

grain until winter and thresh it on the ice of a little pond on his premises. For salt he had to travel to Horseheads, following an Indian trail and returning with only half a bushel at a time, which he was expected to share with his neighbors. During the cold summer of 1816, people were for months without bread, and subsisted chiefly on "greens," made from various herbs and plants. Mr. Hanna cut rye while it was yet in the milk, dried it on sticks laid across a kettle of live coals, and in this way succeeded in preparing for mill half a bushel of grain. When it returned to them and they had made their first bread from it, their neighbors were invited in to feast on the "luxury." Mr. Hanna's first location he did not occupy long, as he had an opportunity to exchange with Ebenezer Ellis as we have stated, who owned the farm just north of the one now owned and occupied by John G. Hill. Mr. Hanna's barn was the first frame building ever raised in the town, and in it convened the first Methodist quarterly meeting held here. His sturdy Scotch qualities made him invaluable in those early times, and the noble qualities of his heart were evinced in the acts of his daily life. His home for many years was the stopping place of itinerant preachers, and, until a more convenient place was provided, people for many miles round met at his house for public worship. Mr. Hanna was also a veteran of the revolution. He died at the great age of 102 years. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna were the parents of nine children, as follows: John, Nancy, wife of John Swartwood, and afterward the wife of John Shoemaker, Jane, wife of Joseph Swain, of Chemung, William, Margaret, wife of Elisha Hill, Betsey, wife of Lewis Mills, George, Sally, wife of Squire Whitaker, and Martha wife of Joseph G. Wilkinson. William married first a Miss Saunders. His second wife was Jane, daughter of Isaac Raymond, by whom he had eight children, viz.: William, Edward, Stella, wife of Thaddeus Ellis, George, Adelbert, Frederick, Maud, wife of Arthur Fitch, of Arkansas, and Emmet, who died at the age of nine years. George married Stella, daughter of Jonathan Catlin, of Tioga, by whom he has one child, Earl, born September 13, 1882. John, Jr., married Deborah, daughter of John Hyatt, by whom he had four children, viz.: Mary, wife of William T. Ellis, Sally, wife of David C. Lyons, of Wisconsin, Julia, wife of D. B. Horton, of Owego, and Ira, of this town. The latter married Martha A., daughter of Daniel Park, of Nichols, by whom he had four children, viz.: Charles F., of Barton, Sarah, Leonora and Ida L. Leonora married J. E. Merritt, of Athens, Pa., and has four

children,—Lena, Orrin, Ray and Ralph. Charles F. married Hattie, daughter of Lewis Crotsley, of Barton, by whom he has four children, born as follows: Celia, November 18, 1873; Louis, July 20, 1876; Homer, June 12, 1879; and Myra, May 7, 1885.

Luke Saunders came from Connecticut. He married Sarah Dewey, by whom he had eight children, viz.: Sarah, wife of Beriah Lewis, Parish, Jabez, Nathan, Betsey, wife of Alexander Ellis, Christopher, Nancy, wife of William Hanna, and Robert. Parish married Barbara, daughter of Ebenezer Ellis, by whom he had five children, viz.: Lucinda, widow of Thomas F. Johnson, Hiram, deceased, John, Benjamin and William.

James Swartwood came from Delaware. He had a family of nine children, viz.: Mary, wife of Isaac Shoemaker, Martha, wife of Benjamin Smith, Sarah, wife of Joseph Langford, Katie, wife of Baskia Jones, Benjamin, James, Jacob, John and Ebenezer. Benjamin married Catherine, daughter of Ezekiel Williams, by whom he had nine children, namely, James, Ezekiel, Martha, wife of Luther Goodenow, John, Benjamin, Harriet, wife of Robert Light, Lydia, wife of Adam VanAtta, William and Mary. Ezekiel married Margaret A. VanAtta, by whom he has had two children, Nancy, widow of John Harding, and John M., who died in his twenty-second year.

In 1796 John Shepard purchased of General Thomas, of Westchester county, one thousand acres of land, at five dollars per acre, extending along the state line, from Shepard's creek at Factoryville, near the fifty-ninth mile-stone, to the sixtieth mile-stone; thence across the north end of Spanish hill, to the Chemung river, and from the "narrows" across the mountain beyond Shepard's creek; thence down the state line again. This embraced the present villages of Waverly and Factoryville, and many fine localities back of these villages. Large portions of this territory are still retained in the possession of the Shepard family.

Among the early settlers on Cayuta creek were Charles Bingham, Layton Newell, Lyon C. Hedges, Philip Crans, Justus Lyons, John Manhart, and Moses and Elisha Leonard. These families were principally from New England, and were among the most industrious and worthy people of the town, and many of their descendants now reside in that valley, particularly at "Lockwood," which long bore the name of "Bingham's Mills," in honor of this pioneer family.

Among the early settlers of Barton village, other than those already mentioned, were William Bensley, George W. Buttson,

who early built a saw-mill upon the stream which bears his name, John Hyatt, Eliphalet Barden, Benajah Mundy, Samuel Mundy, Peter Barnes, Peter Hoffman and Selah Payne.

William Bensley came, originally, from Smithfield, Wayne (now Pike) county, Pa. He removed to this town May 10, 1803, and settled on the farm now owned by John Park, on the river road, about one mile west of Barton village. This place was retained in the Bensley family for upwards of eighty years, it having first been owned by John Bensley, brother of William. William Bensley married Mary, daughter of Isaac Bunnell, by whom he had nine children, viz.: Gershom, John, Daniel, Henry, Eleanor (Mrs. Richard Shoemaker); Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles B. Smith), Anna, who died in infancy, Mary A. (Mrs. James Brink), and Sarah (Mrs. Daniel Van Gorder). Mr. Bensley was a weaver by trade, but followed, to a considerable extent, lumbering and farming. Henry married Betsey Brink, by whom he had six children, three of whom arrived at maturity, viz.: Mary, wife of Frank Kelley, of Athens, Pa., John, of Nichols, and Archibald, deceased. John married Lucy Wrigley, by whom he has had six children, viz.: Henry, deceased, Leora, wife of James Davison, Frederick, Arthur and John, Jr. Daniel married Lucina P. Felt, of Potter county, Pa., by whom he had four children, viz.: Elliott L., who lives on the homestead, Charles and Daniel, who died in infancy, and Bertha L. Elliott L. married Mary E., daughter of John Westfall, of Chemung, by whom he has two children; Gertie, born October 8, 1880, and Nellie, born December 1, 1884.

Charles Bingham left the Wyoming Valley at the time of the Indian massacre there, and with his family was obliged to steal his way by night, in Durham boats, in order to escape the savages. In their first settlement they were so troubled by Indians that he returned to Wilkesbarre. The year following, he came again and settled near Spanish hill. Here they were afflicted with small-pox and lost one or two children. They then removed north, up Shepard's creek about six miles, and settled on the farm now owned by E. Van Buren. The great inducement for him to settle there was the growth of maple trees in that vicinity, maple sugar being about the only thing then marketable. His sons were John, Ebenezer, Jonathan and Charles, Jr. His daughters were Anna, who married a Mr. Drake, Margurite, who married a Mr. Hedges, and Sarah, who married a Mr. Sanford. Charles, Jr., built a mill at Lockwood, upon the site where the Bingham

Brothers mills now are, and it was among the first in this section built on Shepard's creek. He married Anna M., daughter of David Davis, by whom he had six children, viz.: Mary J., wife of Bernard Campbell, of St. Croix county Wis., Jefferson, of Waverly, Ann E., wife of Rev. La Fayette Ketchum, of Owego, George W. and Edmund J., of Lockwood, and David T., deceased. George W. married Mary A. Inhoff, of Marietta, Pa., by whom he has had ten children, viz.: Jessie D., Fred, Helen and Mary (twins) who died in infancy, Clara, Joseph, Robert, deceased, Mary A., George and Harry. Edmund J. married Libbie K. Baldwin, of Chemung, by whom he has five children, Addie L., James B., Marion, Arthur and Laura A.

David Davis settled first in the Catskill region, afterward in Greene, Chenango county. His son Samuel H. married Minerva Barnes, of this town, by whom he had two children, viz.: Mary M. and Hannah A., the latter the wife of Eugene Van Buren, who resides on the homestead. Their children are Lena T. and Pearl. Samuel Davis was a blacksmith by trade, but was also engaged in lumbering and farming.

Sutherland Tallmadge came from Schaghticoke, Schoharie county, N. Y., very early in the history of this county and settled on the farm now owned by Mr. Elliot, and occupied by Tallmadge Hulett. His brother Franklin settled on the farm now owned by James Sliter. The locality is still known as Tallmadge hill.

Charles B. Smith, son of Jonas, was born in Sheshequin, Pa., in 1814. His mother died when he was but four years of age, and he came to this town to live with the Bensley family. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Bensley, by whom he had one son, Rushton. The latter married first, Ellen Bunnell, by whom he has one child, Ione, wife of Lewis Mills, of Sayre. His present wife is Katie, daughter of H. V. Kinner, of South Waverly.

Elisha Hill was born in Connecticut, May 4, 1793. About 1818 he came from Plainfield, or Hartford, Conn., to Bradford county, Pa., with all his possessions tied in a pack which he carried across his shoulder. He remained there two years, when he returned to Connecticut, and brought back with him his brother Caleb. In 1821 he removed to this town and located on the farm now owned and occupied by his son, John G. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and served at Black Rock and other points. He married Margaret, daughter of John Hanna, who was born December 16, 1798, and by whom he had five children, born as follows: John

Griffin, September 17, 1821; Philomela, wife of Alanson Welton, of Factoryville, May 7, 1823; Sarah, February 26, 1826; Hannah, July 28, 1828; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Park, of Nichols, September, 26, 1831; and Tabitha J., wife of Montgomery Mead, of Waverly, August 26, 1837. John G. married Elizabeth, daughter of David Boardman Cure of this town. Elisha Hill died September 20, 1864, and Mrs. Hill died September 4, 1880. Caleb Hill married Eunice Durphy, of Smithfield, Pa., by whom he had five children, viz.: Erastus, a member of the legislature of the state of Missouri; Polly, wife of — Davis, deceased; Alonzo, a physician of Malden, Mo., Hon. David B., the present governor of the state of New York, and Sarah, deceased.

Salmon Johnson was born in Vermont, near Lake Champlain, and at an early day came to this town, locating at "Ellistown." His son, Thomas Floyd, married Lucinda, daughter of Parish and Barbara (Ellis) Saunders, by whom he had five children who arrived at maturity, viz.: Barbara (Mrs. William Weller), D. Jane (Mrs. Edward Tozer), Sarah (Mrs. Oscar F. Burke), Cyrus, and Emma L., (Mrs. Charles Parker). Salmon Johnson moved to the state of Ohio, where he died.

Peter Bogart, or "Van de Bogart," as the name was originally written, came from Princetown, now in Schenectady county, N. Y., about the beginning of the present century, and settled in Tompkins county, between Ithaca and Newfield, on the farm now known as the Crawford farm, and in 1825 removed to this town, and located on the farm now owned by Cornelius Harding. He married, first, Betsey Hunter, and they had children as follows: Michael, Catherine (Mrs. Joseph Joyce), John, Eva (Mrs. Jesse Bailey), Joseph, Mindred, Betsey (Mrs. Casper Lampman), Polly (Mrs. Samuel Ford), Jane (Mrs. Edward Sherwood), Fanny (Mrs. David Johnson) James, and two or three who died in infancy. He married second, Maria, daughter of Samuel Gray, of Tompkins county, by whom he had thirteen children, viz.: Sarah (Mrs. E. Foster), Jeremiah, Peter, Caroline (Mrs. Henry Lounsberry), Charles, who died at the age of twenty-five, William, Samuel, Loury, David, who died in infancy, George W., and Emma (Mrs. Andrew Nevin), of Boston, Mass. George W., married Amelia, daughter of Daniel Rogers, of Barton, by whom he has one son, G. Frederick. James married Lucinda, daughter of Robert Curtis, by whom he has had three children, viz.: Leonora (Mrs. John W. Morgan), Henry M., of Waverly, and Robert C., who died in October, 1878. John married Ruth, daughter of Nathaniel

Bailey, of Tompkins county, by whom he had nine children, viz.: Peter V., Charlotte (Mrs. Alanson Williams), Nathaniel, Elijah, who died at the age of four years, James, Joseph, John, and Ira J., who died at the age of five years. Peter V., married first, Matilda Williams, by whom he had one child, Merritt Delos. His present wife was Sarah A. Dailey, by whom he has had two children, Olive, who died at the age of nine years, and Orpha Eveline, wife of Guy V. Spear, who has two children, born as follows: Anna, February 18, 1882, and Clyde, December 28, 1883. Mr. P. V. Bogart has dealt largely in real estate, having owned at one time eight hundred acres. He has been engaged principally in lumbering and farming. Peter Bogart, Sr., died November 16, 1857, aged ninety-three years.

Abial F. Hill came from Deer Park, Orange county, N. Y., in 1814, and located on the farm now owned by Ira Hill, on the Shepard's creek road. He married Francis Burns, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Anna Jane, (Mrs. Thomas Shelp), S. Maria (Mrs. Freeman Shelp), deceased, Mary A., (Mrs. Ira G. Hill), Mahala, second wife of Freeman Shelp, Charles M., deceased, Adaline, wife of Joseph Quackenbush, deceased, and Arminda, widow of Stephen Clearwater.

Freeman Shelp came from Montrose, Pa., very early in the history of Tioga county, and was engaged in driving stage from Towanda, Pa., to Ithaca. By his second wife, S. Mahala, daughter of Abial Hill, he had three children, viz.: Charles F., of Waverly, Francis M. (Mrs. Charles Hill), deceased, and Belle A. The latter married A. T. Andre, of Lockwood, and has one son, Freeman J.

Joseph Bartron came from Meshoppen, Pa., and settled in Nichols, on the bank of the Susquehanna, at a place called Smith's Mills, where he worked, being by trade a mill-wright. He removed to this town in 1821, and cleared the farm now owned by his son Joseph. He built the first saw-mill on Buttson creek, for Gilbert Smith. The mill was located about where the Erie railroad now crosses the creek. He married Betsey Place, who bore him eight children, viz.: James, Eliza (Mrs. Morris Walker), Anna (Mrs. Jonathan Rolf), Moses, Delila, widow of Daniel Graves, Chloe (Mrs. Elijah Van Gorder), Joseph, and John P. Joseph married Harriet, daughter of George W. Johnson, who bore him nine children.

George W. Johnson came from Ithaca, N. Y., and located in this town. He married Betsey Severn, by whom he had thirteen

children, viz: Abram, John, Charles, Amyette, Jane, Matilda, Elvira, Julius, Harriet, Washington, Josiah, James, and Cynthia. John married Jane, daughter of James Garrett, of Tioga.

Eliphalet Barden was born in Connecticut, and after his marriage came to Greene, Chenango county, N. Y., and in 1821 removed to this town, and settled on the farm now owned by Francis Giltner. He married Miriam Priest, by whom he had eight children, two only of whom are living, Freelove, wife of N. W. Schoonover, and Zalmon, who resides on road 39. The latter married Mary A., daughter of William Todd, of Tioga, and they have had four children, viz.: Charles E., of Tonawanda, N. Y., Freelove L., wife of William Holt, of Tioga, William M., who died at the age of eight years, and Mary E., wife of Frank Harding, of this town.

John Parker settled in Ellistown, at an early date. He married Lizzie Ellis, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Frederick, Henry, Clark, James, Hiram, Caroline, and Abby. James married Charlotte, daughter of William Ellis, who bore him eight children—Frances, Albenia, Genervy, Charles, Mattie, Christina, Mack, and Hermeone.

John W. Van Atta was born November 1, 1782, and came from Rockburg, Warren county, N. J., about 1827, and located on the farm now owned by A. J. Van Atta, on road 52. He married Elizabeth Albright, who was born August 16, 1787, and by whom he had eleven children, born as follows: Peter, July 28, 1810; Margaret, November 21, 1811; Adam, November 18, 1813; William, February 1, 1816; Benjamin, June 6, 1818; Caroline, June 19, 1821; Sarah, July 15, 1823; Isaac, July 22, 1826; Azariah J., December 15, 1827; and Rebecca M., December 11, 1832. Peter married Fanny J., daughter of Reuben Harding, by whom he had two sons, Oscar H., and Clarence, of this town. Peter and Benjamin were musicians in the old state militia.

Shaler Shipman was born in Connecticut, April 21, 1800, and came to this town in 1829, settling first on the farm now owned by P. G. Schuyler, and then removed to the one now occupied by Adam Albright, where he resided until his death. He built two saw-mills, and was engaged in lumbering and farming during most of his life. That section of the town, about the geographical center, is commonly called Shipman Hollow. He married first, Melinda Speer, by whom he had ten children, born as follows: Prosper, March 2, 1829; Lucy A., October 11, 1830; Abram, September 27, 1832; Rachel, June 10, 1834; Philip H.,

March 5, 1836; Stephen, April 27, 1838; Susan M., March 25, 1840; Rufus T., October 23, 1841; George W., September 25, 1844; and Harvey D., August 21, 1847: His second wife, Barbara (Bowman) Hunt, bore him four children, viz.: Perlle E., January 24, 1868; Shaler B., January 26, 1869; Orrilla M., January 4, 1871; Ada M., August 8, 1876. Mr. Shipman died December 24, 1878. Rufus T. Shipman enlisted October 1, 1861, in Co. H, 10th N. Y. Cavalry, and served until August 14, 1862, when he re-enlisted in Co. B, 6th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and served until September 14, 1865. He married Frances, daughter of Asa Doty, who has borne him three children—Ella A., born November 2, 1866, died August 5, 1874; Isaac D., born March 29, 1873; and Cleveland, born March 8, 1885, died March 24, 1885.

James N. Harding, son of Charles, was born near Montgomery, Orange county, N. Y., and in 1833 came to this town and located on Tallmadge Hill, upon the farm now occupied by his son, C. N. Harding. He married Susan Tenney, and reared five children, viz.: Gilbert, Horace T., Clara, Charles E., and Cornelius N. Horace T. married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Swain, of Chemung, by whom he has had eight children, viz.: C. Willis, Theodore M., Fred, Charley, Bert, Mame, Arthur, and Ella, who was born October 7, 1878. C. Willis married Nellie, daughter of H. Burt, and has two daughters, Grace and Ethel. Theodore M., married Nettie, daughter of George Edgcomb; and has one child, Marion. Charles E. married Julia E., daughter of Galaliel Bowdish, of Montgomery county, N. Y., and has had four children, viz.: James O., Robert E., Charles L., and George A.

John Harding, son of Reuben, came with his parents from the town of Minisink, Orange county, N. Y., when he was about six years of age. He married Nancy, daughter of Ezekiel Swartwood, rearing two children, Amelia H., wife of Rev. F. P. Doty, of Thompson, Pa., and Frank, who resides on the homestead. The latter married M. Ella, daughter of Zalmon Barden, of this town. Reuben Harding settled on Tallmadge Hill, on the farm now occupied by Elliott Harding.

James Madison Sliter, son of Peter, was born in Coeymans, Albany county, N. Y., September 11, 1815. When three years of age his parents removed to Guilford, Chenango county, where they remained two years, and then removed to Bainbridge, N. Y., where he resided until November 1, 1834, when he came to this

town and has since resided here. He purchased first some timber property and afterward the farm now owned by Orson Dickerson. On April 30, 1839, he married Elizabeth A., daughter of Rev. Henry Ball, a Baptist minister of this town. In 1842 he removed to his present home. They had born to them nine children,—S. Emily, Jefferson B., of Athens, Pa., inventer of the Bonner scroll wagon-spring, Clarissa, Alice, wife of Harrison Lewis, Anna, wife of Frank W. Phillips, of Waverly, Estell, Julia, Katie, wife of Marshall Brown, and Eveline G., wife of Amos Harding. Mrs. Sliter died June 10, 1886.

David Boardman Cure came from Hector, Schuyler county, N. Y., about 1835, and located on Hector Hill, upon the farm now owned by John Brewster, where he purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land. He married, first, Achsa Hubbell, by whom he had three children, Jackson, Adliza and Phidelia. His second wife was Maria Shipman, by whom he had seven children, viz.: Elizabeth, David E., Sarah, Amos, James, Franklin E. and Delphine.

Sheldon Morgan, son of Theodore, a Quaker, of Horseheads, N. Y., married Abigail, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Stephens) Warner. They had ten children born to them, viz.: Francis, November 22, 1833, died December 6, 1835; Charles H., of Wellsborough, Pa.; George B., of Waverly; William W., who was killed at the battle of Lookout Mountain, May 1, 1864; Frances A., born October 17, 1843, and died April 27, 1866; Theodore T., August 7, 1846, served four years in the Union army, was for nine months a prisoner in Andersonville, died February 3, 1874; John W., a member of Co. I, 109th N. Y. Vols., now of Waverly, born January 27, 1849; Joseph S., February 11, 1852, of East Waverly, and Calvin P., May 15, 1855, now of Parsons, Kas. John W. married Nora W., daughter of James Bogart of the town of Barton. Frederick S. Morgan, a member of Co. H., 109th N. Y. Vols., enlisted August 3, 1863, and was mustered out July 21, 1865; was wounded in the battle of Spottsylvania, May 12, 1864. He married Emma R., daughter of Enos Genung, March 23, 1871, and by whom he has three children, Bertha D., Howard and Harry G.

Daniel J. Lum, son of Lyman, was born in New Berlin, N. Y., May 26, 1821, and in 1840 came to Factoryville, where he remained about six months and then removed to Tioga Center, where he engaged in lumbering and farming for about twenty years. He returned to Factoryville in 1874, and from thence removed to Waverly, where he has since resided. He married

Orpha W., daughter of Rev. Henry Primrose, September 3, 1845. Four children were born to them: William Durella, October 19, 1846, died in Harewood Hospital, Washington, D. C., June 13, 1864; Mary T., October 14, 1848; Henry E., September 25, 1853, died June 15, 1878; and Mattie Captola, June 27, 1860. Mr. Lum enlisted December 21, 1863, in Co. A, 14th Heavy Artillery, N. Y. Vols., and also on the same date his son William Durella enlisted in the same regiment and company, but was afterward transferred to the 6th N. Y. Heavy Reserves. Mary T. married Melvin J. Baker, February 4, 1871, and there have been born to them three children,—Ola Corrinne, April 21, 1875, died April 13, 1879; Myron Elmer, February 6, 1877, died April 18, 1879; and Edwin Durella, born September 29, 1880.

John Solomon came from Orange county, N. Y., about 1840, and located on West Hill, upon the farm owned by Mr. Kennedy. He married Phœbe Valentine, by whom he had six children—Maria, John V., George, Sarah, William, and Catherine Louise. John V. married Ann Amelia, daughter of B. O. Van Cleft, by whom he has one daughter, Carrie, wife of Horace Steward.

Jacob Andre, son of George, came from Sussexshire, England, when he was eighteen years of age, and settled first in Delaware county, where he married Deborah, daughter of Sterling Hubbell, of Delhi. In 1844 he came to this town and settled on the farm now owned by George Georgia, which he cleared. His children were Isaac, of Factoryville; Jacob N., of Montrose, Pa.; William, deceased; A. T., of Lockwood; George, of Factoryville; John H., of this town; Newton, deceased; and Angeline, wife of Charles Smith, of Waverly.

Lewis Mulock, son of William and Rebecca (Seybolt) Mulock, was born in Mount Hope, N. Y., November 11, 1808. He married Mary, daughter of Peter Corwin, in 1832. About 1850 he came into this county and located on Tallmadge Hill, where he engaged in farming for several years. His children are Theodore, now of Athens, Pa.; Albert; Angeline, wife of Jacob Coleman; Gabriel, of Waverly; Mary A., wife of Rev. A. B. Scutt Coe, of Lancaster, Pa.; and Corwin, of Waverly. For the purpose of securing for his children superior educational advantages, Mr. Mulock removed to Waverly when his family was young, and has since resided there. He has been a justice of the peace here two terms of four years each.

Thomas B. Hunt was born in Cooperstown, N. Y., October 23, 1830, came to this town in 1851, and afterward purchased a farm

in Smithboro. He married Barbara, daughter of Absalom Bowman, by whom he had two children: Sanford E., born September 13, 1857, died in 1859, and William W., of this town, born December 17, 1860.

Allen LaMont, son of David, was born in Schoharie county, N. Y., June 22, 1825, and at an early age came to Tioga Center, where he was engaged in lumbering during his early years. In 1860 he came to Waverly and purchased a farm on the Shepard's creek road, engaging also in the produce business in Waverly village, during the latter years of his life in partnership with S. D. Barnum. He married Mary, daughter of Amos Canfield, of Tioga, by whom he had two daughters, Grace and Ellen. He died February 28, 1884.

Jacob D. Besemer, son of James, was born in Caroline, N. Y., in 1820. He married Harriet, daughter of Daniel Vorrhis, by whom he had five children, viz.: Kate, wife of William Frisbie; Daniel V.; James, and George of this town; and Annie, wife of S. Hubbell, deceased. Mr. Besemer came to this town and located on the farm now owned by his son Daniel V. The latter married Delphine A. Hubbell, by whom he has two children—Gracie J., born December 11, 1878, and Reed V., born August 11, 1881.

Dr. Ezra Canfield, son of Amos, was born on the homestead in Smithboro, February 13, 1854. He received his early education there and at Waverly and Binghamton. He entered the office of Dr. O. A. Jakway, of Breesport, N. Y., and that of his brother, Dr. Enos Canfield, of VanEttenville. He graduated from the Medical University of New York City in 1879. His first location was at VanEttenville, where he remained until 1882, when he came to Lockwood, where he has since practiced. He married Emma, daughter of Bishop Kline, of Allentown, Pa., in 1874.

The comparative growth of the town may be seen by the following citation of the census reports for the several enumerations since its organization: 1825, 585; 1830, 972; 1835, 1,496; 1845, 2,847; 1850, 3,522; 1855, 3,842; 1860, 4,234; 1865, 4,077; 1870, 5,087; 1875, 5,944; 1880, 5,825.

Initial Events.—Ebenezer Ellis built the first house, harvested the first crops, and his son Alexander was the first white child born here. The old brick church in Factoryville, now occupied by the Old School Baptist Society, was the first brick building erected. Elias Walker built the first tavern. The first postoffice was established at Factoryville, in 1812, and Isaac Shepard was

the first postmaster. Deacon Ephraim Strong was the first teacher. He was a gentleman of culture, and, in addition to teaching his own large family taught the children of his neighbors in his own house. The Emery Chapel (Methodist Episcopal) at Ellistown was the first church edifice erected. Ebenezer and Samuel Ellis built the first saw-mill, on Ellis creek. George Walker, Sr., erected the first grist-mill, in 1800, on Cayuta creek, at Factoryville. Josiah Crocker and John Shepard built a fulling-mill on Cayuta creek, near the state line, in 1808, and Isaac and Job Shepard erected a woolen-mill near it, in 1810. Dr. Prentice, from Connecticut, was the first physician, William Giles the first lawyer, and Rev. Valentine Cook the first preacher.

Organization.—The first town meeting was held at the house of Gilbert Smith, April 27, 1824, when the following officers were elected: Gilbert Smith, supervisor; John Crotsley, town clerk; Jonathan Barnes, A. H. Schuyler, and William Hanna, assessors; William Crans, Frederick Parker, and John Giltner, commissioners of highways; John Parker, constable and collector; John Hanna, jr., and Seeley Finch, overseers of the poor; Gilbert Smith, Eliphalet Barden, and Nathaniel Potter, commissioners of common schools; James Birch, Ely Foster, Joseph Tallmadge, Samuel Mills, and Jonathan Barnes, inspectors of schools; George W. Johnson, Abraham Smith, and Joseph Tallmadge, fence-viewers; John Hyatt and Joel Sawyer, poundmasters.

BUSINESS CENTERS.

WAVERLY VILLAGE.—This village, one of the most important business centers in this section, and, next to Owego, the largest village in the county, has had a phenomenally rapid growth and prosperous business career; for it is practically only since the completion of the Erie railroad, in 1849, that it has sprung into importance.

Situated upon the east bank of the Chemung river, in the extreme southeastern corner of the county, surrounded by a delightful region of hill and valley, Waverly's location is extremely pleasant. While viewing its busy streets, its rows of business blocks, its manufactories, fine residences, and pleasantly shaded avenues, it is difficult to conceive that its site only a few years since was a cultivated farming region. But such is in reality the case.

Among the early settlers and principal owners of what is now

the village site, was Isaac Shepard, whose father, in 1796, as previously stated, bought 1,000 acres of land, at \$5.00 per acre, embracing the sites of both Waverly and East Waverly, and much valuable territory north and south of these villages. In 1819 Deacon Ephraim Strong purchased 153 acres of this tract, a strip nearly 100 rods wide, extending northward nearly through the center of the present village. The first house here was built by Mr. Strong, probably in that year, although it has been stated that it was built in 1810. It was located near the site of Dr. Frederick M. Snook's residence, and apple trees now standing on Mr. Snook's place were planted by the deacon in those early days.

In 1821 the Chemung turnpike (Chemung street) was laid out, and in 1825 Isaac Shepard built the pioneer hotel of the place. It stood on the site of the present Charles Shepard residence, on West Chemung street. In the following decade the number of settlers was greatly augmented. Owen Spalding, with his brother Amos, came in 1831. The latter occupied a small log house near the site of the present residence of Mrs. Harriet Tanney, until 1833, when he built what now constitutes the rear part of J. Dubois' house, opposite C. E. Merriam's residence, and moved into it. Owen Spalding occupied a plank-house on the present site of Dr. Snook's residence. This was probably the house built by Deacon Strong. In 1833 Mr. Spalding built a house on the site now occupied by Hon. R. A. Elmer's residence. This house was afterward removed to the southwest corner of Chemung street and Pennsylvania avenue, where it now stands, and where Mr. Spalding died.

In March, 1833, Joseph Hallet, Sr., came up from Orange county, and purchased of Valentine Hill, 100 acres of land near the present residence of J. E. Hallet, and extending northward from Chemung street, for which he paid \$1,100.00. He was accompanied by his sons Gilbert H. and Joseph E. The latter settled upon the above mentioned farm, his house standing upon what is now Fulton street, between the present residences of Mrs. Fritcher and E. G. Tracy. At that time there were but fifteen buildings in the place, namely: one hotel, one distillery, one blacksmith shop, one log dwelling, one plank dwelling, six small frame dwellings, and four barns. These were Isaac Shepard's hotel, Jacob Newkirk's distillery and dwelling, Thomas Hill's house, and another small house, all near the Shepard residence; the dwelling of Elder Jackson, a Baptist minister, whose house

stood just west of the present residence of W. F. Inman, and the Elder's blacksmith shop, which stood where now stands the Slaughter residence; Amos Spalding's house, and Owen Spalding's plank house, and the log house into which Gilbert Hallet moved, and O. Spalding's, Jackson's, Newkirk's, and Shepard's barns, the latter the large red barn now standing on Pine street, the only remaining land-mark of those early days.

Gilbert Hallet moved into the log house vacated by Amos Spalding, and the following year built and removed into a house that stood where now stands H. L. Stowell's brick house. In the next year, 1835, he purchased Elder Jackson's house above referred to, together with forty-five acres of land, paying therefor \$1,000.00. This place and the one hundred acres bought by Joseph Hallet were purchased by Jackson and Hill, respectively, of Isaac Shepard. Three years prior to this time, Elder Jackson, who was very anxious to return to Orange county, had offered the place to Jesse Kirk for \$500.00. The land lay south of Chemung street, the east line passing near E. J. Campbell's residence, southward through Slaughter & Van Atta's and E. G. Tracy's drug stores to the 60th mile stone, thence west along the state line to the center of Dry brook, thence north, following the center of Dry brook to Chemung street, and west along Chemung street to the place of beginning, comprising what is now the business portion of the village.

At this time Harris Murray lived in a small wooden house where "Murray's stone house" now stands, in South Waverly, and Mr. Murray offered to sell to Mr. Hallet one hundred acres there for \$1,000.00. These sales illustrate how lightly the land in this valley was valued at that time.

While these settlements were being made along the Chemung road, other pioneers were pushing on beyond and locating on the hill northwest of the village, now called "West Hill."

This portion of the Susquehanna valley had been the scene of many forest fires, lighted either intentionally or carelessly by hunters, and had been so frequently burned over that but little save second growth pines remained, and this is said to have been the reason why many of the early pioneers refused to locate here, they thinking that land that would produce naught but "scrub pines" was of little value, and accordingly pushed on to the highlands beyond, believing that the heavy growth of timber there indicated a fertile and productive soil.

Among those who settled there first, probably during the years

1830-35, Piere Hyatt, Paris and Robert Sanders, David Carmichael, Jonathan Robins, G. W. Plummer, Jacob Swain, Nathan Slawson, and Steven Van Derlip; after these came Daniel Blizard, David Mandeville, Sr., Peter and Lewis Quick, S. T. Van Derlip, W. A. Lane, Jesse Kirk and others. Of these we believe none are now living and but few of their decendants remain on the old homesteads.

Between the years 1837 and 1850 the number of settlers in the village increased rapidly, among the new comers being Captain Benjamin H. Davis, F. H. Baldwin, H. M. and W. E. Moore, Richard A. Elmer, Sr., and his sons Howard and Richard A., Jr., Jacob Reel, E. J. Brooks, J. A. Corwin, Sylvester Gibbons, R. O. Crandall, the first physician, Peter Wentz, the first justice, George Beebe, the first lawyer, and many others.

The street running from Charles Sawyer's residence on Chemung street to the hotel at East Waverly, was laid out in 1835, and in 1843 Pennsylvania avenue was laid out south as far as the present residence of Levi Curtis, and in the same year Waverly street was opened down as far as the present Aplin residence. On the avenue Charles Howard built a house where Levi Curtis' residence now stands, Isaac Drake built one on the site of the Mrs. Bucklin residence, Milo Hulet built one where H. S. Butts' residence now stands, and Frank Sutton one on the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Park Place. The latter was torn down by Mr. Elmer, a few years since.

In 1842 G. H. Hallet and Andrew Price built a foundry on the northwest corner of Chemung and Waverly streets, where A. I. Decker's residence now stands. A short time afterwards Daniel Moore opened a cabinet shop in the second floor of this building. Later the foundry was changed into a hotel and bore the name of the Clarmont House.

In 1843 J. E. Hallet built a house on Waverly street, for one of the employes of the foundry. This was the first house on the street. In the same year Edward Brigham built a hotel on the present site of the M. E. church, and Robert Shackelton built a store and dwelling house combined where now stands the Methodist parsonage.

The first store was kept by Alva Jarvis, or "Squire Jarvis" as he was called, in the spring of 1841, in a wooden building between the sites of the present residences of Mrs. Fritcher and A. I. Decker. In the following fall G. H. Hallet opened a store just west of H. L. Stowell's present residence.

In 1843 was begun the construction of the the Erie railroad, an event that proved a great impetus to the growth of the hamlet, an impetus whose force is not yet expended. There were then here probly two or three hundred inhabitants. Poor management and other causes combined to retard the progress of work on the new railroad, and it was was not until 1849 that the road was completed. In the mean time Waverly Village was steadily growing.

About the time the railroad was completed, Broad street was laid out, and cross-streets connecting Broad and Chemung streets quickly followed. Houses sprang up like magic on every side, and on Broad street there was a strife to see who should erect the first buildings and be the earliest to embark in business.

The railroad passed through lands owned by Owen Spalding, Captain Davis and Isaac Shepard, and each gave the right of way. A part of the land given by Captain Davis was that on which the Erie buildings are now situated. The depot was built and opened about the time of the completion of the road, and was the first building in that part of the village. Mr. Ely was the first station agent, but was soon succeeded by J. S. Smith. While the depot was in process of erection, William Peck erected a small building on the bank, a little west of where now stands the Warford House, and opened a saloon. Afterwards the building was enlarged, a basement built, to which the saloon was removed, and a general store opened on the ground floor. In 1855 or 1856, the building was again enlarged and converted into a hotel. It was first known as the Waverly House, and later as the Courtney House. During the year 1849, a little after Peck opened his saloon, Captain Davis built and opened a saloon and boarding-house between the Waverly House and the present site of the Warford House. A year or so later this building was enlarged to nearly double its original size, and opened as a hotel. It was afterward sold to Stephen Bennet, who for several years prior to this time, had been engaged in blacksmithing on West Chemung street. In the fall of 1856, Cyrus Warford bought the house, and in 1857 it was burnt down. The property was uninsured, and was a total loss to Mr. Warford.

While the hotels were being built, several stores were in course of construction on Broad street, and in November William Gibbons opened a store. Amos Spalding had erected a large wooden block on the site of the present brick block, and in this Hiram Moore opened a store about Christmas, and nearly the same time

T. J. Brooks opened the third store, and John A. Corbin the fourth store, the last three being in the Spalding Block. Following these, others were opened in quick succession. Isaac Shepard erected the Shepard Block, corner of Clark and Broad streets, and in the store now occupied by G. B. Witter, opened a dry goods store, while in the room now occupied by Gerould & Co., Charles Shepard and J. I. Reeve opened a hardware store and tin shop. In 1850 Hiram Moore built a foundry near the present site of Slawson's furniture store. This was afterwards changed into a saloon, and later into a hotel, and bore the name of the Central House. In this year John Hard opened a jewelry store, the first in the place. It was located where now stands Rowland's liquor store.

With these buildings springing up so rapidly on Broad street, the parties who had opened stores on Chemung street discovered that they must get "down town" if they would secure a share of the business, and accordingly moved, not their goods alone, but their buildings also. Chamber's furniture store, that stood near the present site of W. F. Inman's residence, was moved to the corner of Broad and Clark streets, and is now occupied by J. H. Hern as a grocery. George Hanna purchased G. H. Hallet's store, and moved it down near the present site of the Van Velsor Block, where it was occupied by Hiram Payne as a furniture store. Cyrus Warford had a store on the present site of Mrs. Orange's residence, and this he moved down and it is now occupied by Nelson's harness store.

In 1852, B. P. Snyder built the hotel for many years afterward known as the Snyder House, now called the Hotel Warford. In 1855 Cyrus Warford purchased the house, and still owns it, although he retired from its management in 1873.

The name Waverly was not officially applied to the village until the year 1854. Until about 1840 or 1845, the little settlement on Chemung street was called "Villemont," a name given it by Isaac Shepard. After this the village was called by this name, "Waverley," "Loder," etc., to distinguish it from Factoryville, until the final organization, in 1854. For several years after this even, the name was spelled "Waverley." Application for incorporation was made December 12, 1853, and the question was put to a vote of the citizens on the 18th of January following, which resulted in 114 votes for and forty-four against. The name Waverly was given at the suggestion of Mr. J. E. Hallet, by whom it was borrowed from the immortal works of Sir

Walter Scott. Several other names were proposed, among which were "Shepardsville," "Davisville," and "Loder," the latter being in honor of Benjamin Loder, vice-president of the then recently completed railway. The first election of village officers was held March 27, 1854, at which the following officers were elected, viz: Francis H. Baldwin, William Gibson, Hiram M. Moore, Peter Dunning, and Alva Jarvis, trustees; Squire Whitaker, John L. Sawyer, and B. H. Davis, assessors; William P. Owen, collector; Owen Spalding, treasurer; P. V. Bennett, clerk; Morris B. Royall, Absalom Bowman, and W. A. Brooks, street commissioners; David E. Howell, poundmaster.

Captain Davis was the first postmaster, and received his appointment in 1849, from President Fillmore. He kept the office for a short time in Cyrus Warford's store, and afterwards in a small building adjoining "Squire" Jarvis' store on the west. This building he afterward moved down to near the present site of the Commercial Hotel. In 1852 the Captain built the "Davis Block," the brick building now known as the Exchange Block, and removed the postoffice into it, in the store now occupied by H. M. Ferguson & Co. In 1852 the Democrats elected their first President, Franklin Pierce, and on the principle that "to the victors belong the spoils," he appointed Squire Jarvis, a Democrat, to the position of postmaster, an office he held until 1861, when Abraham Lincoln appointed William Polleys to succeed him.

BIOGRAPAICAL.

Dr. William E. Johnson was born near Port Jervis, N. Y., October 17, 1837; was educated in the common schools, prepared for college at Neversink academy, and graduated at the Albany Medical college, December 31, 1859. In 1862 he was made examining surgeon of the twenty-sixth senatorial district, at Binghamton, to examine recruits, and soon after received a commission as first assistant surgeon of the 109th N. Y. Vols.; was subsequently promoted to surgeon of the same, then to brigade surgeon 3d Division 9th Corps, and then became one of the chiefs of the operating staff of the 3d Division. After the close of the war, in 1865, the Doctor came to Waverly and established himself in practice here, where he has since resided, being prominently identified with the growth and business progress of the place, serving it in many ways. The Doctor married Mattie M. Fuller, of Scranton, Pa., May 1, 1873, and has no children. The Doctor is surgeon-in-chief of the Robert Packer Hospital.



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Howard Elmer.

Richard Allison Elmer was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, August 28, 1808. He was the eldest son of Micah Allison Elmer, and grandson of Dr. William Elmer, of Goshen, and Richard Allison, of Wawayanda, Orange county, N. Y., and great grandson of Dr. Nathaniel Elmer, of Florida, and General William Allison, of Goshen, N. Y. He was a descendant of Edward Elmer, who came to America with the company of persons comprising the church of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, in 1632, and settled with the rest of Hooker's company, in Hartford, Conn., in 1636, and was one of the original proprietors of the city. At an early age he was thrown upon his own resources, and there was added to his responsibilities the care and education of his younger brothers and sisters. While engaged in farming and kindred pursuits, under his guidance, one brother entered college, and subsequently became a clergyman; the other was engaged in business. His attention was early called Westward, and he became interested in Western lands. In November, 1850, he settled in Waverly, having been induced by his brother, the Rev. Nathaniel Elmer, then Presbyterian clergyman at Waverly, to give up his intention to locate in the West. He was largely interested in matters pertaining to the growth of the town, and while he was a person of unobtrusive manners and quiet force, he was always identified with its schools and churches, and matters pertaining to the advancement of the morals, and the government of its citizens. He died comparatively young, August 8, 1867. He was married September 11, 1832, to Charlotte Bailey (daughter of Colonel Jonathan Bailey, of Wawayanda). She died September 6, 1883, leaving four children: Howard, Mary, Richard A., and Antoinette Elmer.

Rev. Nathaniel Elmer, brother of Richard Allison Elmer, mentioned above, was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, January 31, 1816. He was graduated at Union College, New York, in 1840, and was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian church, October 24, 1844. He established the first Presbyterian church at Waverly, and was its first pastor, which position he held nine years. He was married to Mary Post, in May, 1849, and died at Middletown, July 11, 1884, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth.

Howard Elmer was born in Wawayanda, Orange county, N. Y., August 2, 1833, the eldest son of Richard Allison and Charlotte (Bailey) Elmer. He was prepared for college at the Ridgebury and Goshen academies, but delicate health prevented the continuance of his course. Soon after coming to Waverly with his

father, in 1850, a lad of seventeen, he entered the Waverly Bank, after which he was engaged by the Chemung Canal Bank and the First National Bank of Elmira. In 1864 he organized the First National Bank of Waverly, and was until 1868 its cashier, after which he became its president, which position he has continued to hold. Having great faith in the value of the geographical advantages of the valley in which Waverly is situated, in 1870 he associated with himself the late Charles L. Anthony, of New York, and the late James Fritcher, and Richard A. Elmer, his brother, of Waverly, and purchased the several tracts of land, nearly one thousand acres, now embraced by Sayre and its surroundings. The panic of 1873 and consequent depreciation of values, for a time checked the growth of the proposed town considerably, but he did not swerve from his course, and with an absolute faith in its future prosperity he built the town of Sayre, which to-day has a population of three thousand, and monthly pays off over eight hundred men. Upon the death of Mr. Anthony, he induced the Packer family, E. P. Wilbur, and Robert Lockhart, of South Bethlehem, Pa., to assume the Anthony interest, and it resulted in centering at Sayre the great shops of the Pennsylvania & New York, and the Lehigh Valley railroads, which are prominent factors in the prosperity of Waverly and Athens. Through his encouragement the Cayuta Wheel and Foundry, and the Sayre Pipe Foundry were built. He also built the Sayre and Athens waterworks. He is president and active manager of the Sayre Land Company, the Sayre Water Company, the Sayre Pipe Foundry Company, the Cayuta Wheel & Foundry Company, and the Sayre Steam Forge Company. Mr. Elmer is also a director of the Pennsylvania & New York Railroad Company, the Geneva, Ithaca & Sayre Railroad Company, and treasurer of the Buffalo & Geneva Railroad Company. During the years 1875 and 1876 he was receiver of the Ithaca & Athens, and Geneva & Ithaca railroads. He has always refrained from holding any public office. He married, in October, 1865, Miss Sarah P. Perkins, daughter of the late George A. Perkins, of Athens, Pa.

Richard Allison Elmer* is a son of the late Richard Allison Elmer, of Waverly, and Charlotte (Bailey) Elmer. He was born in Wawayando, Orange county, N. Y., June 16, 1842, and is the

*This sketch of Mr. Elmer was contributed, at our solicitation, by Mr. Charles Nordhoff, of the New York *Herald*.

second in a family of four, Howard Elmer being his elder brother.

His family removed to Waverly in 1850, and have remained established there ever since. He was educated at the Waverly High School, and subsequently at Hamilton College, from which he was graduated in 1864. He intended to practice law, and pursued his studies for that purpose, and was admitted to the bar, but in 1867 the death of his father led him to abandon this plan of life, and he joined his brother, Howard Elmer, who was then president of the First National Bank of Waverly, became cashier of that bank, and the two succeeded to their father's business. He remained cashier of the First National Bank for twelve years, during which time, by his energy and business ability, he so developed the position about him that his firm became one of the largest investors of private trusts in the state of New York.

In 1870, he joined his brother Howard, Mr. Charles L. Anthony, of New York city, and Mr. James Fritcher, in the purchase of a tract of land in Pennsylvania, near Waverly, which now bears the name of Sayre, and has become a great manufacturing and railroad center, where large bodies of men are employed.

He still retains his original interest at Sayre, and besides being a director of the First National Bank, is director of the Sayre Land Company, the Sayre Water Company, the Cayuta Wheel Foundry Company, the Sayre Pipe Foundry Company, and the Sayre Steam Forge Company. Busied with these and other enterprises, which gave full occupation to his energies, Mr Elmer, though he took always a prominent part in political as well as local and charitable movements, never sought political office. His name was prominently mentioned in the Republican state convention, in 1879, for the place of state treasurer, as being in consonance with his business pursuits.

In 1881, on the accession of President Garfield, the urgent public demand for trenchant and long needed reform in the post-office department led General Garfield to look around for a citizen of more than common courage, energy and business capacity to fill the place of second assistant postmaster general, in which bureau of the department the required reforms were to be made. Without Mr. Elmer's knowledge, several gentlemen, prominent and influential with the President and the new administration, recommended him as the fittest man within their knowledge for this place, and able to do the required and very difficult work of reform. The President determined to nomi-

nate him, and it was only when this was decided upon that Mr. Elmer was told of what was proposed. He had but a day to consider the question of accepting the position, and with his reluctant consent his name was sent to the senate. He was confirmed May 5, 1881, and soon after removed to Washington, and assumed his new duties.

The affairs of the postoffice department, particularly of that part under the control of the second assistant postmaster general, known as the star route and steamboat service, had fallen into such disorder under the previous administration as to become one of the gravest public scandals in the history of the government; attracting the attention of the whole country, and being exposed and denounced by the journals of both parties, as well as in congressional committees and debates. All demands for efforts at reform had been successfully resisted, and President Garfield on entering the presidency, felt that a thorough extirpation of the gross maladministration and waste in this part of the public service was absolutely necessary to the success and good fame of his administration. He promised his unfaltering support to Mr. Elmer, and thus encouraged, the work was begun. Mr. Elmer found himself strongly opposed by those who had in various ways profited by the corruption and maladministration, many of them men of influence, and supported by others prominent in the country.

Almost entirely unknown to the circle of political leaders in Washington, and unfamiliar with the Department and with the Capitol, Mr. Elmer steadfastly pursued the work of reform he had undertaken. Overcoming all obstacles placed in his way, and the very great difficulties which necessarily met him at every step of an extremely intricate business, he, in three years of arduous and unceasing labor, completed the reform he had undertaken.

This done, he resigned his place in February, 1884, to attend to his neglected private interests. On resigning, he received the well merited thanks of President Arthur, and of the head of the Post Office Department. His course and his success had already won the approval of the country, which saw with surprise and satisfaction the substitution of economy, honesty and efficiency in that branch of the service which had long been notorious for the most scandalous abuses.

A brief statement of the results he achieved shows their value and importance. In the first year of his service he saved the Treasury \$1,778,000. In the second and following years these savings amounted to over \$2,000,000 per annum. Against the efforts of one of the most powerful combinations the country has known, he restored order and economy to the carrying of the Star Route and other mails, and without stinting the service the savings he enforced and brought about were so great as to make the Post Office Department self-supporting for the first time in thirty years. This encouraged Congress to agree to

his recommendation to lower the letter rate from three cents to two cents.

The press of the country freely expressed its satisfaction with Mr. Elmer's conspicuous success in one of the most difficult works of administrative reform ever undertaken. The *New York Herald* said editorially of him, in July, 1882, in a comparison of his work with that of his predecessor :

“The saving Mr. Elmer has effected on the Star Route service alone, is more than enough to make the whole postal service self-supporting. That is what the public gains by the labors of an honest man, and it enables the Postmaster General to say, that for the year ending July 1, 1883, the Post Office Department will not only be self-supporting, but will have a surplus of one and a half million dollars. Such reductions in the cost of the service, without impairing its efficiency, tell their own story. They reflect the greatest credit on Mr. Elmer, as also on Postmaster General Howe, without whose strong and constant support Mr. Elmer would not have been able to carry out the reforms he has made in a service which had become corrupt, demoralized, and inefficient.”

In June of the following year, the *New York Herald*, discussing the condition of the postal service, praised “Mr. Elmer's extraordinary administrative capacity, courage and honesty,” and said, “As to Mr. Elmer, the Second Assistant General, it was his task when he came into office to reform the Star Route service, and weed out of it the extravagance and corruption which had filled it under his predecessor. Mr. Elmer did this, and he deserves the thanks of the country for doing it admirably. In the first year of his service he made a saving of over one-half of the amount spent the previous year; in the second year he effected still greater savings, and he did this in such a manner that no complaints were made of insufficient service.”

Shortly after retiring to private life, Mr. Elmer organized in the City of New York the American Surety Company, of which he became and remains president. Soon after he had established this organization, he fell ill from long-continued and severe labor, and suffered for nearly two years from the results of too great and prolonged a strain. He did not, however, give up work, and his care and skill have made his corporation the largest and most successful of its kind in the world.

In the spring of 1887, on the application of the Surrogate of New York, Judge Noah Davis, acting as appointed referee, took testimony, at great length, to examine into the soundness of the plan on which the American Surety Company carried on its business, and the responsibility of its guarantees, both in regard to individuals and trusts. In his official report to the Surrogate, Judge Davis went at length into the manner in which the Company does its work, and his conclusions were :

“The capital of the Company remains wholly unimpaired. The reserved fund and the net surplus show that the business of the Company has been, during its short term of existence, both prosperous and profitable.

“The business of the Company is strictly confined to Fidelity Insurance, and the evidence shows that it engages in no other business. It divides this business into two classes, which it calls Judicial and Fidelity. The former embraces all the business pertaining to Courts of every kind, and includes undertakings or bonds in appeals, on attachments and other process in suit, bonds of guardians, of administrators, executors, trustees, receivers, and all other obligations of sureties in courts of law, equity and probate, which involve the fidelity of appointees, except public officers. The second class includes bonds and guarantees of the fidelity of employees of corporations and persons whose relations to their employers are fiduciary in any pecuniary sense, except also public officers. The judicial business has been conducted in eleven different States of the United States, but chiefly in New York and Pennsylvania.”

As to the Fidelity branch of the business, Judge Davis said :

“Thus far the business has proved itself to be a safe and profitable form of insurance, and the experience of this Company has justified the policy of the statute which authorizes the organization of such corporations. The conclusions which the Referee has reached from the examination of this case are, that the American Surety Company has not only satisfactorily justified in respect of its qualifications to become surety in this particular matter, but has shown that as surety in judicial proceedings, it presents a system of security worthy of the confidence of the Court, and of the public, and largely superior to that which can be offered by individual sureties.

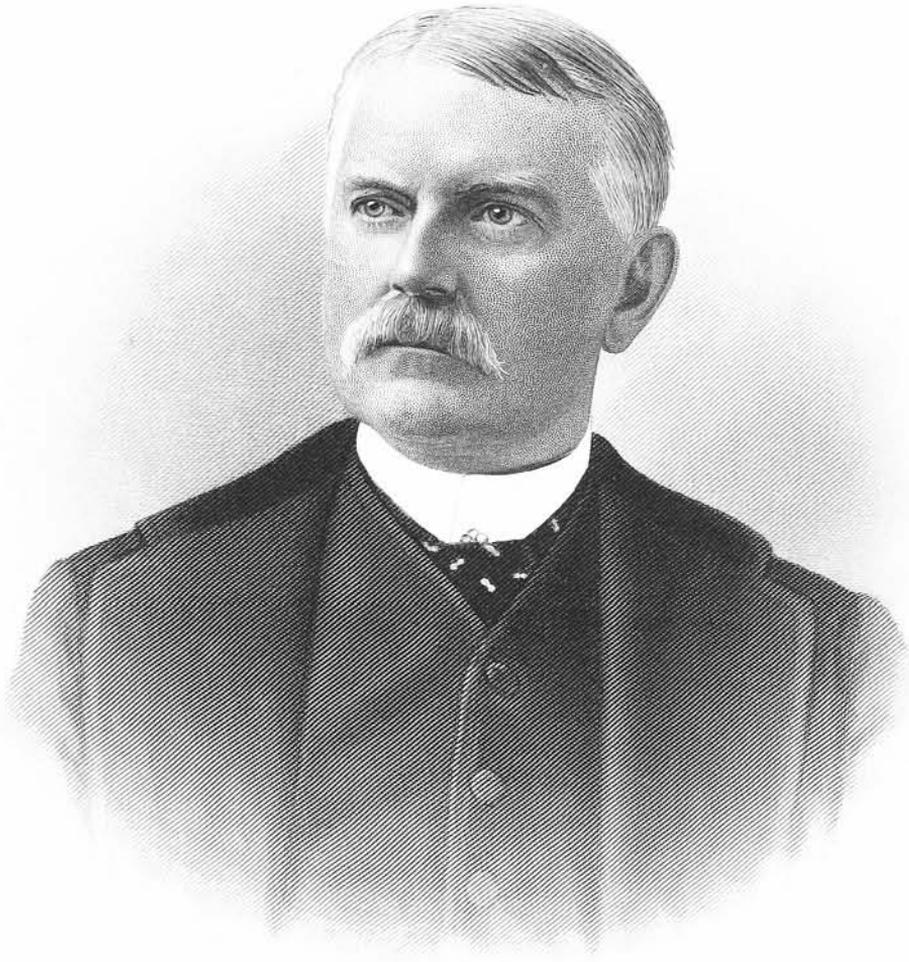
“The management of the affairs of the Company by its officers has been most creditable to their capacity and integrity.”

On this report the Surrogate made an order June 1, 1887, that, “The American Surety Company be accepted as surety on the bond of Ana de Rivas Herques given in the above entitled matter, or upon any new bond that she may be required to give in this proceedings.”

Mr. Elmer is a director of the Wabash railroad, the Atlantic & Danville railroad, the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, and several New York and New England corporations.

In 1883 he became interested in several Mexican properties, and out of this relation grew the International Company of Mexico, of which he was one of the founders and the treasurer, and to whose success he has largely contributed.

Mr. Elmer married June 16, 1870, Miss Sarah Foster France, daughter of the late J. Foster France, of Middletown, New York, and has three sons, Robert France Elmer, Richard Allison Elmer Jr., the third of his name, and Charles Howard Elmer.



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Rich. G. L. Grier

John L. Sawyer, born in Orange county, N. Y., in 1811, came to Barton in 1833, engaging in farming and lumbering. After the construction of the Erie railroad, in 1849, he removed to Waverly village, where he was long and prominently identified with the village's growth and prosperity, and where he resided until his death, in 1871. For many years he represented the town in the board of supervisors. Mr. Sawyer married Julia Smith, of Orange county, who bore him two children, Henry M. and J. Theodore. The former, born in 1832, married Maria, daughter of Senator Nathan Bristol, of Waverly, in 1856, and died two years later without issue. J. Theodore was born in Barton in 1834. He was educated at the district schools and Goshen Academy, and engaged with his father in the lumber business in Waverly and Canada. For a time he conducted a private bank, and in 1874 organized the Citizens Bank of Waverly, of which he is president. He represented his town two years in the board of supervisors, and in 1878 and 1879 the county of Tioga in the state legislature. In 1872 Mr. Sawyer married Alice Lyman, of Goshen, Conn., and has one child, Ellen, born in 1874.

Moses Lyman who was born in Goshen, Conn., a son of Moses and Mary A. (Hadley) Lyman, August 20, 1836; was educated at Goshen Academy and Brown University; began the lumber business at Windsor Locks, Conn., and McIndoes Falls, Vt., in 1859, where he remained till 1862. He then enlisted in the 15th Vt. Vols., as 1st Lieutenant of Co. F. In 1865, he came to Waverly and established a lumber business here under the firm name of Jennings & Lyman, and has since been a resident of the village. In 1872 he built the car-wheel foundry at the present village of Sayre, acting as treasurer of the company till he sold out his interest in 1884. Mr. Lyman is now identified with the Salisbury Iron interests of Connecticut, and is Eastern sales agent for the Shelby Iron Co., of Alabama, owns the Waverly Toy Works, and is president of the Lyman Bank, of Sanford, Fla., established in 1882. Mr. Lyman married Miss Ellen A. Douglass, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., who bore him two children, Moses and Isabel, and died in August, 1871. In March, 1883, he married Miss Sarah H. Beebe, daughter of P. S. Beebe, of Litchfield, Conn.

Henry G. Merriam, of the firm of Merriam Bros., was born in Goshen, N. Y., March 5, 1837. He was educated at the Farmer's Hall Academy, of Goshen, and graduated at Brown (R. I.) Univer-

sity, in 1857, and from 1861 to 1865 was principal of Leicester Academy, Mass. He then came to Waverly and established the hardware business which he has since conducted as senior partner. Mr. Merriam married Fanny W. White, of Worcester, Mass., in 1867, and has two children, Harry E. and Grace M. Mr. Merriam was the first president of the board of education here, and has held the office eleven years.

Judge Ferris Shoemaker is the fifth son of Richard Shoemaker, who was a son of Benjamin, a son of Daniel, the original settler of that name in the town of Nichols, and was born June 22, 1838, in Athens township, Pa. Later in the same year his parents moved to Susquehanna county, Pa. Here he grew to manhood and made it his home until he moved to Waverly, in 1873. He was educated at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa., and at the Normal School, Montrose, Pa. Prior to 1861 he engaged in teaching for several years, but soon after the war broke out he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, and served four years and three months, returning home in the spring of 1866. The following fall he was elected register of wills, etc., of Susquehanna county. This office he filled three years, and in February, 1870, was appointed prothonotary by Governor John W. Geary, to fill vacancy caused by the death of W. F. Simrell. While performing the duties of these offices he found time to pursue the study of law in the office of Hon. W. H. Jessup, of Montrose, and in the spring of 1871 was admitted to practice in all the courts of the county. He was afterwards admitted to the bar in Bradford and Wyoming counties, and after coming to Waverly, in 1873, was admitted to practice in the supreme court of New York. For the past fourteen years he has been in constant practice in both states. At the general election of 1886 Mr. Shoemaker was elected special county judge, on the Republican ticket. He married Gertrude S. Sweet, of Montrose, Pa., September 1, 1869, and has had five children, all of whom except one are living, viz.: Richard S., Tila N., Mabel and Max Albrecht, residing with their parents.

Jacob B. Floyd was born in Chemung, N. Y., April 26, 1839. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, in the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, of Lima, N. Y., and the Wyoming Seminary, of Kingston, Pa., taking a college preparatory course. He began the study of law at the Albany Law school, graduating in 1871. He immediately began practice at Waverly, and has been in practice here ever since. He has held the office of special

county judge, was a member of the state assembly in 1882, and held other minor offices. Mr. Floyd married Matilda H. Snyder, of Scranton, Pa., August 14, 1861, and has had three children, only one of whom, a daughter, Florence, a graduate of Wellesly college, is living.

Adolphus G. Allen, son of Samuel and Miranda (Sheffield) Allen, was born at Troy, Pa., November 30, 1830. His studies were begun in the common schools, and he prepared for college in the Troy academy; but left off ideas of the classics for law, beginning study with General James Nye, at Hamilton, N. Y., and completed them with Goodwin & Mitchel, of the same place, and was admitted to the bar at the general term at Binghamton, January, 1853. The next spring he was admitted to the Bradford county bar, and immediately moved to Factoryville, and in the spring of 1854 located in Waverly, where he now is. He has held the office of town clerk, trustee of the village, been special county judge two terms, and was a member of the state legislature in 1886. Judge Allen married Sarah S. Walker, of Factoryville, in March, 1853, and has two children, D. Wellington, a practicing attorney of Waverly, born June 18, 1854, and Kate, wife of Clarence C. Campbell, born January 1, 1860.

William Polleys was born in Malden, Mass., August 18, 1816, and when about ten years of age removed with his parents to Bradford county, Pa. When about eighteen years of age, he entered the office of the *Elmira Republican*, as an apprentice. After mastering the trade, he remained in the office until 1840, when he and Alva S. Carter purchased the paper, and continued the publication until 1845, when they sold their interest, and the name was changed to the *Elmira Advertiser*. In 1854 Mr. Polleys removed to Waverly, and entered into partnership with F. H. Baldwin, in the publication of the *Advocate*, then but recently changed in name from the *Waverly Luminary*, and continued one of its publishers up to the time of his death. July 17, 1861, Mr. Polleys was appointed postmaster by President Lincoln, and for fourteen years following held that position, when he voluntarily retired. From early manhood Mr. Polleys took an active interest in politics, and until the demise of the Whig party, belonged to that organization, but on its dissolution, he united with the Republicans, and much of the strength and success of their party in Tioga county can be traced to his energy, perseverance and untiring work. For his friends and the success of his party, no sacrifice was too great. He took an active interest in all public

enterprises, and in everything that was calculated to advance the interests of the village. He died suddenly June 26, 1883.

Richard D. Van Deuzer came from Orange county, N. Y., to Waverly, in 1852, when there were but four or five hundred inhabitants in the village, and has been connected with public enterprises here ever since. He built the Waverly steam flouring-mill, and conducted it until it was destroyed by fire. He built also, a planing-mill in Waverly, and a steam saw-mill on Shepard's creek. The former was twice destroyed by fire. Previous to his connection with manufacturing projects, he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, and conducted the first coal-yard in Waverly. He was one of the incorporators of the old Waverly Bank, also of the First National Bank, and was the first president of the latter institution, which office he held seven years. He was one of the first stock-holders, and helped organize the G. I. & S. R. R. company, and in connection with John Sawyer, secured the right of way from the village to Dean's creek, a distance of seven miles, for one dollar. Mr. Van Deuzer was president of the village corporation at the opening of the Lehigh Valley R. R., and in honor of the occasion a banquet was given at the Snyder House, at which he presided. Mr. Van Deuzer married Harriet Everson, by whom he had five children, viz.: Fanny, wife of W. H. W. Jones, Howard C., Mamie C., Annie L., and Richard D., Jr. Howard C. married Kittie Towne, of Rockford, Ill.

Gurdon G. Manning was born in Berkshire, N. Y., December 30, 1825. He was educated in the common schools, and attended the Owego academy. He then taught school several years, went to Owego as a clerk for Truman, Stone & Buckbee, where he remained six years. In 1856 he went into the dry goods business with C. E. Schoonmaker. In the latter part of 1860 he was elected county treasurer, and sold his interest to his partner, and in 1861 removed to Factoryville, where he entered the mercantile trade again, in company with Silas Fordham. In 1876 he removed to Waverly village, and since January, 1886, has held the office of justice of the peace. Mr. Manning married Sarah A. Adams, October 23, 1851, and has had born to him three children, viz.: Lucius R., a banker of Tacoma, W. T., Charles E., an assistant engineer in the U. S. Navy, and Jennie S., wife of James P. Nevins, of this town.

Ambrose P. Eaton was born in the old town of Union, now Chenango, Broome county, N. Y., June 4, 1826. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, studied law with

Hon. Charles E. Parker, of Owego, was admitted to practice at Binghamton, in 1868, and has been in practice in Tioga county since. Mr. Eaton married Mary H., daughter of Calvin Johnson, March 13, 1851, and has one child, Mary E., wife of James A. Roberts, of Tioga. Mr. Eaton's home is in Smithboro, though his office is located in Waverly.

William Fiske Warner, one of Waverly's lawyers, has been prominently identified with the later growth of the village, and is widely known as a writer and student of local history. In Owego, his former home, we print a biographical sketch of this gentleman.

Benjamin Genung was an early settler in this vicinity. Jean Guenon, one of the exiled Huguenots who took refuge in Holland, set sail from Amsterdam, April 2, 1657, in the ship "Draetvat," Captain John Bestevaer, and came directly to New Amsterdam (New York). The next year he settled at Flushing, L. I., where he acquired some land, and remained until his death, in 1714. His wife was Grietie, or Margaret Sneden, of Harlem, whom he married August 30, 1660, and who survived him about thirteen years. They left besides daughters, two sons, John, born in 1669, and Jeremiah, born in 1671. From these it is believed, have descended the entire, and now widely scattered family of Genung, in this country. Benjamin Genung, a soldier of the revolution, settled in New Jersey, and at an early day came to Dryden, Tompkins county, when that county formed a part of Tioga. He had six children,—Barnabas, Aaron, Rachel, Philo, Peron and Timothy. Barnabas married Susan Johnson, by whom he had twelve children who arrived at maturity—Lydia, Nathaniel, Abram, Harrison, Ann, Rebecca, Sally, Enos, George, Merilda and Barnabas. Abram married Martha, daughter, of James R. Dye, by whom he has two sons, John Franklin and George Frederick (twins), the former professor of rhetoric in Amherst college, the latter professor of Greek, Latin and political economy in Benedict Institute, Columbia, S. C. Enos H. was born February 26, 1825, and has lived principally in Tioga county since 1852. He married Sarepta, daughter of George Earsley, of Caroline, N. Y., April 7, 1850, and by whom he has six children, viz.: Emma (Mrs. Fred Morgan), George D., the well known journalist of this village, Dell (Mrs. George Gardner), Priscilla (Mrs. George Stevens), Luella (Mrs. William Ewen) and Reuben E. Mrs. Genung died September 18, 1882. Salmon A., son of Nathaniel, was born January 27, 1841, married Mary E., daughter

of Asa Doty, of Towanda, Pa., September 21, 1861, and is now a resident of Waverly. George D. Genung married Mary A. VanDerlip, a daughter of S. T. VanDerlip, of Waverly, June 16, 1876. Three children have been born to them, Arthur, deceased, G. Leyl and M. Lucille.

Squire Whitaker was born in Deckertown, N. J., June 1, 1808, and came with his parents to this town in 1816. He walked the entire distance, which in those days was not considered a remarkable feat, and assisted in driving a cow. In 1832 he married Sally, daughter of John Hanna, and for about two years resided in Ellistown. They afterward moved to the farm on Tallmadge Hill now owned by his son Lewis, then an unbroken forest. He set up a temporary house on crotched sticks, which the family occupied while his log-house was building. He subsequently built a framed house, which was burned, and his neighbors kindly aided him to re-build, and in nine days had his house ready for occupancy. Their children were Horace, Jane (Mrs. D. D. Knapp), Pheobe (Mrs. Hatfield Hallett), Lewis, James, William and Frank (Mrs. Wilbur Finch). Lewis married Frances, daughter of James Parker. In 1849, the family removed to Waverly and took up their home at the homestead in Chemung street, where Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker continued to reside to the time of their death. Mrs. Whitaker died about fifteen years ago, and Mr. Whitaker on May 15, 1887. He was appointed captain of the state militia by Governor Marcy. In 1844 Tioga county offered a banner to the town that would bring to Owego the largest delegation in favor of Polk and Dallas. Mr. Whitaker was at the head of the greatest number, and took the prize.

Banking Institutions.—The Waverly Bank was organized in 1855, with John C. Adams, president, and George H. Fairchild, cashier. The business was at first opened in the northwest room of the Snyder House, and a year or two later, upon the completion of the bank building corner of Broad and Loder street, removed into it. In about 1865 it was changed to a National bank, and in 1871 was moved into the building now occupied by the Citizens Bank.

About the first of April, 1872, a private bank was opened in the same building, H. T. Herrick, president; George Herrick, cashier; H. T. Sawyer, teller. They also held the same positions in the National Bank, and within a month after the organization of the private bank, the National went into the hands of a receiver. J. S. Thurston, of Elmira, was the first receiver appointed, and at

the end of a month he resigned and was succeeded by J. T. Sawyer, who served for about three months and resigned. J. B. Floyd was then appointed and closed up the business. In May of the following year, 1873, the Herrick Bank also suspended, and J. T. Sawyer and R. A. Elmer were elected assignees and effected a settlement of the business.

The First National Bank was organized February 13, 1864, with a capital of \$50,000.00. Its first officers were R. D. Van Deuzer, president; R. A. Elmer, vice-president; H. Elmer, cashier. In February, 1884, their charter was extended twenty years. The present officers are Howard Elmer, president; N. S. Johnson, vice-president; F. E. Lyford, cashier.

The Citizens Bank was incorporated under the banking laws of the state of New York, June 18, 1874, and commenced business on the first of July following, with a capital of \$50,000.00. The first officers were J. T. Sawyer, president; M. Lyman, cashier. The present officers are J. T. Sawyer, president; S. W. Slaughter, vice-president; F. A. Sawyer, cashier.

Gas Light Company.—The Waverly Gas Light Company was organized January 7, 1873, with a capital of \$50,000.00, and the works were completed August 15th of the same year. They were constructed by Deily & Fowler, engineers of Philadelphia, and cost the company \$50,000.00. The village was first lighted with gas July 24, 1873. The first officers of the company were William F. Warner, president; Frederick W. Warner, secretary; E. W. Warner, treasurer. William F. Warner is still president, and Henry G. Merriam; secretary and treasurer.

Waverly Library and Museum.—A library and museum was opened on Park avenue, June 10, 1885, due mainly to the efforts of Prof. Riker, seconded by the generous co-operation of the citizens. The library contains some 2,500 volumes and 1,000 pamphlets, and has a circulating and a reference department, the latter embracing many rare and valuable works. It is made free to the public, excepting the circulating department, for the use and increase of which an annual fee is charged. It has worked well and given great satisfaction in the short period of its existence.

FACTORYVILLE.—The name "Factoryville" was originally applied to all the territory now included in both Waverly and East Waverly, and took its origin from the number of factories and mills erected along Shepard's creek in the early part of the century. The village is pleasantly located, but its prosperity de-

parted when, in 1849, the completion of the Erie railroad caused Waverly to spring up on its western border, and while the latter has advanced rapidly in population and in commercial and manufacturing interests, the former has made but very slight progress. The village now contains one church (Old School Baptist), three stores, two hotels, one tannery, one steam saw-mill, wagon shops, blacksmith shops, etc., a fine school building, belonging to the graded school system of Waverly and East Waverly, and has about 500 inhabitants. Waverly in her growth has pushed out in all directions, but particularly towards Factoryville, until now the two unite and practically constitute one village, the name Factoryville even locally having given way to "East Waverly," and doubtless within a few years both will be comprised within the corporate limits of Waverly, and "Factoryville" will exist only in memory and in history.

A survey of Factoryville was made in 1819, by Major Flower. John Shepard owned the land on which the village is now located, and he divided it into large lots, and sold them to Thomas Wilcox and Moses and Elisha Larnard, who divided them into village lots, which were sold, and neat and comfortable buildings were erected upon them, some of which are now standing. The post-office was established here in 1812, with Isaac Shepard as postmaster. The office was first located in the woolen mill, and later in Mr. Shepard's store on the Owego road (Chemung street). The establishment of mail and stage lines over the newly constructed turnpike, made the "tavern" a necessity, and in 1824 one was erected by Isaac Shepard, on the lot where now stands the C. H. Shepard residence, and a few years later John Shackleton, Sr., built a tavern and stage-house at East Waverly.

At a very early date in the history of the town, mills and factories were erected here. In the year 1800 George Walker built a grist-mill, and in 1808-09 John Shepard, of Milltown, and Josiah Crocker, then recently removed from Lee, Mass., erected a fulling-mill, carding-machines and saw-mill. Later, Isaac and Job Shepard, sons of John Shepard, the former the father of Charles and William Shepard, erected a woolen factory, which was afterwards bought and enlarged by Alexander Brooks, an uncle of C. C. Brooks. This building was destroyed by fire in 1853. It was rebuilt by Mr. Brooks' sons, William and Gilbert, as an agricultural implement factory. It was afterwards again destroyed by fire, and rebuilt in part by William Brooks. In 1863 C. C. Brooks bought a half interest in the concern of William Brooks,

and they enlarged the buildings, added a foundry, machine-shops, etc. In 1870 Messrs. Brooks sold the establishment to A. B. Phillips, who again converted it into a tannery. In 1879 A. I. Decker purchased the property, and in August, 1882, the buildings were again destroyed by fire. Mr. Decker at once commenced rebuilding, and in January, 1883, was again ready for business.

About the year 1824 Jerry Adams built a tannery near the state line, and later he sold the industry to one Norris, who in 1834 sold to Luther Stone, father of William and James Stone. In 1842 Mr. Stone removed the building and put up a much larger and better one. In 1860 this was burned down, but was rebuilt the same year. In 1866 Luther Stone died and his sons continued the business until 1868, when James sold his interest to J. A. Perkins, and two years later William also sold to Mr. Perkins, and the latter continued the business for several years. In 1883 the Sayre Butter Package Co. leased the building, which for a few years preceding this time had been unused, and now it is the scene of this important industry.

BARTON is a post village situated near the southeast corner of the town of Barton, on the north bank of the Susquehanna river, and is a way-station on the N. Y. L. E. & W. railroad. It contains one church (M. E.), one school-house, one hotel, two general stores, one feed and saw-mill, and about two hundred inhabitants. Of the early settlers in this vicinity we have already spoken. The village is about five miles from Waverly.

RENIFF is a post village situated near the northwest corner of the town. The postoffice was established here in March, 1881, with Willis E. Gillett postmaster, who has continued in office to the present time. The village contains a school-house, saw, planing, shingle, and feed-mills, creamery, general store, blacksmith-shop, and about a dozen dwellings. The patrons of the postoffice are about 200. The mills are owned by W. E. Gillett, as is also the store and blacksmith-shop, and he owns a half interest in the creamery. Mr. Gillett is largely engaged in farming, and employs upwards of thirty men. Although comparatively a young man, he has shown remarkable enterprise and energy in establishing and maintaining most of the business interests of the place, and Reniff owes almost its entire existence to him.

LOCKWOOD is a post village situated on the western border of the town, about seven miles north of Waverly, on Shepard's creek, and is a station on the G. I. & S. R. R. The postoffice was

established in 1869, as Bingham's Mills, with G. W. Bingham postmaster. The name was afterwards changed to Lockwood. The population is about 200. The village has one church (M. E.), a school-house, custom and flouring-mill, two saw and planing-mills, two blacksmith-shops, two turning, scroll-sawing, and wagon-shops, one hotel, two general stores, and one grocery and meat-market. It is exceedingly bright for a place of its size, and is remarkable for its industry and thrift.

NORTH BARTON postoffice is located in the northern part of the town, near the head-waters of Ellis creek.

HALSEY VALLEY is a post village extending from the town of Tioga partially over into the northeastern corner of Barton township. A description of it may be found in the history of Tioga.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

The Novelty Furniture Works of Waverly were established by Hall & Cummings, in 1873, in South Waverly. In 1876 the works were removed to Athens, Pa., where, under the present firm of Hall & Lyon, the business prospered and grew until it ranked among the largest and most successful in the state of Pennsylvania. In June, 1884, the works were completely destroyed by fire. The people of Waverly, wisely realizing the importance of manufacturing as an element of growth and prosperity, made a very liberal proposition to Messrs. Hall & Lyon to re-build their works in their beautiful and thriving village. The proffer being accepted, the works were re-built, on a much enlarged basis, and were ready for operation in the autumn of 1884. At the present time the works consist of three main brick buildings, besides a brick boiler and furnace house, and a large dry-kiln capable of thoroughly kiln-drying three million feet of lumber annually. For convenience of arrangement, thorough equipment and facility for receiving the raw materials and shipping the finished product, these works are not surpassed by any similar institution in the whole country. Now more than 72,000 feet of floor space is utilized, and constant employment is afforded to 125 workmen, with a promise of constant growth and expansion in the near future. Messrs. Hall & Lyon now maintain a large sales room in Philadelphia, and their product finds market also throughout New England, New York, and Pennsylvania.

D. H. Eaton & Son's Refrigerator, Butter and Oyster Pail Manufactory was established in July, 1885, by the above firm who are

the patentees. The pail is made of tin, with a jacket of sheet or galvanized iron so fitted as to allow a free circulation of air between the pail and jacket; the latter being perforated at the top and bottom. There are sizes for holding five, ten, fifteen, twenty and fifty pounds of butter. By thorough tests it has been proved of surpassing coldness for the transmission of butter, and they may be returned to the shipper and re-used many times. The works are situated in East Waverly, on Main street, under the supervision of the firm.

The Sayre Butter Package Company was established by Richard D. Van Deuzer, who secured the patent in July, 1882, and who erected the buildings and put in the machinery necessary for their manufacture. In October of the same year he entered into partnership with James A. Clark, which partnership was continued until 1884. The factory is situated on Main street, in East Waverly, and is run by both steam and water-power. They make the first tin butter package with wooden jackets and covers ever manufactured in this section, and Mr. Van Deuzer was the first to introduce them into New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the New England states. The tub is made of tin with an elm jacket, bottom and top hoops and wooden cover. There are three sizes made, holding twenty, thirty and fifty pounds. There are thirty-five hands employed, and the capacity is 1,000 packages in ten hours. The present proprietors are R. D. & H. C. Van Deuzer, of Waverly, and F. T. Page, of Athens, Pa. This firm has recently added the manufacture of baskets of all varieties, made of staves and splints, and the entire management is under the supervision of R. D. Van Deuzer.

The Decker Tannery, located at Factoryville, has already been spoken of in connection with the sketch of that village. The tannery gives employment to twenty-five hands, and has the capacity for turning out 50,000 sides of leather per annum.

C. M. Crandall's Toy Manufactory, on Broad street, was established here by him in 1885. He came from Montrose, Pa., where he had carried on the business a number of years. He manufactures about \$40,000.00 worth of toys per year, employing fifty hands. His goods consist of a vast number of ingenious mechanical toys, all of which are invented and manufactured by himself. The production is disposed of entirely to New York jobbers, orders for a single style of toy often amounting to several thousand dollars.

John C. Shear's Grist and Flouring-Mill, on Broad street, was

built by Weaver & Shear, in 1878. Since 1882 the mill has been owned and operated by Mr. Shear. It is operated by steam-power, has four runs of stones, one set of rolls, four brakes, and other modern machinery to correspond. Mr. Shear employs four men, and grinds about 200 bushels of grain per day, with the capacity for turning out 450. He does principally custom work.

James Lemon's Foundry and Machine Shop, on Broad street, was originally established by him in 1850. He located on Broad street then, about where Clark's hardware store now is, his being the third building erected on the street. Mr. Lemon continued in business at this point until 1856, when he sold to H. M. Moore, and moved to about what is now No. 150 Broad street. About twenty years ago he located at the site he now occupies. He manufactures plows, stoves, plow and agricultural fixtures, etc.

The Reniff Mills were built by Isaac Barnes and George Newell, upwards of fifty years ago. The present mill was built about forty years ago, but has been enlarged and extensively improved by the present owner, Willis E. Gillett. Its capacity for sawing and planing is 2,000,000 feet per annum. There is also a feed and shingle-mill in connection.

The Gillett & Decker Creamery was established in the spring of 1887, by W. E. Gillett and A. I. Decker. It is situated at Reniff, is run by a six horse-power engine, and is equipped with all the most improved machinery known to the manufacture of butter. It runs this year about 175 gallons of milk per day.

The Cayuta Creamery was established in 1883, at Barton Center, and was known as the "Barton Center Creamery." In the winter of 1887 it was removed to East Waverly, near the Geneva & Sayre R. R. depot. Its capacity is for 1,000 cows, employs five men, and runs delivery wagons for supplying private families with milk products. It was established by F. A. Schuyler, and was run by him until the spring of 1887, when H. T. Harding entered into partnership with him, and it is now run under the firm name of Schuyler & Harding.

The Lockwood Flour and Custom Feed-Mill was established in 1853, by Charles Bingham, and is now run by Bingham Brothers. It is situated in the village of Lockwood, on Shepard's creek. It is run by steam and water-power, has four runs of stones, and good facilities for grinding buckwheat. Its capacity is about 200 bushels in ten hours.

The Lockwood Saw, Planing, and Lath Mills, are run by the Bingham Brothers. The present mills were built by Bingham, Lyons

& Co., in 1879. They are situated on Shepard's creek, are run by a forty horse-power engine, and have the capacity for 10,000 feet of lumber per day. The head sawyer is J. A. Stever.

A. V. C. Vail & Co.'s Steam Saw and Planing-Mill is situated at Lockwood village, near the G. I. & S. R. R. It was removed there from road 2, in 1880. Its capacity is 5,000 feet per day.

A. Brook's Turning and Scroll-Sawing Works, at Lockwood, are fitted with a four horse-power engine, a variety of circular and scroll saws and lathes, and all equipments necessary to do the finest work in that line. A specialty is made of the manufacture of church seats, where a variety of styles and patterns may be seen. The business was established in 1880.

C. H. Coleman's Turning, Scroll-Sawing, Wagon and Blacksmith Shops are situated near Bingham's mills, in Lockwood. The works are run by an eight horse-power engine, have a planer, various saws, etc., also facilities for doing all kinds of repairing at short notice.

C. F. Hanna's Circular Saw-Mill is situated on Ellis creek, about one mile from the River road, and is run by steam-power. It was built by the present proprietor in November, 1884. Its capacity is from 5,000 to 8,000 feet in ten hours. The first mill on this site was built by Foster, Newland & Smith, about 1859.

CHURCHES.

The Tioga and Barton Baptist Church.—After the Revolution, when immigration began to set in from the Eastern states, the Congregational denomination of Connecticut sent out the Rev. Seth Williston as a missionary, and we find him holding religious services in different places in the county as early as 1795. The earliest religious organization formed in the county was on February 20, 1796. Several families from Bedford, Mass., settled along the river between Tioga Center and Smithboro, calling their settlement "New Bedford." Among them was a Baptist minister, the Rev. David Jayne. Assisted by a deputation from the Baptist church at Chemung (now Wellsburg), a church was organized, comprising nine members, and styled the "Baptist Church at New Bedford," Rev. D. Jayne being the first minister, and so continued for fourteen years. Subsequently, as the settlement extended further north, a portion of the society formed a new organization at Tioga center, and the old society became established near Halsey Valley, and took a new name, calling

itself "The Tioga and Barton Baptist Church." In 1848 they constructed a new church edifice, at a cost of \$800.00, which will seat 300 persons. The society now has fifty members, with Rev. Franklin J. Salmon, pastor.

The First Presbyterian Church of Waverly, located on Pennsylvania avenue, was organized with twenty-two members, June 8, 1847, by the Revs. Thurston, Carr and Bacchus, a committee from the Chemung presbytery. They erected a church edifice in 1849, enlarged it in 1860, and in 1886 the society erected at a cost of \$30,000 a handsome brick church of a modern style of architecture. It will seat 600 persons, has large parlors, pastors study, etc., in the rear of the auditorium, over which is the large Sunday school room. Rev. Nathaniel Elmer was the first pastor. Rev. John L. Taylor is the present pastor.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Waverly, located on Waverly street corner Chemung, was first organized as a class at Factoryville, in 1828, with five members, namely: Elisha Tozer (leader), Rachel Tozer, Philena Tozer, Joshua Wilcox, and King Elwell. The first church edifice was erected in Factoryville in 1840, and dedicated the same year by Rev. Horace Agard, pastor. The trustees were Jacob H. Russell, Alpheus H. Tozer, and Gilbert H. Hallett; presiding elder, George Harmon. The society sold the church building to the Baptist society of Waverly, who took it down and erected their present commodious house of worship. The Methodist society removed to Waverly and built a frame church edifice, which was dedicated in March, 1864, by Bishop Janes. It was destroyed by fire in 1865. The present substantial and attractive brick building was erected, and dedicated in 1867, by Rev. Hiram Mattison, D. D. Rev. James O. Woodruff is the present pastor.

The First Baptist Church, located on Park avenue, corner of Tioga street, was originally organized at Ulster, Bradford county, Pa., June 24, 1824, at the house of Joseph Smith. Elder Levi Baldwin, from Smithfield, Dea. Asa Hacket, F. Perkins, Eliphalet Barden, and Selah Finch, from Chemung Baptist church, Tioga county, N. Y., and Isaac Cooley, formed the council. Deacon Asa Hacket was chosen moderator, and Levi Baldwin, clerk. The following named persons, sixteen in number, composed the original organization: Elder Thomas Bebe and Betsey Bebe, his wife, Joseph Smith and his wife, Euphenia Smith, Lockwood D. Smith, Alexander Hibbard and his wife Polly Hibbard, Abel J. Gerold and Nancy Gerold, his wife, Cornelius Quick and his wife,

Margaret, Sisters Simons, Holcomb, Weriot and Lucretia Norton. It was first styled the "Athens and Ulster Baptist Church," and meetings were held at Athens, Ulster and Milltown. The name was changed March 10, 1832, to the "Athens and Chemung Baptist Church," and again, on May 14, 1836, to "Factoryville Baptist Church." Finally, in 1865, it was established at Waverly. The society have a neat and commodious church edifice, which will comfortably seat 500 persons. The present pastor is Rev. Daniel H. Cooper.

The Chemung Old School Baptist Church, located at Factoryville, was organized January 7, 1846, with nine members, as follows: Moses Slawson, David Proudfoot, Henry Rowland, Nathan Carey, Mary Carey, Fanny Carey, Betsey A. Slawson, Mary Slawson and Sarah Rowland. They met for worship in the houses of members and in the school-house until 1864, when the brick church erected by the New School Society, about 1830, was purchased by them at a cost of \$1,100.00. The building will seat about 250 persons. Elder M. W. Vail is the present pastor.

The Grace Episcopal Church, located on Park avenue corner of Tioga street, was organized December 28, 1853. The certificate of organization is signed by Rev. George Watson, the rector of St. Paul's church, of Owego, Levi Gardner, Arthur Yates, Thomas Yates and A. P. Spalding. The society has a very tasty church building, erected about 1855. The first rector was Rev. Horatio Gray. The present rector is Rev. George Bowen.

The Church of Christ, located on Providence street, was organized July 8, 1877, with seven members, and a Sabbath school with twenty-one teachers and scholars was established at the same time.

St. James Roman Catholic Church is located on Chemung street corner of Clark. The first Roman Catholic church erected in Waverly was built in 1852. The lot whereon the building stood on Erie street, was deeded gratis to the Rt. Rev. John Timon, first bishop of Buffalo, by the late Owen Spalding, who also gave the lots for all the protestant churches first erected in Waverly. The affairs of the parish were attended to by Rt. Rev. James T. Mc Manus, the present Vicar General of the diocese of Rochester. The pastor's residence was in Owego, as there were not enough Catholics in Waverly to support a pastor. The parish priest of Owego was the only one in Tioga county. The money to build the first church was collected by the late John Sliney. The seating capacity was about three hundred, but at the time the

church was built and for several years after, the building was too large for all the Catholics of Smithboro, Barton, Chemung and Waverly. The present house of worship is a handsome, commodious edifice, with elegant memorial windows of stained glass, given by the members of the congregation. The lot is finely laid out. The pastoral residence, an elegant house, stands on the northwest corner of the lot. This building was erected about twenty years after the first church was built. The lot was purchased by the late John Sliney, and held in trust for the congregation for years, until they were able to build thereon. The first resident pastor was Rev. James Brady, now located at Arcade, Wyoming county. The present pastor is Rev. Edward McShane.

The North Barton Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1869, with eighteen members. The church was erected in 1870, at a cost of \$1,500.00. The first pastor was Rev. William H. Gavitt. The present pastor is Rev. Ziba Evans.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Barton Village was organized about 1805, at the house of Peter Barnes. Benjamin Aikens, Peter Barnes and his wife, Gilbert Smith, his sister Betsey Smith, and Samuel Mundy were among the earliest members. Peter Hoffman, Selah Payne, and Daniel Bensley joined soon after. For many years the society was supplied by circuit preachers, who, traveling long distances, were able to hold meetings but once in four weeks. Rev. Timothy Lee and Rev. Horace Agard are mentioned as among the earliest circuit preachers. Benjamin Aikens was the first local preacher. The society held the first camp-meeting in the county, at Smithboro, in 1807, and their regular meetings were held in private houses, the woods, and the school-house, until 1836, when the present church edifice was completed, costing \$1,100.00. It has sittings for about 400 persons. Rev. William H. Pearne was the first resident pastor, and Rev. Luther Peck is the present one.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Lockwood was organized at an early date, the society first holding services in private houses, often at Charles Bingham's residence. In 1854 a church building was erected, which gave place to the present structure in 1886. It will seat 250 persons and is valued at \$4,000.00. The society now has sixty members, with Rev. Ziba Evans, pastor.

The Methodist Episcopal Church at Ellistown is an old building, but we have been unable to collect any reliable data from which to compile a sketch. The society has now no organization there.

BERKSHIRE lies in the northeastern part of the county, and is bounded on the north by Richford, east by the county line, south by Newark Valley, and west by Caroline and Candor, containing an area of about 17,443 acres, 12,474 acres of which is improved land. The surface of the town is pleasingly diversified by lofty hills and fertile valleys, the former attaining a mean elevation of from 1,200 to 1,400 feet. East and West Owego creeks, with their tributaries, form the water courses of the township, the former entering on the north, near the center, flowing a southerly direction through the town; the latter forms the dividing line on the west between Berkshire and the towns of Caroline and Candor. The soil of this territory is principally clay—in the valley of East creek yellow loam, with clay underlying; on the east, gravelly loam. The valleys and west hills were timbered with beech, maple, and iron-wood, the east hills with pine and hemlock.

Settlement.—The story of the “Boston Purchase,” or “Boston Ten Townships,” we have already detailed in chapter two. It devolved upon some of the proprietors therein named to found the township of Berkshire, a town that takes its name from the region of the famous Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts, and which it, indeed, in physical contour, greatly resembles. From these pioneers of the Puritan East, also, seems to have fallen upon their descendants of to-day, and to them is due, much of the prosperity, the integrity, character and intelligence for which the citizens of Berkshire are so justly celebrated. Nowhere have the manners of a people, their customs, their high sense of duty, their strict observance of the Sabbath, their love for the church and the school followed the line of descent more closely than in the township of Berkshire. These pioneers came not empty-handed nor empty-headed, for aside from their native New England thrift they were possessed of some means and had availed themselves of a fair opportunity in the school-room.

Until 1808 the locality was known as “Brown’s Settlement,” after the pioneer family of that name. Brown’s Settlement, then, was begun on the first day of April, 1791, by five men who left Stockbridge, Mass., on February 23d, spending thirty-seven days on the way, and bringing their tools and provisions on two sleds, drawn by ox-teams. These pioneers were Isaac and Abraham Brown, brothers, Daniel Ball, Elisha Wilson, and John Carpenter, the latter coming as the hired man of the Browns. Two

other men, Messrs. Dean and Norton, came in the party as far as Choconut, now Union, where they remained.

Thus in brief is the story of the pioneer settlement of the town of which we write. Of these early ones and many who followed them we will speak, under the head of

EARLY HOUSEHOLDS OF BERKSHIRE.*

Isaac Brown, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 25 Oct., 1766, second son of Capt. Abraham and Beulah (Patterson) Brown, came to Brown's Settlement with the pioneer party in 1791, leaving Stockbridge, 23 Feb. and reaching their destination 1 April. He probably worked with his brother, Abraham, till 1793, when he began to make a clearing for his own home. He married with Clarissa Ball, who was born in Stockbridge, 14 Nov., 1775, daughter of Josiah and Esther (Ward) Ball, and settled in a log house on the east side of the road on the south half of lot 305, a little south of where the railway crosses the road. Here he had just fairly started a pleasant home, when he died, 10 April, 1797, the first adult to die in the settlement. His widow died 12 Feb., 1844. Their children were:

I. — Brown, a daughter, died in infancy.

II. Isaac Brown, b 4 Oct., 1797, six months after his father's death, was brought up by his grandmother, Beulah Brown, and married, 5 July, 1820, with Eleanor Branch, daughter of Levi and Electa (Lyman) Branch. She was born in Richmond, Mass., 29 Nov., 1796, and died 4 July, 1867. He died at Newark Valley. They had a family of ten children, several of whom are yet living.

Josiah Ball, b at Watertown, Mass., 16 Dec., 1742, son of John and Lydia (Perry) Ball, a shoemaker, m 26 Feb., 1768, with Esther Ward, who was born in Worcester, Mass., 7 March, 1750-51, daughter of Major Daniel and Mary (Coggin) Ward. They settled in Stockbridge, Mass., and of their thirteen children all were born there but the youngest. In June, 1794, they came to Berkshire, and settled on lot 337, where their son-in-law, Luke B. Winship, dwelt for many years after them. He died 26 July, 1810. She died 9 March, 1836. For some years he had an extra log house, which, in the season for moving, he kept to accommodate those settlers who needed a temporary shelter while pre-

* Extracts from an unfinished work, in manuscript, entitled, *Folk Book of the Boston Purchase*, by D. Williams Patterson, of Newark Valley.

paring their houses. At other times it was used for a school-house, or for his shoe shop. Children :

- I. William, died when two years old.
- II. Daniel, b 27 Dec., 1769.
- III. William, b 18 Oct., 1771.
- IV. Stephen, b 29 Jan., 1774.
- V. Clarissa, b 14 Nov., 1775, m Isaac Brown.
- VI. Samuel, b 13 Nov. 1777.
- VII. Henry, b 21 Nov., 1779.
- VIII. Josiah, b 28 Jan., 1782.
- IX. Isaac, b 27 Dec., 1783.

X. Electa, b 9 June, 1788, d 6 Sept., 1869.

XI. Charles, b 4 Sept., 1790, d 9 Jan., 1814.

XII. Cynthia, b 24 April, 1793, m with Luke Bates Winship.

YIII. Mary, b in July, 1801, and died when eighteen months old, about 11 or 12 Jan., 1803. The mother was over fifty years old when this child was born.

Daniel Ball, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 27 Dec., 1769, son of Josiah and Esther (Ward) Ball, has been called one of the pioneers of Berkshire. He came here as one of the pioneer party of five who began the work in Brown's Settlement, 1 April, 1791, but did not work in the present limits of Berkshire toward clearing a home for himself or his father. He returned to Stockbridge in the fall, probably before his comrades did, and married at Lenox, Mass., 31 Oct., 1791, with Lucia Wells, daughter of Col. William Wells, of Lenox. In June, 1794, he returned to Berkshire with his father's family, bringing his wife and daughter, and settled in a log house on lot 336, near the present home of Charles S. Manning. They moved, about 1820, to Victor, N. Y., and thence to Michigan, where they died; he about 1833; she about 1840. They had ten children:

I. Ann, b at Stockbridge, in 1792.

II. William Wells, b in Berkshire, 8 Sept., 1794, the first white child born within the limits of the town, married in February, 1820, with Harriet Cook, daughter of Ebenezer Cook, Esq., and was living in Dec., 1820, where James Cross now lives. He afterward bought the farm of Abraham Brown, where his son Rodney A. Ball now lives, in Newark Valley, and died there 15 Jan., 1880.

III. Horatio. IV. Henry. V. Hester. VI. Sophia.

VII. Chester. VIII. Calvin. IX. Davis. X. Myron.

William Ball, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 18 Oct., 1771, a cloth-

dresser, m with Phebe Bement, daughter of Asa and Ruth (Neal) Bement, and settled in Berkshire about 1794. They afterward moved to Tioga, and thence to Victor, N. Y., where they died; she about 23 April, 1847; he some years earlier. It is supposed that he built the first cloth-dressing works in Berkshire. He left there before Dec., 1820. Their children were:

I. George. II. William, a physician, settled in Victor, N. Y.
 III. Asa. IV. James. V. Albert. VI. Mary.

VII. Charles, a physician, b in Tioga, N. Y., 19 July, 1824, settled in Victor. VIII. Phebe.

Stephen Ball, born in Stockbridge, Mass., 29 Jan., 1774, son of Josiah and Esther (Ward) Ball, is entitled to rank among the leaders in the settlement of Berkshire. He came in 1793, when nineteen years old, to prepare a home for his father's family, on lot 336, on which he cut the first tree. Here he made a clearing, built a log house, raised a little corn, and perhaps a few potatoes, turnips and beans, made some provision for keeping a cow, and, in the fall, sowed a piece of wheat, and returned to Stockbridge. In February, 1794, he came again, bringing with him a cow, and lived alone till his father's family came, in June, 1794, and only on Sundays meeting his nearest neighbors, Isaac Brown and Daniel Gleazen. He married, in 1801, with Polly Leonard, daughter of Capt. Asa and Olive (Churchill) Leonard, and settled on the northeast corner of lot 337, where the hotel is now kept. Here they spent most of the remainder of their lives. She died 3 Oct., 1850, and he died 19 Feb., 1857. Their children were:

I. Olive Leonard, b 2 Nov., 1801, m with Robert Akins.

II. Mary, b 12 May, 1803, died 21 March, 1815.

III. Harriet, b 19 July, 1805, m with Aaron P. Belcher.

IV. Eliza Ann, b 7 Oct., 1807, m with Charles Brown.

V. Richard Leonard, b 9 June, 1809, died 21 May, 1848.

VI. James Ward, b 24 May, 1811, m with Sypha Matson, and settled at Ottawa, Ill.

VII. Caroline, b 14 May, 1813, m with Carlisle P. Johnson.

VIII. Levi, b 26 March, 1815, m 28 Oct., 1841, with Betsey Ann Royce, and lives on the line between lots 385 and 416.

IX. Anson, b 19 March, 1817, m 5 Jan., 1848, with Caroline Moore, and died at Berkshire, 27 April, 1884.

X. Asa, b 26 April, 1819, m 15 Oct., 1845, with Esther Maria Manning, who died 15 May, 1887. He resides in Berkshire, a deacon of the Congregational church.

XI. Mary Sophia, b 2 Feb., 1821, m with Dr. Edward H. Eldredge.

XII. Robert Henry, b 5 Feb., 1823, m 19 Dec., 1850, with Maria Henrietta Conklin, and lives in Berkshire.

XIII. Frances Calista, b 2 Jan., 1825, m with George Clark Royce, and d 21 Oct., 1853.

Samuel Ball, b at Stockbridge, Mass., 13 Nov., 1777, son of Josiah and Esther (Ward) Ball, came to Berkshire in 1794, m about 1803, with Jerusha Slosson. They dwelt at one time on lot 103, in Newark Valley, but in 1818 sold to Ezekiel Rich, returned to Berkshire village, and thence to the west border of the town, and settled on the east side of the road, opposite the house of Phineas Case, on southwest quarter of lot 380, and was living there in Dec., 1820. Afterward they went to Lawrenceville, Pa., where they died; he, 12 Sept., 1841; she, 5 February, 1870, aged ninety-six years. Children were:

I. Nancy, b 18 May, 1805, m with Joseph Weaver.

II. Lodema Farnham, b 6 May, 1806, m with Charles Frederick Akins.

III. Frederick William, b 6 June, 1808, d 9 April, 1835.

IV. Adeline, b 1 April, 1811, m with her cousin Clark Slosson.

V. Ball, b 7 Dec., 1813, died young.

VI. Cynthia Winship, b 10 March, 1818, m with Amasa Daily, and second with her cousin, Ezbon Slosson.

Henry Ball, b 21 Nov. 1779, married with Sarah Judd Moore, daughter of Henry Moore, and settled in Berkshire. He bought for fifty dollars, the old house of Dr. Joseph Waldo, 23 May, 1808, and moved it up to the place where his sons afterward lived, on the west side of the road, near the northeast corner of lot 337, second house below the hotel. He died 22 Sept., 1837; she died 7 June, 1856. Their children were:

I. Henrietta, b 14 Oct., 1811, died 16 Sept., 1862, according to her gravestone, "aged 49 years and 11 months," which is a year too little, if the date is correct.

II. Gilson, b 29 Dec., 1812, married with Rhoda Ann Johnson, and was killed by a falling tree, 4 March, 1871.

III. Sophronia, b 1814, died 14 April, 1824, aged nine years.

IV. Franklin, b 25 Sept., 1816, m 29 March, 1859, with Margaret Meagher, and died at Newark Valley.

V. Eliza, b 7 June, 1819, died 19 Nov., 1840.

VI. Martin Henry, died unmarried, 28 July, 1875.

VII. Susan Sophronia, died in Berkshire, unmarried.

VIII. Alvah Moore, resides in Berkshire on his father's homestead.

Josiah Ball, b 28 Jan., 1782, was an excellent school-teacher, and a maker of wooden pumps. He married with Lucy Leonard, and settled in Berkshire village, where they died; she 5 Oct., 1856; he 23 Oct., 1862. Children:

I. Emily, b 12 Aug., 1804, m with Horatio Collins.

II. Sabrina, b 18 Dec., 1806. m with Addison Collins.

III. Julia, m with Dwight Waldo, and died 20 Jan., 1843.

IV. Mary, m with John Waldo, and settled at Portage, N. Y., where she died 13 May, 1887.

Isaac Bali, son of Josiah, came to Berkshire with his parents in June, 1794: m 20 Oct., 1808, with Cassandra Johnson. They settled on the east side of the road, on lot 336, where Charles O. Lynch now lives, and died there; he 20 Nov., 1856; she, 19 Sept., 1858. Their children were:

I. Francis Augustus, b 17 Aug., 1809, d 14 April, 1819.

II. Abigail, b 15 Jan., 1811, m with Nathaniel Bishop Collins.

III. Plandon Halsey, b 20 May, 1813.

IV. Eunice, b 17 Nov., 1815.

V. Margery, b 23 June, 1818, m with Theodore Leonard.

VI. John, b 31 July, 1820, married with Mary Ann Ralyea, daughter of Dene and Mercy (Bradley) Ralyea, of Union, N. Y.

VII. Francis, b 14 April, 1824.

IX. Jay, b 10 May, 1827.

Joseph Gleazen lived in Stockbridge, Mass., till after his sons came to Brown's Settlement, after which he and his wife came to live with them, but never had a separate household in Berkshire. He died 9 March, 1816, aged seventy-five years. During the last years of her life she was not of sound mind. They had children, perhaps not in the following order:

I. Daniel, m with Rebecca Barnes.

II. Jesse, m with Mercy Adsel.

III. Caleb, had three wives, and lived at Richford.

IV. Sarah, m with — Doud, and second, 21 Oct., 1802, with Nathan Ide.

V. Joseph, b about 1772, m with Lovice Bailey.

VI. Ebenezer Ede, a tailor, m with Susanna Scott, who came to Berkshire with the family of Noah Lyman, and in Dec., 1820, they dwelt in Berkshire, on the west side of the way, a little below where Nathaniel Bishop Collins afterward built his brick house, and after that he moved to Newark Valley, and died there

in the old Lincoln tavern house. His wife, born 25 July, 1784, married (2d) 5 March, 1832, with Samuel Gleazen, his brother, and died in Richford, 5 Feb., 1853.

VII. Samuel, b in Stockbridge, Mass., 4 April, 1783, was brought up by Silas Pepon, Esq. He came to Berkshire later than his brothers, and settled in Richford.

Daniel Gleazen came to Brown's Settlement, probably, in the spring of 1794. He was a son of Joseph Gleazen, of Stockbridge, Mass. Tradition says that he first settled on the southeast quarter of lot 3/7, on the hill road, but afterward built a brick house on the road that lies in the hollow. He married at Berkshire, 26 Jan., 1805, with Miss Rebecca Barnes. They had seven children:

- I. Luke. II. Eli, b perhaps about 2 June, 1808. III. Ruth.
- IV. Rebecca, b perhaps about 3 Dec., 1813. V. Joseph.
- VI. William, b perhaps about 15 March, 1820.
- VII. Barnes, b perhaps about 12 Feb., 1822.

Jesse Gleazen, brother of Daniel, probably came at the same time. He joined the church in Stockbridge, Mass., in 1790, was dismissed 2 Oct., 1803, to the church about to be formed at Tioga, N. Y., of which he was a constituent member, and continued a member till 3 Oct., 1813. He married at Berkshire, 29 Oct., 18—, with "Miss Mercy Adzdil," as John Brown, Esq., recorded it; but the name may have been Adsel, or Hadsel. Their children were:

- I. Sarah, bap 20 Nov., 1803.
- II. James Adsel, bap 20 Nov., 1803.
- III. Mercy, bap 4 April, 1805.
- IV. Betsey Ruth, b 22 May, 1810, bap 2 Sept., 1810.
- V. Huldah Ann, b 2 March, 1813.

Joseph Gleazen, Jr., was born in Stockbridge, Mass., about 1772, son of Joseph Gleazen. The date of his advent to Berkshire is not known, but he probably came with his brothers. He was taxed for highway work three days in 1798, and married 16 May, 1803, with Lovice Bailey, (or "Vicey," as John Brown recorded the name) sister of Levi Bailey. He first settled on West Owego creek, west of the road, on the southwest quarter of lot 380, where Eleazer Lyman and his son, Daniel Lyman, afterward lived, just north of where the towns of Candor and Caroline corner together on the creek. In April, 1820, he left this place and settled in a log house on the southeast quarter of lot 342, on Berkshire Hill. Afterward they moved to Newark

Valley, and died there; he 21 Sept., 1849, in his 77th year; she 15 Oct., 1850, in her 65th year. Their children were:

I. Silas Pepoon. II. Emeline, d 3 July, 1863, aged 54.

III. Sabrina.

IV. George Densmore, b 27 Feb., 1814, resides in Newark Valley; m with Mary Ann Benton.

V. Lavina. VI. Julia.

VII. Semantha, m with Amasa Day Durfee.

Consider Lawrence was born at Canaan, Conn., 8 Feb., 1777; m 11 Sept., 1796, with Wealthy Peck, who was born 27 Oct., 1775. His name appears in John Brown's book 24 May, 1797, and he was taxed for work on highways, three days in 1798, and his name was in the tax list of 1802. He dwelt on the southwest quarter of lot 338, where Charles Backus Ford has since lived. He died 20 Feb., 1857, and his obituary notice said that he "came to Berkshire sixty-one years ago," which indicates 1796 as the year in which he came. He probably spent the summer before his marriage in preparing his home. Their children were:

I. Maria, b 30 Aug., 1797, m with Thomas Langdon, of Berkshire.

II. Isaac Peck, b 8 Feb., 1799, m 20 Jan., 1821, with Catharine Cole.

III. Miles Lewis, b 6 Nov., 1800, m 26 March, 1834, with Sylvia C. Foote and settled in Berkshire.

IV. William, b 14 Feb., 1803, m 14 Sept., 1840, with Laura Woodruff.

V. Betsey, b 27 Aug., 1804, m 25 Dec. 1821, with Gamaliel Whiting.

VI. Josiah, b 14 Sept., 1806, m with Martha Baird.

John Brown, b at Stockbridge, 18 July, 1765, eldest son of Captain Abraham and Beulah (Patterson) Brown, came to Brown's Settlement in Feb. 1796. He settled on lot 296, and built a saw-mill there. He married 20 Feb., 1800, with Mehitabel Wilson, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Curtis) Wilson, of Stockbridge, where she was born, 19 Dec., 1768. He was one of the first justices of the peace in the town of Tioga, and was supervisor of that town for four years. He was also supervisor of the new town of Berkshire, in 1808 and 1809, and in Oct., 1809, was appointed a judge of Broome county court of common pleas, which office he held at his death, 14 Oct., 1813. She survived till 3 Aug., 1857. Their children were:

I. John, b 14 Feb., 1801, a surveyor, mill-wright, and farmer, died unmarried 12 Nov., 1869.

II. Mary Wilson, b 1 Aug., 1802, unmarried.

III. Francis Henry, b 6 March 1804, died unmarried.

IV. Charles, b 11 Oct., 1805, married 6 Oct., 1835, with Eliza Ann Ball, daughter of Stephen and Polly (Leonard) Ball, and died 28 March, 1869.

V. Juliana, b 5 July, 1807, died 19 Nov., 1869.

VI. Frances Cornelia, b 19 March, 1809, unmarried.

Asa Leonard, b 30, Jan., 1759, son of Abiel Leonard, of Connecticut, married 11 Oct., 1781, with Olive Churchill, who was born in Stockbridge, Mass., 20 Feb., 1764, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Curtis) Churchill. They dwelt in Stockbridge, and afterward in West Stockbridge, and started in Feb., 1793, with the Slossons, to settle in Berkshire; but on reaching Chocanut, now Union, N. Y., they stopped on account of her health, and stayed with her brother, Asahel Churchill, till the next winter, and then returned to Massachusetts. Early in the year 1797, they made another trial, and reached Berkshire, where they spent the rest of their lives. He died 24 March, 1836; she died 21 Aug., 1844. Their children were:

I. Polly, b 11 Feb., 1783, married with Stephen Ball.

II. Solomon, b 23 Nov. 1784.

III. Lucy, b 3 Jan., 1787, m with Josiah Ball, Jr.

IV. Anna, b 16 Sept., 1788, m with Henry Griffin.

V. Levi, b 5 July 1790, m with Lucia Avery, and d 16 July, 1862.

VI. Nancy, b 26 April, 1792, m with Isaac Hitchcock.

VII. Louis Gigette, b 30 July, 1794, m 28 Feb., 1821, with Hannah Royce, and died at Berkshire, 1 Nov. 1830. She was still living there in 1887.

VIII. Henry, b 14 Aug., 1797, at Berkshire, m with Julia White, and settled at Ithaca, N. Y., where he died 7 March, 1863.

IX. George W., b 5 April, 1799, d 23 April, 1799.

X. Sabrina, b 28 Aug., 1800, d 22 Nov. 1809.

XI. Amanda, b 6 Aug., 1802, m with John Brush Royce.

XII. Chester, b 9 Oct., 1805, m 12 Oct. 1826, with Susan Maria Wilson; settled at Newark Valley, where he died 25 Nov., 1841, and she died at Owego.

XIII. Leonard, a son, b 5 June, 1807, d 29 June, 1807.

Solomon Leonard, son of Asa Leonard, came to Berkshire with his father, and on reaching his majority became a partner with him in the business of tanning and currying. He married 30

Jan., 1813, with Nancy Ann Waldo, and settled on the south side of Leonard street, where their son, Joseph Waldo Leonard, now lives. She died 18 Sept., 1865; he died 24 March, 1866. Their children were:

I. Jane, b 1 Nov., 1813, m 23 July, 1839, with Wm. C. Churchill, and died 23 May, 1851.

II. Theodore, b 13 Feb., 1815, m 15 June, 1842, with Margery Ball.

III. Frederick William, b 8 Oct., 1816.

IV. Mary Elizabeth, b 14 July, 1818, m 6 Oct., 1845, with Charles Mills, of Little Falls, N. Y., who died 3 May, 1849; and she m (2nd) 11 Nov., 1850, with Melancthon Rogers.

V. Joseph Waldo, b 27 May, 1820, m 12 Oct., 1852, with Mary Ann Campfield, and resides on his father's homestead.

VI. Henry Griffin, b 27 March, 1822, m 12 Feb., 1850, with Catharine Campfield.

VII. Edwin Dwight, b 25 Feb., 1824.

VIII. Frances, b 25 July, 1826, m with Dr. Frederick A. Waldo, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

IX. Nancy Bliss, b 11 April, 1828, m with George Clark Royce.

X. George Franklin, b 15 Nov., 1829, m 17 Nov., 1850, with Eunice Patch.

XI. Jerome, b 17 Aug., 1830, m 1 Oct., 1862, with Araminta Boyer.

Ebenezer Cook, b at Stockbridge, Mass., about 1772, married there 3 April, 1793, with Elizabeth Churchill, who was born there 8 Sept., 1774, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Curtis) Churchill. He came to Berkshire early in 1797, in company with his brother-in-law, Asa Leonard, and they began business as tanners and curriers under the name of Leonard & Cook, and according to the custom of that day made shoes also. He settled first in a small log house which stood near where Joseph Waldo Leonard dwelt in 1881, then built a shop on the corner opposite the brick meeting-house, where the brick house now stands; and just north of that, a small framed house, into which he moved his family 25 April, 1804. In this house he died 17 March, 1812. He served for several terms as justice of the peace, was always dignified with the title "'Squire," and was universally respected, although he followed too diligently the fashion of the times. His widow was named in the census of Dec., 1820, and died 23 June, 1825. Their children were:

I. Harriet, b 22 Oct., 1793, m with William Wells Ball.

Barnabas Manning. They afterward lived in Union, now Maine, N. Y., and then in Newark Valley, where he died 14 Sept., 1838, in his seventy-fifth year, on the place now owned by Clark Walworth. Their children were:

- I. Julia Rockwell, m with Harlow King.
- II. Eliza, b at Berkshire, 11 April, 1798, m with David Councilman.
- III. George, settled at Belvidere, Ill.
- IV. Azel, died at Rochester, N. Y., unmarried.
- V. Hannah, b at Berkshire, 8 Aug., 1802, m with Allen Watkins, and died 9 May, 1886, at Belvidere, Ill.
- VI. Clarinda, m with Newell Watkins.
- VII. Jedediah, died young.
- VIII. Calvin, m with Mary Wheeler, and settled at Belvidere, Ill.
- IX. Lucy Ann, m with Leander King, of Belvidere, Ill.
- X. Sabrina, went to Belvidere, Ill.
- XI. Henry, went to Belvidere, Ill.
- XII. William, was sheriff at Belvidere, Ill.
- XIII. Amanda, went to Belvidere, Ill.

Jeremiah Campbell, a blacksmith, lived on the east side of the road, in the north part of lot 416, close to the present north line of Berkshire. He married at Stockbridge, Mass., 2 Jan., 1792, with Elizabeth Rockwell. He was taxed to work on the highways, in 1793, three days, and was also in the tax-list of 1802. He still lived in the same place when the census of Dec., 1820, was taken, and moved, a few years later, to Binghamton, N. Y. Among his children was Rachel Campbell, who married with Silas Warren Bradley.

Ephraim Cook was taxed to work three and a half days on the highways, in 1798, and his name was on the tax-list of 1802. His dwelling place at that time has not been ascertained, but later he lived within the present bounds of Richford, on the south part of lot 460, at the angle of the road where Lyman Jewett now lives. He was living as lately as October, 1813, but the date of his death, which was caused by the bite of a rabid dog, has not been found. He was a farmer, and came, it is said, from Preston, Conn. His children were:

- I. Polly. II. Althea. III. Harvey, m with Clarissa Smith.
- IV. Phila, (perhaps Philena).

Josiah Howe was assessed to work three days on the highways, in 1798, and his name was on the tax-list of 1802. He had a child born 8 July, 1808, and another 17 August, 1813, names unknown.

Benjamin Olney was assessed to work three days on the highways, in Berkshire, in 1798.

Josiah Seeley was assessed to work three days on the highways in 1798.

David Williams, b at Richmond, Mass., 3 May, 1775, m there 1 July, 1798, with Jerusha Pierson, who was born at Sag Harbor, L. I., daughter of Zachariah and Sarah (Sanford) Pierson, who afterward settled in Richmond. They came to Berkshire in June, 1800, and settled on the northwest quarter of lot 345, where his son George now lives. He built a saw-mill and a grist-mill, and the sites are still occupied in the village. His wife died of consumption 2 April, 1807, aged thirty-two years and six months. He married (2d) 25 Dec., 1811, with Samantha Collins. He died 17 April, 1867, aged nearly ninety-two years. Judge Avery, in 1854, said of him :

“ The discharge of many important official duties and trusts has devolved upon Judge Williams in the course of his long and useful career. He served upon the Bench of the Court of Common Pleas of Broome county, as one of the Associate Judges, from the year 1815 down to the time when his town was given back to Tioga, in 1822, and with the exception of one year, he held the position continuously, from the first date of his service until 1826 ; having been transferred to the Bench of the Tioga Common Pleas, by appointment, after the change of boundaries. For three years, while his town was within the limits of Broome, and for six years after it had been surrendered to Tioga, he was its Supervisor, and for many years, commencing at an early date, he discharged the duties of many minor offices, with exactness, good judgment, and ability.

“ In 1827 and 1831, Judge Williams represented his county in the Legislature, and from the various posts which he has been called upon to fill, he has always retired with the increased regard and respect of his constituents.

“ Methodical in his habit of thought, firm in his adherence to what he has deemed rules of right, and of uncompromising integrity, he will leave to those who are to follow him, an example of moral worth, and an impressive illustration of what may be achieved by fixed purpose, steady effort and well regulated life.”

His children were :

I. Lucinda, b 3 May, 1805, m 22 July, 1829, with Alfred John Piggatt Evans, of Binghamton.

II. John Chamberlin, b 16 March, 1818, m with Emily Winship, who died 1 March, 1853, and (2d) 30 Oct., 1855, with Susan Elizabeth Goodrich, and now lives at Farmerville, in Covert N. Y.

III. George, b 31 May, 1829, m 27 Feb., 1851, with Louisa Janette Barnes, and resides on his father's homestead.

Ransom Williams, born in Richmond, 9 March, 1778, brother of David Williams, came to Berkshire about the same time. He married 13 Dec., 1801, with Olive Collins, of Richmond, who was b 29 Feb., 1780, daughter of Dan and Amy (Bristol) Collins. They settled on the south half of lot 345, on the west side of the road, nearly opposite the street which leads to the railway station. He was a very worthy, useful, and intelligent man, much interested in the cultivation of vocal music, and his home was always the seat of a generous hospitality. They died without children; he 17 June, 1839; she 31 Jan., 1845.

Heman Williams, b at Richmond, Mass., 9 Jan., 1788, (brother of David and Ransom) came to Berkshire, perhaps some years later than they, and was accidentally killed 17 Sept., 1816, while raising a bridge, near the residence of Col. John B. Royce. Judge Nathaniel Bishop, of Richmond, wrote to his daughter, Mrs. Lucy Bement, on Sunday 6 Oct., 1816: "I have felt unable, since the news of Heman Williams's terrible death, to visit his father, but shall improve the first time that I can prudently do it, for I feel a painful sympathy for him."

Miss Wealthy Collins should be named in connection with the household of Ransom Williams, of which she was an honored member for many years. She was a sister of Mrs. Olive Williams. She left Richmond 15 Nov., 1803, and was two weeks on the road to Berkshire. She married, 25 June, 1835, with Judge Calvin McKnight, of Watertown, N. Y. He died at Guilford, Conn., 25 Nov., 1855, aged seventy-two years and three months. She died at Newark Valley, 12 Jan., 1869, aged eighty-two years and nine months. Her retentive memory yielded many interesting traditions of the early settlers. She was born at Richmond, Mass., 3 April, 1786.

The second marriage recorded by the Hon. John Brown was of "Mr. George Vicory to Miss Susana Paine," in Dec., 1800. If at any time they dwelt in Berkshire they soon removed to Caroline N. Y., and settled on the N. M. Toby farm. He wrote his name Vickery.

Edward Paine lived in Berkshire, or its vicinity, as early as Sept., 1802, and had a brother here who, it is supposed was Thomas Paine, who, with his wife bought goods of Joseph Waldo, 2d., as early as 16 June, to be paid for in "cash or tow cloth." Their home has not been ascertained.

Artemas Ward, b at Charlton, Mass., 23 April, 1757, son of Benjamin and Mary (Oaks) Ward, m with Hannah Perry, of

Sturbridge, Mass., and dwelt at Charlton till after two of their children, and possibly more, were born, "then removed to the state of New York." (See the Ward Genealogy, pp. 53 and 96). He was a hatter, and before the 4th of July, 1800, had settled on the east side of the road, opposite where Dea. Asa Ball now lives, on seventy-five acres of land, in the west part of lot 336, which he soon afterward sold, with a log house thereon, to William Dudley. He then moved to the northwest quarter of lot 265, now in Newark Valley, and built a small house just where the railway now lies, as the road then was nearly twenty rods further east than it is now, and his house was on the west side of the road. This place he sold, as early as 1808, to the Rev. Jeremiah Osborn, who added to the small house then on it, the house of two stories which James Williams afterward moved to its present site, west of the present road, where Dwight Waldo afterward lived. He then lived for a time in Bement and Wilson's mill-house, after which he returned to Massachusetts with his family, and settled near Spencer, perhaps at Charlton. It has been impossible to find a full account of his children, as follows:

I. Lydia, b at Charlton, Mass., 4 Nov., 1789.

II. Ruth, b at Charlton, Mass., 24 March, 1791.

III. Daniel. IV. Delia.

V. — Ward, who was deformed by spinal disease; and this may have been the child who died 20 Aug., 1807.

VI. — Ward, b 31 Aug., 1808.

Elijah H. Saltmarsh began to board with John Brown, 15 April, 1800. He kept a little store just below the Isaac Brown house, and made potash on the bank of the creek just west of where Mr. Brown's widow and children have lived. Among Mr. Brown's charges was one, 10 June, 1800, for boarding Mr. Moore, Ball, and others. As he was not in the tax-list for 1802, he probably made a short stay in town, and probably was never a householder there.

John Saltmarsh appears in John Brown's book, 4 Dec., 1800, and brought a suit against "Jincks Angell, and B. Andrus," in Aug., 1801.

William Gardner came from Connecticut about 1800. At one time he attended the grist-mill of Bement & Wilson, in Newark Valley, and he sometimes extracted teeth. He m with Polly Gaston, and settled on the north side of the road, on the northeast quarter of lot 419, where he died in June, 1816. She joined the church at Newark Valley, 6 July, 1817, was dismissed 12 Jan.,

1823, with several others, and two days later, was one of the constituent members of the church at Richford. She died at the house of her son William, 11 Sept., 1848. Their children were:

I. William. II. Polly, m with Jacob Burghardt.

III. Achsah, m with John Rees Burghardt.

IV. Miriam, m with Ransom Rich, and second with Edward Newton Chapman.

V. John Gaston, VI. Lucy Butler.

Joseph Waldo was born at Windham, Conn., 5 Oct., 1755, son of Zacheus and Talitha (Kingsbury) Waldo; was a physician and surgeon, served in that capacity for some time in the revolutionary war; married 17 July, 1788, with Ann Bliss, who was born in Springfield, Mass., in April, 1769. She was familiarly known as Nancy. They dwelt for a few years in West Stockbridge, Mass., then moved to Richmond, Mass., where he joined the Congregational church, in Aug., 1794. He afterward moved to Lisle, N. Y., and thence, in October, 1800, to Berkshire, where he settled on the south 173 acres of lot 304, which he bought 8 Nov., 1802, and built thereon, in 1806, an elegant house for the time, in which he spent the remainder of his life. He dwelt previously on the west side of the road, a little south of where the school-house now stands, in a small framed house, which he sold for fifty dollars, 23 May, 1808, to Henry Ball, who moved it up to Berkshire village. He was, for many years, the only physician in the valley, north of Owego, and had a very large practice. He was one of the founders of the "First Church in Tioga," 17 Nov., 1803, and was dismissed 5 July, 1833, to become one of the constituent members of the Congregational church in Berkshire. He enjoyed in a remarkable degree, the esteem and confidence of the community. She died 14 Sept., 1836. He died 13 Feb., 1840. Their children were:

I. Mary, b 10 March, 1790, m with Joseph Waldo, 2d.

II. Nancy Ann, b at West Stockbridge, Mass., 10 Dec., 1791, m with Solomon Leonard.

III. Joseph Talcott, b at Richmond, Mass., 28 Aug., 1794, a physician and surgeon, m in Jan., 1827, with Maria Belcher, who died 23 Feb., 1830, and he m (2d), 19 Sept., 1833, with Hannah B. Belcher, and d in Berkshire, 4 March, 1857.

Nathaniel Ford, b 30 March, 1768, son of James and Rachel (Backus) Ford, married 23 April, 1795, with Caroline Rees, who was born 24 Jan., 1777. They settled in Richmond, Mass., and joined the church there in Jan., 1796. They came to Berkshire

in February, 1801, and settled on the north half of lot 304, on the same spot now occupied by Mr. Ball. They were constituent members of the First Church of Tioga 17 Nov., 1803, and he was elected its first deacon 4 April, 1805. They were dismissed 21 June, 1833, and were among the founders of the Congregational Church of Berkshire. He died 22 March, 1858, aged ninety years; she died 23 June, 1859. "Their lives and examples are their best eulogies." Their children were:

I. Caroline, b at Richmond, Mass., 1 May, 1796, m with William Henry Moore.

II. Nancy, b at Richmond, Mass., 21 Aug., 1797, m with Eldad Post.

III. Maria, b at Richmond, Mass., 23 July, 1800, died at Cata-tonk, N. Y., unmarried, 10 June, 1861.

IV. Rachel, b at Berkshire, 5 June, 1803, died in Lenox, Mass.

V. Lucinda, b at Berkshire, 27 Aug., 1805, m with Harris Jewett, and died at Catatunk, N. Y., in July, 1868.

VI. James Hobart, b at Berkshire, 26 Sept., 1807, m 29 April, 1835, with Abigail Weeks Cook. He died 29 May, 1854, without children, and she died at Chicago, Ill., 24 Nov., 1874, and was buried in Berkshire.

VII. Nathaniel, b at Berkshire, 11 Sept., 1809, died 4 Dec., 1809.

VIII. Katharine, b at Berkshire, 30 March, 1812, m with Dr. Levi Farr, of Greene, N. Y., and m (2nd) with William Anner, of Harlem, and afterward lived at Binghamton, N. Y.

Col. Absalom Ford, b 8 Dec., 1760, elder brother of Dea. Nathaniel Ford, dwelt also in Berkshire. He died 11 Feb., 1845, aged eighty-four years. His wife, Zeria, died 19 March, 1826, aged sixty-nine years. They were probably not here earlier than 1820.

William Dudley was probably in Berkshire as early as 1801. His name is in the tax list for 1802. He bought of Artemas Ward seventy-five acres of land in the south third of lot 336, and settled in a log house, near the west end of the lot, on the west bank of the creek, directly east of where Dea. Asa Ball now lives. He afterward built a small framed house opposite where Dea. Asa Ball now lives. His first wife was Abigail Hovey, daughter of Azel and Jemima (Phelps) Hovey. Some people have thought that she died in Connecticut, but Mrs. Jerusha (Harmon) Watson, who was her niece, testified that she died in Berkshire, and was the first woman who was buried in the

Brown cemetery. He went back to Connecticut, and married a second wife, whose name has not been found. His name appears in John Brown's account book 13 Dec., 1805, and about that time he left home with a drove of mules, and died away from home. The council that ordained the Rev. Jeremiah Osborn, the first pastor of the First Church in Tioga, now Newark Valley, met at the house of the Widow Dudley 18 Feb., 1806, and she returned to Connecticut between that time and April, 1806. The children of William and Abigail (Hovey) Dudley were:

I. Ruth, who kept her father's house after the death of her mother, till his second marriage, after which she taught school.

II. Doddridge, settled in the Genesee county. III. Alanson.

IV. Chester, went South with his father to drive mules, and died away from home, about the same time that his father died.

Joseph Freeman was brought up in Richmond, Mass., by Vine Branch, his father having died before his birth. He married with Eunice Gaston, daughter of John and Miriam (Northrop) Gaston, of Richmond, and came to Berkshire early in 1802, but owned no land till 1814, when he bought a small place west of where Joseph Talcott Leonard lived in 1881. He had, in the meantime, spent one year in Sullivan, Madison Co., N. Y. He hung himself in July, 1832, while in a delirious state. She died at Covert, N. Y. Their children were:

I. Eunice Maria, died unmarried.

II. Rufus Branch, died in Illinois about 1847.

III. Gilbert Gaston, b 23 Aug., 1808, and lives at Berkshire with his daughter, Mrs. William T. Shaw.

IV. Lucy Ann, baptized at Newark Valley, 24 Dec., 1828, m with Elmon Daniels, and died at Trumansburgh, N. Y.

V. Henry Barnes, b at Sullivan, N. Y., about 1812, was living at Galt, Ill., in 1877.

VI. Harriet Elizabeth, b at Berkshire, m with Willis D. Horton, of Covert, N. Y., and died there.

VII. Ruth Matilda, b at Berkshire, died there when about two years old.

Nathan Ide married at Berkshire, 21 Oct., 1802, with Mrs. Sally Doud. She was a daughter of Joseph Gleazen. One of their children was born 4 Feb., 1810. Mr. Ide died before Dec., 1820, at which time his widow was living on lot 380, just south of the house of Eleazer Lyman.

Daniel Carpenter was born at Stockbridge, Mass., 7 Jan., 1778,

son of Abner and Lydia, (Brown) Carpenter; was in Berkshire as early as April, 1803, and possibly a year earlier, and settled near the centre of lot 302, which his deceased brother, John Carpenter, had selected for his home. He went back to Massachusetts, and married at Becket, 10 March, 1807, with Ruth Snow, daughter of Levi and Lydia (Rudd) Snow. He came again to Berkshire that spring alone, and she joined him in October, 1807. He died on this farm 2 June, 1855. His children were:

I. Lydia, b 22 Dec., 1807, m with Alexander Maples.

II. Mary, b 21 Sept., 1810, m with Fowler Haight.

III. Sylvia, b 6 Aug., 1812, m with Thomas Goldsmith Haight.

IV. Martha, b 9 March, 1815, m with Gideon Siple.

V. John, b 5 Jan., 1818, m with Amanda Masten, and settled at East Maine, N. Y.

VI. Abner Dewey, b 18 Aug., 1820, went to St. Louis, Mo., in 1844, and has not been heard from since 1847.

VII. Caroline, b 1 Feb., 1823, m with Edward Herrick, of Candor, N. Y.

VIII. Daniel D., b 20 Nov., 1825, died 9 Dec., 1846.

IX. Andrew Jackson, b 5 Nov., 1828, m with Jerusha Cortright, and settled in Michigan.

X. Edward Snow, b 15 Aug., 1831, m with Climena Ann Hawley, and lives in Ithaca, N. Y.

XI. George, b 19 May, 1834, m with Louisa Freeman; and m (2d) Frances Scott. He settled on his father's homestead.

Samuel Collins, b at Guilford, Conn., 11 Aug., 1768, son of Samuel and — (Cook) Collins, m 22 Oct., 1793, with Betsey Bishop, who was born at Guilford, 4 Sept., 1774, daughter of Nathaniel and Ruth (Bartlett) Bishop. They came to Berkshire in 1805, and settled on the north part of lot 376, where Mrs. Albert Collins now lives. He built his new home in 1808. He died 4 July, 1840, of consumption, after having repeatedly foretold that he should die on that day. She died 1 Aug., 1864, aged nearly ninety years. Children:

I. Semanthe, b at the old Collins homestead in North Guilford, Conn., 7 Sept., 1794, m with Hon. David Williams.

II. Addison, b at Lenox, Mass., 29 March 1796, m with Sabrina Ball, moved to Rochester, N. Y., where he practiced law; went thence to Hadley, Will Co., Ill., where he died 27 March, 1867.

III. Horatio, b at Lenox, Mass., 2 July, 1799, m with Emily Ball.

IV. Eliza, b at Lenox, Mass., 25 Jan. 1804, m with Theodore Hart, a merchant of Virgil, N. Y., and removed to Canandaigua.

V. Nathaniel Bishop, b at Berkshire, 8 July, 1806, m with Abby Ball, and (2d) with Candace Harrington, and died in Berkshire.

VI. Frederick, b 29 June, 1812, m with Nancy Mason White, and settled in Hadley, Ill.

VII. Albert, b 16 July, 1816, m with Mary Ann Rightmire, daughter of James Rightmire, and died in Berkshire, on the homestead of his father.

Noah Lyman, b at Durham, Conn., about Dec., 1773, son of Noah and Eleanor Lyman, married 12 Nov., 1795, with Lucy Bishop, daughter of Nathaniel and Ruth (Bartlett) Bishop, of Richmond. She was born at Guilford, Conn., 4 Sept., 1774. They dwelt in Richmond till the beginning of 1805, when they came to Berkshire, and settled in a log house on the south part of lot 416, of which he owned one hundred acres. This house stood about two rods west of the site afterward occupied by the Brookside Seminary. The following letter, which she wrote in this house, gives such a lively description of the pleasures of her humble home in the wilderness, and such a feeling account of the interest which the settlers felt in the welfare and pleasure of each other, as to make it exceedingly valuable to the reader of the present time :

TIOGA, Feb. 14th, 1807.

“ *Dear Parents :*

I have this minute put my three children to bed, and you would suppose they were in good health, if you knew how merry they are. Nancy acts like a dunce, and the other two laugh at it—anything if they are but pleasant. I wish you could see the inside of my cottage this evening, it looks quite agreeable, a charming fire, the corners full of wood, a clean hearth, and, to complete the picture, the great Black Dog that Den loves so well is asleep on the floor. We have had a good visit from Brother Nat. and Major Hyde, with their wives; they staid three days and we were all together most of the time, and I do not know when we have spent our time more agreeably. We have also had a visit from Judge Patterson and his wife. You know our manner of visiting, when a friend comes the whole circle is formed, the news soon spread, invitations were sent and in a short time the whole band were at Mr. W’s, [Ransom Williams.]

“ Esqr. Patterson came himself and carry^d us down in his sleigh. Betsey [her twin sister, Mrs. Collins] is complaining of the Rheumatism this winter and is quite lame part of the time, but not so as to prevent her doing more than a well woman should. Susa [Susanna Scott] is still with her. My own health has been better and I began to think that I should soon be well, but the last week has convinced me that it is the same crazy frame yet, it is no disap-

pointment, I have not the promise of good health a moment, nor do I wish it, unless it is His will, who has the power to give it, if best for me. I hope however that I am not wholly unthankful, that I am for the most of the time pretty comfortable and able to take care of my family.

“Our friend Jerusha [the wife of David Williams, who died 2 April, 1807,] is descending the hill. She is evidently in a confirmed consumption. I do not know what she thinks herself. Her husband is not willing any person should tell her the danger she is in for fear of depressing her spirits—mistaken tenderness I think, and unfriendly kindness tho’ well meant; how is it possible that any person can see so near a friend going down to the Grave without warning them of the great change that awaits them? Will the shock be greater now than at the hour of death? We should not be surprised if she should not live a month, and yet nobody has ever said one word to her with regard to her future state. I asked her husband if he knew her thots respecting her situation, he said he did not, but that he evaded the question when she enquired of him whether he thot she would ever get well. I told him I knew it was a painful task, but it might be the source of great consolation hereafter—he made no reply, and I said no more, but my mind was not at ease. What if poor Beriah [the writer’s brother, Beriah Bishop, who died 17 Aug. 1805, of consumption] had been neglected, how should we have felt? I cannot think but Mr. Williams will soon alter his sentiments, I hope he will.

“It is likely Mrs. Griffing is released from her sufferings and at rest, poor woman, she has lived a life of sorrow. Give our love to our good friends at Richmond, and believe us your affectionate children
LUCY LYMAN.”

“Mother Hovey sends her best Love with many thanks for the fruit.”

Superscribed, “Nathaniel Bishop, Esqr., Richmond.”

He sold his farm in Berkshire about 1814, to Asahel Royce, and moved to Rawson Hollow, where he died 18 Feb., 1815. His last work had been to make a coffin for one of his neighbors, who had died of the same disease, pleurisy, which seemed then to be epidemic in that place. She married (2d) with Asa Bement. The children of Noah and Lucy (Bishop) Lyman were:

I. Dennis, b at Richmond, Mass., 2 Feb., 1797, died 4 Aug., 1824, unmarried.

II. Ruth Bartlett, b at Richmond, Mass., 26 July, 1799, m with William B. Bement.

III. Nancy Bishop, b at Richmond, Mass., 23 Jan., 1802, m with Sylvester Blair, of Cortland Village, N. Y.; and (2d) with John Judson, of Columbus, Warren Co., Penn., where she died.

IV. Lavina, b at Richmond, Mass., 25 Oct., 1804, died at Berkshire, 2 Aug., 1806.

V. Henry, b at Berkshire, 23 or 25 Feb., 1811, m 11 Jan., 1837, with Laura Thurston, who still lives in Newark Valley; and died at Harford, N. Y., 17 Sept., 1843.

VI. George, b at Berkshire, 14 Oct., 1813, resides at New Albany, Ind., a hearty, genial, pleasant man who is admired by all.

Capt. Heman Smith lived in Berkshire county, Mass., at one time in Stockbridge, at another in Lenox. He probably came to Berkshire in 1805, as it is known that he was here in January, 1806, where his name appears on John Brown's account book. He settled on the farm now occupied by his great-grandson, Arthur E. Smith, on lot 418, and died there about July, 1812. His first wife was Miriam Moody, who died in Massachusetts. His second wife was Lucy Taylor, who also died in Massachusetts. He married (3d) with Almira Messenger, daughter of Martin and Margaret (Woodruff) Messenger. Capt. Smith's children were:

I. Miriam, (by first marriage) m with — Clothier, of Saratoga, N. Y.

II. Samuel (by second marriage).

III. Lucy, m Nathaniel Johnson.

IV. Mercy, m with Daniel Clark, of Danby, N. Y.

V. Sarah. VI. Polly, m with Alden Baker, of Berkshire.

VII. Heman, m with Clarissa Goodale.

VIII. Lydia, m with — Clothier, a brother of Miriam Smith's husband.

IX. Clarissa, (by third marriage) m with Harry Cook, of Berkshire, son of Ephraim Cook.

X. Eunice, b at Lenox, Mass., 16 April, 1800, came to Berkshire, with her parents, about 1805, and in 1806 was taken into the family of Dr. Joseph Waldo, of Berkshire, and dwelt there till her marriage with Ezekiel Dewey, and still lives in Berkshire, her good memory having furnished the evidence of many historical facts.

XI. Horace, went South.

XII. Dolly, m with Thomas Curran, and settled in Caroline, near Slaterville, N. Y.

Henry Griffin, born at Guilford, Conn., about 1780, son of Joseph and Jemima (Vaill) Griffin, a master mariner, came to Berkshire about 1804, or 1805, and settled on the north half of lot 385, which he bought of Azel Hovey. He built on it a small

framed house, which Deodatus Royce moved across the road to make room for his brick house, and afterward made a wagon house of it. He m about 1808, with Anna Leonard, and after the war of 1812, finding his life in the woods distasteful, he moved his family to New York city, and resumed seafaring. He died on a voyage between San Domingo and Porto Rico, under circumstances which led his friends to believe that he was murdered. Her father brought her and her children back to his own house. She afterward went to dwell with her son, at Woodstock, Ill., where she died 23 Nov., 1850. Their children were :

I. Julia Ann Colt, b 2 May, 1809, m with Elijah Wilson, of Newark Valley.

II. George Henry, b 23 March, 1812, m with Mary Butler, of Manlius, N. Y., and settled at Woodstock, Ill., where he died in 1872.

III. Franklin, b 20 Sept., 1814, m Miss ——— Thompson, of Crystal Lane, Ill., went to Colorado, and died there in 1879.

IV. Amanda Leonard, b in New York city, 20 Sept., 1817, m with ——— Dwight.

Osmyn Griffin, brother of Henry, came to Berkshire with him, and afterward went to Canada, where he died.

John Griffin, brother of Henry and Osmyn, came with them to Berkshire, and remained two or three years, then returned to Richmond, Mass., became a Methodist, and married 1 Oct., 1808, with Lydia Redfield. He afterwards preached for many years in the M. E. church. He returned to Berkshire after his marriage, and the first three of his twelve children were born here.

Peleg Randall was in Berkshire, as early as April, 1803. Peleg Randal "of Tioga," bought 120 acres of the south part of lot 418, in 1805, for \$360.00, of Levi Chapin and Jerusha, his wife, of Wethersfield, Conn. He settled on the west part of his farm, on the southwest side of the road to Rawson Hollow, opposite the road which now leads north into the town of Richford. He was born 9 May, 1775, and married with Eunice Kimball, who was born in April, 1771, and and died 22 March, 1856, aged eighty-four years, and eleven months. He died 26 March, 1856. Their children were :

I. Eunice, m with Nathaniel Boyer, and moved to Ovid, N. Y.

II. Chester, m with Ann Eliza Whitaker, who was born about 7 July, 1810, and died 30 Dec., 1843, at the birth of her first child, who was buried with her ; and he married (2d) with Hannah Smith, daughter of Samuel and Theodosia (Dewey) Smith.

III. Nathan Peleg, settled at East Troy, Wis.

IV. David Kimball, died 2 Oct., 1839, aged 29 years and nine months.

Joseph Belcher, b at Preston, Conn., 25 June, 1764, m 2 March, 1786, with Lucy Hall, who was born in 1767, daughter of Capt. John and Jemima (Bell) Hall. Her father, then of Castleton, Vt., was killed by the British, 6 July, 1777, the day before the battle of Hubbardton. They dwelt on his father's homestead in Preston, till the latter part of June, 1805, then moved, passing through Albany 4 July, 1805, reaching Berkshire a few days later, and settled on the north half of lot 297, where they died; she 9 Sept., 1812, aged forty-five years; he, 5 Jan., 1819. Their children were:

I. Lydia, b 2 Aug., 1786, m with Alexander Gaston.

II. Jonathan, b 8 Feb., 1788, m in 1808, with Betsey Bement, and settled in Newark Valley, where they died; she, 12 June, 1845; he, 7 Jan., 1853.

III. Abigail, b 31 Jan., 1790, m with Daniel Gilbert.

IV. Lucy, b 28 Dec., 1891, m with John W. Bessac.

V. Joseph, b 10 Jan., 1794.

VI. Frederick, b 2 or 21 May, 1798, m 3 Jan., 1821, with Rebecca Short Brown. They dwelt in Richford till 1844, then moved to Woodstock, Ill.

VII. Elijah, b 5 June, 1800, settled in Newark Valley, where he died 11 Dec., 1879, having survived three wives.

VIII. Maria, b 15 July, 1802, m with Dr. Joseph Talcott Waldo.

IX. Esther, b 8 Aug., 1804, died at Berkshire, 26 July, 1820.

X. Betsey, b 10 Oct., 1806, m with Orlando Warren, of New York, and still living, July, 1887.

XI. Susan, b 13 June, 1808, d 10 Feb., 1829.

XII. Harriet, b 2 Sept., 1812, m with Clark Waldo.

Elijah Belcher, b at Preston, Conn., 18 March, 1772, son of Moses and Esther (Rudd) Belcher, m with Lydia Clark, daughter of Pharez and Olive (Jewett) Clark, of Preston. They dwelt for some years at Cherry Valley, N. Y., and she died there. He m (2d) with Eliza Putnam, daughter of the Rev. Aaron Putnam, of Pomfret, Conn. In July, 1805, they settled in Berkshire, on lot 297, about fifty rods west of the road, and midway between his brother, Joseph Belcher, and his brother-in-law, John W. Bessac. She died suddenly, 31 Oct., 1807, in her forty-third year. He married 3d with Lydia Burbank, daughter of Timothy and Han-

nah (Ripley) Burbank, and sister of Col. Christopher Burbank, of Newark Valley. He died 20 Sept., 1849, aged 77 years. His widow died 28 Sept., 1850, aged sixty-seven years. There is no doubt that his name should have been in the census of Dec., 1820, instead of Jonathan Belcher, which was a clerical error. His children were two by the first wife, two by the second, and one by the third, viz :

I. Olive, married with Dr. David N. Richards, and m (2d) with John Fish, of Augusta, N. Y.

II. Lydia Clark, m 25 Feb., 1821, with Daniel Phillips.

III. Moses, settled and died at Cherry Valley, N. Y.

IV. Aaron Putnam, m with Harriet Ball.

V. Hannah Burbank, b 19 March, 1813, m with Dr. Joseph Talcott Waldo.

Samuel Hutchinson, b in Hebron, Conn., 8 Nov., 1769, m 4 Nov., 1795, with Abigail Brainerd, and dwelt in Canaan, N. Y., till 1805 or 1806, then moved to Berkshire, where he built a log house on the west side of the road, just above the bridge, opposite the brick house which Col. John B. Royce has occupied for nearly sixty years. After a few years he moved over the East hills, and settled in the valley of the Wilson creek, near the home of his wife's father and brother, and both died there; she, 18 April, 1843, he, 17 Sept., 1854. Their children were:

I. Harvey, b 13 Oct., 1797, m in 1830 with Sarah Torry.

II. Irena, b 24 Aug., 1799, m with John Clark.

III. Orlando, b 25 July, 1801, d in Berkshire 5 May, 1831.

IV. Polly, b 18 Dec., 1803, m 10 Jan., 1838, with Jedediah Leathe Robinson, who died in Richford, N. Y., 28 Aug., 1842, and she m (2nd) 8 Oct., 1843, with his brother, Thomas Amsdell Robinson.

V. Williams, b in Berkshire, 17 April, 1806, m 24 Dec., 1835, with Rhoda Maria Benton, who was b in Lenox, Mass., 7 Feb., 1810, daughter of Erastus and Elizabeth (Paul) Benton.

VI. Orrin, b 20 Oct., 1808, d 5 March, 1828.

VII. Lavinia, b 21 Nov., 1810, m with John Hobart Pringle.

VIII. John, b 8 Aug., 1814, m with Alzina Heath, and settled at Richford.

Samuel Johnson, b at Preston, Conn., 27 Oct., 1757, son of Joseph and Abigail (Belcher) Johnson, m there 25 Oct., 1781, with Eunice Park, who was born there 20 Aug., 1763, daughter of Moses and Sarah (Brewster) Park. They dwelt at Preston till after the birth of their eldest child, then at New Marlborough,

Mass., till 1803, and at West Stockbridge, Mass., till April, 1806, when, with three of his children, Cassandra, Sally and Elijah, he came to Brown's Settlement. His wife and other children left West Stockbridge on Wednesday, 13 June, 1806, two days after "the great eclipse." They dwelt one year in the small framed house which William Dudley's widow had just vacated. In the spring of 1807 he moved to Newark Valley, having bought of Isaac Rawson the place where Egbert Bement now lives, in which he dwelt till 1815, when he bought of Jonas Muzzy a farm of fifty-five acres, on the south part of lot 58, on which they died; she, 2 Jan., 1833; he, 1 Sept., 1845, in his eighty-eighth year. Their children were:

I. Abigail, b 5 Jan., 1784, died 2 Jan., 1785.

II. Cassandra, b 17 Nov., 1885, m with Isaac Ball.

III. Abigail, b 17 May, 1788, m with Spencer Spaulding.

IV. Sally, b 29 July, 1790, m with Chester Goodale.

V. Eunice, b 12 June, 1792, m with Moses Spaulding.

VI. Elijah, b 15 June, 1794, m 10 Jan., 1818, with Lucina Hooper, who was born at West Stockbridge, 17 May, 1798, daughter of Capt. Elisha and Ruth (Newell) Hooper. They dwelt for many years at Flemingville, then moved to Flint, Mich., where he died 6 Sept., 1847. She married (2nd) with Dea. William B. Bement, and returned to Newark Valley.

VII. Cinderella, b 1 Sept., 1796, married 24 Dec., 1817, with Solomon Jones.

VIII. Nancy, b 31 July, 1798, m with Harvey Rich.

IX. Moses Park, b 6 Aug., 1802, died unmarried at the home-
stead of his father probably 1 June, 1875, as he was found dead
in his bed the next morning.

John Gregory, b at Danbury, Conn., about 1765, m with Rachel Benedict, daughter of Josiah and Sarah Benedict, of Danbury, where she was born about 1767. They settled in Lenox, Mass., as early as 1791, and moved to Berkshire in the spring of 1806, arriving there on Friday, 9 May, 1806. They settled on the south half of lot 385, and built the house which has since been occupied by Horatio Collins and his son, Junius Collins. Here they died; she, 30 Dec., 1838, aged seventy-one years; he, 14 Dec., 1849, aged eighty-four years. They were buried at Richford, and his grave-stone calls him "John Gregory the 4th," which probably indicates that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather each bore the name of John. [See the Benedict Genealogy, p. 287.] Their children were:

I. Henry, b at Lenox, Mass., 15 July, 1791, a salesman, married 10 Feb., 1818, with Abigail Huntington, and settled in Ithaca, N. Y., where they died; he, in May, 1824, aged thirty-three years, she, 26 April, 1880, after a widowhood of nearly fifty-six years.

II. Electa, b at Lenox, Mass., 21 March, 1793.

III. Lucy, b at Lenox, Mass., in 1795, died at Berkshire in February, 1865, aged seventy-one years, buried at Richford.

IV. Eli Benedict, b at Lenox, Mass., 20 Oct., 1797, a trader, died at Berkshire, unmarried, in March, 1845, aged forty-eight years, and was buried in Richford.

V. Eliza Ann, b at Lenox, Mass., dwelt in Berkshire till the death of her brother, Eli B., and after that with her sister-in-law, and nephew, in Ithaca, N. Y.

Ichabod Brainard was born in Haddam, Conn., 19 Aug., 1749; m in Richmond, Mass., in 1770, with Susanna Williams, who was born in Colchester, Conn., 28 Sept., (old style), 1751, daughter of John and Abigail (Crocker) Williams. He served in the war of the revolution. They settled in Canaan, N. Y., and on a Sunday in the latter part of June, 1773, they went to church, and returning, found their house and all it contained entirely consumed by fire. In 1807 they came to Berkshire, and settled on lot 348-373, in the valley of Wilson creek, arriving at their new home on the eighteenth of June. She died there 8 April, 1813. He died at Cortlandville, N. Y., 20 Aug., 1833. Their children were:

I. Abigail, b 8 June, 1771, m with Samuel Hutchinson.

II. Alice, b 26 April, 1773, d 26 Sept., 1797.

III. Susanna, b 15 April, 1775, d 16 Aug., 1797.

IV. James, b 5 June, 1777, m 26 Jan., 1803, with Abigail Welch, and died in Caroline, N. Y., 17 Oct., 1856, and she d at Wellsborough, Pa., 25 July, 1861.

V. Clarissa, b 21 March, 1780, died in Berkshire.

VI. Williams, b in 1783, died in 1787.

VII. Ichabod, b 4 Feb., 1785, m 4 Feb., 1805, with Orpha Cook, who was born in Colebrook, Conn., and they dwelt in Berkshire, in the same place with his father, settling there at the same time, and afterward moved to Cooperstown, N. Y., and he had children, 1. Edward, b 13 Sept., 1807. 2. Jared, b 23 June, 1809. 3. Lewis Nash, b 11 Jan., 1812. 4. William Henry, b 30 Jan., 1816, all in Berkshire:

VIII. David Williams, b 28 May, 1787, m 10 Aug., 1811, at

Lisle, N. Y., with Laura Parsons, and they dwelt for five years at Lisle, then settled at Cortlandville, N. Y., where they died, she 26 Dec., 1836, he 9 Oct., 1848.

IX. Lydia, b 20 Aug., 1789, died in Berkshire, unmarried.

X. Jireh, b 10 Aug., 1792, died 15 Nov., 1793.

Isaac Goodale, b in Amherst, Mass., 16 Nov., 1755, son of Isaac and Ellen Goodale, m at Northampton, Mass., 26 Aug., 1779, with Jemima Warner. They dwelt in Northampton and Westhampton till about 1797, and at Pittsfield, Mass., till 1808, then settled on Berkshire hill, on lot 378, at the angle of the road on the place now owned by Henry Payne, where she died 29 April, 1819, aged 62 years. He m (2d) with Sally (Whitney) Cobb, widow of Elijah William Cobb, and daughter of Asa Whitney. She was b about 1770, and died at Berkshire 13 June, 1825, aged 60 years, according to her grave-stone; but her age was probably four or five years less than that. He m (3d) with Electa Andrews, who died in Richford, at the house of Joseph Belcher. He died on his farm at Berkshire, 23 Nov., 1834, aged 79 years. His children were:

I. Isaac, b at Northampton, Mass., 1 Oct., 1780, was living in Richford in Dec., 1820, and afterward settled in Michigan.

II. Huldah, born at Westhampton, Mass., 26 March, 1782, m with Samuel Smith, of Berkshire, and died there 5 July, 1811.

III. Susanna, b 26 July, 1784, m with Moses Stanley.

IV. Eli, b 17 April, 1786, died in Ohio.

V. Chester, b 7 Dec., 1787, m with Sally, daughter of Samuel Johnson, settled on his father's homestead, and moved about 1842 to Genesee, Mich.

VI. Electa, b 22 Jan., 1790, m with John Ayres.

VII. Clarissa, b 19 April, 1792, m with Heman Smith, and, after his death, with Nathaniel Johnson.

VIII. Spencer, b 20 July, 1794, m with Mary Gorsline, and dwelt for some years in Newark Valley, afterward near Buffalo, N. Y., where he died.

IX. Moses, b 2 Aug., 1796, settled in Michigan.

X. Naomi, b 4 Aug., 1793, at Pittsfield, Mass., and two years later, on the death of her aunt, her name was changed to Abigail Goodale. She m with Asa Curtis, of Maine, N. Y., and (2d) with Stephen Butler.

XI. Maria, name changed to Sally, b 8 Jan., 1801, m with Eber Johnson, of Richford, and settled in Michigan.

XII. William Warner, b 1 Dec., 1801, settled in Missouri. He m with Rachel Goodale.

Capt. Bill Torry and his household came from Durham, Greene county, N. Y. It is said that he was a soldier of the revolutionary war. He dwelt for some years in the log house which Noah Lyman built, about two rods west of where the Brookside Seminary afterward stood. In 1820 he lived on lot 224, where Capt. Edward N. Chapman afterward lived, in Newark Valley. He went back to Berkshire and lived where Dr. J. Talcott Waldo built his new house. It is remembered that the neighbors "made a bee" one winter and drew about forty loads of green wood for him. At night he said, "Well, now! you have brought me a great lot of green wood, and I wish you would go to the creek and catch a load of suckers for me to kindle it with;" and after that he bought his wood. He was born in Durham, Conn., 6 Oct., 1761, baptized there, 28 Feb., 1762, son of Sarah Torry, who owned the covenant at Durham, 6 Aug., 1758, and afterward married with Samuel Wilkinson. She moved, with her son, to Durham, N. Y., and died there. He married with Mehitabel Baldwin, of Durham, Conn. They came to Berkshire 13 May, 1808, and for a few months dwelt in a log house just above where Samuel Collins was then building his new house, then moved to the large log house (where Nathaniel Bishop Collins afterward built his brick house) which Samuel Collins had first occupied on coming to town. He died in Berkshire, 15 April, 1852, in his 91st year. Their children were:

I. Samuel, b in Durham, Conn., 15 Aug., 1787, m 11 Dec., 1816, with Sarah Durfee, who died 25 Aug., 1870.

II. Delie, b about 1789, died 1 May, 1830, aged 40 years.

III. Rhoda, b about 1791, died 3 Jan., 1854, in her 63d year.

IV. William, b about 1793, died at Romulus, N. Y., 7 June, 1852, and his wife, Lois, died 10 June, 1838, in her 37th year.

V. John, b about 1795, m with Sophia Ann Collins, who was born 23 July, 1797, built the house opposite the M. E. church, and died there 28 Aug., 1880, in his 86th year; without children.

VI. Sarah Wilkinson, b 5 June, 1797, m with Harvey Hutchinson, and died 8 June, 1886, aged 89 years and 3 days.

VII. Seth Baldwin, died in Michigan.

VIII. Patty Brown, b about 1801, died in Berkshire, 31 May, 1810, aged 9 years.

IX. Betsey Baldwin, b at Durham, N. Y., 4 Aug., 1804, now resides in Berkshire.

Samuel Torry lived on a farm on Strong brook, directly west of that of Luke B Vinship and Henry M. Ball. His wife joined the church in Stockbridge, Mass., in 1807, and at Newark Valley, 6 July, 1817. He joined the church at Newark Valley, 3 April, 1831, and they were dismissed 5 July, 1833, to the new church at Berkshire. Their children were:

- I. Julia, bap. 11 March, 1818.
- II. Delia, bap. 2 Jan., 1820, m with Asa Witter.
- III. Elizabeth Baldwin, b 20 Dec., 1820; bap. 1 July, 1821.
- IV. John, bap. 6 Oct., 1822.
- V. David Baldwin, bap. 3 Aug., 1828.

Seth Akins, b at Durham, Conn., 25 July, 1762, and baptized the same day, son of Robert and Sarah Akins, was a mariner, served in the war of the revolution, was wounded and captured on a vessel, confined for some time in a prison-ship in New York harbor, and carried to his grave the scars made by the bayonets of the enemy. For his services he received a pension in the latter years of his life. A fracture of the leg, unskillfully treated, left it an inch shorter than the other. He married 8 May, 1786, with Content Rossiter, who died 17 May, 1789. He married (2d) 26 Sept., 1790, with Sarah Griswold, who died in Berkshire, 15 Aug., 1843. He dwelt for a time in Berkshire county, Mass., afterwards in Durham, Greene county, N. Y., and early in the present century came to the west part of Berkshire, and finally settled in a log house east of the road, a little north of where the cheese factory now stands, on the north half of lot 380, where Stephen H. Boyer now owns. In 1812 he built a framed house near the southwest corner of Mr. Boyer's orchard, and dwelt there till about 1833, when they went to live on a part of the same farm, with his son, Lyman P. Akins, at whose house he died 6 Sept., 1837. His sea-chest, more than a hundred years old, is carefully kept by one of his grandsons. His children were:

- I. Sarah, b 13 Dec., 1786, died 9 Jan., 1787.
- II. Seth Warner, b 7 July, 1791, died at Berkshire, 15 Aug., 1825, unmarried.
- III. Content, b 29 March, 1793, was commonly called Tenty, married with Aaron Livermore, and died in Michigan, about 1868.
- IV. Lyman Parmalee, b 3 March, 1795, married in 1821, with Betsey, daughter of Eleazer Lyman. He was several times supervisor of Berkshire, and twenty-four years in succession justice of the peace. He died without children, 15 Dec., 1884, sixty-three years after marriage. His widow still lives on the Akins home-

stead. They provided a good home for several children of other people.

V. Sally, b 19 March, 1797, d 6 Oct., 1798.

VI. Robert, b 19 June, 1799, married about 1827, with Olive Leonard Ball, who died at Berkshire, 29 March, 1867, in her 66th year. He died at Shel Drake, N. Y., in March, 1885.

VII. William Henry, b in Berkshire county, Mass., 1 March, 1804, married in May, 1827, with Eliza, daughter of Daniel Surdam, of Richford. She died at Berkshire, 18 Jan., 1839. He married (2d) with Catharine House, of Dryden, N. Y., who is still living. He was a wheelwright, having learned his trade of Enoch S. Williams, of Newark Valley, and became a prolific inventor, some of his devices proving to be of importance and value, as the table and feeding devices for sewing machines, now in universal use, and the permutation lock for safes and bank vaults. He died at Ovid, N. Y., 3 Jan., 1877.

VIII. Charles Frederick, b 26 March, 1807, married 10 Dec., 1830, with Lodema Farnham Ball, who died 12 June, 1838, at Berkshire. He married (2d) with Lucy Semantha Dewey. He died in Berkshire, 17 June, 1842, and his widow married (2d) with John Rightmire, of Caroline, N. Y., and died 18 Jan., 1854.

Elijah William Cobb, b at Canaan, Conn., 24 Sept., 1765, son of Elijah and Amy (Lawrence) Cobb, m at Salisbury, Conn., 17 or 27 Feb., 1786, with Sally Whitney, who was born in Cannan, Conn., about 1770, daughter of Asa Whitney, by his first wife. They dwelt in Canaan till 1802, then moved to Lenox, Mass., and thence, a few years later to Berkshire, settling on the farm now owned by Erasmus Legg, a mile east of Speedsville, where he died 12 Aug., 1815, aged 53 years, according to his grave stone, which makes the age two years too great. She m (2d) with Isaac Goodale. Elijah Cobb's children were:

I. Joshua Whitney, b Nov., 1786, m in June, 1816, with Susan Doty, and died at Elsie, Mich., 2 May, 1851.

II. Permelia, b 18 or 20 Jan., 1791, m with Isaiah Gridley Barker, and died at Henrietta, N. Y., 11 Feb., 1830.

III. Charilla Matilda, b 5 Nov., by town record, or 6 Dec., 1793, by family record, m with John Burnett, of Hampton, Conn., and died in Utica, N. Y., in Feb., 1864.

IV. Daniel Johns, b 18 Oct., (or Nov.) 1793, m with Charles Hoyt, and died in Dansville, Mich., 13 Nov., 1857.

V. Lydia Edmunds, b 19 March, 1798, m with Thomas Davis, in 1815, and died at Dryden, N. Y., 22 Oct., 1860.

VI. Lyman, b 18 Sept., 1800, a teacher, m 7 April, 1822, with Harriet Chambers, of Caroline, N. Y., and died at Colesburgh, Penn., 20 Oct., 1864; was author of several school-books, which had a short run, as they were in opposition to the innovations which Noah Webster was making in the English language.

VII. Nancy, b at Lenox, Mass., 19 Oct., 1802, m at the house of Dea. Elijah Curtis, in Newark Valley, 19 Jan., 1826, with Asahel Jewett, and died at Richford, 27 June, 1836.

VIII. Sarah Whitney, b at Lenox, Mass., 13 Nov., 1804, m with Thomas Preshow, and died at Colesburgh, Penn., in Feb., 1869.

Barnabas Manning, b at Scotland, in Windham, Conn., 14 Sept., 1769, son of Andrew and — (Seabury) Manning, married 20 Dec., 1792, with Esther Belcher, who was born at Preston, Conn., 31 March, 1770, daughter of Moses and Esther (Rudd) Belcher. They came to Brown's Settlement about 1810 or 1811, and he bought seventy-five acres of land east of the road on the south side of lot 336, which had been owned by William Dudley; and of Daniel Ball, seventy-five acres west of the road on the south side of lot 337; and of James Robbins, one hundred acres on the south part of lot 335, so that his farm of 250 acres extended the whole length of the three lots. He built the house on the west side of the road, where his son-in-law, Asa Ball, now dwells. His wife died 30 June, 1819, without children. He married (2d) 17 Feb., 1820, with Phebe Lincoln, who was born at Western, now Warren, Mass., 7 Aug., 1791, daughter of Thomas and Lucy (Holbrook) Lincoln. He died 11 Feb., 1856, in his 87th year. She died 4 Dec. 1872. Their children were:

I. Esther Maria, b 11 March, 1821, m with Asa Ball, and died 15 May, 1887.

II. Charles Seabury, b 25 Sept., 1822, m at Union, N. Y., 11 Oct., 1848, with Mary Jane Gray, who was born at Binghamton, N. Y., 21 April, 1826, daughter of Arthur and Ann (Van Nanre) Gray. She died 26 March, 1887.

III. Jane, b 17 Feb., 1824, m with Luther Andrews. He died 7 Jan., 1887.

IV. Eliza, b 7 May, 1828, m 23 June, 1852, with George Henry Akins, and lives at Ovid, N. Y.

V. Catharine Lincoln, b 2 Feb., 1831, m with George Andrews, who died 19 March, 1876. She died 8 Jan., 1881, without children.

Asahel Royce, b at Lanesborough, Mass., 7 May, 1771, son of

Adonijah and Amy (Brush) Royce, m 22 Jan., 1792, with Sally Betsey Clark, who was born at Lanesborough, 29 June, 1772. About 1801 they moved to Richmond, Mass., where she joined the church, in April, 1808. They left Richmond 5 Feb., 1814, for Berkshire, and settled on the north half of lot 385, where his son Deodatus afterward built his brick house. He also bought one hundred acres of Noah Lyman, on the south half of lot 416, on which he built the house now occupied by his grandson, J. Talcott Leonard, it having been moved to its present site, when he sold the grounds, in 1846, to the Rev. William Bradford, as a site for Brookside Seminary. In this house they settled about 1818, and died there; he, 18 March, 1847; she, 25 April, 1848. Their children were:

I. Deodatus, b at Lanesborough, Mass., 28 Jan., 1793, m 25 Dec., 1817, with Emily Bement, daughter of Asa Bement, of Newark Valley, was for many years a deacon of the Congregational church in Berkshire, built the brick house where his father first settled; and in that house they died; she, 5 Sept., 1875.

II. John Brush, b at Lanesborough, Mass., 9 June, 1795, a wool-carder and cloth-dresser, taught school in Richmond, Mass., the winter that his father left there, took care of his father's cattle during the winter, and in May, 1814, drove them to Berkshire, where he married, 1 Jan., 1823, with Amanda Leonard, daughter of Asa and Olive (Churchill) Leonard, began house-keeping on the morning after their marriage, in the log house on the west side of the way, above the bridge, and lived there till 1829, when he built the brick house in which he is yet living, at the age of ninety-two years.

III. Almon, b 15 April, 1797, died 8 Feb., 1799.

IV. Haanah, b 21 Dec., 1799, m with Louis Gigette Leonard.

V. Amy, b 10 Jan., 1803, m with Charles West Cook.

VI. — Royce, a son, b 1 March, 1805, died 2 March, 1805.

VII. Harriet Laminta, b 27 March, 1807, m with William Russell Starr, of Ithaca, N. Y.

VIII. Betsey Ann, b 9 April, 1810, m with Levi Ball.

IX. Phebe Permelia, b 5 Nov., 1813, died 22 May, 1825.

Notes to Census Table.—The names in the following table marked with a star have already been mentioned; the others are referred to in the following notes, by corresponding numbers. It may be well to state, also, that there were no unnaturalized foreigners, no blacks, and no one engaged in commerce in the town. The total population was 586.

CENSUS OF BERKSHIRE, DECEMBER, 1820.

NAMES.	NO. MALES AND AGES.					NO. FEMALES AND AGES.					Agriculturists.	Manufacturers.	
	Under 10 years.	10 to 16 years.	16 to 18 years.	16 to 26 years.	26 to 45 years.	45 and upwards.	Under 10 years.	10 to 16 years.	16 to 26 years.	26 to 45 years.			45 and upwards.
1. Roswell H. Brown					2		3			1		2	
2. Jed Chapman.....	5	1	1	2	1			1	1	1			3
3. *Daniel Gleazen.....	3	2				1	2	1	1	1		1	
4. Jonathan Belcher.....	1	1		1	1	1	1		3	1		2	2
5. John W. Bessac.....	1				1		3		1	1		1	
6. Elisha Jenks		2		1		1		2	1	1		3	
7. Calvin Jenks				1					1			1	
8. Luther Hamilton	1	1			1		1			1		1	
9. Joel Smith and Jesse Smith				1	1								2
10. Ephraim Reniff.....	3	2			1			1	1	1		1	
11. Samuel Osborn.....			1	2		1		2	1	1		3	
12. Schuyler Legg.....					1		4		1	1		1	
13. Amos Peck.....	1				1				2				1
14. Daniel Jenks.....	1			1			3		1				
15. Reuben Legg.....					1	1			2		1	1	
16. Larned Legg.....				1					1			1	
17. *Daniel Carpenter.....	1				1	1	3	1	1	1		2	
18. Isaac Bunnell.....	1			1					1			1	
19. Samuel Haight.....	3	1	1	1	1	1		2	1		1	3	
20. Eleazer Lyman, Jr.....	1			1					1			1	
21. Thomas Keeny.....		1	2	3		1	1	2	3		1	5	
22. *Joseph Gleazen.....	1		1	1		1	3	1		1		2	
23. Thomas Bunting.....	1			1		1	3	1	1			2	
24. Joseph Belcher.....	1				1		2		1			1	
25. William Whiting.....		1		1	1	1						3	
26. Eleazer Valentine.....	3	2	1	2	1		2		1	1		4	
27. William S. Smith.....	2		1	1	1		2		1			2	
28. *Isaac Goodale.....			1	1		1			1		1	2	
29. Stephen Butler.....					1		1			1		1	
30. Alden Baker.....	2				1					1		1	
31. *Asa Leonard.....	1	1		2		1			1		1	3	
32. *Solomon Leonard.....	3			2	1		2	1	1	1			3
33. John S. Thorp.....	1				1		2			1		1	
34. Isaac Hitchcock.....	2				1		2		1	1		1	
35. *Anna Griffin.....	1			1			1	1					1
36. Selick Paine.....	2				1					1			1
37. William Moore.....	2				1		1		2			1	
38. Andrew Rees.....	3				1		1			1		1	
39. Anna Collins.....	1						1			1			
40. John Ayres.....	2				1		3		1	1		1	
41. Lyman Hull.....					1		1	1		1		1	
42. *Jesse Gleazen.....			1	1		1	1	1			1	2	
43. *Peleg Randal.....	1	2				1		1			1	1	
44. *Polly Gardner.....	1				1		1	2			1		
45. Moses Stanley.....	2	1			1		2			1			1
46. Clarissa Smith.....	2			1				1		1		1	
47. Samuel Smith.....	1		1	1	1	1	3		1	1	1	2	
48. Hooker Bishop.....	2			1	1		2			1		1	
49. Cicero Barker.....	1				2		1			1			2
50. Aaron Livermore.....	1				1		3			1		1	
51. Eleazer Lyman.....	1	1			1		2		1	1		2	
52. *Sarah Ide.....			1	1			2		1		1		
53. *Seth Akins.....		1		1		1					1	3	
54. Elias Walker.....	2				1		3			1		1	
55. Phineas Case.....	2	1			1		1			1		1	
56. Leman Case.....				1			1		1				1
57. *Samuel Ball.....		1			1		2	2		1		1	
58. Levi E. Barker.....	2	2			1		2	2	1	1		1	
59. Isaiah G. Barker.....					1		4	1		1			1

CENSUS OF BERKSHIRE, DECEMBER, 1820.—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	NO. MALES AND AGES.					NO. FEMALES AND AGES.					Agriculturists.	Manufacturers.	
	Under 10 years.	10 to 16 years.	16 to 18 years.	16 to 26 years.	26 to 45 years.	45 and upwards.	Under 10 years.	10 to 16 years.	16 to 26 years.	26 to 45 years.			45 and upwards.
60. Edmund Barker.....					1		1				1		
61. Erastus Benton.....	1				1		2						
62. *Consider Lawrence.....		1	2	4	1			1	1	1	5		
63. Lyman Durfee.	2			1	1				1			2	
64. John Durfee.....		1		1		1		1		1	2		
65. *Samuel Torry.....					1		2				1		
66. Ezra Landon.....				1	1			1			1		
67. Abraham Hotchkin.....		1				1			1		1		
68. *Jeremiah Campbell.....	2	1				1	1	3		1	1		
69. *Asahel Royce.....		1				1	2	2	1	1	1		
70. *Deodatus Royce.....	1				1		1	2			1		
71. *John Gregory.....				1		1	1	1	2	1	2		
72. Thomas Langdon.....	1				1		1	1			1		
73. *Samuel Collins.....	2	1		2		1		2		1	1		
74. *Ebenezer E. Gleazen.....					2				1			1	
75. Joseph Cook.....				1				1				1	
76. *Henry Ball.....	2				1		3		1		1		
77. *Stephen Ball.....	4	1			1		1	2	1	1	1		
78. *William Ball.....	1			1				1			1		
79. *Elizabeth Cook.....	1	1		1		1		1		1			
80. *Ransom Williams.....	1				1		1		1	2	1		
81. *David Williams.....	1			2		1		1			2	1	
82. *Ichabod Brainerd, Jr.....	2	2			1			1			1		
83. *Ichabod Brainerd.....					1				2		1		
84. *Samuel Hutchinson.....	1	2		2		1	1	2		1	2		
85. Marcus Ford.....				2				1				2	
86. Luke B. Winship.....	1		2	3	2		3		2	1	1	3	
87. John Rounseville.....	1	1	1	1		1				1	1		
88. *Mehitable Brown.....		1	1	3				2	1	1	3		
89. *Joseph Waldo.....		1		1	1	1		1	1	2	1		
90. *Nathaniel Ford.....		2				1	1	1	1	2	1		
91. *Barnabas Manning.....				1		1	1	1	1		2		
92. Ralph Manning.....				2		1					1	1	
93. *Isaac Ball.....	2				1		3	1	1		1		
Totals.....	94	41	15	65	58	30	102	43	65	57	31	113	29

1. Roswell H. Brown lived on lot 417, in the first house south of the present town of Richford; but little has been remembered of him beyond the fact that when slightly elevated in tone, he wished to be addressed as "Mr. Roswell H. Brown, Esq., Sir." One of his children was born 29 Dec., 1821. Afterward he lived on lot 303, on the west bank of Strong brook, south of the road, near the corner where a road branches off to the north. Among his children were William and Hannah.

2. Capt. Jed Chapman, a carpenter and joiner, lived below Mr. Brown, on the east side of the same road, in the second house above Mr. Leonard's tannery. He was born at Saybrook, Conn., 14 Dec., 1781, m 28 Sept., 1803, with Content Canfield, and settled at Durham, N. Y. In the spring of 1811 they moved to