

graduation from Hobart College in 1886 he read law in his father's office and was admitted to the New York State bar in 1887. For a time he served as clerk in the surrogate's office and since 1887 has successfully practiced law at Ovid. Mr. Franklin was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, of which he is vice president and director. He is a Democrat and has held the office of president of the Board of Education. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Chi Phi fraternity, Union Lodge, No. 114, F. & A. M.; Ovid Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M.; and Seneca County Bar Association. Caroline (Thomas) Franklin was born at Ovid, December 24, 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin were born four children: 1. Abbie, married Fred Smith, lives at Ovid. 2. George T., the subject of this sketch. 3. Elizabeth, married Willis Miles, lives at Ovid. 4. Benjamin, who died while in service during the World War, while serving as a member of the Student Army Corps at Syracuse University.

Benjamin Franklin was the son of Hon. George and Abbie (Squires) Franklin. George Franklin was a native of Hector, New York, and was a graduate of Albany Law School. He taught school for several years and subsequently engaged in the practice of law at Ovid. He also served for three terms as county judge, as well as surrogate, and was assistant secretary of state during the administration of Hon. Dietrich Willers. He was a Democrat and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Both he and his wife are buried at Ovid.

George T. Franklin acquired his early education in the public schools of Ovid and in 1917 received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University. After his admission to the bar December 1, 1919, he became associated with his father in the practice of law. At the outbreak of the World War he attended the First Officers Training Camp at Madison Barracks, Sackets Harbor, later being transferred to the ground school, Aviation section, U. S. Signal Corps, at Ithaca. He received the commission of second lieutenant at Gerstner Field, and served as an instructor at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, Taliferro Field, Fort Worth, Texas, and Love Field, Dallas, Texas. At the close of the war he was enroute to France on the Adriatic. He was discharged December 20, 1918.

In 1920 Mr. Franklin was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Lott, the daughter of Elijah and Mary Lott, natives of Seneca County. Mr. Lott is deceased and his widow resides at Lodi, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin have two children, Ruth and Benjamin.

Mr. Franklin is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Delta Chi fraternity, Seneca County Bar Association, and Benjamin Franklin Post, No. 463, American Legion, of which he is adjutant. He is affiliated with Ovid Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M.; Ovid Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M.; and B. P. O. Elks, No. 992.

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**W. Grant Mitchell.**—Active in the educational, civic and fraternal life of Seneca County is W. Grant Mitchell, who is principal of Ovid High School, and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Clayton, Jefferson County, New York, February 6, 1900, the son of Thomas and Nellie (Grant) Mitchell.

Thomas Mitchell is a native of Canada, born at Wolf Island, Ontario, and his wife was born at Clayton, New York. They are now residents of Thousand Island Park, New York. Mr. Mitchell is a graduate of Ives Seminary, and for a number of years has been a successful painting contractor. He is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to Clayton Lodge No. 296, F. & A. M., Clayton Chapter No. 301, R. A. M., Watertown Commandery No. 11, K. T., and Media Temple. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have three children: 1. W. Grant, the subject of this sketch. 2. Corinne, married Dorchester Everett, lives at Saranac Lake, New York. 3. Thomas H., a student.

W. Grant Mitchell obtained his early education at Thousand Island Park and in 1916 was graduated from Clayton High School. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Syracuse University in 1920, and at the present time is taking graduate work at Cornell University during the summer sessions. In the summer of 1918 he attended the Citizen's Military Camp at Plattsburg, New York, and later joined the Student Army Training

Corps as an instructor. He engaged in business for a time at Thousand Island Park, and also served as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at that place. During 1925-26 he was an instructor in the Thousand Island Park schools and became principal there at the latter date. He served in that capacity until June, 1930, at which time he assumed the duties of principal of Ovid High School. Mr. Mitchell is identified with the Finger Lakes School Men's Association, New York State Academic Principals Association, New York State Teachers Association, National Education Association, and National Association of Academic Principals.

In 1922 Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage with Miss Marie Hulbert, the daughter of Dr. Charles D. and Louise (Campbell) Hulbert, natives of Schenectady, New York, and Chicago, Illinois, respectively. He is deceased and his widow resides at Richmond, Virginia. Doctor Hulbert was a graduate of Union College and Rush Medical College and until his death engaged in practice at St. Petersburg, Florida. To Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have been born four sons: William Grant, Charles, James, and Robert.

In politics Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat. He is an active member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to Sigma Beta, Phi Kappa Alpha, and Phi Delta Kappa fraternities, Clayton Lodge No. 296, F. & A. M., Clayton Chapter No. 301, R. A. M., Watertown Commandery No. 11, K. T., and American Legion.

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**Norman R. Boyce.**—A member of one of the most highly esteemed pioneer families of Seneca County, Norman R. Boyce is active and successful in the business affairs of Ovid, where he is associated with N. R. Boyce & Son, Ford dealers, located on Main Street. He was born at Newfield, Tompkins County, New York, August 29, 1873, the son of F. Marion and Mary (Rowley) Boyce.

F. Marion Boyce, who died in 1923, is buried at Interlaken, New York. He was born at Ovid and during his entire life was interested in farming, being especially known as a breeder of pure bred cattle. Mr. Boyce was a Republican and served as assessor.

He held membership in the Baptist Church and belonged to the Grange. His widow was born in Schuyler County, New York, and lives at Ovid. To them were born six children: 1. Norman R., the subject of this sketch. 2. Nelson, lives at Ovid. 3. Adrian, deceased. 4. Lydia, married John Parrish, lives at Ovid. 5. Bert, lives at Ovid. 6. Hazel, lives at home.

F. Marion Boyce was the son of Nelson and Almedia (Huff) Boyce, natives of Ovid, both now deceased. They are buried at Ovid. Nelson Boyce was the son of David Boyce, who was one of the first settlers of Seneca County. He was a farmer and was the founder of the Boyce family in Central New York. He also is buried at Ovid.

Norman R. Boyce grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools at Lodi, Seneca County. He is a graduate of Lodi High School and for one term taught school at Hector, New York. He then farmed for six years, after which he was interested in the general produce business at Lodi for ten years as a shipper and buyer. In 1913 he was associated in the automobile business with his brother, Adrian Boyce, of Seneca Falls, and three years later he founded a business at Interlaken, New York, with a Mr. Wiggins under the firm name of Wiggins & Boyce. During the following year Mr. Boyce came to Ovid as local representative for the Ford Motor Car Company. His son is now associated with him in the business and they are recognized as leading automobile men in the community.

In October, 1896, Mr. Boyce was united in marriage with Miss Helen Miller, the daughter of Oscar and Elizabeth (Houghton) Miller, natives of Seneca County. Both are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Boyce were born four children: 1. Martha Gladys, married Leon Wickham, lives at Ovid, and they have a son, John Keith. 2. Marion P., married Mathilda Morgan, and they have two daughters, Norma L. and June. He is associated with his father in business at Ovid. He belongs to Union Lodge No. 114, F. & A. M., Ovid Chapter No. 92, R. A. M., and B. P. O. Elks No. 992. 3. Harriet Elizabeth, married G. J. Brewer, Jr., and they have a son, Gerald Boyce. They live at Ovid. 4. Theora Bernice, lives at home.

In politics, Mr. Boyce is identified with the Republican party. He has been mayor and justice of the peace, as well as school director. Mr. Boyce is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Farmerville Lodge No. 183, F. & A. M., and the Grange.

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**Myron H. Swarthout.**—Outstanding among the citizens of Seneca County, for his public spirited concern in the affairs of the community, is Myron H. Swarthout, who holds the office of Mayor of Ovid. He was born at Romulus, Seneca County, July 15, 1866, the son of John W. and Martha (Stockwell) Swarthout.

John W. Swarthout was born at Romulus in 1842. At the outbreak of the Civil War he ran away from home and enlisted as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Forty-eighth New York Volunteer Infantry. He was severely wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, and was discharged from the service while still in a hospital, July 3, 1865. In August, 1865, he married Miss Martha Stockwell, a native of Geneva, New York. She died in 1869 and Mr. Swarthout died in 1927. Both are buried at Ovid. He was a Democrat and held the offices of highway commissioner and excise commissioner. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Grand Army of the Republic, and Union Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M. There were two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Swarthout: 1. Myron H., the subject of this sketch. 2. Charles L., farmer, lives on the homestead. The Swarthout homestead in Seneca County was an original Revolutionary land grant, given to Nathaniel Swarthout who served as a soldier during that war.

The boyhood of Myron H. Swarthout was spent on his father's farm and he attended the public schools of Romulus, Ovid Seminary, and the School of Commerce, at Elmira, New York. For a time he was employed as a clerk in the store of his uncle, C. H. Swarthout, at Ovid, and he also spent a year as a clerk in the offices of the American Express Company. In 1891 he became interested in farming on the Swarthout homestead, where he remained until the time of his retirement, April 1, 1927.

In 1892 Mr. Swarthout married Miss Louisa Jones, the daughter of Lewis and Jane (Banker) Jones. Both were natives of

Seneca County and are buried at Ovid. To Mr. and Mrs. Swarthout were born three children: 1. Martha, a graduate of Ovid High School and William Smith College. She married Peter Vanderpool and lives at Willard, New York. They have two children, Lois and Andrew. 2. John W., 2nd, a farmer, lives at Romulus. He married Miss Helen Murphy, and they have a son, John 3rd. He is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M., Past Master; and Ovid Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M. 3. Myron Henry, Jr., who is official court stenographer for Judge Fitch, at Canandigua, New York.

Mr. Swarthout has always been a Democrat and has held the office of Mayor of Ovid since April 1, 1929, being reelected in 1931. He was justice of the peace at Romulus for twenty-eight years, and served as treasurer of the Board of Education for fifteen years. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church and during the past thirty-seven years has been secretary of the Sunday School. He is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M., Ovid Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M., Lake View Grange, No. 1261, Past Master, and David G. Kaywood Camp, No. 146, Sons of Union Veterans, Secretary-Treasurer. He is also a trustee of Union Cemetery Association. Mrs. Swarthout is an active member of Lake View Grange and also belongs to the Order of Eastern Star.

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**Stephen E. Mekeel.**—As editor and publisher of the Ovid Gazette and Independent, Stephen E. Mekeel is among the dependable and well known citizens of Seneca County. He was born at Cold Spring, Putnam County, New York, December 15, 1883, the son of Horace and Louise (Kelley) Mekeel.

Horace Mekeel was a native of Cold Spring and his wife was born at Waterloo, Iowa. As a young man he became interested in the lumber business with his father and later conducted a general mercantile business at Cold Spring. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried there. He was a Democrat and held the offices of postmaster and income tax collector. He was a member of the Baptist Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. There

were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mekeel: 1. Lena, married A. L. Terwilliger, lives at Cold Spring. 2. Della, married Arthur Patterson, lives at Newburgh, New York. 3. Stephen E., the subject of this sketch. 4. Lulu, married Seymour Halstead, lives at Troy, New York.

Stephen E. Mekeel was graduated from Cold Spring High School in 1900. He learned the trade of patternmaker at the West Point Foundry Company, under the direction of his uncle, John Stevenson, superintendent. Later he located at Mt. Vernon, New York, with the Henri Bonnard Bronze Company. From here he moved to New York City where he had a part in the early manufacture of airplanes with Hamilton who conducted the first airplane enterprise in New York. While there he was elected financial secretary and assistant manager of the Pattern Makers League of New York and vicinity with offices in the Commonwealth Bank Building. Mr. Mekeel attended Columbia University and completed a course in Industrial Arts. He located at Romulus, Seneca County, in June, 1916, and at that time purchased the old Kinne homestead, which he successfully operated until 1930. In April, 1930, he became owner and publisher of the Gazette and Independent, which was founded in 1838 as the Ovid Bee. It is a weekly newspaper and has a wide circulation. Mr. Mekeel is a member of the New York and American Press Association. Before entering the newspaper field and for many years he had contributed to various technical and other publications.

In 1913 Mr. Mekeel married Miss Frances Kinne, the daughter of Hon. William H. Kinne, of Ovid. He was born at Romulus, April 22, 1846, and is interested in the coal and elevator business. He has served for two terms as a member of the New York State Legislature, and also has been road commissioner. To Mr. and Mrs. Mekeel have been born two children, Margaret and Stephen, Jr.

Mr. Mekeel is a Democrat in politics and has served as justice of the peace and member of the board of education. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Lakeview Grange, No. 1251, and National Grange.

**Clarence J. Van Vleet** is widely and favorably known throughout Seneca County, and is a member of one of the best known pioneer families in this section of Central New York. He was born at Romulus, Seneca County, December 8, 1894, the son of Henry J. and Mary Helen (Stout) Van Vleet.

Henry J. Van Vleet was born on the Van Vleet homestead near Romulus in 1857, and his wife is also a native of that place. The farm, rich in Indian history and lore, has been owned by the family for more than four generations. It is recognized as one of the interesting Indian burying grounds in Central New York. Henry J. Van Vleet is now retired. During his active career he was successful as a farmer. He was also one of the founders of the First National Bank of Ovid, and served as its first vice president and director. He is a Democrat and has been supervisor. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Van Vleet belongs to Kendaia Grange. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Vleet were born six children, as follows: 1. Jay, attended Cook Academy, lives at Rome, New York. 2. Lee, attended Cornell University, lives at Wingdale, New York. 3. Clarence J., the subject of this sketch. 4. Eva, deceased. 5. Edward, attended Stark Academy, lives at Albion, New York. 6. Helen, married Herbert Walhart, both graduates of Syracuse University. They live at Hollywood, California.

Henry J. Van Vleet is the son of Edward and Sarah Van Vleet, both natives of Romulus, Seneca County. They are deceased and are buried here. Edward Van Vleet was the son of Jerry Van Vleet, who was known familiarly during the pioneer days as "Uncle Jerry." He was prominent in Masonic affairs, and took an active part in local politics. He is also deceased and is buried on the old family burying ground.

Clarence J. Van Vleet grew up on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Romulus. He is a graduate of Ovid High School and attended Eastman College, and until 1916 was interested in farming with his father. In that year he became a guard at the Binghamton State Hospital. Two years later he enlisted for service in the World War and was sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey. He was rejected, however, on account of the effects



of infantile paralysis contracted in childhood. Mr. Van Vleet again farmed with his father until 1920, at which time he was employed by the Willard State Hospital. He has also been connected with the Buffalo State Hospital, Utica State Hospital, and Windale State Hospital. Since July, 1931, he has been identified with the Van Vleet "Log Cabin," an up-to-date service station and restaurant. He also owns and operates the 125-acre farm.

In 1922 Mr. Van Vleet was married to Miss Marguerite Miles, who died in 1925. She is buried at Ovid. He married (second) in 1928 Mrs. Florence G. (McQuaid) Finn, who was superintendent of nurses at Wingdale State Hospital.

Mr. Van Vleet is a Democrat and is affiliated with Loyal Order of Moose, No. 823, Geneva.

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**William J. Earley.**—As a member of the firm of Earley & Earley, funeral directors, William J. Earley is recognized as a leader in the business life of Ovid, where he has always lived. He was born here, October 8, 1882, the son of Michael and Anna (Dolphin) Earley.

Michael Earley was born at Romulus, Seneca County, and his wife was a native of Highmarket, Lewis County, New York. He was a farmer and took a prominent part in local politics, being a lifelong Democrat. Mr. Earley died June 11, 1906, and his wife died December 18, 1903. Both are buried at Ovid. They were the parents of four children: 1. William J., the subject of this sketch. 2. James, lives at Ovid. 3. Anna L., deceased. 4. Leo T., born May 23, 1890, married Mary McQuillan, and they have a child, Jane. Leo T. Earley, a partner in the firm of Earley & Earley. He is affiliated with Seneca Falls Council No. 222, Knights of Columbus, the B. P. O. Elks, Holy Cross Catholic Church and Holy Name Society.

William J. Earley attended the grade and high schools of Ovid, and at an early age became identified with the Standard Oil interests as manager of the Seneca County territory, in which capacity he served for twenty-four years. In 1919 he purchased an interest

in the undertaking and furniture business at Ovid, which was known in 1924 as Earley & Earley. He resigned from his former position with the Standard Oil Company in 1926 to devote his entire time to his business interests at Ovid. In that year he also was graduated from the Syracuse School of Embalming and was registered in the state of New York as an embalmer and funeral director. Mr. Earley is also a director of the First National Bank of Ovid, director of the Seneca County Historical Society, and vice president of the Seneca County Automobile Club.

In 1925 Mr. Earley married Miss Adelaide Flanagan, the daughter of Martin and Margaret Flanagan, of Seneca Falls. Both are deceased.

Mr. Earley is a Democrat and during 1921-22-23 was president of the village. He is now president of the Ovid Board of Education. He holds membership in Holy Cross Catholic Church, Holy Name Society, B. P. O. Elks No. 992, Seneca Falls Council No. 222 Knights of Columbus, and other civic organizations.

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**Rev. Thomas P. Stafford.**—As priest in charge of Holy Cross Catholic Church, at Ovid, Father Stafford takes a prominent part in community affairs. He was born at Rochester, New York, July 29, 1879, the son of Thomas and Mary (Bolger) Stafford. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stafford were natives of County Wexford, Ireland. They emigrated to the United States and in 1869 located at Rochester, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Stafford were born four children: Ellen, Mary, James and Thomas P.

Thomas P. Stafford attended the parochial schools of Rochester and was graduated from St. Andrews Preparatory Seminary in 1899, and from St. Bernard's Theological Seminary, being ordained to the priesthood in that year by Bishop McQuaid, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester. He served as assistant at St. Aloysius Church, Auburn, during 1904-11; assistant of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, during 1911-17; and was transferred as priest in charge of Holy Cross Church at Ovid in October, 1917.

Father Stafford is also in charge of Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Romulus, and attends Catholics at Willard State Hospital.

Father Stafford is a member of Waterloo Council, Knights of Columbus.

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**Holy Cross Catholic Church, of Ovid.**—The first Mass of this church was celebrated in the court house August 15, 1849, by Rev. Gilbride. Services also had been held for a short time in the residence of James Murphy and John Anderson. In 1850 Father Gilbride built the first church and in May, 1857, it was dedicated by the late Bishop John Timon. The following pastors have been in charge: Rev. Kenney, during 1852; Rev. Gilbride returning in 1853, and on August 24, 1854, he was succeeded by Father Gleason, former pastor of St. Bridget's Church, of Buffalo, and Vicar-General of the Diocese. He remained for two years and was transferred to Waterloo. Father McGuire took charge in 1859 and was succeeded in the following year by Father Cavanaugh, who attended the parish for nearly a year, when he was made chancellor of the diocese. December 9, 1860, Rev. F. W. Stephens came to Ovid and after four months was followed by Father Cannon. October 6, 1861, Father Dennis English took charge, and during 1862-63 Rev. James T. McManus, of Geneva, administered to the parish. In April, 1863, Father Keenan was placed in charge, and it was during his pastorate that the church was enlarged. He was followed in 1869 by Father James O'Connor. In April, 1876, Rev. Thomas J. O'Connell took charge.

The Church of the Sacred Heart, at Romulus, was founded by Father James O'Connor, and completed while Father O'Connell was pastor in 1876. It was dedicated in 1887 by the Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid, Bishop of Rochester. The corner stone of the new church was laid October 28, 1895, by Bishop McQuaid, with twenty priests in attendance. Later Monsignor Joseph W. Hendricks was put in charge, and he was succeeded in October, 1917, by Rev. Thomas P. Stafford, who has completely remodeled the church interior.

**Fred H. VanDoren.**—Numbered among Seneca County's most substantial citizens is Fred H. VanDoren, capable and well known postmaster of Lodi. He was born here, August 20, 1878, the son of Charles M. and Augusta (Ellison) VanDoren.

Charles M. VanDoren was a native of New York. He was interested in music as a teacher for many years and died in 1914. His wife died in 1923. Mr. VanDoren was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church, being choir leader for a number of years in the Lodi Presbyterian Church, formerly Dutch Reformed. To Mr. and Mrs. VanDoren were born four children: 1. Robena, deceased. 2. Edith M., married C. R. Nims, lives at Brooklyn, New York. 3. Fred H., the subject of this sketch. 4. George E.

The early education of Fred H. VanDoren was received in the grade school at Lodi and he also attended Rochester Business Institute. He established a general mercantile business at Lodi in 1906, and sold the store to James Farrell five years later. In that year he became a shipping clerk in a textile mill at St. Johnsville, New York, but returned to Lodi in August, 1914, and became manager of the E. G. Porter store, Lodi, New York, in which capacity he served until 1928. In that year he received the appointment as postmaster. Mr. VanDoren also has held the offices of justice of the peace clerk of the district school board, and since 1915 has been treasurer of the district board. He also has been deputy town clerk.

In 1900 Mr. VanDoren was united in marriage with Miss Grace L. Van Vleet, the daughter of Andrew B. and Celestia (Elmore) Van Vleet, of Seneca County. Mr. Van Vleet died in January, 1932, at the age of ninety-three years. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. VanDoren are the parents of two children: 1. Edna Louise, a graduate of Lodi High School, now identified with the United States Customs office, New York City. 2. Harold Elmore, married Dorothy Teller, and they have a son, Richard L. He is a graduate of East High School, Rochester, and is associated with the Remington-Rand Company in their New York offices.

Mr. VanDoren is a Republican, and belongs to the New York State League of District Postmasters and National League of

District Postmasters. He also is affiliated with Lodi Lodge No. 345, F. and A. M., Past Master, and Maccabee Lodge No. 721, Commander.

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**Capt. John G. Crisfield.**—A veteran of the World War, John G. Crisfield is widely known in Seneca County as district manager of the "Rochester Democrat and Chronicle," with headquarters at Lodi, New York. He was born at Lodi, April 15, 1891, the son of Gilbert and Matilda (Boyer) Crisfield.

Gilbert Crisfield, who died in 1908, was a native of Lodi and spent his entire life there. He was a farmer, being the owner of 250 acres of well improved land. He was living retired at the time of his death. Mr. Crisfield was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to Lodi Lodge No. 345, F. and A. M.; and the Grange. To Mr. and Mrs. Crisfield were born two sons: John G., the subject of this sketch; and William B., lives at Willard, New York.

The education of John G. Crisfield was obtained in the public schools of Lodi, from which he was graduated in 1909. He then went to Rochester as a collector for the "Post Express," and at that time also attended night school. Later, he became circulation manager of the "Joplin Globe," of Joplin, Missouri. In 1914 Mr. Crisfield returned to Lodi as district manager of the "Rochester Democrat and Chronicle," which office he has since filled. During 1914-15 he attended the citizens' military training camp at Plattsburg, New York, and prior to the World War he was examined at Cornell University at Ithaca, where he received the commission of second lieutenant of infantry. At the outbreak of the World War he was sent to Madison Barracks and later transferred to Camp Dix, New Jersey, as a member of the 312th Infantry, 78th Division. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant on January 26, 1918, and in May went to France, where he participated in many important engagements of the war. He was honorably discharged on September 10, 1919, with the rank of first lieutenant, and at the present time holds the commission of captain in the 391st Infantry, 90th Division.

In 1913 Mr. Crisfield was united in marriage with Miss Thena E. Crocker, of Joplin, Missouri. They have a son, John G., Jr.

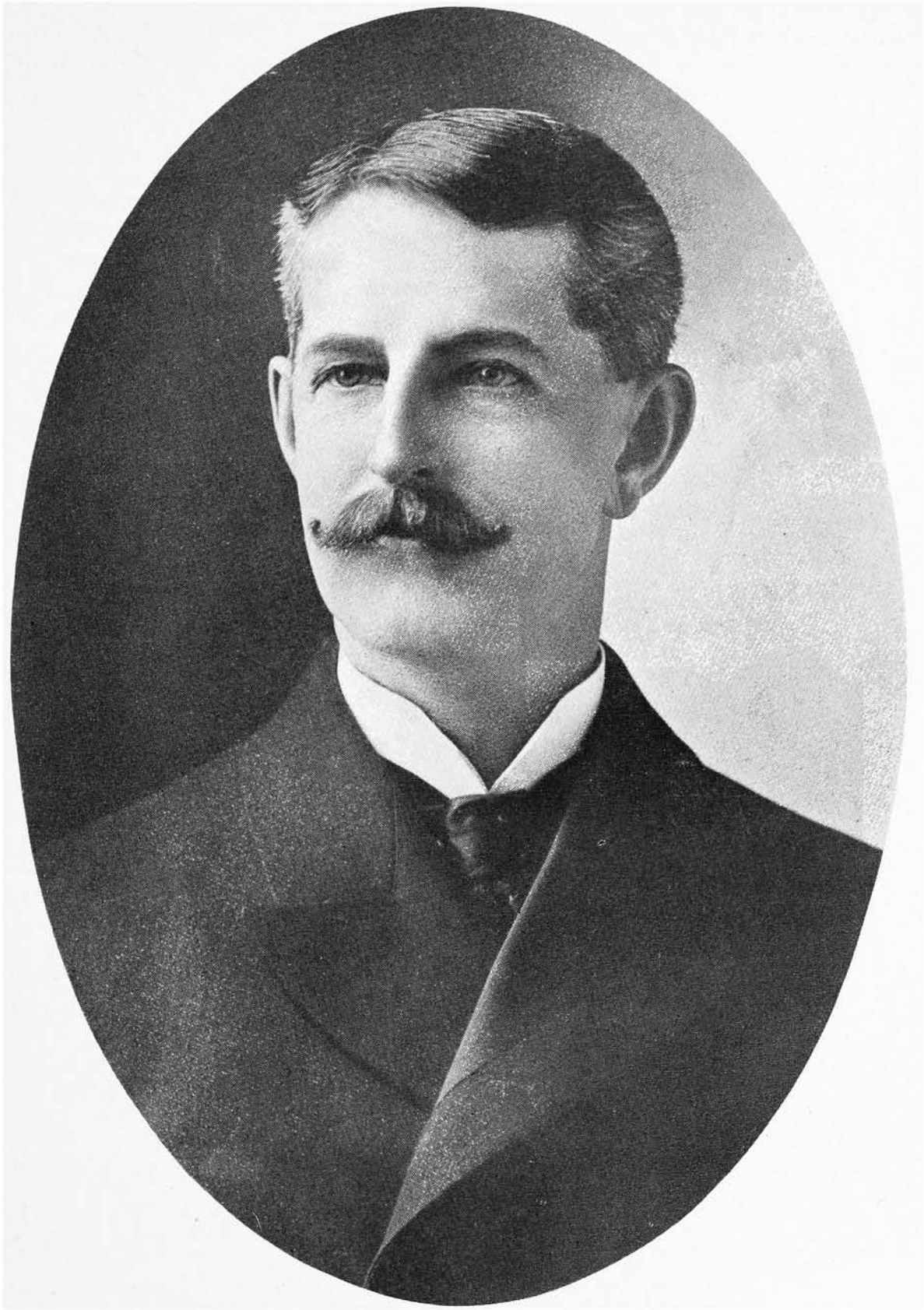
Mr. Crisfield is a Republican, has served as justice of the peace and is now supervisor of Lodi. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and has the following lodge affiliations: Lodi Lodge No. 345, F. and A. M., trustee; Benjamin Franklin Post, American Legion; the Grange; Rochester Chapter Reserve Officers Association, New York State Reserve Officers Association, and National Reserve Officers Association.

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**Gardner Herrick Northup.**—Standing among the leading figures in the business and civic life of Wayne County for many years, Gardner Herrick Northup was one of the representative men of the community at the time of his death, May 26, 1909. He was born at Phoenix, New York, December 29, 1850, the son of Gardner Hall and Minerva (Covel) Northup.

Gardner Hall Northup was a native of Otsego County, New York, born in 1803. He died in 1876 and is buried at Phoenix. He was married to Miss Minerva Covel, of Herkimer, New York. Their only child was Gardner Herrick, the subject of this sketch.

The early education of Gardner H. Northup was received in the public schools of Phoenix, and he was a graduate of Wilbraham Academy, in Massachusetts. He came to Wolcott in 1873 and became interested in the lumber and building business there, being highly successful for a period of thirty-six years. It is estimated that he built at least forty of the city's finest residences and also many business blocks in the village. In 1880 Mr. Northup became associated with Fletcher Johnson, of Wolcott, as shippers of dried apples. The firm of Johnson & Northup continued until the death of Mr. Northup in 1909, and they were known as the most extensive shippers of dried fruits in the state. Hundreds of carloads were sent to eastern markets and European countries annually and Mr. Northup was familiarly known as "The Dried Apple King." His lumber interests were sold to Clayton T. Johnson, who is president of the First National Bank of Wolcott, and the firm is still under Mr. Northup's name.



GARDNER H. NORTHUP





On October 1, 1873, Mr. Northup married Miss Marian Perkins, the daughter of Rev. Edgar and Eliza (Short) Perkins. He was pastor of the Congregational Church at Homer, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Northup were born the following children: 1. Gardner H., born in 1877, died in 1879. 2. Marian Gardner, born August 24, 1881, died in 1891. 3. Ruth Louise, born in April, 1890. After her graduation from Wolcott High School in 1908 she spent six months in study abroad, and is also a graduate of the Hakes School for Girls at Rochester. She married Karl Thayer Soule, artist, who is a member of the firm of Foss-Soule, Inc., of Rochester. They have two sons: Karl Thayer, Jr., and Gardner Northup Soule.

Mr. Northup was a Republican and served as village president for several terms. He was an elder and trustee of the Presbyterian Church for forty years, and belonged to the Rochester and Wolcott Chamber of Commerce.

Northup Park was presented to the village of Wolcott by Mr. Northup shortly before his death, and a band stand was recently erected in the park by Mrs. Northup in memory of her husband. Another gift to the city consisted of eighty elm trees.

Mrs. Northup resides in the family homestead on West Main Street, Wolcott.

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**Joseph F. Marshall**, who is election commissioner of Waterloo, is widely and favorably known throughout Seneca County. He was born at Waterloo, July 28, 1883, the son of Lewis and Mary (Dulso) Marshall.

Lewis Marshall lives at Waterloo and is a native of that place. His wife was born at Geneva, New York, and died in 1930. She is buried at Waterloo. Mr. Marshall followed the trade of cooper until his recent retirement. He is a Democrat and holds membership in St. Mary's Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were born the following children: 1. Charles, deceased. 2. Joseph F., the subject of this sketch. 3. Peter, lives at Detroit, Michigan. 4. John, lives at Waterloo. 5. William, deceased. 6. Fred, deceased.

Joseph F. Marshall was a student of the Waterloo public schools and also attended Elkland (Pennsylvania) High School. He began his career in business as a clerk in the grocery establishment of Charles E. Kuney, at Waterloo, and for seven years was employed by the Vough Piano Company, of Waterloo, as an action finisher. During 1910-19 he served as town clerk of Fayette, and in the latter year received his present appointment as election commissioner of Seneca County. Mr. Marshall has always been a Democrat and served for six years as chairman of the Seneca County Democratic Committee. He is now chairman of the executive committee of the Seneca County Democratic Committee.

In 1922 Mr. Marshall was united in marriage with Miss Marian Frantz, the daughter of Daniel and Helen (Long) Frantz, of Lockport, New York. Mr. Frantz is deceased and his widow lives at Lockport.

Mr. Marshall is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of Waterloo, and Mrs. Marshall is a member of the Methodist Church.

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**Arthur D. Sweet.**—Active and progressive in local politics is Arthur D. Sweet, who has been election commissioner in Seneca County since January, 1913. He was born at Waterloo, February 15, 1870, the son of Henry C. and Marion (Smalley) Sweet.

Henry C. Sweet, who died in 1902, was a native of Fayette, Seneca County. His wife was born at Varick and died in 1926. Both are buried at Waterloo. Mr. Sweet engaged in business for many years at Waterloo as a dealer in farm implements and also owned and operated a cider mill. His brothers, Edward and Warren, served throughout the Civil War. Mr. Sweet was a Republican, and for nine years was supervisor. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias. There were five children in the Sweet family: 1. Ellsworth, deceased. 2. William, deceased. 3. Addie, deceased, was the wife of Warren Pontius. 4. Arthur D., the subject of this sketch. 5. George Catlin, lives at Waterloo.

After his graduation from the public schools of Waterloo, Arthur D. Sweet entered the shops of the Waterloo Organ Company as a case finisher and was thus employed for a period of two years. He then spent twenty-two years as a piano case finisher. As mentioned above,, he received the appointment of election commissioner in 1913. Mr. Sweet is a Republican and has been village trustee, as well as trustee of First Ward School. For sixteen years he has been a member of the Seneca County Republican Committee, and is now its treasurer.

In 1894 Mr. Sweet was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth Thorne, the daughter of Alfred and Hannah (Close) Thorne, natives of New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Waterloo. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have a daughter, Ruth, a graduate of Waterloo High School and Cortland Normal School. She is a teacher in the Geneva (New York) public schools.

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**J. Lynn Stewart.**—As mayor of Interlaken and owner of the Stewart Funeral Home, Mr. Stewart, a veteran of the World War, is recognized as one of the able young business men of Central New York. He was born here, August 4, 1895, the son of John and Laura (Pease) Stewart.

John Stewart was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and his wife is a native of New York, born in Tompkins County. In early life he was interested in general farming but for a number of years he has been in charge of the farms owned by the Halstead Canning Company. He is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Interlaken Grange, and Pomona Grange. He and his wife reside at Interlaken. They have three sons: 1. Clyde, who lives at Interlaken. He served in France during the World War as a member of the 313th Ambulance Company, 79th Division, and was gassed while serving at the front. He was discharged with the rank of corporal. 2. J. Lynn, the subject of this sketch. 3. Homer, lives at Interlaken.

The early education of J. Lynn Stewart was received in the Interlaken public schools and he was graduated from the high

school in 1912. He then completed a course of study at the Automobile Engineering School of Philadelphia in 1915 and at that time was engaged as an inspector for the Cadillac Motor Car Company, at Detroit, Michigan. He returned to Interlaken in 1917 and on June 6th enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to Fort Slocum, New York, later being transferred to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He attended the medical instruction school and drill schools and received the commission of sergeant. He was then sent to Camp Meade, Maryland, and on June 11, 1918, sailed for service in France as a member of the Medical Corps, 79th Division. He participated in numerous engagements including the Meuse Argonne and St. Mihiel offensive and was slightly wounded and gassed. He was discharged August 15, 1919, as a first class sergeant, and was subsequently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps, which rank he still retains.

Upon his return to Interlaken Mr. Stewart became a salesman for the Interlaken Sales Company and also was assistant to C. F. Leonard, funeral director. He then studied embalming and was graduated from the Collier School of Embalming, New York City, where he also studied dermi-surgery. In 1926 Mr. Stewart purchased the business of Mr. Leonard, which he has since successfully managed.

In 1921 Mr. Stewart was united in marriage with Miss Helen I. Dowdle, the daughter of John and Mary (Louth) Dowdle, of Seneca County. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have two children, Robert Warren and Mary Lou.

Politically, Mr. Stewart is a Republican. He served as village trustee in 1927 and in March, 1928, was elected to the office of mayor, being re-elected in 1930 and 1932. He is also a member of the village welfare committee. Mr. Stewart is an active member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to Farmerville Lodge No. 180, F. and A. M., American Legion, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Chamber of Commerce. He also is identified with the New York State Embalmers Association and New York State Funeral Directors Association.

**Raymond B. Wells.**—One of the best known men of Seneca County, highly esteemed throughout the entire community, is Raymond B. Wells, who is commissioner of public welfare in Seneca County. He was born at Romulus, April 14, 1875, the son of William B. and Hattie (Van Nostrand) Wells.

William B. Wells was a native of Tioga County, New York. He was a general farmer and also specialized in the breeding of pure bred English hackney horses. Mr. Wells died in 1915 and his wife, born at Romulus, Seneca County, died in 1877. Both are buried in the Baptist Cemetery, Kendaia, New York. Mr. Wells was a Republican and served for six years as supervisor of Romulus. He was a member of the Kendaia Baptist Church. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells was Raymond B., the subject of this sketch. William B. Wells married (second) Miss Maggie E. Smith, and they were the parents of three children: 1. Seward S., who is manager of the Wells Sales Corporation, lives at Buffalo, New York. 2. Mark C., rural mail carrier, lives at Ovid. 3. Jessie, deceased.

Hattie (Van Nostrand) Wells was the daughter of Bergen Van Nostrand, who was a native of Romulus. He spent many years as superintendent of the American Fruit and Produce Company vineyards.

The education of Raymond B. Wells was received in the district schools of Romulus and he attended Ovid High School. He began as a clerk in the Waterloo offices of the American Express Company, later became money clerk in the Geneva office of the company, and in 1899 went with the American Fruit & Produce Company as superintendent of a vineyard of 265 acres. Subsequently, Mr. Wells was a rural mail carrier at Romulus, and during that period of five years he also was town clerk. He served for nine years as postmaster of Romulus and at that time conducted a business there as a dealer in agricultural implements, feed and supplies. In 1915 he took charge of his father's farm and also his brother, Seward's farm, which including his own farm of 140 acres, making a total of 550 acres of land. He was elected to the office of superintendent of the poor of Seneca County and took office January 1st, 1921, and began living at the Seneca

County home, of which Mrs. Wells serves as matron. The office was changed to that of commissioner of public welfare in 1930. This embraces the care of all dependent children, hospital cases, and old age relief in Seneca County. Mr. Wells is widely known as an authority on all matters pertaining to Public Welfare work, and especially in the administration of the old age Security Law, having made a thorough and comprehensive study of this branch of welfare work. He is an active member of the New York State Association of Public Welfare Officials, Federal Association of Public Welfare Officials, and is a member of the mental hygiene committee of the Willard State Hospital, at Willard, New York. He is also a member of the committee of the Seneca County Board of Child Welfare, State Charities Aid, Children's Committee, and Seneca County Public Health and Tuberculosis Committee.

In 1899 Mr. Wells was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Stone, the daughter of Vertulan and Delight (Kern) Stone, natives of New York. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have no children.

Politically, Mr. Wells is a Republican. He holds membership in Kandaia Baptist Church, Rotary Club, B. P. O. Elks No. 992, and Romulus Grange.

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**Fred W. Blauvelt.**—An energetic and ambitious young business man of Seneca County is Fred W. Blauvelt, who is president of the Interlaken Review, Inc., of Interlaken. He was born here September 23, 1902, the son of J. Willis and Nellie (Crans) Blauvelt.

J. Willis Blauvelt, who died at Interlaken in 1923, was a native of that place. Throughout his life he was interested in farming and was the owner of ninety-six acres of land near Covert. He was a Democrat, a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Grange. His widow was born at Ovid and lives at Interlaken. Their children are: 1. Marion, married Raymond Hurlbut, lives at Interlaken. 2. Fred W., the subject of this sketch.

Fred W. Blauvelt is a graduate of Interlaken High School, class of 1919. He became interested in newspaper work two years later as a printer on the Interlaken Review. He became editor of the paper during the illness of T. P. Hause, in 1928, and upon the latter's death the following year, the business was reorganized as a stock company, with Mr. Blauvelt serving as president and editor. M. W. Bassett is vice-president, and Lillian F. Blauvelt is secretary and treasurer. The Interlaken Review has its beginning in 1887 and was published as a four page eight column newspaper until 1931. It has since been increased to eight pages, with six columns. It is published on Thursday of each week.

On June 27, 1923, Mr. Blauvelt married Miss Lillian Fausette, the daughter of Herbert and Mabel Fausette, of Trumansburg, New York. They have twin daughters, Jeanine and Joanne.

Mr. Blauvelt is a Democrat and a member of the Board of Education of Interlaken High School. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to Farmerville Lodge, No. 183, F. and A. M., Chamber of Commerce, Interlaken Grange, Seneca County Farm Bureau, New York Press Association, and National Editorial Association. He is Troop committeeman of Louis Agassiz Fuertes, Troop No. 21, Boy Scouts of America.

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**Harry Stickle Fredenburgh.**—Prominent in the manufacturing industry of Seneca Falls as president of the Wagner Rug Works, Inc., manufacturers of high grade rugs, Mr. Fredenburgh has long been recognized as a leader in the business, civic, and fraternal life of Seneca Falls. He was born in Columbia County, October 20, 1884, the son of Jeremiah E. and Mary E. (Stickle) Fredenburgh.

Jeremiah Fredenburgh was born at Ghent, Columbia County, New York, and his wife was a native of Hillsdale, New York. She is deceased and is buried at West Ghent. Mr. Fredenburgh engaged in business for many years at Hartford, Connecticut, and retired in 1925. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Mr. and Mrs. Fredenburgh were born two sons: Harry Stickle, the subject of this sketch; and Paul B., who lives at Seneca Falls.

Harry S. Fredenburgh attended the grade and high schools of North Bennington, Vermont, and later was a student at Albany Business College. He became a clerk in the offices of the New York Central Railroad in New York City, where he remained for six years. He then went to Washington, D. C., where he was attached to the Department of Agriculture for nine months. He returned to New York at the expiration of that time, and spent the following two years with the H. G. Vogel Company, fire protection contractors. In 1909 Mr. Fredenburgh became connected with the Goulds Pumps, Inc. (then the Gould Manufacturing Company) as secretary to the president. At the expiration of three years Mr. Fredenburgh was made secretary of the company, and two years later became controller. He remained with the concern until January 1, 1932, at which time he resigned to devote his entire time and energy to the Wagner Rug Works, Inc., of which he has been president for ten years.

Mr. Fredenburgh's political activities include the chairmanship of the Republican County Committee of Seneca County, and he has served in that office since 1923. In 1924 he was an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention, held at Cleveland, Ohio, and an alternate delegate to the national convention held at Chicago, Illinois, in June, 1932. In the latter convention he acted as delegate in place of Judge Nelson B. Sawyer, of Palmyra, who was unable to attend.

During the World War Mr. Fredenburgh gave freely of his time and energy in the pursuit of welfare work and in loan and bond campaigns. He was treasurer of the war chest and secretary of the Seneca County home defense committee.

Mr. Fredenburgh is Past Master of Pocahontas Lodge No. 211, F. and A. M.; Past High Priest of Salem Town Chapter, R. A. M. No. 173; member of Skoiyase Council No. 75, Waterloo; Salem Town Commandery No. 16, K. T.; Central City Consistory, 32nd degree; and Damascus Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester. He also belongs to B. P. O. Elks No. 922; Rotary Club; Seneca Falls Business Men's Association, and Seneca Falls Country Club, of which he is Past President.



**Judge Alexander J. Byrne**, who is serving as police justice of Seneca Falls, has successfully filled that office for more than a quarter of a century and is widely known and highly esteemed throughout Seneca County. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, September 6, 1869, the son of John and Mary (Doyle) Byrne.

John Byrne was a native of County Wicklow, Ireland, as was his wife. He was interested in the leather business there and emigrated to the United States about 1870, locating at Seneca Falls. He conducted a retail meat business at this place in partnership with his brother, Lieut. Bernard Byrne, who served throughout the Civil War as a member of Company K, 33rd Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. A complete sketch of the military career of Lieutenant Byrne may be found in the History of the New York State Volunteers. John Byrne retired from business in 1883 and died at Seneca Falls in 1900. His wife died there in 1903. He was a Democrat and an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Byrne were born nine children: 1. Margaret, married James Souhan, lives at Seneca Falls. 2. Alexander J., the subject of this sketch. 3. Edward P. 4. Andrew W. 5. Bernard. All live at Seneca Falls. 6. Catherine, married Joseph P. Gaynor, lives at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 7. Lawrence, lives at Elmira, New York. 8. Rev. Stephen J., a graduate of St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, Rochester, and St. Bernard's Theological Seminary, Rochester, New York. He is pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church at Geneseo, New York. 9. Monica, married Dr. James Leary, physician, lives at Rush, New York.

Alexander J. Byrne left St. Patrick's parochial school at the age of ten years on account of ill health. He had various employment as a youth and for a time was interested in the insurance business. He improved himself by home study and is self educated. As mentioned above he has held the office of police justice since 1906. He is also a member of the Seneca County and New York State Democratic committees, and is president of the New York State Magistrates Association.

In 1900 Mr. Byrne married Miss Ellen O'Connor, who died at Seneca Falls in October, 1930. She was the daughter of Terrance

and Elizabeth (Bonar) O'Connor, who were natives of New Castle-on-Tyne, England. They are buried at Seneca Falls. To Mr. and Mrs. Byrne were born six children: 1. Elizabeth, a teacher at Utica, New York. 2. Mary, married Orville Cook, lives at Seneca Falls. 3. Thomas F., civil engineer, New York State Department of Public Works, lives at Seneca Falls. 4. Joseph, deceased. 5. Helen, a teacher at Phelps, New York. 6. Agnes, attends William Smith College, Geneva.

Mr. Byrne and his family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus, Fourth degree, and B. P. O. Elks, No. 992.

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**Harry C. Bray.**—One of the leading citizens of Wayne County is Harry C. Bray, who is president of the Citizens Trust Company at Clyde. He was born at New Haven, Connecticut, August 13, 1881, the son of Charles E. and Ada C. (Hemingway) Bray.

Charles E. Bray, a native of New Haven, Connecticut, was born in 1853. He was the son of Judge Charles A. Bray, a leading jurist of New Haven. Charles A., father of the subject of this sketch, successfully engaged in the plumbing and heating business at New Haven until his retirement in 1910. He died March 21, 1917, and his wife died September 30, 1926. She was a sister of H. C. Hemingway, founder of H. C. Hemingway & Company, Inc., leading canners in that section of the country. Charles E. Bray was a Republican and for many years was village clerk of Fair Haven (now New Haven). He held membership in the Second Congregational Church and Masonic Lodge, and also was a member of the old Horse Guard, a pioneer military organization of Connecticut. To Charles E. and Ada C. (Hemingway) Bray were born two sons: 1. Harry C., the subject of this sketch. 2. Dwight E., custom leather manufacturer, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Harry C. Bray was educated in the grade schools of New Haven and attended Boardman Preparatory School. At an early age he became associated with the New Haven Register, being interested especially in advertising. Later he became advertising

manager of the Attleboro (Massachusetts) Sun, and in 1904 located at Syracuse, New York, with H. G. Hemingway & Co., Inc. After a short time he was transferred to the plant at Clyde and in 1912 became a director of the company. Since 1914 he has held his present position as resident manager and director.

Upon the organization of the Citizens Trust Company in September, 1920, Mr. Bray became director. He has been president since April, 1932.

In 1908 Mr. Bray married Miss Margaret Elizabeth Lang, the daughter of George Henry and Barbara Lang, of Clyde. Both are deceased.

Mr. Bray is a Republican and holds the office of village trustee. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with Clyde Lodge, No. 341, F. and A. M.; Griswold Chapter, No. 201, R. A. M.; Zenobia Commandery, K. T., Palmyra; Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester; and Rochester Club.

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**Jesse C. Petteys** is a leading member of the Wayne County bar, successfully engaged in practice at Clyde, and he is also a veteran of the World War. He was born at Pettey's Corners, Galen, Wayne County, June 29, 1888, the son of Lester A. and Susan D. (Heit) Petteys.

The Petteys family settled in Wayne County more than 200 years ago, three brothers having come here from England. Members of the family have served in the nation's wars and one Jesse Petteys served throughout the War of 1812. Lester A. Petteys was born on a farm at Savannah, Wayne County, and throughout his life was interested in general farming. He died in 1928 and his wife, also born at Galen, died in 1924. Both are buried in Maplegrove Cemetery, Clyde. Mr. Petteys was a Democrat and a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There were five children in the Petteys family: 1. Louis L., farmer, lives at Waterloo, Rural Route 4. 2. Jesse C., the subject of this sketch. 3. Lester F., farmer, lives near Galen. 4. Lorena,

the widow of Arthur Starr, lives at Waterloo. 5. Maude, married Louis Sharpe, farmer, lives at Galen.

Jesse C. Petteys is a graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1908. He received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University in 1913, and during the following year engaged in farming with his father. After his admission to the bar in March, 1915, Mr. Petteys established his present private practice at Clyde. He enlisted in August, 1918, for service in the World War and was sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he was assigned to the Seventeenth Company, Fifth Training Battalion. His organization was later transferred to the Ninety-eighth Division at Camp McClellan, Alabama, and at the close of the war he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

In 1917 Mr. Petteys was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Sharpe, the daughter of Edward and Stella Sharpe, natives of England and New York respectively. He was a prosperous farmer of Wayne County and lived at Galen. Mr. and Mrs. Petteys have no children.

Politically Mr. Petteys is a Republican and holds the offices of Justice of the Peace, Village Attorney, and president of the Board of Education. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has the following lodge affiliations: Clyde Lodge, No. 341, F. and A. M., Past Master; Griswold Chapter, No. 201, R. A. M., Past High Priest; and George Aden Brown Post, No. 226, American Legion, Past Adjutant. He is Past Judge Advocate of the Wayne County American Legion and chairman of the Americanization Committee, former president of the Wayne County Bar Association, and president of the Clyde Exchange Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Petteys have a summer home on Lake Bluff, New York.

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**Kenneth P. Collier.**—Among the most successful of the younger business men of Wayne County is Kenneth P. Collier, dealer in farm supplies and coal at Clyde. He is a native of Wayne County, born at East Williamson, November 20, 1906, the son of Paul Daniel and Myra O. (Schimerhorn) Collier.

Paul Daniel Collier was born at Pultneyville, Wayne County, and his wife is a native of Ontario County. They are residents of Clyde. He established the Clyde Vinegar Works, as well as the Renco Milling Company, of which he is president and general manager. Mr. Collier is a Republican, and has held the offices of justice of the peace and village trustee. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Clyde Lodge, No. 341, F. and A. M., Griswold Chapter, No. 201, R. A. M., and Zenobia Commandery, K. T. Mr. and Mrs. Collier's only child is Kenneth P., the subject of this sketch.

After completing a year of study at Clyde High School, Kenneth P. Collier became an apprentice carpenter in the employ of his uncle, B. C. Brown, of New York City. He subsequently served as manager of the Brutus Rolling Mills at Weedsport, New York, and afterward resumed his high school work, being a member of the graduating class of 1927 at Clyde. He then entered Union University. His next business connection was with the Clyde Farmers Exchange, leading dealers in farm supplies and coal. He became owner of the establishment in December, 1931. In August, 1932, Mr. Collier sold his business and is now manager of the Renco Milling Company.

In 1927 Mr. Collier was united in marriage with Miss Cecile Finch, the daughter of Frank E. and Ethel Louise (Meade) Finch, who are natives and residents of Clyde. Mr. and Mrs. Collier have a daughter, Jeanne, born November 22, 1928.

Mr. Collier is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is senior deacon of Clyde Lodge, No. 241, F. and A. M.

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**Matthew Fischette** is a substantial and well known citizen of Clyde, where he is interested in the real estate and insurance business. He is a native of Italy, born at San Angelo, Lombardo, Province of Avelino, October 12, 1884, the son of Peter and Mary (Pitzerusso) Fischette.

Peter Fischette was born in Italy, and emigrated to this country with his family in 1886. He now lives retired at Clyde, and his

wife is deceased. Mr. Fischette is a Republican, a member of St. John's Catholic Church, and belongs to Star of Italy Lodge. There were four children in the Fischette family: 1. Thomas. 2. Frank. 3. Rose, married Alexander Dapoletto. 4. Matthew, the subject of this sketch. All live at Clyde.

Matthew Fischette was two years of age when his parents located at Clyde. He was educated in the public schools, and began his business career with the Wayne County Preserve Company, of Newark, New York. During 1909-10 he owned and operated the Wright Cleaning Works, at Bartlettsville, Oklahoma, and in the latter year returned to Clyde as a general contractor. He subsequently was ticket agent for the Rochester and Syracuse Railroad Company at Clyde, proprietor of the Wayne County Cheese Company, and local agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1924 Mr. Fischette purchased the insurance business of D. L. Stow, which had been founded in 1825. He has offices on Park Street.

In 1901 Mr. Fischette married Miss Anna DeJohn, the daughter of Raphael and Rose DeJohn, both were natives of Italy, and residents of Lyons, New York. Mr. DeJohn is deceased and his widow resides at Clyde. To Mr. and Mrs. Fischette have been born four children: 1. Peter Vivian, married Ethel Gilkey, lives at Syracuse. 2. Rose, a graduate of Plattsburg Normal School, lives at home. 3. Matthew, Jr., attended Northeastern College, lives at home. 4. Virginia Lucile, at home.

Mr. Fischette served as village trustee during 1925-28, and since 1929 has been village clerk and collector. He is also secretary of the village zoning commission. He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church; Secretary of Loyal Order of Moose, No. 1675; President of Chapter 974, Order of Sons of Italy in America; member of Star of Italy; and Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.

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**Edwin Thales Emmons.**—As city editor of the Geneva Daily Times for more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Emmons has always taken a keen interest in the history and advancement of the city of Geneva. He was born at Woodstock, Vermont, April 11, 1882, the son of Thales Winn and Alma (Randall) Emmons.

Thales Winn Emmons was a native of Vermont, born at Taftsville, about 1844. Throughout his life he was a farmer and he died September 25, 1907. He is buried at Taftsville. His wife, the daughter of Billy Decatur Randall, jeweler, died December 23, 1904. They had two sons: Edwin Thales, the subject of this sketch. 2. Roy Winn, jeweler, lives at Rochester, New York.

Edwin Thales Emmons grew up at Taftsville, Vermont, and attended the public schools there and at Woodstock, being graduated from high school in 1899. He then worked on the Vermont Standard, a weekly publication at Woodstock, where he learned the trade of printer. He also was local correspondent for the Boston Herald and other leading newspapers. In 1902 he went to Syracuse as a reporter on the Syracuse Evening Telegram, in which capacity he served for almost two years. His next work was at Rochester as court reporter on the Rochester Herald. From 1902 until 1906 he had reportorial connections with the Boston American and Brockton Times, returning later to the Rochester Herald. In 1906 Mr. Emmons came to Geneva as city editor on the Geneva Daily Times.

Mr. Emmons is president of the Geneva Historical Society, president of the Canandaigua Botanical Society, as well as a member of the Historical Sites Committee of the Ontario County Historical Society. He is also a member of the Book Committee of the Geneva Free Library, and for many years was a director of the United Welfare Council of Geneva. He was president for fifteen years of the Geneva Civic League, and is a member of the board of directors of the Geneva Social Service League, of which he was president for three years. He holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Garden Club, American Fern Society, Seneca Yacht Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club. His interesting hobby is the collecting of native ferns of the eastern section of the United States and he has a complete collection of specimens in Central New York. Mr. Emmons has been a contributor to a number of magazines, of fiction and of Nature articles, and during 1931-32 published a complete history of the city of Geneva, including numerous biographies of Geneva citizens.

Mr. Emmons was married November 8, 1906, to Miss Maude Eloise Townsend, the daughter of Albert H. and Laura (Blossom) Townsend, of Woodstock, Vermont. They are the parents of two children: 1. Alma Randall, born January 9, 1910, a graduate of Geneva High School and William Smith College, Geneva. She received the degree of Master of Arts at Radcliffe College in 1931. 2. Albert Edwin, born May 9, 1913, a graduate of Geneva High School, attends the College of Forestry, Syracuse University.

Politically, Mr. Emmons is a Republican. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva.

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**Albert Young**, funeral director, is recognized as one of the dependable business men of Williamson, Wayne County. He was born in Buiksloot, Holland, on August 28, 1886, the son of Herman and Magdalena (Langewis) Young.

Herman Young and his wife were natives of Holland, and he was a fisherman for many years in his native land. He later came to the United States and settled on a farm in Wayne County, near Williamson. He died June 15, 1930, and is buried at Pultneyville. To Mr. and Mrs. Young were born ten children.

Albert Young received his education in the schools of Rochester, New York. He assisted his father in farming for a time and then was employed in the furniture store and undertaking establishment of J. C. Barzine at Williamson. After two years he went with C. I. Dezutter, and in November, 1906, Mr. Young became a licensed embalmer in the State of New York. He spent four years in the employ of James Joseph Wylie, of Sodus, and then established a business at Savannah, New York. Subsequently, he was located at Ossining, New York, for three years, and in January, 1913, in association with H. E. Farnsworth he purchased the business of his former employer, J. C. Berzine, at Williamson. After three years the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Farnsworth retailed the furniture store. Mr. Young became the owner of the funeral business. A modern funeral home and attractive chapel, the latter with a seating capacity of 250 people, has recently been





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opened by Mr. Young, who is numbered among the progressive funeral directors of the county. Ambulance service is also maintained. Mr. Young holds membership in the New York State Funeral Directors Association, New York State Embalmers Association, and National Association of Funeral Directors.

On December 25, 1905, Mr. Young was united in marriage with Miss C. Margaret Farnsworth, the daughter of William D. and Sylvia (Woodworth) Farnsworth. To them have been born three children: 1. Esther Margaret, born September 10, 1907, attended Alfred University and Rochester Business Institute of Commerce. 2. Donald Woodworth, born January 9, 1915, attends Williamson High School. 3. Albert, Jr., born September 3, 1916, attends Williamson High School.

Mr. Young is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 826, and Rotary Club. He is a member of Pultneyville Lodge No. 159, F. & A. M., Wayne Chapter No. 276, R. A. M., and Zenobia Commandery No. 41, K. T.

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**Capt. George S. Allen, M. D.**—Prominent in professional activities in Central New York is Doctor George S. Allen, who has successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Clyde, Wayne County, since 1900. He was born at Farmington, Ontario County, May 18, 1873, the son of Ellery G. and Mary Jane (Briggs) Allen.

Ellery G. Allen was a native of New York and one of Farmington's best known citizens. He was born at Oppenheim, Herkimer County, November 1, 1843, and died July 10, 1932, and until his retirement was a progressive and well known farmer. He was a Republican, and held the offices of justice of the peace and supervisor. He attended the Hicksite Quaker Church, and was affiliated with Macedon Lodge, F. & A. M., and Griswold Chapter, R. A. M. His wife was born at Arcadia, Wayne County, and died in 1917. She is buried at Farmington. To Mr. and Mrs. Allen were born the following children: 1. Jennie, married Frank G. Hawkins, lives at Victor, New York. 2. George S., the subject of

this sketch. 3. Lewis F., who lives on the homestead. 4. Dr. Charles E., a dentist, lives at Brockton, New York. 5. Willard H., general farmer, lives at Macedon, Wayne County. 6. Carrie B., married Gilbert H. Padghan, lives at Farmington, New York.

After attending the district school at Farmington, George S. Allen attended Macedon Center Academy, and in 1897 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Buffalo. During 1897-98 he was an interne in Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, and he then spent one year in practice at Rochester. Doctor Allen located at Clyde in March, 1900, where he has since maintained an extensive practice. He has also taken graduate work at Harvard University.

At the outbreak of the World War Doctor Allen volunteered his services and in April, 1917, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the U. S. Medical Reserve Corps, being sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana. In September, 1917, he was transferred to the Three Hundred and Twenty-ninth Infantry, Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, and on January 22, 1918, received the commission of captain. While at Camp Sherman he served as an instructor in various capacities, and later was acting commander of the medical department of the regiment. He was honorably discharged for disability in line of duty, March 19, 1918.

Doctor Allen is a Republican and for nine years served as coroner of Wayne County. He was postmaster of Clyde from December, 1911, until the spring of 1915. In 1915 he was appointed health officer of the town of Galen, in which capacity he served until August, 1918, when the village of Clyde and the town of Galen were combined, and he has continued to the present time as health officer. He also has been a member of the Clyde board of education since 1917 and for several terms was president. He is past president and secretary of the Wayne County Medical Society, and holds membership in the New York State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. He is also associate staff member of Auburn City Hospital and Geneva General Hospital.

On November 2, 1899, Doctor Allen was united in marriage with Miss Nellie S. Padghan, the daughter of Albert and Mary J. (Smith) Padghan, natives of England and Victor, Ontario County,

respectively. He is deceased and his widow resides at Clyde. To Doctor and Mrs. Allen were born six children, as follows: 1. Ellery G., B. S., M. D., a graduate of Colgate University and Harvard Medical College, is now instructor in Clinical Medicine, Syracuse University College of Medicine, and also engaged in private practice at Syracuse. He married Miss Millicent Green, and they live at Syracuse. 2. Laura C., a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Science degree, married Carl H. Preston, lives at Ithaca, New York. 3. Wilda B., a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Science degree, married Edward R. Stephens, lives at Detroit, Mich. 4. Dorothy E., a graduate of Elmira College for Women, Bachelor of Science degree, lives at home. 5. William Howard Taft, a graduate of Peekskill Military Academy, attended West Point Military Academy for two years, now a senior at Colgate University. 6. Charles S., a graduate of Mercersburg Academy, now a senior at Colgate University.

Doctor Allen is an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Macedon Lodge No. 343, F. & A. M., Rochester Consistory, thirty-second degree, Damascus Temple, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to George A. Brown Post No. 226, American Legion, and Disabled Emergency Officers of the World War.

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**William Adolphe Gracey.**—As editor and publisher of "The Geneva Daily Times," William Adolphe Gracey occupies a position of paramount importance in Ontario County. He was born in Nynee Tal, India, August 4, 1866, the son of Rev. John T. and Annie (Ryder) Gracey, who were missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. John T. Gracey was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1831, of Scotch and English parentage. He was married March 10, 1858, to Miss Annie Ryder, the daughter of William Ryder, of Christiana, Delaware. To this union were born four children, of whom William A., subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth. Reverend Gracey and his wife served as missionaries in India from 1861 until 1869, and upon their return

to the United States he became a prominent minister in western New York. Both he and his wife gained prominence as writers and speakers. He died January 5, 1912, and Mrs. Gracey died in 1908. Both are buried in Clifton Springs, New York.

William Adolphe Gracey received his early education in the public schools of Buffalo and Rochester. He spent three years at the University of Rochester, but left school in 1888 to take up newspaper work. During his high school career Mr. Gracey had evinced a marked talent for writing and was editor of "The Campus," the student publication at the University. He became a reporter for Rochester daily newspapers while a university student, and in 1889 became one of the editors of "The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle," in which capacity he served for a period of nine years. On January 1, 1898, Mr. Gracey came to Geneva as an associate of the late Herbert J. Fowler, editor and publisher of "The Geneva Daily Times," at that time a struggling daily, which had been founded in 1895, by M. J. Dillon. Three years later it was still an eight-page publication with very little paid advertising and inadequate news service. During the succeeding years under the capable management and editorship of Mr. Gracey, "The Geneva Daily Times" has become one of the outstanding newspapers in Northern and Central New York. It is published at the present time by the Geneva Printing Company, a separate corporation, of which Mr. Gracey is president. George B. Williams, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history, is business manager, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Gracey was married September 5, 1889, to Miss Luella Warfield, the daughter of Richard N. and Rachel E. Warfield, of Rochester, New York. To them were born four children: 1. Katharine, married William F. Merrill, lives at Port Washington, New York. They have a daughter, Eleanor Warfield Merrill. 2. Lawrence W., born in Rochester January 15, 1896, attended Geneva High School, Peddie School at Hightstown, New Jersey, and Hobart College. He served in the navy in the World War. He is member editorial staff of the "Geneva Daily Times." He is prominent in local civic affairs, a member of the common council past ten years, president of the Geneva Red Cross Chapter, president

of the Y. M. C. A., active in work of Social Service League and other organizations. He is a member First Presbyterian Church and Kappa Alpha college fraternity. 3. Lewis A., optometrist, lives at Port Washington, New York. He served in France during the World War. He is married and has a son, Lewis Brown Gracey. 4. Stuart, born in 1902, now a teacher of piano and voice at Seneca Falls, New York.

Politically, Mr. Gracey has always been identified with the Republican party. He and his family are active members of the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva, of which he is an elder. He is also a director of the Y. M. C. A., member of the United States Civil Legion, Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Country Club, and Psi Upsilon college fraternity. Since 1916 he has been an active member of the Geneva Park Board and is now president of that organization. Mr. Gracey is an outstanding figure in newspaper affairs, being a member of the Associated Press, American Newspaper Publishers Association, New York State Publishers Association, New York Associated Dailies, and New York State Society of Editors.

Mr. Gracey is also extensively interested in community music and for many years has been recognized as a leader in this particular field of endeavor. He also was director of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church for eighteen years.

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**Thomas Hillhouse Chew.**—As president of the Geneva Trust Company, Mr. Chew was easily one of the dominating forces in the financial and business life of the city of Geneva, where he spent his entire life. He was born here, May 26, 1856, the son of Alexander Lafayette and Sarah Augusta (Prouty) Chew, and died March 3, 1932.

Alexander Lafayette Chew was long identified with the business affairs of Geneva. He was born at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1825 and came to Geneva at the age of 20 years to attend Hobart College. He was graduated from that institution in 1848 and immediately became associated with the hardware firm of Prouty &

Chew. After a few years Mr. Chew retired from that business and entered the banking field as a member of the private banking firm of Chew & Raines. This partnership continued until 1863, at which time it was merged with the newly organized First National Bank of Geneva, and Mr. Chew continued as president of the institution until his death. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. Sarah Augusta (Prouty) Chew was the daughter of Phineas Prouty, a native of Vermont and a very early settler of Geneva. To Mr. and Mrs. Chew were born eight children, of whom Thomas H., the subject of this sketch, was the fourth. Six are deceased.

The boyhood of Thomas Hillhouse Chew was spent at Geneva and he attended Walnut Hill School. He was also a graduate of St. John's School, at Manlius, New York, and received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Hobart College in 1876. Mr. Chew became associated at that time with his father's banking interests and was a messenger in the First National Bank. He subsequently was promoted to bookkeeper, later became teller, and then cashier. Upon the death of his father he succeeded to the presidency. In 1919 the Geneva Trust Company was organized under the state law and the First National Bank was merged with it. Mr. Chew continued in the office of president until the time of his death.

Politically, Mr. Chew was a Republican. He was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church, of which he was warden, and he also belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the Genesee, Genesee Valley Club of Rochester, Geneva Country Club, Geneva Yacht Club, Geneva Rod and Gun Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Sigma Phi fraternity.

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**George Burbank Williams.**—Active and progressive in public affairs in the city of Geneva is George B. Williams, who has been identified with the Geneva Printing Company, publishers of the Geneva Daily Times, as secretary and treasurer since 1907. He was born at Rochester, New York, September 8, 1873, the son of Samuel Burbank and Emma Elizabeth (Warfield) Williams.



Samuel Burbank Williams was a Civil War veteran. He was born at Deerfield, Massachusetts, October 17, 1843, and died January 17, 1927. He served throughout the war period, and was married December 8, 1865, to Miss Emma Elizabeth Warfield, daughter of Richard N. Warfield, of Rochester, New York. She died August 20, 1926. Both are buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester. They had two children, of whom George Burbank was the oldest.

The boyhood of George Burbank Williams was spent at Rochester, where he attended the public schools. He was graduated from Rochester University with the degree of Ph. B. in 1897, having majored in the study of chemistry and political economy. He immediately went to Arizona in charge of a gold mine, which was owned and operated by a group of Rochester business men. After two years Mr. Williams returned to Rochester and from 1900 until 1903 was cashier in the office of the city treasurer of Rochester. During the following four years he was deputy city comptroller of Rochester and in that time was active in the organization of the National Association of Comptrollers and Accounting Officers. In January, 1907, he came to Geneva in his present capacity as secretary, treasurer and business manager of the Geneva Printing Company.

In 1926 Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Eva Nixon, the daughter of Rev. Harmon and Eva A. Nixon, of Evanston, Illinois. The former, deceased, was pastor of the Baptist Church and lived retired at Granville, Ohio, for many years.

Mr. Williams is identified with the various state and national newspaper associations, being president of the New York Associated Dailies in 1929. He is also a life member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. He belongs to the Society of Colonial Wars, Colonial Governors, Phi Upsilon fraternity, University Club, Geneva Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife are associate members of the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva, and members of the Brick Church of Rochester, New York.

Mr. Williams is vice president and director of the Poligraphic Company of America, Inc., of New York City, and vice president and director of the Partlow Corporation of Utica, New York.

**Thomas Jefferson Bolger** is one of the progressive business men of Geneva, and he also holds the office of city clerk. He was born in the town of Seneca, Ontario County, New York, November 28, 1875, the son of Andrew and Honora (Buckley) Bolger.

Andrew Bolger was a native of Ireland, born in County Wexford, August 9, 1844. He emigrated to the United States in 1866 and settled in Ontario County, where he continued his agricultural pursuits. Mr. Bolger died December 16, 1918, and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Geneva. His wife was the daughter of Timothy Buckley, of Geneva. To Mr. and Mrs. Bolger were born nine children, two of whom survive: 1. Thomas Jefferson, the subject of this sketch. 2. Andrew, born in April, 1878. He is a nurseryman and lives at Geneva.

Thomas J. Bolger attended the public schools and also was a student at St. Francis de Sales High School, Geneva. He left school at the age of seventeen years to enter the employ of Bronson & Hopkins, nurserymen, of Geneva, and he remained with that firm for six years. He then went with the Sweeney Nurseries and in 1901, after a period of five years, Mr. Bolger purchased the business of Mr. Sweeney. For a three year period he also managed the nursery of O. L. Gerrish, and in 1904 he took over that enterprise also, which was merged with his original nursery. The business is known as the Universal Nurseries and Mr. Bolger is recognized as one of the city's leading nurserymen.

On June 30, 1924, Mr. Bolger was united in marriage with Miss Margaret A. O'Brien, daughter of Daniel R. and Anna O'Brien, of Shortsville, New York. They have no children.

In politics Mr. Bolger is identified with the Democratic party and he has been honored by numerous public offices. He was elected alderman from the Second Ward in 1905 and re-elected in 1907; became supervisor at large in the city in 1909; and in 1911 was appointed chairman of the civil service commission, which office he held for six years. He was also chairman of the Ontario County Democratic Committee from 1911 until 1915, and in 1922 was a member of the Democratic State Committee. He was appointed to his present office as city clerk and assumed duty on January 1, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolger are members of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks, No. 1054, Knights of Columbus, No. 272, Geneva Council, and Alhambra Society of Rochester.

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**Louis Jacob Licht.**—Actively identified for many years with the affairs of the Patent Cereal Corporation, Geneva, as secretary, Louis Jacob Licht, who lives retired at Phelps, is recognized as one of Ontario County's most representative citizens. He was born at East Williamsburg, Long Island, New York, September 2, 1862, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Klinck) Licht.

Frederick Licht was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1825. He emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1832 and settled at Brooklyn, New York, where for many years he was successful as a brewer. About 1854 Mr. Licht married Miss Elizabeth Klinck, the daughter of George Klinck, of Brooklyn. She died in 1885 and Mr. Licht died in 1905. Both are buried in Brooklyn.

The education of Louis Jacob Licht was received in the Brooklyn public schools, from which he was graduated in 1879. He then was employed until 1884 in the offices of the Brooklyn Sugar Refining Company, and in the latter year was active in the organization of a manufacturing business with his father in Brooklyn. They became successful makers of cereal products and in 1888 were founders of the Patent Cereal Corporation in Geneva. Frederick Licht remained an officer in the company until his death and his son, Louis J., was secretary and treasurer until his retirement in 1927. He is now a director.

On October 2, 1889, Mr. Licht married Miss Caroline Galloupe, the daughter of Richard Galloupe, of Trumansburg, New York. To them were born two children: 1. Elizabeth, born in 1892, married Frederick L. King, who is assistant secretary and treasurer of the Patent Cereal Corporation. 2. Richard F., born in 1897. He is interested in the automobile business at Geneva. Caroline (Galloupe) Licht died in 1918, and is buried at Trumansburg.

Mr. Licht is a Democrat and has held numerous public offices. He was elected president of the city of Geneva in 1897, was a member of the board of public works from 1903 until 1913, and president of that body from 1910 until 1913, and from 1924 until 1930 was president of the Geneva Board of Health.

Mr. Licht is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, being a Knight Templar and member of Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester. He also belongs to B. P. O. Elks, and has the distinction of being the first Exalted Ruler of the Geneva Lodge. He was for many years a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce, and belonged to the Geneva Country Club and Geneva Rod and Gun Club.

Until his retirement Mr. Licht was also a director of the Geneva National Bank, which was recently merged with the National Bank of Geneva.

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**Dr. Ulysses Prentiss Hedrick.**—As horticulturist and director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, at Geneva, Doctor Hedrick has gained a national reputation as an authority on horticulture. He was born near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, January 15, 1870, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Catherine (Myers) Hedrick.

Benjamin Franklin Hedrick was a native of Dansville, Virginia, born January 12, 1832. Throughout his life he was interested in general farming, and he died at Lansing, Michigan, in October, 1907. He was married in 1867 to Miss Mary Catherine Myers, the daughter of Abraham Myers, of Elkhart, Indiana. For many years Mr. Myers was associated with the Studebaker wagonmaking industry and was a wheelwright by trade. To Benjamin Franklin and Mary Catherine (Myers) Hedrick were born three children, of whom Ulysses P., subject of this sketch, was the second. By a former marriage Benjamin F. Hedrick had four children. Mary Catherine (Myers) Hedrick died in 1914 and is buried at Lansing, Michigan.

Ulysses P. Hedrick obtained his early education in the public schools of Harbor Springs, Michigan, being graduated from the

high school there in 1887. He then taught school for two years before entering Michigan Agriculture College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1893. He became an instructor in horticulture at the same institution for two years and also received the degree of Master of Science there in 1895. Mr. Hedrick received the appointment as professor of botany and horticulture in the Oregon State Agricultural College at Corvallis, Oregon, where he remained for two years. In 1897 he went to the Utah Agricultural College at Logan, Utah, as professor and held that position for three years. His next position was as professor of horticulture at Michigan State College, Lansing, Michigan, where he remained until 1905. In that year Mr. Hedrick came to Geneva as chief horticulturist in the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. He was made director in 1927. Mr. Hedrick is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and holds membership in the American Society of Horticultural Science, American Pomological Society, Royal Horticultural Society of England, Horticultural Societies of Belgium, Norway, Germany and Italy. He has made five trips to Europe in the interest of his profession. Doctor Hedrick is a regular contributor to scientific publications and is author of the following books: "Grapes of New York," 1908; "Plums of New York," 1910; "Cherries of New York," 1915; "Peaches of New York," 1917; "Manual of American Grape Growing," 1919; "Cyclopedia of Hardy Fruits," 1921; "Pears of New York," 1922; "Systematic Pomology," 1925; and "Small Fruits of New York," 1925.

On June 27, 1898, Doctor Hedrick was united in marriage with Miss Amy Willis Plummer, the daughter of Rev. George P. Plummer, a minister of the Episcopal Church, of Corvallis, Oregon. To them have been born three children: 1. Catherine Layton, born in 1899, a graduate of William Smith College, Geneva. She married Guy S. Greene, professor of public speaking at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. 2. Penelope Rodney, born in 1906, died at the age of thirteen years and is buried at Geneva. 3. Ulysses P., Jr., born in 1909. He is a graduate of Geneva High School, and attended Michigan State College.

Doctor Hedrick has always been a Democrat, and he has held the offices of city cemetery commissioner and police commissioner. He and his family are active members of the Episcopal Church, and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Country Club, Sigma Psi and Alpha Zeta fraternities.

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**Thomas Anthony Kane.**—One of the most able of the younger attorneys of Geneva is Thomas Anthony Kane, who has offices at 50 Seneca Street. He was born in this city, December 9, 1897, the son of Thomas A. and Mary (Dwyer) Kane.

Thomas A. Kane is deceased. He was born in Geneva in 1856, and for a period of thirty-six years successfully engaged in business in this city as a retail grocer. He died October 11, 1912, and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Geneva. Mr. Kane was married October 29, 1890, to Miss Mary Dwyer, the daughter of Cornelius and Alice (Mahar) Dwyer, of Aurora, New York. Mrs. Kane is prominent in civic affairs in Geneva, and for sixteen years has been a member of the board of directors of Geneva General Hospital. She is also a member of the board of visitors of Newark State School, at Newark, New York, having been appointed by Governor Alfred Smith and re-appointed by Governor Roosevelt. Another office held by Mrs. Kane is membership in the board of visitors of Willard State Hospital, at Willard, New York. She is local president of the National Council of Catholic Women, and is a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. To Thomas A. and Mary (Dwyer) Kane were born two children: 1. Thomas Anthony, the subject of this sketch. 2. One child died in infancy.

Thomas Anthony Kane was graduated from Geneva High School in 1917. He then entered Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and LL. B. in 1921 and 1924, respectively. He spent two years in the offices of W. Smith O'Brien, at Geneva, and was admitted to the bar, May 21, 1926. Mr. Kane then established a pri-

vate practice in the city. He is identified with the Ontario County Bar Association and New York State Bar Association.

Politically, Mr. Kane is a Democrat. He is an active member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, being Past Grand Knight of the local chapter. He also is a member of B. P. O. Elks, Delta Chi fraternity, Chamber of Commerce, Lakeside Country Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club.

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**Alexander Wilson Skinner.**—A member of the Ontario County Bar for almost twenty years, Mr. Skinner is recognized as a leading lawyer of Geneva. He was born at Rushville, Yates County, New York, October 11, 1888, the son of Dr. William W. and Hattie May (Scofield) Skinner.

Dr. William W. Skinner has been a prominent physician and surgeon of Geneva since 1898. He was born at Maringo, Illinois, January 14, 1860, and was graduated from the College of Medicine, University of Buffalo, in 1887 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He remained in private practice at Rushville, New York, until his removal to Geneva in 1898. Doctor Skinner was married in 1881 to Miss Hattie May Scofield, daughter of John P. and Deborah (Townsend) Scofield. To this union were born four children, of whom Alexander Wilson, subject of this sketch, was the first in order of birth.

The boyhood of Alexander Wilson Skinner was spent at Geneva, where he attended the public schools. After his graduation from high school in 1906 he entered Hobart College for one year. He then spent a year at the University of Syracuse and subsequently studied law at the University of Wisconsin, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1910. Upon his return to the city, Mr. Skinner spent some time in the office of W. Smith O'Brien, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1914. His entire professional career has been identified with the city of Geneva and he has served as transfer tax attorney for Ontario County since 1923. He is a prominent member of the Ontario

County Bar Association and New York State Bar Association, and was a delegate from Ontario County to the Federation of Bar Associations of Western New York.

On October 16, 1912, Mr. Skinner was united in marriage with Miss May Gannon, the daughter of Michael and Margaret Gannon, of Geneva. Their children are: 1. William W., born April 17, 1914, attends Geneva High School. 2. Mary Alexandra, born April 21, 1919.

Politically, Mr. Skinner has always been a Democrat. He has taken a keen and active interest in the affairs of his party and on five different occasions was unsuccessful candidate for office: city judge in 1915 and again in 1921; mayor in 1925; State Assembly in 1917; and State Senator in 1930. Mr. Skinner belongs to B. P. O. Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, Zeta Psi fraternity, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, Lakeside Country Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club. His offices are located at 503 Exchange Street, and the family residence is at 91 Highland Avenue, Smith Park, Geneva.

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**Arthur John Cowan.**—One of the progressive and well known young business men of Geneva is Arthur John Cowan, who is connected with the Almarco Printing Company, located at 102 Castle Street. He is a native of England, born in London in 1893, the son of Arthur Cowan, who served in the English army with the rank of captain. He died in 1897 and is buried in London.

Arthur John Cowan was the youngest of five children. He received his education in the grade and high schools of London and as a young man learned the printer's trade. At the age of nineteen years he came to the United States and secured a position with a printing establishment in New York City. After a short time he removed to Savannah, Georgia, and from there to Lyons, New York, where he was employed by the Lyons Printing Company for a time. Mr. Cowan came to Geneva in 1917 and for five years was employed by W. F. Humphrey. In 1922 he was a partner in the organization of the Almarco Printing Company,



together with Herman E. Aldrich and Eugene J. Marshall. They are commercial printers and are recognized as expert craftsmen.

On June 21, 1914, Mr. Cowan was united in marriage with Miss Mary Medbury, the daughter of William Medbury, of Lyons, New York. They have three children: 1. Phyllis G., born in 1915, attends St. Francis de Sales High School. 2. William J., born in 1917. 3. Elizabeth, born in 1920.

Mr. Cowan is a Republican, a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club, Y. M. C. A., and Chamber of Commerce. He is scout master of Boy Scouts in Geneva.

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**Eugene Joseph Marshall.**—Identified with the Almarco Printing Company, 102 Castle Street, Mr. Marshall is one of Geneva's best known business men. He is a native of this city, born May 26, 1892, the son of Eugene A. and Harriet (Ridley) Marshall.

Eugene A. Marshall was born on a farm six miles south of Waterloo, New York, in 1870. He was an interior decorator and engaged in business throughout his life at Geneva. Mr. Marshall died in 1914 and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Geneva. He was married in 1889 to Miss Harriet Ridley, daughter of Henry Ridley, of Geneva. They were the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy.

Eugene Joseph Marshall has always lived in Geneva. He is a graduate of the public schools and began his work as a printer in the shops of W. F. Humphrey. After three and one-half years he was employed by W. L. Packard, at that time publisher of the Geneva Daily Times. Mr. Marshall remained there for two years and then became foreman in the shops of Roy Goodwin, commercial printer. After eight years in the latter's employ, Mr. Marshall became associated with Herman E. Aldrich and Arthur J. Cowan as owners of the Almarco Printing Company. They are recognized as the city's leading commercial printers.

Mr. Marshall was married June 21, 1915, to Miss Glenora McCullum, daughter of J. B. McCullum, of Tioga, Pennsylvania.

They were the parents of two children: one died in infancy; and Robert J., born April 6, 1920. Mrs. Marshall died March 3, 1921, and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Geneva.

Politically, Mr. Marshall is independent. He is an active member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, B. P. O. Elks, F. O. Eagles, and Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Marshall is an ardent sportsman and is especially fond of hunting and fishing. The family lives at 100 East North Street.

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**Bert T. Baker.**—A lawyer with a wide and an important practice in Ithaca is Bert T. Baker, who has engaged in practice here since 1897. He was born in the Town of Enfield, Tompkins County, March 3, 1872, the son of Theodore J. and Eloise (Titus) Baker.

Theodore J. Baker was a native of Orange County, New York, and died in 1926. He was a graduate of the public schools of Ithaca, and for a number of years was a prosperous farmer in Tompkins County. He also served as assessor of the Town of Ithaca for fifteen years and as town clerk of the Town of Enfield. Mr. Baker was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Grange and Maccabees. His widow, born in the Town of Ovid, Seneca County, resides at Ithaca. There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker: 1. Bert T., the subject of this sketch. 2. Forest J. 3. Jerry M. 4. Anna, married Walter Tilton. All live at Ithaca.

Bert T. Baker acquired his early education in the public schools of the Town of Enfield. In 1888 he came to Ithaca to make his home with an uncle, James L. Baker, one of the city's leading attorneys. He subsequently was graduated from Ithaca High School and received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University in 1897, being admitted to the bar during the same year. He was associated in practice with his uncle until the latter's death in 1916. Mr. Baker has offices in the Ithaca Savings Bank Building.

Mr. Baker is a Republican and held the office of acting Recorder of Ithaca for four years, clerk of the Board of Supervisors of



BERT T. BAKER



Tompkins County for ten years, election commissioner of Tompkins County for six years, and county attorney for Tompkins County for four years, city attorney for the City of Ithaca for two years and clerk of the Board of Assessors of the City of Ithaca for four years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Hobasco Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 716. He is a member and vice president (1932) of Tompkins County Bar Association, and a member and alternate delegate (1932) of the Federation of Bar Associations of the Sixth Judicial District.

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**Hon. Melvin Snow Gaylord.**—As president and treasurer of Dorchester & Rose, hardware dealers, Mr. Gaylord ranks among the progressive business men of Geneva, and is a member of one of the oldest and best known families in Ontario County. He was born in this city, March 3, 1871, the son of John B. and Anna (Howard) Gaylord.

John B. Gaylord was born in Geneva in 1835. He was the son of Philotus Gaylord, pioneer builder and contractor of this city. Many of the old business blocks, as well as college buildings, stand as examples of the skill and workmanship of Philotus Gaylord. He is deceased and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. His son, John B., carried on the work which was begun by his father and was well known as a building contractor at the time of his death in 1880. He was married in 1860 to Miss Anna Howard, of Holyoke, Massachusetts. To them were born nine children, of whom Melvin S., subject of this sketch, was the fifth.

At the age of fourteen years Melvin S. Gaylord left school to enter the employ of Dorchester & Rose, hardware dealers, and for forty-eight years he has continued in the company's business. He was advanced steadily and after various promotions attained the responsibilities of the offices of president and treasurer of the corporation.

On July 24th, 1901, Mr. Gaylord was united in marriage with Miss Jessie M. Fidler, the daughter of Charles and Lillian (Bordell) Fidler, of Pittston, Pennsylvania. They have no children. The family residence is located at 172 Hamilton Street, Geneva.

Politically, Mr. Gaylord is identified with the Republican party, and he has held numerous public offices, being tax collector from 1899 until 1911, alderman from 1899 until 1900 and 1921 until 1929, inclusive, and president of the city council from 1926 until 1929. He was elected mayor of Geneva for the years 1930 and 1931, and from 1916 until 1920 was president of the board of fire commissioners.

Mr. Gaylord became a member of the New York National Guard at Geneva in 1889 and in 1898 enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War. He received the commission of second lieutenant June 4, 1898, and was later placed on the retired list. In 1916, however, he was called into service with the rank of captain and later was promoted to major. He saw service during the Mexican trouble and again in the World War did recruiting in Ontario County. Mr. Gaylord is now on the retired list and is commander of the local company with the rank of captain.

Mr. Gaylord is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is a charter member of the Geneva Lodge, F. and A. M. He also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Country Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club.

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**Edward John Cook.**—Both in professional and business affairs, Edward John Cook is recognized as a leading figure in the city of Geneva, where he has successfully engaged in the practice of law since 1898. He was born at Warren, Ohio, June 20, 1873, the son of Ephraim J. and Mary Grace (Day) Cook.

Ephraim J. Cook, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1843. The greater part of his life was spent as a merchant at Warren, and he died there in 1889. He served throughout the Civil War as a member of Company A, 42nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Cook was married in 1868 to Miss Mary Grace Day, the daughter of Thomas Day, of Orwell, Ohio. He was a successful farmer of Ashtabula County. Four sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook, two of whom died in infancy.

Edward John Cook received his early education in the public schools of Warren, Ohio, and also attended Oberlin Academy and Oberlin College. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Hobart College in 1895 and then studied law at the New York Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1898. Before his admission to the bar Mr. Cook spent two years in the law offices of Alexander & Colby, New York City. He then returned to Geneva to engage in private practice. Mr. Cook has specialized in corporation law and has attained prominence in that particular field. He is also a director of the Geneva Trust Company, Geneva Savings Bank, Geneva General Hospital, and Geneva Free Library, and is president of the Geneva Milk Company.

On June 14, 1900, Mr. Cook was united in marriage with Miss May Martin Smith, daughter of Martin H. and Anna (Thomas) Smith. He is a prominent citizen of Geneva and for many years was a prosperous and successful farmer of Ontario and Seneca counties. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook: Edward, died in infancy; Marianna, died at the age of five years; Robert Martin, born in April, 1915, a graduate of Hill School, at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, class of 1931, now a student at Cornell University; and Constance Curtis, born December 31, 1931.

Mr. Cook has been identified with the Republican party in politics, but has never sought public office. He and his family are members of the North Presbyterian Church, of Geneva, of which he has been a member of the board of elders for twelve years and board of trustees for twenty years. He is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Country Club, Seneca Yacht Club, Geneva Rod and Gun Club, Rotary Club, and Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

Mr. Cook is an active member of the Geneva, Ontario County, New York State, and American Bar Associations, and was active in the organization of the Western New York State Bar Association. He is also secretary of the board of trustees of Hobart College and chairman of the finance committee.

The Cook family residence is located at 616 Main Street, Geneva.

**Richard William Morris.**—Widely known in Ontario County and Central New York as the efficient and able chief of police at Geneva, Richard William Morris is also prominent in the fraternal and civic life of the community. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, February 25, 1896, the son of Harry and Florence (Deeley) Morris.

Harry Morris was born in Brooklyn, New York, and died there in 1897. He was married in 1894 to Miss Florence Deeley, daughter of Richard Joseph Deeley, of Albany, New York, who came to this country from England about 1879 and settled in Albany. He was an ale brewer there for many years and in 1891 removed to Brooklyn. He later returned to England, where he died in 1905. To Harry and Florence (Deeley) Morris only one child was born, Richard William, the subject of this sketch.

Harry Morris was the son of Henry M. and Elizabeth Parke (Howle) Morris. Henry M. Morris was born at Ogdensburg, New York, March 4, 1825, the son of Lincoln Morris, a direct descendant of Governor Lincoln, the first governor of Massachusetts. Henry M. Morris married Elizabeth Parke Howle, of Washington, D. C., the daughter of Major Howle, who commanded the troops in defense of Faulkner Island during the War of 1812. Henry Morris died in 1914 and is buried in Ho-ho-kas Cemetery, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Richard William Morris obtained his education in the public schools of Brooklyn and Altamont, New York. He went to Albany at the age of eighteen years and entered the employ of the Albany Perforated Wrapping Paper Company as a stock clerk. Mr. Morris remained there for two years and then enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to Texas during the trouble on the Mexican border. He remained in the service for one year and then became a member of the New York State troopers, in which capacity he served for a nine year period. Two years of that time he was stationed at Albany and from there was transferred to Oneida Barracks. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant of police and in 1926 he resigned to accept the office of chief of police in the city of Geneva.

Mr. Morris was married October 2, 1920, to Miss Inez Doris Tallett, the daughter of George and Eva (Coleman) Tallett, of



Chenango County, New York. They have a son, Richard William, Jr., born September 27, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, and Tigris Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Syracuse. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Rod and Gun Club, New York Association of Chiefs of Police and Police Instructors Association of the State of New York.

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**Thomas James Brennan, D. D. S.**—One of the very capable and highly successful dental surgeons of Central New York is Doctor Brennan, who has engaged in practice at Geneva for more than twenty years. He was born in this city, January 3, 1888, the son of Michael and Mary (Toole) Brennan.

Michael Brennan was born in County Limerick, Ireland, March 14, 1856, and came to this country when twelve years of age. He immediately settled at Geneva and secured employment in an iron foundry, which occupation he followed until his retirement. Mr. Brennan still lives in this city. He was married in 1885 to Miss Mary Toole, daughter of Thomas Toole, of Geneva. To them were born eight children, of whom Thomas James, subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

Thomas James Brennan grew up in Geneva and attended the parochial schools. He was graduated from Villanova Preparatory School in 1906 and from Villanova College three years later. He then entered the College of Dentistry, University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1911. His entire professional career has been spent in Geneva and he has offices at 503 Exchange Street. He is an active member of the Geneva Dental Society, New York State Dental Association, and American Dental Association.

On October 30, 1912, Doctor Brennan married Miss Mary H. Manley, the daughter of Henry C. Manley, for many years associated with J. W. Smith Company, dry goods, Geneva. He is now deceased. To Doctor and Mrs. Brennan have been born four chil-

dren: 1. Hilda Marie, born July 24, 1914, a graduate of St. Francis de Sales Institute in 1932. 2. Thomas H., born May 20, 1916. 3. Jean Kathryn, born August 25, 1918. 4. Robert James, born November 20, 1923.

In politics, Doctor Brennan has always been independent. He and his family are members of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, 4th degree, B. P. O. Elks, Geneva Country Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club.

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**Herman Eugene Aldrich**, deceased, who was associated with the Almarco Printing Company, ranked among the dependable business men of Geneva. He was born near Hudson, Michigan, July 9, 1874, the son of Lyman H. and Mary C. (Johnson) Aldrich.

Lyman H. Aldrich was born at Farmington, New York, in 1848, and died in 1925. During his early life he was a farmer and later a building contractor. He held the offices of peace officer, being sheriff and constable for many years. He was married in 1872 to Miss Mary C. Johnson, daughter of Nathaniel Johnson, of Palmyra, New York. They had four children.

Herman E. Aldrich attended the public schools of Shortsville, New York, and at the age of fifteen years left high school and entered a printing office to learn the trade of printer. He had been interested in that work for thirty-five years and was employed in various printing plants in the city until 1921, at which time in association with Eugene J. Marshall and Arthur J. Cowan, he was active in the organizing of the Almarco Printing Company. They are job printers and specialize in the publishing of advertising matter for wholesale and manufacturing concerns. The plant is located at 102 Castle Street. Mr. Aldrich died June 15, 1932, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua, New York.

On March 2, 1897, Mr. Aldrich was united in marriage with Miss Adelia S. Cox, daughter of David S. Cox, who was for many years a well known clothier of Canandaigua, New York. He is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich was born one daughter, Dorcas Elizabeth, born March 13, 1910. She is a graduate of

Geneva High School, class of 1926, and William Smith College, Geneva, class of 1930, degree of Bachelor of Science. She then spent a year in study at the Auburn Theological Seminary, where she specialized in the history of religious education. She married Rev. David S. Sheldon, who is pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Seneca Castle, New York.

Mr. Aldrich was independent in politics. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had been a member of the official board. He also was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He was district commissioner of the Finger Lakes Council of Boy Scouts and took an active interest in the work of that organization. Mrs. Aldrich lives at Acrehurst.

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**John Geddie Henry.**—One of the prosperous business man and prominent citizens of Geneva is John Geddie Henry, contractor and builder, who has been identified with the city's growth and building activities since 1891. Mr. Henry was born in Clyde River, Nova Scotia, September 18, 1870, the son of Rev. Matthew G. and Mary (Parker) Henry.

Rev. Matthew G. Henry was a native of Nova Scotia, born in 1829. He was a minister of the Presbyterian Church and came to New York in 1890. He returned, however, to his native land after ten years, and four years later again came to this country. He lived in North Carolina for a time and died there in 1919 at the age of ninety years. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. In 1865 Reverend Henry married Miss Mary Parker, the daughter of Joseph Parker, a farmer, and also a native of Nova Scotia. They were the parents of eight children.

John Geddie Henry received his education in Nova Scotia and came to this country in 1890. He was a carpenter by trade and in the following year located at Geneva, where he obtained employment with a contracting firm. He soon took contracts for himself and in 1912 erected his large planing mill at 6 Patterson Avenue, which is equipped with the most modern type of machinery used

in the manufacture of sashes, doors, and interior trim. Furniture and cabinet making are done in the plant. Mr. Henry has completed contracts for numerous fine residences in the city, and also built the Methodist Episcopal Church, parish house of the North Presbyterian Church, and the city's three theaters.

In 1897 Mr. Henry was united in marriage with Miss Breta L. Schaeffer, the daughter of Edwin C. and Sarah (Brickley) Schaeffer, of Geneva. Both are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry have been born three children: 1. Dorothea Parker, born in 1898, a graduate of Geneva High School and Elmira College for Women, class of 1918. She married Dr. Ralph Eveland, a dentist, and lives at Palmyra, New York. They have three sons. 2. Deane A., born in 1900, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, New York, and he is now associated in business with his father. 3. Marjorie E., born in 1904, a graduate of Geneva High School and Elmira College for Women, class of 1922, and Rochester Institute. She is secretary to the superintendent of education at North Tonawanda, New York.

Mr. Henry has always been a Republican. He is a prominent member of the North Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. The family lives at 48 Sherrill Street, Geneva.

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**Peter Reynolds Cole.**—Foremost among the representative citizens of Ontario County Peter Reynolds Cole holds a prominent position as treasurer and bursar of Hobart College in Geneva. He was born in Rensselaerville, New York, June 21, 1869, the son of Edgar and Deborah (Reynolds) Cole.

Edgar Cole was born at Durham, New York, September 17, 1836, and died October 16, 1908. He is buried at Rensselaerville. He was married in 1865 to Miss Deborah Reynolds, daughter of Peter Reynolds, a farmer of Ravena, New York. She was born at Coeymans, New York, January 11, 1842. They were the parents of six children, of whom Peter Reynolds, subject, was the third in order of birth.

The Cole family is of Dutch origin, and although there is no authentic proof it is definitely assumed that members of the family were among the very early settlers of Manhattan.

Peter Reynolds Cole was educated in the public schools of Rensselaerville and in 1886 was graduated from the Academy there. He then taught school in Albany County and came to Geneva in 1887 as bookkeeper for Palmer & Rouse. After five years in the firm's employ he organized and became general manager of the Geneva Coal Company in 1893, and was identified with that business for ten years. He then became managing editor of the Geneva Daily News, which was subsequently merged with the Geneva Daily Times. Mr. Cole spent five years with B. E. Rouse as manager of a wholesale grain and hay business and in 1909 was elected treasurer of Ontario County, being re-elected to that office for three successive terms. In 1911 he was elected the first president of the New York State organization of county treasurers. Mr. Cole was then elected president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Geneva in 1918 and that institution was later merged with the First National Bank and subsequently with the Geneva Trust Company. Mr. Cole has served in his present office as treasurer and bursar of Hobart College since 1919.

Mr. Cole was a member of the New York National Guards of Geneva from 1887 until 1902, inclusive.

On December 12, 1912, Mr. Cole was united in marriage with Miss Bertha L. Barth, the daughter of Frederick A. and Mary (Loefer) Barth, natives of Germany and well known residents of Geneva. Bertha L. (Barth) Cole died November 12, 1930, and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva.

Mr. Cole has always been a Republican and for many years served as a member of the Republican County Committee. He was also city clerk from 1898 until 1902 and secretary of the Geneva Board of Health from 1896 until 1897. He was a director and auditor of the National Protective Legion and Insurance Company with headquarters at Waverly, New York, for seven years, and resigned in 1911. He is a prominent member and also vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and affiliated with the Masonic and Elk Lodges, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce,

and Geneva Rod and Gun Club. He is identified with the National College Administrative Association.

Mr. Cole is a director of the Geneva Trust Company. During the World War he played a prominent and important part in local affairs, being county director of war savings stamps and active in all Liberty Loan campaigns.

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**Louis DiPillo.**—As vice-president and superintendent of the Ontario Sand & Gravel Company, Mr. DiPillo ranks among Geneva's outstanding business men. He was born in Pratola Peligna, Italy, March 29, 1881, the son of Rocco DiPillo.

Rocco DiPillo was born in Italy in 1857 and died there in 1915.

Louis DiPillo was educated in the schools of his native land and is a graduate of a polytechnical school. He came to this country in 1901 and spent seven years in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Geneva. In 1908 he became a concrete construction foreman in the employ of the J. C. Carland Construction Company, railroad builders, and was employed on the contract between Brewster, Ohio, and Wheeling, West Virginia, for four years. In 1912 Mr. DiPillo returned to Italy on account of the serious illness of his father. The following year he again came to this country and was health inspector in the city of Canton, Ohio. In 1914 he made a second return trip to Italy and during that visit his father died. At the outbreak of the World War he met with difficulties in planning to return to the United States, but through intercession of the United States ambassador Mr. DiPillo was able to return, because he had become a citizen of this country in 1910. His next business connection was as Italian agent with the Commercial Bank of Geneva. Later, he was sanitary inspector for the city for a four year period, and in 1919 Mr. DiPillo became interested in business here in partnership with Joseph Sullivan. They organized a contracting firm and for eight years specialized in highway construction, in that time successfully completing eight contracts consisting of thirty miles of concrete highway, most of which was in the Finger Lakes

region. Roads were completed from Phelps to Newark, Palmyra, and Hammondsport, Waverly to Owego, Fulton to Minetto, Minetto to Oswego, and Bristol Valley Bridge, a forty-eight-foot span with two and one-half miles of paved road. In 1927 Mr. DiPillo opened a gravel pit half a mile west of Five Points, near Oaks Corners. At the present time it has developed into the largest sand and gravel plant in this section and equipped with electric devices has a capacity of producing 2,000 tons of sand and gravel per day. In 1928 Mr. DiPillo formed a partnership with George C. and Watson E. Pelton and the business was incorporated in 1929 as the Ontario Sand & Gravel Company.

On June 13, 1901, Mr. DiPillo was united in marriage with Miss Jennie DeMattia, a native of Italy. To them were born four children, two of whom died in infancy. Those surviving are: 1. Rosa, born in 1914. 2. Mario, born in 1915. Since 1915 Mrs. DiPillo has spent the greater part of her time in her native land.

Mr. DiPillo is a Democrat, a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, and belongs to the Geneva Rod & Gun Club.

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**Rev. Samuel Harmon Edsall.**—Prominent throughout Central New York as the rector of Trinity Church in Geneva, Mr. Edsall is one of the city's most esteemed and respected men. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, January 28, 1892, the son of Rt. Rev. Samuel and Grace (Harmon) Edsall.

Rt. Rev. Samuel Edsall was born at Dixon, Illinois, March 4, 1860. He was the founder of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Chicago in 1888, and in the following year he was made bishop of North Dakota, where he served for three years. His next appointment was in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1902, as Bishop of Minnesota, and he remained in that capacity until the time of his death in 1917. He is buried at Dixon, Illinois. Bishop Edsall was the son of James Kirtland Edsall, eminent attorney, who served as attorney general of the State of Illinois from 1872 until 1880. He also was a prominent member of the Chicago bar at the time of his death in 1892. He is buried at Dixon, Illinois. During his early

career as a lawyer, the Hon. James K. Edsall was active in the early disturbances in that section prior to the admission of Kansas as a state. At that time he was located at Leavenworth, Kansas.

In 1888 Rev. Samuel Edsall married Miss Grace Harmon, the daughter of Edwin R. Harmon, a merchant of Chicago. They were the parents of three children, of whom Samuel Harmon, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

The early education of Samuel Harmon Edsall was received in the public schools of North Dakota and Minnesota, and in 1911 he was graduated from Shattuck Military School, at Faribault, Minnesota. He then entered Trinity College, at Hartford, Connecticut, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915. He entered Seabury Divinity School at Faribault, Minnesota, and graduated from that institution in 1917. Mr. Edsall volunteered for service in the World War and was sent to the Great Lakes Training Station to attend the naval officers' school, but the armistice was signed before he received a commission. He took graduate work in 1919 at Trinity College and received the degree of Master of Arts. In that year he received the appointment of pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and remained there for one year. He next was curate under Dr. Ernest Miel, at Trinity Church, Hartford, Connecticut, and was located there for two years. Mr. Edsall came to Geneva as rector of Trinity Church following that period of service in Hartford.

On July 3, 1922, Mr. Edsall married Marjorie (Root) Gillett, the widow of Robert Swift Gillett, who was killed while in service during the World War. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Root, of Providence, Rhode Island. To Rev. Samuel Harmon and Marjorie (Root) Edsall have been born two sons: 1. Samuel Cook, born April 22, 1923. 2. John Stafford, born September 1, 1924, died November 17, 1928.

Mr. Edsall is a Republican, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, being a Knight Templar and member of the Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Rochester. He also belongs to the



University Club, Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, Medusa Club, and Geneva Country Club.

As a college student, Mr. Edsall took a prominent part in college athletics and was a member of the varsity tennis team, as well as intercollegiate tennis champion. He also was a track star.

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**Frederick William Yells.**—Owner of the F. W. Yells & Son funeral directors, Mr. Yells is recognized as one of the dependable and progressive business men of Geneva. He was born at Waterloo, New York, April 15, 1876, the son of William Thomas and Elizabeth (Harris) Yells.

William Thomas Yells was born in northern Wales, May 9, 1852, and died April 10, 1926. He is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Waterloo. Mr. Yells had settled at Waterloo with his parents in 1856. Throughout his life he was a stationary engineer. He was married in 1872 to Miss Elizabeth Harris, the daughter of Benjamin and Ann (Ashmore) Harris, who were natives of England and early settlers of Waterloo. Elizabeth (Harris) Yells died November 15, 1928, and is buried with her husband in Waterloo. They had six children.

Frederick William Yells was educated in the public schools of Waterloo, being a graduate of the high school there in 1895. He spent the following four years in the employ of S. J. Genung & Son, undertakers of Waterloo, where he gained a thorough knowledge of the business. In 1898 he also studied embalming at the Elmira School of Embalming, and became a licensed embalmer in that year. In 1898, in partnership with his brother, John Edward Yells, he purchased the undertaking establishment at Phelps, with which they were identified for a period of ten years. They also maintained a branch at Clifton Springs, New York. In 1908 they took over the business interests of Percy L. Lerch, of Geneva, who had succeeded to the business of his grandfather, William C. Barber. The business, located at 408 Main Street, has been the site of a funeral home for more than a century. Upon the death of John Edward Yells on January 1, 1922, the partner-

ship of Yells Brothers was dissolved. The son of Frederick W. Yells, Gordon W., is now associated with his father as a member of the firm.

On October 5, 1898, Mr. Yells married Miss Estella Malinda Strayer, daughter of Edward and Lucinda (Schott) Strayer. Mr. Strayer, a farmer, lives near Fayette, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Yells have only one child, Gordon William, born May 1, 1900. He is a graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1918, and the Simmons School of Embalming, at Syracuse, being a licensed embalmer. He was married in 1924 to Miss Ethel Mott, the daughter of George Mott, of Phelps, New York. They have a son, Frederick Mott Yells.

Mr. Yells has always been a Republican in politics and served as alderman from 1910 until 1918. His son was elected to the same office in 1931. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Yells hold membership in Trinity Episcopal Church, and he belongs to the Ark Lodge No. 33, F. and A. M., B. P. O. Elks, No. 1054, Geneva Rod and Gun Club, Hydrant Hose Company, Chamber of Commerce and New York State Embalmers Association.

In 1918 Mr. Yells obtained a patent on a hearse loading attachment, which is in use throughout this section.

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**Leland Alonson Colton.**—As president and manager of the Seneca Kraut & Pickling Company, with headquarters in Geneva, Mr. Colton is recognized as one of the most successful business men of Ontario County. He was born at Skaneateles, New York, July 23, 1877, the son of David and Mary A. (Mason) Colton.

David Colton was also a native of New York, born at Skaneateles, January 16, 1854. He was interested in general farming until his retirement in 1898. Mr. Colton was married in 1873 to Miss Mary A. Mason, daughter of John Leland Mason, a native of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Colton were born two children. She died in 1924 and is buried at Skaneateles.

Leland Alonson Colton received his early education in the public schools of Skaneateles and was graduated from the high