June, married Hugh W. Lundy, attorney, and lives at Albia, Monroe County, Iowa. They have a daughter, Lorraine.

Doctor Skinner has always been a Republican, and for fifty-two years has been a member of North Lansing Lodge F. & A. M. No. 774, and Genoa Star Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Rev. Frederick Lent, who is president of Elmira College, is one of the widely known and influential educators of Central New York. He was born at Freeport, Province of Nova Scotia, June 10, 1872, the son of Shippey and Euphemia (Moore) Lent.

Shippey Lent, who died in 1875, was a native of Nova Scotia. He was reared and educated there and as a young man became interested in ship building. He served as marine captain and later became a trader in the West Indies. He was a member of the Baptist Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. His wife died in 1922. They had the following children: 1. Emma, the widow of John Alden Warner, lives at Grosse Point, Michigan. 2. George, who died in 1927. 3. Frank, lives at Freeport, Nova Scotia.



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4. DeLisle, lives in Bermuda. 5. Frederick, the subject of this sketch. 6. Mary, married Eugene Goudy, and died in 1898.

Frederick Lent acquired his early education in the schools of Nova Scotia and is a graduate of an academy at Leicester, Massachusetts. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts at Brown University in 1900 and 1901, respectively. He then received the degree of B. D. at Newton Theological Institute, and in 1906 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Yale University. He had been ordained as a minister of the Baptist Church in 1895, and during 1896-1898 was pastor of Calvary Church at Salem, Massachusetts, and until 1901 was stationed at Oak Lawn, Rhode Island. He then became an instructor in Biblical Literature at Brown University and during 1903 taught at Yale University, also being identified with the latter university during 1909-1910. He located in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1903, as pastor of the First Baptist Church, having served in that capacity during his university work as an instructor. Doctor Lent has been president of Elmira College since 1914. He is also a trustee of Newton Theological Institute.

On September 23, 1896, President Lent married Miss Estelle Bolles, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, the daughter of Harry Clinton and Annie (Briggs) Bolles. Both were natives of New Bedford. The former died in 1905 and the latter in 1932. There were four children born to Doctor and Mrs. Lent: 1. Died in infancy. 2. Henry Bolles, born November 4, 1901, a graduate of Hamilton College, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1925. He is connected with Anderson, Davis & Hyde Company, New York City. He married Miss Leone Marks, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and they have two sons: Henry Bolles, Jr., born June 20, 1927. 2. David Frederick, born April 19, 1929. 3. Robert Wayland, born March 24, 1905. He is connected with A. B. Dick & Company at Detroit, Michigan. He married Miss Vidas Campbell, of Detroit. They have a son, Frederick, born July 17, 1932. 4. Elizabeth, born November 1, 1909, a graduate of Elmira College, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1931. She attended Meeker Business College, Elmira. She is with the Department of Social Service, Elmira, New York.

Doctor Lent is a Republican. He is a member of the Rotary Club, Elmira Golf and Country Club, Phi Beta Kappa, and Chi Phi fraternity. He is also a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and American Oriental Society. He is a member of the Baptist Board of Education.

Austin L. Mott has been interested in business at Locke for almost 30 years and also takes an active part in local civic affairs, being supervisor of the town of Locke. He was born at Victory, Cayuga County, March 17, 1879, the son of Austin L. and Mary Ann (Robinson) Mott.

Austin L. Mott, deceased, was a native of Cayuga County, born at Sterling in 1836. During the Civil War he owned and operated the old Globe Hotel at Niles, Cayuga County. He later purchased the Wilson farm near there and subsequently removed to Illinois, where he farmed for eight years. Upon his return to Cayuga County he resumed his farming interests there. He was living retired at the time of his death in 1908. His wife was born at Niles and died in 1914. Both are buried at Cato. He was a Republican and served as village collector. He attended the Methodist Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Mott were born twelve children, as follows: 1. Ella, married Herbert Crowell, both deceased. 2. Nettie, married I. J. Main, lives at Cortland. 3. Frederick J., deceased. 4. Anna, married Irving Botsford, both deceased. 5. George, lives at Cato. 6. Lillie, deceased, was the wife of Adelbert Smith, of Westbury, New York. 7. Emma, married L. D. Harmon, lives at Ira, New York. 8. Eugene, lives at Weedsport. 9. Irene, married Eldon Darby, both deceased. 10. Laura, married Reuben Cook, lives at Locke. 11. Austin L., the subject of this sketch. 12. Dennis, lives at Victory.

Austin L. Mott was reared and educated at Victory, and is a graduate of Red Creek Academy. In 1899 he became a clerk in the local offices of the United States Express Company, and was later manager of the Locke Cold Storage Company for two years. In 1904 in partnership with O. D. Hewitt he purchased the plant

and the firm continued in business until 1916, at which time Mr. Mott sold his interest to Mr. Hewitt with the exception of the wholesale egg business, with which he is still identified.

In 1901 Mr. Mott married (first) Miss Cora B. Johnson, who died August 15, 1909. She is buried at North Lansing, New York. She was the daughter of J. H. and Linda (Learn) Johnson, natives of Locke and Lansing, respectively. Mr. Johnson, retired, lives at Cortland. His wife is deceased. To Austin L. and Cora B. (Johnson) Mott was born a daughter, Esther Johnson, a graduate of Cortland Normal School and Walter Reed Hospital. She married Samuel P. Strother, and lives at Lynchburg, Virginia. They have a son, Robert. Mr. Mott married (second) June 28, 1910, Miss Pearl Fuller, the daughter of Nathan Fuller, deceased. To them were born three children: 1. Eleanor, a graduate of Cortland Normal School. She is a teacher at Dansville, New York. 2. Austin Leonard, 3rd, attends Bentley School of Accounting and Financing, Boston, Massachusetts. 3. Maurice Vernon, a student.

Politically, Mr. Mott is a Republican. He is serving as a member of the water commission and for seven years was school director. He has been supervisor of the town of Locke since 1927. He has been a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church for twenty-eight years and served as trustee also. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Sylvan Lodge F. & A. M. No. 41, St. John the Baptist Chapter R. A. M. No. 30, and Uskeep Lodge No. 459, I. O. O. F. Past Noble Grand.

Rev. Edward J. Lyons.—As pastor of St. Bernard's Catholic Church at Scipio Center and St. Hilary's Catholic Church at Genoa, Reverend Lyons has an extensive acquaintance throughout Cayuga County and is esteemed by all who know him. He is a native of Avon, Livingston County, New York, born February 27, 1885, the son of Frank and Ellen (Halligan) Lyons.

Frank Lyons was born at Avon, New York, in 1857, and his wife was a native of Wales. He spent many years in the employ

of the Erie Railroad Company and died in the service while on duty as a passenger engineer. He was a Democrat, a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Catholic Men's Benevolent Association. His wife died in 1911 and Mr. Lyons died in 1900. Both are buried in St. Agnes Cemetery, Avon. To Mr. and Mrs. Lyons were born three children: 1. Edward J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Francis, deceased. 3. Loretta, married John Cleary, lives at Avon.

Edward J. Lyons was reared at Avon, where he received his early education in the parochial schools. He spent two years at Avon High School and in 1907 was graduated from St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. He was graduated from St. Bernard's Seminary in 1913, being ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1913, at Rochester, New York, by Bishop Colton. He then was appointed assistant pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church at Elmira, and in 1924 came to his present charges at Scipio Center and Genoa.

Father Lyons is identified with Elmira Council No. 229, Knights of Columbus, 4th degree, and is advisor for Holy Name Society.

St. Bernard's Catholic Church, of Scipio Center. Previous to the year of 1872 the Catholic residents of this section of the county were attended by the pastor of Union Springs, which was also known as Springport. The older members of the parish may recall Rev. Father Toohey, Rev. B. McCool, Rev. V. M. Schmeltzer, and Rev. Eugene Pagani, priests who came to Scipio Center to administer spiritual needs. About the year 1870 a small frame church was built on the site of the present edifice. The building was erected by Rev. B. McCool, who remained in charge of the parish until June, 1872, when Rev. Archangel Paganini was appointed the first resident pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty in June, 1873. He also had charge of St. Patrick's Church at Moravia, and Our Lady of the Lake Church at Kings Ferry. These parishes covered an immense amount of ter-

ritory. Father Rafferty died in 1908 and during his thirty-five years in this vicinity many changes for the better were made and numerous improvements made in the church properties.

On June 15, 1908, Rev. John B. Doran was appointed pastor. In February, 1911, he purchased the Universalist Church at Genoa and the property was blessed by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., bishop of the diocese. A church was also built at Ludlowville. On April 25, 1915, Rev. Edward J. Dwyer was appointed pastor of St. Bernard's Church, and in November, 1920, he was succeeded by Rev. F. G. Straub. During 1922 a new crucifix, crib, and altar was installed, and from August 15th until 20th the parish celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the church. At that time Rt. Rev. Bishop Hickey administered confirmation.

On July 1, 1924, Rev. Edward J. Lyons was transferred from Elmira to take charge of the parish at Scipio Center.

Ray C. Kelsey, postmaster, is well and favorably known at Weedsport, Cayuga County, where he has lived for many years. He was born at Cape Vincent, Jefferson County, New York, March 11, 1883, the son of L. G. and Jennie (Morrison) Kelsey.

L. G. Kelsey, a native of Cape Vincent, is now deceased. He was a registered pharmacist and for more than forty years owned and successfully managed a drug business at Cape Vincent. His wife was also born at that place. Both are buried there. Mr. Kelsey was a Democrat and held the offices of justice of the peace, supervisor and town clerk. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was affiliated with Cape Vincent Lodge F. & A. M., Cape Vincent Chapter, R. A. M., Watertown Commandery, K. T. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey was Ray C., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from the public schools of Cape Vincent, Ray C. Kelsey attended Cape Vincent Academy. He was a clerk in the J. Rothstein Clothing Company, at Oneida, spent some time in the same capacity with the Nick Peters Clothing Company, at Syracuse, and was also employed for a time by the Semet-Solvay

Company, Syracuse. He was located in Detroit, Michigan, with the latter concern for a time, but in 1919 removed with his family to Weedsport. The following year he became buyer for the Sigman Lax Clothing Company, and later was clerk and buyer for the Outlet Clothing Company, at Batavia, New York. He then was buyer for Louis Brothers, Auburn, and during this entire period of time maintained his residence at Weedsport. On March 15, 1932, Mr. Kelsey accepted the appointment as postmaster.

Mr. Kelsey married Miss Marie Hudson, the daughter of Charles W. and Mary (Gott) Hudson, the former a native of Weedsport and the latter of Seneca Falls. They are now residents of Weedsport, where he is engaged in business. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey have two daughters: 1. LaVonne, a graduate of Weedsport High School, class of 1931. 2. Loretta, a graduate of Weedsport High School, class of 1932.

Politically, Mr. Kelsey has always been a Republican. He belongs to Salina Lodge F. & A. M. No. 385, Port Byron Chapter R. A. M., and Salem Town Commandery, K. T., No. 16.

Mr. Kelsey is the owner of a fine farm near Cape Vincent.

Roy A. Tuttle.—As proprietor of the R. A. Tuttle General Store, at King Ferry, Roy A. Tuttle is recognized as the community's business and civic leader. He is a veteran of the World War, having served in France as a member of Battery F, Three Hundred and Ninth Heavy Field Artillery, Seventy-eighth Division. Mr. Tuttle was born at Genoa, Cayuga County, June 26, 1895, the son of Fred H. and Maggie (Stilwell) Tuttle.

Fred H. Tuttle was born in Cayuga County, and died at King Ferry in June, 1921. He was a farmer and in 1910 went to Fresno, California, where he remained for six months. He then located on a fruit ranch in another section of California. He returned to New York in 1914 and engaged in farming until his death. His widow was born at Genoa and lives at King Ferry. Mr. Tuttle was a Republican and belonged to Genoa Lodge F. & A. M. No.

421. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were born six children: 1. Roy A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Tracy, a World War veteran, lives on the Tuttle homestead. 3. Leslie, a farmer, lives in Cayuga County. 4. Fred J., associated with his brother's automobile business. 5. Bessie, married M. MacCormick, lives in New York City. 6. Bernice, attends Cornell University.

Roy A. Tuttle grew up at King Ferry and attended the public schools. He also attended Orosi High School in California. Upon his return to the East he was interested in farming with his father until 1917, at which time he engaged in business for himself. After his enlistment for service in the World War Mr. Tuttle spent eight months at Camp Dix, New Jersey, before sailing for France. He participated in the battle of St. Mihiel, where he was wounded and spent ten weeks in Base Hospital No. 40. He took part in other important engagements of the war and was discharged as a corporal on January 12, 1919. Mr. Tuttle then farmed until 1921 and in that year established a general mercantile establishment at King Ferry. It is an up-to-date business and Mr. Tuttle handles a fine grade of groceries, meats, as well as dry goods, hardware, etc. A soda grill and candy shop are also conducted in connection with the business. In 1929 Mr. Tuttle erected the R. A. Tuttle Garage, which was occupied in April, 1930. He represents the Ford Motor Company and McCormick-Deering lines. In 1929 Mr. Tuttle purchased the business of Fox & McCormick, general merchants, and merged it with his own establishment. He has been the owner of the post office building since 1931.

In 1922 Mr. Tuttle was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Bradley, daughter of E. A. and Elizabeth (Parkhurst) Bradley, natives of King Ferry and Newark, New Jersey, respectively. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle have three children: Jean Elizabeth, Roy A., Jr., and Vivian Ann.

In politics Mr. Tuttle is identified with the Republican party. Since August, 1930, he has served as president of the school board in the Union Free District, and through his untiring efforts the system was reorganized as the King Ferry Central School in June,

1931, with Mr. Tuttle as president. He is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, as well as Sunday school superintendent, and is affiliated with Genoa Lodge F. and A. M. No. 421, Past Master, Union Springs Chapter, R. A. M., and Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.

Vance C. Haley.—Identified with the firm of Haley & Howland, automobile dealers, Mr. Haley is numbered among the representative men of Poplar Ridge, Cayuga County. He was born at Scipio, January 8, 1884, the son of Edward and Alice (Leader) Haley.

Edward Haley was a native of Springport and a member of one of the oldest families in that section of Cayuga County. He was a farmer, and for ten years was local representative for the Adrence-Platt Company, of Poughkeepsie, New York, manufacturers of farm implements. He was living retired at the time of his death in November, 1931. His wife was a native of England and died in 1912. They are buried in Ridgeway Cemetery, near Poplar Ridge. Mr. Haley was a Democrat and attended Friends Church. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Haley was Vance C., the subject of this sketch.

Edward Haley was the son of Amos Haley, a native of Massachusetts. He was a farmer and is buried at Union Springs, New York. His father drove a team of oxen from Massachusetts to New York and settled where the Oakwood picnic grounds are now located near Union Springs. He owned and operated one of the first saw mills in this section.

Vance C. Haley grew up at Venice, Cayuga County, and attended the public schools there. He was associated with his father's farming interests for a time and from 1909 until 1912 was a machinist with the Adrence-Platt Company, with central New York as his territory. During 1912-14 he was identified with the American Seeding Company, with headquarters in Syracuse and the Finger Lake region as territory. In 1914 Mr. Haley engaged in business for himself at Poplar Ridge as the owner of a garage