

the eminent scientist, and seconded by Dr. James Hall, our distinguished state geologist. Mr. Howell then began to collect the Chemung fossils to supply the demand of geologists. Each of the more than fifty boxes of these fossils sent out by him was from 240 to 350 pounds in weight. These went to aid the state geologists of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, etc., in their state surveys (with many duplicates for their private collections), and to the Smithsonian institution, the New York state geological collection, Prof. Agassiz, Cambridge university and numerous other universities and colleges. The last two boxes (one of fossils, one of drift boulders) went to the university of Chicago. Mr. Howell for twenty years kept a record of the weather for the meteorological bureau at Washington, beginning with "old probabilities" and ending with General Greeley's term of service. For thirty years he has made reports of remarkable storms and events in Nichols to the regents of the state university. He has catalogued the forest trees and shrubs of Nichols for the same body, and some years since made a report of the timber and wood in Tioga county for the United States forestry commission. These papers were printed in state and United States publications, and in reputable periodicals. Mr. Howell has had a busy life. He has helped to chop and clear over 200 acres of land, yet he has been an indefatigable student. Much of his study has been done in evenings and in mornings before day, yet so much study by lamp and candle light has little impaired his sight. In his eighty-second year he now reads hours daily without using glasses, which he has never needed. Never a member of any church, but an universalist in belief, he has aided in the building and support of several churches of different denominations. With remarkably clear understanding and faculties, Mr. Howell is passing the evening of an useful life and is tenderly cared for as the twilight deepens.

The ancestor of Miles Forman, Robert Forman, of Lincolnshire, England, who was persecuted for his faith by the church of England, went to live in Flushing, Holland, in 1618, then he and others of his faith came to the Dutch colony in America to live. They



Robert Howells

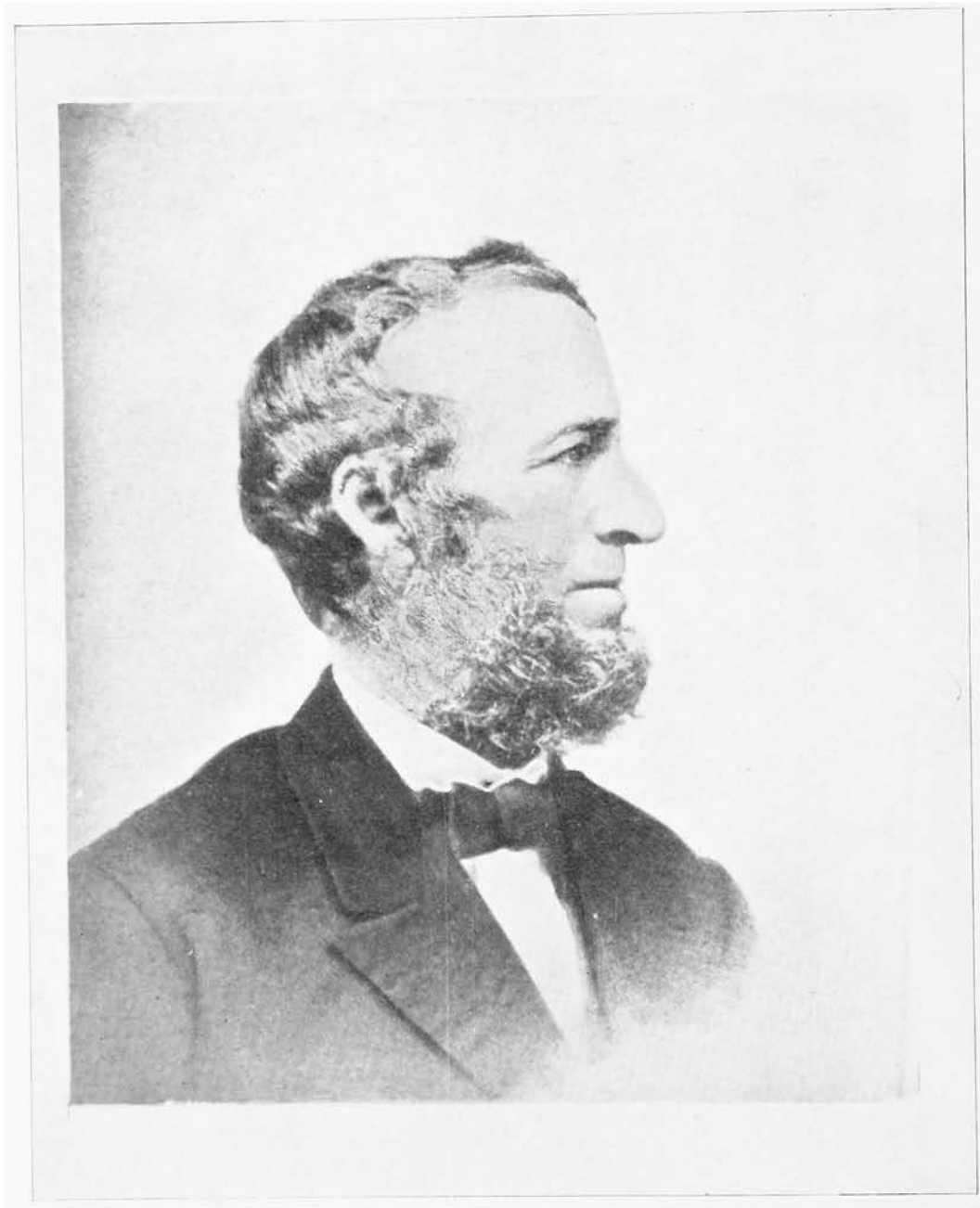
obtained from the government of the New Netherlands, under Governor Kieft, a grant of land on the north shore of Long Island, in Queen's county; they called the place Flushing. Robert Forman was one of the corporators of Flushing in 1645. He removed to Hempstead, L. I., and after the conquest of the New Netherlands by the English in 1664, he removed to Oyster Bay, L. I. He had a son Aaron, who also had a son Aaron, whose son Aaron married Susanna Townsend, the daughter of the second of two brothers who came from England early in the seventeenth century. Aaron and Susanna had several sons; one, Jacob, settled in Westchester county, N. Y. Jacob's son, John, married Jerusha Lands, had daughters Betsey, Jerusha, Sally, Susanna, and one son, Miles Forman, who was born September 26, 1762. He enlisted when eighteen, May 4, 1780, in the continental army (Col. Albert Paulding's regiment), served until the close of the war, and was in several stirring engagements. Once when home on leave the tories surrounded the house, and he jumped from the window escaping unseen. The tories whipped his sister Jerusha with their ramrods because she would not tell where he was. Her father made an iron flail to whip them, and used it effectively several times. His arm with the flail is on one issue of the continental money—the \$2.00 bill of 1780. Miles Forman, after the war, married Anna Platt, of Bedford, Westchester county, and afterward in 1790, came to Nichols, where he bought a large farm. He was twice sheriff of Tioga county when it also comprised the counties of Chemung, Tompkins and part of Schuyler. He died in Nichols, February, 1834, aged 77 years. He left six daughters: Jerusha, married with David Olds; Torreta with James Bush; Anna with Clark Hyatt; Sarah with Ira Ransom; Rue with Jacob Wood; Frances with Shevinus Dunham; Elizabeth with Edmund McQuigg. He had four sons. Smith married Martha Miller. His sons are the only ones of the name living in the county. They are Edmund Forman, of Barton, Miles Forman, of Nichols, and Samuel Forman, of Elmira. He has one grandson, John Forman, of Nichols. Sands married Mary Mathews. His sons live in California and Chicago; Miles, who married Hannah Brodhead, and Ferris Forman lives in Stockton, Cal. He is now eighty-eight

years of age. He was colonel of the third Illinois regiment during the Mexican war. He went to California in 1849, was a democratic postmaster of Sacramento under James Buchanan. He was also counsel for Captain Sutter, the discoverer of gold in California.

SMITH FORMAN, son of Miles and Anna (Platt) Forman, was born February 3, 1787, in Westchester county. He was married with Martha, daughter of Jacob and Polly (Warren) Miller, in 1816. They had eight children: Mary A. (deceased), (Mrs. Abram F. Pruyne), John (deceased), Miles, Almira, (Mrs. Thomas Osterhout), Martha (Mrs. Jackson C. Bunnell), Edmond M., Samuel W., Julia (Mrs. Robert Howell) (deceased). Miles Forman was born September 13, 1825, in Nichols, where he was educated in the common schools. He then for six years was in stock-raising and did a shipping business. Since then he has "lumbered" and, in 1860, he opened a retail liquor store in Nichols, which he conducted for six years, when he retired and is now not actively engaged in any business. He was married with Stella, daughter of Nehemiah and Diantha (Wilson) Platt, on November 14, 1854. They had two children, Martha and Charles P., both deceased. Mr. Forman now, at the age of 74 years, is as active as a boy. He is a member of the Westbrook Masonic lodge of Nichols, and is now its oldest member. (See page 475.)

The first ancestor of the Lounsberrys of Nichols that can be definitely traced is Richard, probably the English emigrant, whom Dutchess county records showed to have lived there in 1648. * He moved to Putnam county in 1660, and later to Rye, Westchester county, where he lived from 1672 until his death in 1693. He married Elizabeth DuBois, a member of a rich Huguenot family that was driven from France by Catholic persecution, and were later wealthy silk manufacturers in Holland. Family tradition claims their descent from a knight serving under William the Conqueror in 1060. The Nichols line comes down through Michael Lounsberry, son of Richard, who was born about 1685 and died in 1731. He moved

* This ancestral history of the family was procured by Fred H. Quintard, of South Norwalk, Conn., nephew of ex-Gov. P. C. Lounsberry of Connecticut.



William Lounsberry.

to Stamford, Conn., as early as 1703 and bought land there. On June 19, 1707, he married Sarah, daughter of Lieut. Jonathan, and granddaughter of Robert Lockwood, who came from England to Watertown, Mass., with Winthrop about 1630. Their children are Elizabeth and Sarah, born June 13, 1708; Michael, born January 23, 1709, died November 16, 1730; Jemima, born March 17, 1711; Joshua, born July 1, 1716; Monmouth, born December 23, 1717; Nehemiah, born December 23, 1718; Abigail, born September 11, 1719; Jonathan, born October 20, 1721, died 1791. Monmouth married in 1738 and had these children: Thomas, born January 16, 1739; Elizabeth, born July 25, 1741, died young; Benjamin, Sr., born December 23, 1742, died in 1771; Michael, born September 12, 1744; Elizabeth, born September 6, 1746; Monmouth, born July 31, 1748; William, born February 28, 1749, died young; Jemima, born December 4, 1751; William, born August 5, 1753; Tamar, born September 11, 1755; and Abigail, birth unknown.

BENJAMIN LOUNSBERRY, JR., was born April 11, 1767, in Stamford, Conn., and died in Nichols, May 31, 1857. After his father's death his mother married Jonathan Platt, and moved to Bedford, Westchester county, this state, where they lived until 1794, when they came to Nichols where Mr. Platt had purchased a large tract of land in 1793. Benjamin had married in 1792 Elizabeth, a daughter of Mr. Platt by his first wife. Their children were Harriet (Mrs. J. W. Laning), born June 7, 1793; Hannah, (Mrs. Samuel H. Dunham), born May 23, 1795; Platt, born September 18, 1797; Charles, born July 19, 1800; Horace, born December 12, 1804; Benjamin, 2d., born May 4, 1807, died September 20, 1888; James, born October 7, 1809; William, born December 6, 1812, died July 12, 1887, and Norman, born May 7, 1815. Platt Lounsberry, son of Benjamin, Jr., was born in Nichols and was a farmer in that town all of his life. By his wife, Sarah Laning, he had these children, Sarah (Mrs. Robert Howell), Platt, Mary, Amos, Horace, Prudence (Mrs. James Morey), Betsey (Mrs. Andrew Hunt), Benjamin, Harriet, George, and Enoch.

WILLIAM LOUNSBERRY, son of Benjamin, Jr., passed his life on the old homestead at Lounsberry Station, married, first, Sarah Ray-

mond, who was mother of his three children : William R., Edward W., born Oct. 2, 1850, died March 2, 1864, and Jennie (Mrs. David T. Easton), born February 24, 1855. William R. Lounsberry was born on the ancestral acres at Lounsberry Station in Nichols on April 30, 1846, and has made his home there during his life, devoting himself wholly to the cultivation of the soil. On November 3, 1874, he was married with Mary, daughter of William McKerlie, of Waterford, Ont.

CLARK HYATT, son of John and Rachel (Clark) Hyatt, was born at Shrub Oak, Westchester county, N. Y., July 31, 1793. His grandfather, Joshua Hyatt, was an officer in the revolutionary army. Clark Hyatt came to Nichols, N. Y., in 1815. In 1822 he married Anna Forman, daughter of Miles Forman, of the town of Nichols. He bought out squatter claims on Coxe's patent and cleared a large farm of 340 acres. He sold his farm in 1867 and removed to Flint, Mich., where he subsequently died. Clark Hyatt was appointed judge of the county court of Tioga county by Gov. William C. Bouck in 1844, and served during the time limited by the constitution. He was one of the best and most prosperous farmers of the county, and was much respected. To the poor and needy he always extended a helping hand, and his hospitality was unbounded. He left one son, Ferris Forman Hyatt, who died in Flint, Mich., some years ago.

GEORGE WALKER (WALGER) a German, was settled in 1774 near the mouth of Nescopeck creek in Northumberland (now Luzerne) county, Pa., owned a farm and soon thereafter built a log gristmill. It is said that he was a soldier in the militia defending Wyoming at the "massacre" July 3, 1778. About 1780 he removed to Salem, Pa., and owned land and another gristmill which was burned. This land he leased in, or near, 1788 to one Jacob Shaffer, just as he was embarking his family for a home further up the Susquehanna. Tradition says that this lease ran for ninety-nine years and that the consideration was "a hat full of silver poured into his wife's apron." He made his new home (109 years ago) in an unbroken wilderness on the river flats in Nichols, just

south of Osborn Station. Here he cleared a farm, soon replaced his first log house by comfortable buildings, erected a sawmill and a distillery. His first purchase was "patent No. 2," 213 acres, the next "patent No. 1," of 362 acres. About 1800 he bought 513 acres on Cayuta creek of John Cantine, on which in 1808 he built a grist mill which was kept in the family nearly fifty years. Mr. Walker was of the best class of the frugal, industrious Hollander, with a large dash of Yankee enterprise in his make-up. He died on April 16, 1812. Of his large family, Betsey, born Nescopeck, 1780, married in Nichols George W. Haines, has descendants in this county. Samuel, born Salem, September 16, 1788, always lived on the homestead farm in Nichols and died September 12, 1848. Mary, born on this same farm, October 29, 1789, married Willard Hunt, always resided on the farm where she was born, and died July 26, 1866. Elias, born July 15, 1792, died in Factoryville, October 30, 1851. George, born in 1795, died February 14, 1837, at Factoryville. John, born in 1798, about 1822 settled in Chemung where he died. Samuel, born Salem, Pa., died in Nichols, where he also was a farmer and lumberman through life. June 14, 1812, he married Sally Schoonover, born in Newtown, N. J., August 25, 1792, died January 5, 1879. Children: Jane B., (married Dr. William Kiff of Athens, Pa.) Charles, Frances (died young), Daniel B., Henry, William K., Adelia (married Isaac Terwilliger) and Alonzo P., Elias Walker, born on the Nichols homestead July 15, 1792, died Factoryville, October 30, 1851. He operated the grist mill on Cayuta creek the most of his life. He married Mary Whittaker, born January 20, 1804, died January 15, 1890. Children: Emily (Mrs. Nelson Stewart), Mary E. (Mrs. Henry S. Davis); Horace M., William E., John W., Lewis, Sarah S. (Mrs. Adolphus G. Allen), Eliza, Julia (Mrs. Henry Walker), Amelia A. (Mrs. A. Willoughby Blakely). George Walker, Jr., born March 5, 1795, died February 14, 1837, inherited and settled on part of the Cayuta creek farm, where he became wealthy. He married Zullimma W., daughter of Major Zephon Flower, a revolutionary soldier and a surveyor at Athens for fifty years. She was born April 6, 1800, in Sheshequin, Pa., died Waverly, N. Y., September 1, 1852. Children: Glencarn, Leonora (Mrs. Joseph P.

Cox), Leander, farmer, lumberman, merchant, lives north of Waverly village on part of the old Walker homestead. He married Julia W., daughter George Hanna, whose father, John, was a revolutionary soldier and a large owner of land in Ellistown, her place of birth. Zephon F., a noted surveyor and civil engineer of this section, married Rebecca M., daughter of Amos Franklin. Her great-grandfather, Col. John Franklin, was a revolutionary patriot and captain of a company which reached Wyoming a day after the "massacre." Thaddeus S., a farmer and merchant of Waverly, married Ambrosia M., daughter of George Hanna. Helen Marion B. (Mrs. Horace Whittaker) of Waverly. George C., a merchant-broker of Detroit, Mich. Portia Z., born November 8, 1834, died Waverly, August 30, 1852.

JONATHAN HUNT, born in Boston, Mass., about 1760, came from Bedford, N. Y., to Nichols in 1797, and located one mile below the village. He was a soldier under Gen. Warren at Bunker Hill and fought during the revolution. He married Millicent Brown, and had nine children, Ebenezer, Mary, Willard, John, Adonijah, Jonathan, Irena, Seth and Harvey. He and his sons did well their part as pioneers and made great rents in the thick forests of the town, he and Jonathan, Jr., building mills on the site now occupied by Hunt's mills. He died at an old age.

EBENEZER HUNT, son of Jonathan, was born May 6, 1783, in Bedford, came to Nichols with or soon after his father, and here he was married with Mrs. Abigail (Dodd) White, daughter of Stephen Dodd, and here he made his home for life, dying in 1856. His wife survived him ten years. They had six children, Williston, Henderson, Phebe, Abigail, Eliza J., and Ebenezer. Of these two now survive, Ebenezer and Eliza J., who married a Schoonover. [The Schoonovers were early (about 1791) settlers in the town of Tioga. James Schoonover made his home where Nicholas Schoonover now resides. His descendants are quite numerous and are mostly farmers.] Ebenezer Hunt, Jr., was born March 27, 1825, in Nichols, acquired a good education in the common schools, became a farmer, for several years taught school,

and for two terms was school trustee. Mr. Hunt has been a successful farmer and a worthy citizen, and is now residing on the same ground where he was born.

STEPHEN DODD was of English descent. His parents were early settlers in New Jersey. They came to Wyoming some time after the massacre, and from there to this town, where he took up a lot of wild land. He was a farmer and had six children, Stephen, Joseph, Abigail, Phebe, Anna and Jeremiah. He was a quiet, law abiding citizen of industrious habits.

The Dunham family has been well represented in Nichols, nine brothers coming hither between 1812 and 1836, of whom five made here their permanent homes. Sylvanus Dunham, their father, born in 1754, in England, settled at East Town, Saratoga county, was a captain in the revolutionary army. Here he kept many horses, imported from England. He removed to Madison county in 1806 and owned a ferry on North river. He was at one time very wealthy, but had little at his death, September 4, 1814, at 60 years. He married Mrs. Ursula (Wright) Gilbert. They had thirteen children. The sons were Henry, Isaac, Wright, Sylvanus, Nathaniel, Ebenezer, Daily, Sidney and Nelson. Mr. Dunham was buried in the Indian Opening at Madison. Mrs. Dunham survived him, lived long in Nichols with her sons Daily and Wright, and was buried in "the Dunham burying ground." Henry Dunham married Amelia Wright and settled on Wappesening creek, on the farm his son George now occupies. Isaac Dunham, son of Sylvanus, married Sally Allerton, December 16, 1810, in Madison, N. Y., where he owned a farm until 1856, when he removed to Nichols, the last of the family to leave Madison county. He bought "the old Major Platt farm," was one of the most prosperous men in the Susquehanna valley, and died in 1869. His children were Sarah Ann, married William M. Davis, and lives in Ann Arbor, Mich.; Emily, married Daniel F. Kellard, and lives in Chittenango, N. Y.; Henry, settled in Wisconsin, near Milwaukee; Harvey W., of Nichols; Isaac; Parmelia, married William Russell, of Windham, Pa.; David, settled in Windham; Deidamia, married

Clinton Sage, railroad contractor, and lives in Norwich, Chenango county ; Elbret (deceased), settled in Lincoln, Neb.

SYLVANUS DUNHAM, son of Sylvanus and Ursula Dunham, had children Mary E., Henry, Fred, Susie E., Charles S. and Frances E. Charles Sumner Dunham was born in Nichols, October 12, 1846, and was married to Melissa, daughter of Amos and Lucinda (Smith) Lane, on July 8, 1866. They have had two children, Frank F., born April 15, 1869, and Fred S. Dunham, born November 16, 1871, who was educated in the common schools. He was married with Kate, daughter of John and Jane (Pearl) Smith, October 26, 1893. They have two children, Smith F., born October 10, 1894, and George P., born July 10, 1896. Mr. Dunham from the time he was nineteen years old has been engaged in farming. In February, 1895, he was elected tax collector of the town, which position he continues to hold. John Smith, son of Samuel and Fanny (Knapp) Smith, was born in 1797. His children were Lucinda, Cornelia, Fanny, George (deceased), Adaline (deceased), Charles, Almira, Emily, John, Joseph, Ann and Harvey R. Smith. Lucinda was married with Amos Lane on January 18, 1832. They had seven children, Amanda, George, Emeline (deceased), Melinda (deceased), Warren, Melissa and Anna.

GEORGE KIRBY came to Nichols from Great Barrington, Mass., in 1814, and from that time the family has been prominently connected with the town, and filled a large place in its history. George, a shoemaker, early built a tannery and later a shoe manufactory, built the first steam mill of Nichols, and was busy in other ways. Allen B. Kirby, the present popular agent of the D., L. & W. at Nichols, was born here on April 10, 1857, and was educated at the village schools and academy. From 1872 until 1882 he was a clerk and bookkeeper, and then was made the station agent. Fifteen years of faithful service attest to his ability. On April 7, 1881, he was married with Margaret, daughter of H. C. Clapp. Mr. Kirby is also a dealer in salt, lime, cement, plaster, and brick, besides being a real estate operator in Nichols and Buffalo. He has been

a "mason" since 1887, when he joined Westbrook lodge, was its master in 1891, 1892, 1896 and 1897. He is a member of New Jerusalem chapter, Royal arch Masons, of Owego.

STEPHEN MOREY, son of Joseph and Sarah (Sutherland) Morey, was born November 10, 1806, at Duane, Schoharie county, and on February 4, 1834, was married with Frances, daughter of James and Amelia (Laning) Howell. Their only child, James H. Morey, was born August 4, 1835. He married Prudence, daughter of Platt and Sarah (Laning) Lounsberry, and had three children, George, born November 15, 1858, died February 10, 1859; Freddie, born July 25, 1860, died February 28, 1861; Fred H., born November 10, 1863, died October 17, 1881. Stephen Morey died May 30, 1894. His wife died May 2, 1895. James H. Morey was born in Nichols, but when ten years old went to Windham township in Bradford county, Pa., where he resided until 1895, when he moved to his present home at Lounsberry.

CHARLES P. LANING, son of John W., was born in Nichols on April 25, 1827. He has always resided in the town and been a carpenter and builder. He has been a justice of the peace for eight years, and supervisor of Nichols since 1890. He married Margaret Wheelhouse, and has one child, Caroline J.

SIDNEY H. LATHAM was born June 19, 1843, in Plainfield, Mass. He enlisted in Co. G., 49th Mass., September 1, 1862, and served one year. In 1866 he came to Nichols and engaged in mercandising with Mr. Eben Dunham for six years. In 1873 he bought an interest in the drug business and was in partnership with his father-in-law, Henry Cady, and is now in the business. He has been school trustee since 1884; was president of the board in 1893 and now holds that position. He is also trustee of the Presbyterian church, is one of the elders of the church and was superintendent of the Sunday school eighteen years.

OLIVER A. BARSTOW, son of Dr. Samuel and Lavina (Wilcox) Barstow, was born in Great Barrington, Mass., November 30,

1809. He came to Nichols in 1825 when a boy to live with his uncle, Dr. Gamaliel Barstow. In 1835 he married Frances, daughter of Edmund and Rachel (Coryell) Palmer and lived at Nichols, where he was engaged in merchandising and lumbering. He was one of the prominent men, was in the assembly two terms, justice of the peace for many years and also supervisor.

JOHN YEARSLEY, son of William, was born March 16, 1824, in Watervliet, N. Y., where he gained a common school education and engaged in farming which vocation he has since followed. On December 14, 1854, he was married with Mary A., daughter of Philip and Mary (Saddlemire) Groat. Their children are Mary L. (Mrs. Frank McNeil), William P., Aaron, Frank, Fred and Ella M. William P. Yearsley was born in Apalachin, this county, on June 26, 1858. After receiving a common school education, he secured employment with Col. B. F. Tracy of Owego and was for seven years connected with the care, management and training of his blooded horses. He then worked for one year on the stock farm of Henry Jewett in East Aurora, when he became superintendent of Gerhard Lang's stock farm near Buffalo, N. Y., for about four years. The health of both himself and wife becoming poor they returned to Apalachin, where Mr. Yearsley engaged in training trotting horses. After "handling" five trotters, he sold them and purchased the American House at Nichols and is now its proprietor. He was married with Mary, daughter of William and Sarah (Bates) Glaim, at Apalachin, in May, 1883. Mr. Yearsley is a popular and successful landlord, sometimes trades in horses, and has an extensive and pleasant acquaintance.

JOHN BARR, son of George and Mary (Eicher) Barr, was born January 1, 1823, in Bion, Germany. He came to America in 1844, and worked as a laborer in Syracuse, N. Y., for four years. In 1849 he came to the town of Barton and bought ten acres of land which he worked for some years. In 1868 he came to Washburn Hill (now called Mt. Pleasant) where he purchased a farm and has resided since following farming as his business. He married first, in June 1846, Mary Tay, by whom he had nine children, Barbara, John, George, Hattie, Della, Emma, Frank, Lawrence, and Kate.

Mrs. Mary Barr died on Easter Sunday, 1883. Mr. Barr married, second, Carrie, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Measer) Riddell, who was born September 14, 1842. They have no children.

WARREN A. SMITH, son of Samuel D. and Fannie (Knapp) Smith, was born February 18, 1862, in the town of Tioga. When eight years old he came with his father to Nichols where he attended the common school until eighteen years old, and then enjoyed the educational advantages of the academies at Owego and Waverly, until he was twenty-one years old. From that time for several years he conducted farming for his father, who was an invalid. He then purchased the Henry Kirby farm on the river road, and is still in possession of it. Mr. Smith was elected justice of the peace in 1884 and served eight years. At the time of his first election, the republican party had 250 majority in the town, and his election on the democratic ticket demonstrates his popularity. When he was again elected in February 1896 he was the republican candidate. Mr. Smith was deputy-postmaster of Nichols during President Cleveland's first term of office, from 1888 to 1892. In 1892 he was the democratic candidate for road commissioner and although confined at the time to his house by sickness only lacked three votes of an election. He is a lover of good horses and is oftentimes called "Jockey Smith." A friend says: "He makes a trade when he can, but is not like most jockeys. He will not 'beat' a man unless he comes to 'beat' him."

SAMUEL D. SMITH, son of Richard and Catharine (Decker) Smith, was born in 1819 in the town of Tioga, but resided from early childhood in Nichols. He was a lumberman and farmer, and owned the land at Lounsberry, formerly Canfield Corners, previously the property of Ezra Canfield, who built the brick house, so long occupied by Mr. Smith. In 1865 he was president of the Tioga county agricultural society.

NOAH WASHBURN, son of Henry and Sarah (Schoonover) Washburn, was born November 16, 1804, in New Jersey. He was married with Elizabeth, daughter of George Hadlock, and they had eight children, Mira, John, Charlotte, Phebe A., C. Edward, Rachel

S., George H., and Lucy. Rachel S. Woodard was born March 4, 1846, in the town of Nichols and was married with Delbert, son of Thaddeus Woodard, May 27, 1891. They have an adopted son, Harry Newman. Mr. Woodard was born March 15, 1866, in Waverly, and was educated in the common schools of Chemung. He has made farming his life business, with the exception of four years when he worked in Rochester as a moulder. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard now live on the old homestead on Washburn Hill, now called Mt. Pleasant.

JOHN H. WASHBURN, son of Nicholas and Mercy (Hoover) Washburn, was born on May 14, 1842, on Washburn Hill in Nichols. After gaining a common school education, on December 23, 1863, he enlisted in the union army, serving eighteen months. Since returning to civil life Mr. Washburn has been a farmer on the old homestead, never marrying, but devoting his time to the keeping up of the old farm and to the quiet duties of a good citizen.

WILLIAM WASHBURN, son of Nicholas and Mercy (Hoover) Washburn, was born December 9, 1846, in Nichols, where he attended the common schools and gained a common school education. He then enlisted in the late war in Co. B., 64th N. Y. Vols., on August 1864. He was discharged in June, 1865, and after returning to civil life engaged in farming. He married Sarah, daughter of Cornwell and Rachel (Washburn) Ellis, May 10, 1868. She died May 14, 1887. They had three children, Franklin J., born August 19, 1874 ; Winnie, born July 4, 1877 ; Bertha M., born July 7, 1880, (all living). Mr. Washburn has always resided in the town of Nichols, and his grandfather was one of the first settlers. His home is on a part of the old homestead on Washburn Hill.

JOSEPH LANE, son of Peter and Elizabeth Lane, was born November 9, 1808. He married, first, Eliza Cary, who died in 1838 ; for his second wife he married Susan Lane, by whom he had three children, David, Joseph, and Estella, the last two dying in early childhood. David Lane, son of Joseph, was born November 2, 1845, in Shendaken, Pa., and after his father's death he came to Nichols and lived with his uncle, Ezra Reed. Here he was edu-

cated in the common schools and brought up a farmer. When the civil war broke out, and while under sixteen years of age, he enlisted on October 5, 1861, in Co. G., 5th N. Y. Cav., and had a long and faithful service until he was discharged on July 20, 1865. He received one wound. Mr. Lane was married on March 30, 1866, with Sarah E. Ferris, by whom he had one son, Bert, born February 18, 1867. (Her grandfather, Peleg Berry, was a soldier of the revolution.) Horace Ferris married Amanda Spicer on October 31, 1841. His son, Stanley Ferris, born July 10, 1843, died October 7, 1876. (A local bard preserves the memory of the event in several stanzas, which we have not space to give.) Sarah E. Ferris was born September 4, 1845; Melissa E. Ferris was born March 8, 1848; Phebe A. Ferris was born February 3, 1852; Harry Ferris (adopted son) was born July 10, 1870. Horace Ferris, died in April, 1891, aged 80 years. Stanley Ferris died October 17, 1876. Phebe Ferris died October 8, 1852.

THOMAS H. WATERMAN, son of Hiram and Rachel A. (Decker) Waterman, was born July 6, 1850, in Nichols, where he was educated in the common schools. When sixteen years old he engaged in farming, which vocation he followed until 1888, when he became sexton of the Nichols cemetery. He has held this position since, and the fine appearance and artistic arrangement of the grounds under his care show that no better qualified person could be found for the purpose. He was married with Frances E., daughter of William and Martha L., (Torrey) Shaw, on October 4, 1877. They have an adopted son, Ora Henry Longcoy, born March 12, 1875. Mrs. Waterman was born August 9, 1849, in Orange county, at the ancestral home and in the same house where her grandfather, her father and all of her uncles and aunts were born.

ELLIS H. KEENER, son of Daniel and Celinda (Stone) Keener, was born April 24, 1844, in the town of Tioga, and was married with Betsey J., daughter of Horace and Mary (Waterman) Cole in 1873. They have five children, Cora, (Mrs. Charles Burgess) born December 7, 1875, Daniel, born July 28, 1879, Susie, born March

7, 1882, Harvey, born September 3, 1884, and Nathan, born February 2, 1887. Mr. Keener enlisted in Co. B., 85th New York Engineers in August, 1861, transferred later to Co. K., 50th New York Engineers, and served until honorably discharged December 30, 1863. Re-enlisting on the same day, he was discharged the second time in June, 1865. Mr. Keener learned the painter's trade of Charles Warnick, and worked for him for three years, with the painter's trade he has adopted carpentry and is a jobber. He purchased a lot on Sanket Creek and built him a pleasant home, where he now resides. Daniel Keener, son of Michael and Rachel (White) Keener, was married about 1838, and had three children, Charles, Ellis H., and Susan. Charles enlisted with his father in Co. B., 107 New York Regiment, in the civil war, and was killed at Allatoona, Ga. Daniel, his father, served until the close of the war, and was discharged in June, 1865. Thus the father and his two sons at the same time wore the soldier's honored badge. Susan married William Lutz and subsequently moved to Ohio.

OLIVER PEARL, of English descent, came from Hartford, Conn., and settled at Briggs Hollow about 1817. His children were Daniel, Walter, Cyril, Oliver, Mrs. Mercy Fuller and Mrs. Hannah Baker. Cyril Pearl married Rosanna Farmer. Of their children these attained mature life: Walter H., Loring C., John F., Austin, Thomas F., Rosanna J. Walter H. Pearl married Catharine Rapplegee. They had seven children: Cyril, Emma J., George, Myron W., Marcella, Mary M. and Hattie, who died in the war time. Jeremiah Rapplegee came from the valley of the Hudson to Nichols in 1833. He was probably of Huguenot extraction. He married Sally Styles and had three children, Catharine, William (died in Geneva in 1853) and Harriet.

DR. GEORGE PARSONS CADY was born January 1, 1834, at Windsor, on top of the Berkshire Hills, in Massachusetts. His father, William Cady, and mother, Junia Parsons, were of pure Puritan blood, and each a grandchild of a revolutionary soldier. Dr. Cady commenced his higher education for the ministry at Hinsdale, Mass., but before he had finished his course over-study brought

on illness, from which he never fully recovered. When his health improved he visited his uncle, Dr. George M. Cady, at Nichols, and took up the study of medicine. He graduated as M. D. November 1, 1855, at the Berkshire, Mass., medical college, with high honors. He entered into partnership with his uncle at Nichols and remained with him till nearly the time of the death of Dr. George M. Cady. Dr. George P. Cady was eligible to the society of the Sons of the Revolution, as his great-grandfathers, Eleazer Cady, Jonathan Marsh and Joseph Parsons, were each in the revolutionary war, Mr. Parsons answering to the alarm call of Paul Revere at Lexington. November 18, 1856, Dr. Cady married Susan, daughter of Nehemiah Platt, one of the most prominent residents of Nichols, and began medical practice, in which he continued until his death, May, 19, 1891. He became one of the best known and most skillful practitioners in southern New York, his practice also extending far into Pennsylvania. Twenty-seven of his medical students have become graduates and some occupy high places. A staunch republican and enterprising, he did much for the town and county. He was long years a trustee of the Nichols union school, an honored member and long time treasurer of Westbrook Masonic lodge, of Nichols, and a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church of Nichols. He was for two years president of the Tioga county medical society, twice a delegate to the American Medical association, and twice to the State Medical association. He was also United States pension examiner and for years a coroner of this county.

DR. GEORGE MARVIN CADY, son of Dr. George P. and Susan (Platt) Cady, was born September 23, 1865, in Nichols. He attended the common schools of Nichols, continued his education at Binghamton and Owego, and, when seventeen years old, entered the University of New York, where he was graduated March 7, 1887. He attended lectures and clinics at Bellevue hospital and others of New York city for about eighteen months, and returned to Nichols and permanently located for medical practice, first in 1887 as partner with his father until his death, since which time he has been alone. Dr. Cady was married April 20, 1887, with Miss

Fronie Harris, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Corsey) Harris. One child, Junia, was born to them July 27, 1890, which died June 21, 1891. Dr. Cady was postmaster under President Harrison and was president of the Tioga county medical society in 1894 and 1895. A staunch republican, he is county committeeman. In 1894 and 1895 he held the office of school trustee.

DR. JOHN EVERITT, born in Sharon, Litchfield county, Conn., was educated in the schools of his birthplace and taught school for some years. Not being satisfied with the education he had acquired he took a medical course in the New Haven medical college where he graduated. He then came to Nichols and entered medical practice with Dr. Barstow. In 1818 he married Sally, daughter of Emanuel Coryell. They had eight children, of whom Elmore Everitt was born October 5, 1823, and married Alice, the widow of James O. Sherwood, for his second wife. His first wife was Myra A. Johnson, by whom there are two children.

WALTER C. EVERITT, M. D., son of Elmore and Myra A. (Johnson) Everitt, was born in Nichols, June 27, 1871. After a preliminary education he attended the University of New York and was graduated from the medical department May 1, 1894. He is now in a successful practice at his birth place. He married February 20, 1895, Lizzie V., daughter of Oliver P. Harris.

DR. EDWARD EVERETT PEASE, son of Levi and Betsey (McCarthy) Pease, was born October 24, 1852, in Windham, Bradford county, Pa. He attended the common schools of his birthplace and a select school in Rome, Pa. When sixteen years old he began his medical education in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated in March, 1873. After practicing medicine for a time in Liverpool, Fulton county, Illinois, he located at Smithboro, and in 1874 formed a partnership with Dr. George P. Cady in Nichols, which continued until in 1882 they dissolved partnership. Dr. Pease is now one of Tioga's veteran physicians. He has practiced medicine in Nichols twenty-three years, has been vice-president of the Tioga county medical society, and was

coroner of the county in 1888, and is at present pension examiner. Dr. Pease was married October 24, 1876 to Laura Elsbree, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Burgess) Elsbree.

TOWN OF BERKSHIRE.

JAMES DAVIDGE,* superintendent of the Berkshire tannery, of the United States Leather Company, was born October 18, 1840, at Liberty, Sullivan county, N. Y. 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 & Co., and purchased the tannery owned by T. C. Bidwell & Co., 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, W. Va., 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.

DR. RALPH D. EASTMAN was born in Cortland county, August 3, 1849. His father was George W. Eastman, and his mother, Nancy W. Atwater, was a descendant of David Atwater, one of the original planters of New Haven, Conn. The mother of George W.

* Printed also in Newark Valley by mistake.

Eastman, Sally Webster, was a cousin of Daniel Webster. Dr. Eastman received his preliminary education at Berkshire and Owego, and he taught school nine years, principally in Chemung county, this state. He was then employed by the state board of regents as an instructor. In the spring of 1878 he came to Berkshire, having just completed the course of study in the medical department of the university of Buffalo, and received his diploma. In June of the same year he married Helen Stark, of Penn Yan, who died exactly one year later. Dr. Eastman was married the second time with Kate S. VanDuzer, of Horseheads. She is a daughter of the late William Henry and Susan (Sayre) VanDuzer of that town. Dr. Eastman was appointed United States examining surgeon during Harrison's administration, and is now secretary of the medical society of Tioga county, and has previously served the society as president. He is a member of the Congregational church of Berkshire. Dr. Eastman is a progressive citizen and occupies a handsome home on the principal street in the village.

MARCUS J. FORD was born in the town of Berkshire September 29, 1839. His father Lebbeus Ford came to Berkshire from Massachusetts when he was 16 years old, at that time the present towns of Berkshire, Richford and Newark Valley were all Berkshire. Lebbeus Ford and his brother Marcus were the first blacksmiths in the town. Marcus Ford, son of Lebbeus, was one of four children, two of whom are still living, Mrs. Ira Crawford and William W. Ford who lives on the old homestead. Marcus J. Ford and Sarah E. Townley were married January 17, 1866, at New Providence, N. J., her home, and came to Berkshire to live; they have 10 children. Floride M., married Everett Winfield and lives at South Owego. Ford is unmarried and lives away from home. Lebbeus married Edith Harvey and lives on Wilson Creek. Lena married Lee Lockwood and Harriet married Daniel Scudder, Eliza married Ralph W. Leonard, all live in Berkshire, the rest are at home. The family attend the Methodist church. Mr. Ford is a staunch democrat and his wife a strong temperance woman, a member of the W. C. T. U.

JOHN REWEY FORD, whose mother's father was one of the first settlers in Berkshire, is the son of Alfred Hyde and Eunice Rewey Ford, and was born August 25, 1840. He received his education at the Berkshire school. February 8, 1871, he married Margaret Shaff, daughter of Joseph and Ann Haselden Ford. One son was born to them, Alfred Hyde Ford, born October 18, 1875. He married Kate Stewart of Richford, November 18, 1844, and has taken his father's place on the farm in the town of Berkshire the same as John Ford succeeded his father. The subject of this sketch now lives pleasantly in the village of Berkshire. He was postmaster of that village during President Cleveland's first administration. Mr. Ford though retired from active farm work is still greatly interested in the tilling of the soil and is an active member and director of the Northern Tioga agricultural society. He is a member of the Methodist church, the improved order of Red Men and numerous other societies.

CHARLES JOHNSON DEWEY, son of Ezekiel and Lucy Johnson Dewey, was born May 10, 1825, in the town of Richford. In 1834 the family moved to Lisle, Broome county, where Ezekiel Dewey conducted a hotel for three years. At the end of that period the family returned to Richford and remained there three years, moving then to Berkshire where Mr. Dewey has since resided. He received his education in the schools of Berkshire and Newark Valley, and, on October 22, 1855, he married Mrs. Lucinda C. Cargill, of Lee, Mass. Three children were born to them ; Clara, born July 29, 1857, married January 9, 1879 with Eugene Lynch of Berkshire ; Flora Lucy, born July 27, 1861, and was married on October 22, 1884 with Alexander Manning of South Owego ; Dwight W., born February 25, 1863, and on June 25, 1890 married with Jessie Taylor of Berkshire. Mrs. Dewey's maiden name was Warren. She married John Cargill on November 21, 1852. He died October 9, 1854. Their only child, Olive M., died in her fifth year. Mr. Dewey was a justice of the peace for the town of Berkshire for twelve years and has at different times been town clerk and overseer of the poor. He is a member of the Methodist church, also trustee.

JUNIUS COLLINS was born June 12, 1826 in Hartford, Cortland county, N. Y. His father, Horatio Collins, was born July 2, 1799, and died June 28, 1867. His wife, Emily (Ball) Collins, was born August 12, 1804, and died May 14, 1873. Horatio Collins moved to Berkshire in 1806, and his son Junius has lived all of his life in that town except four years when he was employed as a clerk in Canandaigua. His education was acquired in the schools of Berkshire and at select schools at Lenox, Mass., and at the academy at Homer, N. Y. When his education, which was very liberal for those days, and has since been augmented by careful reading and diligent study, was completed, Mr. Collins came to Berkshire and assisted his father in the management of his large farm. It was at the age of twenty-one that Mr. Collins went to Canandaigua, and, returning from that place, he again took up the work of the farm and remained with his father until the latter's death. Mr. Collins was married on September 20, 1860, at Newark Valley with Helen Augusta, daughter of Lawyer and Savilla (Woodford) Byington. Mrs. Collins was born at Bristol, Hartford county, Conn., October 16, 1827. Her mother, aged 91 years, is now living at Newark Valley. Her father died in 1856. Mr. Collins is a member of and a trustee of the First Congregational church of Berkshire. He is a justice of the peace and has held that office for the past twenty-five years, giving universal satisfaction as a regulator of matters of difference between parties and for the good order of the business interests in the town. Several years ago Mr. Collins relinquished active farming and now occupies a pleasant home in the village of Berkshire.

CHARLES TALCOTT LEONARD is a grandson of Asa Leonard, who was among the first settlers in Berkshire, and son of Louis G. and Hannah (Royce) Leonard. His father, Louis Gigget Leonard, was born in West Stockbridge, Mass., in 1796, and came to Berkshire when a very young lad. He married Hannah Royce in Berkshire on February 28, 1821. She died in New Haven, Conn., April 14, 1889, aged 90. Mr. Leonard died November 1, 1830, aged 36. Their second son, Julius Yale Leonard, born in June, 1827, married in June, 1857, devoted twenty years of his life to services as missionary



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of the A. B. C. F. M., in Asiatic Turkey. He returned to the United States with greatly impaired health and died at Clifton Springs, N. Y., October 29, 1894. Harriet Sabrina Leonard, a daughter born November 1, 1830, married Ruel P. Cowles, of New Haven, Conn., in September, 1855, and is still living. Charles Talcott Leonard was born January 21, 1825, within half a mile of his present home, just outside the village of Berkshire. December 17, 1874, he married Mrs. Adelia (Miller) Watrous of Berkshire. One son was born to them, Theodore Miller Leonard, born December 22, 1876, now a student of Oberlin university. Mrs. Leonard's daughter, Hattie Watrous, is a teacher at White Plains, N. Y. Mr. Leonard is a member of the Congregational church of Berkshire, in which he is at present a deacon, and in which he was for years a trustee. He has passed his entire life in the town of Berkshire, managing the large farm where he is peacefully passing the latter days of an useful and well-spent life.

FREDERIC WILLIS WITTER, son of Asa and Delia (Torrey) Witter, was born in Richford, October 19, 1861. He was educated in Richford, and, in 1881, moved to Berkshire, where he learned the trade of a tinner, afterward going to South Dakota. He soon returned, and, with his brother, Frank, purchased a hardware store in the village, where he has since been located. February 18, 1884, he married Flora, daughter of Grant W. Barnes, of Richford. They have one daughter, Mildred D., born February 26, 1885, and now living at home. Mr. Witter is a member of Newark Valley lodge, No. 614, F. & A. M. In politics he is a republican and was town clerk of Berkshire for six years.

ROBERT CHARLES BROWN was born September 30, 1841, near his present home just outside the village of Berkshire. His father was Charles Brown, who married Eliza M. Ball, of Berkshire. Isaac Brown, a great uncle, and Daniel Ball were the first two settlers in Berkshire. Isaac Brown was the first person buried in the cemetery in Berkshire, his death having occurred in 1797. On the same day, Joseph Waldo and Mr. Brown's grandfather each built a frame house, the first to be erected in the town. Mr. Brown has

resided in Berkshire all his life. On January 5, 1865, he married Louise S. Cross, daughter of William Cross, of Richford. Five children were born to them : Josephine Anne, born December 14, 1866 ; Julia Louise, born March 27, 1870, married Orson E. Rockwell in June, 1889, and has two children (Clara Louise and Edith Lucile); Lucile, born December 25, 1871 ; Charles Henry, October 12, 1874 ; George, December 29, 1879 ; all living. Mr. Brown is a member of the Congregational church. He was a few years ago elected tax collector on the democratic ticket (the town being almost unanimously republican) by a large plurality.

IRA CRAWFORD came to Berkshire from Ithaca, N. Y., in 1840. He was born in the latter place March 22, 1821. His entire life, since leaving Ithaca, has been spent in Berkshire. He was the blacksmith in the village until 1859, then engaged in lumbering and in farming. He has conducted the Crawford House since 1870 and also managed a large farm just outside the village. Mr. Crawford has been an industrious man and is now reaping the fruits of his labors. He was married in 1844 with Julia A. Rightmire, who died April 1, 1879. Mr. Crawford was married, the second time, to Harriet H. Ford, on October 22, 1879. Of the eight children of the first marriage four are now living : Eugene, of Freeville ; Ira O. and Mrs. Abbey Gay, of Berkshire, and James H., of Newark, N. J. Mr. Crawford is a member of Newark Valley lodge, No. 614, F. & A. M., and was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows before the local lodge disbanded.

JAMES W. SHERMAN was born in Middlefield, Otsego county, and came to the town of Berkshire, locating at Wilson creek, thirty-two years ago, and has resided there ever since. He married Elizabeth Hardy, who came from England. Two boys and two girls were born to them : Sarah, married George Lane, of Candor ; Anna, who lives at home ; Edward, married Elizabeth Clark, and lives in the town of Berkshire, and Hiram, who also lives in the town of Berkshire.

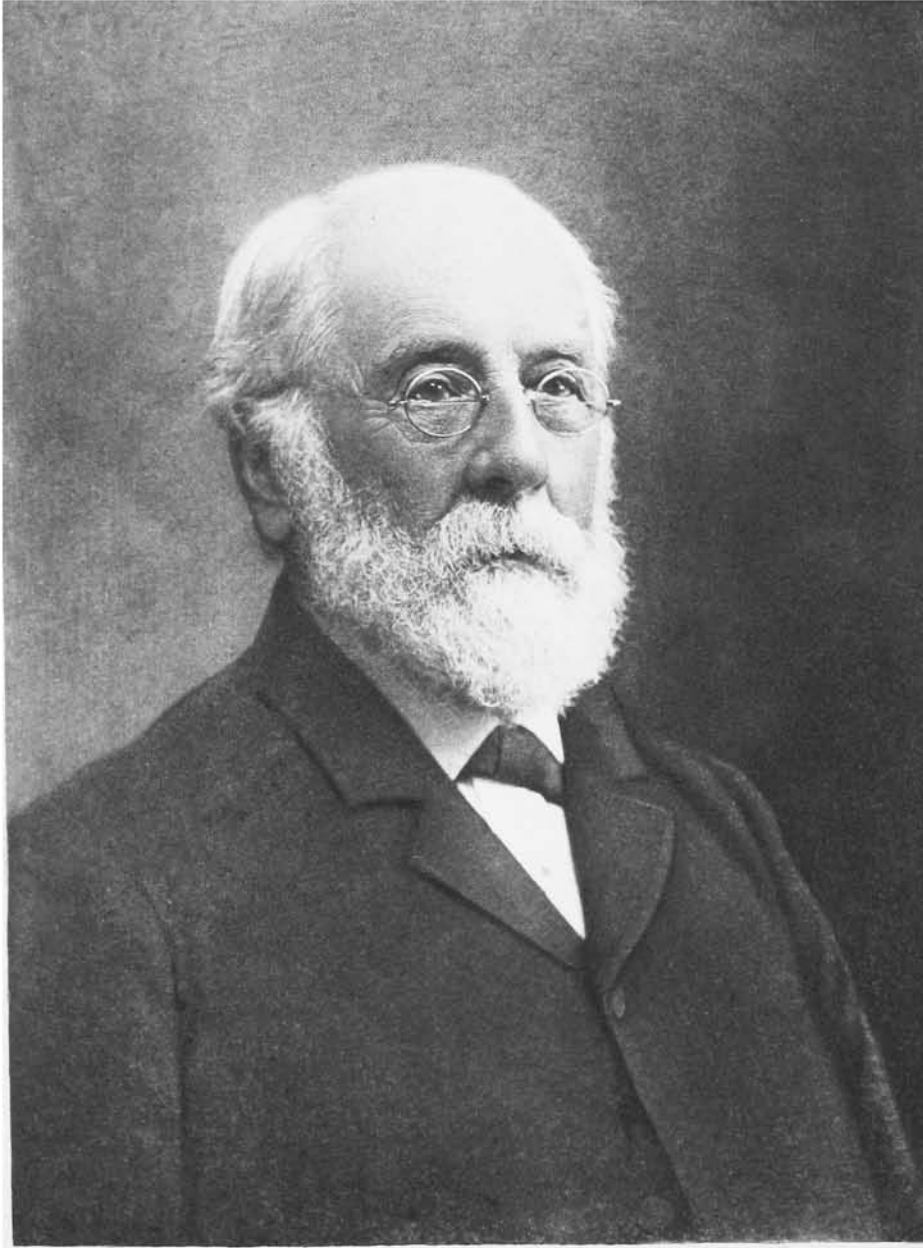
WILLIAM P. RIGHTMIRE, son of Squire and Perciss J. (Raymond) Rightmire, was born in the town of Berkshire, October 9, 1838.

He was educated in the Berkshire school, and February 12, 1862, married Mary L., daughter of Beriah Bishop, of Binghamton, Broome county. The children born to them were Louise Jeanette, born January 23, 1863, married in 1893, to Homer Spoon, of Binghamton; Marian Avaleen, born June 24, 1864, died May 1, 1885; Eugene S., born March 9, 1867, married Julia Monell, of Newark Valley, and has two children (Floyd, aged ten years, and May, aged eight years); Ralph Dewitt, born July 24, 1881; Daisy Elizabeth, born July 2, 1884. Mr. Rightmire has been superintendent of the United States Leather company's tannery at Berkshire for twenty-three years. He is a republican in politics, and, while he has never held office, his influence has always been manifested on election day. Mr. Rightmire is a member of Newark Valley lodge, 263, F. & A. M., and also of the Congregational church of Berkshire.

CHARLES HENRY DORWIN, was born April 20, 1842, in Cleveland, Ohio. His father, Orrin (Gunson) Dorwin, married Arrilla Betsey Cook (now living), grand-daughter of Ashael Royce, one of the earliest settlers in Berkshire. Mr. Dorwin was educated in the Brookside boarding school at Berkshire, and a private school in Chicago. He enlisted November 21, 1862 at Union Point, Col., in the third Colorado infantry, which was mounted at Benton barracks, Mo., and designated 2d Colorado Cavalry, and at the close of his service, on July 14, 1865, was discharged at Milwaukee, Wis. In 1881 he became cashier and bookkeeper at the Davidge, Horton & Co. tannery in Berkshire, now the United States Leather Co., a position which he still fills. Mr. Dorwin was married April 23, 1879, with Ellen Merrell of Massachusetts. Three children were born to them: Ralph, June 9, 1880; Amy, January 24, 1883; Philip, October 22, 1885; all now living at home.

TOWN OF RICHFORD.

ELIJAH POWELL, M. D., one of the most noted early physicians of Tioga county, and one of its best educated and influential citizens, was born at Pharsalia, Chenango county, October 3, 1800. After he was graduated from Hamilton college, he studied medicine and surgery and in 1823 established his residence and practice in Richford. His tireless devotion to his patients and his skillful treatment of recondite cases soon gave him eminence in his profession, and he successfully maintained a high reputation and a large practice for nearly half-a-century. He married first, Lydia Wells, who died childless. His second wife was Jane Anderson, who survived him, dying February 4, 1884. Their children were: Elizabeth J. (Mrs. C. D. Rich), born December 12, 1834; Captain William H., born October 14, 1836; Lydia E., born September 8, 1838, married, first, James Pumpelly Lovejoy, Esq., of Owego. Their surviving children are Lydia Mary and Anna Frederica, wife of Robert W. Eastman, M. D., of New York city. (Mrs. Lovejoy married, second, her present husband, Mr. Silas Fordham); Helen Louise, born March 29, 1840, married Rev. J. S. Hanna of Chicago, Ill., and died April 1, 1890; Mary A. (Mrs. Junius Rogers), born February 7, 1842, now resides in Groton, N. Y.; Lieutenant Sanford M. (deceased); Susan C. (deceased). Dr. Powell took active interest in public affairs and especially in education throughout his life. In 1844 he was elected the first county superintendent of schools of this county and in 1854 was elected county commissioner of schools. While holding these offices, eight years, he made his home in Owego, removing to Richford again at the close of his official life. He largely aided the development of the village of Richford, and erected some of its finest business blocks and residences. With strong convictions of his own he was tolerant of those of others and he numbered the leading citizens of the county among his personal friends. His nature was kind and sympathetic, his generosity broad and unsectarian and his actions were ever dominated by unswerving christian principle.



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Although peculiarly modest and unassuming, the influence of his life and character was far-reaching for good. His death occurred January 12, 1876, and the funeral services were impressively conducted by the Masonic fraternity, of which he had been a "worthy brother" for many years.

CHAUNCEY LEROY RICH, son of Ezekiel and Caroline (Slosson) Rich, was born in the town of Newark Valley, January 29, 1815. His family moved to Richford in April, 1821, the town taking its name from his father. He was educated at Richford, and later employed as clerk in the store of J. W. Robbins, formerly of Lenox, Mass. In 1845 he purchased the store, and in connection with his business he associated himself with every public and private enterprise that was for the welfare of his town. He was postmaster nearly twenty years, serving in that capacity through both democratic and republican administrations. He was elected supervisor of his town several times. In 1868 and 1869 he took a very active part in the construction of the Southern Central railroad and devoted the greater part of his time to that enterprise. In 1872 he left the mercantile business and became treasurer of the Southern Central railroad and continued in that position for sixteen years, until the road was leased by the Lehigh Valley company. Mr. Rich was again appointed postmaster at Richford by President Cleveland and held office until August, 1897. Mr. Rich was first married July 4, 1836, with Eunice Deming of Great Barrington, Mass., a daughter of Abram and Lovisa Deming, later residents of Richford. Three children were born to them: Chauncey Deming Rich, now living in Auburn this state; George Leroy Rich and Edward Harris Rich, both now bankers of Fort Dodge, Iowa. Mrs. Rich died December 27, 1866. Mr. Rich was married the second time June 6, 1868, with Jane Morenus, daughter of John and Winifred Morenus of Richford, where she was born in 1851. Four children were born to them: Frederic Lee, born March 1, 1869, died August 1, 1883; Frances Augusta, born August 7, 1872, married June 3, 1896, with Joseph Leonard McEntee of Albany, N. Y.; Winifred, born February 23, 1879, at present attending

school in Auburn ; Lucile Frederika, born March 12, 1889. Mr. Rich owns much real estate in the village of Richford and lives in a pretty home in the central portion.

CALVIN J. ROBINSON, son of Zelotus and Abigail (Sawyer) Robinson, was born November 14, 1819, at Jenksville, Tioga county, N. Y. He was educated in the common schools. When seventeen years old he entered the law office of Sweet & Davis, in Owego, and was with them two years, and then returned to carry on farming with his father a few years. He was commissioned by Governor Marcy in 1838 second lieutenant in the Owego company of the state militia. In 1847 he married Amanda Moore. They had twelve children, five of the boys and one girl now living. In 1847 also he settled in Richford, and a few years later was elected justice of the peace, and held the office a second time, and at the expiration thereof he commenced practicing law. He has since followed that business, and has tried one side of nearly every suit that has been tried in town during four decades, besides acting as attorney in suits tried in each of the adjoining counties, and has held the office of notary public continuously since 1858. He has also kept a hardware store and engaged in farming and wool-growing. Politically he was a whig, but at the close of that following he became identified with the democrats. His wife is a near kin of Dr. Eliphalet Nott, the late distinguished president of Union college, and also of the former prominent U. S. senator, Lyman Trumbull recently deceased.

GRANT W. BARNES, son of Guy C. and Mary (Nichols) Barnes, was born in Virgil, N. Y., November 4, 1824, and when thirteen years old he was crippled for life by having a leg cut off by a threshing machine. He came to Richford January 21, 1841, where he was a clerk for two years in the hotel kept by his brother, Miles R. Barnes. Samuel Cobb then purchased the hotel and Grant clerked for him a few years and also learned the harness-makers' trade. In 1846 he married Betsey Brown, who died in 1854. In 1856 he married Mary, daughter of Julius Smith, and has two children, Arba P. and Flora B., wife of Frederick Witter. Since 1856 Mr. Barnes has been manufacturing harness in Richford and

probably has been in that business for a longer term of years than any other man in the United States. He was county superintendent of the poor nine years, town clerk several years, and while in this office, in 1855, had the first republican tickets of the town printed. He was the "father" of the republican party in Richford.

HOTCHKISS S. FINCH, son of Elam and Hannah (Reynolds) Finch was born May 12, 1831, at Windham, Greene county, N. Y. Ten years later the family moved to Tioga county. Mr. Finch lived on a farm three miles north of Richford until 1863, and then moved to Lisle, Broome county, N. Y., and engaged in the milling and lumber business. In 1866 he returned to Richford and has been there ever since. In 1869 he built a steam saw mill in connection with his nephew, Clarence W. Finch, and continues its operation at the present time. In 1875 he engaged in the mercantile business also and has continued a merchant almost continuously since. In 1873 Mr. Finch was elected supervisor for the town of Richford on the republican ticket and served eleven years. It is a fact that during his continuance in that office the taxes were lower than ever before. Mr. Finch has been for years prominently identified with his political party, and was appointed by Governor Black in February, 1897, one of the managers of the Soldiers and Sailors Home, and is now in office. He is a member and has been trustee and deacon of the Congregational church of Richford. March 2, 1853, Mr. Finch married Charlotte Esther Ketchum of Lisle, Broome county, a daughter of Robert J. and Eliza Ketchum. They have one child, Charles Robert, born November 22, 1866, and who married Katie Hull of Owego in August, 1885.

GEORGE MORTIMER GEER, son of Ichabod H. and Ann Eliza (Jessup) Geer, was born in Somers, Westchester county, N. Y., June 28, 1837. Two years later the family moved to New York city and remained until 1859, when they came to Richford having previously spent two years in the town. November 23, 1870, Mr. Geer and Laura E., daughter of Ezra S. and Catherine Barden, were married. They have two children: Jessup B., born Novem-

ber 4, 1871, now living in Richford, and Catherine, born May 20, 1873, and living at home. At the outbreak of the civil war Mr. Geer was a member of the New York State Militia, 37th regiment, and went on defense duty at Fort Wadsworth. He afterwards participated in what was called the Pennsylvania invasion with his regiment. He served one year on the U. S. receiving ship, Vermont, and was detailed as clerk. He was mustered out at the end of the year and returned to Richford. Mr. Geer is now adjutant of Belden Post, G. A. R., No. 342, of Richford, and has held that office two years. Mr. Geer was elected supervisor for his town on the republican ticket for five consecutive years and in 1889 was elected sheriff of Tioga county. He is a member of Friendship lodge F. & A. M., and of the Malta Commandery of Binghamton.

HON. DANIEL P. WITTER, son of Asa and Delia (Torry) Witter, was born in Richford, July 2, 1852. He received only a common school education and has always resided on the old homestead. For several years he was president of the Richford dairymen's association, was many years a member of the Tioga county dairymen's association and is a life member of the state dairymen's association. He was twelve years a director of the Northern Tioga agricultural society and one year its president. Mr. Witter has made a scientific study of the preparation of food for cattle, has spoken before the state association several times and received numerous letters from residents of other states for information on that subject. He was elected assessor on the republican ticket in 1884, being endorsed by both democrats and prohibitionists. He was supervisor three years and a most useful and influential member of that body. He was nominated for member of assembly in 1895 by acclamation and at the polls received 2,004 majority. He served on the legislative committees of excise, insurance and internal affairs. He was nominated for the same office in 1896 by acclamation and at election received 2,062 majority. In 1897 he served on the committee on excise and was chairman of the committee of internal affairs. March 1st, 1876 Mr. Witter married Sarah, daughter of W. F. Belden. They have two chil-

dren, Grace and DeBert. The family are all members of the Congregational church. Mr. Witter was for twelve years superintendent of its Sunday school and Mrs. Witter has been teacher of the primary department fourteen years. She has also been prominent in W. C. T. U. work in both town and county.

ASA WITTER, son of Daniel P. was born in 1798 in Windham, Conn., and died February 1st, 1884 in Richford. He learned the shoemakers trade, and September 1st, 1823 came to Speedsville, worked one year at his trade and then located in Berkshire. Here he labored several years at shoemaking, then purchased a farm which he cultivated in connection with his work on the bench. His parents resided in Homer for several years then came to live with him, and ended their days in his home. On April 1st, 1827 Asa married Louisa Collins. They had nine children, of whom George B., Louisa and Frances A. are now living. Mrs. Witter died December 22, 1848. August 8, 1849 he married his second wife, Delia Torry, daughter of Samuel Torry. April 1st, 1852 they moved to the homestead in Richford. Of their five children are living Sarah, wife of George M. Smith, Daniel P. and Frederick W. Both Asa Witter and his wife were members of the M. E. church in Berkshire. He was both trustee and steward over fifty years and held every position in the church and Sunday school. His son John was in the 5th New York cavalry and was killed at Harper's Ferry, August 25, 1864. His son Ralph enlisted in the Union army from New Jersey and survived the war until October 16, 1887, when he died at Owego. His son George enlisted from Ohio, serving in the regiment with ex-President R. B. Hayes and President Wm. McKinley. He lives at Waverly, a physical wreck from an injury in the army.

FRANKLIN BLISS, son of Hiram and Anna (Ross) Bliss, was born November 7, 1843, in the town of Berkshire. He received a common school education and September 25, 1861, enlisted in company E, 76th New York regiment as a musician and served three years, then enlisted in company B, 7th Veteran Reserve Corps, and served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged with the record of a longer term of service than that of any other man

from Tioga county. He is a member of Belden Post, No. 342, G. A. R. After the war Mr. Bliss resided in the west nine years, then lived two years at Hartford Mills, and in 1876, came to Richford and bought a feed mill, which he has since conducted. He has been commander of the local G. A. R. post and was elected justice of the peace in 1895. In 1865 Mr. Bliss married Mary Jewett, of Richford. Their three children are Bert, Lydia, widow of Fred Whitlock, and Walter (deceased). Hiram Bliss, born in Berkshire county, Mass., November 7, 1802, came to Cortland county about 1824. Removing to Berkshire about 1840, he built a grist mill and a sash and blind factory at Rawson Hollow and conducted both of these enterprises until his death. He was an unswerving republican and a most useful citizen.

EDGAR F. BELDEN, son of William F. and Miranda (Finch) Belden, was born July 15, 1846. He was educated at Brookside Seminary and Dryden academy. He married, December 31, 1867, Eliza Patch, daughter of William J. They had four children: Arthur E., who was educated at Cortland Normal school; William P., who was graduated from Cornell law school in 1894, and is in legal practice at Grand Rapids, Mich.; Clarence F.; Alice M. Mr. Belden was clerk in a store for ten years, and has since been engaged in dairying and farming. He built "Brookside" creamery in 1893. He is a prohibitionist in political faith, and a representative of one of the best elements of citizenship. His family is connected with the Congregational church, of which Mr. Belden is a deacon. William Belden came to Richford from Lenox, Mass., in 1818, and purchased one hundred acres of land in Richford, which he cleared of its original forest. He was fairly well educated, taught school, and held the office of justice of the peace for seven years. He married Phebe Wright. They had five children: Fannie M., William F., Carlos, Charles F. and Anna Phidelia. William Belden died April 2, 1859, and his wife May 13, 1855. William F. Belden was born June 1, 1813, and was five years old when his father came to Richford. He married Miranda L., daughter of Elam Finch, and had a family of seven children: Eugene C., Edgar F., Oscar E., Arthur, Sarah M., Esther C. and Frances H. Mr. Belden was both

justice of the peace and justice of sessions, and also a deacon of the Congregational church. He died March 26, 1895. His widow resides with her son Edgar F. . Mr. Belden was captain of a rifle company in the state militia. Eugene C. Belden, son of William F., was born June 24, 1844. He enlisted and was a sergeant of company G, 137th New York regiment, was killed at Peach Tree creek, July 20, 1864, and was buried at the government cemetery at Marietta, Ga.

CLINTON CLEVELAND was a native of the town of Maine in Broome county, where he was born in 1825. He married Rachel Herrick in 1849 and came to Richford in 1868 and engaged in lumbering. For nearly twenty years, until his death on January 10, 1887, he set an example of a truly christian life before the community, and he filled acceptably the deaconship of the Congregational church. His children were Sidney (died when sixteen) and Belle (Mrs. J. W. Allen). Mrs. Cleveland resides with her daughter.

J. W. ALLEN, son of Jeremiah and Pauline (Johnson) Allen, was born in November, 1851, in Geneva, N. Y. He received a good common school education and when eighteen became a teacher, working however at the carpenters' trade for three years. Marrying Belle Cleveland, daughter of Clinton Cleveland, in 1872, he made his home in Richford and engaged in the lumber business. He has ever since been an important factor in the business, political, and social life of the town, and still is an operator in lumber in Lycoming county, Pa. He was a member of the firm of Smith, Allen & Finch, which opened a general store in Richford in 1888, and in 1891 built the paper-cutter factory, which five years later he sold. He is now the successor in merchandising to H. S. Finch, recently buying him out. Republican in politics Mr. Allen is an active partisan. He is a member of the county committee, and was supervisor of Richford in 1894-'95-'96-'97. The family attends the Congregational church. He has three children, Herrick C., Vera I. and Ross J. Allen.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, the Standard Oil king, was in early life a resident of this county. About 1840 his father purchased a pine lot in Richford, built a saw mill, and here his family resided for some years. Later Mrs. Rockefeller and the children resided three miles east of Owego village, Mr. Rockefeller living in Cleveland, Ohio, whither the family followed him about 1854. While living in Richford Mr. Rockefeller was often absent from town for long periods of time, presumably attending to special medical practice for the treatment of cancers, and his first act on returning from these journeys would be to pay the village merchant his bill for the supplies furnished his family during his absence. Several families of the name, and relatives, now live in the town. John D. Rockefeller was born in Moravia, N. Y., on July 8, 1839. He was a pupil of Owego academy under Principal William Smythe. When nineteen years old he engaged in the produce business for himself in Cleveland, was successful, saved his profits, and in a few years bought a share in an oil refinery. From that time his prosperity was rapid. He was an organizer of the Standard Oil company, in which he is a chief owner, and he is now believed to be the wealthiest man in the world, with his wealth increasing at the rate of \$20,000,000 annually. His recent munificent gift of \$1,000,000 to the University of Chicago does him credit.

APPENDIX.

GEOLOGY.*

The geology of Tioga county is soon told, the Chemung rocks covering the entire area ; yet on the tops of the highest hills is found a flat rock, in layers but little more than one-fourth of an inch thick, of nearly the same color as the Chemung rocks, and without fossil remains, so far as I have examined them. State geologist James Hall years ago pronounced these layers to be Chemung rocks ; they may however be the lower layers of the Catskill group, formerly called the Montrose sandstone. This is generally of a brick-red color, often the soil has the same color.

Probably of all the rocks of Tioga county nine-tenths are Chemung. This formation occupies a large area, running from 200 miles above Binghamton west to Chautauqua county, and is supposed to be over 3,000 feet in thickness. It is composed of a fine-grained sandstone and shale, or soft stone. Perhaps the greater portion of the rock is shale, and much of it is not fit for building purposes. Iron pyrites are sometimes found in small nodules or lumps, and some of the fossil crenoids of the lily eocrinite family, and other fossils, contain traces of carbonate of iron. When the rock crops out along streams the fossil is found in the rocks in layers of from one-fourth of an inch to five or more inches, and is corroded, with, in some places, over three inches wholly decomposed. In building a road a few miles above Nichols several tons of dark stones were piled up. In fifteen or twenty years the pile had crumbled to dust. I think that the Chemung rock of a bluish-

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gray color stands exposure well. The fewer the fossils the better it is for building. The drift or glacial period scattered millions of tons of Chemung rock in every direction. These stones are sound to-day. If the glacial period was over 200,000 years ago they show great power of resistance to the atmosphere.

The Chemung rock lies here nearly horizontal. In a few places the dip is perhaps two or three degrees. According to the geological classification of rocks there is below the Chemung (consequently under an older and a different formation) fifteen older formations of sedimentary rock, all containing animal remains, and above the Chemung there are six or seven formations, so the Chemung is about two thirds of the distance up the geological column. The fossil remains in the Chemung are nearly all marine shells, fish and plants. Little dry land existed when the Chemung group was forming.

Its shellfish numbered twelve or fifteen varieties. Of the spirifers (in old geological works called *delthyrus avacula*) several kinds exist. The same may be said of the *lingula*, *discina*, *steptophrychus Chemungensis* (a large showy shell), and the *stepodonta*. These shells are sometimes two inches in diameter. A large number of the *productella* also appear, with others like a clam or oyster shell and a few similar to a snail. The *miripien* are numerous, but hard to extract from their stony matrix. One kind of *nautilus* apparently exists, but, like all spiral shells of the group, they are badly decomposed and crumbly. Three or four *orthaceratiti* (a singular chambered shell) are found, some very large in the older and earlier formations. This fossil was from 12 to 15 feet long, of the *crenoids* and coral tribe. The *lily encrinitis* is frequent (but not found here) and hard to obtain perfect. The stem or body often decomposes, leaving a singular spiral hole in the stone. There are also two or three other fossils not easily described. Of the *cornuta* there are several, often imperfect, "in shape of a yearling calf's horn." Within two or three years I have concluded that one kind of this *cornuta* is a fossil sponge. These fossils are found *in situ*, scattered over hills and second flats. During the last forty years I have sent many boxes of them to the

Smithsonian Institution, to United States and state geologists and to colleges and museums.

The vegetables shown in the Chemung rocks are partly land plants, sigalara and lepidendron, and some ferns. The largest I have of the first are not more than two inches through, while in the Catskill, just above the Chemung, this fossil is over five feet through. While the Chemung rocks were forming there was little dry land, and the seaweeds were enormous.

The Drift Period.—The great gravel formations between Barton and Waverly and on to Athens, Pa., is the work of the drift or glacial period. Spanish Hill is a moraine, and the large potholes near Waverly are the results of the glacial ice movement. In many parts of Barton these gravel beds are several hundred feet thick, and contain boulders and pebbles brought from almost every rock formation lying northeast of this county. Some of the boulders of granitic gneiss must have come 250 or 300 miles. All of the twelve or fifteen sedimentary formations between here and Lake Ontario appear. The Medina sandstone is the oldest and lowest formation in the state due north of this county, and some of the boulders from it will weigh more than 300 pounds. The quantity of that stone found here in boulders, pebbles and gravel is enormous. Every road running through our gravel lands, when washed clean by hard showers, shows the pebbles and large stones of the Medina, of all tints from pale-red to dark-red, all worn smooth by being tumbled and ground under the glacial ice. (All drift here is rounded and smooth).

The gravel knolls made by the glacial or ice period are found in every town in the county. So are the second or gravel flats. They appear in Barton, Tioga and Owego, in places over 100 feet deep, making beautiful building sites, and also in a few places on high hills some miles from the Susquehanna, both in this state and Pennsylvania, and from 500 to 700 feet above the river level. Boulders from nearly all the hard rocks north of Tioga, many of them brought from Clinton, Franklin and Essex counties, 300 miles away, and in size from an ounce to 2,500 pounds in weight, are plentiful. These are of granitic gneiss, hornblende, and several

kinds of trap or volcanic rock. Of the softer rocks, Potsdam and Medina sandstone, etc., scarce any boulders are found, nor of the Niagara shale, the Clinton group, the salt group, or of the Hamilton. All these are found in the higher or secondary flats; they were probably worn out before reaching here. Boulders are found in Nichols, all smooth and rounded, 15 or 20 varieties on one small field. Glacial work is still going on. All of the higher mountains of the United States show present glacial operation.

The southern or lower part of Spanish Hill, the singular moraine near Waverly, is nearly level on top for about seven acres, and is about 175 feet high. From this level the high part slopes down from 20 to 30 rods, forming a basin holding perhaps 1,000 hogsheads, and covered with forest. The rest of the hill is from 16 to 20 feet wide at the top and from ten to fifteen feet wider at the bottom. It is composed of round stones of all of the shales, from the size of a quart bowl down to half that size, and they appear as if broken up for a great road. Around the north side of the hill are several large basins or potholes. Each will hold hundreds of barrels, all situated in the soil, and all undoubtedly made by the ice or drift period.

Within a few miles of Waverly are other singular and similar knolls and hollows. Spanish Hill, nor any of these knolls has any connection with our hills, but are always found in the flat country. At and near Tioga Center are "hogbacks," some are from 60 to 80 feet long, and from 16 to 20 feet high, only a few inches thick at the top, nearly all formed of small stones and a few large flat ones. Near Apalachin "hogbacks" are found close to the Susquehanna, of singular and romantic shape.

On my farm in Nichols is part of a moraine about 90 feet high. The drift in one place went to the top of the hill. It is a bed of small round stones and gravel, and appears as if every formation in the state had contributed something to the pile.

OTHER SKETCHES.

LANCELOTT B. TERBUSH, of Flemingville, was born in Albany county, N. Y., December 3, 1834, a son of Ralph and Sarah (Holms) Terbush. The family are descendants of an old line of nobles of Holland. Its first American representatives located in Albany county about the year 1700. Lancelott B. Terbush left home when fifteen years old, worked as a lumberman, and later as a farmer until 1860 when he came to Tioga county, locating in the town of Tioga. In 1884 he removed to his present estate just north of Flemingville in the town of Owego. There he was engaged in farming and blacksmithing until within the past few years. During the civil war he was a soldier of the union. In November, 1862, he enlisted in the 5th N. Y. Cavalry, with which command he remained until the close of the war. At the battle of Stony Creek he was injured by the concussion of a bursting shell. With the exception of thirty days, when he was absent on furlough, Mr. Terbush was in every skirmish in which the "old fifth" was engaged during the war. He is a member of Williams post, No. 334, G. A. R., of Newark Valley. It is to such men as he, who steadily and patiently endured the discomforts and dangers of army life, that the country owes its existence to-day. Mr. Terbush was married on November 21, 1861, with Theresa Cook, a daughter of Dewitt and Angeline (Boudish) Cook. She was born August 9, 1847, in the town of Tioga. They have two daughters: Della, wife of Willis Perry, of Owego, and Effie, wife of B. Frank Joiner, of Flemingville.

PHILIP E. BELLIS, of Halsey Valley, son of Charles Bellis (see page 664), was born in Barton in 1854, received his education in the district schools of Tioga and Barton, and at an early age was employed in the lumber woods of Pennsylvania, afterward in the lumbering regions of the west. After some years thus passed Mr. Bellis returned to this county and has since been a farmer. He is now a prosperous agriculturist on Oak Hill in the town of Barton. He takes great interest in and is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a republican in politics. In 1881 he went to Michigan, but soon was called back by the death of his father, and then for eleven years resided on the home farm with his mother, when she moved to Waverly. In 1891 Mr. Bellis was married to Jenniefred King, of Barton, the only daughter of S. D. King, a well-known graindealer and farmer of Barton, who died in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Bellis have no children.

OTHER SKETCHES.

LYMAN PARK TRUMAN (see page 284) was from 1833 until his death in 1881 the most conspicuous citizen of the county in the lines of its commercial activity, and the impress of his indomitable will and keen business acumen was seen far beyond its limits. He was a natural financier, a man of creative impress and of original and highly successful methods. Where other men could see only ordinary conditions his brain would discern far-reaching possibilities, which under his almost unerring sagacity would develop into vast sources of wealth, business activity or political power. He was blessed with natural advantages. He came of a long line of stalwart New England ancestors who so conserved their vital forces as to strengthen the stock with each generation, and he possessed a massive physique with wonderful powers of endurance and a brain large and commensurate with his great body. From the commencement of his commercial activity, little by little, steadily and continually, the influence of his personality expanded until all the circles of business energy existing in a wide radius were controlled by impulses projected from his brain. He never imitated. Whatever successes others won, mattered nothing to him. He developed his own plans, perfect in detail from conception to consummation, and dictated to others the methods to insure success. He dominated his associates and his ideas became theirs. He attached men to him so that their aid and service resembled the loyal devotion of the ancient vassal to his liege lord, and he never allowed contradiction. In everything in which he had part his will was law. Although holding local office to some extent and ably serving three terms in the state senate, his home was in the region of business and finance. Here his nature was given full play and the result was the acquisition of great fortunes for his own and others enjoyment. Had his lot been cast in the broader opportunities of New York city and the more responsive atmosphere of Wall street, Lyman Truman would have shown himself *facile princeps* among the moneyed Napoleons and financial kings of that great metropolis.