

in Tioga county politics has been one of the leaders of the democratic party. He was nominated for county treasurer by the democratic county convention in 1869 or 1870, and, in 1873, he was nominated for member of assembly, but of course was defeated, as were all other democrats in Tioga county. On September 15, 1853, Mr. Stanclift was married with Jane A., the daughter of John Cowell, one of the old and substantial pioneers of Spencer. Five children were born of this marriage of whom three died young. The eldest surviving child was Henry Clay Stanclift, a graduate of Cornell, and who was afterward further educated at Leipsic and Berlin, a graduate of the latter famous institution with a degree of Ph. D. His present position is that of professor of history in the Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill., near Chicago. The daughter, Elizabeth Stanclift, was graduated at Oneonta normal school in 1895, and in September of the next year began teaching in the Binghamton public schools.

S. ALFRED SEELY, to whom belongs the honor of having built up and kept up the business standing of that interesting part of Spencer village which is frequently called Seely Town, has lived in Spencer nearly twenty-five years, but was a native of Newfield. He lived on a farm until about twenty years old, and was educated in the district school and the Ithaca High school. In 1863 Mr. Seely began his business life as lumberman in partnership with his brother, Seymour Seely, their mill being near Elmira. In 1874 the firm removed to Spencer where was purchased from Joshua Tompkins and B. Spaulding, a considerable tract of land on the west border of the village. At that time West Hill, as sometimes called, was densely wooded in places and elsewhere covered with "slashing." The firm built a good sawmill and began work; was in active service operation until 1886 and then dissolved, S. Alfred Seely continuing the milling enterprises, which then comprised the large sawmill and a fairly large gristmill. These properties are owned and operated by Mr. Seely at this time, and under him both have been materially enlarged in capacity and output. Mr. Seely is, withal, one of the busiest men in this part of the county; generous, public-spirited and liberal in every worthy cause. The new

Grove Hotel, which he built in 1890 is one of the best in the county. As is fully mentioned in the history of the town, Mr. Seely is interested in several other business enterprises than those noted here, and has shown himself in all respects a useful and worthy citizen. These things may and must be said in justice to the man and work he has done for Spencer, and that despite the fact that he is comparatively young and full of business energy. In the county Mr. Seely is also known as an active temperance man, and a devoted member of the Baptist church, having been superintendent of the Sunday-school for twenty-one years. November 10, 1880, Mr. Seely was married with Mary S. Williams of Romulus, by whom he has had three children, Grace, Charles and Hart.

SEYMOUR SEELY came to Spencer in 1872 and built the mills which in after years made the name of Seely brothers known all through this part of the state, for their milling and lumbering enterprises were perhaps the largest in the region and their business was very extensive for many years ; and it was not until 1886 that the firm was dissolved. Seymour Seely took the land and farm interests previously belonging to the firm, while S. Alfred Seely took the mills. But Seymour Seely has proved as successful a farmer as he was mechanic or miller, and he is now the owner of about 1,500 acres of good land in this locality, over all of which he has personal supervision. When 28 years old Mr. Seely met with an accident in his mill and nearly lost his life, and was indeed so seriously injured that physical labor has since been virtually impossible. Seymour Seely was born September 11, 1838, and up to the time he became of age worked for his father. He then learned the carpenter trade, worked at it about three years, and in 1863 began lumbering and milling near Elmira. In 1872 the firm of Seely Bros., of which he was the elder, made an extensive purchase of land in Spencer and this vicinity and he came to build the mills and begin the work by which the firm built up that part of the village which has been known as Seelyville ; a locality of Spencer in which the greatest amount of business is done. On January 16, 1861, Mr. Seely was married with Frances M. Drake, daughter of Deacon Drake, of Ithaca, of which marriage these children have

been born ; Fred, of Spencer ; Carrie, wife of John M. Mosher, of Syracuse, and Nettie, who married with Dr. Thomas C. Washburne, of Spencer.

MARVIN D. FISHER, son of Leonard Fisher who is so frequently mentioned in the history of Spencer, was born in this town March 16, 1842. He was educated in the district school and at the age of 12 years began work in his father's store ; and after his schooling was finished he acquired an interest in the business, and from that to the present time he has been known in mercantile life in the village, a prosperous, progressive and successful manager ; and today the firm of M. D. Fisher & Sons is known all through this part of the state, and it requires no emphasis when the statement is made that this firm has the largest and best stocked general country store in southern central New York. The present firm was formed in the fall of 1892, but Mr. Fisher's previous business career is so fully stated in the village chapter that repetition is not necessary. In addition to his mercantile interests he is an extensive farmer of about 700 acres, and has a dairy of about 40 or 50 cows. More than this, he is regarded as a generous and public-spirited citizen, interested in all that pertains to the best interests of the town or village. He is one of the strongest democrats in the north part of the county, but has never been an aspirant for political honors. However, he was appointed postmaster in 1885, was out during Mr. Harrison's presidency, but otherwise has held the office to the present time. He was the first president of the bank at Spencer and is now its cashier ; has been member of the school board since 1870 ; a member of long standing in the local masonic lodge, and for 25 years a member of the Presbyterian church. On October 16, 1863, Mr. Fisher was married with Susan Catharine Ferris, daughter of Joshua Ferris, of Spencer. Of this marriage six children have been born, the first two of whom died young. The others were Sarah Louisa, wife of George E. Jones ; Myron L., in business with his father ; Henry L., who also is one of the firm, and A. Max Fisher, a student.

MYRON B. FERRIS, son of Joshua H. and Louisa (Fisher) Ferris, and grandson of Joshua Ferris, the pioneer, and first town clerk

of Spencer, was a native of this town, born April 22, 1835. He was given the benefit of a good elementary education at Ithaca, after which he was for several years clerk in mercantile stores at Owego and Elmira, but at length returned to Spencer and became partner with C. J. Fisher; and from that time to 1884 he was in some direct manner identified with mercantile life in the village, though with various partners. In 1886 he became connected with the Farmers' and Merchants' bank and is now its assistant cashier though performing all the duties of cashier. In politics Mr. Ferris has always been a firm and consistent democrat, and has been frequently called upon to stand as his party's candidate for public office; was supervisor in 1878-81; a candidate for member of assembly in 1882 and was beaten by only 27 votes by a candidate as strong as J. B. Floyd. However in 1883 the two were again opposing nominees for the office and Mr. Ferris was elected, and enjoys the distinction of having been one of the very few democratic nominees to be elected to the assembly from Tioga county during the last forty years. On November 12, 1861, Myron B. Ferris was married with Hannah M. Cooper, and to them three children have been born: Nathan B., born March 21, 1863, died October 28, 1896; Stella, born December 17, 1865, wife of D. C. Durham, of Greenville, S. C.; and Frank H. Ferris, born September 12, 1869, a graduate of Cornell and now a lawyer in Corning.

THOMAS BROCK, president of the bank at Spencer, is one of the best representatives of the essentially self-made man to be found in either village or town. He was the son of John Brock, an early settler in Spencer, and was born September 30, 1834. His limited early education was acquired in the school at Crumtown, but at the age of about 12 or 14 years he began lumbering at Park station, Schuyler county. At 15 he began buying cattle, not having any ready cash, but his father endorsed for him to the extent of \$2,400. This of course Thomas paid, but upon the start thus given him he has built and enlarged and he is now one of the first men in the town in point of possessions and wealth; and what is equally important in Mr. Brock's career thus far is the fact that he does not take an unfair advantage of an unfortunate debtor. He is the

owner of six good farms, all well stocked and well cultivated, and all under his immediate supervision. His business hours are from five in the morning until bed-time at night. Industry has been the secret of Thomas Brock's success in life. In 1861 he was married with Jerusha Ennis, daughter of Daniel Ennis. They have no children.

DEMSTER N. GUINNIP, president of Spencer village, a native of Tompkins county, born at Dryden, was the son of George Guinnip, a well known cabinet-maker and painter, who came to Spencer in 1856 and lived in the village to the time of his death in 1893. George's children were Dempster N. and Louisa, both now of Spencer. Dempster learned the trade with his father and has always done business in this village. He is known as a generous and public-spirited man, interested in Spencer and the town at large. He is one of the firmest republicans in the village, which is evenly divided politically, yet it is a fact that when Mr. Guinnip is a candidate party lines have been disregarded. He was elected justice, but did not qualify; was assessor one term, and has been member and secretary of the Spencer board of education for more than seventeen years. In 1861 Dempster N. Guinnip was married with Mary J. Bell, daughter of Robert Bell. They have one child, Helen, wife of Frank Hummiston, of Owego.

CHARLES JAMES FISHER was born in Spencer, September 20, 1816, and was the son of General George Fisher, the latter one of the foremost of the early settlers, and of whom much is said in the history of the town. Charles was born on the same lot and in the same house in which he now lives. Since 1852 he has been a merchant in the village, and is, perhaps, the oldest business man in the town. His stock at first consisted of general dry goods, but about 1866 he began selling drugs. Mr. Fisher has ever been regarded as a conservative and safe business man, taking no active part in public or political affairs yet much respected in the town for his known upright and honorable qualities. His wife was Ann Elizabeth Carr, of Ithaca, Tompkins county, who came to teach in Spencer in the spring of 1852, and on October 27th of that year

they were married. Children: William H., a physician of Elmira; George P., who removed to Idaho and died there, and Charles L., who died in infancy.

LUCIUS EMMONS was born in Hartford county, Conn., April 3, 1810. He began his business life at Simsbury in 1842, and two years later came to Spencer and opened a store near the site of the Presbyterian church. In 1851 he bought from John A. Nichols the land whereon stands A. S. Emmons' splendid store and established a business which has been continued to the present time by the founder and his sons in succession. Mr. Emmons was stricken ill in July, 1857, and did little business during the remaining years of his life, but his sons Alfred S. and Lucius E. took his place. He died in Spencer, March 9, 1864, after a busy and well-spent life. His wife was Nancy, daughter of Roger Vose, with whom he married July 4, 1839. Their children were: Sarah F., Alfred S., Louisa M., Lucius E., Charles H., Nancy J. and Cynthia J. Emmons.

ALFRED S. EMMONS, present proprietor of the large business founded by his father, was born June 16, 1842, in Simsbury, Conn., and after his elementary education was completed became a clerk in the store. His whole life has been that of a merchant, but aside from his regular work he has been an active factor in both town and county politics, a thorough republican, though in no sense an office-seeker. He has been a member of the republican county committee nearly ten years, was postmaster of Spencer through Harrison's administration, and has been a member of the Spencer board of education for the past twelve years. On October 23, 1873, Mr. Emmons married with Emma G. Rogers, by whom he has two children, Henry L. and Paul S. Emmons.

FRANK B. SMITH, son of Benjamin Smith, was born at Fleetville, Pa., on April 7, 1863. Coming to Lockwood on May 1, 1882, he there learned telegraphy, and has since pursued that employment for the Lehigh Valley railroad. His first location as an operator was at Geneva, on October 2, 1884. Here he remained four years,

then was at Ithaca four years and from there was transferred to Spencer. Here he has had charge of both stations. Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Mary B. Mosher on April 16, 1885. They have two children, Roy M. and Ruth A. Mr. Smith is a valued member of both Masonic and Odd Fellow societies.

ALBERT LIVERMORE, who since 1884 has been pastor of the Presbyterian church at Spencer, was born in Spencer, Mass., September 3, 1843, and was the second of three children in the family of Lorenzo O. and Chloe D (Bemis) Livermore. Albert was educated at Wesleyan academy at Wilberham, and was graduated at Amherst in 1868. Both before and after graduation Mr. Livermore taught school, and in the capacity of teacher was connected with some notable institutions. He studied theology at Bangor, Me., and also at Andover Theological seminary, and was graduated at the latter in 1873. Previous, however, to entering the ministry Mr. Livermore had an army experience, having enlisted July 16, 1864, as private in Co. F, 60th Mass. regiment of 100 day volunteers. He was discharged November 30, 1864. His first pastorate was at Miller's Falls, Mass., after which he went west and served in the same capacity in New Richmond, Wis., four years; at St. Ignace, Mich., and also at Nashville and Williamston in that state until 1885 when he returned east and was called to the pastorate of the church at Spencer. On August 9th, 1884, Mr. Livermore was married with Mrs. Mary E. Austin Bell, widow of Robert Bell and daughter of Alvah Austin, an old resident of Spencer.

GEORGE M. PASHLEY, son of Hiram Pashley, was born in Dividing Creek, Cumberland county, N. J., August 22, 1867, and was educated in the schools of his native town. When he was twenty-one years old he entered the printing office of the Elmer (N. J.) Times and there learned the printer's trade. In December, '92 he came to Spencer and purchased the Spencer Needle, established by W. R. Swartout, and is its present editor and proprietor. Mr. Pashley was married in August, 1894, with Bertie N. Goodspeed. Mable Rae Pashley is their only child. Mr. Pashley is an Odd Fellow, holding membership in Owasco Lodge.

CHARLES E. BUTTS, more familiarly known as Judge Butts, was born in Spencer June 7, 1880, and was the youngest but one of the children of Elihu Butts, the latter an early settler in the town and withal one of the most prominent and worthy men in this part of the county. However, so much is said of Elihu Butts in the history of the town that a repetition of the facts in this place is unnecessary ; and in the history of Spencer village Charles E. Butts is so frequently and extensively mentioned among the old business men that no reproduction of that busy career is needed here. He was brought up in Spencer, attended the district school, and then learned tanning with his father. In 1850, with his brother he took the business, carried it on for three years, then withdrew from the firm and went into mercantile business with C. J. Fisher. From that time to 1870 both in and outside of this county Mr. Butts was actively engaged in business occupations, and was, withal, an extensive and successful manager. He was connected with half a dozen of business houses in Spencer village, was for five years in Owego in mercantile business, and during the war, bought horses and mules for the government. Taken altogether Judge Butts lived a very busy life until he returned to Spencer in 1870 on account of his father's failing health. In 1888 he bought the old, substantial and almost historic John McQuigg farm, situate about a mile west of the village, and here, in one of the most comfortable farm dwellings in the county, and with every necessary element of comfort about him, Judge Butts has since lived. In politics he has always been an earnest and active democrat, but his office holdings have been limited to the position of justice of the peace, both by appointment and election. He is generous and public-spirited, and interested in the welfare of the town and village. The first maple trees were planted by him in front of the Presbyterian church and also in front of his sister's house on Main street. Mr. Butts is one of the directors of the bank in the village. On September 22, 1852, Charles E. Butts was married with Maria S., daughter of Captain Ira Woodford, of Candor. Their three children were George Frederick, a farmer of Spencer ; Thena J., who married with Rev. James Ryder (now deceased), a native of Nottingham, Eng., and a clergyman of much prominence in the M.



E. church ; and Charles E. Butts, Jr., now of Ithaca. Captain Ira Woodford,\* who is mentioned among the pioneers in Candor, was among the early settlers and a prominent figure. His title came from his connection with the militia. Both he and his wife died in Candor. His wife's name was Parthena Hurlbert, and their children were Susan, who married with Abram Kortright, and died September 30th, 1889 ; Julia, who died in 1874 ; Nathan H., who was sheriff in 1849-52, also a prominent business man and who died in Candor ; Mary W., who married with Orange Booth, and died February 6, 1885 ; John R., a drover and farmer, and who succeeded by purchase to the old home farm ; Diadema, who died unmarried, and Maria S., who became the wife of Charles E. Butts.

JOHN M. STOW, son of Harvey P. and Margaret (Harder) Stow, was born in Windsor, Broome county, N. Y., January 5, 1845. He was educated at the common schools. When a boy he went to Binghamton and learned the cabinet maker's trade. In 1867, he came to Spencer and formed a partnership with Harvey G. Fessenden, under the firm name of Fessenden & Stow, and carried on undertaking for one and one-half years, when he bought Fessenden's interest and carried on the business three years alone. He was elected justice of the peace in 1883, and was also appointed to fill a vacancy and was re-elected in 1887. He married Belle Robinson, daughter of Dana, of Candor, N. Y. They have three children, Ethel (wife of A. F. Barrett, of Owego), Harry and Juanita. Mr. Stow is a member of Owasco Lodge, No. 697, I. O. O. F.

GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS, M. D., who, since January, 1883, has been a resident practicing physician at Spencer village, but who during that period has built up a remarkable reputation as specialist in the treatment of chronic diseases, and who as a physiologist and pathologist stands with the best physicians in the state, was a native of Wisconsin, born at Trenton, Dodge county, May 29, 1851. He was the son of Apollos and Olive Davis, and spent

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\* He was preceded in coming to Candor by his oldest brother, Chauncey, who came in 1805, but was soon followed by his brothers, Ira, Cyrus and Romeo.

his young life on a farm. The family came east about 1858, settled at Ithaca, where the father died a year or two later. He attended district school and Ithaca academy, worked at whatever he could find to do, and in 1878 began to study medicine with Drs. Brown, Gilbert, Winslow, and Barney, in succession, covering a period of full four years. He entered the medical department of the University of Buffalo in 1880 and was graduated in 1882. His practice began in Newfield and continued one year, when he came to Spencer; and all the county, and thousands living beyond its borders, know how successful that practice has been in the years following. In September, 1883, Dr. Davis was married with Ena J. Shepard, of VanEttenville, great granddaughter of John Underwood, one of the pioneers of Spencer. Of this marriage one child has been born.

THOMAS CATLIN WASHBURN was born in Spencer, October 4, 1861, and was the son of Willard and Sarah (Decker) Washburn. The father was a substantial farmer of the town and was the son of one of the early settlers in this part of the county. He now lives at VanEtten. Thomas was educated at the VanEtten union school, was graduated at Albany normal college in 1885, and then for two years was principal of an academic school at Blue Point, Long Island. He read medicine with Dr. A. H. Terry, of Patchogue, during the period of his teaching, and then entered Albany medical college from which he was graduated in 1889. The same year Dr. Washburn located at Spencer and has since practiced in the town and this part of the county. Abundant success has been his from every point of view, but Dr. Washburn is a young man with the future before him. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the village and town. He has been elected trustee on the union ticket, and since January 1, 1895, has been county coroner. On October 20, 1891, Dr. Washburn was married with Nettie S., daughter of Seymour Seely. They have one child.

MARCUS ABNER DUMOND was born in Danby, October 19, 1852, and was the son of John Dumond, and the grandson of Isaac Dumond, the latter the first white male child born in Tompkins coun-

ty ; and Sally, sister to Isaac, was the first white female child born in the same territory. From this it will be seen that Dr. Dumond, of Spencer, is descended from pioneer stock in this part of the state ; and what is equally notable, the ancestors and family were among the most influential and respected of the early settlers in the region. Marcus A. Dumond was the son of John and Sarah Dumond and the eldest of their five children. He lived at home on the farm until he was 22 years old acquired his early education in the district schools. He read medicine with Dr. John E. Beers, of honored memory, and attended both the Ohio and University of Buffalo medical colleges, and was graduated at the latter in 1880. He at once began practice at West Danby and built up a desirable clientele in that town, but in 1892 he decided to remove to Spencer, and in that village he has since lived and established a reputation as a thorough and radical physician and surgeon which is both enviable and merited. Unlike many physicians, Dr. Dumond loves his profession, particularly the branch of practice relating to surgery, in which he is nothing if not radical and in which he has achieved a reputation for skill possessed by few physicians of his age and experience. His methods are advanced, his views are fixed but not arbitrary, and every element of his nature stamps him a man and physician of wholly independent character. Outside of his profession Dr. Dumond takes an active interest in local and public affairs, and has been for many years a strong republican, standing high in the councils of the party, and in a disinterested position for he has no political ambition to gratify. On April 3, 1875, Dr. Dumond was married with Augusta Thayer, of Danby, by whom he has two children.

ROBERT H. FISHER, JR., M. D., of Spencer, son of Robert H. and Mary Hart Fisher, born in Spencer, September 20, 1872, and was educated at Spencer academy and university of Buffalo, graduating from the medical department in May, 1895, graduated with first honors of class of '95 and practices his profession in Spencer.

DAVID WATKINS, son of William and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Watkins, was born June 12, 1821, in Athens, Bradford county, Pa.

Receiving a common school education at the schools of Athens and Litchfield, he later became a pilot of lumber rafts on the Susquehanna from Tioga Point to Havre de Grace, the head of the Chesapeake bay, and followed this vocation successfully for ten years. On March 16, 1848, he was married with Amanda, a daughter of William and Lucinda (Hubbard) Crum, and six years after, in 1854, made his residence in Spencer. Their children were : Oscar (born January 8, 1850, died January 16, 1860), Miner D., Medora E. (born November 30, 1854, died September 7, 1894), Ophelia (born April 7, 1856, married Edward Mabee) and Myron S. Mr. Watkins has held various local offices, has been road commissioner for quite a number of years, was an assessor for three years, and has been a member of the Spencer lodge of Free Masons for about forty years. The Crum family came from Peru, N. Y., to Tioga county after the war of 1812, and permanently located at Spencer about 1815.

MINER D. WATKINS, born February 2, 1853, after attending the schools of Spencer and Owego academy, was graduated from a Binghamton commercial college and became a clerk in the drygoods store of Truman & Thompson at Owego. After a time he went to Chicago, Ill., and was a drygoods salesman there for three years. At the expiration of that time he went into business for himself as a real estate operator, in which he was engaged for four years, returning to Spencer, his present residence, in 1892. Mr. Watkins has been a valued member of the masonic fraternity for fifteen years, is a member of the commandery at Binghamton, and for three terms was the high priest of New Jerusalem chapter. In other and numerous ways Mr. Watkins is an active and public spirited member of society and a loyal citizen.

MYRON S. WATKINS, M. D., born May 15, 1858, in Spencer, studied medicine with Dr. Alonzo Norris of Spencer, and Dr. Farnham, of Binghamton, then of Candor. He attended lectures at Buffalo medical college, from which he was graduated in 1880, and at once (in June, 1880,) engaged upon the brilliant career of practice in Elmira which soon placed him high in rank not only among the physicians of that city, but of the state as well. He was a tireless worker, an unceasing student, and the

many duties of a very large and exacting practice did not hinder his pursuit of knowledge in his dearly loved profession. He was elected coroner at Elmira, but that was soon dismissed as it interfered with his larger duties. He attended the post-graduate college of New York city, and from June, 1890, to June, 1891, was a student abroad at the famous medical university of Berlin, Germany, from which he received a diploma. On his return he again was absorbed in his practice, sparing himself not in the least. In the brief period of his activity he accomplished more than many men do in a long lifetime. He died February 15, 1892, in Elmira, leaving a long procession of mourners, to whom he was not only a phenomenal healer, but a loyal friend.

AMOS HOLDRIDGE, son of Elisha and Mary (Shaff) Holdridge, was born near Montrose, Pa., July 13, 1813. He was educated at the common schools, and when nine years old his parents moved to Spencer and he rode a horse and drove the cattle. He married Wealthy, daughter of William Loring. They had two children, Edgar P., and William A. The family was members of the Baptist church. He died July 9, 1893. Edgar P. Holdridge was born in 1841, and was married with Melvina Babcock, and resides in New York city. He is a real estate dealer. William A. Holdridge was born September 13, 1843, was educated at Spencer public schools and Owego academy, and afterward taught school for several terms. In 1869 he went to Virginia and purchased a farm and engaged in farming. In 1871 he was married with Mary Babcock, who lived only six months. He then sold his farm and came to Owego and clerked for his brother three years. Then he went to Nevada and was assistant superintendent for the Ural silver mine company for three years, and returned then to his native town where he has since resided. On June 19, 1878, he was married with Catharine Andrews, and had four children, George, Clara, Sarah, and Charles. Mr. Holdridge is engaged in farming and dairying and resides on the old homestead and is a member of the Baptist church.

DANIEL C. BROOKS, whose comfortable home is just north of Spencer village and whose farm is known as one of the best in the

town, was a native of Danby, born December 21, 1836, and was one year old when his father came to Spencer. His young life was spent on the farm and in the lumber mill, with attendance at district school in the winter. But at the age of 22 he took the farm and afterwards cared for his crippled father and infirm mother during the rest of their lives. He paid for the land and gave his parents a life estate in the property. In 1877 Mr. Brooks bought a part of the old Spaulding farm, and here he has since lived and has improved the place and made it one of the best farms in all Spencer. During his almost lifelong residence in this town, Mr. Brooks has formed an extensive acquaintance in the county, and is also known as one of the firm republicans of northern Tioga. For six years he was highway commissioner and for the last three years has been one of the town assessors. He has been otherwise prominent in town affairs and an active factor in whatever he thinks to be right. In 1864 Mr. Brooks married with Mary M. Seely, by whom he has had six children : Celia, Edith M., Byron E., Susie Wells, Bessie Belle and Ada Brooks.

LEWIS J. VAN WOERT, son of Lewis Van Woert, who is mentioned among the early settlers of Spencer, was born in the town in 1828, and from his infancy until 1893 lived on the old home farm in the north part of Spencer, then removed to the village. He has always been a farmer, an earnest plodder along life's pathway and a man who has always enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen ; an ardent republican and for 16 years was one of the town assessors. In 1851 Mr. Van Woert was married with Miranda A., daughter of Peter Van Woert, of Oneonta, N. Y., by whom he had three children : Nettie, who married with Frank Bowen and is now dead ; Carrie M., wife of Frederick Fisher, and Flora E. Van Woert, married with C. S. Vorhis of North Dakota. His wife died October 27, 1891, and on April 18, 1893, Mr. Van Woert married with Myra M., the daughter of Cornelius Lord, of Prattsburgh, N. Y.

ALBERT J. CARD, one of the most thorough farmers, one of the best town officers, and one of the strongest republicans of Spencer,

who was highway commissioner three years and overseer of the poor for a like term, has lived in Spencer since 1873. He was born at Homer, December 26, 1824, and was the son of Elijah B. Card, a farmer who brought up his sons to work. The family removed to Dryden, and when of age, Albert began lumbering and farming, chiefly farming, until he came to Spencer, as we have noted. Here he first bought the Nichols interest in the old planing mill opposite the hotel, and near the creek, which he run three years and then traded it for a farm near Halsey Valley ; and that, in turn, he exchanged for the farm he now owns, which is mentioned as one of the best in Spencer. In 1847 Mr. Card was married with Anna Chatfield, by whom he had two children, both of whom, with the mother as well, are dead. For his second wife Mr. Card married, in 1860, with Susan C., daughter of James Roosa, by whom he has one daughter, Mary, wife of Jerome B. Howell, of Newfield.

SAMUEL HULL, with several brothers, came from Killingsworth, Conn., in the fall of 1809 and made a settlement in Candor, about a mile and a half west of the village. The brothers were Lebbeus, Russell, Hubbard and Samuel Hull. Samuel was a farmer, not long married when he came, and his child, James Benjamin Hull, was then six months old. His children born in Candor were: Clarissa R., who married with William Loring and settled in Newark Valley ; Mary, who married with John Bacon ; Lydia M., who married and went to Wisconsin ; Samuel, Jr., who settled in Kansas ; Catharine A., who married and lived in Newark Valley ; Henry Hubbard, who also removed to Wisconsin ; Nathan Teall, who lived and died in Candor, and Elizabeth Sabrina Hull, who died in 1850. James Benjamin Hull was married in 1834 and lived in Candor until 1844, then removed to Spencer and bought the McQuigg farm, about a mile north of the village, where he lived to the time of his death, February 16, 1889. His wife was Lucina Loring, born May 15, 1813, and died October 3, 1895. They had two children, Loring William and Mary Emily, the latter of whom died in infancy.

LORING WILLIAM HULL was born March 16, 1840, and since 1844 has lived in Spencer, on part of the home farm of his father, and is by occupation both farmer and surveyor ; and withal one of the foremost men in the town, possessing good business qualities and frequently called to positions of responsibility. He has been supervisor of the town since 1894. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church and has been superintendent of the Sunday school nearly fifteen years. He took an active part in organizing the Tioga county Patrons Fire Relief Association, and has been its secretary since it was organized, about twenty years. His wife, with whom he was married September 25, 1872, was Eva, daughter of M. C. Whitney, of Newfield. Their children are Ida Lucena, a graduate of Cornell ; Mary Elizabeth, graduate of Albany Normal college and now a teacher in Brooklyn ; Louisa Tracy, an art student in New York ; and Grace Ethel, Kate Loring, Eva Whitney and Loring Leslie Hull, all of Spencer.

ROBERT VOSE, born in 1599, came to Dorchester, Mass., from England in 1635, and in 1654 bought 126 acres of the John Glover estate, lying in Dorchester and Milton. He gave eight acres of this land for the site of the first meeting house of Milton, where a splendid edifice was erected. Robert was a prominent citizen and christian, noted for his good works. He died on October 8, 1683. Several of his descendants were prominent in the revolution ; among them Col. Joseph Vose, who served through the war with Washington. He was officer of the day when the British army evacuated New York city in 1781. Capt. Thomas Vose was a leading cavalry officer at Fort William Henry on Lake George in the Indian war, served in the revolution, and stood high in civil life in Milton. Other noted descendants were Rev. Dr. Joseph Buckminster, Gov. Increase Sumner, Gen. Wm. Hyslop Sumner, Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner, Judge Henry Vose, Margaret Fuller Ossoli, Gov. Henry J. Gardner, Col. Elijah Vose, Hon. John Vose, Hon. Roger Vose of New Hampshire, Edmund J. Baker, Col. Josiah Vose, Hon. Solomon Vose, Hon. Richard H. Vose, Rev. Dr. James G. Vose, Mrs. Lydia Snow Vose (missionary), Hon. Henry L. Pierce, etc.



ROGER VOSE, son of Samuel, grandson of Robert, born February 26, 1770, at Bedford, N. H., married Anna Bassett of Sharon, Mass., was a farmer of Bedford, and also owned saw and cider mills. He was a justice and coroner, weighed 250 pounds, and was known to every one as "Squire" Vose. In 1826 he came to Spencer, and purchased and settled on 100 acres in the east part of the town, and had a saw and grist mill. His children were Samuel, John, Phebe, Rachel, Jesse, Mary, Charles Otis, Nancy, Alfred and Cynthia.

JOHN VOSE, son of Roger, born in Bedford, N. H., October 20, 1796, married Elizabeth M. Parker, daughter of John, born November 2, 1799. He was educated at Atkinson (N. H.) academy, where his uncle, Prof. John Vose, was principal, and later was a teacher. One of his scholars was Horace Greeley. He walked to Spencer in 1818 and in 1819 purchased a farm. He cleared his farm, built a saw mill, taught school, and was several times assessor, supervisor, etc. He was a charter member of Spencer lodge of Free Masons, and both himself and wife were life long members of the Baptist church. Their children were Alfred, Marcellus, Parker and Jane, all dead but Alfred, who resides in Danby, N. Y.

ALFRED VOSE, son of Roger and Anna Bassett Vose, born August, 1812, in Bedford, N. H., married Lavina Evelin, and resided on the farm, which his father purchased in Spencer, until his death on April 20, 1883. His wife survived him until July 3, 1893. Their children were Ann (Mrs. Charles Bunnell), Nancy (deceased) William H. (deceased), and Margaret (Mrs. Samuel Estham). Mr. Vose was an assessor for many years.

CAPTAIN JACOB VOSE, son of Lieutenant James Vose, and cousin to Roger, was born in New Hampshire, on December 15, 1771. He came to Spencer in 1819. He married Persis Dickerman. They had a family of eleven children. He married for his second wife Betsey Bassett. They had eight children. The only one of his first wife's children living is Sumner, who was born in Bedford, N. H., in 1813, and came to Spencer when six years old.

He married Amanda Holcomb. They had six children, five boys and one girl. Of Jacob's second wife's children, six are living: Mary, Rachel, John, George, David and Olive. All reside in the west. Joshua died in the army.

THOMAS VOSE, son of Jacob and Betsey (Bassett) Vose, was born in Spencer, November 11, 1825. On January 14, 1849, he married Samantha Shepard, and they had four children, Sylvenus, Rev. Riley, Rev. Sylvester, and Sarah. Thomas was a farmer. The family were all members of the Baptist church, of which Thomas was deacon for many years and until his death, January 6, 1874.

SYLVENUS J. VOSE, son of Thomas and Samantha (Shepard) Vose, was born in Spencer, March 5, 1856. September 10, 1879, he was united in marriage with Phebe Clark, daughter of Lewis Clark. They have two children, Lena M. and Claude C. He is a member of Spencer lodge, No. 290, F. & A. M., and Eagle chapter, No. 58, R. A. M., of Ithaca, and St. Augustine commandery, No. 38, K. T., at Ithaca. He and his family are members of the Baptist church. He has been superintendent of the Sunday-school since 1895. For several years he was engaged in farming and has been manager of the Grove hotel since September 15, 1891.

REV. RILEY ADELBERT VOSE was born at Spencer, June 21, 1859, and prepared for college at Colgate academy, graduating from Madison university in 1885, and received the degree of A. B. at the same time. Graduating from Hamilton theological seminary in 1889, he received the degree of A. M. Mr. Vose was pastor of the First Baptist church of Kingston two and one-half years, and of the Tabernacle Baptist church of Utica four years, and is now pastor of the North Avenue Baptist church of Cambridge, Mass. June 29, 1886, he married Florence Davis. One child, Howard Robert Vose.

REV. SYLVESTER S. VOSE, the present pastor of the Baptist church in Newfield, N. Y., was born in Spencer, November 28, 1864. He married Estella Brock, and has one child, Ethel S.

MILTON HUGG, son of William and Lydia (Hunt) Hugg, was born in New Canaan, Conn., in 1790, and in 1800 came with his father to Spencer. His father had bought a lot of wild land two miles north of the village in 1799 and built a small log house for his future home. He cleared up the farm, which in a few years he sold and moved to West Danby, where he died. Milton was in the war of 1812, and served in the battles of Black Rock and Queens-town Heights. Coming to Spencer after the war closed, he married, in 1818, Esther, daughter of Reuben Case, of West Danby, the first white child born at Troy, Pa. They had eight children. Mr. Hugg was a millwright and built many mills. He also was a surveyor, and did much of the running of lines and the subdivision of lands around Spencer. He was a constable for over twenty years, a captain of militia, and a charter member of Spencer lodge of Free Masons, and at his death was the oldest member of the fraternity in this part of the state. He kept a hotel at West Danby for a time and was postmaster there, but most of his life was passed at North Spencer. He was an active democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Hugg were members of the Presbyterian church for over half a century. They both died in 1878. Horace Adams Hugg, the only son of Milton, was born in Spencer on July 18, 1838. He learned the carpenter's trade of his father and has for the last fifteen years worked for S. Alfred Seely. Previously he was engaged in lumbering at North Spencer for fifteen years, owned three different mills and built a large steam saw mill there. On June 5, 1869, he was married with Elizabeth, daughter of John and Martha A. Storr. Both are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hugg was for two years superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a great reader and a man of independent and original thought. He joined Spencer lodge of Free Masons when he came of age and is now a member. He belongs also to the societies of Red Men, Good Templars, and Royal Templars of Temperance, is a democrat in politics, takes active part in prohibitory movements, and has been an excise commissioner.

ALBERT SIGNOR, son of Peter and Lorena (Root) Signor, was born in Greenville, N. Y., May 12, 1803. Peter settled in the

southwest part of Danby in 1813, purchasing a farm which was his home until his death on April 19, 1852. Albert Signor on reaching manhood settled in the north part of Spencer, making the first clearing on the place he purchased. In 1835 Mr. Signor bought a large tract of new land on which was a saw mill built by Harley Lord. On this place also Mr. Signor made the first clearing and commenced the extensive lumbering business he conducted for so many years. The old mill burned in 1851 and the present mill was at once erected. It has a circular saw and its cutting capacity is 500,000 feet yearly. Mr. Signor was a large-hearted, generous man, noted for his hospitality and integrity, and was one of the town's best citizens. He died October 1, 1889, and his wife January 5, 1881. Her maiden name was Anna English, and two of her three children are now living: Adonijah and Mary Ann, of West Danby, now Mrs. Ira Patchin. Adonijah Signor, born August 31, 1831, has lived on the Spencer farm since he was five years old. He has been an useful citizen, and a member of Spencer lodge of Free Masons since 1864. On March 14, 1860, he married Hannah A. Patchin, and they have two children, Hattie May and Mertie L., who married Frank A. Bell, Esq., of Waverly.

HORACE FURMAN, son of Daniel and Laura (Cole) Furman, was born in Ithaca, N. Y., November 11, 1826. His father died in Ithaca when Horace was five years old, and when the young lad had attained the age of fifteen the home surroundings were so uncongenial that he took what clothes he had, tied them in a handkerchief, and walked to Corning, where his brother Miles lived. With him he made his home until he was of age, and from him received at that time one hundred dollars in money and two suits of clothes. He then came to Spencer, worked six months on a farm for \$18 a month, returned to Corning and purchased twenty-five acres of land of his brother, paying him the money he had earned as part payment. He then worked by the month for Miles until he had paid for the land. Mr. Furman's residence in Spencer began in 1866, when he purchased a beautiful farm at the north part of Spencer lake, and here he has since resided. In 1851, he married Lavina Jane Rumsey, who died in 1889. They had six

children, three girls, Lottie (Mrs. George Lanning), Ella (Mrs. William Brown) and Cynthia Jane Furman. The boys, Albert, Jackson and George, are dead.

EPHRAIM A. ACKLES, son of David and Esther (Hugg) Ackles, was born on February 19, 1861, in Spencer. He was reared a farmer and later was employed on his father's farm. In 1892 he married May Brigdon. They have one child, Florence. On August 7, 1893, Mr. Ackles purchased a general store at North Spencer, where he has since been successfully engaged in merchandising. The same year of his purchase of the store, he was commissioned postmaster of the North Spencer post office, which he now conducts. David Ackles, son of William and Hannah (Horton) Ackles, was born November 7, 1816, in the town of Onondaga, Onondaga county, N. Y., and when seventeen came to Newfield, and worked on a farm four years, then, after three years residence in Danby, he made his home in Spencer for some years. In January, 1846, he married with Esther Hugg, daughter of Milton Hugg. They had ten children, of whom four boys and three girls are living. Mr. Ackles settled in the town of Van Etten, his present home in 1866. In 1873 Mr. Ackles lost his right arm by the accidental discharge of a gun, and on August 8, 1893, Mrs. Ackles fractured a hip by a fall, which crippled her for life.

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TOWN OF NEWARK VALLEY.

JAMES DAVIDGE, superintendent of the Berkshire tannery of the United States Leather Company, was born October 18, 1840, at Liberty, Sullivan county, New York. He is a son of the late John and Eunice (Burr) Davidge. James was educated in the Normal institute at Liberty, graduating there in 1858. He entered his father's tannery at Lake Como, Pa., and remained at that place until 1865 when he entered the firm of Davidge, Horton & Company, and purchased the tannery owned by T. C. Bidwell & Company at Berkshire, N. Y. In 1893 the company was with others merged

in the United States leather company. Mr. Davidge, a stockholder in this concern, was elected superintendent of the Berkshire tannery. He is vice-president of the Owego National bank and interested in several manufactories. Mr. Davidge is a large holder of wild lands in Wyoming county, Pa., in Braxton county, West Virginia, and in the western part of North Carolina. On January 19, 1864, he was married with Rosalia Miller, daughter of John and Sophronia (Gay) Miller, of Uniondale, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Davidge have three children : Carrie, Bessie G. and John M. In the spring of 1894, Mr. Davidge removed with his family to Binghamton N. Y., where they now reside.

DAVID WILLIAMS PATTERSON was born July 15, 1824, and died November 18, 1892. He was born in Union, Broome county, and died in Newark Valley. He was a son of Hon. Chester Patterson, a native of Richmond, Mass. His grandfather, Amos Patterson, was one of the original "Boston purchasers," and went to Broome county in 1786 with Colonel Pixley and Captain John Raymond to select the ground. The Patterson family followed in February, 1793. Chester Patterson was sheriff of Broome county 1809-12 and also represented the state legislature in 1819-21 and was a presidential elector in 1824. Chester moved to Newark Valley in 1839, where he died September 22, 1857. The ancestry of the Patterson family on both sides is traced back to and before the Mayflower days. Dr. Patterson received a common school education and studied dentistry at Rochester, and commenced its practice at West Winsted, Conn., in 1846. He married June 8, 1853, Helen Maria, daughter of Otis and Sarah (Slosson) Lincoln, of Newark Valley. There are four children : Anna, Lincoln Elliott, Sterling Woodford and Ralph Thacher. Dr. Patterson returned to Newark in 1865, abandoned dentistry and devoted himself to the study of American genealogy. He compiled thirty complete family genealogies besides innumerable works of lesser importance. Of these the most important are the Whitney family genealogy upon which he was engaged seven years, and the history of the Boston purchase, unpublished and now in possession of the Connecticut Historical society. "During the past forty years there has been no gen-

ealogist in America whose work stands so absolutely unquestioned. He was considered final authority on expert genealogy."

DR. WILLIAM ANNAN SUTTON was the first resident physician in Newark Valley. He was born in Mansfield, Burlington county, New Jersey, February 10, 1802, and received his medical education in the university of New York and commenced the practice of medicine in Newark Valley about the year 1824. He was appointed surgeon of the 53d regiment of infantry July 13, 1826, by Governor DeWitt Clinton. Dr. Sutton was a son of Judge John Sutton, a pioneer of Tompkins county (then Seneca county), who settled in the town of Ulysses about the year 1803. Judge Sutton represented Seneca county in the assembly of 1818 and was active in procuring the erection of Tompkins county in that year, which county was made up of parts of Cayuga and Seneca counties, and he represented Tompkins county in the assembly of 1819. The mother of Dr. Sutton was Sarah Schuyler, daughter of Aaron and Ann (Wright) Schuyler, and a lineal descendant of the Albany family of that name. Dr. Sutton in politics was a democrat, and in 1836 was elected assemblyman from Tioga county. He married Lucy Ann Higbe, a descendant of John Howland of Plymouth colony, and died February 12, 1837. She died September 3, 1881. Two children were born to them: George Byron, October 12, 1833; William Annan, Jr., July 8, 1837, a musician and a young man of much promise. He died February 17, 1856.

GEORGE BYRON SUTTON still owns and occupies the homestead of his mother's family, which has been held in the family for nearly a century. He is a painter of landscapes and animals, and a naturalist, who has made a life study of birds, and has one of the finest private collections of birds in the country. He is an associate member of the American Ornithologists' union, and is at present engaged on a unique combination of pictorial and dermoplastic art, "*The Woodpecker Congress*," an artificial and broken tree-trunk, upon which are mounted all the woodpeckers of North America, of both sexes, numbering about seventy-five, backed by a painting of an American forest 9x11 feet. This work is intended for the museum of Cornell university.

WILLIAM J. BURR, M. D., son of Andrew and Mary (Cleveland) Burr, was born March 28, 1818, in Homer, N. Y. He was educated at the academy at Homer and read medicine with Dr. Webster and Dr. George W. Bradford, of Homer, and Drs. George W. Lewis, Georgia, Hawley and Hovey, of Ithaca. He attended lectures at Geneva and was graduated from that college in 1845. He opened an office at Speedsville and practiced there until November, 1850, then moved to Rushford, Allegany county, and practiced there five and one half years. He also taught anatomy and physiology in Rushford academy and was one of the trustees. He moved from Rushford to Oramel and practiced there five and one-half years. In 1861 he enlisted in the 76th N. Y. S. V. as a private, and later acted as an assistant surgeon. In May, 1862, he was commissioned assistant surgeon of the 59th New York, and in June, 1863, was commissioned surgeon of the 42d New York, and was mustered out with the regiment July 13, 1864. In 1864 he was put on the operating staff of the 2d division, 2d corps, and in August, 1864, went to the front as acting staff surgeon, where he remained until the close of the war. He then returned to Newark Valley and has practiced there since. He is a member of the Tioga county medical society, and was one of the committee to revise the constitution and by-laws, and has been president of the society. August 13, 1845, he was united in marriage with Jane C. Lincoln, daughter of Otis Lincoln. She died May 5, 1895. He had four children: William H., who resides at Newark Valley and is a veterinary surgeon; Sarah (wife of E. A. Becker) resides in Buffalo; George Lincoln, who graduated at Cornell university and is professor there of ancient and medieval history. In 1896 he was appointed examiner for the Venezuelian commission. He also catalogued the library of history of Hon. Andrew D. White before it was transferred to Cornell university; Ella, wife of C. O. Upton, resides near Denver, Col. Dr. Burr is a member of Newark Valley lodge, F. & A. M. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

CORNELIUS R. ROGERS, M. D., the son of Daniel and Huldah (Firman) Rogers, was born June 20, 1837, in Windham, Bradford



county, Pa. He was educated at Owego and Binghamton academies, read medicine with Dr. Arnold, of Owego, attended lectures at Bellevue and Geneva medical colleges, graduating from the latter in 1867. He had charge of the Tioga county-farm and of the insane, for five years, and commenced practice there in 1867. In 1868 he went to Whitney's Point and was there eight years, then came to Newark Valley where he lived until 1879. He then moved to Owego and practiced until 1884, when he returned to Newark Valley. He was coroner six years, was three years president of the board of school commissioners of Owego, was one of the committee that erected the Owego high-school building, and was health officer of Newark Valley ten years, and was for two terms the president of the county medical society. He was also an active Free Mason. He was married September 19, 1861, with Henrietta H. Tracy. Their children are: Mary A., wife of William E. Simmons; James T., (see page 594). Mrs. Henrietta Rogers died January 13, 1894, and on October 7, 1896, Dr. Rogers married Mrs. Libbie Ticknor, widow of George Ticknor. On March 28, 1897, in the midst of an active practice, and worn out with hard work for others, Dr. Rogers was himself stricken down by pneumonia, and died at his home in Newark Valley on April 3, 1897.

CHAUNCEY W. CHIDESTER, M. D., son of Samuel and Maria (Card) Chidester, was born April 19, 1847, near Apalachin. He was educated at Owego academy and Mansfield, Pa., normal school, and taught school successfully for nine winters. He read medicine with Dr. G. W. Beach, of Apalachin, attended lectures at the Long Island medical college, was graduated in February, 1886, from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, and in April, 1886, opened an office at Weltonville, where he practiced successfully eleven years. In April, 1897, he located at Newark Valley. He is a member of the county medical society. By his wife Eugenia, daughter of Thomas Stephens, he has one son, Floyd. Samuel Chidester, son of Joseph, came to Vestal, Broome county, from Otisco, his birthplace, in 1840, and bought a farm near Apalachin, where he lived most of the time until his death in 1886. His wife died in 1884.

EDWARD E. SNYDER, M. D., was born August 3, 1848, at Newark Valley, a son of William C. and Eliza (Simmons) Snyder. Mr. Snyder, the father, was born at Sempronius, N. Y., and was of German ancestry. He came to Tioga county, locating at Newark Valley, about 1831 and invested largely in timber lands and became in course of time a well-known mill-owner and manufacturer of lumber, but later in life he devoted his time to agriculture. Removing still later to Candor, he died there July 23, 1882. His wife, a daughter of Ezra Simmons, was a New England lady of Puritan stock. She was born at Providence, R. I., and died at Candor, December 28, 1883. Dr. Snyder received his rudimentary education by careful home study and tutoring, supplemented by various schools in Tioga county. He taught school from 1868 to 1870, at the same time reading medicine with the late Dr. J. F. Dykeman of Candor. He attended medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he took the first degree, M. D., in 1871, from the Ohio medical college. Becoming interested in the philosophy and practice of homeopathy, he attended lectures at the Hahnemann medical college at Philadelphia, and graduated there in 1872. He practiced in Candor for two years and then went to Vienna, Austria, where he took post-graduate courses of instruction, attending lectures and clinical and laboratory demonstrations, from the university and hospitals of Vienna. He returned to America after two years, practiced at New Milford, Pa., a short time, and then went to Binghamton, N. Y. In February, 1880, he established there the large practice which he now enjoys. Dr. Snyder is a member of the American institute of homeopathy, the New York state homeopathic medical society, the Broome county homeopathic medical society, the Interstate medical society, and has been a member of the state board of medical examiners of the state of New York. He is also consulting physician to Glenmary sanitarium at Owego, N. Y. Dr. Snyder was married with Emma A., a daughter of Edward Smith, of Otsego, N. Y. They have two children, William C. and Bessie E.

JULIUS S. KINGSLEY was born in Dundee, N. Y., December 5, 1867. He was educated at the Dundee preparatory school, Gene-

see Wesleyan seminary, graduating in five courses, Illinois Wesleyan university and the university of Chicago, receiving the degrees of M. A., Ph. D., and LL. D. He won honors in college, and was one of the university of Chicago debaters in the annual contest. He taught in the Dundee preparatory school, the West Chazy high school, Newark Valley academy (1891-2-3). He was principal of the high school at Covington, Ky., and last fall returned to Newark Valley and accepted the principalship of the academy. Prof. Kingsley married June 28, 1893, Helen, daughter of John and Harriet (Spaulding) Butler. They have two children, Margaret, aged three, and Phoebe Lucile, one year old.

FRANCIS M. BISHOP, M. D., son of Lewis D. Bishop and Samantha J. Livermore Bishop, was born Dec. 16, 1839, in Castle Creek, Broome county, N. Y. He is a graduate of the Hahnemann medical college, of Philadelphia. He also took a course of instruction in the Chicago homeopathic college. He is a member of the New York state medical society, and the Interstate medical society. He first began the practice of medicine in Newark Valley in 1873, since which time he has had a large practice. In 1896, he opened a private sanitarium for the treatment of cancer and goitre. The methods he employs are local applications for the removal of the growth and the indicated internal remedy to correct the abnormal condition in the blood. Each case receives his personal attention.

RUSSELL S. FELLOWS, son of William and Nancy Sperry Fellows, was born August 28, 1837, in Maryland, Otsego county, N. Y. He was educated at common schools, studied dentistry and located in Maine, Broome county, N. Y. He practiced there three years, and, in 1871, came to Newark Valley where he has since practiced his profession, having a branch office at Schenevus, N. Y., until 1876. He is a member of Newark Valley lodge, F. & A. M., and has been its master three years. In 1861 he was united in marriage with Mary E. Smith, and had two children, Caroline, who died when six months old, and Dorr S., who is station agent at Dryden. The family are members of the Congregational church.

DEWITT A. MILLEN, Esq., was born at Lisle, N. Y., on December 5, 1868. He was admitted to the bar in 1894, and began practice at Newark Valley in the same year. In 1896 he was elected a justice of the peace.

GILBERT E. PURPLE, son of James D. and Jerusha C. (Wilcox) Purple, was born August 27, 1861, at Smithville, Chenango county, N. Y. In 1879 he came to Newark Valley, and the following year entered the office of the *Tioga County Herald* to learn the printer's trade, remaining there about two years. He then worked for a year in Elmira, Whitney's Point and Binghamton, returning to the *Herald* office in the spring of 1883. In 1884 he purchased of Charles L. Noble an interest in the *Herald* office, and for nine years was a half-owner, though for the greater part of that time he had full management of the office. In 1893 Mr. Purple bought the interest of his partner and has since been sole editor and proprietor. He has been secretary of the Northern Tioga Agricultural society for ten years, a member of the fire department since its organization, and is also a member of the school board. On October 27, 1886, he was united in marriage with Carrie L. Curtis, daughter of the late Isaac Curtis. Children: Jay Curtis and Carl Edward.

THEODORE F. CHAMBERLAIN was born May 31, 1845, in the town of Newark Valley. His father, Daniel Chamberlain, was born November 6, 1806, in Vermont, and came to Tioga county in 1850, afterward going west to Iowa, where, it is said, he plowed the first furrow of land plowed in that state. His wife, Esther Farrand, was born in Newark Valley, on January 18, 1803, and died February 11, 1888. Theodore passed his time until twelve years ago upon the farm cleared by his father. He then moved to the village of Newark Valley and engaged in merchandising with F. H. Todd, later becoming the sole proprietor of the business. On December 9, 1868, Mr. Chamberlain was married with M. Eloise, daughter of Ozia J. and Anna (Fisher) Slosson, of Newark Valley. Their children are Harry B., born October 12, 1869; George S., born April 17, 1877; Theodore E., born September 4, 1879; William D.,

born May 24, 1882 ; Robert F., born May 19, 1884, and Helen E. Chamberlain, born September 6, 1886. Mr. Chamberlain was assessor from 1885 to 1894, when he was elected supervisor to which office he was re-elected in 1896. Harry B., his oldest son, is serving his second term as town clerk.

DELMAR C. HAND was born on March 17, 1849, in the township of Windom, Bradford county, Pa. When Delmar C. was less than one year old his father, John Henry Hand, moved to Newark Valley, this county. His father died in 1876 and his mother in 1874. Mr. Hand married, on September 14, 1870, Lucy, daughter of Abel and Catherine (Snapp) Harvey. They have one child, Minnie B., born January 22, 1874. Mr. Hand is a mason and is prominently identified with the Iron hall and Lincoln hook and ladder company, of which he is secretary. He is also superintendent of the cemetery association.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON, son of Vinton Richardson, born in 1771 at Attleborough, Mass., belonged to the prominent New England family of that name, and is of Puritan stock. He married Milly Capron in 1797, and was a cotton manufacturer in Attleborough. In 1819 he brought his family of wife and nine children to Tioga county in a one-horse wagon (said to have been the first one in the county) driven by himself, accompanied by a two-horse one holding his household goods. He bought a large tract of land at West Newark on which were three log houses, all the place contained, and the first church and the first schoolhouse were both built on his land. Himself and wife were of the first members of the Presbyterian church, and its ministers were always entertained by them. Wise and influential in the community their memories are honored. Two of their nine children are living, Hannah (Mrs. George F. Waldo) in Waverly, and Jane (Mrs. Timothy Reed) in Owego. Mr. Richardson was a farmer here, and lived to the age of 91 years. Of his children, William, a "forty-niner," died at his home in Ottawa, Ill.; Elias, in 1855, removed to Illinois, but returned to Cortland county in 1885 and died in 1893, aged 90; Horace died in 1894 aged 89 in West Newark, his life long home;

Herbert lived his life at West Newark, dying in 1882, aged 71. By his wife, Esther Waldo, he had two children : Mary (Mrs. A. H. Watkins), and Frederick W. Richardson, now county clerk of this county. William Richardson's daughters were Fanny (Mrs. Danforth Newman) deceased ; Hannah, Jane, Millie (Mrs. Solomon Lawrence) deceased ; Nancy (Mrs. Theodore Jenks), born in West Newark, deceased.

THE ROYS family in Tioga county, descended from Edwin Roys, who, with his wife, Hannah Underwood, came from Massachusetts in 1844 and located in the town of Newark Valley. Their children were : Birdsall Case, who died in infancy ; Mrs. Phœbe J. Humphrey, of Great Barrington, Mass. ; Mrs. Catharine H. Hayne, of Goshen, Orange county, N. Y. B. Campbell, who died in Binghamton in 1886 ; Alpheus D., of Newark Valley ; William Morell, of Port Allegany, Pa. ; Mrs. L. M. Smith, of Newark Valley ; Ellen Loraine, who died in infancy ; Bernice E., now Mrs. E. E. Chapman, of Newark Valley ; Edwin L., of Goshen, N. Y.

FRANKLIN DAVIS son of John T. and Mary Polland Davis, was born September 11, 1829, near Manchester, N. H. In December of the same year his parents moved to Maine, Broome county, N. Y., where Franklin lived until 1870, when he moved to Newark Valley, where he has since resided. He and his brother Asa and Minor Pier, built a steam saw mill in the northeastern part of this town, and, after two years, Pier sold his interest and the two brothers carried on the business five years, when Asa sold his interest and Franklin conducted the business until 1885, then tore the mill down. September 11, 1855, he was united in marriage with Esther Eliza, daughter of Philip Councilman, who died March 11, 1891. They were members of the Baptist church, of which Mr. Davis is trustee. They had a family of four children : William E., Arthur E., John T. and Albert A., who died in infancy. April 7, 1897, Mr. Davis was again married, to Mrs. Charlotte Spence. Mr. Davis is a member of Maine lodge, F. & A. M., 399, New Jerusalem chapter of Owego, No. 47. His son William was born May 20, 1857, in Maine, N. Y. December 28, 1881, he was married

with Julia F. Brown. He has two children, Franklin and Vivian. He is a member of Newark Valley lodge, F. & A. M., and is by occupation a stationary engineer. In 1882, in company with his brother Arthur, he bought a steam saw mill in Sullivan county, Pa., and was in the lumber business there eleven years. In April, 1897, they also bought the farm known as the Camp farm, just out of Owego, and moved there with their families.

PELEG RANDALL, a native of Connecticut, came to Berkshire so early that there was but one family residing there. After working one year for a Mr. Brown he purchased a farm of 400 acres, and ever after was an extensive agriculturist of the town, dying in 1856. By his marriage, with Eunice Kimball, of Connecticut, he had these children : Chester, Nathan P., and Eunice (Mrs. Nathaniel Boyer). Chester Randall was born in 1808, and married, first, Eliza Whittaker. His second wife was Hannah Smith. His children were Anna E. (Mrs. M. A. Lawrence), Oscar S., and Charles H. Randall. Mr. Chester Randall died November 15, 1869. Oscar S. Randall was born November 9, 1848, and after receiving a common school education became a farmer. In 1872 he married his first wife, Mary A. Hammond, who died in June, 1879. In 1882 he married Esther C. Belden, and the same year opened a general store. Mr. Randall has been for seven years a member of the school board and twice its president. He has been chief of the fire department, and in 1893 was appointed postmaster. His children are Mabel C., and Clarence B. Randall.

EDGAR E. CHAPMAN was born in Newark Valley in 1836. He early learned the carpenter's trade and worked with his father until he was nearly or quite twenty-four, when he went to Belvidere, Ill., and engaged in the hardware business. In 1862 he returned to Newark Valley and married Murette Rewey of the same place. They moved to Owego where he worked in the bridge shop. Four years later they returned to Newark Valley where Mr. Chapman worked at his trade for several years. They had two children, Carrie, wife of John Ayres, of Newark Valley, and Katie, who died in infancy. Mrs. Chapman died June 20, 1882. Mr.

Chapman married (second) December 4, 1885, Bernice E. Roys, widow of Charles Harper Moore, a druggist of Newark Valley who died April 13, 1879. Mr. Chapman united with the Congregational church in 1852, and was the leader of the choir for fifteen years. He was also a member of Newark Valley masonic lodge. At the time of his death Mr. Chapman had been a hardware merchant for eight years.

CHARLES BREWSTER HOOKER, was born March 8, 1831, in what is now the town of Maine, Broome county. Sixty years ago, Mr. Hooker came to Newark Valley and has resided here ever since. He married December 31, 1866, with Electa, daughter of Phineas Barnum, of Stockbridge, Mass. Of seven children born to them but three are living : Frederick B. and Mary E., of Newark Valley and Mrs. Lucy B. Barret of Candor. Mrs. Hooker died February 8, 1888. Mr. Hooker is a member of the Congregational church and for twenty years has been president of the Hope cemetery association.

GEORGE A. MATILE was born May 30, 1807, in Switzerland. He came to America in 1848, and one year after located in Newark Valley. He married November 24, 1850, Mary Louise, daughter of Marc Louis and Jeannie (Rossier) Fivaz, of Newark Valley. Of the six children living : Otta, born October 13, 1855, lives in Chicago and Mrs. Lucy Doharty, born January 4, 1883, lives in Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Matile was a lawyer and was in the patent office, Washington, when his death occurred, February 6, 1881. After his death, Mrs. Matile returned to Newark Valley, where she now lives.



## TOWN OF CANDOR.

THOMAS PARKS, 4th, founder of Parks settlement in the town of Candor, was a New Englander by birth, a sea captain by former occupation, and a pioneer in Tioga county. In the year 1788 Captain Parks left Vestal and moved to what is now Candor, where, it has been said, he was the first settler. He built a saw mill, cleared up a good farm and was in all respects a worthy pioneer. His wife was Hannah Fiddis, widow of Hugh Fiddis, to whom he was married in 1768. Their children were Polly, Dorinda, Free-love, Hannah, Abigail, Phebe, Lucretia, Experience and Daniel R. Parks. All of these children grew to maturity and raised families in this county. Thomas Parks, the pioneer, was born in 1744 and died in 1833.

EPENETUS HOWE was born in Auburn, in this state, December 6, 1836. His early life was spent in Auburn, New York city and Elizabeth, N. J. He was educated in the latter place. He was engaged in the mercantile business in New York until 1852, when he moved to Tompkins county, returning to Elizabeth that same year and back to Tompkins county again in 1854, locating in Speedsville, where, in 1859, he married Sarah Amanda Legg, a granddaughter of Joel Legg, a corporal in the revolutionary army, and daughter of one of the first settlers in Tompkins county. In 1885 Mr. Howe came to Candor and has resided here ever since. He is retired from active business, but passes his time in doing kindnesses for others less fortunate than himself, and in enjoying the privileges of his beautiful home. Mr. Howe cast his first vote for Lincoln, later voted for Greeley and in 1877 became a "greenbacker," running for congress in the twenty-sixth district in 1878 against the late John W. Dwight, of Dryden, who was elected. In 1880 Mr. Howe was a candidate for secretary of state on the greenback ticket, and, in 1882, for governor. Mr. Howe was

elected supervisor for the town of Caroline, Tompkins county, in 1876, and was re-elected the next year, running both times on an independent ticket. Mr. Howe continued to be a greenbacker until 1888, when he "stumped" Tioga county for Benjamin Harrison. He was elected supervisor for Candor on the republican ticket in 1873 and re-elected in 1874. He was elected member of assembly in 1893 and re-elected the following year. When a resident of Tompkins county Mr. Howe "stumped" it one year for temperance and the county voted his way, the only time in its history. Mr. Howe is a member of Candor lodge, F. & A. M. He is prominent in temperance work and is a "grand lecturer." He is a member of the Congregational church.

DENNISON BOOTH, the second son of Orange Francis Booth and Lucy (Hart) Booth, is of the fifth generation of the Booths of this country, being a descendant of Sir Richard Booth, of England. His father, Orange Francis, was a son of Joseph Booth, of Farmington, Conn., who was a son of Nathan Booth, who was the son of Robert Booth, and he, Robert, was the son of Sir Richard Booth of England. Dennison Booth was born March 13, 1809, at the homestead in Candor, received his early education in the schools at Candor, and remained with his father until twenty-eight years of age, assisting him in his lumber interests during these early years. He made three trips down the Susquehanna, carrying the sawed lumber to tide-water markets. In 1832 he married Cynthia Bacon, daughter of John Bacon, of Candor, who died shortly afterwards. He married, the second time, on January 5, 1837, Mirzie Cordelia Blakeslee, daughter of Obed Blakeslee, of Genoa, N. Y., a revolutionary soldier from Connecticut. Three children were born to them, Wakefield, born June 14, 1838, who served in the late war in Co. K., 26th Regt., N. Y. Vols.; Freeman, born August 11, 1840, married Emma G. Stevens, of Lansing, N. Y., in 1868, and settled on his farm in Candor; Irving Denman, born November 19, 1843, married Esther Wickham Shaw, of Middletown, N. Y., in 1869, now resides in Elmira, N. Y. Mr. Dennison Booth in early life was a democrat, but later became a republican, he was at the first republican convention in Tioga county, and has been offered

several political offices by his party, but he has always declined, preferring to lead the quiet life of a farmer. He is an active member of the Farmington Congregational society.

IRVING D. BOOTH, son of Dennison and Mirza C. (Blakeslee) Booth, born in Candor, November 19, 1843, was educated at M. S. Converse's private school in Elmira, and in 1863 became clerk in the hardware store of William Brown, of Elmira. After one year had passed Mr. Brown sold to A. Rose, and Mr. Booth was with this firm until 1866, when he entered the firm of Ayrault, Rose & Co. In 1872 the firm was changed to Booth, Dounce, Rose & Co., Mr. Booth becoming the leading member. Later, closing his connection with that business, Mr. Booth established the wholesale store on Railroad avenue, where he is now located, for the sale of heavy hardware in 1875, and he has built up a successful and increasing trade, employing numerous men. In 1869 he married Esther Wickham Shaw, of Middletown, N. Y. His children are Dr. Arthur W. Booth, a physician of Elmira; Wilfrid I. Booth, of Johnson & Booth; Miss Mabel, and Irving D. Booth, Jr. He served as city supervisor two terms, alderman, from 1st ward, two terms, and has been fire commissioner for the past eight years and is still serving in that capacity. He is vice-president of the Century Club of Elmira, and a trustee of Park church.

EDWIN A. BOOTH, son of Orange F. and Lucy Hart Booth, was born in the town of Candor, January 25, 1821, and has lived here ever since. March 22, 1849, he married Mary H., daughter of Harvey Potter, of Candor. They have one child, Mary A., born March 16, 1865, and married with John P. Fiebig, of the firm of Fiebig & Hart, proprietors of the blanket factory. Mr. Booth received his preliminary education in the Candor school and completed it in the busy marts of trade. Finishing school, he engaged in the lumber business and later in farming. In 1861, he engaged in the mercantile business with Asa M. Potter. This partnership existed for three years when Mr. Booth sold out. Mr. Booth then became the silent partner in the firm of Potter & Roos, doing a mercantile business in Owego. This continued for about eight years. Twenty-

two years ago he again embarked in the mercantile business in Candor, this time with E. S. Williams, his present partner, and in the store they now occupy. Mr. Booth's father was one of the first white settlers in the town of Candor. He emigrated from his birth-place, Farmington, now New Britain, Conn., in 1803 or 1804. He was born March 5, 1782. Mr. Booth's mother was born in Stockbridge, Berkshire county, Mass., in June, 1788, moving with her parents to Candor about 1796, having first lived a short time in Broome county. Orange Booth and Lucy Hart were married in 1806 and were the parents of nine children, four of whom are living: Edwin A., Dennison, born March 13, 1809, living in the town of Candor; Orange, born October 16, 1816, also living in the town of Candor; Lucy, born October 20, 1823, widow of Henry Gilbert and living in Elmira. Mr. Booth is a democrat in politics and was elected assessor in 1852-3-4. In 1862 he was elected supervisor for Candor and re-elected in 1865-6-8-9. In 1872, during the Greeley campaign, he was a candidate for the assembly, but was defeated. Mr. Booth is a member of the Congregational church.

ENOCH S. WILLIAMS, son of Enoch S. and Rachel (Hull) Williams, was born in Newark Valley, January 16, 1832. He married July 15, 1852, Martha S. Legg, daughter of Leonard Legg, of Speedsville. Two children were born to them, Ida E., born July 6, 1853, married Lewis R. Hoff, August 7, 1878, died September 17, 1880; Frank J., born August 18, 1855, died September 27, 1856. Mrs. Williams died March 1, 1890, and, February 14, 1894, Mr. Williams married Grace E., daughter of Andrew Tucker. Mr. Williams came to Candor in 1856 and engaged in the tailoring business. Twenty years ago he formed a partnership with E. A. Booth in the mercantile business which continues at the present time. Mr. Williams was town clerk five years and was supervisor for six years. At one time he ran for member of assembly on the democratic ticket, but was defeated. He was appointed postmaster at Candor by President Cleveland at the beginning of his second term. Mr. Williams is a member of the Candor Masonic lodge, Malta Commandery, Knights Templar, of Binghamton, and of the Owego chapter. He is also a member of Veritas lodge, I. O. O. F., of Candor, and is trustee, and the secretary and treasurer of the cemetery association.

JOHN W. McCARTY, merchant of Candor, was born September 7, 1835, in Catharine, Schuyler county, N. Y. He was the son of John and Laura (Frost) McCarty. His grandparents, Joseph and Mary McCarty, moved from New Jersey to near the head of Seneca Lake in 1804, where they died in 1845-6. His grandparents, Joseph and Lucy (Couch) Frost, moved from Redding, Connecticut, to Catharine in 1803. They followed the only road leading from Newtown (now Elmira) to the head of Seneca Lake. This road was opened by Sullivan's army when he made his celebrated expedition into that country to expel the Indians. Joseph Frost was a revolutionary soldier and pensioner; two of his brothers died on a British prison-ship in New York harbor. He died in 1844 in his 91st year; his wife died in 1843 in her 86th year. It was in February, 1852, that John W. McCarty came to Candor and became a clerk for his brother-in-law, Jerome Thompson. In 1856 he was admitted to a partnership in the store, where he has continued in business until the present time. His father, John McCarty, and his brother, Francis A. McCarty, were formerly partners in the store. William J. Payne is now associated with him in business under the firm name of McCarty & Payne. Mr. McCarty built the present brick store in 1874. November 8, 1860, he was married with Eliza J., daughter of Selah and Julia (Potter) Hart. Her grandfather, Abel Hart, removed from Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to Candor in 1795, and located on the "Hart homestead lot" as now known. In politics Mr. McCarty is a republican, and cast his first vote for Fremont and Dayton. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church. He has been vice-president of the First National bank of Candor for about thirty years, and is now president of "The Wands Glove Co.," of Candor, N. Y.

WILLIS G. BOSTWICK, son of Thomas Bostwick and Hannah Prince, was born September 30, 1861 in Bradford county, Pa. When four years old his parents moved to Tioga county, locating at Gibson's Corners, where Willis remained till he was twenty-one years old. November 19, 1884, he married Emma Briggs, of

Nichols. One child, Roy, aged ten years, was born to them. Eight years ago Mr. Bostwick moved to Candor village, where he is now engaged in the produce, hay and lumber business. Mr. Bostwick is a member of Candor lodge of Odd Fellows, and one of the substantial men of the village.

ALDIS A. ROBINSON was born in Candor May 7, 1821. His father Joel, was a Vermonter, and his mother Celia Whitaker, was born in Connecticut, but moved to Barton, Vermont. Mr. Robinson's father came to Candor in 1816 and passed the remainder of his life here. Of eight children Aldis is the only one living. He married Sarah D., daughter of William Little, of Candor, in November, 1855. Mrs. Robinson died July 9, 1896. Mr. Robinson received his education in the district school at Candor, and when twenty years of age went west. He was in Laporte, Indiana, two or three years and then traveled southward. In 1845 he started with a party of emigrants to cross the Rocky Mountains to Oregon. The journey occupied five months, and the caravan was the first to take wagons across the Cascade Mountains into the Willamette Valley. There were in this caravan eighty wagons, each drawn by from four to six yokes of oxen, and from twelve to fifteen men on horseback, Mr. Robinson being one of the horsemen. The party encountered many Indians; some hostiles, some peaceful. Mr. Robinson was quartermaster of a volunteer regiment in Oregon, organized to fight the Cayuse Indians for the massacre of Dr. Whitman's family and eleven other persons. This was before Oregon was organized as a territory. The territorial government was organized in 1848, and Mr. Robinson acted as clerk of the legislature which formed the constitution. In 1850 he returned via the Isthmus of Panama to Candor, where he served as postmaster and United States assistant assessor under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson. Mr. Robinson is engaged in insurance, the present making his thirty-first year in that business.

MAJOR ABRAM H. KROM, son of Peter I. and Jane Elizabeth (Hermance) Krom, was born in the town of Tioga April 22, 1837, the same year that his parents removed thither from Ulster county.

Peter Krom, great grandfather of Major Krom, was a soldier of the revolution, and Petrus Brink, grandfather of Peter I. Krom, was also in the same war. The musket and bayonet carried by his grandfather in his service is now owned by Major Krom. His mother was a daughter of Dr. Jacob Hermance, of Warwarsing, Ulster county. Abram was educated at the Candor and Waverly academies, and was intending to engage in the study of law, but his plans changed when the civil war brought his patriotism to a white heat; and he enlisted to fight for the union. This was in August, 1861. His company was Co. G., of the famous Fifth N. Y. Cavalry. (This regiment was named in honor of Senator Harris of Albany, and known as the first Ira Harris Guards.) Major Krom must have displayed marked soldierly qualities, for by a flattering vote he was chosen captain at the organization of the company. Captain Krom was mustered into service at Staten Island on October 9, 1861. From this time until the close of the war Captain (later Major) Krom was prominently identified with the brilliant deeds with which the record of this regiment is filled. "No braver soldier went from Tioga county." The Fifth passed the first winter in "Camp Harris" near Annapolis, and Co. G. was color company. During their stay in this camp Captain Krom commenced the long list of his acts of daring bravery by personally capturing four prisoners, the first ones taken by the regiment. In March, 1862, Co. G. and two other companies while on a reconnoissance captured five prisoners, which began a rapid series of gallant achievements (under the command of Captain Krom) of the three companies commanded by him, which won laurels for all concerned. This was in the retreat down the Shenandoah and when on picket duty they had been abandoned by the retreating army, from which they were cut off by the rebels. The command was three days and nights engaged in baffling the enemy and in crossing the Potomac into union lines, crossing and recrossing the mountain ranges to accomplish this. Joining Gen. Banks' army and again advancing up the Shenandoah Captain Krom was on reconnoitering service in command of the picket line, and falling sick, he was absent a month on sick leave returning before the battle at Culpepper C. H., on July 8, in which he took part. He

rejoined the regiment near Winchester, Va. Captain Krom and his company served as a body guard for General Banks when his army crossed the Blue Ridge into Eastern Virginia. When Gen. Pope reached Bull Run Captain Krom was chosen to rush important dispatches to Washington, and with a telegrapher he skillfully passed the rebel lines and safely reached Alexandria, from whence the dispatches were sent to the war department. The intense excitement of that important campaign made the captain so ill that he was ordered to stay in Washington, but he rejoined his regiment on October 8, and took part in the brilliant operations in Virginia then beginning. Once in this campaign Captain Krom, while commanding a detachment of the brigade, swam across the Shenandoah with his company and captured an important rebel camp. From December 1, 1862, until February 18, '63, he held the important position of commander of the fifteen miles of picket line. The Ira Harris Guards operated with the army of the Potomac in the Chancellorsville campaign. Captain Krom, then acting as major, was wounded while dispersing a rebel force on May 3, by two bullets, one passing through one of his legs, and the other, which is still carried in his head, wounding him under the right eye. These wounds kept him in a hospital during the Gettysburg campaign, and still are painful reminders of his army experiences. On returning to duty he was made assistant-inspector-general of the brigade, and acted as inspector-general until October 8, 1863, when he requested to be relieved. He acted as major, however, until December, 1863, when he was commissioned. During the Mine Run operations of the army of the Potomac, commencing on November 26, 1863, the cavalry was stationed along the upper fords of the Rapidan. Captain Krom with his battalion held Raccoon ford, repulsing many attempts of the enemy to cross the river, for which he received honorable mention in the official reports of the battle. In the winter of '63-4, while on recruiting service at home the major enlisted 300 recruits for his regiment. In 1864, before the campaign opened, all dismounted men of the Third cavalry division (nearly 2,000) were organized into a provisional command under Major Krom. With this command he guarded wagon trains and prisoners, and held the left of our line of battle at Spott-



sylvania C. H., and the right at Cold Harbor. When Early threatened Washington in 1864, Major Krom's command was ordered there, where he rejoined his regiment, as the whole of the 3rd cavalry division was ordered to join Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley. On the 12th of September, he assumed command of his regiment, and from that time until the close of his service there was scarcely a day in which the regiment was not under fire. On the 19th of September, when Sheridan's army advanced on the rebel position along the Occoquan Creek, Major Krom was given command of the advance on the Berryville pike, which was the center of our line and held the key to the enemy's position. About 2 o'clock a. m. the major with his command struck the mouth of the ravine through which the pike leads to the crest of the bluffs, and on which the enemy lay behind earthworks. The mouth of the ravine was heavily barricaded by felling trees across, making the road impassable, and affording a good shelter for the enemy to defend the entrance of the pass. The major at once threw a flanking force around the barricade, set the pioneers to work and in a short time had the road passable for both troops and artillery. He then charged with his command up through the ravine to the rebel position on the crest and gained a position which he held (in spite of several furious attempts to dislodge him) until reinforcements came up and forced the rebels to retire. From the position thus gained our artillery could reach a large part of the rebel line. On this day the major led his regiment in five distinct charges against infantry, during which occurred some of the most desperate fighting of the war. On September 26, the Third cavalry division, with Custer's brigade, moved up the valley to Staunton, from which point Gen. Custer was ordered to report to Averill's division and assume its command, and Major Krom on September 27, was ordered to escort him. On the way a desperate fight occurred between the regiment and a strong body of rebel cavalry and infantry, but the major succeeded in getting the general safely through. On September 28, the major and his command rejoined the division near Waynesboro, where he delivered dispatches from Gen. Sheridan to Gen. Wilson ordering him to return immediately to the army with his command. On October 6, when Sheridan was fall-

ing back down the valley, Major Krom commanded the rear guard, consisting of the 5th N. Y. cavalry and 18th Pa. cavalry. Two rebel brigades nearly surrounded his command, but the major ordered a charge and succeeded in cutting his way out. Annoyed at the frequent heavy attacks upon his rear guard, on October 9 Gen. Sheridan ordered his cavalry to give the enemy a lesson that would make them more respectful. The Third cavalry division under Gen. Custer was ordered up the back road and Merritt's division up the pike. Major Krom was ordered to take the advance of the Third division. As soon as he struck the rebel pickets he charged them vigorously and drove them to their brigade camp, where he took up position along Tom's brook, and waited for the rest of the division to come up (which they very soon did). As soon as Gen. Custer could place his division in order for battle he ordered the advance with the Fifth N. Y. in the center on the road leading over the hill where the enemy's artillery was in position and his reserve troops stationed. Major Krom led his men in a charge up the hill and gained its top, driving the enemy back upon his reserves. Then Gen. Custer came up with the Third N. J. cavalry, which he had held in reserve, and completed the rout of the enemy, who fled in confusion. In this action Major Krom captured two pieces of artillery and received a gunshot wound in the bowels. The last battle in which he major was engaged was at Cedar Creek, Va., on the 19th of October, 1864, where Sheridan's army was driven from its position in the morning and the enemy forced back in total rout at night. From this battle Major Krom came out with a long list of captured property, numbering 22 pieces of artillery, 14 caissons, 1 battery wagon, 17 army wagons, 6 spring wagons and ambulances, 83 sets of artillery harness, 98 horses and 67 mules, with many prisoners and several battle flags. On the 21st of October, 1864, the major's term of service having expired, he was honorably discharged and returned to civil life. The whole military life of Major Krom reflects luster on the service, and some of the most important captures of the war, among them artillery, stores and supplies, were made by his command. In a work of this kind it is impossible to give a detailed account of the major's many personal deeds of valor, or of the numerous "honorable mentions" his superior officers gave

him, but justice demands that we should say what we have said. Mrs. Krom, to whom the major was married on January 27, 1864, is of sterling pioneer stock. Her maiden name was Rachel J. Potter. Her parents were Captain Harvey and Mary (Hart) Potter, and her maternal grandfather was Capt. Abel Hart, whose wife was the first white child born in Tioga county. Their children are Julia H. (Mrs. Edwin F. Woodford of Binghamton), born July 2, 1866 ; Jane E. (Mrs. Lewis Tuttle of Candor), born February 8, 1869 ; Edwin H., born August 13, 1873 ; May M., born May 27, 1875, died July 20, 1896. Major Krom's record as a citizen is as honorable as is that of his martial life. "His influence has been for great good in the town of Candor," and in church and social circles he ranks high. He is a member and the clerk of the Candor board of education and is now serving his third three-year term as county superintendent of the poor. He is a valued member of the local lodge of Free Masons and of the Grand Army Post, of which he was the first commander.

URBAN P. SPAULDING was born in the town of Spencer, June 20, 1833. He is a son of Joseph and Maria (Palmer) Spaulding. When thirteen years old he left home and became a stage driver and afterward a stage agent, spending the time in western New York and Ohio. He then engaged in the wholesale tobacco trade in Binghamton until 1864, when he came to Candor, there buying and operating until 1876 a grist mill. Since that time he has been engaged in the insurance business. Mr. Spaulding married Esther Washburn in April, 1854. Two children were born to them: Stella, in 1856, who died in February, 1896, and A. M., born in 1858 and now living in Candor.

JOHN CALVIN DIXON was born November 12, 1831, in Otsego county. His family moved to Candor when he was eleven years old, where Mr. Dixon passed his life until his death, which occurred August 1, 1896. On Christmas day, 1856, Mr. Dixon married Sarah Frances, daughter of Daniel Hart, of Candor. One child, Frank, was born December 26, 1859, and died June 7, 1884. Dr. Dixon was educated at Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y., and at

the Albany medical college, from which he was graduated December 26, 1854. He enlisted in the 9th Minnesota regiment and was commissioned its assistant surgeon September 22, 1863. After the close of the war he commenced the practice of medicine in Candor and continued it until his death. He was a valued member of the Knights of Honor and of the Episcopal church.

ROMEO W. ST. CLAIR, A. M., M. D., son of Dennis Moffett, born in Spencer, on August 16, 1842, was adopted by James Wallace, and by an act of the legislature his surname was changed to St. Clair. During the civil war he enlisted in the 130th New York (1st N. Y. Dragoons) and served as telegrapher to McClellan's staff, was wounded seven times and made three balloon ascensions while in service. Educated at Yale, he was graduated in 1866. Then, reading medicine with Drs. W. P. Hill and Austin Flint in New York city, he was graduated in chemistry from Bellevue college in 1872, and as M. D. in 1874. He immediately began practice at Rossville, Staten Island, and some years later located in Brooklyn. He took post-graduate courses at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, and at Heidelberg, Germany, and has made specialties of diseases of women and children and medical electricity. In 1872 Dr. St. Clair married Emeline Wallace, daughter of James Wallace, and upon her death, he relinquished practice and made his home in Candor. Of his two children, one, Eleanor W., is living. He is a chapter mason, and is a member and one of the staff of the state commander of the G. A. R. He has had extensive foreign travel and has visited the leading medical schools and museums of Europe. He invented the electric battery which bears his name, and is the author of two books on electricity. He has given much attention to gathering Indian relics, minerals and curiosities. He has been offered \$30,000 for his present collection, and sold a former one to P. T. Barnum for \$20,000.

D. G. VAN OSTRAND, M. D., was born November 11, 1860, in the town of Ithaca. He attended the Ithaca high school and university of New York city (homeopathic), graduating from the latter institution in 1895. He went to Suffern, Rockland county, and July

4, 1895, came to Tioga county, locating at Willseyville, removing to Candor village in the beginning of the present year. Dr. Van Nostrand married, February 25, 1891, Stella M. Crance, of West Danby, Tompkins county. They have one child, Lloyd G., born January 3, 1894.

RICHARD HEWITT was born in Connecticut about the middle of the eighteenth century, and served as a soldier in the revolution. He married Dorcas Winney, and, in 1819, he came to Candor, located on Anderson Hill, where he purchased a small farm, made its first clearing and built a log house. Rev. Thomas Hewitt, one of the six children of Richard, was born in Albany county, N. Y. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and had quite a reputation as a revivalist. He organized the first Methodist class (of fifteen members) in Candor. He died in 1879. Of his twelve children six are living. Three of his sons were also ministers, Alfred, LeRoy S., and Jasper W. Rev. Jasper W. Hewitt was born May 20, 1816, in Bethlehem, N. Y., was self-educated, a great reader, and an original thinker. In 1844 he preached his first sermon in Spencer, and in 1848 joined the Oneida conference, and was later connected with the Wyoming conference. From 1884 to 1886 he was in charge of Spencer circuit. He was married in 1838 with Clarissa J., daughter of Charles W. and Mary N. (Stow) Wright. Of their nine children four are living. Rev. Mr. Hewitt is now passing the evening of a most useful life in Candor, where he is calmly waiting for the Master's summons.

ORANGE BOOTH, son of Orange F. and Lucy (Hart) Booth, was born in the town of Candor, October 16, 1816, and has passed all of his life in the town, excepting some months in 1863, when he was engaged in the lumber business in Michigan. He married November 10, 1844, Mary Woodford, daughter of Ira Woodford. They had two children, John W., who is now in Wyoming, Minn., and Nathan, who died when one year old. Mrs. Booth died in February, 1885, and Mr. Booth married March 31, 1887, Mrs. Sarah M. Bliven, then matron of the Ladies Home at Ithaca. Mr. Booth has been a member of Candor lodge, F. & A. M., for twenty-five

years. He is a democrat, and was for fifteen years town commissioner. Mr. Booth is a member of the Congregational church.

LESTER Z. ROSS, son of Harry Ross and Phebe Ann Eastman, his wife, was born at Willseyville, April 1, 1855. He married Della Hoose, daughter of Charles and Lucinda (Griffin) Hoose, on January 1, 1879. They have two children, Elva, born March 3, 1881, and Phebe Dell, born November 16, 1883. Mr. Ross lived at Willseyville until five years ago (1892), when he moved to Candor village. He is still interested in farming, but also conducts a livery business and deals in coal. Harry Ross was born in Connecticut and came to Tioga county when but four years old. The journey was made with an ox team. The family settled at what is now called West Candor. They were among the first to settle in the county, and still later, when they moved to Willseyville only three acres had been cleared there. Harry Ross died in 1895, aged eighty-three years. Mrs. Ross's father and mother were born in Caroline, Tompkins county.

FRANK E. DEWEY, was born in the town of Candor, December 30, 1860, and is a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Hammond) Dewey, both of whom are now living in the town of Candor. Mr. Dewey married, March 7, 1882, Eva L., daughter of Daniel and Philanda (Tuttle) Lounsbury. They have two children, Homer L., born July 5, 1884, and Lena May, born March 22, 1889. Mr. Dewey has passed his entire life in Candor engaged in farming, but more recently in handling agricultural implements. Mrs. Dewey's grandfather was one of the first settlers in the county, coming here from Connecticut.

S. E. GRIDLEY, son of William Cadwell and Eliza (Woodbridge) Gridley, was born on November 17, 1842, in the town of Candor. He married on December 1, 1875, Dell E., daughter of Newton S. Gridley and Mary Dean, his wife. They have three daughters and two sons, Cora M., born August 28, 1876; Dorothy K., born January 27, 1879; Bessie, born February 8, 1883; William N., born March 25, 1885, and Egbert B. Gridley, born June 16, 1887. Mr.



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Gridley lived at the old homestead at West Candor till about 1881 when he moved to Candor for school advantages for his children. He operates a planing mill.

CHARLES FRANCIS GRIDLEY, son of William Cadwell and Eliza (Woodbridge) Gridley, was born at his present home at West Candor, December 16, 1848. The Gridley family is one of the oldest in the town of Candor, as the great-grandfather of Charles Francis, Seeler Gridley, sent his son Russell from Connecticut in 1802 to investigate the country here, and the next year brought his family hither and took possession of 1,700 acres of land at West Candor, on account of the timber. Russell Gridley was a captain of militia in the war of 1812, and Seeler was a soldier in the revolutionary army. Russell Gridley married Miss Sarah Kelsey, and his son, William Cadwell Gridley, father of Russell W., William Cadwell, S. E., Eben C., and Charles Francis, married Eliza Woodbridge, who now lives with Charles, her husband having died June 9, 1875. Howell Woodbridge, grandfather of Mrs. Gridley, was a colonel in the revolutionary army. Charles F. Gridley was appointed postmaster at West Candor by President Hayes, and has held the office since. He is one of Candor's representative men.

JOHN THOMAS GRIDLEY, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Tioga county, was born at West Candor, December 2, 1867. His father was William E. Gridley, a son of William C. Gridley, one of the early settlers of the county. Mr. Gridley's mother was Augusta Keeler, daughter of Ira Keeler. Mr. Gridley attended school at West Candor, Candor academy, Cornell university and in June, 1892, was graduated from the Columbia college law-school. He was admitted to the New York city bar the same month and stayed for a short time in the office of ex-Judge Warren Highley, removing thence to Candor, where he has since resided and practiced law. In February 1895 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he still holds. He is a member of Veritas lodge I. O. O. F. Mr. Gridley married June 13, 1893, Sadie N., daughter of Charles Newton Gridley of Spencer.

NELSON T. STILSON, son of Dyman Stilson and his wife who was formerly Mrs. Diana (Sager) Fletcher, was born in Spencer on December 12, 1850. After an education in the common schools, Mr. Stilson became a teacher for one term in Barton and for one in Spencer, and since then has made agriculture his vocation, in connection therewith at various times selling nursery stock and agricultural implements. He married on October 5, 1873, Miss Florence Augusta Kirk, daughter of Henry and Mary J. (Crossen) Kirk, who was born on March 18, 1852. Their children are Dru-silla, Cora U., Robert L., Charles H., Barney J. and George B. Mr. Stilson has been a resident of Spencer all his life previous to 1890 when he made his home on Cass or Irish Hill in Candor, where he now owns over 200 acres of land, and is one of the representative farmers of that section of the town.

GEORGE FRED ROE, son of George W. and Sarah A. (McPherson) Roe, was born in the town of Candor November 26, 1863. His father died June 27, 1864, from sickness contracted while in the army, he being a member of Company A, 109 N. Y. Volunteers. George W. Roe was the youngest son of Philips and Mary (Jones) Roe; and Philips Roe was the oldest son of Gamaliel Roe, one of the first settlers in Mottville, now Brookton, Tompkins county. The Roe family is of Irish descent, and Gamaliel, grandfather of the present Gamaliel Roe, secured a grant of the Brookton property as payment for debt, and held by right of possession though the courts decided against him. William Roe, father of Gamaliel was a soldier in the revolutionary army. Mr. Roe's mother was a daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Van Etten) McPherson. Hugh was the youngest son of Daniel and Amy (Finehout) McPherson. Daniel was one of the early settlers of Danby, Tompkins county, emigrating from Inverness, Scotland. George Fred Roe married, December 26, 1891, Abbie M., daughter of Clark W. and Alice (Talcott) Beebe, of Candor. They have three children: Hugh B., born September 26, 1892; Homer C., born March 1, 1894; Alice T., born July 7, 1896. Mr. Roe joined Candor lodge 411 F. & A. M. in February, 1885, and at present is senior master of ceremonies; he is senior sagamore of Candor lodge I. O. R. M., and past

captain of Wilderness Camp, No. 95 S. O. V. (disbanded). He was elected tax collector of the town on the republican ticket in 1896. Mr. Roe came to Candor seventeen years ago and in 1891 purchased the meat market of William J. Milks and three years ago purchased and remodeled his present home and place of business.

WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, son of John and Julia (Dykeman) Wright, was born in Danby, N. Y., August 22, 1834, and in 1865 he was married with Helen, daughter of Sterling Barber. He is a farmer in Candor where he made his home after marriage. He is a member and active worker in the Baptist church. Mr. Wright, during the rebellion enlisted in Co. C., 42d Mass. Regt. and served one year, and is a representative and law-abiding citizen of the town. Sterling Barber was born in Hartford, Conn., prior to 1810. He was married in 1833 with Polly Plumer, and came to Candor where he resided until his death. He had five children.

ALBERT PERKINS, son of Oscar R. and Jane (Salisbury) Perkins, was born September 19, 1874, in Chenango county, N. Y. His first active business in this county was in 1889, when he was employed at the milk station at Owego. He remained there four years, until 1893, when he came to Catatonk and took charge of the Taylor milk station, was soon appointed postmaster, and took possession of the office on July 1, 1897. On March 3, 1897, he was married with Jennie, daughter of S. T. Kyle.

HENRY QUICK, son of Philip and Eliza (Myers) Quick, was born November 25, 1830. He was educated in the common schools and on February 9, 1854, was married with Clara Smith. They settled in Caroline where Mr. Quick engaged in farming and held the offices of assessor and superintendent of the poor. In 1880 he changed his residence to Candor, and has also served as assessor here. He has two children, Philip E. (who married Clara M. Herrick, and has one son, Vernon H.), and Carrie V. (Mrs. L. W. Smith), of Owego.

ARCHIBALD W. BENEDICT, son of Horace and Nancy (Bonney) Benedict, was born August 20, 1846, in Cortland county and came to Tioga county in 1876. He married, February 11, 1874, Maria A., daughter of William W. and Harriet (Howland) Willsey. Mrs. Willsey has one sister, Sarah A., who lives with Mr. Benedict at Willseyville. They have one child, J. W., born December 20, 1882. The settlement at Willseyville takes its name from Jacob Willsey, grandfather of Mr. Benedict. He was one of the first settlers in the county, coming from Connecticut. He was justice of the peace for many years, and at one time kept a hotel where Mr. Benedict now resides. He was an early stage proprietor and was one of the owners of the stage line from Ithaca to Owego in the days when all traveling in Tioga county was done by stage. Mr. Benedict was, before he moved to Tioga county, a keeper in Auburn prison and also was an assistant keeper at the Cortland county almshouse. Mr. Benedict's family moved from Massachusetts to Cortland county in 1809.

JAMES HENRY HEATH was born in Dryden, Tompkins county, April 16, 1830, and moved to Tioga county thirty-four years ago, locating at Willseyville, where he has since resided. He married, January 26, 1853, Mary Jane Roosa, of Dryden. They have one son, Charles, born September 6, 1858. Charles married Mary Lawrence, of Willseyville, and resides in the town of Caroline, Tompkins county. They have six children: Lena, Floyd, Ruth, Nellie, Ioa Kate and Doris. Mr. Heath is a veterinary surgeon of long standing and has been for many years a notary public. Mr. Heath joined the Slaterville lodge of free and accepted Masons when he was twenty-two years old and there still holds his membership.

EMMET R. BRUNDAGE was born in Newfield, Tompkins county, and came to Candor thirty-two years ago to become station agent for the D., L. & W. railroad, in which position he continued until his death, July 30, 1883. He married Lydia A. Harvey, of Enfield, Tompkins county, December 25, 1864. Mr. Brundage enlisted at the outbreak of the civil war in the 137th New York Volunteers and served eighteen months, until he was wounded at

Gettysburg. His health was greatly impaired and he was obliged to return home. Mrs. Brundage is still a resident of Candor and is highly respected.

JESSE W. HENDERSON, son of George and Wealthy (Whittaker) Henderson, was born in Starrucca, Pa., on February 22, 1834. When about seventeen he became a resident of Delaware county, N. Y., and engaged in various occupations until about 1862, when he went to Iowa, and for four years was an engineer. In 1866 he came to Candor and took the position of foreman of the Humboldt tannery, employing twenty-five men. From that time Mr. Henderson has been a resident of Candor, and for a quarter of a century was the valued foreman and agent of the tannery interests. He is a republican in politics, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a quiet and law-abiding citizen. In 1862 Mr. Henderson married Caroline Baker, of Candor, a daughter of the well-remembered Isaac Baker. Two children blessed their beautiful home, Nettie E. (Mrs. Henry H. Booth), and Fred D. Henderson. Mrs. Booth died in June, 1894, at her home in Flandreau, South Dakota, where Mr. Booth is cashier of the Moody county bank, leaving an infant child, Anson H. Booth. Fred D. Henderson is an employee of the above named bank.

EMERY C. MIX, son of Miles C. and Mary Ann (Soule) Mix, was born April 22, 1855, at Willseyville. When twenty-one years of age he established a blacksmith shop, having before that time worked with his father at the same trade. He is still engaged in that business and in farming. Mr. Mix, on March 12, 1876, married (1) Agnes B. McKewin, of Tompkins county, who died in March, 1880. They had two daughters, Elva J., born November 18, 1876, and Lillian D., born January 21, 1878. He married (2) Ella G., daughter of George W. and Helen (Liddington) Strong, of Willseyville, on October 25, 1882. They have one child, Harry G., born May 26, 1884. Mr. Mix was a prominent democrat until 1896, when he joined the republican party. He served as justice of the peace from 1891 to 1895, and was postmaster at Wilseyville during President Cleveland's first administration.

## TOWN OF TIOGA.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL RANSOM, of English descent, came to Canaan, Litchfield county, Conn., about 1755, where he married May 6, 1756, Esther, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Kingsbury) Laurence, who was fourth in descent from John Laurence, of Wisset, England, the emigrant, who came in 1630, and died in Groton, Mass., in 1669. His son, Enoch, was in King Philip's war and badly wounded in the Indian fight July 29, 1694. He was also in King William's war, 1702, and a prisoner. He married Ruth, daughter of John Whitney, who came over in the ship Elizabeth and Ann in 1635. He was a member of Captain John Mason's company in King Philip's war. Esther Laurence's mother, Rachel Kingsbury, was third in descent from Henry Kingsbury, born in England in 1615. Samuel Ransom after his marriage bought much land in Canaan, Conn., became prominent and held offices of trust, but a restless spirit soon moved him to sell everything and move his family to the new land of promise in the Wyoming valley in August, 1773, settling in Plymouth township. In August, 1776, congress authorized the raising of two companies in the Wyoming valley, and Robert Durhee and Samuel Ransom were commissioned captains. Captain Ransom enlisted west of the Susquehanna the Second Independent Co., attached to the Connecticut line. On December 12, 1766, the companies were ordered to join Washington. With Captain Ransom marched his son, George Palmer Ransom, aged fourteen, (who served during the war, and was once taken a prisoner to Canada, where he escaped) and his son-in-law, Timothy Hopkins. The company was in the battles of Brandywine, Millstone, Germantown, Roundbrook, and lesser engagements, and wintered at Morristown. In 1778, Captain Ransom resigned to help defend his home against the British and Indians. He reached Forty Fort the morning of the Wyoming massacre, and reported as volunteer aid to Gen. Butler. He fell

in the thickest of the fight. His body had a musket shot through the thigh, was covered with gashes, and his head was cut off. He is buried with the other victims (among them his brother-in-law, Rufus Laurence) near the granite monument which marks the battle field. His name heads the list of the slain. His family fled with the refugees, but returned, only to become involved in the disputes between the Connecticut settlers and the state authorities. His children, all but one born in Canaan, were Sarah (Mrs. Timothy Hopkins), who died young; Sibil, married Ira Stephens, captain in the revolution; Lois, married Stephen Bidlock; Louisa, married Arthur Frink; Mary, married Samuel Franklin, a brother to Col. John Franklin; George Palmer Ransom; Samuel, married Mary Neobett, settled on a farm of 400 acres two miles below Tioga Centre, built on his land the first school house and the first tavern of the town, he was drowned crossing the river in 1807; William, who came to Tioga county in 1784, bought one thousand acres of land on Pipe creek and accumulated a large fortune. On his land was set out the first apple orchard of the county. He was a lumberman and furnished many masts for the government in the war of 1812. He died in 1822, aged 56. He married Rachel, daughter of James Brooks and Mary Johnson. His eldest son, Ira, married Sarah, daughter of Miles Forman, of Nichols. Two sons, Miles Forman Ransom, of Webster, and David, of Vancouver, B. C., with their sons, are the only descendants of this worthy couple bearing the name. Miles Forman Ransom married Adelaide Lent, of Dutch descent, her ancestors were among the first settlers of New York. Her great-great-grandfather and great-grandfather were killed at the taking of Montgomery, L. I., in the revolution. Her grandfather, John Lent, enlisted when fourteen in the patriot army at Peekskill, N. Y. Another son of Ira Ransom, Col. Hyatt C. Ransom, was a graduate of West Point and died in Jeffersonville, 1874. Ira Ransom's daughters are Mrs. Patterson, of Flint, Mich.; Mrs. John Nicol, of Tioga Centre; Mrs. Tower, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. J. C. Latimer, of Tioga Centre. William Ransom's son, Benjamin, married Lucy Frost; Charles, married Hope M. Talcott; Sybil, married Henry Light; Rachel, married David Wallis; Mary J., married Gilbert Strang; Printice, mar-

ried Fannie Thurston ; Harriet, married Asa G. Jackson. "William, married Angeline Martin, lived at Tioga Center, and was long one of the best known, most prominent, and most highly respected citizens of the county." He died February 7, 1883.

DR. JOHN NICOL, son of John and Margaret (Mann) Nicol, was born July 4, 1830, near Edinburgh, Scotland, and was educated at the celebrated university of Edinburgh, where he was graduated in 1852. He has passed many years of his life in lecturing on practical pharmacy, chemistry and physiology, and his lectures have a world-wide reputation. The doctor has also made photography a special study, is a contributor to many photographic journals, and is an expert in aerial photography, and draws plans for taking these photographs. He was married, first, with Elizabeth Urquhart in 1860. They have five sons, John D., Robert (of the L. V. R. R.), at Sayre, James (an exporter in Liverpool), Frank, of Edinburgh, and William, of Queensland. Dr. Nicol married F. Elizabeth, daughter of Ira and Sally (Forman) Ransom, of this county, in Scotland, in 1877. In 1885 they came to America and made their home in Chicago, Ill. In 1890 they changed their residence to Tioga Center, the birthplace of Mrs. Nicol, and they have since resided there. Before his second marriage Dr. Nicol passed twelve years of his life in the West Indies, returning to Scotland about 1870.

LEWIS LOUNSBURY, son of Timothy and Hannah (French) Lounsbury, was born February 21, 1794, in Bethany, Conn. He was married with Charry, daughter of Amos and —— (Wheeler) Clark, in 1816. Children : Clark, born August 4, 1818, married Mary J. Howland, (their children are Cornelia (Mrs. Dr. Newell), and Harriet A.); Lewis, Jr., born December 18, 1820, married Mary E. Casterline ; children : Anson B., John L. and Amy); Esther (deceased) born May 19, 1823, married Joshua Grimes; Frank ; Moses L.; Charry (Mrs. Orrin T. Smith); Rev. Harvey ; Mary born February 28, 1828, and married Andrew Stettler, (their children are Alice (Mrs. George Signor), and Ella (Mrs. George Best); Allen, born June 7, 1830, married Cornelia Hill ; children : Wales and



Anna (Mrs. George Taylor); George, (born August 30, 1834, who by his first wife, Julia Tanner, had two children, Fred and Newell); Sheldon, born November 6, 1838, married Sarah Moe and had three children, Clarence, Emma and Ralph. Cornelia Lounsbury, elder daughter of Clark and Mary Jane Lounsbury, born Oct. 4, 1860, married Dr. Albert Arthur Newell of Penfield, Pa., born Feb. 3, 1854. One child, William Howland Newell, born June 7, 1893, died May 28, 1894. Harriet Agnes Lounsbury, sister of Cornelia, was born June 6, 1863.

DANIEL LOUNSBURY, brother of Lewis, born February 17, 1796, married Sarah Wooden. Their children were Laura (Mrs. Lester Hall) (deceased); David, (deceased); Lucy (first Mrs. George Barker, second Mrs. David Campbell).

REV. HARVEY LOUNSBURY, son of Lewis and Charry (Clark) Lounsbury, was born November 25, 1825, in this town, and married Rachel, daughter of Abram and Rachel (Doremus) Wortendyke, on April 27, 1857. Their children are Newton A., born October 18, 1858; (whose children are Harvey, Bertha M., Ira B., Daniel P. and Isla B.); Lewis H., born November 7, 1860; Allen D., born July 2, 1864; Mary E., born January 28, 1865, died November 11, 1880. Mr. Lounsbury was educated principally at Tioga Center, and in 1843 was ordained as minister of the Wesleyan Methodist church and has been a diligent and faithful worker in the Master's vineyard.

JOEL FARNHAM was a native of Wyoming, Pa., and was there at the time of the historic Indian massacre. In or near 1794 he located upon the old Farnham homestead off road 12, and died there, aged 84 years. His widow died August 30, 1862, aged 85. Mr. Farnham was also an early settler in this town. He made spinning wheels and was perhaps the first manufacturer of the town. He also did wool carding and wood turning. His son, Frederick A., born in 1820, married Agnes L. Barclay, settled on the homestead and carried on the same business as his father and was also a farmer. He died February 21, 1887, aged 68 years. His widow lives in Owego. Among their children were Joel S.,

Alice L. (Mrs. G. H. Day), of Union Center, N. Y.; Elisha W., of Chicago, Ill., and Herbert A. Farnham, born November 15, 1855. Herbert acquired a common school education, married Anna, daughter of Almeron and Hila (Johnson) Corwin, who died December 11, 1886, leaving one son, Frederick A. By his second wife, Elnora, daughter of William Day, married in 1892, Mr. Farnham has two children, Elsie M. and Lawrence. He is also in a small way carrying on the business which his grandfather and father did and has a cider mill also. Mr. Farnham is a justice of the peace and a prosperous farmer.

ABNER G. HILL, son of Alpheus and Almira (Gillett) Hill, was born December 15, 1840, in Otsego county. When about ten years old his parents removed to Wayne county, Pa., where he acquired a good common school education. After leaving school he worked for his father in lumbering for about six years, when he enlisted in Co. F, 50th Pa. Engineers, and served three years and eleven months. He then returned to Wayne county and engaged in head-sawing. In 1870 he came to Tioga Centre, which has since been his home, and made head-sawing his business. He was married in 1868 to Anna, daughter of Albert Stone. Their only child, Edith, born December 1, 1872, married Thomas Holbert, and has two children. Mr. Hill, on June 3, 1885, married second Hattie, daughter of Cornelius and Rachel (Brooks) Smith. Mr. Hill has mingled much in local affairs. He was town clerk of Manchester, Wayne county, for five years, was four times elected justice of the peace at Tioga Centre, was appointed in 1884, again elected in 1886, and has since held that office. Mr. Hill has been a member of the Masonic lodge at Hancock, N. Y., for thirty years, and for eighteen years has been a member of Tioga lodge of Odd Fellows. For ten years he has belonged to the Knights of Honor.

SYLVESTER FARNHAM, son of pioneer Joel Farnham who is so prominently mentioned in the history of the town of Tioga, was born August 9, 1798, and died in Tioga September 22, 1873. He was the eldest child in the pioneer's family, a farmer and lumberman, and was well known on the Susquehanna for many years during

the rafting period. His business life was successful and in the county he was a man of influence and worth. His wife was Patience Wood, daughter of Capt. Peter and Sarah (Standish) Wood, and seventh lineal descendant of the noted Myles Standish, the Puritan Captain. Their children were George Anson, an infant daughter who died unnamed, Enos Slosson, Francis Leroy, Sarah Emily and Andrew Oliver Farnham.

ENOS SLOSSON FARNHAM, second son of the pioneer, was born in Tioga, January 22, 1825, and died June 21, 1895. He was well educated for a boy of his time and his business life was spent on the old home farm and as merchant at Dryden, partner with his brother-in-law, the late Jeremiah W. Dwight, one of the best men of Tompkins county. However, in 1863 Mr. Farnham returned to the farm, but was afterward connected with important business interests elsewhere. He was an earnest republican, and for three years held the office of county superintendent of the poor, yet, all through his career his zeal was more for the party's interest than his own. On October 16, 1849, Mr. Farnham was married with Clarissa Venina, daughter of Elijah and Olive (Standish) Dwight. Children : LeRoy Dwight, Olive Patience, Mary Rebecca, and Hattie Venina Farnham.

LEROY DWIGHT FARNHAM, M. D., born Tioga, N. Y., July 24, 1850 ; married November 7, 1878, Coralyn P. Thompson, daughter of the late Jerome Thompson of Candor, N. Y. She is of Connecticut lineage, and a "Daughter of the American Revolution." LeRoy D., was taken by his parents to Dryden, where he attended the common schools and Dryden academy until he was nearly 13 years old. Then he removed to Tioga, his birth place, where for several years he worked on the farm in summer and attended the district school in the winter. In 1866 he prepared for college at the Owego academy. In 1869 the academy was abandoned and he went with his teacher and a number of other students preparing for college, to the Oswego Normal school, where he remained three years and was graduated from the classical department in 1872. He began the study of medicine the same year. In 1873 he went

to Candor, as principal of the Candor free academy and continued until 1878. The winters of the last three years were spent in attending medical lectures at the college of physicians and surgeons of New York city, from which institution he was graduated as doctor of medicine March 1, 1878. After graduating, he returned to Candor and after completing the academic year, began the practice of his profession. He quickly built up a large clientage, but finding that the country work was making inroads upon his health, sold the home and business and went to New York and took a post-graduate course in the post graduate and polyclinic medical schools. Not yet satisfied with his professional attainments, in September, 1884, he sailed for Germany where he spent the years 1884 and 1885 in the study of medicine in the hospitals of Berlin and Vienna. In the spring of 1886, he again took up the practice of medicine in Binghamton. He has been president of Tioga county medical society and of the Broome county medical society ; president of the Binghamton academy of medicine ; is a member of the New York state medical association, ex-member of the American medical association ; was a member of the tenth international congress at Berlin ; is now consulting surgeon of the Binghamton city hospital ; charter member of the Binghamton academy of science, and also a member of Binghamton, Dobson and athletic clubs ; member of Otsenigo lodge, F. & A. M., Binghamton chapter royal arch masons, Malta commandery knights templar ; of the New York society of Mayflower descendants. Dr. and Mrs. Farnham have one child, Dwight Thompson Farnham, born at Candor, October 15, 1881.

LODOWICK LIGHT was descended from a very old High-German family, his name having been originally Ludwig von Licht. \* He came to America with two brothers, some years prior to the revolution, settling at first in New York city, and afterward in the town of Bedford, Westchester county, where at the commencement of the revolution he had large tanneries and a shoe factory. He was a soldier in the revolutionary war, serving as a "minute

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\* This was corrupted into Lodowick, the "von" dropped, and "Licht" changed to its English equivalent.

man " and also saw actual service at the battle of White Plains. His old flint-lock musket is still in possession of the family of Mrs. Henry G. Light, as is also a chair in which General Washington sat when he stayed over night with Lodowick Light in Bedford during the war. After the close of the war, he, with Jesse Miller, took up a tract of 1,000 acres of land, extending east from the village of Smithboro for nearly two miles, and north from the Susquehanna river (that being the southern boundary) to what is now known as Halsey Valley, which was known as the "Light & Miller Tract." He moved his family to this location in June, 1790. Here he also built a tannery and shoe factory, with a number of saw mills in the neighborhood, and carried on a large business. He was made loan officer, a very important office at that time, and during the whole of his life in Tioga county was a justice of the peace, and was known familiarly as "Squire" Light. In this capacity he performed many marriage ceremonies, and many laughable stories are still told in the family concerning the fees he received, etc. Henry G. Light, his grandson, succeeded to the homestead. By his wife, Martha Seely, he had several children, of whom Harry married Sybil Ransom, lived his life on the old farm and had seven children: Ransom, Eli, George, Edwin, Charles, Sarah and Henry G. Light. The latter was always a resident of the town, dying August 26, 1887, aged 56. He married Louisa, daughter of Absalom and Maria (Moss) Adams. They had six children: Anna, Della, Harry (deceased), William (deceased), Nellie (deceased), and Maggie.

LEONARD PERRY, son of Nathaniel and Mary Ann (Hart) Perry, was born January 8, 1821, in Caroline, Tompkins county. His father moved to Tioga county when Leonard was quite young, and, later, to Athens, Pa., where Leonard gained a common-school education. After leaving school he engaged in lumbering and farming and which have since been his vocations. He has lived in the town since he was of age. He was commissioner of highways two terms, collector and assessor (for six years), town auditor, and school trustee and collector for many years and has held other local offices; and always when nominated was elected. Mr. Perry was a member of the Baptist church of Smithboro. He was mar-

ried March 30, 1843, with Miss Clarissa, daughter of Waite and Rachel (Newman) Smith, who was born September 9, 1822. Children : Albert H., born February 7, 1845, married Frances Duryea, December 24, 1867. They had three children, all deceased. Mrs. Perry died and Leonard Perry married, second, Martha Farnum. They had one child, Kittie A., died an infant. Mary Dell Perry, born January 30, 1851, married George Eckert February 16, 1876. Children : Mertie L., born November 27, 1877 ; Robin, born in 1882. Elizabeth L. Perry, born November 20, 1857, married John P. Swartwood. She had two children : Florence C., born in 1882 ; S. Leonard, born in 1888. Nathaniel Perry and his wife, the pioneers of this quite numerous family were people who served their day and generation well. They had seven children : Julia Ann, born January 2, 1817, married Charles Masten ; John James, born March 17, 1819, died in 1824 ; Leonard, Albert A., Chauncey, born October 28, 1826, married Tracy Ann Manning ; Sarah E., born January 22, 1829, married George Smith ; Milo M., born March 3, 1831, a soldier in the late war, married Amanda Babcock.

ALBERT A. PERRY, son of Nathaniel and Mary Ann (Hart) Perry, was born on March 31, 1824, and was educated in the common schools of Athens, Pa. He learned the carpenter's trade of William G. Dean, for whom he worked three years, then he was in the fanning mill business three years. He was for the next twelve years engaged in contracting and building. Later, and for 27 years, he was employed by the Erie railroad as a carpenter and cabinet maker. He then purchased a farm and was a farmer for seventeen years. Returning to Smithboro in 1886, he has since devoted himself to small fruit culture and market gardening. His home is located on the knoll at Smithboro and has an extensive view of the Susquehanna valley. Mr. Perry married November 12, 1846, Susan E. Foster, born October 31, 1829. Of their eight children these survive : Henrietta A., born July 23, 1848, married Edward Wescott, February 10, 1867, (they had one child, Clarence P., died at four years); Hanson S., born March 11, 1855, married Ella A. Smith, September 20, 1874, (they have one child, Minnie

L., born 1875); Jesse L., born October 9, 1862, married R. F. Ohswaldt, September 10, 1880. Four children: Susie, Frank P., Ida (deceased), Agnes; Ella A., born February 11, 1868, married in 1889, L. G. Drake, photographer of Elmira; Chester D., born October 15, 1873, married October 5, 1896, Nellie Stinson.

NATHANIEL and ROBERT LEONARD, brothers, came from Vermont to this county at a very early day. Nathaniel purchased land in the eastern part of Nichols near Hyatt's ferry, and here he conducted lumbering and farming, reared fifteen children and passed the remainder of his life. Chauncey Leonard, son of Nathaniel, born in Nichols in 1815, married Mary A., a daughter of James Gould, and was a farmer in Nichols all of his life. He had twelve children. He died in 1882, and his widow in 1883. George Leonard, son of Chauncey, was also born in Nichols on March 30, 1839. He married Mary Prothers in 1858, and located his home at Tioga Center. By trade a stone mason, he has also conducted lumbering and been a pilot of lumber rafts on the Susquehanna. He has been chosen to fill local and town offices, and has served as highway commissioner and as town collector of taxes. Two of his five children are living; John E. Leonard, M. D., of Harford Mills, and Ella (Mrs. P. R. Carlyon), of Lestershire. Mr. Leonard enlisted on August 11, 1862, in Co. I., 109th New York Vols., and was in all of the numerous and bloody engagements in which his regiment took part during his term of service (among them being the battle of the Wilderness, Fairfax C. H., and North Anna river) except when he was ill with typhoid fever from August, 1864, to March, 1865. Mr. Leonard was severely wounded in front of Fort Hell on April 2, 1865, in both an arm and a leg by a bursting shell. Taken from the field to the hospital at Alexandria, Va., he was there mustered out of service on June 5, 1865.

PETER ROSS, son of William Ross, was of Scotch descent, and born August 7, 1795, in Saratoga county, N. Y. William Ross, his father, was one of the early settlers of that county and was there before the revolution. Peter was in the war of 1812. He married Ruby Knowlton, and in 1827 they moved with an ox team

from Saratoga county to the town of Tioga, where he bought a farm of 300 acres, which is on the elevation still known as "Ross Hill," where he was ever a farmer. He died in 1871 and his wife in 1883. They had one son, Ellis H., born November 15, 1819, married Sally A., daughter of Jacob and Mary (Young) Smith. Ellis succeeded to the old farm, and was a man well known. He died in May, 1882. His widow resides at Tioga Center. They had two children, J. Warren, born March 16, 1847, married Fanny J., daughter of Sidney Coleman, and settled on the old homestead. In connection with farming Mr. Ross has been a commercial traveler and is now in the employ of the Eureka Mower Company, of Utica. He was a candidate for member of assembly in 1894 on the democratic ticket, and has a wide acquaintance in the county. His two sons are Harold E. and Earl Dudley.

GEORGE C. HORTON, son of Benjamin, born June 2, 1791, married Hannah Courtright (born November 25, 1797), on February 23, 1812. Benjamin Horton was an early settler and farmer in Nichols. George C. Horton settled in Tioga on the farm now owned by Theodore Horton, of Owego, in or near 1812. He took up a few acres at first, but built a log hut or house, and commenced to clear up his land. By thrift and industry he kept adding to his farm until he had 800 acres in one body at the time of his death, in 1863. He used to put his grist on the back of his cow and lead her to mill. Of his thirteen children five are living, Hannah (Mrs. Ephraim Goodrich), Emeline M. (Mrs. Emanuel Ennis), Gurdon H., Isaac S., and Abram. Gurdon Horton married Mary Goodrich, and has two children, Fred, and Fanny (Mrs. James Vandermark, of Wiltonville). Isaac S. Horton married Harriet P. Wallis, who died in 1876. They had one son, George W. Abram married Ivah Booth, and has one daughter, Erma. Daniel B., another son, married Julia A. Hanna, daughter of John, and died October 4, 1879. Three of his children are living, John, Charles, and Ada F. (Mrs. E. S. Dexter).

PETER PARIS came from Cohoes Falls, N. Y., to the town of Tioga about 1810 with his family and settled in the eastern part where he



developed a fine farm. He married a Miss Colwell. They had nine children, of whom Stephen married Lucy Steele and settled at Tioga Center. He was a stone mason, a farmer and a lumberman. He had eleven children, among them, John Paris, born October 10, 1830, in 1853, married Amanda, daughter of Stephen Green, and settled at Tioga Center where he has been both a lumberman and a farmer. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. C., 109th New York regiment, and engaged in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, North Anna River, Spottsylvania, Gaines Mills, etc. He was wounded by a minie ball in front of Petersburg. Captured by rebels he was kept in rigorous confinement for four months. He weighed 200 pounds when taken, and only 140 pounds when released in October, 1864. He was then taken to a hospital at Annapolis City, Md., where he was discharged in June, 1865. His wife died in 1885. Children : Charles, born in 1855, died in 1885 ; Perlina (Mrs. Delos Goodenough, of Nichols), Lucy (Mrs. David Brooks, of Binghamton) Lucina (Mrs. Bennett, of Watkins), Stephen (deceased), lived at Owego and had quite a reputation as a violin player ; Edwin, of Lambs Station, Pa.

HIRAM E. GOODRICH, son of Noah and Harriet N. (Lane) Goodrich, was born December 31, 1847. He is a grandson of Norman Goodrich and great-grandson of Noah Goodrich, one of the first settlers in the town. He has always lived in what from the pioneer days has been known as "Goodrich Settlement." By occupation he is a farmer. His father, Noah Goodrich, was justice of the peace from 1865 to 1893. Hiram E. Goodrich married October 20, 1870, and has four children : Fred E., John F., Ella J., and Noah. He has been school trustee for four years.

JESSE MILLER, son of Ezra, was an early settler and farmer in the town. His wife was Julia A. Meeker.

CHARLES T. GOODRICH, only son of Herman N. Goodrich, was born December 7, 1852, in the town of Tioga, where he was brought up and always lived. By occupation he is a farmer and now lives on the farm formerly owned by A. J. Goodrich, deceased. He

married May 10, 1874, Mary Francis Deyo, of the town of Tioga. Children: Herman A., William N., Lucy E., Mary L., Sarah Frances, Andrew Jackson and Ruth.

Among the early settlers in this town were James and Benjamin Brooks. Benjamin was born June 10, 1769, in Dublin, Ireland. The Brooks family came to America first to New Jersey and, in 1789, the brothers came to this town and located at Pipe Creek, now Tioga Center. Benjamin married Polly Stowe, and had children: Ira, born December 18, 1805; Polly, born May 22, 1807; William, born October 8, 1808; Cornelius, born March 28, 1810; James, born October 31, 1811; Sally A., born May 7, 1814; Rachel, born February 8, 1816; Johnson A., born June 2, 1818; Melissa, born December 21, 1820; Benjamin, born July 28, 1822; Patty, born April 2, 1824; Harriet, born July 4, 1826. Cornelius Brooks married Hannah, daughter of Josiah and Susan (Heath) Fuller, October 6, 1829, and settled at Tioga Center, where he died July 10, 1895. His wife died February 18, 1887. He was a farmer and a lumberman and an upright man. His seven children were: Rachel T., (Mrs. Cornelius D. Smith of Tioga Center); Harriet C., Benjamin J., George T., Lot M., Mary L. C. and Susan D. Lot M. Brooks was born November 18, 1841. He married Mary S., daughter of Edward P. and Susan (Slocum) Robertson, on February 28, 1865 and settled at Tioga Center. His trades are bridge-builder, carpenter and farmer. He has two children, Angie (Mrs. DeForest McWhorter) and Fuller L.

MYRON H. POST, son of Dr. Francis R. and Alice A. (Smith Post, was born in Tioga Center, August 11, 1874. His education was received at the Tioga schools and he was graduated from the Union school in 1891. The same year he entered the employ of the N. Y., L. E. & W. railroad as telegrapher. In 1895, he was appointed extra station agent for the same road, and, in 1896 extra agent for the Wells-Fargo Express Co., and he is now operator in the railroad tower. Mr. Post is a composer and arranger of instrumental music for bands, orchestras, etc. He married Theodora, daughter of Frank Ellison, and has one son, Frank H. Post. The

Post family originated from the Laziérs, a titled family of France. An interesting story is connected with the change of name from Laziér to Post. In Louis XVI time (1793-1794), during the Reign of Terror, the Laziérs had their estates confiscated and had to flee the country. One Francis Laziér, coming to America, secured a position under our government to carry mail between New York and Allegany. In those days mail carriers were called "post men." He married and had three sons, who, when they became old enough, also carried mail and were called "post-boys" or "posts;" and in this manner the name was changed. Some years after the war the emigrants of the Laziér family returned to France and were restored to their estates in Burgundy, and their descendants now occupy them.

BENJAMIN J. BROOKS, son of Cornelius, was born about 1840. He enlisted in May, 1861, at Candor in Company K., 26th Regt., N. Y. Vols. He was in several of the most momentous engagements of the war: Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Rappahannock, Acquia Creek, Rapidan, Bull's Bluff, Stafford Court House, Second Bull Run. In the latter battle he was wounded in the right shoulder. He married at Homer, N. Y., October 22, 1863, Mrs. Maria L. Ford, a daughter of Zerah and Lucy (Chapman) Tanner. Mr. Brooks is one of the progressive farmers of Tioga county, and is master of the Pomona grange.

JOSIAH GILE or GUILLES, son of Henry, was born in Otsego county, N. Y., and came to this town in 1836, settled near Pipe Creek and took up a lot of wild land where he built a log house and cleared up a farm. He married Mary, daughter of Daniel Baker. They had ten children. His son Leonard married Louise, daughter of Samuel and Diadama (Green) Cook, and about 1853 located on the farm which he now owns and where he resides. This farm he cleared up. Of his ten children nine are living; Samuel, of Tioga Center, married Sarah Burger; Maritta (Mrs. W.C. Green), of Tioga Center; Lydia A. (Mrs. Gilbert Hart), of Candor; Adelaide (Mrs. E. Merritt), of Owego; Andrew of Tioga Center (married Lydia Dewey); Adelbert, of Tioga; Willis, of Tioga, married Emeline

Cook ; George, of Tioga, married Flora Bergusen. Waterman Guiles, of Tioga Center, born November 1, 1844, enlisted in Company F., 179th New York Regt., and was in the battles of Pegram farm and the series of engagements before Petersburg, and was discharged June 8, 1865. He married Susan D. Brooks. He has been a farmer since returning to civil life. In 1887 he came to Tioga Center. Mr. and Mrs. Guiles have three children, Cornelius, Walter and Mattie. Mr. Guiles is a member of Hagadorn Post, G. A. R., of Halsey Valley.

ARIS and DOLLY HASKIN settled near Candor. After some years he went to Indiana, where his death occurred soon after. He had four children : Aris, Dolly (Mrs. John F. Bolster) lives at Conneaut, Ohio ; Phebe, and Elezer Haskin, who was born June 4, 1840. Elezer had a long and faithful war record. He enlisted April, 1861, in Co. K, of the 26th New York, and participated in the battles of Bull Run, Cedar Mountain, second Bull Run, Antietam and the first battle of Fredericksburg, serving his full term of enlistment. After his regiment was discharged, in 1863, he re-enlisted in Co. F, 8th regiment, Hancock's Veteran Corps, and was mustered out in 1866. In 1864 Mr. Haskin married Julia, daughter of Adam Fitzgerald, of Van Etenville, who died in 1881. They had five children, of whom three are living, Fred E., Harry C. and Fenton. In 1882 Mr. Haskin married Mrs. Lydia Munn. [Mr. Munn was a soldier in Co. H, Tenth New York cavalry. Mr. and Mrs. Munn had five children, Lelia W., Carry B., Lewis H., J. D. and Florence M.] After his second marriage Mr. Haskin settled in Athens, where he lived till 1894, when he moved to Foster Valley, Tioga county, stayed there two years, then moved to Tioga Center in April, 1896. He holds membership in Perkins Post, No. 202, G. A. R., at Athens, Pa., and in Athens lodge, No. 165, of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Haskin's father was George Shafer, son of Dedrick, who came from Orange county to Chemung in 1826. His wife was Maria B. Chapman, daughter of Charles and Betsey Chapman. Mr. Shafer settled in Barton, near Lockwood, and moved from there in 1871 to Schuyler, Neb., where he died in 1895.

WILLIAM J. DRAKE, son of Joseph and Catharine (Willis) Drake, was born in November, 1836, in the town of Barton. His grandfather, Benjamin, was an early settler there. William was brought up on a farm and received a common school education. March 15, 1860, he married Emily, daughter of David S. Coleman, and in 1862 made his home at Smithboro, where he was engaged in the hardware trade with A. A. Swinton for a number of years. Later he was with his son, Sidney C. Drake, in a general store comprising dry goods, groceries and hardware, and continued with him to 1888, when he retired by reason of feeble health. He was justice of the peace for several years and postmaster of Smithboro under President Cleveland's first administration. He was also a member of Tioga lodge, F. & A. M., and of Smithboro lodge, A. O. U. W. He was a man of influence and highly respected. He died October 24, 1892, leaving three children, one son, Sidney C., born April 21, 1863, who married Virginia, daughter of Jeremiah and Frances (Dunham) Hyers, and lives at Nichols, and two daughters, Hattie M. (Mrs. E. R. Lounsbury), and Eva D. (Mrs. A. O. Hendershot, of Berkshire).

JOHN GILBERT SMITH, son of Richard and Catharine (Decker) Smith, was born December 15, 1820, in Tioga. He carried on lumbering very extensively in Tioga and was a very prominent man there. On September 21, 1845, he was married with Sally M. Lamont, by whom he had five children, Emma Ruth (Mrs. John E. Pembleton), Lauren G., Catharine M., Allen L. and Samuel. John E. Pembleton, son of Charles and Amanda (Ellis) Pembleton, was born November 2, 1842, in Waverly, where he was educated in the common schools and later attended the high school of Binghamton. He afterward entered the employ of Elmer Bros., bankers of Waverly, staying there five years. For the next eight years he was superintendent of the Waverly paper mills. He then purchased a farm in Tioga and lived there until he was kicked and killed by his horse, on December 25, 1896. He married Emma Ruth, daughter of John G. and Sally M. (Allen) Smith, May 25, 1870. Their children are Mary French (Mrs. Rev. H. Ellsworth, of Nichols), adopted; Emily Ruth, and John Gilbert.

SAMUEL KUYKENDALL, son of Peter and Deborah (VanDuser) Kuykendall, was born January 30, 1824, in Phillipsport, N. Y., where he attended the common schools until he was 15 years old. He then went to live with his uncle, Samuel VanDuser, of Litchfield, Pa., where he stayed until 1867, then he came to Tioga, selling his property in Pennsylvania, and purchased a farm in Tioga, where he resided until his death, March 26, 1893. As a business he always followed farming. On March 20, 1880, he married Violetta, daughter of John and Violetta (Bates) Reynolds, who was born May 18, 1845, in Delaware county. She married, second, Fred Clark, son of Asa, on January 11, 1897. He was born January 19, 1857. He has been a broker in New York city. He married, first, Etta Hoff, in 1874, by whom he had one child, Georgia A., born June 29, 1879. John Reynolds was born August 11, 1802. He, on January 29, 1831, married Violetta Bates, and died May 16, 1869. His wife was born August 22, 1808, and died June 30, 1891. They had nine children : John J., born March 30, 1832 ; Abby J., born September 16, 1834 ; Ezra E., born September 18, 1836 ; Lemon L., born January 9, 1839 ; Margaret C., born January 6, 1841 ; Nancy E., born May 25, 1843 ; Violetta, born May 18, 1845 ; Lucinda, born May 4, 1852 ; Sarah M., born August 11, 1856.

WILLIAM A. LOCKE, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth M. (Healey) Locke, was born in Providence, R. I., May 23, 1845. When 18 years old, while working in Chenango county, he enlisted in Co. L., 20th N. Y. Cav., and participated in the important battles in front of Petersburg, and took active part in many raids, capturing horses, destroying railroads and all kinds of other property to weaken the enemy. He was thrown from his horse in 1864, dislocated his shoulder and was long confined in the hospital at Portsmouth, Va. He was honorably discharged at Watertown, N. Y., July 30, 1865. Three of his brothers were also in the war, Charles, Henry D. (wounded at Petersburg and taken prisoner), James A., of Co. I., 114th N. Y. Vols., was killed at Sabine Cross Roads, and buried by the enemy on December 25, 1864. Mr. Locke was married with Ann, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Newell) Baldwin, on February 9, 1860, at Truxton, Cortland county. They have five

children, Minnie S., born February 7, 1869 ; Arthur J., born March 7, 1876 ; Earl W., born June 16, 1880 ; Clyde, born April 17, 1884, and Goldie M., born July 3, 1885. Mr. Locke was pathmaster five years, has been town clerk, served as deputy sheriff eighteen months, and was constable five years in Tompkins county. He is adjutant of his G. A. R. post. He came to Smithboro on April 14, 1891, and is an active citizen. He is district clerk, and is a member of both the town and the county republican committees. On arriving in Smithboro, Mr. Locke purchased the Mansion house which he conducted for five years. In September, 1895, he sold it to E. R. Cox, and is not now in any active business. He is a member of the I. O. R. M. lodge and has held all the chairs. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, was its treasurer three years and is now right supporter of the vice-grand.

PROF. IRVING F. STETLER, the capable superintendent of the public schools of Sayre, Pa., is the son of Stokes and Ellen (Duff) Stetler, and was born in the town of Tioga, this county, on November 28, 1860. Receiving his education at Tioga union school, Owego academy, and Cortland normal school, he was graduated from the latter in 1885. After teaching a few months at Chenango Forks, he was in charge of the public schools of Smithboro, N. Y., for two years, then was at Collins Center in Erie county for two years, next taught at Nichols for five years. His success was such that in 1894 he was called to take charge of the public schools of Sayre, where he is now located. In December, 1892 he was married with Miss Kate Sherwood of Nichols. Mr. Stetler's grandfather, Benjamin Stetler, came to Sayre from Pike county, Pa., about 1835, and in two or three years moved to Elmira, N. Y., removing from there to Tioga about fifty years ago. By a second marriage he had seven children. His son, Stokes, was born in Pike county and came to Tioga with his father.

## TOWN OF NICHOLS.

After the revocation of the "Edict of Nantes" (1685), the Coryell family, Huguenots, left its home in the Alsace-Lorraine section of France, and, coming to America, landed at Perth Amboy, N. J. The ancestors of the judge bought lands at Lambertville in 1732, were granted a patent for a ferry by King George II, January 7, 1733, and operated it when it was crossed by Washington's army en route to the battle of Trenton. In 1777, Emanuel Coryell, then a federal soldier, was appointed "forage-master" at "Coryell's ferry" by Col. Clement Biddle, forage-master general of the federal army, and from February 19 to February 22, 1778, he supplied the whole federal army with five days rations, while it was crossing the Delaware previous to the battle of Monmouth. In 1779 he resigned the position. In 1791 Mr. Coryell left Lambertville, his native place, with a young family and settled on the Susquehanna in this county. He was one of the earliest settlers, became the agent of Robert H. Hooper and other land proprietors, and had extensive dealings with the settlers. From his upright and benevolent course in that capacity, he contributed much toward the prosperity and improvement of this part of the state. He possessed the confidence of the people in a high degree, was several times a member of the legislature, and for many years a first judge of the court of common pleas. In this and various other offices held in the course of a long life, he sustained a high character for talents, honor and integrity. A soldier of the army of Washington, Judge Coryell was ardently attached to and a firm supporter of Washington and his policy, and no dictates of interest or subserviency to the opinions of others could prevail upon him to withhold an honest and independent expression of his opinions. His private manners were marked by an easy and unrestrained affability, and upon the bench he arrogated nothing to himself from an undue estimate of his powers or of his position. His house was ever the center of good cheer for the vicinity. He died in 1835, aged 82 years.





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VINCENT MATTHEWS CORYELL, son of Hon. Emanuel and Frances Coryell, was born in Nichols, June 28, 1800. His natural endowments and gift were of a high order. An imposing physique, a fine voice for public address, and a strong mental sagacity and keenness combining, constituted him a person for distinction in any calling. Early in his "teens" he had mastered a good English education, was well advanced in Latin and Greek, and, classed as a superior scholar, he was graduated from Union College. Immediately after graduation he was sent to the law office of Vincent Matthews (of whom he was named) and William B. Rochester at Bath, with whom he studied until his examination at Albany, where he received his diploma, signed by Chief Justice Savage. He immediately entered upon a flattering practice at Bath. He married in 1821 Jane, daughter of Hon. Dugald Cameron. Her illness and death changed him from skepticism to a christian believer and later brought him into the ministry. His call to preach was at first resisted but finally heartily responded to. He united with the Methodist church, received his license to preach from John Griffin in 1825, and began the work of an itinerant on Tioga circuit. In 1828 he was received "on trial" in Genesee conference and appointed to Canaan (Pa.) circuit. We trace his itinerant career from Canaan to Bridgewater, Wyoming, Scipio, Marcellus, Watertown, Syracuse, Rome, Cazenovia, Skaneateles, Coopers-town, Norwich, Waverly. In 1843-1846 he was presiding elder of Owego district. He was pastor in Syracuse twice, and while there built the First Methodist church edifice. Revivals swept over every station he occupied. His ministerial life covered more than sixty years and the number of conversions under his ministry was about 3,000. Twelve of his converts became ministers and four doctors of divinity. As a minister Mr. Coryell possessed more than ordinary mental grasp and intellectual preparation. Dogmas, and teachings of whatever sort that antagonized truth, were brought speedily to judgment by his logic and address. His personal experience was preeminent. His soul flashed the light with which it was permeated. His second marriage was on February 11, 1833, and with Miss Rachel E. Lounsbury, a teacher in a young ladies' seminary at Troy. Of Mr. Coryell's children six are living : Eman-

uel Coryell, of Nichols ; Mrs. T. J. McElhemy, of Ithaca ; Mrs. Helen M. Scott and Mrs. Mary B. Sheldon, of Waverly : Mrs. Clementina C. Faulkner of Atchison, Kan. ; and Mrs. E. Josephine Whitman of Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Coryell died November 5, 1889.

JAMES HOWELL, son of Sampson and Elizabeth Howell, was born November 27, 1878, in Frelinghuysen, N. J. Sampson was the third farmer of that town in size of farm and success. James married Amelia Lanning about 1802. In February, 1806, he with his wife and two children and a younger brother, started for Nichols from New Jersey in a rudely constructed sleigh with wooden shoes, drawn by two horses, which contained all their goods. They came by the route of "The Shades of Death," presumably the route taken eastward by the survivors of the Wyoming massacre. James Howell settled one hundred rods below Judge Coryell, on the farm now owned by Mr. Stewart, but soon bought the farm recently owned by Emanuel Coryell, Jr., back of Hooper's Valley. Here he lived until 1815. Wolves and other wild animals were troublesome. Much corn was carried off and destroyed by bears, which also in a few weeks time carried off between thirty and forty pigs. In 1814, Mr. Howell traded this place for one owned by Elijah Cole, one mile south of the site of Nichols village. This farm comprised 126 acres of good pine and hemlock and a primitive sawmill with a "flutter wheel." This mill was used during a long period of lumbering, and was the sole survivor of the water-mills of this section when it was taken down, January 24, 1897. Both pine and hemlock have gone, the last of the latter on the Howell place being converted into lumber in the winter of 1896 and 1897. The early price of pine lumber down to about 1840 was from \$5 to \$6 per M. About 1827 Mr. Howell purchased an adjacent lot of heavy timber containing 162 acres. Soon after he bought the Robinson and Brewster lot, on the east hill, of 250 acres, so that his acreage was 288 acres on the west side of the creek and 250 on the east side. He was a good farmer, steady and industrious. He donated liberally to the churches, though not a church member. He was the smallest of his parents' eight sons, weighing but 200 pounds, while his heaviest brother weighed 340 pounds. James

Howell died December 23, 1837 ; his wife died March 30, 1823. Of their eight children six attained maturity and several advanced old age. A daughter, Fannie (Mrs. Stephen Morey), died in May, 1890, in her 89th year, and her brother, John, died the next August in his 86th year.

ROBERT HOWELL, the only survivor of James Howell's family, was born September 4, 1815, in a log house on the Howell homestead, about one mile south of Nichols village. This house was 12 by 14 feet in size with a frame addition of 8 by 12 feet, and was within thirty feet of the Wappasening creek (west side). His present home is one mile further south, on his pleasant farm of 160 acres, lying partly in Pennsylvania. Robert was sent to school when eight years old and was also taught to work. Before he was ten he had dragged and "harrowed in" many fields of grain, and when but twelve was sent to aid a man in running a sawmill. (Sawing was hard work then, toiling all day and half the night.) The schools he attended were the district one now called the "line" school and that at Nichols. They were poor, and his attendance ended when he was seventeen. He was a natural student, with great preference for geography, boys' travels and hunting stories. An omnivorous reader, he early began to study geology, history, zoology, paleontology, ethnology, etc. Botany had great attractions for him and, in a time when books were rare articles, he had read much. A few school books and a much less number of other volumes were all he could get in boyhood, but his father took two or three newspapers and agricultural journals, which were eagerly devoured. Robert was early a collector, and when only eighteen owned about twenty bound books and as many pamphlets. Now his library contains about 4,000 books and pamphlets, hundreds of large quarto volumes and a few folios, many volumes weighing from ten to eighteen pounds. It has many books that cannot be duplicated in a radius of many miles. In August, 1852, Mr. Howell was elected a member of the American Association of Science, which included the United States, British America and Mexico, and had members in Great Britain, France, Germany, etc. His name was proposed by Louis Agassiz,