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PREFACE.

TRUE to our purpose of bringing out in the closing years of the nineteenth century—a period of record searching and of record making such as, we venture to say, the world has never before known—an extended series of biographical works of special local interest and value, thus far within the limits of the Atlantic States, we issue herewith our twenty-sixth volume, devoted to contemporary worthies of New London County, Connecticut. Its pages set forth, in brief outline sketches, the character, connections, and activities of representative citizens of this ancient shire, showing what manner of men and women have succeeded to the possession and occupancy of the territory settled by Governor Winthrop and his followers, in many instances tracing lines of descent from the pioneers of old, showing who are the conservators of the goodly heritage to-day, and what they have done to prove their title to the vast heirship of privilege and responsibility, to win the respect and good will of their compatriots and deserve the remembrance of posterity.

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BIOGRAPHICAL.



SIDNEY MINER, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was for many years a prominent citizen of New London, Conn., his native place, where he died on December 29, 1881, at seventy-six years of age. He was a son of Frederick and Hannah (Wood) Miner, the father a native of Stonington and the mother of Groton.

Stonington was the home of the Miner family for four generations or more; and Simeon Miner, the father of Frederick, spent his life there. Thomas Miner, an English yeoman, from Chew-Magna, Somersetshire, England, the first of the family to settle in America, came, it is said, with John Winthrop in the ship "Arbella." He lived in Boston at first, was a member of the church in 1632, but soon removed to Hingham, Mass.; and about the year 1646 he came to New London. In 1653 he removed from here to Quiambog, where he spent the remainder of his life. The farm that he owned is still occupied by his descendants. He was but twenty-two years old when he left England, and he was married in Boston. His son Ephraim married Mary Avery, June 20, 1666. Ephraim, Jr., son of Ephraim and Mary, married Mary Stevens; and their son Simeon married Hannah Wheeler. Simeon, Jr., son of Simeon, and the next in this line, was twice married, first to Anna Hewitt, and second to Mary Owen,

a daughter of "Schoolmaster" Owen, who was well known in that section of New London County. Frederick Miner, the father of Sidney, was the son of Simeon, Jr., by his second marriage. He was a successful merchant. Three sons and a daughter were the fruit of his union with Hannah Wood, but all have now passed away.

Sidney Miner, the special subject of this sketch, was largely interested in the whale fishery up to 1855. After that he engaged in the coasting trade as a merchant. He was actively interested in local affairs, and served on the Board of Aldermen of New London many years. In 1851 and 1852 he built, on the site of one of the old block-houses, the handsome mansion-house in which he afterward made his home with his family. The main portion of the house is forty-four by forty-two feet in ground area, with a large L adjoining, and is three stories in height, built of stuccoed brick. At the time of its erection it was one of the finest in the city, and it is not surpassed by many at the present time.

Mr. Miner married for his first wife Mary Ann Ramsdell, of Mansfield, Conn. She died at twenty-nine years of age, leaving three children, two sons and a daughter. Only the daughter, Mary Miner, is now living. She resides in California. Mr. Miner married for his second wife on April 23, 1844, Lydia J. Belcher, who survives him. Their union was blessed by the birth of a son and

daughter, both of whom have passed away, the daughter having died in infancy. The son, Joseph Lawrence Miner, died in September, 1876, aged twenty-nine years. Mr. Miner's second son, Frederick W. Miner, married Jennie Hale, and had two sons—Sidney H. and Frederick R. Sidney H. Miner married Lucy K. Bishop, of New London. They are living with Mrs. Miner at the family residence, 68 Main Street, and have one son, Sidney Bishop Miner. Frederick Miner is unmarried, and resides in California with his mother.

Mrs. Miner was born in Norwich, a daughter of Colonel William and Sally (Wilson) Belcher, the former of whom was a native of Griswold, and the latter of Jewett City, this county. They had eight sons and two daughters, but only two survive at this day; namely, Mrs. Miner and her brother, Charles Belcher, who is living in retirement in St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Miner is a member of Dr. Blake's church, whose house of worship was erected under the supervision of Mr. Miner at the same time that he was building his own house.

WILLIAM FITCH, late a retired merchant residing in Norwich, where he died December 22, 1880, was born in Bozrah, Conn., on October 27, 1800. He was the youngest son of Colonel Asa and Susanna (Fitch) Fitch, and was a descendant of James Fitch, who came to America in the ship "Defense" in 1635.

James Fitch, when sixteen years of age, studied theology under the instruction of the Rev. Messrs. Hooker and Stone, of Hartford, Conn., and was ordained at Saybrook in 1649. After remaining as pastor there fourteen years, the Rev. Mr. Fitch removed thence to Norwich with the larger part of his congregation, and continued active in the work of the min-

istry till very near the close of his long and useful life, his death occurring at Lebanon, Conn., November 18, 1702. He was a native of Bocking, County Essex, England, the date of his birth being December 24, 1622. The Rev. James Fitch married first, in 1648, Abigail, daughter of the Rev. Henry Whitfield. She died in 1659; and he married in October, 1664, Priscilla Mason, daughter of Captain John Mason. He had fourteen children, six by his first wife and eight by the second. Their descendants are very numerous. Thomas Fitch, who settled in Norwalk, Conn., and Joseph Fitch, who settled permanently at Windsor, and was the ancestor of John Fitch, the inventor, were brothers of the Rev. James Fitch; and a Samuel, schoolmaster, who was married in Hartford in 1654, it is said "may have been another brother."

Samuel Fitch, born in 1655, son of the Rev. James and Abigail (Whitfield) Fitch, is said by Stiles in his History of Windsor, Conn., to have been the ancestor of the Bozrah Fitch families.

Colonel Asa Fitch, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Bozrah, February 14, 1755. He was a farmer and iron manufacturer at Fitchville. By his first wife, Susanna, he had ten children, five sons and five daughters. The maiden name of his second wife was Mary House.

William Fitch in his boyhood for some years worked on his father's farm summers and attended school winters. Later, in his sixteenth or seventeenth year, he attended Bacon Academy at Colchester, where he completed the course of study, and was graduated. He had always been fond of books and study, and he next applied himself for several terms to teaching school. At the age of twenty he began his business career, going with his brother Douglas to Marseilles, France, join-

ing in business their elder brother, Asa Fitch, Jr., who had been in New York City for some years, and who there founded the mercantile house of Fitch Brothers & Co., who sixty years ago and more were doing an immense commission business. In a volume entitled "Old Merchants of New York City" we read that nearly all the American vessels and American produce sent to Marseilles were consigned to "the great firm," also that the United States government appointed this house agent of the navy, charged with supplying the provisions and making the payment, etc., of the American squadron in the Mediterranean. Returning to this country in 1825 or 1826, Mr. William Fitch was engaged for about twelve years in the New York office of the house, having in this period entire charge of the same. Mr. Fitch returned to his native town in 1848, and there remained until 1858, when he removed to Norwich. In this city he became the owner of considerable real estate. The house that he bought in 1857 of Edward Worthington, and which has since been the family home, was built one hundred and thirty years ago or more by Colonel William Bradford Whiting, who sold it in 1771 to Azariah Lathrop. A picture of this historic mansion may be seen in the volume entitled "Old Houses of the Ancient Town of Norwich."

Mr. Fitch was married October 14, 1857, to Mary E., daughter of Dr. Elias and Mary Ann (Hillhouse) Williams. A biographical sketch of Mrs. Fitch follows this.

MRS. MARY E. FITCH, for many years a highly esteemed resident of Norwich, was a daughter of Dr. Elias W. and Mary Ann (Hillhouse) Williams. Her paternal grandfather was the

Rev. Joshua Williams, a native of Middletown, Conn., and a man of great personal worth. He married Mary Webb, who died in middle life some years before her husband. They had six children, two sons and four daughters. Dr. Elias W. Williams was born in Harwinton, Litchfield County, Conn., September 16, 1797. He was skilled in his profession, and was a man of cheerful disposition and genial and courteous manners. His career of usefulness was cut short in his thirty-first year, his death occurring September 16, 1828. His wife, who survived him many years, died in 1885, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Fitch, at the advanced age of eighty-nine. They had two children — Mary E., and a son who died in infancy.

Mary E. Williams received careful home training and as good an education as in those days was readily obtainable by women. On October 14, 1857, she was married to William Fitch, a member of the family for which Fitchville was named. His father, Colonel Asa Fitch, who was born in 1755, at one time operated an iron furnace in the town of Bozrah. His sons subsequently built, owned, and operated a cotton-mill in that town. This mill was three times burned, and twice rebuilt by Asa Fitch, Jr. In February, 1781, Colonel Asa Fitch married Susannah Fitch, who bore him five sons and five daughters. After her death he married for his second wife, in January, 1816, Mary House, who survived him some years.

William Fitch was the ninth child and youngest son of Colonel Asa and Susannah Fitch, and was born in the town of Bozrah, October 27, 1800. He became a member of the firm of Fitch Brothers, commission merchants and importers of New York City. Having inherited from his father's estate a goodly patrimony, he added to it from the

results of his successful business career. A fuller account of his life and ancestry may be found in his own personal sketch, immediately preceding this article. Mr. and Mrs. Fitch had six children, of whom four are now living. Their record in brief is as follows: William died at the age of twenty months in 1860; Fanny, a young lady of great promise, died February 21, 1890, at the age of twenty-two years; Marian Hillhouse is the wife of Elihu G. Loomis, an attorney-at-law of Boston, Mass., and the mother of four children; Susan Lee is Mrs. William R. Jewett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and has three children; Elizabeth Mason is the wife of William N. Wilbur, a manufacturer of Philadelphia, Pa., and has three children; and Sarah Griswold, the wife of Francis Hillhouse, of New York City, has musical talents of a high order, and is a skilled performer upon the piano.

Mrs. Fitch died at her home in Norwich town on July 12, 1897. The spacious stately looking house in which she resided is built in Southern Colonial style, and dates back more than a hundred years. It stands back from the street, and is reached by a wide and beautiful private driveway leading from the foot of Norwich town green. The extensive grounds are beautifully cared for, and are shaded by tall old trees, which give one a feeling of being in the country, far from the rush of city life. The mistress of this beautiful estate was a modest and genuine lady, unaffected and easily approached; and visitors to her home, however humble, were always courteously welcomed.

JOHN MITCHELL, a prominent manufacturer of Norwich, was born at Stourbridge, England, in 1819, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Williams) Mitchell. The father, who was born in 1798, came to

America in 1828 with his wife and five children. He spent the first three years in New York City. Subsequently, in 1845, he came to Norwich. He was an iron manufacturer, having learned the business in England, and a member of the Cold Spring Iron Company, which he established here and the Gosnold Mills in New Bedford, Mass., in 1855. He died in 1867, when sixty-nine years of age, having led a busy and successful life. Elizabeth Mitchell, his wife, was a native of Bristol, England. They were the parents of nine children, of whom five sons and three daughters reached maturity. Of these Mary A., John, William, Elizabeth, Charles, and Emma are living. Mary A. is the widow of William Garner, and resides in Derby, Conn.; Elizabeth is the wife of George W. Geer; and Emma is the wife of Frank Davis. Excepting Mrs. Garner, all reside in Norwich. The mother died in March, 1860, at sixty-seven.

At the age of thirteen John Mitchell left the district school, and became an apprentice to the iron business, which has been his chief occupation since. He has been connected with the Cold Spring Iron Works fifty years. Since 1879, when he purchased the Thames Iron Works, he has been the president of that corporation. Also for the past seventeen years he has been the president of the Richmond Stove Works, of which he was one of the founders. He is also interested in the Uncas Paper Company, of which he was one of the original directors.

On June 6, 1841, Mr. Mitchell was married to Miss Joanna Dexter Gibbs, a daughter of Captain Joshua and Deborah (Washburn) Gibbs, of Wareham, Mass. Her father, who was a sea captain, died in the prime of life, leaving two other children, namely: Azel W. Gibbs, of Norwich; and Mary B., the wife of Samuel B. Caswell, living in Los Angeles,



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Cal. Her mother died in 1852, aged fifty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have had four sons, of whom two died in infancy. The others are: Albert Gibbs Mitchell, residing in Norwich, who is married and has one son; and Frank Arthur Mitchell, living in Arizona, who is married, and has one daughter. Mr. Mitchell has served on the Common Council for two years. For a quarter-century he has been a director of the Thames National Bank. He has been interested in the Norwich Savings Bank for about twenty-seven years and its president since 1895. He is also a director of the Crescent Fire Arms Company of Norwich, Conn., and a trustee of the Norwich Free Academy and of several other institutions. A man of sound judgment, he has been very successful. Both he and Mrs. Mitchell attend the Second Congregational Church. They reside at 178 West Thames Street, where he erected his present home and settled in 1859, within a short distance of the residence of his father.

CARL J. VIETS, of New London, dealer in books, stationery, and fancy goods, is a lineal descendant of some of the original settlers of Connecticut. He was born in East Granby, Conn., and is a son of John Jay and Jane (Wadsworth) Viets. The family is of German origin. The first progenitor in this part of the country was a colonist from the vicinity of Dorchester, Mass., who with a party under the leadership of ministers Hooker and Stone made the first settlement at Hartford. The exodus of these colonists took place in June, 1636: and their journey to Hartford (named for Mr. Stone's birthplace in England) is vividly described in Ellis's *Youth's History of the United States*, vol. i. p. 117. Dr. John Viets settled in

1710 in Simsbury (now East Granby), which has since been the home of the family. His grandson, Captain John Viets, who was the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was the first keeper of the old Newgate Prison at Simsbury, and during the Revolution had Tory prisoners under his charge there. From his time to the present the male members of the family generally have been engaged in agricultural pursuits. John Viets, Carl J. Viets's grandfather, died in 1858, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife was in maidenhood Abigail Eno, of Simsbury; and Amos R. Eno, of New York City, is a cousin of the present Mr. Viets. Mrs. Abigail Eno Viets survived her husband ten years, living to be fourscore, and is now resting with him in the East Granby cemetery, where sleep many generations of the family. She reared four sons and two daughters, of whom the only survivor is Ardelia, widow of Edward Bowers, and a resident of Hartford. The last to die was James Rollin Viets, a successful merchant and influential public man, who breathed his last in East Granby in July, 1896, at the age of seventy-five years.

John Jay Viets was born in Simsbury (East Granby) in 1806. He was in business for a number of years in his native town, dealing extensively in general merchandise. Though a Republican in a strong Democratic town, he was often called upon to take an active part in public affairs; and his ability was generally recognized. His death occurred December 10, 1885. He was married in 1851 to Jane Wadsworth, of Farmington, Conn., daughter of Timothy Wadsworth, and a direct descendant of William Wadsworth, who was one of the first settlers of Hartford, coming thither with the Rev. Mr. Hooker from the vicinity of Dorchester. Her mother's maiden name was Strong. Mrs. Jane Wadsworth Viets died at

the age of sixty-one years, sixteen days after her husband's demise. They reared three children: Jennie A., wife of O. L. Livesey, now living in California near Los Angeles; Carl J.; and Hubert Wadsworth Viets, proprietor and manager of a large steam laundry in La Crosse, Wis.

Carl J. Viets acquired his elementary education in the district school, and was graduated at Columbia Institute at the age of seventeen. Shortly after leaving school he obtained a position in the post-office at Windsor, Conn., and was Assistant Postmaster there for some five years. In the spring of 1881 he was engaged as book-keeper for the Livesey Manufacturing Company in New London; and in 1888 he purchased his present stand, buying the whole estate of Charles Allen. As a book store this place of business has been in existence nearly sixty-eight years, having been established by the Bowles Brothers in 1830. Mr. Viets has a large and well-selected stock, and controls a good business.

He was married May 23, 1883, to Mary, daughter of Major William H. H. and Eliza (Smith) Comstock. She was born in East Lyme, Conn., and has lived in New London thirty years. Mrs. Viets also is of old New England stock. She is a member of the Mayflower Society by right of five ancestors, two on her father's side, and three on her mother's, all passengers on the historic craft. She is also a member of the Daughters of the Revolution; belongs to the Sons of the Revolution, which she joined as an honorary member, being one of the few ladies to have that distinction; and is a member of the Society of Colonial Dames, besides being eligible to several of the more exclusive Colonial societies. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Viets, a daughter, who died in infancy.

Mr. Viets is a Republican politically, and

he is now serving his third term as a Councilman of New London. He is a Master Mason, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution by right of two lines of descent, being eligible to the Mayflower Society by virtue of being a descendant of John Alden. He has an attractive home on Granite Street, one of the charming residences in the vicinity of the park, into which he moved February 17, 1896.

STANFORD NELSON BILLINGS, a skilful farmer and extensive land-owner of Stonington, Conn., was born May 18, 1841, in North Stonington, a son of Horatio N. Billings, and is of ancient Colonial stock.

Roger Billings, probably the first of this surname in New England, came over about 1635, and settled at Dorchester, Mass. His epitaph, which has been preserved in print, reads as follows:—

Here lyeth buried
ye Body of Roger
Billings Senior aged
63 years Departed
this life ye 15 day
of November
1 6 8 3.

William Billings, an ancestor of the subject of this sketch several generations removed, married February 12, 1658; and to him and his wife, Mary, were born seven daughters and two sons, William being the eldest and Ebenezer, the next in line of descent, the youngest child. In 1680 Ebenezer married Annie Comstock, who bore him five daughters and an equal number of sons, among them being Ebenezer and Increase. The latter, their eighth child, born May 13, 1697, settled

in Ledyard, Conn. Ebenezer Billings, Jr., their second child and first son, was the next in this line. He was born January 1, 1684, and on April 2, 1706, married Phebe Dennison, by whom he had eleven children, six of them being sons. The line was continued through their third child and second son, Ebenezer, third, born March 20, 1711. He married Mary Noyes on November 20, 1733, and had four sons and four daughters. Sanford, the second child and first son, born April 21, 1736, was named in honor of an uncle or aunt who had married into the family of George Sanford. Sanford Billings married Lucy Green, daughter of James Green, whose wife, it is said, was a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, immortalized by Longfellow. Nine sons and two daughters were born of this union, Gilbert, the fifth son and child, being the grandfather of Sanford Nelson Billings.

Gilbert Billings was born November 25, 1768, on the old homestead in Stonington. He married Lucy Swan, by whom he had eleven children, eight sons and three daughters; and of these two sons and one daughter died in early life. A daughter, Lucy, was twice married; and one of her grand-daughters, whose father was a surgeon in the Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, commanded by General Grant, now lives in Illinois. A son, Robert Billings, married Calista Kinney, and at his death left one son, Gilbert, of Mill Town. Sanford Billings, second, another son, a young man of great promise, went West as a surveyor when young, and died in Illinois.

Horatio N. Billings was born in 1803, and married on January 30, 1838, Mary Ann Fish. He was a seafaring man, and in 1849 or 1850 went to California as first mate of a sailing-vessel. He was heard from soon after his

arrival, but never afterward. Mrs. Billings struggled nobly to educate their four children; namely, Lucy H., Sanford Nelson, Edward E., and Mary A. Lucy H. Billings became the wife of John L. Spalding, and died in 1881, aged forty-two years; Edward E. is a farmer in North Stonington; and Mary A. is the wife of Charles D. Thompson, of North Stonington, and has twin daughters. Mrs. Spalding, who possessed rare literary ability and artistic talent, was educated at Cooper Institute in New York, where she won the first prize medal in art. She wrote much for the press; and in 1871 a volume of her poetical works was published by J. B. Lippincott, bearing the title of "The Ruined Statues and Other Poems," by Louise Billings Spalding (her pen name). She was twice married, but had no children.

Sanford N. Billings began the battle of life on his own account when a lad of sixteen, working as a farm hand for his uncle, Benjamin F. Billings, in Griswold, this county. At the age of eighteen he began farming on the old homestead farm that his early ancestor, William Billings, had taken from the government, and a portion of which has since been in the family, being now owned by a cousin of Mr. Billings. In August, 1862, Mr. Billings enlisted as a private in Company G, Twenty-first Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. Six months later he was detached, and for a year and a half was turnkey of the jail at Norfolk, Va. Rejoining his regiment at Washington, N.C., he was taken prisoner in front of Richmond on May 16, 1864, and conveyed to Libby Prison and two weeks later to Andersonville, where he was confined until the fall of 1864. He was then taken to Charleston, S.C., thence three weeks later to Florence, and from there to Wilmington, N.C., and afterward to Goldsboro. Mr. Bill-

ings had in the meantime endured untold horrors, and, having suffered a shock, had become so reduced that he could scarcely walk. He had barely clothes enough to cover him; but in sheer desperation he and a comrade wandered away, and were fortunately picked up by some of the boys in blue. Mr. Billings was so feeble in mind that he knew not his name or where he was; but after weeks of faithful nursing he was partially restored, and as soon as able was sent home, arriving here a mere shadow of himself. He had weighed one hundred and seventy-five pounds when in his normal health, but after becoming convalescent he weighed but ninety-four. Though he escaped the missiles of death that flew around him in battle, he suffered worse agonies than were ever caused by a bullet's wound, his prison life having been a veritable "hell upon earth," the very memory of it even now overshadowing him with a sickening horror. While he was in Andersonville, his mother died on the old homestead.

Mr. Billings has since turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in Stonington and North Stonington, paying much attention to stock-raising, a part of the time having been in partnership with W. W. Billings; but he is now more interested in dairying. In 1873 he took possession of his present fine farm, which was presented to him by William W. Billings, of New London. He also owns another farm and two tracts of land, amounting in all to some three hundred acres.

Mr. Billings was married October 28, 1867, to Miss Lucy E. Main, of North Stonington, a daughter of Charles H. and Almira (Eggleston) Main. Mr. and Mrs. Billings have eight children, the following being their record: Byron, born January 4, 1869, is foreman of the Wilcox Fish Works at Mystic; Mary, born May 15, 1871, married Arthur G.

Wheeler, and has one son and one daughter; William W., a farmer, resides in Stonington; Lucy was born June 20, 1881; Grace W. was born December 18, 1882; Lilla M. was born July 6, 1886; Priscilla Alden was born May 29, 1892; and Sanford N., Jr., was born August 17, 1895. Mr. Billings is a decided Republican in his political affiliations, but has never aspired to official honors. He is a member of the J. F. Trumbull Post, No. 82, G. A. R.

CYRUS G. BECKWITH, a dealer in meats and groceries and a substantial citizen of New London, was born December 3, 1841, in the town of Waterford, this county, son of James and Nancy S. (Caulkins) Beckwith. Jason Beckwith, the father of James, and also a native of Waterford, had ten children, seven sons and three daughters, of whom James was the sixth or seventh in order of birth. Both parents lived to an advanced age, and were buried in Waterford.

James Beckwith, who was born September 12, 1803, followed the occupation of ship-builder, first in Waterford and later in New London, whither he came about the year 1850. He built coasting-vessels principally, of from one to three hundred tons' burden, and had a fair-sized business. In 1865 he retired, and returned to Waterford, where he died when seventy-two years of age. After his return to his native town he was elected to the State legislature on the Democratic ticket, and served two terms. In religious belief he was a Baptist and for many years a Deacon in the church. James and Nancy S. (Caulkins) Beckwith had four children, all of whom are living. They are: Cordelia, the wife of Sidney A. Smith, residing in Waterford; James E. Beckwith, a retired farmer, and the Town



CYRUS G. BECKWITH.

Clerk of Waterford, which he has also served in other offices, including that of Representative to the State legislature; Elisha P. Beckwith, who resides in New London; and Cyrus G., the subject of this sketch. The mother died in 1847, when Cyrus G., the youngest child, was but six years old. The father afterward married Mrs. Eliza Keeney Fox, who survived him some years. He died when seventy-two years of age.

Cyrus G. Beckwith completed his education in New London at the Bartlett High School. When seventeen years of age he became a clerk in the grocery store and ship-chandlery of Constock & Miner, with whom he remained three years. He then started in business for himself in East New London. Twelve months later he sold out and formed a partnership with N. L. Smith, with whom, under the style of Smith & Co., he carried on a grocery business at the corner of State and Bradley Streets for two and a half years. Mr. Beckwith then sold out, and afterward was a traveling salesman for a firm of wholesale grocers in New York City for fourteen years, principally in Connecticut and Rhode Island. In 1878 he left the road and opened a grocery store at the corner of Bank and Pearl Streets, in this city. After being alone some years, he took in Arthur Keefe, his clerk, as a partner, after which they purchased property on Bank Street and started a store. This venture prospered, and they became one of the leading grocery firms in this place. In 1894 Mr. Beckwith sold his interest to his partner, and on January 1, 1895, in company with his son, J. Allan Beckwith, opened their present grocery store and market.

In February, 1863, Mr. Beckwith married Augusta A. Dart, a daughter of Captain Samuel B. and Adeline (Hand) Dart, of New London, both of whom have passed away.

Her father was a sea captain. Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith have lost one son. Their surviving son is J. Allan Beckwith, referred to above.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Beckwith served in the Common Council for three terms, was State Senator in 1887-88, and a delegate to the National Convention in 1892 and 1896. In the fall of 1894 he was a candidate for Congress. In 1896 he was elected to the legislature, and was his party's candidate for Speaker. In the fall election of 1897 he was elected Mayor of New London by the largest majority received by any chief magistrate of this place. He is a member of the Board of Trade, a Master Mason, an Odd Fellow, a Red Man of the Improved Order, and a Captain on the Major's staff of Putnam Phalanx, an independent military company. The family reside at 60 Hempstead Street, in the beautiful home that he purchased about twenty years ago, and which, facing the Park, affords a fine view of the Thames River.

DANIEL BURROWS SPALDING, a banker of Stonington and a son of Daniel Brown and Lucy Breed (Grant) Spalding, was born in Preston, New London County, April 14, 1843. The Spaldings are of English origin. Edward Spalding, who came to this country about 1633, was one of the first settlers of Braintree, Mass., where, according to the old records, he owned realty and filled a public office. He was made a freeman of the town in 1640, a fact that proves he was also a member of some church there. He died February 26, 1670. A copy of his will, dated April, 1666, and proven in 1670, is still extant, a most interesting and valuable document. He left much property and considerable sums of money to his sons, who were then wealthy land-owners in

Plainfield and Killingly, Conn. His children were: John, Edward, Benjamin, Joseph, Andrew, Grace, and Dinah, all of whom left large families. The Spaldings are now scattered all over the United States. Of Edward's sons, John is a lineal ancestor of Daniel Burrows, the subject of this sketch. John had a son John, whose son Samuel, also a native of Plainfield, had six children, one of whom was Jedediah. Asa Spalding, born in Plainfield, October 6, 1751, son of Jedediah, was the grandfather of Daniel Burrows. He studied medicine with Elisha Perkins in his native town, and became a noted physician. He was also an ordained evangelist in the Baptist church, and was one of the leading Deacons, but not a regular pastor. He was at the siege of Fort Griswold in 1781, where by his knowledge of surgery he saved the life of a wounded soldier. His death occurred in the place now called North Stonington on February 21, 1811. He had fourteen children. His son, Daniel Brown, was a farmer in his early days, and lived at one time in Pitcher, Chenango County, N.Y., which was then reached only by water. Daniel moved to Preston, Conn., but stayed there for only one year. Then he came to Stonington, where he spent the rest of his life. In 1843 he engaged in business with his wife's brother, Oliver B. Grant, a prominent business man of the town. Mr. Grant was one of the incorporators of the Stonington Bank, served on its Board of Directors, and was its secretary, treasurer, and afterward president. Mr. Spalding was an efficient worker as colporteur and evangelist for the Baptist denomination in Stonington. He died in 1866. His wife, Lucy, who was of English descent, was born in North Stonington, October 13, 1810. They were married May 10, 1832. Of their four children two died in infancy; and one,

Frederick William, died at the age of five. The mother died October 25, 1888.

Daniel Burrows Spalding was but seven months old when his parents moved to Stonington. After attending the public schools in the town for a time, he studied at a private school under old Dr. Hart and later at the Schofield Commercial School in Providence, R.I. When he left school, in 1864, he entered the bank as assistant treasurer to his uncle. When Mr. Grant became the president in 1876, Mr. Spalding was made the treasurer and the secretary, which offices he has since filled. He was the president of the Uncas National Bank of Norwich, Conn., for two years, a director of the First National Bank of the same place, and he is a director of the Stonington Building Company in Stonington.

Though an ardent Republican in politics, Mr. Spalding has never sought office; yet he has been a Burgess of the town for four years, and he was elected a Warden, but he did not qualify. In 1875 he married Drusilla R., a daughter of Ebenezer W. and Elizabeth Duncan Parlow, of New Bedford, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Spalding have lived in their present home since March, 1875. The house, which was erected in 1837, by Charles H. Smith, a contractor, is one of the fine old residences of Stonington.

WILLIAM PARKINSON GREENE, an old and respected resident of Norwich, was born in this city, March 26, 1831. He comes of a long line of American ancestors, being descended from John Greene, who sailed from Southampton, England, in April, 1635, in the ship "James" of London, and arrived in Boston on the 3d of June. John Greene was accompanied by his wife and five children—John, Peter, James,

Thomas, and Mary. An associate of Roger Williams in the Providence purchase of 1638, he became proprietor of a tract of land on the Providence River in 1642, and was one of the original purchasers of Shawshomet in 1642-43. His wife died in 1643. In 1644 he went to England on business, and while there married his second wife, Alice Daniels. He died at Warwick, R.I., about 1659, and was buried at Conanicut. (Further information concerning John Greene may be found in Arnold's History of the State of Rhode Island, Palfrey's History of New England, Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, and the Lives of Roger Williams by James D. Knowles and William Gamwell. See also *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. iv, p. 75.)

The line of descent from John Greene is through Thomas, born in England in 1631, who died at Warwick, June 5, 1717; Nathaniel, born April 10, 1679, who lived in Boston a number of years, dying there August 8, 1714; Benjamin, born in Boston, January 12, 1712, died in 1776; to Gardiner Greene, who was born in September, 1753. An eminent merchant, he was one of the leading financiers and capitalists of the first quarter of this century. His residence was in Boston, on Tremont, near the head of Court Street. The site of his mansion and grounds, which extended to Somerset Street, is now covered by Pemberton Square and the rooms of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Gardiner Greene died December 19, 1832. He was thrice married. His first wife was Ann Reading. His second, to whom he was married in Boston, November 28, 1788, was Elizabeth Hubbard. She was born March 23, 1760, and died September 7, 1797, in Boston. The children of his second marriage, who were born between 1790 and

1795, were: Mary Ann, who married Samuel Hubbard, and died July 10, 1827; Gardiner, who died in 1797; Benjamin Daniel (M.D.), who married Margaret M. Quincy, and died October 4, 1862; and William Parkinson, the father of the subject of this sketch. The third wife of Gardiner Greene was Elizabeth Clarke Copley, whom he married July 3, 1800, in London. She was born in Boston, November 20, 1770, and was a daughter of the great portrait and historical painter, John Singleton Copley, and a sister of the celebrated Lord Lyndhurst. The children of this marriage (born between 1802 and 1817) were: Gardiner, who died February 20, 1810; Elizabeth Hubbard, who died December 12, 1854, wife of Henry Timmins; Susanna, who died March 22, 1844, wife of Samuel Hammond; Sarah, who died in Paris, February 26, 1863; John Singleton Copley, who married first Elizabeth P. Hubbard and second Mary Ann Appleton; Martha Babcock, wife of Charles Amory; and Mary Copley, wife of James Sullivan Amory.

William Parkinson Greene, Sr., son of Gardiner and Elizabeth (Hubbard) Greene, was born in Boston, September 7, 1795. He acquired his elementary education in the Boston schools, and entered Harvard in 1810, being one of the class which enrolls upon its catalogue the names of President James Walker, Dr. F. W. P. Greenwood, and the historian Prescott, who was for a time his room-mate. Graduating at nineteen, in compliance with his father's wishes he entered the law office of his brother-in-law, Samuel Hubbard, Esq.; and he subsequently became Mr. Hubbard's partner. Boston was at that time the centre of religious and philanthropic enterprises, and Mr. Greene came into contact with many of the leaders of public thought. Judson, Evarts, Channing, Edward Everett,

and Lyman Beecher were his contemporaries. John Adams, the Nestor of the legal profession, was living. William Prescott, Harrison G. Otis, and Josiah Quincy upheld the dignity of the bar; and on Court Street, in 1816, was to be seen the sign, "Daniel Webster, Attorney and Counsellor-at-law." New party lines were forming, and political aspirants had unusual opportunities. Mr. Greene had his opportunity, but refused; and only once did he accept public office, serving with credit as Mayor of Norwich. His career as a lawyer was short. His father had invested largely in domestic manufactures, and had placed considerable capital in the Thames Company at Norwich Falls, established by him and other Boston capitalists in 1823; and he shortly received from his father as a gift the whole amount invested in this city, on condition that he should move hither, and take the property under personal charge. Failing health — a warning hemorrhage — influenced his decision; and in the summer of 1824 he entered on his new life. Within a year after his arrival in Norwich he was at the head of the movement which resulted in the organization of the Thames Bank; and he was its first president, and held office sixteen years. He was the first and largest contributor to the fund for improving the water-power of the Shetucket River; and in 1826-27 he with others inaugurated measures for improving the educational advantages of the community. In the spring of 1829 his plans for utilizing the Shetucket water-power were carried into effect by the Norwich Water Power Company, their work being completed the following year; and in 1832 the Thames Company, of which he was an original director, built the first cotton-mill on the Shetucket, and hired a portion of the completed water-power. Their manufactures included cotton

and iron. In the panic of 1837 this company failed: and their work was afterward carried on by the Falls Company, of which also Mr. Greene was a director. In 1830 the people of Norwich began to agitate the subject of constructing a railroad between this city and Worcester; and it was through Mr. Greene's personal influence that the credit of the State of Massachusetts was obtained. In the crisis of 1837 most of his fortune was swept away; but with the aid of his brother, Dr. Benjamin D. Greene, he was soon on his feet again. In 1838 he, with his brother Benjamin and Mr. Samuel Mowry, organized the Shetucket Company. The Falls Company was organized in October, 1843; and the two companies had a prosperous career. (An extended account of the operations of these companies and Mr. Greene's work in connection with them is found in "The Life and Character of the Hon. William Parkinson Greene, by Elbridge Smith, A.M., published in 1865.)

His indomitable energy and far-reaching intelligence, his generosity and wisdom, had much to do with establishing the foundations of the thriving city of Norwich. A gifted lawyer, successful manufacturer, and brilliant financier, he was also a philanthropist and a patron of religious and educational enterprises. Funds contributed by him placed the Norwich Free Academy on an assured basis, and his influence established some of its most important features. He was president of its corporation and Board of Trustees from 1857 to the time of his death. He also contributed generously toward the erection of the Methodist church on Sachem Street. From early youth he had suffered from a pulmonary complaint, and death was ever at his side; but his iron will refused to succumb, and he lived to be nearly seventy years old. He passed away on the morning of June 18, 1864. He was



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married July 14, 1819, to Augusta Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard Vassall Borland, a lady of rare accomplishments and winning manners. On September 7, 1859, the birthday of her husband and of the city, Mrs. Greene put into the hands of the treasurer of the Norwich Free Academy a deed of the estate now occupied by the principal.

William Parkinson Greene, the direct subject of this sketch, son of the late Hon. William Parkinson Greene, was educated in the Norwich Free School and the Cheshire Academy, which was then in charge of Professor Paddock, Bishop Paddock's father. His health was poor, and he did not follow an extended course of study; but when he attained his majority he began to take an interest in the manufacturing business established by his father. He has been a director in the mills at Shetucket and at the Falls. The Bozrah mills, which were established about 1813, and were in need of new management in 1879, were bought by Mr. Charles Kenyon and Mr. James Peckham, who organized a new company. Mr. Greene is at present the senior director of these mills, the only one of the original board living, and the principal stockholder. He has a beautiful home at 170 Washington Street.

On October 18, 1854, Mr. Greene was united in marriage with Theodosia, daughter of Benjamin Wildman Tompkins. Mr. Tompkins, who was born September 3, 1808, was a prominent citizen of Norwich, active and zealous in secular and church matters, and lived for many years at 172 Washington Street. He died February 3, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Greene have two children — Augusta Borland and Benjamin Tompkins, both unmarried and living with their parents. Mr. Greene, though interested in the welfare of the Republican party, has refused all offers of

public office. He is a member of the Centre Congregational Church.

ASA BACKUS, a retired merchant and capitalist of Norwich, residing on a fine farm to the west and just outside the city limits, was born in this town, July 21, 1836, son of Asa and Caroline (Roath) Backus. The family came originally from England, the first representative in this country of whom there is record being William Backus, who was a resident of Saybrook in 1637. In 1660 a member of it came from Saybrook to Norwich, and took up his residence in a house that is still standing.

The first Asa Backus was born in 1736. His son Asa, Jr., was born May 12, 1763. The third Asa, son of the preceding Asa, and the father of the present bearer of the name, born in Norwich in 1803, died in June, 1836. He was reared to farming. Though he received but a limited education, he was generously endowed by nature, and was successfully engaged in a mercantile business as a member of the firm of Hyde & Backus at Yantic village. About the year 1831 he was married to Miss Caroline Roath. The union was blessed by the birth of three children: Caroline, who died in 1861; Cynthia M.; and Asa. The mother married a second time.

Asa Backus, the subject of this biography, was a student in the Andover Phillips Academy for a time. When about sixteen years of age he entered the employ of Ely & Co. as clerk, remaining with them three years. In the fall of 1857 he went to Toledo, Ohio, where he was employed in the same capacity for a short time. In 1858 he became a member of the dry-goods firm of Eaton & Backus, which, from a small beginning, developed a profitable business. He retired from busi-

ness in 1875; and, returning to Norwich, he settled on his fine country home just outside the city limits. The original estate was purchased by him in the fall of 1874 from C. B. Rogers. Enlarged by additional land, bought since then, it now contains about twenty-five acres. On it are three good dwellings.

Mr. Backus first married Miss Julia W. Bissell, of Lockport, N.Y. She died in December, 1891, leaving three children, namely: Asa William, who lives in Toledo, Ohio; and Julia R. and Frederick Tracy, who are at home. A second marriage, contracted in 1893, united Mr. Backus to Mrs. Sarah G. (Button) Champlin, of Norwich. They have a daughter, Florence. In politics Mr. Backus is an Independent. He is a director of the old Norwich Savings Bank, which has over eleven millions on deposit. By the will of the late William W. Backus he was made executor of the large and valuable estate left by the latter. He is the secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Mutual Assurance Company, which was established in 1794; the secretary and treasurer of the Kitemang Association of Norwich; and one of the original incorporators of the Backus Free Hospital of Norwich, one of the finest institutions in the State.

JOSHUA C. LEFFINGWELL, an enterprising dairy farmer of Bozrah, was born in this town, May 9, 1836, son of Joshua B. and Mary A. (Woodworth) Leffingwell. His father was a native of Bozrah, as was also his grandfather, Christopher Leffingwell.

The founder of the family in America was Thomas Leffingwell, an Englishman, who emigrated about the middle of the seventeenth century, and settled in Saybrook, Conn.,

where his daughter Rachel was born in 1648, a son Nathaniel in 1656, and other children between those dates. A few years later Thomas Leffingwell was living at his new home in Norwich. According to Trumbull, the early historian, he received a deed of a tract of land a number of miles square, the site of the present city of Norwich, from Uncas, sachem of the Mohegans, for his services in carrying a boat-load of provisions to the fort in which that friendly chief and his warriors were besieged by the Narragansetts. "There is, however," says Miss Caulkins in her History of Norwich, "no such deed or record." To this statement she adds that Mr. Leffingwell, petitioning the General Court in 1667 to confirm a grant of land that Uncas had proffered him, received from that body the grant of two hundred acres on the east side of the Shetucket River.

Deacon Joshua B. Leffingwell, son of Christopher Leffingwell, was a stirring farmer: and in connection with tilling the soil he operated a stone quarry. In politics he was originally a Whig, but joined the Republican party at its formation. He represented his town in the legislature, and was a man of prominence and political influence in Bozrah and vicinity. He was a Deacon of the Baptist church. He died March 21, 1873. His wife, Mary A. Woodworth, was a native of Montville, Conn.

Their son, Joshua C. Leffingwell, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools of his native town and at a select school in Norwich. For a number of years he was engaged in the stone-quarrying business, but his chief occupation in life has been farming. He owns about two hundred acres of land, which he cultivates to good advantage; and he has acquired a high reputation for the superior quality of his butter and other products. He owns and supplies a large milk

route in Norwich, which through good management is exceedingly profitable.

On August 19, 1868, Mr. Leffingwell was united in marriage with Mary L. Ross, of this town. She is a daughter of Enos C. and Mary A. (Leffingwell) Ross. Her father was a native of New York State, and her mother was born in Bozrah. Mr. and Mrs. Leffingwell are the parents of six children, as follows: Anna M., wife of Nathan Whiting; Fanny E., wife of Herbert E. Beard; Harriet C., wife of Robert E. Champlain; Thomas C.; Frank E.; and Minnie F.

In politics Mr. Leffingwell is a Republican. He has served as Selectman, Assessor, and a member of the School Board, and was a member of the House of Representatives in the State legislature during the session of 1881 and 1882. He is a Deacon of the First Baptist Church, is a well-known and exceedingly public-spirited citizen, and enjoys the confidence of the community.

NORMAN SMITH, the popular merchant of Hanover, Conn., was born in this place, June 8, 1826, son of Dr. Vine and Lydia (Lilly) Smith. His paternal grandfather was Josiah Smith, who was born in the neighboring town of Windham, in the county of that name, and is buried in that part of the town that is now Scotland, Conn.

Vine Smith was a genial, courteous man and a skilled physician in lifelong practice in Hanover. He was born in Windham in 1800, and lived to be fifty-seven years of age. His books showing his charges for professional visits are now in the possession of his son Norman. From them it is seen that for calls made in the village the fee was a few cents, and for calls made at a distance of four miles a half-dollar. The professional fees of an

ordinary practitioner of to-day would seem to him enormous. He served in the State legislature when the only way to reach the capital was by stage or by private conveyance. The Doctor is well remembered by many of the older residents of Hanover, and even some of the men and women of middle age can recall his visits to their homes during their childhood. His wife, whom he married in 1824, survived him for twenty years, dying at the age of seventy-six. They had one daughter, Eliza Smith, who married Jared Filmore. She died in childbirth, at the age of twenty-two.

Norman Smith, having obtained his education in the common schools and at the Norwich Town Academy, a private institution, taught school for a full year in Hanover, and as a pedagogue was an unquestioned success. Believing, however, that better business chances for advancement were to be found in trade, he opened a general merchandise store in the fall of 1845, some time before he was twenty-one. He was out of mercantile pursuits for eight or ten years previous to 1869, when he opened the store which he has since carried on. It has always been Mr. Smith's endeavor to keep only strictly first-class goods and always to give the largest value possible for the money received. He has a well-established trade, and during the twenty-eight years he has been in business at this stand he has made many acquaintances and won many friends.

Mr. Smith was married in 1850 to Sarah Cutler, born in New York, daughter of William C. Cutler, who was a native of Connecticut. By this marriage there was a family of four children: Ella E., wife of James W. Bennett, of Willimantic, and mother of two children: Mary E., now Mrs. E. O. Tarbox, of this place; Annie C., wife of George P.

Fenner, of New London, and mother of one daughter; and Ernest L., who is married and resides in Hanover. Mrs. Sarah Smith died; and her husband subsequently married her sister, Lucinda M. Cutler, who for the past twenty-eight years has officiated as Postmistress. She is the mother of four children, namely: Adeline A., who is a stenographer and typewriter in the office of Mr. Fenner; Bertha B., a teacher in Portsmouth, N.H.; Lillie L., the wife of Webster Standish, of this place, and mother of two children, and Vine H. Smith, who is now a student in Harvard College.

In politics Mr. Smith is a Democrat. He has served the town as Assessor, Selectman, and as a member of the Board of Relief, and has twice been sent to the legislature. In all these public positions he has used for the benefit of his fellow-townsmen that sound judgment and keen insight into affairs that have made his personal business life a success. He has never been an office-seeker, and has accepted positions only as they were urged upon him. He has been satisfied with legitimate gain in his business; and, although he has lived quietly and in a small country town, he has had contentment, which is better than riches, and has not worn himself out with the stress and rush of life in a large town. It is interesting to note that Mr. Smith claims descent from Myles Standish, the military leader of the Pilgrims.

FRANCIS NELSON BRAMAN, M.D., of New London, Conn., was born in Belchertown, Hampshire County, Mass., May 18, 1836, being the second son of Nathaniel Park and Lucy Ann (Crocker) Braman. The family came originally from Bremen, Germany; and the Doctor belongs to

the Flemish branch. The earliest direct ancestor of whom he has any authentic account was a man of mathematical and mechanical genius, the inventor and manufacturer of mathematical instruments. One of his early ancestors was a Major in the English army, who, connected in some way with the Rye House Plot, was twice imprisoned in the Tower, and twice released.

Dr. Braman's great-grandfather, John Braman, was a native of Washington County, Rhode Island. His grandfather, John Braman, Jr., was a citizen of Groton, Conn., a competent farmer and for a while manager of the Fisher's Island (N.Y.) property. He was a man of affairs, active in public matters in Groton, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. He died in Mystic, Conn., at the age of seventy-five. He was twice married, and was the father of sixteen children, fifteen of whom attained maturity. His second wife, Dr. Braman's grandmother, was Mary Park, of Mystic or Groton, daughter of Nathaniel Park, of Revolutionary fame. Her ancestry was English. She was the mother of four sons and four daughters. The youngest of the family of sixteen is the only one living to-day, Julia, widow of the late Abraham Mason, of Springfield, Mass.

Nathaniel Park Braman, who was the oldest child of his father's second marriage, was born on Fisher's Island, N.Y., in 1802. He was a farmer in good circumstances, and was active in town affairs. He died in Clinton, Conn., in 1892, aged eighty-nine years and eleven months. He was survived by his wife, Lucy, to whom he was united in March, 1826. Her parents were Ezra and Hannah (Newbury) Crocker, of Waterford, Conn. Her paternal grandfather, Steadman Newbury, of Waterford, served throughout the Revolutionary War, and was afterward pensioned by the



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government. He was a man of high repute, active in public and religious matters, and was a member of the old Darrow Church of Waterford. He lived to attain the great age of ninety-nine years and nine months. Mrs. Braman was born in Waterford, Conn., April 4, 1808, and, though now in her ninetieth year, is active in mind and body. Six children were born to her; and, losing one daughter at the tender age of three years, she reared the following: Nathaniel Perkins, now in Florida; Jane L., wife of James L. Davis, in Clinton, Conn.; Francis N., the subject of this sketch; Alfred A. W., who died in Chicago in 1893, in his forty-fourth year, having been a skilled tool-maker, in business for a number of years in that city; and Ellen S., widow of Henry Weeden, now living in New Haven, Conn. Nathaniel P. Braman, who is a skilled mechanic, was with the Remingtons, the Colts, and the Winchester Arms Company at different times, and is now retired from active business.

Francis Nelson Braman received his early schooling at Belchertown, Palmer, and Wilbraham, Mass. He studied medicine in Palmer and New London, and was two years a student in New York under the eminent physicians, Drs. Mott, Mosley, and Austin Flint, Sr. In April, 1866, he opened an office in Salem, Conn.; and on New Year's Day, 1868, he removed to New London, the field of his labors ever since. Dr. Braman is a man of marked ability, and has long been regarded as a leader among his contemporaries. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the county and city medical societies, and has served as president of the State Medical Society. Dr. Braman is physician in charge of the Smith Memorial Home and a corporate member of the Board of the New London Memorial Hospital, also chairman of the med-

ical staff of the hospital. He has won the regard of the citizens of New London, not only by his professional work and his fine social qualities, but also by his disinterested efforts as a member of the Board of Education six years, being chairman three years, to bring the schools of the city to their present high standard. During his term of service a new era in school matters was entered upon, the old and unsanitary school buildings were condemned, a sentiment favoring school sanitation was developed, and with it a liberal financial policy. This resulted in the construction of two new edifices and the providing of ways and means for a third.

Dr. Braman has always been active in church and Y. M. C. A. work. At the present time he is Deacon of the Second Congregational Church of New London and its treasurer. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Braman was married November 26, 1868, to Miss Jennie E. Loomis, of Salem, Conn., daughter of the late Hubbell and Sophronia (Strickland) Loomis, and has two promising sons — Francis Loomis and Sidney Royce. Mrs. Jennie E. Braman died May 2, 1895. On December 15, 1897, Dr. Braman formed a second matrimonial alliance with Miss Lulu M. Tobias, daughter of Daniel J. and Matilda (Gawthrop) Tobias, of Chicago, Ill.

DANIEL F. PACKER, who has won a world-wide reputation as a manufacturer of choice soaps, is an esteemed resident of Mystic, where he has a beautiful and attractive home. He was born April 6, 1825, in Groton, Conn. A son of Captain Charles Packer, he comes of excellent Massachusetts stock. His great-grandfather, John Packer, came to the county from Plym-

outh, Mass., in the seventeenth century, and settled in Mystic.

Eldredge Packer, son of John and the paternal grandfather of Daniel F., was born in Mystic in 1747. He was a ship-builder, and it is claimed that he launched the first large vessel in Mystic. It is supposed that he owned or commanded a privateer in the Revolution. He married Sabrina Packer, who bore him one child, Charles. When he died he had attained the age of fourscore and four years. His widow survived him a few years, dying at the same age. Captain Charles Packer was born in Groton, near Mystic, in 1774. He was a mariner, engaged principally in coast trade during his life. For some years he did an extensive fishing business as captain of a fishing-smack. In the great Christmas snow-storm of many years ago he was among the castaways of Long Island Sound, when he barely escaped death. Very successful in his ventures, through his industry and thrift he acquired a competency. He married Abigail Latham, who was born in Mystic on Brook Street, then called Noank Street. Of their eleven children, five sons and five daughters grew to maturity, and two are still living. The latter are: Hannah W., the widow of the late S. B. Latham, residing at Noank; and Daniel F., the youngest member of the family. The mother died in 1829, at the age of forty-seven years, and the father died in 1834, aged threescore years. They and the grandparents, together with three of Mr. Packer's sisters and his brother Eldredge, were laid to rest in the Packer Burial-ground near Mystic.

Daniel F. Packer obtained his early education in the district school of Fishtown, completing his studies at a boarding-school in Northfield, Fairfield County, Conn., where he was a pupil for three years. In 1840 he went

to New York to assist his brother Eldredge, who had a poultry market in that city, and in the following year shipped before the mast on the packet ship "Emerald," under Captain George Howe, a most daring and able skipper. With Captain Howe, Mr. Packer made two trips to Havre, France, each lasting from thirty-four to forty-five days. He was subsequently in the market business in New York City for four years. From there, in 1847, he went to Key West, Fla., with Captain C. H. Mallory, and was afterward employed by Captain Latham Brightman for a year. Six days before attaining his majority he bought and assumed the charge of the "Plume of Mystic," having for first mate Augustus Williams, of North Stonington, and for two years coasted along the reefs of the Tortugas and Florida. In 1851, 1852, and 1853 he was in California, mining for gold. While on the Pacific coast he began the manufacture of soap, to which he has since devoted his attention. He is the originator of the pine tar soap, which is so well known all over this continent and Europe. He also manufactures other kinds, making specialties of "Packer's All-healing Tar Soap" and "Packer's Cutaneous Charm." Beginning on a modest scale, he has gradually enlarged his business to its present large proportions. He has established factories in twelve States and in Canada and Cuba, and sold rights to Central and South America. His largest enterprise was in Pittsburg, Pa. One plant, that in New York, with its entire business, he sold for ten thousand dollars to Mr. I. P. Morrison, who has since sold his rights to Mr. A. Constantine. He established his factory in Mystic some twenty-eight years ago, and it has since been one of the leading industries of the place. A man of rare executive ability, keen and far-seeing, Mr. Packer has brought his goods

before the public most successfully by attractive advertising. The firm is now known as The Packer Manufacturing Company of New York.

Mr. Packer contracted his first marriage on June 7, 1849, with Margaret M., daughter of Captain Elisha and Margaret (Annan) Norcross, of New York City. She died in 1855, leaving one child, Arline M., now the wife of John S. Rathbone, of Mystic. His second marriage, on February 27, 1861, united him to Miss Carrie A. Randall, of Ridgefield, Conn. The only child born of this union, S. Edward, died at the age of five years. Mr. Packer erected his present substantial and commodious residence in 1868. It is beautifully located on the hillside of Mystic River, commanding an extensive view. In this pleasant home Mrs. Packer, a woman of refinement and culture, presides with graceful dignity, vying with her husband in extending the hospitalities of the house to their many guests. In politics Mr. Packer is a sturdy Republican. He was brought up in the Baptist faith, but is now a Methodist and a trustee of the church. Mrs. Packer belongs to the same church.

FREDERICK FARNSWORTH, one of the prominent wealthy citizens of New London, Conn., was born in the neighboring city of Norwich in 1842, and is a son of the late Dr. Ralph and Eunice W. (Billings) Farnsworth.

The Farnsworth family is of English origin. Three persons of this name came to America in the seventeenth century, namely: Joseph, of Dorchester, Mass., about 1632; Thomas, who settled in New Jersey in 1681; and Matthias, whose name appears in the records of Lynn, Mass., in 1657. Matthias Farnsworth,

a sturdy yeoman, settled in Groton, Mass., about 1660 (see Matthias Farnsworth and his Descendants in America, a monograph by Claudius Buchanan Farnsworth, of Pawtucket, R.I., published in 1891). Several succeeding generations of the family lived in Groton, including Amos, the great-grandfather of the subject of this biographical sketch, and Amos, Jr., his grandfather, the latter a well-to-do farmer and an active military man. He was one of the minute-men, ready for action when war was brewing between the colonies and the mother country, and fought in the Revolution; and after the war he retained his connection with the State militia. As an officer he was first commissioned Ensign, then First Lieutenant of artillery. In 1783, at the close of the Revolution, he was made Captain of the old Groton Artillery Company; and he was afterward promoted to the rank of Major of artillery, receiving a commission dated July 1, 1794, signed by Samuel Adams as Governor. Major Farnsworth attained the great age of ninety-three years and six months, passing away in October, 1847. His wife, who was then ninety years of age, followed him within two weeks. Five children were born to this couple—Luke, Amos, Ralph, Walter, and Elizabeth. The daughter, who never married, lived nearly as long as her father, dying in Groton in her ninety-second year.

Ralph Farnsworth was born in Groton, Mass., September 20, 1795, and was graduated from Harvard in 1821. He subsequently taught school for a while in Portsmouth, N.H. For some time he studied medicine with Dr. Warren, of Boston; and, the honorary degree of Master of Arts having been conferred on him by Dartmouth College in 1824, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Harvard Medical School in

1826. In 1827 he settled in Norwich, Conn., where he was in active practice some forty-eight years, until 1875. Dr. Farnsworth was large and well proportioned, six feet in height, and weighing nearly two hundred pounds. He was strong and active, capable of a wonderful amount of labor; and one of his contemporaries expressively said he was several men in one. He died July 16, 1875.

On November 25, 1828, he was married to Eunice W., daughter of Coddington Billings, Esq., of New London. The Billings family has lived in this part of Connecticut for several generations, and accumulated property here. Coddington Billings, who was born in 1770, was a prominent attorney and a bank president. He married a Miss Wheeler. Mrs. Eunice W. Billings Farnsworth was born in 1804, and lived to be seventy-three years old, dying at her old home on East Main Street, Norwich, in 1877. She was the mother of nine children, seven sons and two daughters. Only three sons attained maturity; and one of these, Charles, met his death by drowning when thirty-one years of age, in April, 1867. He left a son Charles, who is now in Colorado Springs, Col. The surviving children of Dr. Farnsworth are: Coddington Billings Farnsworth, of Norwich, Conn.; and Frederick, of New London, whose personal history is here outlined.

Frederick Farnsworth received a liberal education, graduating from the scientific department of Yale College in 1867. During the year 1869 he served in the Nursery Hospital in New York City; and he subsequently went to Philadelphia, where he lived until 1887. In that year he removed to New London, and took up his abode in his present residence, 25 Federal Street. This dwelling, which is over one hundred years old, was originally the mansion-house of a Mr. Led-

yard, and for some fifty years was the residence of William W. Billings, Mr. Farnsworth's uncle. It is a fine specimen of the generous architecture of a century ago.

Mr. Farnsworth was married in 1879 in Philadelphia to Miss Lydia Warner Sander-son, who died March 12, 1888, in the pleasant New London home. He has been a member of the University Club of New York City since 1890, and belongs to the Thames Club of New London.

RICHARD SILL GRISWOLD, of Old Lyme, a retired manufacturer, was born in this town, June 3, 1845. He is the son of Richard Sill and Frances A. (Mather) Griswold and a representative of some of the oldest and best New England families. His first American ancestor, Matthew Griswold, was born in England, came to this country in 1630, settled first at Windsor, Conn., and later, in 1639, at Saybrook, fixing his residence in that part of the colony which in 1666 was set off as the town of Lyme. His estate at the mouth of the "Great River" has since been known by the name of Black Hall. He married in 1639 Anna, daughter of the first Henry Wolcott, of Windsor, and had five children. He died in 1698.

His son, Matthew Griswold, Jr., was born here in 1653, and died in 1715. The Rev. George Griswold, son of Matthew, Jr., and Phebe (Hyde) Griswold, was born in 1692, and died in 1761. The next in this line, his son, George Griswold, of Giant's Neck, Conn., was born September 19, 1726, and died in 1816; and the grandfather of Richard S. Griswold was George Griswold, born at Giant's Neck in 1777, a member of the firm of N. L. & George Griswold, of New York City, china merchants, one of the leading



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importing houses of that time. He succeeded in building up a large fortune, and died in 1858.

He was twice married. By his first wife, Elizabeth Woodhull, he had five children, three of whom grew up, and by his second wife, Maria M. Cummins, four children. Of these nine, one, John N. A. Griswold, the youngest-born, is now living at Newport, R. I., at an advanced age.

Richard Sill Griswold, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in New York City in 1800. He was educated at Yale College, and after his graduation in the class of 1829 went to China as his father's agent, remaining there several years. During this time he was taken into partnership by his father. About 1840 he erected a mansion in Lyme, and made this town his residence, still continuing his business in New York City. He was a capable and successful business man. He first married Louisa G. Mather, a descendant of the Rev. Richard Mather, of England, who died in Dorchester, Mass., in 1669. She died leaving no children; and on March 31, 1841, he married her sister, Frances A. Mather, daughter of James and Caroline (Tinker) Mather. Three children were born to them, as follows: Louisa Mather; Richard Sill, subject of this sketch; and Frances Augusta. Louisa M. Griswold is the wife of General Joseph G. Perkins, of Lyme; and Frances Augusta is the wife of Professor N. M. Ferry, of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Richard Sill Griswold died in 1847, at the age of thirty-eight years. His widow, Mrs. Frances A. M. Griswold, lived until December 19, 1889.

The present Richard Sill Griswold received his education in New Haven and in New York City. After this he went to sea for his

health, and made many voyages across the Atlantic and elsewhere. He was afterward in the brass-manufacturing line for several years, being of the firm of Brown & Brothers, Waterbury, Conn., for many years a leading house in this business. He has since retired from active mercantile life. Mr. Griswold is a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Mason. He has served as a Representative to the State legislature.

In 1869 Mr. Griswold was married to Rosa Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Dr. James and Charlotte E. (Todd) Brown, of Waterbury, Conn. They have eight children, as follows: Richard Sill, Jr., a practising physician at Hartford, Conn., and a graduate of Bellevue Medical College, New York; James Brown, a physician in New London, Conn., and a graduate of Dartmouth College and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City; Daniel Eddie, a lawyer in New York City; George, now in school and living at home with his parents; Harry, in New York City, studying at the Conservatory of Music; Rosa Elizabeth; Joseph P.; and Woodward Haven, a boy of twelve years.

Six years ago Mrs. Griswold established the Boxwood School for young ladies, in which some twenty pupils are being prepared for college. Mr. Griswold has greatly enlarged and improved the buildings, and the school itself is of a high grade. They removed to their present home in 1890.

RELSON A. BACON, a retired lumber dealer of Old Lyme, Conn., was born in this town, May 7, 1841, a son of Almond and Margaret S. (Clarke) Bacon. His grandfather, Mathew Bacon, who was born in Middletown, Conn., in 1785, was a farmer and also proprietor of the Bacon House, which

he built about 1829, and carried on successfully for a number of years. He was also a prominent Thompsonian doctor. He married Rebecca Roberts, of Middletown; and they had five children, four of whom grew to maturity. They were: Almond, Ebenezer, Daniel, Clara, and Lucretia. Ebenezer, who was financially interested in steamboating, married, and died at the age of thirty years. Daniel, after many years' service as captain of a steamboat, retired with a competency, and resided subsequently in Brooklyn, N.Y. He died at the age of forty-two years, leaving two sons: Stephen H., who is unmarried, and resides in Brooklyn; and Daniel, who is a broker in New York City, and has a family of two children. Clara became the wife of Ebenezer L. Roberts, an architect.

Almond Bacon, father of the subject of this sketch, also became captain of a steamboat and subsequently an agent for a steamboat company. In 1864 he started in the lumber business, and soon became known as one of the leading business men of the town. Six years previously he had built the house in which he resided the remainder of his life, and which is still standing. He was a Republican politically, and served as Town Treasurer for a period of sixteen years. He was married February 29, 1836, to Margaret S. Clarke, daughter of Abraham and Lura (Champion) Clarke, of this town. They had one child, Nelson A. Almond Bacon died in the fall of 1886, aged seventy-five years, and his wife in the spring of 1889, aged seventy-four.

Nelson A. Bacon was educated in the schools of his native town, at the select school of the Rev. Mr. Nichols, and at the academy. He became associated with his father in the lumber business, which they carried on until 1885, when it was closed out.

In his politics he is a Republican, but has never held public office. He has been a member of the Baptist church for the past thirty years, and is now one of the trustees. His mother was a member of the same church.

T PALMER BINDLOSS, a well-known and respected citizen of New London, Conn., who now lives retired after an active and honorable career of some forty-six years, was born December 19, 1829, in Kendal, Westmoreland, England, son of William and Margaret (Palmer) Bindloss.

He traces his descent from Sir Christopher Bindloss, who was Mayor and head of the corporation of the town of Kendal in 1579-80 under the charter of Queen Elizabeth. Sir Christopher, with his son Robert, established a regular express service between Kendal and London for the conveyance of their noted woollens. Robert was created a Baronet by Charles I. in 1641, and is believed to have been the builder of Borwick Hall, Yorkshire. Sir Robert Bindloss was member of Parliament for Lancaster in 1613. His son Francis, born 1603, married for his second wife Cecilia, daughter of Thomas West, Lord de la Ware. He also was member for Lancaster. He died in the lifetime of his father, and was succeeded by his son Robert, the last male Bindloss of Borwick Hall. It is a matter of history that King Charles II., on his southward march with his Scottish army, reached Kendal on August 16, 1651, and spent the following night at Borwick Hall. The line of T. Palmer Bindloss comes from Sir Christopher's son Christopher, born 1570, continuing through his son Peter, baptized 1607, Peter's son Robert, baptized 1630, Robert's son Christopher, baptized 1666, to Robert, son of Christopher, baptized 1696,



T. Palmer Bindloss

who was a farmer and dealer in cattle in Rowel, Westmoreland County, and was a man of considerable means, the typical representative of an English yeoman. The next ancestor, Robert (third) of Greenside Milnthorpe, Westmoreland, the eldest son of a large family of children, inherited his father's fine estate, and succeeded to the business. His son Philip, of Park House, Heversham, Westmoreland, married Jane Watson, a sister of Richard Watson, D.D., who was for years the honored Bishop of Llandaff.

The subject of this sketch has an excellent portrait of Bishop Watson, a fine steel engraving taken from a painting by George Romney, the celebrated historical artist and portrait painter; and he has also a full-length steel engraving of the artist.

William, son of Philip and father of T. Palmer Bindloss, engaged in mercantile business. He was a popular man and held office, and his brother Thompson was twice Mayor of Kendal. William Bindloss came to this country in 1848, and bought a farm just outside of New London, that is now owned and occupied by his youngest son. His wife was a native of Liverpool, and it was in that city that their marriage took place. Of their children, three sons and four daughters are still living, all American residents, the youngest being now sixty-four and the eldest seventy-four years old. The first one to immigrate was Jane P. Bindloss, who came over in 1843, and was followed a year later by Margaret. Both settled in New London, their present home, Jane P. being the widow of Leander U. Knight, and Margaret the widow of George Elliott. They each have children. The other brothers and sisters living are: Ellen, widow of Henry Hilliar, aged seventy-four; William, aged seventy-three; Mary, widow of Joseph Scroggie, aged sixty-six;

and Philip George, aged sixty-four. The two deceased are a son who died in England, aged two years and nine months; and Esther B., who married Daniel Collins, and died April 28, 1897, aged sixty-eight. The mother, Margaret Palmer Bindloss, died in 1858, at sixty-two years of age; and the father, William Bindloss, died in 1864, aged sixty-eight. Their mortal remains rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery. In their native land they were both members of the Church of England, and after coming to this country both they and their children identified themselves with the Episcopal church.

T. Palmer Bindloss received his education in Kendal and Liverpool. When twelve years old he was apprenticed to the tailor's trade for seven years in Liverpool, but when he had served five years his employer died. In 1851, with his widowed sister Ellen and her two children, he came to New London. He subsequently worked eight years as a cutter in Elizabeth, N.J., and four years in New York City at the same occupation. Since then he has been a resident of New London. About three years ago his cousin, William Bindloss, Mayor of Kendal, died leaving a large estate and a will in which there were many public bequests, a residue of three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars being set apart for heirs in America. These heirs selected T. Palmer Bindloss as their attorney, to go to England and look after their interests, a task that he accomplished in a manner satisfactory to all. His stay in England exceeded a year; and during that time he availed himself of the opportunity to gain information of an historical and genealogical character relating to the Bindloss family, searching the records of many generations. He also secured a large number of portraits and landscape views, among them being views of Castle

Green, the residence, garden, and grounds of the late Mayor, who, with his noble wife, was much loved and esteemed by both high and lowly, schools having been special objects of their interest and recipients of their bounty. Mr. Bindloss has a beautiful testimonial in colors which was presented to them by the school children in honor of their silver wedding anniversary, and another testimonial with their portraits, the size of a newspaper folio, speaking in the highest terms of their work. Mention should also be made of the views of Levens Hall and gardens of Captain Bagot, which show the stone castle and gardens, now some eight hundred years old; also the Bindloss room in Sizergh Castle, with the family coat of arms, which is a combination of those of the Bindloss and West families, who intermarried, as before noted.

Mr. Bindloss is a Republican voter, but has never sought or held office. He belongs to the Masonic order, and is a member of Palestine Commandery of Knights Templars, in which he has passed the chairs. Of genial manners and a true gentleman in all that the word implies, he has many friends in New London and vicinity.

FRANCIS E. MERRITT, a prosperous farmer of Groton, Conn., was born in the adjacent town of North Stonington, June 9, 1836, son of Samuel and Sarah G. (Thomas) Merritt. His grandfather Merritt was a farmer of North Stonington, and he also worked at carpentering and boat-building. He lived to be ninety years old, and was twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Partlow, he had six sons, one of them being Samuel, the father mentioned above, and three daughters. Of this family one daughter is still living. Grand-

father Merritt's second wife, Nancy Brown, survived him.

Samuel Merritt was born in North Stonington in 1804. Like his father, he engaged in farming and ship-building. He married Sarah G. Thomas, who was born in Wickford, R.I., in 1807. They had eight children, five of whom are living—William H., Charles E., Samuel T., Francis E., and Annie E. William H. Merritt is in Providence, R.I.; Charles E. is in Ashaway, R.I.; Samuel T. is here with his brother, Francis E.; and Annie is Mrs. George S. Champlain, of North Stonington. Another son, John Merritt, died in early life; Albert, at the age of fourteen; and Mary Merritt, who was married at the age of eighteen, died the same year. The father died in 1890, at the age of eighty-six years. The mother still lives on the old farm with her daughter; and, although in her ninetieth year, she is bright and active.

Francis E. Merritt, after acquiring his education in the common schools and Mystic Academy, worked on his father's farm and in the ship-yard, also in the woods getting out timber, and remained at the homestead until 1860. He now has a garden and dairy farm, and has driven his own milk wagon in Noank for twenty-eight years. In connection with his farming he has carried on butchering and marketing, and has also dealt in fertilizers. The farm, including a salt marsh, covers more than two hundred acres. In politics Mr. Merritt is a Republican. Officially, he has served as Tax Collector and on the School Committee, being at present a member of the Board of Relief.

On July 2, 1860, he was united in marriage with Abbie E. Crouch, who was born in Ledyard in 1841. Her parents were David and Elizabeth (Whipple) Crouch. Her father, who was born in Ledyard, was a son of Will-

iam Crouch, of Vermont. Her mother died in 1881, at the age of sixty-three, and her father in 1892, at the age of eighty-seven. They were the parents of fourteen children; and they reared three sons and five daughters, all of whom are living. Mrs. Merritt was married at the age of nineteen, and has had seven children. The five now living are: Nettie A., Ida C., Francis L., Carrie B., and Lottie G. Nettie A. Merritt married William O. Bailey, and lives in Pontiac, R.I. She has two children. Ida C. married Herman Wirz, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and has three children. Francis L. is in Boston, Mass. Carrie B. is a teacher here, and lives at home. Lottie G., who is fifteen, is still in school. Albert W. Merritt died at the age of eleven years and eight months, and Mary A. when she was three years old.

MRS. MARY E. MORGAN, now residing at Preston City, having removed hither since the death of her husband, the late Daniel Morgan, was born in North Stonington, Conn., where her parents, Ephraim and Eliza Prentice Hewitt, who were married on December 4, 1835, had settled on their farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt had a family of six children, two sons and four daughters, of whom Mary E., now Mrs. Morgan, is the sole survivor. One son died in infancy. The other son, Giles Hewitt, died in the prime of life, at the age of thirty-two, his wife and only child surviving him but a short time. The father died in 1848, at the age of fifty, and the mother September 11, 1862, at the age of sixty-four years.

Mary E. Hewitt received a good education, and in her maidenhood taught school for some years. She was married to Daniel Morgan on January 1, 1862, and went to live with him

on the old Morgan farm, which was originally owned and occupied by his great-grandfather, Samuel Morgan, whose father, John, son of Captain James Morgan, of New London, settled in Preston about 1692. The tract of two hundred and twenty-five acres purchased by Samuel Morgan has since been occupied by three succeeding generations of Morgans, namely: Daniel Morgan, first, son of Samuel; Daniel, second, born in 1788, who died about 1864; and his son, Mrs. Mary E. Morgan's husband, the third Daniel in direct line, who was born on the homestead, and died there on the first day of January, 1892, at the age of seventy-two. He was the second Captain Daniel Morgan in the State militia. In politics he was a Republican. Though not a church member, Mr. Morgan regularly attended and helped to support the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Morgan is a member. He was a great reader and thinker, and was well informed on all topics of public importance or interest.

Mrs. Morgan has leased the farm upon which her married life was spent, and with her daughter, Carrie Prentice Morgan, is living, as above mentioned, at Preston City. She chose this place as being not far from her old home and near the last resting-place of her husband, whose grave is in the Preston City cemetery.

CAPTAIN ROBERT PALMER WILBUR, of Mystic, Conn., now engaged in ship-building at Noank, his native place, was born on October 28, 1839, being the third son of William Allen and Lucy (Palmer) Wilbur. His remote paternal ancestors were English.

His great-grandfather Wilbur's name was William. His grandfather, John Wilbur,

who was master of a fishing-smack, died in Norfolk, Va., in 1836. He was survived some time by his second wife, Betsy Burrows. A daughter born of their union, Mrs. Lucretia Brown, is still living, now a widow. Her husband, who was a mariner, died in 1836. Grandfather Wilbur's first wife, whose maiden name was Eleanor Ashby, was the mother of nine children, seven sons and two daughters: James; Nathaniel; William Allen; Ray S.; Allen, who was lost at sea; John; and Whitman. The last named was accidentally shot in California. Mary Ellen and another daughter died in childhood. Ray S. died in 1896, at the age of eighty-seven.

William Allen Wilbur, the third son as here recorded, was a mariner and also a merchant in Noank. He married Lucy Palmer, of that village. They had six children — Lucy Ellen, Abby, William Allen, John Palmer, Robert Palmer, and Charles. Lucy Ellen died at the age of four; Abby lived to be nineteen; William Allen, second, a ship-master, died in Cuba at the age of twenty-five, of yellow fever; John Palmer, a sea captain, died in Calcutta of cholera; Robert P., the subject of this biography, is the only survivor; Charles Wilbur died at the age of six years. The father, who was born in Noank in 1802, died December 1, 1846. The mother is still living. Her parents were Deacon John and Abby (Fish) Palmer. Deacon Palmer was a ship-carpenter. He outlived his wife, who died leaving seven of her twelve children. But two of the family are now living: Mrs. Wilbur and her brother, Robert Palmer, who is at the head of the ship-building interest in Noank.

Robert Palmer Wilbur had limited educational advantages in his boyhood and youth, going to school only winters after he was ten years of age, when he began to engage in fish-

ing. From the age of sixteen to twenty he attended school at Winsted and Mystic, Conn. During the Civil War he was a three months volunteer in Company A, Second Connecticut Regiment, of New London, going as private. At the age of twenty-five he commanded the steamer "Ulysses." The other vessels in which he sailed as captain were: the bark "Caleb Haley," which was lost on the coast of Mexico in August, 1866; the schooner "Robert Palmer"; the "A. E. Campbell"; the ship "Dauntless"; the "M. P. Grace"; and the "St. Frances," in which he made his last voyage, quitting the merchant marine service in April, 1894. Since that time he has been interested in ship-building, being vice-president of a company in Noank. In politics Captain Wilbur affiliates with the Republican party; and he is fraternally connected with Williams Post, No. 55, G. A. R., as Commander.

On May 10, 1864, he was united in marriage with Phœbe Miner Fish, daughter of Nathan G. and Emeline (Miner) Fish, her maternal grandfather being John O. Miner. Her father is now dead. Captain and Mrs. Wilbur have had six children. They lost an infant son, Albert, and a little daughter named Gertrude, who passed away at the age of seven years. The four now living are: Helen F., Emeline Miner, Roberta P., and John P. Helen F., a young lady at home, was graduated at the Mystic Valley Institute. Emeline Miner, who is also at home, was graduated at the Williams Memorial High School in New London in 1895. Roberta is a maiden of ten years, and John Palmer, a boy of seven.

Mrs. Wilbur accompanied her husband on several long voyages, going round Cape Horn and to various foreign ports. They reside on the homestead formerly belonging to Mrs.



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Wilbur's father, which has been owned by Captain Wilbur for many years. Personally, he is a man of refinement, one who has a great love for home and its higher associations. Mrs. Wilbur is a true wife and mother. The family circle is still blessed by grandmother's presence. Socially, the Wilburs stand among the highest and most esteemed citizens. Captain Wilbur is a Deacon of the Union Baptist Church.

CHARLES O. MAINE, M.D., an active and successful physician of Stonington, Conn., was born April 10, 1843, in New Hartford, this State. He is the eldest son of the late Sidney O. Maine, and is descended from one of the best known families of New London County, many of his ancestors having been prominent in industrial and professional circles. His paternal grandfather, Jabez Breed Maine, was born in North Stonington in 1772, and died there in 1856. He was a stone-mason by trade, and an expert in making the broad, old-fashioned fireplaces with good draft that were always found in the Colonial mansions; and as a government employee he did the masonry on the Stonington Light-house. On March 15, 1798, he married Freelove Edwards, a direct descendant of Jonathan Edwards, the celebrated theologian; and of the thirteen children born of this union six sons and five daughters grew to mature years, married, and reared families. One son, Sebeus C. Maine, was for many years a noted counsellor and judge in Boston; another son, Jonas C., was a well-known physician of Connecticut; and a third son, Christopher Ira, was a skilful surgeon and physician of Central New York, acquiring eminence in his profession throughout the counties of Tioga, Tompkins, and Chemung, and at his death leaving a

handsome property to be divided among his large number of children. The grandmother died in 1856, a few months before her husband.

Sidney O. Maine was a farmer by occupation, and a man of literary tastes and attainments. He taught school many terms; and he was a writer of some note, many of his articles on scientific subjects appearing in the public press. He was broad-minded and liberal-hearted, spending his money as he made it, being unselfish and generous almost to a fault. Fraternally, he was a Master Mason. He was a lifelong resident of North Stonington, where he was born May 6, 1818, and died August 20, 1894. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza L. Wentworth, was born April 12, 1818, in Barkhamsted, Conn., and is now living in North Stonington, being a bright and active woman of nearly fourscore years. She is the mother of five children, namely: Dr. Charles O., of Stonington; Milo M., a stone-mason, living in North Stonington; Albert S., a farmer in Hampton, Conn.; Myron M., D.D.S., who was graduated from the Baltimore Dental College, where he took the first prize for excellence of workmanship, and now has a fine dental practice in South Manchester, Conn.; and Annie M., wife of Henry M. Newton, a farmer living in North Stonington.

Charles O. Maine was reared on the home farm, obtaining his early education in the district school, and at the age of seventeen beginning life on his own account as a teacher in the public schools. He taught several terms in country and village, in the meantime continuing his studies; and he subsequently entered the medical department of Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1870. He settled first in Voluntown, Conn., where he remained eleven years. Besides attending to an extensive practice, he

held town offices, and was School Visitor for many years. Dr. Maine removed to Stonington on April 18, 1881, and has here built up an extensive and lucrative practice, his professional skill being recognized throughout this section of the county. In 1894 he built his present commodious residence on Water Street, at the corner of Harmony, on which his handsome and well-arranged barn is situated. The house is furnished and equipped with all modern conveniences, with a suite of offices both for himself and for his son, who is a popular young dentist. The Doctor is a Master Mason and quite active in the order. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, has been elected a Justice of the Peace many terms, and is a Burgess. He has stock in the velvet-mill, but pays no especial attention to its management, his professional labors demanding his entire time and energies. He and his wife are valued members of the Baptist church.

Dr. Maine was married December 18, 1866, to Sarah Phebe Main, who, though bearing the same name with a slight difference in spelling, is not akin to him, unless it be possibly on the maternal side, her parents being Robert P. and Phebe (Edwards) Main, of Voluntown, Conn. Her father was in early years a stonemason and a farmer, but is now living retired, both he and his wife being quite advanced in years. They had but one child besides Mrs. Maine, a son, Crawford R., who died in Westerly, R.I., in 1876, leaving a widow and one daughter, Gertie L. The latter was left an orphan when three years old, and was brought up by her grandparents until about five years ago, when she became an inmate of the Doctor's household. Dr. and Mrs. Maine have but one child, a son named Charles Everett, who was graduated from the New York Dental College, March 10, 1888, and has since had

his home and dental rooms in his father's house. He was married June 5, 1889, to Miss Susie Miller, of Stonington, Conn.

EDWARD N. CROCKER, of New London, a wholesale dealer in cold storage meats, was born here, July 26, 1841, son of John and Nancy (Thompson) Crocker. The grandfather, Nehemiah Crocker, who was a farmer, had four sons and four daughters, none of whom are living, and was over ninety years old when he died in 1849. John Crocker, who was born in Waterford, this county, in 1793, served in the War of 1812, married Nancy Thompson about the year 1838, and died in 1866. He had previously married Clarissa Brown, who died leaving three sons and a daughter. Of these the only survivor is Benjamin A. Crocker, residing in Waterford, who was the captain of a yacht, and has tried a number of cases in the capacity of Justice of the Peace.

Edward N. Crocker lived on a farm during his early years. When the Rebellion broke out, he was attending the district school. In August, 1862, he enlisted for the defence of the Union in Company F of the Twenty-first Connecticut Infantry. Before leaving the State he was detailed from the ranks as a Quartermaster's clerk, in which capacity he served eighteen months. Then he was detailed as clerk under Major J. M. Lucas, Port Commissary at Portsmouth, Va., with whom he remained sixteen months. He served continuously until June, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. Afterward for a few months he was engaged in a manufacturing business at Meriden, Conn. Since that time he has been in the meat business, beginning as an employee of Henry Hobron. In 1881 he purchased the market in which he was



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employed from Clark Steward, and has since carried on a wholesale business. He first sold Nelson Morris & Co.'s meat; but since 1886 he has been interested in the Swift business, being an equal partner with G. F. and E. C. Swift, each owning a third. They built their finely equipped establishment in 1890. Their business now amounts to about two hundred thousand dollars yearly.

In June, 1867, Mr. Crocker and Janette H. Tiffany were united in marriage. She was born in East Haddam, Conn., daughter of John Tiffany. They have two children: Stephen M., a graduate of Brown's Business College in Brooklyn; and Leonard G., a clerk in the railroad freight office. Both are living at home. Mr. Crocker is a staunch Republican, and has been chairman of the Republican Town Committee for the past five years. During the past six years he has served as a member of the Common Council of this city. He is a Master Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Commander of the W. W. Perkins Post, No. 47, G. A. R.; and a communicant of the First Congregational Church. The family reside at 182 Ocean Avenue, in the house built by Mr. Crocker's father forty years ago.

CHARLES ERSKINE BRAYTON, M.D., of Stonington, son of Atwood Randall and Sally M. (Davis) Brayton, was born in this town, February 11, 1851. He represents the eighth generation of his family in this country, being a lineal descendant of Francis Brayton, born in England in 1611 or 1612, who in 1643 became an inhabitant of Portsmouth, R.I. Succeeding Francis in this line were: Francis,²; Thomas,³ born 1681; Francis,⁴ born 1721; Benjamin,⁵ of Fall River, born 1746; George,⁶ born 1786;

Atwood⁷ Randall Brayton, born December 2, 1806.

George Brayton, the Doctor's grandfather, died of pneumonia at his home in Johnson, now a part of Providence, R.I., when but thirty-five years of age. He was survived by his wife, formerly Nancy Randall, and five children, three sons and two daughters. After her husband's death Mrs. Nancy R. Brayton married a Mr. Carey, a widower with twelve children, and, outliving him also, died a widow at the age of sixty-seven. She was a descendant of Roger Williams, three of whose great-grand-daughters — Mercy, Lydia, and Martha Williams — married respectively William, Joseph, and John Randall. Atwood Randall, eldest son of George and Nancy R. Brayton, was born in Providence, December 2, 1806. By trade a mason, he was also a contractor and builder. He built the stone work of the old Baptist, Congregational, and Episcopal churches, and most of the other stone buildings of that time. He built his own dwelling-house in 1840. Although he began life a poor boy, his unremitting industry enabled him to retire from business at the age of seventy-seven, a well-to-do man. He died at the age of eighty-four and a half, having survived all of his brothers and sisters. His wife, Sally Maria, was born in what is now North Stonington, January 25, 1811, being the youngest of thirteen children of Samuel and Lucy (Dewey) Davis. She is the only one of the family now living. Her father was a soldier of the Revolution. He enlisted at the age of seventeen, was in the battles at Princeton and Trenton, and was at Groton, his three brothers also being in the army. Their father, John Davis, who married Patience Palmer, was a son of Peter Davis, Sr., of Westerly, R.I., a noted preacher of the Society of Friends, who went on a mission to Eng-

land. Samuel Davis died at the age of sixty-eight; and his widow died in 1857, ninety-four years old. Their daughter married Atwood Randall Brayton, October 2, 1831.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwood R. Brayton had eleven children, four of whom died in infancy or childhood; and one, the eldest-born, a daughter Sarah, died in 1895, a maiden lady of sixty-two years. The survivors are: Atwood W., the eldest son, and his father's successor in business, unmarried and living at the old home; Frances Almira and the youngest sister Adelaide, also living at home; George, a house painter and decorator, who is married and has two children; and Charles Erskine, the subject of this sketch. The three sisters were successful teachers for many years.

Charles Erskine, the tenth child and the third Charles, was sent to private and public schools until he reached the age of twelve, when he was placed under the instruction of a private tutor, Dr. Hart, of Stonington, for five years. He worked at his father's trade four summers, and when he was eighteen years old he taught school one term before he began the study of medicine with Dr. William Hyde. He was graduated from the medical department of Columbia College in 1873, having been a private pupil of Professor William Parker. He began practising in Stonington the same year as assistant to Dr. William Hyde, who died in a few months. He then succeeded to his practice, and remained in his office seven years. In 1880 Dr. Brayton erected a large and handsome building, where he has some fine offices and sleeping apartments. On the first floor of this building there is a drug store, on the second dental parlors and a great hall, where the G. A. R. Post and other societies hold their meetings. The Doctor lives in this building, but takes

his meals at the family home, in the house built by his father, which he has remodelled and modernized, and where his mother is still living. He owns a number of tenements and several vacant lots.

Dr. Brayton is a busy man; and he has held many positions, both in public life and within the scope of his profession. He has been president of the New London County Medical Society, is a member of the State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association, and of the National Association of Railway Surgeons, and has been Health Officer for six years. He was chief of the railroad surgeons of the New York, Providence & Boston Railway until that was merged into the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., and examiner for several life insurance companies. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has been a Burgess of the borough six years. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and is Past Regent and life member of the Grand Council of Connecticut. He is also connected with the Sons of the Revolution. Dr. Brayton is an active member of the Second Congregational Church, is treasurer of the society, and a member of the society committee.

JABEZ B. HOUGH, the well-known and popular merchant of East Lyme, was born in Bozrah, an inland town in this county, on April 19, 1855, son of Jedediah Stark and Lydia Amelia (Fowler) Hough. Representatives of the Hough family have lived in the same house in Bozrah for a hundred years, and have been among the most highly respected and influential citizens of the town.

Guy Hough, father of Jedediah, was a farmer. He married Hannah Bailey, of Groton, a relation of the renowned "Mother

Bailey," whose name is a synonym for warm-hearted patriotism. By this union there were nine children, all of whom are now dead. Grandmother Hough died in 1875, aged about eighty-four years; and her husband, who out-lived her, died in his ninety-ninth year.

Jedediah Hough, father of the subject of this sketch, was a prosperous farmer, accumulating a property of some thirty-five thousand dollars. He was a Republican, and was active in local politics. He was Selectman for some fifteen years consecutively and Town Treasurer for a number of years. In 1855, at the time when his son Jabez was born, he represented the town in the legislature. His wife, Amelia, was born in 1822 in Lebanon. They were married in 1854, and had seven children. A son, Charles, died in early childhood. The six living are as follows: Mary, wife of John J. Gager in Bozrah; Lucretia, wife of J. Milton Newton; Lathrop Alanson, a farmer, unmarried; Jabez B.; Lydia, wife of George O. Stead, of Norwich, a retired merchant; and Katie, wife of Warren S. Abel, an assistant superintendent in the Yale Lock Works, living at Stamford, Conn. The father died in 1869, and the mother in 1893. Jabez B. Hough lived on the old homestead until fifteen years of age, attending the district school. He then left home and became a clerk in Fitchville, where he remained for several years. In the spring of 1880 he came to East Lyme as salesman and agent in charge of the factory store. He was in this position, working on salary and helping with the books, never losing a day's pay, until the business was closed. In 1894, when the Niantic Manufacturing Company was started by Messrs. Park Brothers and D. R. Campbell, Mr. Hough opened the store in company with Luther C. Eaton, the firm name being Hough & Eaton. In March, 1895, Mr. Eaton

died; and in the following May Mr. Hough became the sole proprietor of the business. He began with limited capital, but with a good stock of energy and capability, with well-formed habits of industry, and has been successful in business. At present he employs two clerks and keeps three horses, but looks after the book-keeping himself, and is a very busy man. Genial and accommodating, he is always ready to do anything in his power to oblige a customer or acquaintance.

On March 17, 1879, Mr. Hough married Ida J. Grover, daughter of the late William Grover, who was a travelling and local salesman. Mr. and Mrs. Hough reside at their delightful home on Flanders Street, in the house which was built in 1895 and 1896. In politics Mr. Hough is a Republican; but, although deeply interested in the welfare of the town and in all its public affairs, he has stoutly refused to hold office. Fraternally, he is a Master Mason.

ASA R. BIGELOW, farmer, residing in Colchester, was born in this town, January 17, 1830, son of Guy Bigelow and his wife, Sarah Ann Waite Bigelow. He is of old and substantial Colonial stock, being a direct descendant in the male line of John Bigelow, who came to New England—some have thought from Wales—and settled at Watertown, Mass., where his marriage took place in 1642, and was the first one recorded in the town. His wife was Mary Warren.

Lieutenant John Bigelow, grandson of John of Watertown, came to Colchester from Hartford, Conn., between 1706 and 1710. He was four times married, and had two children by his first wife and five by his second wife, Sarah Bigelow, a cousin. He died March 8, 1770. Asa Bigelow, first, born in Colchester

in 1720, one of the second group, married early in life, and died in 1754, leaving a large family. His posthumous son and namesake, Asa, grandfather of Asa R. Bigelow, married February 5, 1783, Lydia Newton, of Colchester, a daughter of James Newton. During the Revolution Asa Bigelow, second, was Assistant Commissary to Commissary-general Champion, and took a drove of cattle to Valley Forge. He was a carpenter by trade, and used the first cut nails seen in the town in shingling his own barn in 1794, the nails being brought by his son Guy on horseback from Windham, Conn. The old buildings are still standing. Grandfather Bigelow was a large landed proprietor, owning seven hundred acres of land, which was divided into three farms. He was one of the first trustees of Bacon Academy. Of the eleven children born to him and his wife, ten, three sons and seven daughters, reached maturity, and nine were married. Three of the daughters married clergymen: one became the wife of Daniel Safford, an iron merchant of Boston, who was one of the promoters of the school at South Hadley, now Mount Holyoke College; and the son Asa, third, became a prominent New York merchant. Grandfather Bigelow died July 28, 1830, at the age of seventy-five. His widow survived him fourteen years, dying in 1844.

Guy Bigelow was educated in the common schools of Colchester and at Bacon Academy. He was a prominent and influential citizen, active in town affairs; and he served one year as Representative in the legislature. He settled on his farm of two hundred acres in 1851. He married March 8, 1827, Sarah Ann Waite, a daughter of Remick and Susannah (Matson) Waite. Of the seven children born of this union four died young; and three—Asa R., Jonathan E., and Henry W.—

survived their parents. The father died in 1868, in the eighty-third year of his age; and the mother died in 1891, at the age of ninety-five. They were active members of the Congregational church. Jonathan E. Bigelow, who is unmarried, lives with his brother Asa on the home farm. Henry Waite Bigelow, the other brother, was a volunteer in 1861 in the Fourteenth Ohio, going as private from Toledo, and becoming the Captain of Company H. He was twice wounded at Chickamauga, first from a ball passing through his thigh and afterward in the arm. For these injuries he received a pension from the government. He was a merchant and manufacturer in Toledo, Ohio, and was a thirty-third degree Mason. He died unmarried, March 12, 1895.

Mr. Asa R. Bigelow, following his father's footsteps, attended the Bacon Academy in his youth; and, beginning at the age of seventeen, he taught school for ten seasons. On September 13, 1855, he was united in marriage with Anne Putnam Brown, of Brooklyn, Conn. Mrs. Bigelow was a great-granddaughter of General Israel Putnam, and was also descended from the Brinleys, of Boston, who were among the founders of King's Chapel, and from the Hutchinsons. She was one of thirteen children born to her parents, James and Emily (Putnam) Brown, of whose family four daughters and five sons lived to maturity, and four of the sons married. To take the places of the four sons who died in childhood, four nephews of Mr. Brown were adopted. The two children now living are: the Rev. Edward Brown, Episcopal rector at Stafford Springs, Conn.; and his sister, Jane C. Brown, at the old home in Brooklyn. The mother died in 1873, at the age of seventy-three; and the father five years later, at eighty-two years of age.

Mrs. Bigelow died April 27, 1897, aged sixty-seven, leaving four children; namely, James Dixon, Elizabeth Brinley, Sarah Waite, and Henry Waite. James Dixon Bigelow is an attorney-at-law and real estate broker in Terre Haute, Ind. He has a wife and two daughters. Elizabeth Brinley Bigelow, a young artist, was educated at Carl Hecker's school, and now has a class in the village. Several years of her life have been spent in the West, in Indiana and in Illinois; but both she and her sister Sarah are now living at home. Henry Waite is a graduate of the Polytechnic Institute of Terre Haute, Ind. He is a fine mechanic and chemist, and is now in the department of tests for the Pope Manufacturing Company of Hartford. The family are all Episcopalians. Mr. Bigelow is a Master Mason. He is a Republican, and served his town as Assessor for many years. He was Representative in 1873, and has been a defeated candidate many other years, the town being strongly Democratic. To the old farm of two hundred acres he has added thirty acres. It is in a most delightful location, reached by a walk or drive through the shaded and picturesque wood road past the old mill, now silent, and the babbling trout brook, which is the outlet of a fine large mill-pond; and the secluded homestead, so neatly kept and so plainly the abode of taste and culture, is one of the most attractive in this fine agricultural town.

ABEL P. TANNER, an attorney-at-law doing a successful business in New London, was born across the river in Groton, July 7, 1850, a son of Abel and Clarissa (Watrous) Tanner. His paternal grandparents, Palmer and Mary N. (Case) Tanner, were residents of Rhode Island.

They had four sons and a daughter, of whom two sons — Abel and Jeremiah — are now living. Palmer Tanner died in Centreville, R.I., at about seventy years of age. His father, Palmer Tanner, Sr., was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, being a member of General Spencer's division.

Abel Tanner was born on Prudence Island, R.I., in August, 1805, and now resides at Mystic, this town. Though he is now ninety-two years of age, he is still well preserved in mind and body. He married Clarissa Watrous about 1848. She was a descendant of James Rogers, a noted Quaker, whom tradition claims to have been a descendant of John Rogers, the martyr. Mrs. Tanner died August 15, 1850, leaving her only child, Abel P. Tanner, a babe of five weeks. The father afterward married Cordelia Heath, by whom he had a son, Wendell Phillips Tanner, who died when in his twenty-first year. The father was associated as a lecturer with Wendell Phillips in the early days of the abolition movement, and named his boy for the great orator.

Abel P. Tanner received a good education, supplementing his elementary schooling by a course at Brown University, at which he was graduated in the class of 1874 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He studied law at Mystic with Colonel Hiram Appelman, and on February 23, 1875, was admitted to the bar. He practised for several years in Mystic, then in 1882 came to New London, where he has a large clientage. He is very prominent in political affairs, and in 1872 was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Senate, but owing to an irregularity in the court, it is claimed, never took his seat. Following the example of his father, he has done effective work as a campaign speaker. In 1896 he was the Democratic candidate for Presidential elector.

On June 18, 1874, Mr. Tanner was united in marriage to Miss Emma B. Whitford, a daughter of Clark N. Whitford, of Stonington. Mr. and Mrs. Tanner have no children living, having lost their only daughter in infancy. Their home is at 5 Hempstead Street, where Mr. Tanner built a pleasant residence in the summer of 1891.

MORRIS W. BACON, of New London, now retired from business, has engaged in many enterprises which have left lasting monuments along the road of progress in this city, and has won renown in the sporting world, both through his horses and his fine yachts, one of his boats a few years since taking the cup at New York City. He was born in Middlefield, Middlesex County, Conn., October 11, 1830, a son of William and Elmina (Johnson) Bacon, both of Middlefield.

His grandfather, John Bacon, who was the fourth John in succession (see Bacon Genealogy, owned by Arthur W. Bacon, of Middletown, Conn.), was born in Middlefield in 1779. He managed a farm and kept a hotel in Middlefield, and at one period was considered wealthy; but he lost some fifteen thousand dollars by indorsing notes for friends, and had little to devise at the time of his death. His homestead, however, is still in the family, owned by a female cousin of Morris W. Bacon. John Bacon died in Middlefield, December 6, 1859; and his wife, Amy Coe, of Middlefield, a noble woman, strong in the Methodist faith, died October 30, 1865, over fourscore years of age. They were the parents of the following children: Curtis, United States Marshal in Middletown; William, father of Morris W.; John L. and Lucy, twins; and George W.

William Bacon, second son of John, was born in Middlefield, near his son's birthplace, July 20, 1805. He began life "even with the world," so to speak, he and his brother Curtis purchasing a farm of one hundred acres for twelve hundred dollars, giving a mortgage note for the purchase price. Energetic and capable, this farm they paid for in a short time. On April 18, 1839, Mr. William Bacon took charge of the Bacon Hotel in New London, which was owned by his uncle Matthew; and in this sphere of action he was successful and very popular. Large-hearted and whole-souled, he never turned a man away hungry because he had no money; and he asked no favors himself, always paying one hundred cents on the dollar. He died in Lyme, Conn., May 28, 1882, aged seventy-seven, and is survived by his second wife, formerly Miss Anna M. Lay, of Lyme, and now living in that town. Morris W. Bacon's mother, whose maiden name was Elmina Johnson, was William Bacon's first wife, whom he married April 21, 1828. Her parents were residents of Middlefield. Her father died in early manhood; and her mother lived to be seventy, passing away in 1846. Mrs. Elmina J. Bacon was one of six children, two sons and four daughters, all of whom married and had families. She died July 22, 1866, aged fifty-nine, the youngest of her family to pass away. She had but two children: Morris W., of New London; and Watson Coe Bacon, who died the day he was nine months old.

Morris W. Bacon was born on the hundred-acre farm purchased by his father and his uncle Curtis in Middlefield, and in a district school in that town he acquired his primary education. He completed his studies in the public schools of New London, and at the age of fifteen went to work, engaging as clerk for Cady & Newcomb. With this firm he re-



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mained three years, his salary being raised as his services became valuable; and on November 22, 1849, he assumed the duties of passenger clerk on the steamer "Connecticut." He remained in the employ of the steamboat company until 1874: between 1855 and 1872 he was also a member of the jewelry firm of Gordon & Bacon, whose place of business was at the corner of Main and State Streets, New London.

He has engaged in some important transactions in real estate that have caused a marked improvement in property in New London. He erected a handsome marble block on State Street, containing spacious stores and a hall; and for ten years prior to 1890 he managed a billiard room in this block, which was one of the finest in this part of the country. The room was eighteen feet in height and sixty-two by forty-one feet in dimension, and not a post broke the harmony of the space. It was fitted with seven billiard tables.

Mr. Bacon purchased a handsome residence property on State Street in 1876, and, building a fine barn, bought a number of thoroughbred horses. Some noted animals were bred on this place, and at one time he was the owner of twenty-one. He brought out "William H. Allen" and "Mary A. Whitney," and others known to the racing world. This State Street property he sold in December, 1895, disposing of his horses at the same time. Mr. Munsey, who was induced by Mr. Bacon to come to New London, purchased the estate for thirty thousand dollars, and has erected a magnificent brick block, costing four hundred thousand dollars, eight stories in height, and one hundred and twelve by ninety feet in dimension, and strictly fire proof.

Prior to 1877 Mr. Bacon was actively interested in yachting; and he has owned a number

of yachts, some of which he had built. He was licensed as a captain while he was in the employ of the steamboat company; and he always sailed his own boats, being his own pilot. In 1859, with the sloop yacht "Rowena," he won the cup in the New York Yacht Club regatta.

Mr. Bacon was married October 11, 1853, to Jane E. Gordon, who died July 19, 1891, leaving two children — Charles G. and Lizzie J. Charles G. Bacon was educated at Exeter, N.H., and is now in business in this city. Lizzie J. Bacon, who is also in New London, was educated at Auburndale, Mass., and is an accomplished artist. Mr. Bacon contracted a second marriage, October 3, 1892, with Jane D., daughter of the late William Carroll, of this city. Mr. Carroll, who was extensively engaged in teaming, died in 1882. He left a widow, Mrs. Ellen Carroll, and two children — Martha and Jane — all residents of New London. In politics Mr. Bacon is nominally a Democrat, but he reserves the privilege of voting for the candidate best fitted for the office. He has refused all offers of public preferment.

WILLIAM DIXON MOSS, a retired merchant and manufacturer of Poquetuck, was born in Westerly, R.I., August 25, 1830. His grandfather, the Rev. Reuben Moss, of Connecticut, a Congregational minister, who was educated at Yale, married Hedassah Chesebro, and became the father of a large family of children. These included: George Washington, born in 1800; William C.; Reuben; Ephraim; Jesse L.; and two daughters. Reuben married in 1794, and died in 1812. His widow married a Mr. Tyler, in Griswold. Her death occurred in her seventy-sixth year. William was ninety-two when he died.

Jesse Lathrop Moss, the father of the present Mr. Moss, was born in Ware, Mass., in 1805. He married in 1828 Fanny Dixon, daughter of Nathan F. and Elizabeth Palmer Dixon, all of Westerly, and became the father of four sons and one daughter. These were: William Dixon, the subject of this sketch; Esther, the only daughter; Courtlandt Dean, of New York; Nathan Fellows, who was a Major in the Civil War; and Jesse L., who is in the real estate business in Chicago. The mother died in her forty-second year. The father subsequently married her sister Sally, by whom he has had two children: Fanny D. Frankenstein; and Rowse B., of St. Louis. He lived two years after the death of his second wife, which occurred in 1884. For many years he was a leading manufacturer in Westerly, R.I. He was also a partner in the firm of Babcock & Moss, who built mills and hotels at that place, and did a very extensive business. Among the large contracts of this firm were the cotton factory at White Rock, the mills in Westerly and Stillman Mill. Messrs. Babcock and Moss were in business for forty-three years, and made a noteworthy record in their line.

The boyhood of William Dixon Moss was passed at school in Hadley, Mass. When quite young he evinced a deep interest in his father's business, and he was in charge of the store for a time. He then went to California, rounding the Horn, and spending nine months on the voyage. After two or three years he returned home, just before his father's second marriage. He and Mrs. Moss reside at 136 West Broad Street, Poquetuck. Moss Meads is the charming name of the place, so called because it was built on a beautiful meadow of the farm that has been in the family for a great while.

Mr. Moss was married October 17, 1860, to

Elizabeth Hazard, of Providence. She is a daughter of Stanton and Bethiah (Aborn) Hazard. Her father, who was a furniture dealer, retired from business many years before his death, which occurred in 1892, when he was eighty-two years old. Living with her is her mother, who was born in 1814, on the day the British left Stonington. Her sister, who is a widow, resides in Providence, and has two children. The latter, a son and a daughter, are great favorites of Mr. and Mrs. Moss. Mrs. Moss belongs to the Daughters of the Revolution. Mr. Moss has taken all the degrees in the Franklin Lodge of Masons in Westerly, of which he was a founder. In politics he is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church, which they helped to organize with other earnest persons in the parlor of his father's house. Since 1890 they have occupied their present home, a most delightful and commodious, though unpretentious, one, enjoying their quiet life of leisure.

MRS. JULIA A. LATHAM FORSYTH, the wife of George Forsyth, of Salem, is the eldest child of John and Eliza (Brown) Latham. The other children of her parents are: William J. Latham, a liveryman of Westerly, R.I.; and Elizabeth Esther, the wife of Charles H. Bailey, of Salem. The father died February 13, 1866, at the age of fifty-six; and the mother's death occurred at the home of Mrs. Forsyth on February 22, 1895, in the eighty-fifth year of her age, after eight years of sickness and suffering. Mrs. Latham was remarkable for her physical and mental powers.

The marriage of Miss Latham with George Forsyth took place February 13, 1853. He



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is a son of Latham and Abigail (Lee) Forsyth. His grandfather, Timothy Forsyth, who was probably born in Scotland, followed the occupation of farmer in Montville, and married a Miss Latham. Timothy had at least three sons and a daughter. Of these Sanford, a sailor, was lost at sea in the prime of life; and William was a farmer in Massachusetts. The grandmother lived to a great age, and resided with her grandson Latham for many years. The father, Latham, Sr., was born in New London or Montville in 1760, and died on the farm now owned by his son and namesake in 1835, at the age of seventy-five years. He had been a Selectman of Montville, and he received a pension from the government for his services in the Revolution. His first wife was Eleanor Fox Forsyth, who bore him two sons and five daughters. The sons, Elisha and Thomas, went to Livingston County. His second marriage was contracted with Miss Abigail Lee, who, born in 1787, daughter of Edgecomb and Rachel (Thompson) Lee, died June 6, 1868. Born of this union were ten children, namely: Sanford, in 1805; Maria; Jane; Henry B.; Edmund; Latham; Harriet; George; Augustus; and Noyes. The only members of the family now surviving are: Harriet, the widow of Samuel T. Smith, of New London; and Latham and George, who are both farmers in Salem. Latham, born December 1, 1815, inherited his father's farm of two hundred acres, situated about a mile distant from the home of his brother George. George Forsyth bought his present farm of one hundred and thirteen acres in 1868. His children are: Harriet Elizabeth, John Latham, Jennie Maria, George A., and Fannie Eliza. Harriet Elizabeth, who is a teacher in New London, was educated in the common schools and at the young ladies' high school, and for the

past thirty-seven years has taught the district school. Indeed, since the age of four, with the exception of one year, her life has been passed in the school-room in the capacity of scholar or teacher. John Latham Forsyth died at the age of two years. Jennie Maria is the wife of Theophilus H. Hanney, a farmer of Waterford, and has two sons and a daughter. George A. is a farmer and teacher in Waterford, and has three sons. Fannie Eliza died in February, 1887, of consumption, at the age of twenty. She was a lovely girl, and, though young, a ripe Christian and ready for the change which came so early.

PALMER BILL, an influential resident of Norwich, was born in the town of Ledyard, April 20, 1823, son of Avery and Betsey (Barnes) Bill. Joshua Bill, the father of Avery, divided his attention between coopering and farming. Of his eight children, all now deceased, three were sons. His wife lived to a venerable age. Both rest in the Ledyard cemetery.

Avery Bill, who was born in Ledyard, October 1, 1797, successfully followed the cooper's trade in Ledyard, Griswold, and Colchester. He also speculated in farm property to a moderate extent, but was, perhaps, better known in connection with his official duties as Constable, having served in that capacity for thirty years. Betsey Bill, to whom he was married about the year 1820, bore him ten children, four sons and six daughters, all of whom reached maturity. Five of the number survive, namely: Palmer, the subject of this sketch; Maria E., the wife of Horatio Bardon, living in Peoria, Ill.; Emeline, the wife of William O. Brooks, living in Lincoln, Neb.; Joshua, in Southington, Conn.; and Abby, the wife of Henry D. Frost, of Hartford, Conn.

The father died in March, 1862; the mother on July 7, 1861, in her sixty-fourth year. Both lie buried in the Yantic cemetery.

Palmer Bill spent his boyhood on the farm. He obtained a good education in the schools of Wilbraham, Mass., and of Suffield, Conn., and afterward was engaged in teaching for three winters. After his marriage he worked at carpentry with his father-in-law. Although neither of the two men served an apprenticeship to the trade, they were good workmen, and they erected a large number of houses in Norwich and other places. In 1852 Mr. Bill went to Peoria, Ill., where he spent two years in the building and grocery business. Returning at the end of that time to Norwich, he purchased a farm. His present estate, at 211 West Thames Street, with about two acres of land, was bought by him in 1884. The small house then standing here has been replaced by an attractive and commodious residence.

On January 15, 1849, Mr. Bill married Miss Sarah Maria Brown, of Lebanon, Conn., a daughter of William W. and Nancy (Post) Brown. They have four living children, namely: H. Arthur Bill, of this city, who is married and has three daughters; Fannie M. Bill, for several years a teacher in the West Chelsea school district; Sarah T., the wife of John E. Post, of Norwich, by whom she has one son; and Frank A. Bill, a shoe dealer, who is also married and lives in Norwich. In politics Mr. Bill is a Republican. He has served the town as Assessor for a long period, and he has been Tax Collector for several years. In both the old and new State-houses he held the position of door-keeper, and published the legislative statistics from 1882 to 1885 inclusive. He was for several years a member of the Board of Education, acting as visitor for one year; and he has been on the District School Board three years. He has held the

important office of Registrar of Voters for over twenty-six years. Both he and his family are members of the Central Baptist Church, he being one of the Board of Managers.

HENRY C. PALMER, of the well-known firm of Palmer & Sistani, who keep a meat market at 450 Bank Street, New London, Conn., was born in the town of Montville, New London County, May 4, 1838. His parents were Samuel W. and Harriet (Parish) Palmer. Samuel, his paternal grandfather, was a teacher and also the author of a manual.

Samuel W. Palmer was born at Montville in 1796. He was a shoemaker, and he also owned and worked a small farm. He married Harriet Parish, of Norwich, this county; and they reared three sons and one daughter, all of whom are living except one, Samuel N., who died July 4, 1895, at the age of fifty-nine. The survivors are: William S., of Coshocton, Ohio; Harriet M., in New London on the old homestead; and Henry C. The father died in 1881, at the age of eighty-four years and six months; and the mother in 1884, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, being well preserved.

Samuel N. Palmer was born at Montville, January 13, 1836. For a number of years he was proprietor of a first-class meat market in New London, and at one time he was interested in two markets; but, being in failing health for several years before his death, he was not able to do so much business as he would otherwise have done. He was a man that was highly respected. In politics he was a Republican. At the age of twenty-five he was married to Eliza E. Holdridge, of Ledyard, Conn., daughter of Randall Holdridge. Of this union were born two children,

namely: Nelson S., who has a meat market; and Ida E., residing in New London.

William S. Palmer, the eldest son, was born at Montville, March 20, 1828. He completed his education at the Colchester Academy, and, after teaching school a few terms, went into the meat business, which he has followed to the present time, having removed from Norwich to Coshocton. He is a Republican in politics, and in his fraternal relations he is a Master Mason. He married on November 2, 1853, Mary R. Brown, of Waterford, this county, daughter of Daniel Brown. Mrs. Palmer died May 5, 1856, leaving one daughter, Mary L., now residing in New London. On September 4, 1858, William S. Palmer married Marietta M. Williams, daughter of William Williams, of Greenville, New London County. By this union was one son, Willie C., who was born October 1, 1862, and died September 11, 1864.

Henry C. Palmer, at the age of seventeen, after acquiring a common-school education, shipped before the mast on board the whaling-vessel "Clematis" of this place, Captain E. Watrous in command. They were gone thirty-four months, during which time young Palmer had been promoted to boat steerer. Out of the thirty-two who shipped, he was one of the five who returned. He followed whaling twenty-four years, wintering nine times in Greenland. At the expiration of the first seven years he became captain, having been promoted from all the intervening positions. He took Howgate's vessel for him on that commander's last trip. Captain Palmer was master of five different vessels, making his last trip on the steamer "Callinasar" on the return from Wygate Straits in 1881. He and his brother, Samuel N., were running a market in Colchester, Conn., when he took command of this steamer, with which he had many mis-

haps after starting from the Far North. In politics he is a Republican, but sometimes votes independently; and in his fraternal relations he is a Master Mason.

At the age of thirty-three Captain Palmer married Martha Holdridge, of Ledyard, this county, a daughter of Randall Holdridge. By this union there are two children: Isabella, a young lady, who is book-keeper in her father's market; and Samuel, a boy of ten years. The family live in a pleasant house in the town of Waterford, where they settled ten years ago.

CAPTAIN OLIVER C. GRIFFIN, a veteran seaman, living in Stonington, was born in 1842 at Fort Jefferson, L.I., son of John L. Griffin. The latter, now a venerable man of fourscore and four years, was born in 1813 at Guilford, Conn. He was a vessel rigger in his earlier years, and later was engaged in the coast trade, residing at Fort Jefferson. During that time he had charge of three different vessels as captain. Since retiring from the sea he has made his home in Flanders, L.I., where he has a small farm. He married Hannah A. Griffin, who was born at Fort Jefferson in 1816, their union having been solemnized in 1840. They became the parents of eight children, three of whom have passed to the life beyond. These were: John H., who was the mate of a vessel, and died in Flanders, L.I., at the age of thirty years, leaving a widow, a son, and a daughter; William Edward, who died at the age of seventeen years; and Frank, who was married very young, and died when but twenty years old. Those living are as follows: Oliver C., the special subject of this sketch; Hannah A., residing at Brooklyn, N.Y., the widow of E. W. Phillips, who was a boss carpenter and builder of that city; Charles F.,

of Flanders; Joseph, of East Quogue, L.I.; and Samuel S., who resides with his father in Flanders, and carries on the farm.

Captain Oliver C. Griffin received a common-school education in Flanders. At the age of twenty years he began life for himself as a sailor before the mast on a wood boat plying between Long Island and Stonington. Within the first five years he worked his way up from the lowest position in the seaman's service to that of first mate. During the late Rebellion he was second mate on vessels chartered by the government to transport army supplies from New York City to Southern ports. Being shipwrecked on the South Carolina coast, he was captured by a party of guerillas, and with his ship's crew had been kept a prisoner some ten days, when he was rescued by a detachment of the Ninety-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry, at Currituck, S.C. In 1866 he entered the service of the Neptune Steamship Company of Providence, R.I., as wheelman of a vessel plying between that city and New York, and has continued with the company and its successors since. He was employed as wheelman for four years, then as second pilot for the same length of time. In 1874 he was promoted to the post of first pilot and three years later to that of captain. Captain Griffin has had many stanch vessels under his command, including the "Francis," "Electra," "Stonington," "Narragansett," and "Massachusetts." Exceptionally fortunate, he has met with no serious loss or accident, although he was in some of the most terrific gales off the coast. He makes no long trips now, being seldom absent from his pleasant home more than a week at a time.

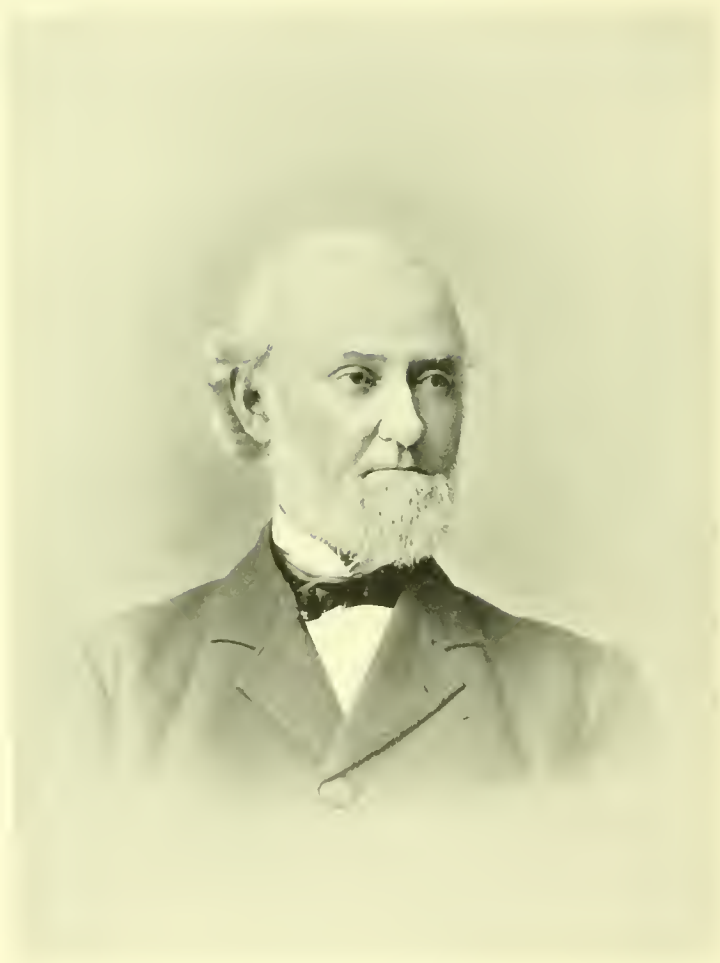
Captain Griffin was married May 15, 1876, to Miss Fannie E. Pollard, the only child of William J. H. and Eliza (Chesebrough) Pollard, of this city, with whom the Captain

and his family make their home. The Captain and Mrs. Griffin have two interesting children, namely: Grace Pollard, a young lady of seventeen years, now attending school in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and William Pollard, a school boy of fourteen. Mrs. Griffin is a member of the Baptist church at Stonington; while the Captain still retains his membership in the Methodist church at Good Ground, L.I.

JOHAN L. PAYNE, a prominent farmer of Waterford, was born January 5, 1835, on Black Point, East Lyme. William L., his father, was a native of Block Island, R.I., born October 4, 1809; and his mother, Mary P. Halliday Payne, was born in New London, June 14, 1810.

William L. Payne, Sr., grandfather of John L., was at one time a farmer on Block Island. He married Margaret Clark, and some years later removed to Fisher's Island, where he was overseer of the island for William Winthrop for some time. He then went to Black Point, and, purchasing a three-hundred-acre farm, devoted his attention to agriculture. He and his wife had two sons and two daughters — Eliza, Margaret, Simon R., and William L. Eliza became the wife of George Sheffield; Margaret married the Rev. Harlem H. Hedden, a Baptist preacher; Simon R., who was born on Block Island, married and had one son, Robert G., a farmer on Black Point, who owns the place on which his grandfather died. Simon R. and the two sisters lived to be octogenarians. After the death of the mother of these children William L. Payne married a second wife. He died in Waterford on the place now occupied by the subject of this sketch.

William L. Payne, Jr., followed farming on Fisher's Island for a time, and also in Water-



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ford, coming here in 1839, and buying about sixty-five acres of land. Five years before, in 1834, he had married Mary P. Halliday, the Rev. Daniel Wildman performing the ceremony. Her mother, in maidenhood Mary Powers, and of English parentage, was one of nine children, of whom five sons and two daughters lived to be octogenarians. She died during the Civil War, in the house in which her grandson lives, at eighty-four years of age. The subject of this sketch has an antique silk copy of the Powers coat of arms, a representation of the lion and unicorn on a blue and gold field. He also has an old Bible left by his grandmother, in which is the family record. It was printed in 1795, and was presented to Grandmother Powers by her father in 1802. William L. Payne, Jr., died June 27, 1866. His wife died while on a visit to New London, October 28, 1883, aged seventy-three.

John L. Payne was reared on his father's farm, on which he resided for some years after attaining maturity. He was educated in the common schools and at an academy. He has since been engaged in general farming, and also devotes considerable time to town affairs. His farm is one of the best kept in the county; and his home, though a modest one, is most pleasantly situated on the shore of the Sound, of which it commands a fine view.

On January 22, 1857, Mr. Payne married Miss Harriet Daniels, a daughter of Nehemiah Daniels, of this town. Her mother, Charlotte Smith Daniels, was a daughter of Deacon John Smith, a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Payne have one daughter, Mary Annie Payne, a young lady who resides at home with her parents. Politically, Mr. Payne is a Democrat. For the past nine years he has served on the Board of Selectmen, and he has also been a member of the Board of Relief. He

was a member of the legislature during the "dead-lock."

CHARLES GORDON BEEBE, whose portrait is here shown, was engaged in business in the village of Mystic, at first as a merchant and later as a manufacturer, for more than half a century; and for the last thirty years of his life he resided with his family on West Main Street in the house now occupied by his widow, Mrs. Emily T. Noyes Beebe. Mr. Beebe was born in Norwich, Conn., November 16, 1818. He was the younger son of William and Elizabeth (Brooks) Beebe, was a grandson of John Beebe, and was a descendant of Myles Standish. William Beebe was a manufacturer in Norwich, and died there at the age of forty-five. His wife, Elizabeth Brooks Beebe, who survived him many years, lived to be seventy-seven, dying in 1865. They were the parents of two sons and a daughter; namely, Eliza Jane, William N., and Charles Gordon. Eliza Jane married Calvin Stetson, became the mother of ten children, and died in the spring of 1896. William N. Beebe, who died in New Haven, aged seventy-two, had been married, and had lost all of his six children.

At the age of twenty, in 1838, Charles Gordon Beebe came from Norwich to Mystic, and in company with the late E. R. Gallup was engaged in trade for three years. Dissolving his firm relations with Mr. Gallup, he then formed a partnership with the late Hon. B. F. Palmer, and continued in the same line of business seven years more. In 1848 he began the manufacture of cotton twine and cordage, which he continued with success for about forty four years. On September 28, 1843, Mr. Beebe was united in marriage with Emily T. Noyes, who survives him, as above

mentioned. Mrs. Beebe was born in Stonington, Conn., daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Chesebro) Noyes. She is a descendant in the ninth generation of the American progenitor of this branch of the Noyes family, who was a native of Nottinghamshire, England, whence he came to this country in the seventeenth century. Mrs. Beebe's father, Joseph Noyes, was twice married. By his first wife, Zurviah Wheeler, he had eight children, seven sons and one daughter; and by his second wife, Eunice Chesebro, he had nine children, five sons and four daughters, Emily, Mrs. Beebe, being next to the youngest. All grew to maturity, and five are still living, the eldest, Nathan Noyes, a son by the first marriage, being ninety-four and the youngest seventy-one years of age. Joseph Noyes outlived both his wives, dying in August, 1851, aged eighty-four.

The death of Mr. Beebe occurred March 28, 1895, his latest years having been passed in retirement. He left a good name. To quote from the obituary published in a local sheet: "Mr. Beebe was a citizen whose voice and influence were always given to the side of virtue, temperance, and humanity. He secured and maintained the respect of all those with whom he came in social or business contact, and by them will be long kept in remembrance."

His pure faith and loyalty of affection are revealed in a poem dedicated to his wife on the forty eighth anniversary of their marriage, a portion of which we quote below, regretting that lack of space prevents us from giving it in full:—

Through many years of calms and storms
We have sailed life's sea together,
And shared alike its changing forms
Of foul and pleasant weather.

Together eight and forty years
We've journeyed for our heavenly home,

Mid joys and tears, while hopes and fears
Alternate frowned or cheered us on.

Sickness and pain, as well as joy,
Were wisely sent, our faith to try;
But He who gave us grace to live
Will grant the needed grace to die.

Now, as passing years remind us
One soon must leave the other here,
Our tested faith should closer bind us,
While this great hope our prospects cheer:

That, when the night of death is ended,
We'll rise, from sin and sorrow free,
In purer love our spirits blended,
United for eternity.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Beebe was blessed by the birth of seven children, six of whom — Charles H., Edward S., Emily A., Courtland, Lillian E.; and Herbert L. — lived to celebrate with them the golden anniversary of their marriage. Edward Stewart, the second son, unmarried, is engaged in the insurance business at Mystic; Emily A. is the wife of William A. Shutze, of Baltimore, Md.; Courtland, of Norwich, is married, and has five children; Lillian E., widow of Frank R. Mallory, with her son, Charles B., and daughter, Lillian Stark Mallory, lives with her mother here in Mystic; and Herbert Lincoln, a commercial traveller, who has his home in Syracuse, is married and has one son. The eldest son, Charles Hamilton Beebe, died on April 12, 1895, aged fifty years, but two weeks after the burial of his father, a cold having developed into pneumonia. He had returned to his home in Roanoke, Va., where he was engaged in business. He left a wife and three children. In announcing his death, the *Roanoke Daily Times* said of him: "Mr. Beebe has been connected with, and was practically, the Norwich Lock Manufacturing Company, for almost a quarter of a century; and since

his removal to the city about five years ago he has done much toward the upbuilding of Roanoke. He was a man of integrity and of character, who enjoyed the full confidence of all with whom he came in business or social contact; and his death removes a man Roanoke could ill afford to lose."

ELIJAH B. HARVEY, who died at his home in Salem, New London County, Conn., September 9, 1895, was a son of Levi and Lucy (Benjamin) Harvey, and one of a family of four sons and four daughters. The father was a blacksmith and farmer. One of the sons died at fourteen, and the others lived to marry. The two youngest children are now living, namely: Parke B. Harvey, a retired marine engineer of New London, Conn.; and Olivia, widow of Charles Benjamin, a sea captain, born in Norwich. Captain Benjamin left great wealth, which was largely accumulated in South America, where his uncle had established a large business in marine merchandise, dealing with English firms. Mrs. Benjamin and her step-granddaughter, the wife of Lord Walker, reside in London, England, at the present time.

Mr. Elijah B. Harvey was born August 4, 1812. He married Miss Sarah A. Hilliard, September 21, 1837. She was born September 12, 1814, daughter of Joseph Hilliard and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Waterman. Mrs. Harvey now lives on the farm where her great-grandfather Hamilton was the first settler. His daughter was born on this farm, May 31, 1756, in the old farmhouse known as the Hannah Miller cottage, about one hundred and eighty years old, in which six generations of the family have lived and died. Miss Hamilton married Zebulon Waterman, who was born May 27, 1742, on

Waterman's Point, Saybrook, Conn. Their daughter, Sarah Waterman, was born October 11, 1779. She first married in 1802 Butler Treadway, who died leaving one daughter; and she married, second, Joseph Hilliard, who was born in Ledyard in 1781, and became a sea captain and afterward a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard had three children—Henry Oscar Hilliard (deceased), Sarah A. (Mrs. Harvey), and an infant son. Mrs. Sarah W. Hilliard died in December, 1849, at the age of seventy-one, her husband dying in April, 1861, in the eighty-first year of his age. Mrs. Hilliard had a most retentive memory for facts and past events, and could quote the Scriptures and repeat whole sermons with wonderful ease.

Charles B. Harvey, only son of the late Elijah B. Harvey, conducts the farm for his aged mother, now in the eighty-fourth year of her age. He was born July 28, 1838. He received his early education in the common schools of Salem, and afterward studied mathematics for a few months in Norwich. He began to earn his own living as a clerk in a retail grocery store, where he spent the first two years; and a third year he spent in the wholesale department. Becoming clerk on a steamboat at the age of eighteen, he spent twenty years in the employ of the Norwich & New York Transportation Company, during which time he was their New London agent for two years.

He married January 6, 1862, Mary L. Stanton, daughter of John Stanton, of Norwich. They had two children—Frederick and Charles Waterman. Frederick, the elder, died when three months old. Charles Waterman Harvey, who is a marine engineer and unmarried, still makes his home on the old farm. He was educated at Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and began work as a

fireman on the Norwich line at the age of eighteen years. His next position was with the Morgan steamship line running from New York to Galveston, Tex. He was promoted to position of engineer while with this line of steamships, and after two years with the Panama Steamship Company he has spent the past two years as engineer of different pleasure yachts.

Mr. Charles B. Harvey has spent his winters for the last eight years in Salem. His mother received a fall in 1895, breaking her hip; and since that time he has remained at home. He is a Democrat in politics, and represented the town in the legislature in 1872. He is now the First Selectman, and he also holds the office of Judge of Probate.

ISRAEL F. BROWN, of New London, a retired manufacturer, has had a long and successful career in business, producing machinery for two of the greatest industries of the United States, the manufacture and printing of cotton. He was born in Salem, Conn., December 31, 1810, son of William F. and Sarah G. (Edgerton) Brown. His grandfather, William Brown, was one of seven brothers.

William F. Brown was born at Gale's Ferry, Conn., about the year 1771. Having learned the trades of cabinet-maker and ship-joiner, he was engaged for some time in the manufacture of furniture in Montville, this State, sending his goods to the West Indies. In 1823 he went South, and for some five years was in business in Macon, Ga., where his brother, E. E. Brown, was afterward the proprietor of the Brown House. E. E. Brown erected this hotel, was a prominent man in Macon, a Justice of the Peace for several years, and was associated with General Winfield Scott in

military service at the time of the Seminole War in Florida. William F. Brown died in Macon in 1837. He was married in 1795 in Norwich, Conn., to Sarah G. Edgerton, of that place, who also died in 1837. They were the parents of five sons and two daughters, who all married. Of these Eunice died at the age of sixteen; Elizabeth Leffingwell, who was the wife of Samuel Jacob Hicks, died at eighty-three; Alexander D., an ingenious natural mechanic, died in Columbus, Ga., at eighty-three, leaving a family. Israel F. is the only survivor of the seven children. The sons, who were all gifted with mechanical skill, conjointly made two miniature vessels about three feet long, perfect in every detail — a brig and a steamer having a copper boiler — named respectively the "Bunker Hill" and "The Independent."

Israel F. Brown was left with a brother in Norwich, Conn., when his parents went South in 1823. In 1825 he and his brother followed; and in 1828 he was engaged by Samuel Griswold to work on cotton-gins in Clinton, Ga. After spending three years in that employment, he returned then to Macon, whence he went to Girard, Ala., where he was engaged in the same industry for some years. Then, with Dr. E. T. Taylor, he formed the firm of E. T. Taylor & Co., who carried on a successful business manufacturing cotton-gins at Columbus, Ga., for the ensuing eight years. In 1858 he returned to Connecticut, and established a cotton-gin factory in New London, beginning in 1861 to make these machines for New York firms in his own name. The war put an embargo on the trade in the South, but he found a market in Brazil until after peace was declared. In 1869 he formed a stock corporation, of which he has since been the president, and his son, Edward T., the secretary and treasurer. In 1882 the plant was moved



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to a new brick structure on Pequot Avenue of imposing architecture and measuring five hundred by fifty feet. The capital stock of the company at this time was twenty thousand dollars. One of the leading manufacturing enterprises in the United States, it employs from two hundred and fifty to three hundred hands, and has turned out eighteen hundred cotton-gins in one year, worth from one hundred and eighty dollars to two hundred and fifty dollars each. During the past ten years it has made printing-presses for the Babcock Company.

Mr. Brown was married at the age of twenty-two to Maria L. Martin, of Jones County, Georgia, who lived but a year after that event. In 1837 he was united to Ann Smith, of Macon, Ga., who died in New London in 1865, aged forty-six years. She bore him five children, of whom two sons and one daughter reached maturity. The elder son, Edward T., is the secretary, treasurer, and manager of the manufacturing company of which his father is president, the elder man being practically retired, and leaving all the responsibility to his son. The second child, George C., was employed by the American Bank Note Company some ten years, and then went to Georgia to take charge of the Brown Hotel. He died in Macon in 1886, in the prime of life, leaving three children. The youngest living child of Mr. Brown's second marriage, Sarah A., is the wife of George Colfax, of this city. In 1866 he contracted a third marriage, which united him with Miss Emma Conant, of Massachusetts, the adopted daughter of William Albertson. There are no children by this union. In politics Mr. Brown favors the Democratic party. He is a Master Mason, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious belief is that of the Swedenborgians. On Au-

gust 13, 1895, he moved from the house on Howard Street, which had been his home for twenty-seven years, to the pleasant and attractive cottage at 83 Willets Avenue, where he now resides.

JOHN MILTON NEWTON LATHROP, a representative farmer of Bozrah and formerly Representative from Franklin to the Connecticut legislature, was born in Franklin, New London County, Conn., May 20, 1830, son of James and Clarissa (Spicer) Lathrop. He is a descendant of the Rev. John Lathrop, a Congregational preacher, who settled in Scituate, Mass., and who was the founder of the Lathrop family in America. The line of descent continues through Samuel Lathrop (of Norwich, Conn.), Ezekiel, James, and James (second) to John. Grandfather James Lathrop, who resided in Franklin, fought for American independence, and is said to have served all through the Revolutionary War.

James Lathrop, second, father of John, was a native and lifelong resident of Franklin. A farmer and carpenter by occupation, he was quite prosperous, and was one of the prominent and highly respected citizens of his day. He lived to reach his seventy fifth year, dying in 1862. He held some of the town offices, and in politics he supported the Whig party. A man of strongly defined character, he was positive in his opinions, and was an anti-Mason. His wife, Clarissa, was a native of Connecticut. Of her children, the only survivor is the subject of this sketch.

John Milton Newton Lathrop began his education in the common schools of Franklin; and his schooling was completed at the Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. He was reared to farm life, and has given his time and

attention to agriculture. He continued to reside in his native town until September 4, 1895, at which time he moved to his present farm in Bozrah. He owns some two hundred and forty acres of land, situated in this town and in Franklin; and as a farmer he is practical, energetic, and progressive.

Mr. Lathrop was first married to Lydia E. Gager, daughter of Samuel A. Gager, late of Bozrah. By this union there is one son, Charles E. His present wife, whose maiden name was Lucretia Hough, is a native of this town, and daughter of Jedediah and Amelia (Fowler) Hough. Her father was born in Bozrah; and her mother was a native of Lebanon, Conn. Neither is now living. Mrs. Lathrop is the mother of three sons — James H., Clifford A., and Jabez G.

While residing in Franklin, Mr. Lathrop took an active part in public affairs, serving as a Grand Jurymen for many years, as Assessor eight years, and as a Selectman for one term. In the autumn of 1890 he was elected to the legislature, in which body he served with ability for two years. In politics he acts with the Republican party, and he and Mrs. Lathrop are members of the Congregational church.

CHARLES PRENTICE ALEXANDER, a successful farmer of North Waterford, New London County, Conn., was born in Groton, this county, February 8, 1832, son of William and Eliza (Williams) Alexander. The father was a native of the same town, born in 1800. The mother was born in Stonington, Conn., in 1802. They were married in 1825, and had three sons and three daughters — Eliza Ann, William, Charles P., Pardon, Emily, and Amanda. Eliza Ann married William Elbridge, and died in Groton in 1892, at the age

of sixty-two, leaving four children. William was a sailor and farmer, and died in Groton at the age of forty, leaving four children. Pardon is a carpenter at Groton Banks, where he holds the office of Postmaster. Emily married Simeon Perkins. Amanda is now Mrs. Chipman. With the exception of Charles Prentice, all the children live in Groton. The mother died in 1864, and the father in 1875.

Charles P. Alexander was brought up on the farm, and acquired a common-school education. At the age of twelve years he shipped as sailor on a fishing-smack, but followed the sea during one summer only. For fifteen years thereafter he was employed as farm hand, receiving from four to eighteen dollars a month, out of which he contrived to save quite a fair amount. In 1870 he invested his savings in a pleasant farm of thirty acres, which by energy and perseverance he has since greatly improved. It is picturesquely situated on an eminence commanding a fine view of the Thames and of the hill on which Commodore Decatur planted his cannon; and it also has excellent buildings. Mr. Alexander has a good dairy of Jersey cows, and sells milk in New London.

On November 14, 1858, he married Harriet E. Jerome, daughter of Jesse and Harriet (Loomis) Jerome, who had five children, three sons and two daughters, of whom four are now living. The parents have both passed to the life immortal. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have two children: Charles Jesse, a farmer, residing at home with his parents; and Frank Jerome Alexander, a merchant at Quaker Hill, who married Martha Alice Lawson. The brothers were both educated in New London. In politics Mr. Alexander affiliates with the Democratic party. The family are members of the Baptist church.

BENJAMIN F. BAILEY, a prosperous sail-maker of New London, was born in Niantic, New London County, September 2, 1840, son of Henry and Susan (Franklin) Bailey. His paternal grandfather died in Niantic in 1845, at an advanced age. Henry Bailey, the father, came to this county near the close of the eighteenth century. He married Susan Franklin, of Block Island, and they had a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, only two of whom are now living: namely, Benjamin F.; and George, his youngest brother, a sailor, who lives in Mobile, Ala. The father and mother both died at the age of sixty-four, the mother surviving her husband fifteen years.

Benjamin F. Bailey, after attending school for the usual period, at the age of sixteen began to learn his trade with the firm of Arnold & Beebe. He subsequently enlisted in Company C, Twenty-first Connecticut Regiment, and served thirty-four months as private, with the exception of a short time when he was in the hospital. After concluding his military service, he began business in Noank, where he continued nearly thirty years, employing generally about eight men, and controlling the sail-making industry in that place. In 1891 he came to New London, where he has more competition, there being three sail lofts. Mr. Bailey's loft is located in the rear of the Day office. Being a man of energy and careful to turn out none but the best work, he does a large business. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, and has occasionally held town offices. He belongs to Williams Post, G. A. R., of Mystic, and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he holds the office of Chaplain.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Bailey

was united in marriage with Miss Abby Perry, of Colchester, Conn. She died leaving a daughter, Georgiana, who is now the wife of Samuel Dennis, a machinist. In 1866 Mr. Bailey married for his second wife Miss Amanda Franklin, of Ontario County, New York. By this union there are two sons: Fred Bailey, who is a resident of Pensacola, Fla.; and John, who resides with his father, is married, and has two daughters.

EGBERT N. MOORE, a well-known nurseryman of Waterford, Conn., son of William C. and Abby L. (Richards) Moore, was born in Waterford, New London County, Conn., June 3, 1830. His grandfather, William Moore, resided in Lyme, Conn., but subsequently removed to Western New York. Here he was joined by nearly all of the members of his family, including the father of the subject of the present sketch, who at a later period emigrated to Janesville, Wis., where, in company with three of his brothers, he engaged in the manufacture of fanning-mills.

Egbert N. Moore remained in Waterford at the home of his maternal grandparents, Daniel and Jemima (Harding) Richards, both lineal descendants of John Richards, one of the early settlers of New London. At the age of seventeen Mr. Moore went to New London to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for a number of years in Connecticut, and also in Philadelphia, Pa., and Charleston, S.C. On February 5, 1853, he went to California, via the Isthmus, being on the steamer "Tennessee," which was wrecked near the harbor of San Francisco. The steamer was a total loss, but the passengers and mail bags were saved. Mr. Moore worked at his trade in California for over three years, and then returned to Con-

necticut, where on May 11, 1857, he was married to Lucy E. Hunt, second daughter of William and Ann (Baxter) Hunt, of Waterford, Conn. Mrs. Moore was born in Leicester, England, April 22, 1839, but came to this country with her parents in early infancy. Her grandparents settled in Western New York, and died near Nunda, Livingston County, where many of their descendants are still living.

Soon after Mr. and Mrs. Moore were married they went to Independence, Ia., where they lived nearly four years. While there Mr. Moore took a pedestrian tour to Topeka, Kan., walking four hundred miles in thirteen and a half days. In 1861 he made another trip to California, going afterward to Virginia City, Nev., in April, 1862, crossing the snowy mountains on foot. In Virginia City he was a foreman carpenter at the Gould & Curry mill for two years and a half. In the fall of 1866 he returned to Connecticut, and purchased the site of his present home and nursery, about one mile south of Uncasville, Conn. It consisted of twenty-eight acres of land, beautifully situated upon a commanding eminence in the midst of fine natural scenery. Since its purchase many improvements have been made, suitable buildings erected, and also a nursery established. Mr. Moore's love of nature and botanical studies has eminently fitted him for his work, and he has designed and planted many fine places in New London County. His home grounds contain rare ornamental trees of large size, together with many choice and beautiful plants and shrubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had four children: Mary Baxter, who was born in Independence, Ia.; Egbert William, who was accidentally drowned in his nineteenth year; Lucy Abbie; and Annie Hunt—the last three born in Waterford, Conn.

MISS LOUISA J. BREWER, a representative of one of the oldest families of Norwich, and residing at 92 Washington Street, one of the most sacredly historic homes in Norwich, is a daughter of Lyman and Harriet (Tyler) Brewer and a grand-daughter of John and Hannah (Tracy) Tyler. She is a descendant of Colonel Thomas Leffingwell, who was one of the original settlers in this part of Connecticut, and owned all the land in this section. Mary E. Perkins, in "The Old Houses of the Ancient Town of Norwich," makes the statement that his grandson, Isaac Tracy, to whom a small portion of the original estate descended, could walk on his own land a distance of nine miles in one direction. John Tyler, the maternal grandfather of Miss Brewer, was the first rector of Christ Church, which he served for fifty-four years. That church stood on the site of the present fine stone structure, in which a tablet to his memory has been placed. The land, therefore, was originally given to the church by the Tyler family. Being a servant of the Church of England and loyal to the crown, he was greatly disliked as a Tory, and his life was frequently threatened. In 1768 he went to England to receive ordination, and in that same year was joined in marriage with Miss Hannah Tracy, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Bushnell) Tracy. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler had nine children, of whom three were sons; and all but one son grew to maturity. The father was born in 1742, and died in 1823.

Lyman Brewer was engaged in mercantile business in Norwich for a few years. Then he became the cashier of the Thames Bank, holding that position for a quarter-century from its establishment. He was one of the founders of this institution and of the Nor-



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wich Savings Society. He died in the house now occupied by his daughter, June 19, 1857, aged seventy years, leaving a name that was a synonym for integrity and benevolence. His widow survived him until November 3, 1880, reaching the venerable age of ninety-two years, and retaining her faculties to the last. The Brewer home, now over a century old, has been occupied by members of this family for a period of eighty years. With the exception of nine years spent in California, Miss Brewer has lived here all her life, often surrounded by her nieces and nephews, whose frequent visits make the old home bright with their youth. Arthur H. Brewer, a grandson of Lyman Brewer, is a director in the Thames Bank, which is the second largest national bank in New England outside of Boston. Miss Brewer is active in church work, and in her home and social life exerts a kindly Christian influence.

JOHAN MILTON KEENEY, sea captain, for the last ten years of his life retired and residing at his home in New London, Conn., where he died on November 15, 1897, was born in this city, December 12, 1812. His parents were Captain Giles and Tassie (Chappell) Keeney. His paternal grandfather, John Keeney, who also was born here, served under General Washington in the Revolutionary War.

Captain Giles Keeney likewise was a native of New London, being born in 1790. In 1809 he married Tassie Chappell. They had nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity; namely, Samuel, John M., Giles, William, Albert, Jane, and Caroline, the latter now the only survivor. Samuel C. Keeney was captain of a fishing-smack for nearly fifty years. He died in New London in March, 1885, at the age of seventy-five, leaving a

widow and six children. Giles Keeney, Jr., was a seaman. He died in 1867, in the prime of life, leaving a widow and three children. William, another sea captain, died in Waterford, Conn., of a cancer, in 1887, at the age of seventy-one, leaving a widow and two children. Captain Albert Keeney died at his home on Blinman Street, New London, in 1891, at the age of seventy-seven, survived by his wife and three children. Caroline, now Mrs. Lester, a widow, lives at Shelter Island, N.Y. Jane married Captain Charles Lewis, and died in 1867, at the age of fifty, leaving three children. Her husband died in 1895, at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Tassie C. Keeney, the mother, died at the age of thirty-six; while Captain Giles Keeney, the father, survived many years.

John M. Keeney began to go to sea at the early age of five years on his father's fishing-smack; and three years later he hired himself out as cook on a fishing-vessel, at a salary of three dollars a month. When he was fourteen he shipped before the mast, having his salary raised from fourteen to eighteen dollars a month that year; and at the age of seventeen he commanded his first vessel, the "Flash," of which he was the sole owner. Five years later he sold that vessel, buying the "Atlas," which he owned and commanded three years, subsequently being captain and owner of eight vessels. For a quarter of a century he was in government employ, being captain in the inspecting service and engineer department. During that time he commanded a schooner and the steamers "Cactus," "Iris," and "Mistletoe." For twenty-one years he was on the "St. George's Bank." In 1887 he retired, having been engaged in seafaring for seventy years. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but in his later years he affiliated with the Prohibition party.

On January 20, 1834, he was united in marriage with Louisa Young, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Butler) Young, of this city. Mrs. Keeney was born April 4, 1815. She became the mother of nine children, six of whom grew to maturity — Mary, Dr. B. M., Louisa, Wallace, Lavinnia, and George W. Mary, now widow of Thomas Allender, kept house for her father in his later years. Dr. B. M. Keeney is a medical practitioner in New York City. He has a son who is a dentist in New London. Louisa Keeney married John C. Ladd, of Middletown, Conn., and has one daughter. Wallace, a dentist in New London, has one daughter and a son. Lavinnia, wife of Frank Phillips, of this city, has two children, the elder now a young lady and the younger a little boy. George W. Keeney, who was born in 1840, died at the age of thirty-six in 1876, leaving a widow, who died ten years after, and a son, who died four years ago. Mrs. Louisa Y. Keeney died at the age of seventy-one on March 24, 1886. For fifty-five years the home of Captain and Mrs. Keeney was in the unpretentious but comfortable dwelling built by him at 24 Truman Street. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church for nearly sixty years; but, as they were not rigidly sectarian, they often attended other churches.

HERBERT M. CAULKINS, the efficient Postmaster of Lyme, is a native of this town, born October 13, 1856, son of Lemuel A. and Maria Caulkins. His grandfather, Elisha Caulkins, was a well-known farmer and influential citizen of Lyme in his day. Elisha had a family of four sons and three daughters, all of whom are living with the exception of Elisha, Jr., and Lemuel, the father of the subject of this sketch. Lem-

uel A. Caulkins was born in November, 1822, near Thanksgiving time, and died January 13, 1896. He was a farmer by occupation, and was prominently identified with the public life of the town, filling capably numerous positions of trust and responsibility. He was Tax Collector for some thirty years, Selectman of the town for several terms, Assessor, and Representative to the legislature. He was an active member of the Baptist church and a man widely respected by his fellow-townsmen. He married Maria Calkins, of Wilbraham, Mass., who bore him four sons and one daughter. Mrs. Caulkins is now residing with her son, Eugene D., on the farm. The other children besides the subject of this sketch are: Frederick L., a member of the mercantile firm of Caulkins & Post, of Middletown, Conn.; Frank L., a mechanic, employed in a large manufactory in Chicago; and Emma A., wife of W. S. Searle, a machinist with Mr. Whiton in New London.

Herbert M. Caulkins received a common-school education, and became himself a teacher, having charge of a school in Lyme for some twelve or thirteen terms. He then worked three years as a butcher, a part of that time being in business for himself, and during the rest being employed by others. For thirteen years he was a partner in the firm of Champion & Caulkins in this place, but sold out his interest in January, 1896, to Roger B. Champion, his former associate. He has been Postmaster of Lyme for the last three years, and his administration of this office has given general satisfaction. He has also served the town capably as Assessor. He is a member of the Baptist church, in which he has served as Deacon, following in the footsteps of his father.

On December 25, 1882, Mr. Caulkins married Miss Ida J. Champion, daughter of Cal-



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vin B. and Anna R. (Slate) Champion. Mrs. Caulkins is the tenth in order of birth of a family of fifteen children, all of whom attained maturity except two sons, Frederick and Israel, who died in childhood. Three daughters and a son have since passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Caulkins have an adopted son, Clarence Edgar Caulkins, a young man of sixteen years of age, and the youngest graduate of the Morgan School of Clinton, Conn., graduating at the age of fourteen. He is now clerk for his foster-father. He is the son of Mrs. Caulkins's sister Mary, who married Curtis Lamb, and died of consumption when her son was a lad of nine years. In 1894 Mr. Caulkins built his present commodious residence, where the family have a pleasant home.

DR. NATHANIEL OTIS HARRIS, manager of an invalid home at 19 North Main Street, New London, was born in Salem, this county, on May 2, 1823. His parents were Samuel and Anna (Otis) Harris.

The earliest known paternal ancestor, James, represented the fifth generation of his family in Weymouth, England. He came to America, and in 1690 removed from Boston, Mass., to New London, bringing his three sons—James, Asa, and Ephraim. The eldest son, familiarly known as Lieutenant James, was born in Boston, Mass., in 1673. He was very friendly with the Indians, especially with Owaneco, the Mohegan chief. From him he purchased valuable tracts of land on the Thames River, from New London to Norwich and Colchester, Conn. His first wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Rogers, died; and he subsequently married her widowed sister. He died at the age of eighty-four years, leaving nine children.

His son, Jonathan Harris, was born June 15, 1705. He married Rachel Otis, daughter of Judge Joseph Otis, a man of wealth and distinction and an extensive landholder, and his wife, Dorothy Thomas, who was a native of Scituate, Mass. Jonathan and Rachel Harris had thirteen children. Their son Nathaniel, born April 2, 1743, who was the grandfather of the subject of this biography, served as Captain in the Revolution. He married Mary Tozer, of Colchester, Conn., on February 1, 1764; and this union also was blessed by thirteen children.

Samuel, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Tozer) Harris, born December 10, 1780, became a farmer in East Haddam, Conn., where he lived for a quarter of a century. On September 29, 1805, he was married to Anna Otis, daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Otis and granddaughter of Hon. Joseph Otis. They had six children—Rachel A., Samuel Selden, Harriet Salome, Lydia Maria, Nathaniel O., and Elizabeth. Rachel A. married Aaron T. Niles. She died in East Haddam, May 21, 1843, at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving three children. Samuel Selden, a farmer, who was born March 8, 1809, married Mercy A. Baker in 1830, and died in 1882, at Montville, Conn. Harriet S., born August 3, 1812, died December 19, 1838. Lydia M., wife of James E. Swan, died in East Haddam, Conn., October 3, 1863, at the age of forty-eight years. Elizabeth C. married Ephraim Martin, a farmer of East Haddam. The father was the first Methodist in East Haddam, where he was a zealous church member. He died in that town in 1857, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. His wife lived until 1862, dying at the age of seventy three.

Nathaniel O. Harris obtained his elementary education in the common school, remaining on the farm until he was eighteen years of

age. He then attended Colchester Academy one year, subsequently taking a course of study in West Poughkeepsie, Vt., for two years. He was graduated from the New York Medical College in 1854. He gained practical experience in his profession by studying with Dr. J. T. Evans, a pioneer of homeopathy in New York City, for whom he worked perseveringly at a time when their remedies were prepared by hand. For some years he was engaged in teaching, during which time he also gave hydropathic treatments, gradually working into medical practice altogether. From 1854 to 1857 he lived in New London. He then settled in East Haddam, where he remained until 1884, when he returned to New London, buying his present residence and Home for Invalids. In politics he votes independently. Fraternally, he is a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., East Haddam, and is also a Scarlet Member of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., of East Haddam.

Doctor Harris has been three times married. His first wife, to whom he was married on November 14, 1855, was Juliette Mason, a native of this city. She had twelve children, ten of whom reached maturity, and nine are now living, namely: Pauline Goddard, of New York City; Ulrica Eleonora, wife of William W. Gates in East Haddam; John Mason, a resident of New London; Juliette A., wife of Dr. E. E. Williams, the successor of his father-in-law, Dr. Harris, in East Haddam; Nathaniel Otis, Jr., a veterinary surgeon of Hartford, Conn.; Florence Celestia, a trained nurse in New York City, who has won fame in the treatment of contagious diseases; Mary Christina, who married W. Von Haff, of New York City; Victor Emanuel, who is with an electric company in Hartford; and Jennie Lane Harris, who has been for five years the efficient post-mistress at Moodus, Conn.

Another daughter, Harriet Halsey Harris, died in East Haddam, January 13, 1887, at the age of twenty-four years. Dr. Harris lost his first wife on July 31, 1875, at the age of forty-four. He married his second wife, Miss Sarah E. Johnson, January 8, 1877. She died on April 30, 1894, leaving one daughter, Anna Otis, born July 12, 1883. On September 12, 1895, Dr. Harris married his third wife, whose maiden name was Helen J. Trimm. Her parents were George E. and Mary E. (McArthur) Trimm, her father being a native of Spain, and her mother a native of Scotland. Mrs. Harris was instructed in the profession of nursing by her grandmother, Mrs. Jean McArthur, who was a trained nurse of Glasgow, Scotland. Mrs. Jean McArthur was the mother of fifteen children, and during the course of her life she was nurse to over eighteen hundred. She died in April, 1895, at the age of seventy-eight, leaving four daughters, two of whom are trained nurses. By Dr. Harris's last matrimonial alliance there is one little son — Otis George, born June 11, 1896.

Among the Doctor's kin have been some remarkable instances of longevity. His grandfather Otis lived to be over ninety, and his grandmother Harris to be one hundred years old; while his Aunt Hannah, wife of Jared S. Smith, of New London, lived to be over one hundred and eight years old.

FLORACE F. YORK, a farmer of North Stonington, was born in this neighborhood, November 14, 1828. His great-grandparents, Thomas and Deborah (Brown) York, were married November 10, 1737. His grandfather, Jesse York, born August 1, 1740, son of Thomas York, was a farmer of the same place, in good circumstances, and served his country in the Revolu-

tionary War. Jesse married Anna Breed on January 7, 1762. He died December 13, 1808, and his wife on April 28, 1818. They had a family of four sons and three daughters, none of whom are living.

The father of the present Mr. York was Nathan, born in Stonington, September 8, 1771. He married a Martha Breed, who was born August 19, 1791. They had fifteen children, of whom four sons and two daughters grew to maturity, and Horace F. and William O. are the only survivors. The place, comprising about one hundred and fifty acres, had been divided between these. The father's death occurred January 5, 1854, and the mother's on March 9, 1873. She was a devout Baptist and a noble mother. Both rest in the family burial-ground on the farm.

Horace F. York was reared to farming, receiving his education in the common schools. At the age of seventeen he engaged in teaching, and he subsequently taught for eight winter terms. All his life has been passed on the old farm where his father and grandfather lived and died: and he has occupied his present house since he erected it, together with the substantial barn and outbuildings, forty years ago. A member of the Baptist church for the past fifty years, he has been Deacon and clerk of the society for several years and the superintendent of the Sabbath-school for over twenty years. He was married December 1, 1850, to Deborah, daughter of John and Matilda (Brown) Main, of North Stonington. She had four brothers and three sisters. Her mother died September 1, 1844, aged fifty-four, and her father on June 3, 1854. Of her sisters, Mrs. Hannah E. Clark, a widow, living in this town, is the only survivor. Mrs. York died July 5, 1896, aged seventy-one years. Her children are: Anna D., the wife of William H. Latham, of Hope,

R.I., and the mother of two daughters — Ethel and Mabel; Mary M., who is the wife of the Rev. Archibald McCord, a Congregational minister at Keene, N.H., and has two children — Beatrice and Horace M.; and Horace F. York, Jr., a farmer at Tenally, N.J., who has a son, Ernest W. York. Mr. York gave his children a liberal higher education, and all have at some time been engaged in the profession of teaching.

WALTER FITZMAURICE, the proprietor of the *Morning Telegraph*, a popular daily paper published in New London, is a native of Providence, R.I., born in 1851. When but six months old, his parents, Michael and Mary Fitzmaurice, brought him to New London. In 1864, being then thirteen years old, he entered the employ of D. S. Ruddock, of the *New London Star*, with whom he began as a printer's devil. Beginning in 1868, thanks to the kindness of the Hon. Henry P. Horn, he was able to continue his education for four years in the first evening school of Connecticut. From the position of devil he rose in regular gradation to that of the proprietor of the *Morning Telegraph*. The *Telegraph*, which has eight pages of seven columns each, and was started July 15, 1885, has become the largest newspaper in New London County, with a circulation of upward of five thousand.

Mr. Fitzmaurice is a Democrat and an ardent advocate of the principles of that party. During the State legislative sessions of 1891 and 1893 he served as a Representative. A prominent temperance worker, he was for two years president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society of Connecticut, and represented the State at many national conventions. He is serving his seventh year as secretary of the

New London Board of Trade, and is a trustee of the Mariners' Savings Bank.

In 1873, at the age of twenty-two, Mr. Fitzmaurice was married to Miss Elizabeth Hogue. Six children, two sons and four daughters, live to bless their union. These are: Walter, a graduate of the Bulkeley School, now employed in the *Telegraph* office; Teresa, who is attending school; Frank; Bessie; Ruth; and Mary. Mary, the youngest child, is three years old. The family reside at 563 Burk Street, which has been their home since 1891.

HEZEKIAH UFFORD WILLIAMS was born August 10, 1822, on the old "Cider Hill" farm in Ledyard, Conn., and died June 21, 1891, at the home of his later years in New London, now occupied by his daughters, the Misses Antoinette A. and Jenny E. Williams. His father was Warren Williams, son of Seth and Abigail Williams, the grandmother Abigail being a descendant in the sixth generation of Robert Williams, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., in 1637; while the grandfather, Seth Williams, was fourth in descent from William Williams, one of the early settlers of Ledyard, the line being William,¹ Henry,² Henry,³ Seth.⁴ Warren Williams, son of Seth, married on January 12, 1815, Elizabeth Stanton Gallup. She was descended on the maternal side from Thomas Stanton, who was Governor Winthrop's interpreter in his dealings with the Indians and a man of much influence in those early days, and on the paternal side from the famous old Indian fighter, John Gallup, so that Mr. Williams could claim many brave ancestors. His great-grandfather, Phineas Stanton, served in the campaigns of Cape Breton and Crown Point; and Colonel Nathan

Gallup, another great-grandfather, was a distinguished officer in the Revolutionary War. Enoch and Daniel Stanton and Lieutenant Henry Williams, who fell at the massacre at Fort Griswold, September 6, 1781, were his great-uncles.

Hezekiah U. Williams was one of a family of ten children. When he was quite a young boy his parents moved to Salem, Conn., where his father kept the tavern and store. Here he was educated, helping his father in the store as he grew older. Later he went out to Detroit, Mich., entering the employ of his uncle, Gurdon Williams, who, having gone to Michigan in the early days, had become wealthy through large mining and railroad interests. His uncle gave him a position as conductor on one of the trains running out of Detroit, a position attended with much more danger than at present, as the old strap rails were then in use. Afterward he went into the office at Pontiac, Mich., where, with his partner, Mr. Charles B. Petrie, he had charge of his uncle's large shipping business. It was customary for one of the partners to sleep in a room adjoining the office; and on the night of Mr. Petrie's marriage a man (supposed to be a discharged employee) thought this would be a good opportunity to rob the safe, as, of course, Mr. Williams would attend the wedding. But here he was greatly mistaken, for Mr. Williams, being prevented from going by extra business, was quickly awakened and ready to rush out on the would-be burglar, though, his revolver being unloaded, he had nothing better to defend himself with than a wood cleaver left that day by a carpenter. This, however, proved sufficient; for the burglar was so greatly surprised at finding any one there that he hurriedly fled.

Mr. Williams, contracting malarial fever in its worst form, was compelled to give up and



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return East in the hope of regaining his health. He very slowly recovered, and was married in Salem, Conn., by the Rev. Charles Thompson, to Celina Anna King Niles. She was a daughter of Horatio Nelson Niles, of Groton, Conn., who was descended from the Allyns, Averys, and Stantons, of this State, his mother being Anna Allyn, his grandmother Anna Avery, and his great-grandmother Anna Stanton.

When a young man Mr. Niles went out with his brother Edwin to what was then known as New Connecticut, afterward called the Western Reserve, taking up land in Portage County, near the present city of Akron, Ohio. There he married Celina King, daughter of Joshua King, who had left his home in the State of New York, and was among the first to settle in "Old Portage." She died July 11, 1826, soon after the birth of their little daughter; and, his brother dying of consumption, May 21, 1826, Mr. Niles, stricken with the same disease, hastened to return to the old family home, near Centre Groton. It must, indeed, have been a tedious journey in those days, and especially so to this half-sick man, with a little baby of only six months to care for. Nevertheless, Groton was at last safely reached: and here Mrs. Anna Warner Bailey ("Mother Bailey") kindly helped him, and loaned him a pillow, so that he could more easily carry the baby, for the rest of the journey was accomplished on horse-back. He did not long survive, dying March 7, 1827, leaving his child to the kind care of his father and mother. When her grandparents moved to Salem in 1840, she, of course, went too, and thus was enabled to attend the famous old school at Music Vale, where she must have been a favorite pupil of Mr. Whittlesey's: for her children treasure several pieces of music dedicated to her, as

well as sundry notes in Mr. Whittlesey's quaint and original hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams went West on their wedding trip, visiting in Ohio and Michigan, intending to settle in Detroit; but, as she took a great dislike to the West, he was obliged to give up that plan, and so came East again, purchasing a farm near the village of Mystic, Conn., now the site of Mystic's beautiful cemetery. They lived there for several years, and then removed to Groton village, where Mr. Williams entered the employ of his uncle, Erastus Gallup. He next purchased a farm in Waterford, on the Norwich turnpike, about two and one-half miles from New London. At that place three of their children were born, a son and two daughters. Their eldest daughter, Celina Camilla, was born February 4, 1852, on the farm near Mystic village. The second, Florence King, was born in Groton, Conn., February 11, 1854. Mr. Williams became a very successful farmer, took much interest in the affairs of the town, and held many offices of trust. The death of their only son, Paul Frederic, a most promising boy, in his fifth year, was a great blow to both parents. He was born in Waterford, August 8, 1859, and died there, June 7, 1864. This loss was followed seven years later, May 17, 1872, by the death of the eldest daughter, and on April 26, 1873, by the death of Mrs. Williams. Thus bereft, Mr. Williams determined to give up his farm, and move into New London. He first located on Huntington Street; and while living there his second daughter died on December 23, 1880. Finally, he purchased the Churchill property (now the family home) in East New London, where he died June 21, 1891.

Mr. Williams was a Congregationalist, both he and his wife joining the First Church of

Christ in New London soon after their removal to Waterford. He was a man of sterling integrity, whose advice was frequently sought in legal matters; for he had that ready grasp and comprehension of the law which characterized his brother, the late Judge Williams, of Pittsburg, Pa.

GEORGE ROBERT HARRIS, M.D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Norwich, is a native of Preston, Conn. He was born December 20, 1864, son of George A. and Catherine Amelia (Dewey) Harris. Robert Harris, the father of George A., who was a native of Bozrah, this county, was a cabinet-maker, painter, and decorator, and worked in Norwich for N. S. Gilbert. He married Betsey Brewster, a daughter of Benjamin Brewster and a direct descendant of William Brewster, who came here in the "Mayflower." Grandfather Harris died in 1864 or 1865, when about forty-seven, and his widow in 1895, when about seventy-seven years of age. They were the parents of three sons and one daughter.

George A. Harris, born in 1839, has been employed on the Norwich & Worcester Railroad, beginning at the bottom and working his way up through the different positions, including that of conductor, station agent at Norwich, and division freight agent for many years. In September, 1893, he was obliged to resign on account of illness. After a sickness lasting four years, he died August 22, 1897. His wife has borne him five children—Elijah D., George R., Hattie Augusta, Jennie Louisa, and Effie Louella—all of whom are living in Preston.

George Robert Harris spent his boyhood on a farm, and for a time drove a milk cart for his uncle. He obtained his preparatory edu-

cation in the district school and at the Norwich Free Academy. Then he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, from which he was graduated in 1885. After that he spent considerable time in different hospitals, first in the New York and Roosevelt Hospitals. Later he was house surgeon to the Charity Hospital for eighteen months, and, following that, to the Chamber Street Hospital for fifteen months. In April, 1889, Dr. Harris joined his uncle, Orris F. Harris, M.D., who has been in practice here for thirty years. This uncle was a medical cadet during the Civil War, and was on duty at the Alexandria Hospital.

In politics Dr. Harris is a Republican. He is a member of the city, county, and State medical societies. He is a Mason of the Mystic Shrine; the Master of St. James Lodge, No. 23, F. & A. M.; and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Of an agreeable personality and skilled in his profession, no doubt can be entertained that a successful future lies before him. On November 27, 1896, he was joined in matrimony with Miss Jessie L. Hegarty, daughter of Cornelius and Nettie (Morse) Hegarty, of West Wareham, Mass. His first child, a son named George A., was born November 27, 1897.

TR A F. LEWIS, the proprietor of the only hotel at Jewett City, was born in the town of Plainfield, this State, on May 20, 1845, son of Caleb and Patience (Johnson) Lewis. The family settled originally in Rhode Island, where it has been prominent and influential. Its first representatives in America were two brothers, who came in the seventeenth century from Wales. One of these, John, was the direct ancestor of Mr. Lewis. Grandfather and great-grand-

father Lewis were each named John. The former, who, born in Coventry, R.I., about 1788, died in 1813, became a man of influence and prominence, and was sent to the Rhode Island State legislature. His wife, who was a Miss Jordan before marriage, survived him for a number of years, and contracted a second marriage, by which she became the mother of three children. She lived to a good old age, and was buried in the cemetery at Coventry, which was also the burial-place of her first husband.

Caleb Lewis, the only son of Grandfather Lewis, was born in Coventry, August 22, 1809, and his death occurred on September 12, 1886. He was reared by his grandfather. His wife, Patience, born in Coventry on August 26, 1819, was the youngest child of George Johnson, who died in 1823, leaving his widow with three sons and four daughters. She is still living with a daughter in Norwich, active in mind and body. Mr. Lewis's parents, who were married in Coventry in 1837, came to Connecticut in 1843, settling on their farm in Plainfield, Windham County, where they lived for five years. They subsequently resided in Sterling for three years. In 1853 they came to Jewett City, where the husband was employed by J. & W. Slater for some nine years, and later was a farmer and teamster. Their six sons and three daughters grew to maturity, and had families. Of these Ira F. was the fourth-born. The eldest child, Mary J., married Stephen A. Green. After Mr. Green died of fever, she married Edwin L. Ingraham. She died in October, 1872, aged thirty-six years, leaving two children. Henry W. and Rhodes K. Lewis, twins, are married and have children. James E. and Emma M. were also twins. James is living in Worcester, and Emma is the wife of Charles Olin, of this place. Edgar L. Lewis,

who was accidentally killed in Boston in August, 1892, was survived by seven of his eight children. Ida A. is now Mrs. Alfred Barrett, of Norwich, and Charles L. Lewis is in Sterling.

When eight years of age Ira F. Lewis entered the Slater mill. After working there until 1861, he lived at home, and drove a team for his father. At the age of twenty-one he started a store in company with his father for the sale of confectionery and fruit. In 1868 he embarked in the hotel enterprise, beginning business on his present site, his father buying the stand. The old house in which he started, and which was burned in 1878, was replaced by a much more commodious one. Within the last two years this building has been enlarged and beautified. It is now ninety-three by fifty feet, four stories high, and contains forty-one guest rooms, furnished in a manner fitted to secure the greatest comfort and convenience of the guests. There are modern improvements throughout the house. The dining-room and parlors would do credit to a much larger hotel. The only hotel in Jewett City, it is well patronized in the summer by people who find it a delightful place in which to spend the heated season.

On May 13, 1869, Landlord Lewis was married to Lydia A., daughter of James and Mary (Clark) Sweet, of Jewett City. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet are both deceased. Their only son, William E. Sweet, went to the Civil War in 1861 with the Twelfth Regiment, and was killed at the battle of Port Hudson. Besides Mrs. Lewis, there are two other daughters living, namely: Sarah, now Mrs. James M. Young, of Warren, R.I.; and Mary F., now Mrs. William H. Baker, also of Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have lost an infant son, William F. They have a daugh-

ter, Sadie F., who is fifteen years of age. Mr. Lewis is a Past Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a Democrat. He has served the town in various local offices, and was its Representative to the legislature in 1896. He was Captain of Company II of the Third Regiment, succeeding Dr. Soule. Mrs. Lewis and daughter attend the Congregational church.

DANIEL B. HEMPSTED, who is now retired from active business, was a well-known jeweller of New London. Born in New London, July 9, 1822, son of Daniel B. and Grace (Lanpheer) Hempsted, he comes of one of the oldest families in the State. His descent is traced back to 1645, when one of his ancestors, Joshua Hempsted, erected a house in this place. His great-grandfather, Captain Nathaniel Hempsted, of New London, who was a seafaring man, commanded a privateer during the Revolutionary War. When New London was attacked, Captain Hempsted happened to be at home, and during the defence of Fort Non-sense, in which he took an active part, was shot through the hip. Though the wound was a serious one, he recovered sufficiently to be able to follow the sea for a number of years after. During the trouble between France and this country he was in the West India trade, and his vessel was chased for several days by a French man-of-war. The fatigue and exposure incident to this trying situation opened his old wound, and eventually caused his death, though then in the prime of a vigorous manhood. In 1760 he built the stone house in front of the old Hempsted house alluded to above. The stone house was built at the same time that the Perkins house was

erected by the Huguenot settlers, who came to this country at that period. Captain Hempsted was married in 1727 to Hannah Booth, of Long Island, and reared three daughters and three sons, all of whom had families. Of these Samuel B. Hempsted, who was both the second child and second son, and the grandfather of Daniel B., was born in New London in 1755. He was the captain of a vessel for a number of years, and died in 1795. On September 17, 1779, he was united in marriage with Lucretia Goddard. She left two children, namely: Lucretia, who was born in 1782, and died at the age of sixteen; and Daniel B., the father of the subject of this biography. The Captain subsequently married again, and his second wife survived him.

Daniel B. Hempsted, Sr., was born in New London in 1784. He was left an orphan at the age of eleven, with some property; and his uncle, Giles Hempsted, was appointed his guardian. Giles Hempsted accompanied a colony of thirty persons, mostly ship-builders and rope-makers, who went from New London in schooners to Alexandria, Va., and thence across the mountains to Marietta, Ohio. When fairly settled in their new home they engaged in building schooners and freighting produce to New Orleans. The Hempsteds of the Western Reserve are descendants of this Giles. In Marietta his nephew grew to manhood; but he was not content to stay there, as the malarial climate seriously affected his health. When he was eighteen years of age, he returned to New London; and there he learned the watch-maker's trade with Asa Spencer, in the employment of a Mr. Douglas. Asa Spencer, who was a remarkable man, invented the engine-turning machine — a contrivance never since improved upon — and a tool for making the indentations in thimbles.



NELSON MORGAN.

When Mr. Douglas died, his employees, Hempsted and Spencer, continued the business under the firm name of Spencer & Hempsted, the latter furnishing the capital to purchase the estate, and taking Spencer's experience and mechanical genius in lieu of cash. In 1831 Mr. Hempsted erected the house and store where he lived and managed his business. It is a solid brick structure, four stories in height, with some thirty feet frontage: and the jewelry store is still there, occupied by his son's successor. This site has been occupied by jewelry firms for over a century, and it was here that Mr. Hempsted learned his trade. His death occurred in 1852. He was married May 4, 1806, to Grace Lanpheer, of New London, a daughter of James and Sarah (Mayhew) Lanpheer. Mr. Lanpheer, who was a naval officer, was one of the volunteers who took the "Lurenburg." He was taken prisoner, with all on board of the frigate "Trumbull"—on which he was a lieutenant—captured off the capes of the Delaware. His wife died in 1865. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom attained maturity, namely: Lucretia G., the widow of David Hustace, now in Brooklyn, N.Y.; Caroline L., the widow of Henry O. Ames, in Jersey City; Elizabeth, the widow of Samuel N. Valentine, late of New York City; Daniel B., the subject of this sketch; Augusta S., who was the wife of the Rev. James T. Hyde, and died in Chicago in 1890. The youngest child, Helen, died in her eleventh year.

The present Daniel B. Hempsted was educated in New London. He learned the jeweller's trade with his father at the same stand where the latter acquired the knowledge. In 1845 he became his father's partner; and he was in active business in this place until 1881, when he retired. Mr.

Hempsted has been actively interested in politics for many years, favoring the Republican side; but he has never allowed his name to be used in connection with public office. In the Masonic fraternity he has attained the Master's degree.

NELSON MORGAN, station agent at Poquonnock Bridge, Conn., on the Stonington Division of the Old Colony Railway system, and Town Clerk of Groton, is a native of the village of Noank, in the same town. He was born July 6, 1830, son of Roswell and Jemima (Fish) Morgan. He comes from an old Welsh family, whose history has been traced by N. H. Morgan, author of the Morgan Genealogy, to the year 800 in Wales. The immigrant ancestor was James Morgan.

As early as 1712 the progenitor of this particular branch settled in Noank and became the owner of a large tract of land. His homestead is now owned by Nelson Morgan of this sketch, having been held by his descendants in the male line for about one hundred and eighty-five years. Roswell Morgan, son of Joshua, was born in Noank in 1790, and died in 1839. He was a mariner, and engaged in the coasting trade. His marriage to Jemima Fish took place September 24, 1814. She was born in Groton in 1787, daughter of Thomas Fish, who served in the Revolutionary War two or three months, November to January, under Captain Hungerford. She was a descendant of Moses and Martha (Williams) Fish, who were married in Groton in 1713. Five children, two sons and three daughters, were born to Roswell and Jemima Morgan. One daughter, Harriet, died at the age of seven. Caroline married Frederick A. Williams, and died aged twenty-two years. Three

are still living, namely: R. A. Morgan, of Noank; Amanda, widow of Perry Bennett, residing in Springfield, Ill., whither she went in 1855; and Nelson, of this sketch.

Having received a good practical education, when eighteen years of age Nelson Morgan began teaching in common schools; and that occupation he followed about twenty-five years all together, in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Michigan, and Illinois. He first went to Michigan in 1852, and after teaching a few months in Hillsdale County returned to Connecticut, remaining here until 1857, when he made a second trip to the same place. The year following he went from there to Winchester, Ill., as a teacher. In 1862 he enlisted at Jacksonville, Ill., in the One Hundred and First Illinois Infantry, Company B, entering as a private; and during his eighteen months of service he rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He eventually resigned his commission on account of disability, and returned home. He entered his present position as station agent of Poquonnock Bridge four years ago, and by his faithful performance of all duties has won the respect and confidence of both his superiors in office and the patrons of the road.

On June 28, 1855, Mr. Morgan married Miss Virginia Haley, daughter of Henry Haley, and grand-daughter of Elisha Haley, who was often in the upper and lower houses of the Connecticut legislature as far back as 1810, and who was also twice a Congressman from this district. The Hon. Elisha Haley was a man of means and high mental endowment, and though not a church member he was always a ruling spirit for the right. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan had a son, Harry Archie, who died at Groton Centre when sixteen months old. Their living son is John Albert, who was born in Bethel, Morgan County, Ill.,

March 23, 1861, and received his schooling in the common schools of Illinois up to 1875, when he came to Connecticut with his parents. Not long after he entered the employ of Brainard & Armstrong, doing errands and sweeping the store, sleeping there nights. He was with them about eight years all together, during five of which he travelled as a salesman in New York. Following that he was a commercial traveller from New York City until 1893, when the territory of the Cherokee Nation was opened for settlement, and he went thither and lived for six months. He came to his present position as Assistant Town Clerk to his father in 1894. He was married, first, January 4, 1888, to Hattie Rathburn Potter, of Noank, daughter of James Potter. She died January 4, 1892, four years to a day from the date of their marriage, leaving no children. He married for his second wife, November 7, 1896, Harriett Slocumb Storey, by whom he has one child, Mary Virginia, born October 7, 1897. John Albert Morgan is a member of the New London Historical and Genealogical Society, and during the past three years has done considerable work in the line of genealogical research.

Nelson Morgan has been a Republican from the birth of the party. For ten years he has served on the Board of Education, and has been a Justice of the Peace six years. In 1894 he was elected to the office of Town Clerk, defeating his predecessor, who had held the office for twenty years consecutively. Fraternally, he is a Master Mason and a member of the G. A. R.



OLIVER DENISON CHESEBRO,
late an esteemed and influential resident of Stonington, for many years a member of the Board of Burgesses, was born

in this town in 1820, and here spent the greater part of his long and useful life. His death, which was caused by accident, occurred on January 4, 1895. Mr. Chesebro was the son of Denison and Martha (Denison) Chesebro, and was named for his maternal grandfather, Oliver Denison. On his father's side he was a descendant of William and Anne (Stevenson) Chesebro, who were married in Boston, Lincolnshire, England, in 1620, came to this country, and in 1650 settled at Wequetequoock, establishing the first Puritan home within the present limits of Stonington, Conn. They had four sons, the eldest being Samuel, then twenty-two years of age, and the youngest, Elisha, a lad of twelve.

Oliver Denison, the grandfather above named, whose wife was Martha Williams, was a son of George, Jr., and Jane (Smith) Denison, grandson of George and Lucy (Gallup) Denison, and great-grandson of Ben Adam and Esther (Prentice) Gallup. Captain John Gallup, the father of Ben Adam, was a noted Indian fighter.

When about thirty-five years of age Oliver D. Chesebro entered the employ of the Stonington Steamboat Company, being intrusted with the full charge of repairs of the woodwork of the steamers on their line. He continued to hold the position, and filled it so acceptably that he was subsequently retained in the enlarged business of the Providence & Stonington Steamboat Company. His ability and integrity won and kept the approval and confidence of his employers, and he was soon charged with the entire supervision of that department of the business. As a citizen of the borough of Stonington, he was held in the highest respect. He was of a retiring disposition, and never sought preferment, which was, however, often most fittingly bestowed upon him, official duties being worthily dis-

charged. As senior member of the Board of Burgesses he was the acting warden during the long absence of Warden Ephraim Williams. He was chief of the fire department for ten years, from 1870 to 1880, and always took an active interest in its affairs. For several years he was a director in both the First National Bank and the Savings Bank of Stonington, and he was also a stockholder and a director in the Stonington Building Company. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and a most liberal contributor to its support. In Wadawanuck Council, No. 110, American Legion of Honor, he held the highest office. Of an unusually active and industrious temperament, even after the possibility of his retiring on a comfortable competency was assured, he chose rather to continue his interest in his business.

Mr. Chesebro was married March 6, 1847, to Frances H., daughter of Benjamin F. and Eunice (Stevens) Hancox. Her father was born in Stonington, January 22, 1803; and her mother was born in the same place, July 24, 1803. They were married January 30, 1825, and reared two sons and four daughters—Benjamin F., Frances H., George S., Mary Jane, Emeline L., and Alice D. The first of these, Benjamin F. Hancox, born in October, 1825, is now a resident of Cliftondale, Mass.; Frances H., now Mrs. Chesebro, was born February 8, 1827; George S. Hancox was born March 15, 1830, and died in Stonington, August 1, 1866; Mary Jane was born July 8, 1832, and became the wife of Captain Benjamin F. Cutler, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Emeline L. was born October 29, 1835, and married Erastus Chesebro; Alice D. was born August 10, 1845, and is now the widow of Elias Babcock. Two children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Chesebro, namely: Mary Ella, who was born June 20,

1848, and died in April, 1850; and Mary Contest, born August 5, 1852, now the wife of Horace N. Pendleton, of Stonington. Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton have one daughter, Maria Louise, born May 14, 1879, now occupied with the study of the violin in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. Chesebro's death was a sudden one, and came as a shock to his family and the whole community. Leaving his home in the morning, apparently in perfect health and vigor, he went to Westerly, R.I., five miles distant, on a little matter of business, and, falling through an open space from one of the upper stories of a building to the cellar, was at once cut off from the living. His days were many and useful, and his virtuous memory will long be cherished. Mrs. Chesebro still lives in Stonington.

AUSTIN O. GALLUP, better known as A. O. Gallup, who died at his late home in Salem, New London County, Conn., April 12, 1896, was born in the town of Ledyard, Conn., December 27, 1828. He was the second son of Alfred and Eliza (Hewitt) Gallup, and was a lineal descendant of Captain John Gallup, who came from Mosterne Parish, County Dorset, England, in 1630, sailing in the good ship "Mary and John" from Plymouth on March 20, and arriving at Nantasket, near Hull, May 30 of that year.

John Gallup went first to Dorchester, but soon afterward removed to Boston, where he joined the First Church, January 6, 1634. His wife, Christobel, joined on June 22 of the same year. He was made a freeman, and was one of the earliest grantees of land in the northern part of the town, having a wharf and house in the locality then known as Gallup

Point. Besides these he owned Gallup's Island, where he had a snug farm, also a meadow on Long Island and a sheep pasture on what became known as Nix's Mate. He was a skilled mariner, and made frequent trading expeditions on the coast, one of which is memorable by his encounter with the murderers of his friend, John Oldham. His vessel was the only source of communication between the two colonies of Rhode Island and Connecticut; and at one time, when his vessel had been overdue, and he was at last heard from, Roger Williams wrote to Governor Winthrop, "God be praised, John Gallup has arrived." He died January 11, 1650, at his home in Boston. His wife died there, September 27, 1655.

Their son John, born in England, came over in 1633. In 1643 he was married in Boston to Hannah Lake, daughter of John and Margaret Read Lake. Her mother was the daughter of Edmund Read, Esq., of Wickford, Essex County, England, sister of Elizabeth Read, wife of John Winthrop, Jr., Governor of Connecticut. They had ten children, one of whom was Benadam, who was born in 1655 in Stonington County. He married Esther Prentice, daughter of John and Esther Prentice, of New London, Conn. His wife was born July 20, 1660. Both were members of the Congregational church in Stonington. He died August 2, 1727, and she died in 1751, at the age of ninety-two. Lieutenant Benadam, son of the first Benadam and Esther (Prentice) Gallup, was born in 1693 at Gorton, and died September 30, 1755. He married Eunice Cobb, January 11, 1716. Their fifth son, Henry, one of their eleven children, was born October 5, 1725, and married Hannah Mason, daughter of Nehemiah and Zerviah (Stanton) Mason, October 4, 1750. He died in 1811, at the age of eighty-six, having

outlived his wife three years. She was the great-grand-daughter of Major John Mason, and was born in Stonington, June 10, 1726.

Henry Gallup, Jr., son of Henry and Hannah (Mason) Gallup and grandfather of Austin O. Gallup, was born October 17, 1758. He married November 17, 1792, Desire Stanton, by whom he had three children — Alfred, Anna, and Desire. Alfred Gallup married Eliza W. Hewitt, October 19, 1823. He died at Salem, December 24, 1854; and his wife died in New London, February 21, 1876. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters. Five of them lived to a mature age: namely, William A., Austin O., Harriet A., Laura E., and Lewis A. William A., the eldest son, was born June 28, 1827, and died August 31, 1843; Harriet A., the eldest daughter, was born October 1, 1836, in Salem; Laura E., born in Montville, May 28, 1840, is the wife of Sanford W. Haven; and Lewis A. Gallup, the youngest of the five, was born June 30, 1846.

Mr. Austin O. Gallup was brought up on the home farm, and taught his first district school at the age of twenty-one, being thus occupied for five succeeding winters. In 1854 he began the topographical survey of New York, and during the next ten years was engaged in his business in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky. He furnished the only topographical survey then made of ninety miles of the Alleghany range of mountains, which at one time was really the dividing line between the contending armies of the North and South. These plans and surveys were carried by him in person and alone, and delivered to the commanding general of the Union army a few days before the battle of Gettysburg. Upon his return he was safely escorted by a guard to a point beyond the contending armies.

He was elected Probate Judge in 1864, and died in office in 1896, having ably filled the position for many years. He represented the town of Salem in the legislature in 1877, serving on the Committee of Finance with the late Hon. David Gallup, of Plainfield, Conn. He was Selectman of Salem for eleven years and chairman of the board nine years of that time. He also served the town as School Visitor and in other minor offices. He was a Master Mason, becoming a member in New London in 1853 of Union Lodge, No. 31. In politics he was a Democrat. He joined the Congregational church in 1876, and was an active worker in early life.

Mr. Gallup married January 22, 1855, Lucy A. Rathbun, who died March 30, 1893, in the sixty-second year of her age. Mr. Gallup was a man of more than ordinary intellectual ability, taking an unusual interest in biographical and genealogical work, in which he had no equal in the county. He was large-hearted and generous, and never amassed great wealth. He left his fine farm and home to Mrs. Douglas, who so kindly cared for him in his last illness.

RAYMOND DOUGLASS, a prominent farmer of Salem village, was born in the adjacent town of Waterford, New London County, on September 3, 1839, son of John and Ann Elizabeth (Raymond) Douglass. He is descended from William Douglass, a Scotchman, born in 1610, who came to this country in 1640, bringing his son Robert, then a year old, and in 1660 settled in New London. Since that time the Douglass family have been among the influential and respected inhabitants of this region. Both father and son were coopers by trade. The former, who was a Deacon of the Presbyterian church and an earnest Christian, died

on July 2, 1682. Robert Douglass died on the 15th of January, 1715 or 1716.

Among his posterity may be found many whose names help to swell the roll-call of soldiers who fought in the Revolution and in the early Indian wars. From Robert the line continues as follows: his son Thomas was born May 15, 1679, and died on March 3, 1723-4; Robert, second, son of Thomas, was born December 28, 1705, and died in October, 1786; and his son, Thomas, second, was born August 1, 1734, and died in 1826. A third Robert, son of the second Thomas and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born on January 18, 1774, probably in New London: but his working life was spent chiefly in Waterford, where he was engaged in farming on the estate now owned by Mrs. Stanley Morgan. He died October 8, 1834. His wife, Abiah Douglass, who was born on May 25, 1775, survived him for many years, and died on the 30th of June, 1851. She was the mother of three daughters and five sons.

John Douglass, one of the five, was born in Waterford, then a part of New London, on February 23, 1811, and died in that town on March 27, 1866. His wife, Anna Elizabeth, the daughter of Josiah Raymond, of Montville, was born in Salem in 1817. They were married on December 3, 1838, and reared a family of four children—John Raymond, George R., Robert Henry, and Elizabeth H. George Ransom Douglass died on February 6, 1865, at the age of seventeen; Robert Henry Douglass is engaged in the fruit-growing industry in North Pomona, Cal.; and Elizabeth Douglass since 1896 has been in Pasadena, Cal., with her mother.

John Raymond Douglass, the eldest son, was educated in the district schools and in the Norwich and Norwich Town select schools. Politically, he is a strong Republican, and in

1885 and 1886 was in the legislature from Salem. He has been First Selectman of the town several terms. On December 24, 1864, he was united in marriage with Julia Raymond, daughter of Richard and Julia (Gardner) Raymond, of Montville. Mr. Richard Raymond died on November 30, 1878, at Montville, which had been the home of his family for many years. His wife survived until May 18, 1896, when she died at the old homestead. Of their family of nine children, four sons and three daughters grew to maturity, and all are living but one daughter.

Mrs. Douglass has many rare souvenirs and heirlooms, among them being a fine old solid mahogany secretary and bureau combined, which is known to contain a secret drawer never yet discovered. It is of most beautiful workmanship, and proclaims the mechanics and wood workers of "ye olden days" fully as artistic and skilful as those of our own times. A generous-sized painted punch bowl or tankard of glass was formerly the property of Mrs. Douglass's great-great-grandfather, and a beautiful alabaster jewel case was left by Mrs. Sigourney. There is also a china mug over two hundred years old, and Commodore Perry's flint-lock derringer with the accoutrements, including moulds and combination flask for powder and balls. Very interesting are two fans, one of which, bearing the date of 1747, belonged to Mrs. Douglass's great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth Griswold. The other is of ivory, and bears the record of the marriage, on May 26, 1774, of Mercy Raymond and John Raymond. Other relics are: a piece of sage green brocaded silk, which was part of Elizabeth Griswold's wedding dress; a rare copy of the Bible, dated 1738, and handed down from the fourth generation back; and an exposition and notes on Thessalonians, bound in full vellum, and dated 1627.

JOSEPH STANTON WILLIAMS, a well-known citizen of Stonington, son of the late Joseph Stanton Williams, Sr., and grandson of Captain Elias and Thankful (Stanton) Williams, owns and occupies a part of the old Stanton farm, near Mystic, on which he was born. This farm, originally of about two hundred and twenty acres, was the birthplace of his father and of his paternal grandmother. It was granted by a deed of gift to Thomas Stanton, the noted Indian interpreter, by Thomas and Nathaniel Beebe, January 2, 1656, the deed stating that there were two hundred acres, more or less, and eight acres of meadow. (See sketch of Elias Williams.)

Mr. Williams is of English ancestry, being a lineal descendant in the ninth generation of Robert Williams, who was born in Norwich, England, in 1593, and died in Roxbury, Mass., in 1638. Robert's son Isaac lived and died in Roxbury, where his son John, the next in line of descent, was born. John Williams married Martha, daughter of Isaac Wheeler, and removed to Stonington, where was born his son, Colonel John Williams. The line was continued through the Colonel's son, William Williams, who was born in the same place, May 1, 1716, and died July 27, 1801; and his son, Captain John Williams, born December 23, 1744, to the grandfather above named, Elias Williams, who was born in what is now North Stonington, September 28, 1773, son of Captain John Williams, and died January 31, 1808.

Mr. Williams is also the representative of another ancient and respected family of this town, Thankful Stanton, the wife of his grandfather, Elias Williams, having been a daughter of William and Hannah (Williams) Stanton, a grand-daughter of Joseph and Ann (Wheeler) Stanton, and a great-grand-daughter of Joseph, Sr., and Margaret (Cheseboro)

Stanton. Joseph Stanton, Sr., was a son of John and Hannah (Thompson) Stanton and a grandson of Thomas, the first of the name to come to America. Thomas Stanton sailed from England, January 2, 1635, in the merchantman "Bonaventura," landing in Virginia, where he remained for a time. He subsequently went to Boston, thence to Hartford, this State, and there married Ann Lord. In 1650 he established a trading post in Pawcatuck, Stonington, being one of the first settlers here, the others at that time being the Cheseboros, Miners, Palmers, and Denisons; and six years later he received the deed above mentioned.

Joseph S. Williams, Sr., was born on this farm, March 16, 1802, being one of a family of four children, two sons and two daughters, who were left fatherless at an early age. He was reared a farmer, and followed that occupation continuously, living on the homestead until his death, which occurred February 19, 1889. A man of fine physique, noted for his strength, standing six feet in height and weighing two hundred and ten pounds, he was as forceful mentally and morally as physically, and wielded great influence in the community. He was a member of the Old Road Congregational Church and one of its most active workers. He married on December 9, 1824, Julia A. Gallup, daughter of Christopher and Mrs. Martha Stanton Prentiss Gallup, and by this union was the father of eight children — Joseph S., William S., Elias, Julia A., Joseph Stanton, Charles, Warren, and Martha Ellen. Mrs. Williams, the mother, was accidentally killed by a runaway horse, May 19, 1883, at the age of seventy-six years. Joseph S., the eldest-born son, who died at the age of eight years and nine months, requested that his name be given to the subject of this sketch, who was then a babe of three or four

weeks, and, when told that they already had one Joseph S., he replied, "You will not have long." William S., the second child, died at the age of twenty-nine, leaving one daughter, Mrs. Henry Morgan, of Colchester. Elias, of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume, lives on a portion of the old homestead farm. Julia A. is the wife of Salmon C. Foote, who also occupies a part of the home farm. Charles died here at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving a widow, two sons, and a daughter. Warren died on the farm in 1865, aged twenty-five years. Martha Ellen died in childhood. The three brothers that died after reaching mature years were the victims of typhoid fever.

Joseph S. Williams was born on August 12, 1834. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and with the exception of two years passed in Yates County, New York, and six months in New Jersey, has spent his life on his native heath. He has a farm of eighty acres, most of it in a good state of culture, and carries on general agriculture with excellent success. His house, which is in good repair, is at least one hundred and twenty-five years old. It was erected by Nathan Stanton, a brother of Captain William Stanton, who lived here from 1777 until 1793, when he removed to Florida, Montgomery County, N. Y., where his descendants still reside. Mr. Williams is a staunch Democrat in politics and an ardent worker in the temperance cause. He has rendered his full share of public service, having been Postmaster when a young man and again under Cleveland's administration; Selectman four years; and one term Representative to the State legislature, to which he was elected in 1876. He is not a member of any church, but was reared a Congregationalist, and was christened in a church of that denomination.

On January 13, 1858, Mr. Williams married Elizabeth C. Foote, a native of New Marlboro, Berkshire County, Mass., and the tenth child of a family of eight sons and five daughters born to Salmon and Margaret (Taylor) Foote. Mrs. Williams's father died at the age of ninety years in 1882, and her mother in 1857, aged sixty-three years.

JOHAN A. BOWEN, Chief of Police in Norwich, was born May 25, 1843, at Voluntown, in what was then Windham County, now New London County, Connecticut. His parents were Philip A. and Charlotte C. (Gardner) Bowen. The history of the family has been traced back to Cadivor, who, about the twelfth century (1133), was of the fourth generation in Wales. He had two sons, we are told, Myrick and Griffith, from the former of whom this particular branch of the family is descended.

Griffith Bowen came to America in 1638; and Richard Bowen, the progenitor of this branch, said to have been a brother of Griffith, came about 1640, settling in Rehoboth, Mass., where in 1643 his estate was valued at two hundred and seventy pounds. From him the lineal representatives are, named in their order: Obadiah, first; Obadiah, second; Aaron; Asaph; Philip; Aaron; Philip A.; and John A., of Norwich.

Asaph Bowen was a mariner, and died at sea in 1748. Philip, his only son, had eight sons and two daughters that reached adult life. The eldest was Asaph, second; and the second was Aaron, who resided in Washington, R. I., where he owned nearly all of Bowen Hill, so named for his grandfather, Asaph Bowen. Aaron Bowen married Hannah Merrill, of Rhode Island. They had eight children, three sons and five daughters, of whom



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the sons and four daughters grew to manhood and womanhood. One daughter, Sally A., the widow of Albert Randall, an octogenarian, recently of Greenwich, R.I., is now deceased. Philip A., the youngest child, was born in Rhode Island about the year 1819. He was a stationary engineer, and during the latter years of his life he owned and kept a hotel in Franklin. He died there in 1873, survived by his wife, Mrs. Charlotte C. Gardner Bowen, who died in 1880, aged fifty-seven years. Two of their five children are now living in Norwich, namely: Lucy, the widow of Henry A. Bowen, who died in 1891; and John A., Chief of Police. James T., his twin brother, died when sixteen months old; a brother Charles died at three years; and Henry, at four years of age. The family burial lot is in Yantic cemetery.

John A. Bowen was kept in school until his eighteenth year, when he volunteered in the Fifth Connecticut Infantry, Company G, and, going to the front as a private, served four years, coming out as a Sergeant. At Resaca, Ga., he was wounded in his right hand; and at Cedar Mountain, Va., August 9, 1862, he was taken prisoner, but in November following was exchanged and returned to his regiment. Mr. Bowen became a member of the police force when it numbered but eleven, and from the lowest rank rose step by step through all the positions in the department, until in 1886 he became the Chief. This responsible position he continues to fill in a very creditable manner.

In 1865 Mr. Bowen was married in Woodstock, Conn., to Eleanor Arnold, a daughter of Samuel and Esther Arnold, of Westerly, R.I. Her father died several years ago; and her mother was left with six children, all now living, with the exception of Joseph and Rouse, who were killed on the railroad. Mr.

and Mrs. Bowen have one child, Philip E., a merchant in Webster, Mass. He is married, but has no children.

Politically, Mr. Bowen is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, F. & A. M., of which he is Marshal; Columbian Commandery, No. 4, K. T.; and Sedgwick Post, No. 1, G. A. R., in which he has served as Quartermaster, also as Assistant Inspector of the Department of Connecticut.

CAPTAIN JAMES LENNEN, a citizen of Waterford, Conn., was born in Waterford, Ireland, in 1841. His parents, John and Mary Lennen, who sailed for America in 1844 with their four children, both died on the passage, and with one child were buried at sea. The father was a farmer in good circumstances, and had with him, it is said, about six thousand dollars in gold, which with most of their goods were lost to their children. The three young orphans, two boys and a girl, were cared for by the dockmaster and his friends. The Captain's brother William is now a farm gardener in Brooklyn, N.Y.; and their sister is the wife of a Mr. O. Meyer in New York City.

James was adopted by Captain Elnathan M. Wilcox, of New London County, a resident of Mystic, and received a fair common-school education. At the age of sixteen he began to spend his summer vacations upon the water, and at the age of nineteen he left school. He continued to go on the water with Captain Wilcox till he attained his majority. His first independent venture was in the menhaden, or bony-fish, business in a company of five, their factory being at the Neck in Mystic. About the year 1882 he established works at the Delaware Breakwater. He became cap-

tain of his first craft at the age of twenty-three years. He was in the "Milo" two years, and in the "W. T. Sherman," the "John Green," and the steamer "Samuel S. Brown" about twelve years. For the past four years he has lived on shore.

Captain Lennen married in 1879 Hannah Adams Stead, who was born at Edwardsburg, Cass County, Mich., daughter of Angel and Rhoda (Buddington) Stead. Her father and mother were both natives of Connecticut. After their marriage, in 1837, they went West, and spent three years at Edwardsburg. The fever and ague then sent them back to Norwich, where Mr. Stead died in October, 1895, in the eighty-seventh year of his age. He was a farmer. Mrs. Stead still survives, and is now about eighty-four years of age. Two of her three daughters are living, namely: Mrs. Lennen; and Mary E., wife of John Hibbard, of North Woodstock. Captain and Mrs. Lennen have no children.

Mrs. Lennen is a member of the Central Baptist Church in Norwich. The Captain is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Wauregan Lodge, of Norwich. He is not active in politics, but votes the Republican ticket. He owns a place in Norwich; and in the spring of 1894 he bought the residence property at Harrison Station, where his wife and her mother are most pleasantly situated, and where he is at home when business permits. Though he is not now leading a life of such extreme activity as formerly, his business interests have grown to such proportions that they require close supervision. The penniless orphan who was cast a waif upon the waters has become a successful financier. He is still young and vigorous and a splendid type of his rugged and ruddy race over the sea. It is rather a singular coincidence that he was born in Waterford, Ireland, and has drifted after many

years to the town of the same name in the United States.

MRS. ELIZA PALMER NOYES, who resides on a small farm of thirty-eight acres at "The Road," in the town of Stonington, was born October 18, 1844, daughter of Noyes Palmer and Martha Denison (Noyes) Brown. Mrs. Noyes's mother was her husband's double cousin. Her parents had two children besides herself, namely: Annie Brown, who has been twice married, her first husband being Asa Fish, and her second John I. MacDonald, with whom she resides in Providence, R.I.; and Helen, wife of Henry Townsend, of this town, living at the old home, in the house which her father erected fifty-one years ago.

Eliza Palmer Brown and Edmund S. Noyes, son of Joseph and Grace B. (Denison) Noyes and grandson of Joseph Noyes, Sr., were married on February 5, 1867. They began their wedded life at the Road, a short distance from her present residence, in the old home of her grandfather, Thomas Noyes, who died in 1874. This house, which they subsequently bought, was built in 1706, or nearly two centuries ago. It was once the home of Colonel Giles Russell, a Revolutionary officer, of whom Mrs. Noyes has an interesting relic, the copy of a public notice written and signed by him, bearing date of May 12, 1777. The Road received its name when there was only a bridle path, over which the mail was carried on horseback. This house, which was a stopping-place for travellers, was then called an "ordinary" and later an inn. For forty years the Town Clerk's office was here, and the present kitchen in the L of the house was the room in which the business was conducted by John D. Noyes, who served as Clerk for



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forty-one years. He died in office, just two days before his successor was elected. For a long time he had been in feeble health on account of his age, he being then over eighty.

Mr. Edmund S. Noyes died May 31, 1877, aged forty-one years. Having spent his life in industrious toil, he had acquired a fair property; and he left to Mrs. Noyes and their little son Joseph, then five years old, the homestead which they occupy and another farm. Mrs. Noyes is a capable business woman; and, though her son's health would not permit of an extended schooling, as a result of her early instruction he has become a man of good business capacity. Joseph Noyes lives with his mother, never having married, and now has charge of their property. Mrs. Noyes belongs to the First Congregational Church of Stonington, Conn.

CAPTAIN THOMAS A. SCOTT, a famous diver, wrecker, and contractor of New London, Conn., was born at Snow Hill, Worcester County, Md., August 10, 1830, son of William and Elizabeth (Pruett) Scott. James Scott, his paternal grandfather, also a native of Snow Hill, was a farmer, stock-breeder, and salt manufacturer, and acquired a large property. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Burch, died at the age of ninety; while he attained the age of one hundred years. They had two sons and two daughters.

William Scott, the father of Captain Scott, was born at Snow Hill in 1795. His first wife was before marriage a Miss Pointer. The two children born of their union died young. Elizabeth Pruett, his second wife, whom he married in 1828, had previously been the wife of Zachariah Shelley, who had died leaving one son, since deceased. Her parents were

Zachariah and Susan Pruette, residents of that region, both of whom lived to be ninety years of age. William and Elizabeth (Pruett) Scott had three children — Sarah Truth, Ann Maria Hudson, and Thomas A., the subject of this biography. The daughters grew to maturity and were married, and both died leaving children. The mother died at the home of her son, March 2, 1890, at the age of eighty-eight.

Thomas A. Scott in his boyhood received a very limited education, as he shipped as a common sailor on board a merchant vessel in early life. He gradually worked his way up until in 1850 he became captain and part owner of the "Thomas Page." Seven years later he bought an interest in the "William Hone," of Connecticut, and engaged in the transportation of heavy cargoes of stone from Bridgeport, Conn., to Washington, D.C., which proved to be a very successful enterprise. After that he became a merchant in Fort Lee, N.J., but subsequently, deciding that he was then out of his element, he returned to maritime pursuits. He then began diving, a calling that he has followed more or less ever since. A steamer having been burned and sunk off Fort Lee, he contracted with the speculator who bought the wreck, to bring the cargo to the surface. From that beginning he was drawn by degrees into the kind of work which has made him famous among his craft. His first large contract as wrecker and diver was taken in 1865, which was to raise the "Dashing Wave" off Sandy Hook. Four years thereafter he was engaged at a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars a month to bring to the surface what could be saved of the cargo of the steamship "Scotland," of the National Line, which was wrecked off Sandy Hook. The recovered goods amounted to one hundred and ten thousand dollars, of which sum, including his

salary and percentage of salvage, he realized eleven thousand dollars. Here he remained under water seven hours and forty-eight minutes, breaking the records of divers' feats of endurance. Captain Scott's presence of mind, added to his quickness of thought and prompt, decisive action, make him admirably successful in his chosen line of work.


In 1873 he became a resident of New London, at which time he undertook a government contract to build Race Rock Light-house, besides many other important contracts in wharf and sea-wall building, among which may be mentioned Pier No. 1, North River, New York. He also enjoys the distinction of being the first man to work on the Brooklyn Bridge, having made all the preliminary examinations of the river bottom and superintended the work of laying the foundations of the spans. His wharf on Pequot Avenue extends two hundred feet into the harbor, and has a frontage of two hundred and fifty feet. His extensive business requires three tugs, four lighters, a pile-driver, and mud digger, besides pumps and derricks, and a working force of forty men, his equipments being equal to any emergency. In politics Captain Scott is a Republican. He has served as Alderman one term.

On September 5, 1855, he was married to Harriet Whitbeck, of Port Jefferson, L.I. She was born in Catskill, N.Y., being the daughter of John and Mary E. Ackerly. Isaac Ackerly, her grandfather, was a farmer; and her father was a paper-hanger and decorator. Mrs. Scott has one brother living—Theodore Whitbeck, who succeeds his father in business at Port Jefferson. Her brother Sidney S. Whitbeck died in April, 1896, at the age of fifty-four. Her father died at the age of seventy-three, and her mother at the age of eighty-three.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott have had twelve chil-

dren, six of whom survive: John A., Mamie, Eva L., Harriet F., Cassie V., and Thomas A., Jr. John A. Scott, born in 1859, is a merchant on his father's dock. He is married and has two daughters. Mamie Scott married William H. Hull, of New York. Eva L. married Woodruff Hull, a brother of her sister's husband, and has one son and daughter. Harriet F. is at home. Cassie V. was graduated from the high school, and then studied designing in New York. She married Joseph Hardwick, and now resides in Shelby, Ohio. Thomas A., Jr., a young man at home, was graduated from Mystic Academy. Another son, Willie A., born April 18, 1858, was lost in the Sound in 1880, while wrecking, falling overboard from the "Narragansett."

Captain Scott has a beautiful residence at 88 Pequot Avenue, surrounded by well laid out and well-kept grounds, which commands a fine view of the harbor and Fort Trumbull. He also owns White Rock Island, which is valuable for its large quantity of excellent stone. Personally, Captain Scott is a man of large physique, weighing three hundred pounds. He is held in high regard, his portly frame being typical of a generous heart and soul within.

TTO LAWSON, a well-known farmer and dairyman of Waterford, Conn., residing on his farm, about three miles north of New London, was born in Sweden, January 7, 1845. At the age of sixteen years he shipped before the mast on board the Swedish bark "Hilda," bound for New York City, via Cadiz, Spain. This was the beginning of a career as seaman that lasted for some years. During the course of his voyages he visited numerous ports and many countries.

Upon arriving at New York, he shipped on

the American schooner "Stephen S. Lee," of Philadelphia, Pa., in which he sailed for nearly a year. In 1864 he was in Buenos Ayres, and from there returned to New York City. He next went to Stockholm, Sweden, then to Northern Sweden for a cargo of lumber for Cadiz, Spain, and after going to Malaga, Montevideo, La Plata River, and other South American points, went back to New York City, where he shipped in the "Hilda" for Honduras. On this voyage a number of the men were taken sick and died suddenly, and great consternation was excited. His own feelings at that time, and the panic that spread among the crew, Mr. Lawson will never forget. At the age of twenty-three he was second mate of the "William A. Vail," of New Haven, Conn.: and in less than two months he was promoted to be first mate. He remained in this vessel for three years: and after losing her he sailed in the "William C. B.," of Noank, for eight years, five years with that noble man, Captain Daniel Chester, and three years with his brother, Captain Charles Ira Chester.

In 1878 Mr. Lawson bought twenty-two acres of land and two houses, and settled down to farming. Since that time he has made additions to his property: and he now has forty-eight acres, reaching down to the river. When he first bought the land, it would barely keep a cow and a horse. He now has four horses and sixteen cows, and sells milk to customers in New London. He carries on considerable market gardening, and employs two men to help in the farm labor. In politics Mr. Lawson is a Democrat. He has served some six years on the Board of Relief. He is a member of one of the Baptist Church Committees, and both he and his wife are members and active workers in the church.

In New London Mr. Lawson first met

Martha Cone, daughter of Oliver and Louisa (Knight) Cone; and there he married her on February 12, 1872, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Ezra Withey, of New London. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have lost a daughter, Lizzie May, born July 5, 1883, who died at the age of six and one-half years, and a son Nelson, born November 28, 1872, who died at the age of sixteen months. They have three living children: Alice, born April 14, 1877; Jennie Louisa, born October 22, 1880; and Ruth, born January 2, 1894. Alice Lawson is now the wife of F. J. Alexander, who conducts a general store at Quaker Hill, Conn.

DANIEL N. HOBRON, a retired merchant of New London, Conn., at present (winter of 1897-98) residing in Washington, D.C., was born on Hempstead Street, in New London, on October 2, 1826, being the son of Russell and Martha (Howard) Hobron. His grandfather, George Hobron, married Elizabeth Mason, and had eleven children, ten of whom grew up; namely, William, Thomas, Samuel, Charles, George, Russell, Edward, Harriet, Mary, and Dempster. Russell, Mr. Hobron's father, was born in New London on Fort Street, now Shaw Street, in 1803. For some fifty years of his mature life he was a meat dealer on the corner of Green and Banke Streets. He married in 1823 Martha, daughter of Captain John Howard, of the same place. Her father commanded a vessel, and carried passengers and freight between New York and the West Indies for many years. He was in the War of 1812. He died at the advanced age of ninety-two at his home on Howard Street, which was named for him. A remarkable and interesting fact here claims

our attention; namely, that three sisters became the wives of three brothers, Martha, Mary, and Nancy Howard marrying respectively Russell, George, and Edward Hobron.

Russell Hobron and his wife Martha had eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, only three of whom are now living: Daniel; and his brother Washington, of New York City, engaged in the fish trade; and Mrs. Mary E., widow of James Pierpont Davis, M.D., of Providence. Mrs. Davis has one daughter, who is married to Captain Henry L. Starr, and has one child. Mr. Russell Hobron died at the ripe age of eighty-five, and his wife in 1866, at the age of sixty-three.

Daniel Hobron in his boyhood attended the district school in his native place, his last school days being spent in a little frame building now used as a shoe shop, a beloved landmark, concerning which there is a feeling prevalent that it should be preserved as a relic, and removed from Banke Street to the ample grounds of the new school-house. When fourteen years of age he went into a hat store, where he worked two summers, going to school in the winter. He then entered the employ of Whiteman & Turner, grocers, still keeping up his schooling. Next he worked for six months for Eben E. Dart on Banke Street. The winter following he was clerk for A. R. Harris. Then he was with Congden & Latham a while; and in February, 1846, he went into his father's meat market as clerk, eventually succeeding him in the business on the corner of State and Green Streets. After a time he sold out to Samuel Stewart; and four years ago the business passed into the hands of Thomas & Gumble, the latter member of this firm being Mr. Hobron's son-in-law.

In 1858 Mr. Hobron married Mary Isabella Pitcher, who died December 11, 1863, leaving

one living child, a daughter Ruth. This daughter married a Mr. Phillips, and resides in Sagamore, Mass. She has three children. In November, 1871, Mr. Hobron married Ellen Elizabeth Saunders, of New London, the daughter of the venerable Matthew S. Saunders. She died April 17, 1889. By this marriage there were two children—Mabel and Nina. Mabel is the wife of Frank W. Gumble, of the above-mentioned firm, and the mother of one child, an interesting boy, five years old, named Wolcott for Mr. Hobron's brother, who was killed in the Civil War. Nina, a most promising girl of twelve, died six months after her mother's death.

That Mr. Hobron has had some varied experiences in life may be shown by the fact that within three years he had in his family three births, two marriages, and two deaths. He is now living in Washington, D.C. He built a block in 1877. He is still hale and hearty, and enjoys a life of ease but not idleness, his time being well occupied. His fine health and vigor have been secured to him by his correct habits of living. His tastes and character are refined and cultured, and he evinces much skill in an accomplishment rarely cultivated by one of his sex—namely, embroidery. His friends have many a souvenir of his art. Mr. Hobron is independent in matters of religious belief, being bound to no creed or church. It is noteworthy that he never drank a glass of liquor in his life, never was so sick as to have to call in a doctor, and he never shot a gun of any kind.

ELIAS B. HINCKLEY, Judge of Probate, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer in Stonington, was born here, February 19, 1852, son of Henry Hinckley. He is of English extraction, the emigrant ances-

tor having been Samuel Hinckley, who came from Tenterden, County Kent, England, to Boston in 1634, sailing in the good ship "Hercules," commanded by Captain Witherly. A fellow-passenger in the "Hercules" was Nathaniel Tilden, from whom Samuel J. Tilden, of national fame, was descended. In 1635 Samuel Hinckley settled in Scituate, Mass., where two years later he was made a freeman. In 1640 he removed to Barnstable, Mass., where he died October 31, 1662, leaving three sons and some daughters. Thomas, the eldest son, became Governor of Plymouth Colony. John, another son, was the next progenitor of the branch of the family to which Elias B. Hinckley belongs. John Hinckley's son, Samuel, born in Barnstable, February 2, 1670, settled in Stonington, being the first of the family to come here. A son of this Samuel, also named Samuel, born in Stonington, March 4, 1706, had a son, Abel, who, born April 10, 1743, spent his life here, and died March 20, 1818.

Samuel Hobart Hinckley, son of Abel and the grandfather of Elias B., was born in Stonington, December 26, 1772, and died here, November 19, 1862, being almost ninety years old. He was a farmer by occupation and fairly successful in his operations. His first marriage was contracted with Abigail Helms, of this town, who bore him seven children; namely, Samuel, Abby, Abel, Elias B., B. Frank, Henry, and Mary Esther. Samuel lived but a year; Abby, who became the wife of George D. Cross, reared seven sons and five daughters; Mary Esther is the widow of Charles M. Davis, late of Stonington; Elias and Mary are the only survivors now. After the death of his first wife, which occurred while she was yet in the prime of womanhood, the father married Mrs. Nancy P. (Clark) Chapman, who proved herself a true

mother to her step-children, and was dearly beloved by her grandchildren.

Henry Hinckley, who was born in this town, July 15, 1809, is still living on his farm at Wequetquoock, near where the greater part of his long and useful life has been passed. He bears his burden of years with ease and dignity, being as active in mind and body as most men a score of years younger. On December 12, 1838, he married Prudence Mary Chesebro, a daughter of Thomas R. and Mercy Chesebro, and a descendant of William Chesebrough (or Chesebro), who was born in England in 1594, and was the first white settler in Stonington, Conn. After a happy wedded life of fifty-eight years she passed to another life on September 9, 1896, at the age of seventy-nine years and six months. She reared seven children, namely: Mary, who was the wife of Charles E. Chace, of Mystic, and died March 24, 1881, leaving one daughter; Abbie H., who married Charles H. Babcock, then the Superintendent of Schools in Westerly, R.I., and a member of the Stonington School Board of Visitors, and died March 14, 1883, aged forty-two years, leaving two daughters and a son; Thomas H., of Springfield, Mass.; Eliza C., who is the widow of the late William H. Palmer, of this town, and has one son, Bert Palmer; Vincent, unmarried, who lives on the home farm; Elias B., the subject of this sketch; and James B., of New Haven.

Elias B. Hinckley was reared to agricultural pursuits on the old homestead on Hinckley Hill. He had acquired a fair education in his district, when on account of ill health he was obliged to leave school at the age of seventeen years. He subsequently worked in a market for his brother about four years. From 1876 to 1880, in company with Calvin Wheeler, he was engaged in the meat and pro-

vision business. Then he was a book-keeper for four years, in the employment of Nathan H. Gates, a leading contractor of Stonington. This position he resigned in 1882 to become clerk in the auditor's office of the Stonington & Providence Railroad Company. On August 9, 1886, he was appointed Postmaster by President Cleveland; and he held the office until February 1, 1891. In the fall of 1890 he was elected Town Clerk. A year later he was chosen Town Treasurer, which responsible position he has since filled most acceptably. In 1892 he was elected Probate Judge, after an exciting contest, by a majority of three. The outcome was doubted by the former incumbent, a Democrat nominated by the Republicans, who was the defeated candidate, and who fruitlessly carried it to the Superior Court. In 1894 Mr. Hinckley was re-elected by a majority of thirty-seven, defeating the regular Republican nominee. In 1896 he was again re-elected, receiving two hundred and fifty-eight more votes than his opponent, whom he had beaten in the previous election. He has discharged the duties of his office with ability and fidelity. While the Democrats find in him one of their most active workers, Stonington claims him as one of her most loyal and faithful citizens.

Mr. Hinckley has been twice married. On October 23, 1876, Miss Fannie Clift, a daughter of Horace and Frances (Burrows) Clift, of Mystic River, became his wife. She died August 28, 1885, aged twenty-nine years, leaving two children, namely: Eleanor, who is now in school; and Hobart, who died at the age of eight years. On December 20, 1893, Mr. Hinckley married Grace M. Levey, a daughter of Antoine Levey, of this borough. She has given birth to one child, a beautiful little girl, Thelma, now three years of age. Mr. Hinckley is an active member of the

Royal Arcanum, Pequot Council, of which he has been secretary for thirteen years.

JOHN TURNER ALLYN, whose last years were spent in New London as an agriculturist, followed the sea in his younger days until obliged to give up that occupation on account of poor health. Born in New London, March 10, 1838, he was the only son of Captain Lyman and Emma (Turner) Allyn, who also had five daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Harriet U. Allyn, widow of James Allyn. He was educated at Cheshire Episcopal Academy and at Monson Academy in Monson, Mass. Mr. Allyn was a Master Mason, a member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M., of New London. He died February 23, 1887, before completing his forty-ninth year.

Mr. John Turner Allyn and Miss Lucretia L. Brown were united in marriage on January 30, 1873, and were the parents of one child, Mary Seymour Allyn, who was born February 25, 1874, and died October 6, the same year, aged seven months and eleven days. Mrs. Allyn is the youngest daughter of the late Nathan S. and Sarah F. (Browning) Brown, and a grand-daughter of Daniel and Delight (Strickland) Brown, of Waterford, Conn. She now resides with her husband's sister, Mrs. Harriet U. Allyn, above mentioned.

Nathan S. Brown was a farmer of Waterford and a very prominent citizen of that town. He was active in town affairs, and held many of the important offices, being Justice of the Peace when a very young man, and subsequently Assessor and Selectman. He was born in Waterford on March 1, 1811, and was married on September 9, 1835. His wife, Sarah, who was born April 27, 1817, was a daughter of Rouse and Ruth (Morey)



JOHN L. ALLYN

Browning. Mr. Browning was the owner of the fine old Browning Beach farm, which is now owned by Ezra J. Hempstead. He was of the sixth generation from Nathaniel Browning, who came from England, and settled in South Kingston, R.I. Nathaniel's great-grandson Ephraim, who was born in 1746 and died in 1826, was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Allyn. He removed from Rhode Island to Waterford, and bought a large tract of land, which was added to by his son Rouse, and which now forms a part of the Browning farm. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Davis, died in 1832, at a very advanced age. Rouse Browning was a very prosperous farmer. He was a Baptist in religious faith, very active in the denomination and very benevolent. The land upon which the Quaker Hill Church is built was given by him. His wife, Ruth, who was a native of Stonington, Conn., was the mother of ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom Sarah, Mrs. Brown, was the eldest. Nathan S. and Sarah F. Brown had a family of three sons and three daughters, all of whom are living except Nathan, the eldest son, who died in 1860, at the age of twenty years. The survivors are: Delia S. Brown, the eldest daughter; Elizabeth C.; and Mrs. Allyn—all residing in New London; Orlando H. Brown, who is in business in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Charles J. Brown, in this city, a well-known business man, who has a family of six sons and a daughter.

JOSEPH EDWARD LEONARD was for a long period a prominent business man of the town of Griswold, his home for the greater part of his life being about four miles from Jewett City, on the Leonard farm, which, when it was sold in April, 1897,

had been in the family nearly two hundred years. Mr. Leonard was born September 6, 1838, and died October 22, 1896, at the age of fifty-eight years.

His father, Deacon Joseph Leonard, was born in 1802, and died at the homestead in 1887. Deacon Leonard married Laura Johnson, of Jewett City, and was the father of eight children. Of this family two sons and two daughters are now living, namely: George, in Wisconsin; Mrs. Maria French, a widow, residing in Appleton, Wis.; Mrs. Sarah Geer, in Griswold; and Howard, in Jewett City.

Mr. Joseph E. Leonard carried on a large business in flour, grain, and feed for sixteen years, handling also farming implements and machinery, and was connected with a fire insurance company. In these various lines of business he was successful, bringing to bear in each the sound judgment and keen insight into affairs that were his native gifts. He accumulated a handsome property, which was bequeathed to his family. The fine grain elevator now in use was erected soon after he began business. Mr. Leonard was active also as a citizen, and was deeply interested in all local affairs. He was a Republican in politics, and represented his town in the State legislature. He was for many years a Justice of the Peace, and held that position up to the time of his death. Like his father he was a Deacon of the Congregational church, and he was active in Sunday-school.

He married March 5, 1862, Martha E. Northup, who was born at Manchester on August 24, 1836, daughter of the late Rev. B. F. and Martha (Stillman) Northup. Her father was a clergyman of the Congregational church, and was settled for twenty-four years at Manchester, Conn., and for seventeen years at Griswold. He was a man of great learning,

and firmly grounded in the doctrines of his faith, being a graduate of Yale College and of Andover Theological Seminary. Of deep and fervent piety, he was a preacher of persuasive eloquence, and became to the members of his congregation a safe counsellor and a tender shepherd. Naturally sympathetic and unselfish, he made the burdens of his people his own, and was ever ready to aid the suffering or visit the distressed and afflicted. His first wife, Martha Stillman, above named, was a native of Wethersfield. She died in 1843, leaving six of the eight children born to her, all of whom are now deceased except Mrs. Leonard and an elder sister, Mrs. Fannie Prentice, widow of Nehemiah Prentice, residing at Union Hall, N.J. The Rev. Mr. Northup died in 1875, at the age of seventy-five years. His second wife, Elizabeth C. Bull, died at the age of eighty-four in 1891 at Mrs. Leonard's home.

Mrs. Leonard was educated in the schools of Norwich Town and Springfield. Inheriting scholarly aptitudes from her father, she has always been a reader of the best literature, and has been able to foster and cultivate a taste for the same in her children. She was bereft of an infant son some years ago, and has two children living: Fred Stillman Leonard; and a daughter, Bessie Northrop Leonard. Mr. Fred Leonard graduated from the New Britain schools, and subsequently taught school, being very successful, and finally receiving an appointment as assistant principal of the Jewett City graded school. Since the death of his father Mr. Fred S. Leonard has succeeded to the business, and is now devoting himself to that. He is a young man of refined tastes, with musical ability, and of high moral character. His sister, a graduate of the New Britain Normal School, kindergarten department, has taught in New

York and in Northampton, and has met with marked success.

In the fall of 1896 Mrs. Leonard left the farm, and moved into Jewett City, where she has rented a pleasant and commodious house.

JOHAN MORAN, a well-known and successful business man of New London, Conn., was born in Ottawa, Canada, in November, 1847, being the eldest son of John and Mary Jane (Devine) Moran.

His father, John Moran, Sr., was a native of Ireland, born in County Waterford in 1813. At nineteen years of age, in 1833, he came to Canada, and was one of the early settlers of Ottawa, where he followed tailoring for some years. He then removed to Fitzroy Harbor, and at that place he worked at farming in addition to tailoring. Although possessed of but small means when he came to this country, he amassed considerable property; and, being a man of much intellectual ability, he was elected to various public offices, including that of City Councilman. In 1844, at Fitzroy Harbor, he married Mary Jane Devine, who came from Ireland in the "Belle Castle," the same year that he came, but was thirteen weeks on the voyage, four weeks longer than he. She came with her brother; and they spent the first year after their arrival in Quebec, where she first met Mr. Moran. Four sons and two daughters were born to them, and all grew to maturity. They were named: John, Mary, James, Bridget, Mathias R., and Patrick. Mary Moran married Edward Dooner, and died leaving an infant son. James Moran, who has never married, is engaged in the lumber trade in New London. Bridget, widow of John O'Brien, is living in New York City. Mathias R. Moran, who was a well-known railroad man and superintendent

of the Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West Railroad, Florida, died in New London in July, 1895, leaving a family. Patrick Moran is on the New London police force. He has a wife and children. Mr. and Mrs. John Moran, Sr., removed from Canada to New Jersey, where they resided five years, and then came to New London, and spent their declining years with their son John. The father died in 1885, and the mother ten years later, in 1895, in her eighty-sixth year. Both were devout Catholics, and they reared their children in that faith.

John Moran, the special subject of this sketch, left the common schools quite early, and became a clerk in the lumbermen's supply store at Brudenell, Canada, kept by his father, who also carried on a large farm. He continued to live at home until his marriage. In 1884 Mr. Moran bought out the livery business of Elias Dennison, which was established over fifty years ago, and at once tore down the old barns, and replaced them with a fine large building one hundred and twenty feet deep, forty feet wide, and two and one-half stories in height. He employs seven men, and keeps thirty-five horses in all, nineteen of which are his own, the others being boarders. He carries on the largest livery business in New London. Since January 1, 1889, Mr. Moran has also been associated with Caulkins & Prentis, supplying them with coaches and horses.

Mr. Moran married first Miss Elizabeth C. Murphy, of Canada. She died in New Jersey in 1883, aged twenty-eight years, leaving four children, namely: Mary F., now a young lady of eighteen, who has just been graduated from the Young Ladies' High School as the valedictorian of her class, in which there were twenty besides herself, and who is also an accomplished pianist; E. Letitia, who is in the

Meriden Convent; Helen Gertrude, an attendant of the Young Ladies' High School; and Elizabeth, who is also in school. In 1885 Mr. Moran married Miss Alice Quinn, of Canada, a daughter of Patrick Quinn, one of seven Irishmen well known in the history of Canada, who went into the woods on foot some six hundred miles from Montreal to Ramsey County, and began the opening up of that part of Canada, which now has attained a high degree of civilization. There are no children by Mr. Moran's second marriage.

The family reside at 9 Huntington Street, in the house that he built in 1888. Politically, Mr. Moran is a Democrat. He has served in the City Council.

GEORGE ELDREDGE, a highly respected citizen of Mystic, residing in the house in which he was born September 22, 1834, is a son of Elam and Hannah (Fitch) Eldredge, and comes both of English and Irish ancestors. The Eldredge family came to this country from England, and settled in Massachusetts. George, the father of Elam and son of Thomas, married Hannah Burrows, who bore him eight sons and a daughter; namely, Elam, Nathan, Charles, Delight, George, Thomas, Winthrop, Robert, and William, all of whom, with the exception of Winthrop, who died young, married and had children. Several of the sons were mariners, and more than one lived to pass the age of fourscore. Their mother died in 1847, aged eighty-two, and their father in 1850, at the same age. Daniel Eldredge, brother of George Eldredge, Sr., was one of the wounded at the battle of Fort Griswold.

Elam Eldredge was at one time master of a coasting-vessel, making trips as far South as Florida. He subsequently engaged in the

fish business. He was twice married, his first wife being in maidenhood Eunice Burrows, daughter of Elam Burrows, of Mystic, Conn. For his second wife he married Hannah Fitch, who was born December 28, 1803, daughter of Chester and Deborah (Packer) Fitch, of Mystic. There were seven children by this union, four sons and three daughters, all of whom attained maturity. Those now living are: Hannah, wife of Henry Latham, of Mystic; George, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Eunice B., who resides with her brother; and Mary E., who lives in this vicinity. The father died in 1870, aged seventy-seven, and the mother on May 27, 1885, lacking just seven months of reaching her eighty-second year. George Eldredge received his education chiefly in the excellent district schools of his native town; and, having a taste for the higher mathematics, he subsequently devoted considerable time to that study. In 1854, at the age of twenty, he began learning the blacksmith's trade. For some years he was employed in a machine shop, and he was later engaged in the meat business for fifteen years. Since 1892 he has lived retired.

On October 3, 1860, Mr. Eldredge was joined in marriage with Susan Moody Kemp, of Mystic. She died in 1883, at the age of forty-seven, leaving no children. Mr. Eldredge is a stanch Democrat, and has served two terms in the Connecticut legislature, in 1883 and 1889.

WHEELER BROTHERS, blacksmiths in that part of North Stonington, Conn., known as Mill Town, are the proprietors of a long-established and prosperous business, the firm consisting of J. O. Wheeler and his brother, Thomas W.

Wheeler. Both these gentlemen were born in the village where they now live, the birth of J. O. Wheeler having occurred June 5, 1818, and that of Thomas W., October 20, 1822. Their grandfather, Lester Wheeler, was among the early farmers of this community. He and his wife, Eunice Lewis Wheeler, reared a large family of sons and daughters, among them being Jesse Wheeler, father of Messrs. Wheeler, the subjects of this sketch.

Jesse Wheeler was born in Stonington, May 28, 1786, and was reared to man's estate on the home farm. A natural mechanic, he turned his talents to good use, learning the blacksmith's trade in his youth at Central Farm in Stonington. In 1812 he settled at Mill Town, buying a smithy that had already been used for some years; and here he followed his chosen occupation until his death, January 16, 1852. On May 30, 1811, he married Nancy Peckham, who was born in North Stonington, July 31, 1793, and died at Mill Town, March 9, 1885. They were the parents of four children; namely, Stephen H., Elisha P., J. O., and Thomas W. Stephen H. Wheeler, born March 6, 1812, was a blacksmith at Old Mystic, where he died when about seventy years of age, leaving a family, of whom but one daughter is now living. Elisha P. Wheeler, born December 15, 1815, for many years a machinist at Shannock, R.I., died there at the age of forty-two years, leaving a widow and three sons, of whom two are living, namely: Van Rensselaer, a carriage smith in New London, Conn.; and Edward, who is a clerk and president of the Providence Horse Shoe Company in Providence, R.I., and is a noted singer, more especially of sacred music, his services being in demand in church and camp meetings.

J. O. Wheeler learned the blacksmith's



THOMAS W. WHEELER.

trade of his father, beginning when a very young lad; and at the age of twelve years he was able to set shoes, a part of the business in which he became exceptionally skilful. During the sixty-six years in which he was actively employed, he shod many hundred horses and a great number of oxen, besides doing the miscellaneous work required in a country smithy. He was in company with his father for many years, subsequently forming a partnership with his brother, Thomas W. In 1850 the old shop, built some eighty years before, was torn down, and the present one erected. These brothers have never swerved from the religious faith in which they were brought up, both being members of the Third Baptist Church, to which their parents also belonged. They occupy the same residence, a large, attractive house; and on either side of them are several tenement houses which they own, the whole forming a pleasant little hamlet.

Thomas W. Wheeler was married November 7, 1844, to Emily E. Brown, of North Stonington, a daughter of Cyrus W. and Elizabeth (Babcock) Brown. Her parents reared a family of seven sons and three daughters, all of whom are living but one, unless William Brown, who went to Australia some years ago, has since died. Mr. Brown was a farmer, and carried on his occupation until his death, at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow survived him three years, dying at the same age. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have one child, Nancy Mary, wife of ex-Judge William H. Hillard, of this town. Mr. Wheeler is a man of literary tastes and talents, and for some years has been an occasional correspondent for Western papers, writing under his own signature. He is an active member of the Democratic party, and has served his fellow-townsmen in several

official capacities. He has been Constable, for eight years was Town Clerk, and for three years was Probate Judge. In these positions, when he needed an assistant, he had the services of Mrs. Wheeler, who proved herself a most efficient helper, being a woman of more than ordinary intelligence and ability.

ELISHA POST, a contractor and builder of Pequot, New London, Conn., was born in Bozrah, July 11, 1853, son of John and Nancy M. (Rogers) Post.

The paternal grandfather, Elisha Post, a farmer of Bozrah, had a family of two sons and five daughters, of whom John was born on the old farm, December 17, 1825. John Post in early manhood followed the occupations of mechanic, wheelwright, and shoemaker; but he later settled upon his father's large farm, of which he subsequently became the proprietor. In 1847 he married Nancy Maria Rogers, of Norwich, Conn., and they had seven children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Alfred R., a painter and decorator of Beanhill; Elisha, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; John E., a farmer and dairyman of Norwich; Nancy M., wife of C. J. Wilson, of Natick, Mass.; and Charlotte R., wife of F. L. Weaver at Beanhill. The mother died in 1896, at the age of sixty-six.

Elisha Post was reared on the old farm, and received his education in the district school. His leisure moments in early youth were few, as, when not employed on the farm or in attending school, he found plenty of occupation in the shop and grist-mill. In 1877 he left home to engage in farming in Norwich, where he remained some years. Coming to New London in the spring of 1888, for four years he was occupied in teaming and jobbing. In

1892 he began taking contracts for stone work, grading, and concrete walks. He owns two quarries in this vicinity, employs regularly ten or twelve men and not unfrequently forty or more. He has established a reputation for reliable work, and has a large and growing business. In 1892 he bought a piece of land, and erected thereon his present residence. In politics he is a Republican. February 28, 1878, Mr. Post married Lilly A. Chapman, of Salem, an adopted daughter of William A. and Tabitha Chapman. Mrs. Post is a member of the Baptist church. Both she and her husband are much respected in New London, where they have many friends.

THE NIANTIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY, a joint stock concern located in East Lyme, Conn., consists of three of the best known woollen manufacturers in the United States: David R. Campbell, president of the company; William Park, agent and treasurer of the mills; and Angus Park, secretary.

William Park, first, the paternal grandfather of the Park brothers, was a Scotchman, and was engaged in lead mining in that country throughout his life. He reared four sons and two daughters. The sons, named respectively James, John, Thomas, and William, are now living. All four became woollen manufacturers, James pursuing this occupation in Australia, John and Thomas in their native town, Galashiels, Scotland.

William, second, the youngest son, and the father of Messrs. William and Angus Park, of East Lyme, is also a woollen manufacturer, now retired. He was born in Scotland in October, 1830. He married in 1852 in Galashiels, Scotland, Catherine Campbell, who

was born in Elgin, Scotland, in 1836. Her father, Angus Campbell, who was a woollen spinner and a master at his trade, was a brother of David R. Campbell, the president of the Niantic Company. Mr. William Park, second, left Scotland with his family in the fall of 1872, and settled in Sherbrooke, Canada, where he was engaged with his sons in the manufacture of woollen fabrics for twenty-one years. His children were ten in number. Six of them are now living; namely, Angus, William, James, George, Thomas, and Eunice. Angus and William are mentioned above; James and Thomas are employees of the Niantic Manufacturing Company; George is a designer of patterns in Pittsfield, Mass.; Eunice is the wife of William T. Mountain, and resides in Sherbrooke, Canada, the home of her parents.

William Park, the third of the name in direct line here recorded, began work at the age of twelve in the factory of the Paton Manufacturing Company at Sherbrooke, Canada, the largest woollen manufacturers in this country. He was promoted in due course, and at the age of twenty-five became a designer. Five years later he was appointed superintendent of the mill, which contained thirty sets, and manufactured all kinds of wool fabrics, including fancy Pullman rugs, worsted suitings, overcoating, tweeds, etc.; and in two years' time, upon the death of the former incumbent, he was made manager of the concern. He continued in charge of the Paton mill until 1894, when he came to East Lyme as the treasurer of the Niantic Company.

He was married in Sherbrooke in 1887 to Emma Witcher, of that place, daughter of John and Jane (Crawford) Witcher, both of Canada. Her grandfather, John Witcher, was an Englishman, and was a purser in the royal navy of Great Britain. Mr. and Mrs.

William Park, of East Lyme, have four children, two daughters and two sons, comprising a very interesting family. Eunice, the eldest child, is nine years of age; Mabel is seven; Angus, five; and Raymond, three years old. Mr. William Park is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is connected with the Canadian Order of Foresters. All the members of the family are Presbyterians.

Angus Park, secretary of the Niantic Manufacturing Company, began, as did his younger brother, at the very foundation of the business. He was placed in a woollen-mill in Scotland at the age of thirteen, and by his own industry worked his way up to his present responsible position. While still a resident of Sherbrooke, he was married in 1880 to Elizabeth Eadie, of that place. Her father, Nathaniel Eadie, who was a manufacturer of woollen goods in Preston, England, came to Canada in 1872, and is now a dry-goods merchant of Sherbrooke. The children of Mr. Angus Park are: Margaret Alice, Catherine Campbell, and William George. He is a member of the Order of Foresters.

David R. Campbell, the great-uncle of the Park brothers, is one of the oldest and most successful manufacturers in the United States. He began life in New York at the lowest round of the ladder. Deeming honest toil ennobling and idleness a disgrace, he took advantage of the earliest opportunity for work which offered itself, and, though not reduced by financial straits, was first employed as a hod-carrier. But few men have made a grander success in life than has Mr. Campbell, the president of this company; and he refers with commendable pride to his youthful struggles in America.

This mill was originally started seventeen years ago by A. P. Sturtevant, and was operated on ladies' cloths. The mill property was

purchased by these gentlemen in 1894, and many and expensive improvements have since been made, until it is now ranked among the best manufactories of the country. It is an eight-set mill, with forty looms and one hundred and ten hands. Cassimeres and cheviot goods for men's wear are manufactured exclusively, the company carrying a capital stock of seventy-five thousand dollars. Mr. Campbell and his nephews own handsome residences, bought soon after coming here; and each has taken an active part in the business, social, and educational affairs of the flourishing little hamlet of East Lyme.

JAMES S. WILLIAMS, an ex-conductor on the New London & Northern Railroad, a resident of New London, Conn., was born on September 13, 1827, in Stonington, this county. His parents were Thomas W. and Lucy Ann (Fairfield) Williams. His paternal grandfather, James, Sr., was a descendant of the Williams family in Roxbury, Conn. He was by occupation a farmer. He died young, leaving his wife, whose maiden name was Wheeler, with seven children. They have all since passed to the life immortal. James, Jr., who was unmarried, was lost at sea in middle age.

Thomas W. Williams, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Stonington in 1803; and his wife was born in 1807 in Woodstock, Windham County. They were married in 1825. Eight children blessed their union, and four of them are now living; namely, Lydia Ann, James S., George, and Mary E. Lydia Ann, widow of Angel Wheaton, resides in Wheaton, Conn. George Williams is a conductor on the West Shore Railroad of New York. Mary E. Williams is abroad, traveling in Egypt. A Mary, earlier born, died in

infancy. Thomas Williams, a brother, now deceased, was a farmer in Pomfret, Conn. Another brother, David F. (also deceased), was a conductor on the New London & Western & Palmer Railroad, and the New York Central, and was also superintendent of the Troy & Saratoga Railroad. He was a clear-headed man, with much force of character. While on the New York Central Road he showed his bravery and self-possession by successfully combating three or four sporting men who annoyed and intimidated a carload of passengers and also made an assault on him. The sum of one hundred dollars and fifty cents, which was raised for him on the train in grateful acknowledgment of his valor, he declined to receive; but, the testimonial later taking the form of a chair, he accepted it. Afterward the same sporting men presented him with a purse of five hundred dollars and a handsome diamond pin, which he finally accepted and utilized. The chair he left to his brother James, the pin to his sister Mary.

James S. Williams in his boyhood acquired a common-school education, and at the age of seventeen began life on his own account, his father having given him his time. For a while he was engaged in farming. Then going to Dennisonville, now Dennison, he was employed three years as clerk in a store. In 1852 he entered the railroad service as baggage-master on the train, and two weeks later he was made conductor of a freight train. In less than two years he was appointed conductor of a passenger train, and this position he continued to hold for nearly forty years. During his long service no accident and no damage to the railroad property was ever chargeable to him. Since his retirement from the railroad he has officiated as agent of the Steamboat Company.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1850, he was united in marriage with Mary E. Adams, of Pomfret, Conn., where his parents lived and died on the farm, and where he had his home from 1830 to 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Williams then removed to Palmer, Mass., remaining fifteen years, thereafter coming to New London. Since 1891 they have resided at 4 Pleasant Street. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have had four children, two of whom are living, namely: Charles C., a trainman residing here, who is married and has two daughters and one son; and Jennie, who is the widow of Judge John G. Crump, lives in this city, and has two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Williams lost an infant daughter and a daughter Nellie, who died at the age of two and a half years.

In politics Mr. Williams affiliates with the Republican party. Fraternally, he is a Mason, belonging to Brainard Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M.; and to the Royal Arch Chapter. He and his wife are highly respected members of the Second Congregational Church of New London. Personally, Mr. Williams is a man of fine mental and physical strength.

HON. JOHN T. WAIT.—Among the many things for which Norwich is notable, is the fact that she has within her borders an honored resident who is the oldest practising lawyer in the State, the Hon. John Turner Wait, for nearly sixty years a member of the bar, and still not only active in his profession, but keenly alive to the interests of the community which he has so effectively served in his long and distinguished public career.

Born in New London, Conn., August 27, 1811, Mr. Wait lost his father by death while yet very young, and removed with his mother



JOHN T. WAIT.

to Norwich, here obtaining his early education. Reaching a suitable age, he received nearly three years' mercantile training, after which he decided to adopt the profession of law. Resuming his early studies, he therefore passed a year at Bacon Academy, Colchester, and two years at Washington, now Trinity, College, Hartford. He then studied law with the Hon. Lafayette S. Foster and the Hon. Jabez W. Huntington, and was admitted to the bar in 1836, beginning practice in Norwich, which has since had in him a most conspicuous figure. In 1842 he was appointed aide-de-camp on the staff of the late Governor Cleveland, while in 1842-44 and 1846-54 he was State's attorney for New London County. When the Bar Library Association of the county was organized in 1874, he was elected as president, to which position he has been re-elected every year since. In the years 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1857 he was the candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket, which each time failed of election. In 1864 he was chosen as a war Democrat to be first elector at large on the Lincoln and Johnson ticket, the Republican Convention nominating him by acclamation. He was a member of the State Senate in 1865 and 1866, serving at both sessions as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and the last year as President *pro tempore*. During the years 1867, 1871, and 1873 he was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, serving the first year as Speaker, for which position his party nominated him by acclamation. In 1874 he was candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Republican ticket, which was unsuccessful. In 1876 he was elected to fill a vacancy in the Forty-fourth Congress; and he was also re-elected five times, thus serving eleven years, after which he declined a further renomination.

While a member of Congress Mr. Wait served on some of its most important committees, and he looked after the interests of his constituents with such untiring vigilance that his popularity became as widespread as it was enduring; and it may be truly said that no man in the State to-day has more and firmer friends than the Hon. John T. Wait.

In his law practice Colonel Wait has been eminently successful, his commanding influence at the bar bringing in hundreds of important cases, which he has conducted with signal ability in the county, State, and United States courts. As a public speaker his services have always been in active demand; and his literary acquirements have been duly recognized in the degrees of Master of Arts, bestowed upon him by Trinity and Yale Colleges, and Doctor of Laws by Howard University and Trinity College.

Mr. Wait is a member of the New London County Historical Society and the Sons of the American Revolution, an honorary member of the Norwich Board of Trade and the Arcanum Club, and has been president of the I. K. A., a Trinity College society, since its incorporation. He is also one of the incorporators of the William W. Backus Hospital, the foundation of which institution he was active in promoting. He has, too, been president of the Eliza Huntington Memorial Home since its establishment, and has been prominently identified with numerous financial and trust institutions.

As an indication of the respect and affection felt for Mr. Wait by all classes of people, we need only mention that his every public appearance has been greeted with enthusiasm, the warmth of which has been amply attested by his numerous elections to public office. It may be added, too, that, on his retirement from the speakership at the session of 1867,

he was presented by the members of the house with a handsome silver set suitably inscribed, "as a testimonial of their appreciation of his ability, urbanity, and impartiality in discharging his duties of the chair." From Sedgwick Post, No. 1, G. A. R., of which he was chosen an honorary member, he also received in 1887 a richly engraved badge of solid gold, denominating him "the soldiers' friend"; while a history of Connecticut's part in the Rebellion was formally dedicated to him by the author. The Military and Civil History of Connecticut was dedicated to Mr. Wait in these words: "To John Turner Wait, late Speaker of the House of Representatives, a patriot whose only son fell in defence of his country, and whose many acts of kindness have endeared him to the soldiers of Connecticut, this volume, the records of their services and sufferings, is cordially dedicated."

Colonel Wait comes of good old Revolutionary stock, and is connected by blood with many of the leading families in Connecticut. He married in 1842 Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, who died in 1868; and he has not remarried. Of his three children two survive. His son, Lieutenant Marvin Wait, left college at the age of eighteen, enlisted in the Union army, served with distinguished courage on the field, and fell mortally wounded in the gallant charge of the Connecticut Brigade at Antietam.

Hale and hearty at the age of nearly eighty-three, Colonel Wait is still seen daily upon our streets and at his office, as active as most men twenty years his junior. A courteous gentleman of the old school, he is a respected neighbor, an honored friend, and a welcome visitor wherever he goes; and Norwich is proud to own him as one of her foremost citizens. (From the souvenir edition of the Norwich *Evening Record*, 1894.)

MRS. LOUISA B. GILLET, of Colchester, widow of Solomon T. Gillet, was born and reared in Hebron, Conn., daughter of Abel Bissel and Lucy (Post) Bissel. She is the last living member of a family of two sons and six daughters. Her brothers were Abel and Benjamin Bissel. The former was a merchant and farmer of Cazenovia, N. Y., where he died in July, 1885, at the age of eighty years. Benjamin, who was a farmer, kept up the old home in Hebron, which, in the days when Mrs. Gillet lived there, was one of the best estates in that section of the country.

Mrs. Gillet's marriage with Solomon T. Gillet took place October 18, 1832. He was a farmer of Colchester, where, after the ceremony, they resided on a farm about two miles east of the village. Mr. Gillet's parents were Caleb and Civil (Huntington) Gillet. The first representative of the Gillets in Colchester was Josiah, who came from Windsor, Conn., and, with the family of Strongs, settled in the eastern part of the town. His descendant, Eliphalet, was the grandfather of Solomon T. The father, who was born in Colchester in 1763, died in 1830. Solomon T. died January 26, 1868, at the age of sixty years. His children were: Abel Bissel Gillet, who died September 20, 1860, in Vernon, Conn.; and Louisa, now the widow of the late Phineas Rollin Strong. Phineas R. Strong, who was a son of Ebenezer and Electa (Foster) Strong, followed the trade of machinist. At one time he was an undertaker in Colchester. He was a reader; and he took much pleasure in genealogical research, on which subject he was an authority. He was a member of the Genealogical Society. His wife was an able and enthusiastic assistant in his researches. He took an active part in public affairs, and was for twenty-five years

superintendent of the cemetery. He was a Master Mason in the lodge of Colchester. At his death, which occurred February 12, 1895, he was sixty-six years old. He was twice married. His daughter by the first marriage, Miss Fannie M. Strong, is unmarried, and lives at home. Both she and Mrs. Strong are members of the Congregational church, with which Mr. Strong was connected during his life. The old house, which has been their home for the past twenty-nine years, was built in 1776. It was thoroughly remodelled in 1867, and is now one hundred and twenty-two years old.

Mrs. Gillet is a woman of great natural intelligence and refinement. She is one of those rare persons who never grow old, though she is now approaching her eighty-ninth birthday.

WILLIAM HENRY BURDICK, a well-known boat-builder of New London, was born in Hopkinton, R.I., April 26, 1848, son of William Robinson and Catherine (Champlin) Burdick. His grandfather and father were millwrights. The latter was drowned in 1849. The mother, who married again, and by her second husband, Captain Dudley Brand, has had three sons and a daughter, survives both husbands.

William H. Burdick, the only child of his father, was reared by Joseph Burdick, receiving a common-school education. In 1866 he went to sea before the mast with Captain Charles Jeffres, in the bark "Acors Barnes," on which he served for three years, and became ship's carpenter. Fifteen years later, in 1881, he became quartermaster of the steamer "Metropolitan." In the following winter he ran the tug-boat "S. N. Briggs," and during the year after the tug "T. W. Wellington." Subse-

quently he was master for a time of the "A. E. Burnside." He then spent six years in command of the steam pleasure yacht "Surprise," of W. W. Billings. After that he was captain of the steamer "Gypsy" for two years and of the sloop yacht "Lady Anna," which he left in 1892; and he was Inspector of Dredges for the government for two seasons. Since that time he has lived on shore, following his present business of boat-building, having acquired the necessary experience during past winters in the employment of George W. Belgers. A partnership with R. R. Green, under the style of Burdick & Green, lasted until the fall of 1896, since which time he has successfully conducted the business alone.

In 1871 Mr. Burdick was married to Minerva Gardner. His son Joseph died at the age of three years, and an infant daughter, Pearl, at the age of six months. In politics he is an Independent. He is a member of the Jibboom Club and of the American Association of Masters and Pilots. Formerly he was a member of the Grand Harbor American Pilots and Masters. His present residence at 21 Howard Street was built by him in 1887. Besides this he owns the house 7 Howard Street. In 1887 he built his wharf, sixty-five by twenty-two feet. He builds yachts and fishing-boats thirty feet in length. In 1899 he built a boat for the federal government.

HARRIS PENDLETON, of New London, the senior member of the firm Pendleton & Son, undertakers, is well known in the community as a man of integrity and business ability. His birth occurred July 15, 1845, in Brooklyn, N.V.; and he is a son of Harris and Sarah A. (Chester) Pendleton. His grandfather Harris, son of Amos, was born in Ston-

ington, November 19, 1786, and died June 11, 1863. The father, who was born in Stonington, February 25, 1811, became a mariner. During the gold excitement in 1849 he went to California with Captain Chester, and there purchased real estate, which he held for two years. He also owned a large amount of property in Stonington. His wife, Sarah A., was a daughter of Captain Josiah Chester, who was the commander of a whaling-vessel, making his home between voyages in New London, and who died here at an advanced age. Harris and Sarah A. Pendleton had eight children, of whom seven are living: Sarah, the wife of Clarence A. Gould, lives in Providence, R.I.; James, Lucien, Charles, and Millard, reside in Stonington; Jennie was married to Wert A. Breed, of Painesville, Ohio, and resides there. The father died April 19, 1890, aged seventy-nine, and the mother on August 10, 1883, aged sixty-three years.

After attending the common schools of Stonington, the present Harris Pendleton took a course at the Eastman Business College. He began his business career as a telegraph operator, after which he took up civil engineering, in which he was employed for a time on the construction of the New England Railroad. Following that he held a position as clerk in a drug store in New York City, learned the business, and in 1869 opened a drug store in Guilford, Conn., where he carried on a profitable business for twenty years. He came to New London in 1888, and established his present business, with Wilmot L. Parlow as partner, under the firm name of Pendleton & Parlow. In 1892 Harris Pendleton, Jr., succeeded Mr. Parlow in the firm, the style of which since then has been Pendleton & Son.

On November 10, 1871, Mr. Pendleton

married Mary B. Burch, of Stonington. She is a daughter of Billings Burch, a retired sea captain residing at Stonington. Her mother was Nancy M. (Chesebrough) Burch, a daughter of the Rev. Elihu Chesebrough, a Baptist minister. He went into the pulpit to preach when ninety years old. Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton lost two infant sons. Their living children are: Harris, Bessie, Coddington, and May Belle. Harris is in business with his father; Bessie is at home, attending the Young Ladies' High School; and May Belle was born May 15, 1889.

In politics Mr. Pendleton is a Republican. In 1886 he represented the town of Guilford in the State legislature. He served as Alderman for two terms, and at present is senior Alderman and chairman of Finance Committee. Also he was Treasurer of the town for ten years, was Borough Warden for a time, and served in other minor capacities. A prominent Mason, he is a Past Master of Union Lodge, No. 31, and District Deputy Grand Master of New London County, having jurisdiction over all the lodges in the county. He is also Past Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, I. O. O. F.; holds a retired commission as Major of the Patriarchs Militant; and he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men.

JAMES ALLYN, late an honored citizen of New London, for some years County Commissioner, was born in Ledyard, Conn., October 22, 1822. At the age of ten he removed with his parents, Charles and Lois (Gallup) Allyn, to Montville, in this county. He completed his education at Bacon Academy in Colchester, Conn., and subsequently engaged in farming. He was a man of literary tastes, owned a fine library, and was well



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read on current topics, his general knowledge being also augmented by travel. He was a man of strong convictions, and inspired the respect and confidence of his fellow-men. In politics he affiliated with the Republican party. Officially he was prominent, serving as County Commissioner and as Representative to the legislature from Montville. He died on March 17, 1893, at the age of seventy, survived by his second wife, Mrs. Harriet U. Allyn, and his two brothers: Robert, who was a clergyman and president of an educational institution in Carbondale, Ill.; and Calvin Allyn, a resident of Norwich, Conn. Mr. Allyn and Harriet U. Allyn, daughter of Captain Lyman and Emma (Turner) Allyn, of New London, were married December 11, 1881.

The immigrant progenitor of this family and the earliest known ancestor of both Mr. and Mrs. Allyn was Robert Allyn, a resident, of Salem, Mass., in 1637, who, obtaining a land grant, removed to New London in 1651, and settled at Allyn's Point on the east side of the river. In 1665 he kept store there. He was subsequently one of the first company of Norwich purchasers, and lived for some years in the west part of the town, being in office from 1661 to 1669. He died in this city in 1683, at the age of seventy-five years, leaving a son, John, who received a legacy of one hundred and thirty-three pounds, and four daughters, each of whom received half of that amount. John Allyn, the son, married Elizabeth Gager, of New Norwich; and in 1691 he removed to Allyn's Point, where he died in 1709, leaving an estate of twelve hundred and seventy-eight pounds to his son Robert and daughter Elizabeth. Robert, son of John, married Deborah Avery, and died in 1730, leaving nine children. His son Robert occupied the same place, and died in 1760, leav-

ing worldly possessions to the amount of three thousand pounds. This third Robert Allyn, who represented the fourth generation, was born January 25, 1697, in Groton, Conn., and married in 1725 Abigail Avery. Their sons, Robert, Nathan, Simeon, and Timothy, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, Simeon and Timothy being Captains. Captain Simeon Allyn was killed at Fort Griswold on September 6, 1781, in his thirty-seventh year. Timothy was a worthy Deacon of the Congregational church. He died in Agawam, Mass., June 26, 1838, at the age of ninety years. Nathan Allyn, who was born June 5, 1740, was one of the first to enter Fort Griswold after the British left; and he helped extinguish the fire set to blow up the fort. He migrated to Ohio in 1805 with all his children, going from Granville, Mass., to what they named Granville, Ohio, where he died in 1814, at the age of seventy-four. Nathan's son Freeman was Mrs. Allyn's grandfather.

Captain Lyman Allyn, son of Freeman Allyn and father of Mrs. Harriet U. Allyn, was a master mariner in the whaling trade at the age of twenty-one years. In 1833 he left the sea, becoming an outfitter with the Messrs. Billings. He married Emma Turner, who was born in New London, Conn., August 31, 1804, daughter of Captain John and Mary (Newson) Turner and grand-daughter of Robert Newson, an English sea captain and a resident of Groton, Conn. Her father, Captain John Turner, was born in Stonington, Conn., June 15, 1769. Captain Lyman Allyn and his wife had six children, a son and five daughters, of whom Harriet U. was the youngest. One daughter died in early life; and Emma Ann, a maiden lady, passed away on October 29, 1877. The son, John Turner Allyn, was a seaman. He retired to a farm on account of poor health, and died on Febru-

ary 23, 1887, at the age of forty-nine. He left a widow, Lucretia L. Brown before marriage. Mrs. Harriet U. Allyn and her sisters, Mrs. Mary T. A. Henry and Charlotte C., are the only survivors of the family. Their father died on April 8, 1874, and their mother on February 4, 1881, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. Allyn has lived at her present fine residence on the Norwich road since 1851. The house is a large stone mansion, surrounded by beautiful lawns and choice shrubbery, and was built seventy-one years ago. Her father bought it with a sixty-acre farm, to which he added forty acres more, making one hundred acres.

NATHAN H. AYER, a leading farmer of Preston, was born here, in School District No. 3, on the 10th of April, 1833, son of Nathan and Nancy (Green) Ayer. He is the third Nathan Ayer in the direct line of descent. Grandfather Ayer, who was an able farmer and well known in the town for his public spirit, served for some time as Tax Collector, and bought considerable land that was sold for taxes. He owned five farms, and gave one to each of his sons. His death occurred in 1833; and he was buried in Preston City Cemetery, where have been interred the most of his descendants. Besides three daughters he had four sons — Elisha, William, Jonas, and Nathan. The Ayers have been connected with the Baptist denomination, and are active church workers.

Nathan Ayer, second, who was born in 1771 and died in 1853, was a farmer in comfortable circumstances. His wife, Nancy, to whom he was married in 1816, was born in Rhode Island in 1798, daughter of Peter Green, who came to Preston in 1800. Mr.

Green, a well-to-do farmer, was prominently connected with the public affairs of the town. He was buried in Long Society Burial-ground. Mrs. Nancy Ayer died in 1857. Of her eight children seven reached maturity. Nancy, the eldest, who married Henry Gallup, died at the age of thirty in Greenville; Desire, who died in this town in middle life, leaving three children, was the wife of Russel Davis; Sarah, the widow of George W. Cook and now living in Kansas, is the mother of six children; Abby, who lives in Marlboro, Mass., is the widow of William S. Cundall, and has two daughters; Harriet, who married Henry Albro, died in middle life, leaving three children; John Ayer died in Kansas in 1892.

Nathan II. Ayer received his education in the common schools and at a private school in Meriden, Conn., which he attended for three years. At the age of twelve years he began to work out as a farm hand, receiving five dollars per month for his first summer, six dollars for the next, and seven for the third. When nineteen years old he went to South Coventry, Conn., to learn the hatter's trade, and remained there for three years. In 1854 he returned to the farm where he now resides. He owns three hundred acres, mostly farming lands, and carries on general farming and considerable dairying. He keeps about thirty cows of good grade, five horses, and employs a number of men. During the past twenty-six years he has sold the product of his dairy in Norwich, to which he has gone daily for ten years in all kinds of weather.

On August 20, 1854, Mr. Ayer was united in marriage with Adeline J., daughter of Lewis and Jerusha (Moulton) Tinker, of Mansfield, Conn. She died in 1861, leaving her husband with two young children, namely:

Alice M., who is now the wife of Dr. George Clark, of East Douglas, Mass.; and Louis N., now an ice dealer in Willimantic. In 1862 Mr. Ayer married for his second wife Amelia S. Baldwin, a daughter of Raymond and Amanda Baldwin, of Mansfield. She died in 1871, leaving one son, Frank R. Ayer, now a mechanic in Norwich. In politics Mr. Ayer is a Republican. He served as County Commissioner from July, 1883, to July, 1893, as a member of the legislature in 1896, and as State Senator in 1890 and 1891. He has also been a member of the Board of Relief and on the Grand Jury. In all these positions he manifested due appreciation of the trust reposed in him. Mr. Ayer is one of the best known farmers in the country, and has a large number of acquaintances and friends.

EDWARD E. SPICER, a well-known resident of Eastern Point, Groton, and the proprietor of a large ice-house and an artificial ice pond, was born in Ledyard, this county, July 25, 1856, son of Edmund and Bethiah Williams (Avery) Spicer. The paternal grandfather, John, who was also a native of Ledyard, born in 1770, followed the business of carpenter and builder. By his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Latham, he became the father of ten children.

Edmund Spicer, likewise a native of Ledyard, born in January, 1812, was a farmer and merchant in Ledyard Centre. He owned several tracts of land in that town. In politics he was a Democrat; and he was Town Clerk, Judge of Probate, and the Postmaster for many years. In the State militia he held the rank of Captain. His wife, Bethiah, whom he married in 1837, had eight children, seven of whom reached maturity; namely, Mary A., John S., Sarah E., Carrie G., Ce-

celia W., Edward E., and George W. Mary A. married George Fanning, a farmer, of Ledyard. John S. lives in Norwich. Sarah E. is the wife of Nathan L. Lester, of San Jose, Cal. Carrie G. married Amos Lester, and lives in Gilroy, Cal. Cecelia W. is Mrs. Jonathan L. Lester, of Norwich. George W., who resides in Ledyard, is unmarried. In religious belief the parents were Congregationalists. The mother, who was remarkable for both physical and mental strength, died in March, 1886.

Edward E. Spicer attended the common school, and worked on the farm. At the age of sixteen he learned the carpenter's trade, which he afterward followed for a number of years. For twelve years he was engaged in dairy farming on the old Avery estate, in which he still holds an interest. He now owns a valuable ice plant, where he wholesales and retails thousands of tons annually. In politics he is a Democrat.

On December 22, 1878, Mr. Spicer and Sarah Adelaide Griswold were united in marriage. They have five children—Bethiah W., Edmund, Clare, Sarah Ayer, and Roger Griswold Spicer. Bethiah, residing with her parents, is now attending the business college. Edmund is attending school in New London. Clare, who is twelve years old, Sarah Ayer, who is nine, and Roger Griswold are also attending school. Clare has musical talent, and bids fair to become a fine violinist. In 1891 Mr. Spicer built and moved into a new residence at Eastern Point. Mrs. Spicer's parents were Lafayette and Hope (Ayer) Griswold. They were farmers in Ledyard. Her father served as Tax Collector and in other town offices, and was also a Representative to the legislature. They reared another daughter, Fanny Elizabeth, who still lives with her parents.

MRS. ANN R. CHAMPION, a respected resident of Black Hall, in the town of Old Lyme, is a daughter of Lathrop E. and Mehitable (Reed) Slate. Her maternal grandfather, George Reed, was a prominent farmer and large landowner of Lyme. His wife in maidenhood was Mary Ely. Lathrop E. Slate, father of Mrs. Champion, was a blacksmith by occupation and a man unusually expert at his trade. By his wife, Mehitable Reed Slate, he had thirteen children, of whom four sons and five daughters attained maturity, Ann R. being the youngest of the family but one. Those living, besides Mrs. Champion, are: Mehitable, now eighty-six years old, a resident of Ivoryton, Conn., and widow of William J. Lord, having been the mother of nine children; Sylvester W., nearly eighty years old, a resident of East Lyme, and by his marriage with Mary Jane Hurlbut the father of one son, Charles W. by name; and Philena, a resident of Ivoryton and widow of Gideon Rogers. Lathrop E. Slate died at the age of eighty-four years, his wife surviving him about two years.

Ann R. Slate in girlhood attended the district schools of her native town, and was carefully trained by her parents in the knowledge of household duties essential to a good housewife. In 1845 she was united in marriage with Calvin B. Champion, and for some twenty years subsequently they resided together on their farm of eighty acres in Black Hall. Mr. Champion, who was a native of Lyme, at the age of thirteen adopted a sailor's life, and followed the sea until his marriage. He was subsequently successful at farming, and was regarded as one of the substantial and reliable citizens of this town. He died here, August 3, 1875, aged fifty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Champion had a family of fif-

teen children; namely, Philena, Wallace Ruthven, Calvin Winslow, Christina Scott, Frederick Lathrop, Israel, Imogene Abigail, Anna Mehitable, Mary Rogers, Ida Jane, Roger Burnham, Ancil Anderson, Edith Manwaring, Edward Griffin, and Virgil Warren. Of this family Calvin W., Frederick L., Israel, Anna M., Mary R., and Edith M. are now deceased. Mrs. Champion still resides on the farm, enjoys good health, and is highly respected by all the townspeople.

MYRON WINSLOW ROBINSON, M.D., the senior physician of Colchester and an ex-president of the New London County Medical Society, is a native of the adjoining town of Lebanon, where he was born May 4, 1839, son of William and Sophia (Robbins) Robinson. He has an ancestry of which any man might be justly proud, the name he bears having been honored in New England from its earliest settlement. Seven generations come between him and his English-born progenitor, John Robinson, pastor of the Pilgrim Church in Leyden, a man of eminent piety and learning, prophetic-visioned, in sweet-spirited liberality in advance of his time.

The Rev. John Robinson was born in Lincolnshire, England, in the year 1575, and died in Leyden, Holland, March 1, 1625. In 1606 he became assistant pastor of the Separatist church that was organized about 1602 at Scrooby, Nottingham, England, in the manor house then occupied by William Brewster, the afterward famous Elder Brewster of the Plymouth Colony. The congregation removed in 1608 to Amsterdam and thence in 1609 to Leyden, where Mr. Robinson was chosen pastor. The wife of John Robinson was Bridget White, who bore him three sons



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and three daughters. One son, Isaac, born in Leyden in 1610, came to this country in 1631, and died at Barnstable, Mass., in 1704. His first wife was Margaret Hanford, whom he married June 27, 1636. She died in 1649. His second wife, whom he is said to have married in 1650, was the mother of Peter, born in Barnstable, Mass., in 1653 or 1655, and in Windham, Conn., in 1740. The next in line was Thomas, born at Tisbury, Mutha's Vineyard, in 1699, who died in Windham, March 28, 1738. Then came Reuben, born in 1725 at Windham, and his son Clifford, born in Mansfield, Conn., 1756, grandfather of Dr. Robinson.

Clifford Robinson was a farmer and well-to-do. On October 21, 1778, he married Lucy Morgan, born February 3, 1756. She was descended from James Morgan, born in 1607 in Wales, who was in Roxbury in 1640, and was made a freeman in 1643. James and his son, Captain John Morgan, born March 30, 1645, were commissioners and advisers to the Indians, Deputies to the General Court in 1690 from New London, and in 1694 from Preston. Captain John's son James, born about 1680, died in Preston before November 7, 1721, when his estate was inventoried. Then came Samuel Morgan, born December 16, 1705, father of Dr. Robinson's grandmother Lucy. He died December 29, 1769. Clifford and Lucy (Morgan) Robinson had seven children, six sons, and a daughter Lucy, who never married. The sons married and had families of from four to fourteen children, excepting Festus, who had no children. Grandfather Robinson died in 1814, and his wife in 1841, after twenty-seven years of widowhood.

Dr. Robinson's father, William Robinson, born at Chaplin, Conn., May 24, 1780, died September 29, 1806, in Columbia. He mar-

ried for his first wife Hannah Robbins, who bore him eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity, and seven of whom are now living. Two are in Brooklyn; namely, Mrs. David A. Pitcher and Miss E. A. Robinson. William L., the eldest son, is in East Somerville, Mass. Two brothers and a sister are in Lebanon, and one brother is in Columbia. William Robinson's second wife, whom he married December 25, 1833, was born September 27, 1794, daughter of Ebenezer Robbins. She had three children — Theron, Orville, and Myron Winslow. Theron, born February 19, 1835, died at the age of forty, leaving four children. Orville, born February 16, 1837, died December 6, 1864, leaving one daughter. William Robinson gave his large family good educational advantages. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican, and held numerous offices in the town. He died in 1866 at the age of seventy-seven years.

Having finished his preparatory education at the Ellington High School, Myron W. Robinson began the study of medicine in 1858 at Hebron, Conn., with Adam G. Craig, M.D., later matriculated at the Berkshire Medical College, Pittsfield, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1861. He engaged in the practice of his profession at Hebron until 1862, when President Lincoln issued his call for more volunteers. He then left everything, and shouldered a musket in the Eighteenth Connecticut Regiment of Infantry, Company C, Captain Isaac Bromley. At Fort Melleny, Md., he was detailed to the hospital department, where he had charge of the convalescent ward of the wounded until April 11, 1863, when he received his commission as assistant surgeon of the Sixth Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers. In December, 1864, he was promoted

to be surgeon of the regiment; and he established the Hillhouse Hospital at Wilmington, N.C., during an epidemic of typhus fever. After the war he took a post-graduate course of lectures at Bellevue Medical College, New York City. Dr. Robinson is a member of the New London County Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. He is a Mason, and is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of the Ancient Order of Foresters of America, of the Knights of Pythias, of the Grange, and of the Grand Army of the Republic; and in 1884, 1890, and in 1895 he was medical director of the Department of Connecticut. Since 1880 he has been health officer of the town and borough of Colchester, where he settled at the close of the war, and engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1897 he was appointed by President McKinley pension examining surgeon. Since 1885 he has been post surgeon and medical examiner for the county coroner.

In 1867 Dr. Robinson married Miss Emma J., daughter of Ralph Stewart, of Portland, Conn. By this marriage have been born two children: Ralph, who was graduated at the Sheffield Scientific School in the class of 1894; and Annie M., who is a graduate of the Connecticut State Normal School in the class of 1891. The house in which the Doctor and his family reside was built over a hundred years ago, and is a fine example of the solid and comfortable dwellings of the Colonial style and time.

JONATHAN NEWTON HARRIS was for many years one of the most prominent figures in the mercantile and religious life of New London. Born in Salem, this State, November 18, 1815, he belongs to

the sixth generation descended from James Harris, who was a resident of Boston, Mass., in 1666. Seven children of James Harris were baptized in the Old South Meeting-house in 1683. In 1690 James and his wife, together with their three sons — James, Asa, and Ephraim — came to New London, where he died in 1715, at the age of seventy-four years. The family has since been represented by men of high character and fine abilities, and none of its members have displayed more noble characteristics than the Hon. Jonathan Newton Harris.

Mr. Harris began his working life when about twenty years of age by entering the employ of a large mercantile house in New London, for which he had received a special business training. Having gained valuable experience during the two years he spent there, he started in business for himself. Later he was successively the senior partner of the firms Harris & Brown, Harris, Ames & Co., and Harris, Williams & Co. In 1865 he retired from the last-named firm to take charge of different interests. Previous to this, in 1848, he had established in Cincinnati, Ohio, the firm of J. N. Harris & Co., which has now been in business for nearly fifty years, and is managed by the resident partner, Mr. Thomas H. C. Allen.

From 1856 to 1862 Mr. Harris was Mayor of New London. In this capacity, at the opening of the Civil War, he was able to render valuable assistance to his old friend, Governor Buckingham. New London was the recruiting centre of the State, and Fort Trumbull the rendezvous for troops on their way to the front. He was the promoter of the religious services held at the fort nearly every Sunday, and which, by reason of the advice there imparted, were most helpful to the men about to face the hardships and perils of

war. In 1862, in company with Mr. Hill, of Philadelphia, he built and successfully connected the collieries known as the Hill & Harris coal mines at Mahanoy City, Pa., the coal of which obtained a wide reputation for its power of generating steam. In 1864 he was the State Senator from the New London district, and during his term he was the chairman of the Joint Committee on Banks. At the session of the legislature an act was passed enabling the State banks to organize under the national banking law, while still retaining their rights under their old charter, so that they might at any time thereafter, without further legislation, withdraw from the national organization and return to their previous methods. All the State banks subsequently adopted the national banking act. Mr. Harris had represented his town previously in the lower branch of the State legislature, where he served as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Banks and Finance. While he was there the free banking law of 1852, that had caused much loss to stockholders, was repealed, and the banks organized under that law were given special charters. Outside the legislature Mr. Harris's connection with banking interests had been extensive, and it was his experience and known abilities as a banker that added weight to his counsels as a member of the legislative body. He was a director of the New London Bank of Commerce for many years, and from 1876 was the president of the City National Bank. He was also connected with many other commercial interests, notably with railroad and steam navigation companies. One of the organizers of the Fellowes Medical Manufacturing Company of Montreal, Canada, with branches in New York and London, England, he was its president for a number of years. He was also a director of the

Davis & Lawrence Company of Montreal, of the New London Northern Railroad, of the New London Steamboat Company, and of other companies.

Mr. Harris was as prominently identified with the religious and benevolent work of the city as with its business interests. He was a Deacon in the Second Congregational Church, the president of the Board of Trustees of the Bradley Street Mission for twenty years, the president of the Young Men's Christian Association for a time, a director of the Evangelical Association of New England, a charter member of the Connecticut Bible Society, a corporate member of the American Board of Foreign Missions, and a charter member and for several years the president of the trustees of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of New York. He was a firm friend of Dwight L. Moody from the beginning of the career of that great evangelist, and substantially aided in founding the school at Mount Hermon and at Northfield, being elected president of the Mount Hermon Seminary in 1893. Deeply interested in religious work and education in Japan, he founded and endowed in 1889 the scientific department of Doshisha University at Kyoto, which was opened in 1890. This munificent gift amounted to one hundred thousand dollars. In 1893 he built and practically presented to the city of New London the Memorial Hospital, whose doors were opened in August of that year. His public spirit and the confidence he felt in the future of New London were shown when he erected the Harris Building, one of the finest business structures in the State. Many deeds of kindness to individuals are remembered by his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Harris was first married to Jane M., daughter of Benjamin Brown, of this city.

She was the mother of eight children, none of whom are now living. A second marriage, contracted in July, 1869, united him to Martha Strong, a daughter of the Hon. Lewis Strong, of Northampton, and a grand-daughter of Governor Caleb Strong, of Massachusetts.

CAPTAIN BILLINGS BURCH, a retired sea captain of Stonington and a son of Samuel and Mary (Sloan) Burch, of Stonington, was born October 18, 1818. The grandfather, Billings Burch, of Stonington, was in the Revolutionary War, and for the services then rendered drew a pension during the rest of his life. He followed the trade of carpenter and wheelwright, and died in 1839 or 1840, at the age of ninety-two. By his first marriage, which was contracted with Susannah Bentley, of Hopkinton, R.I., he had five children — Samuel and four daughters — all of whom married and had families. A second marriage united him with Jane Clark, of Stonington.

Samuel Burch, born either in Stonington or Hopkinton, R.I., in 1776, was a carpenter by trade. He served in the War of 1812, and afterward drew a pension from the government. At his death, in 1858, he was eighty-two years of age. His wife, Mary, whom he married April 5, 1811, had six children, namely: William, born in 1814, now living in Bozrah; James, who died in Preston in 1881; Billings, the subject of this biography; George, who was a mason, and died in Stonington; Charles, who died in Rhode Island; and Mary, who was the wife of Captain Brewster, and died in Stonington, which was her native town.

Billings Burch received a good education in the district schools. When fourteen years of age he went to sea as cook on the coasting

schooner "Brakewater." After spending two years in the coasting trade, he was offered the command of a schooner, but preferred to avail of a chance to go on a whaling expedition. On this occasion he shipped as a hand before the mast, and went on a voyage of twenty-one months, going around Cape Horn. Captain Burch has been on eight whaling expeditions, serving in the several capacities of boatswain, third mate, second mate, and captain. In the last-named capacity he commanded the ship "Corva" on the "West Coast" and the "Charles Phelps" twice in the Arctic Ocean. He has been three times around the world, and during his sea voyages took twenty-five thousand barrels of sperm and whale oil, and whalebone enough to make him a millionaire if he had it now. He left the sea forty years ago, and since then has led a quiet life at his home in Stonington.

In 1847 Captain Burch married Nancy M. Chesebro, a daughter of Elihu and Nancy (Pendleton) Chesebro and a grand-daughter of Elihu Chesebro, who was a Baptist preacher in Stonington for twenty years. Captain and Mrs. Burch have had six children, of whom two died in childhood. The others are: Mary, the wife of Harris Pendleton, of New London; Nancy Bell, the wife of James V. Trumbull, of Hartford; Oliver C., who lives at home; and Billings, now in New York. Both the Captain and Mrs. Burch are earnest workers and members of the Baptist church.

DANIEL FRANCIS GULLIVER, M.D., for many years a highly esteemed resident of Norwich, was born in Boston, May 29, 1826, son of Deacon John and Sarah (Putnam) Gulliver. His father was born in Taunton in 1792, son of Gershom Gulliver, who was one of the min-

men at Lexington; and his mother was born in Reading, North Parish, now North Reading, Mass. She was a daughter of Deacon Henry and Mary (Hawkes) Putnam, granddaughter of Deacon Daniel Putnam, and great-granddaughter of the Rev. Daniel Putnam, who was the first minister of the North Parish of Reading, where he was ordained and settled in 1720, and where he died in 1759. "Minister Putnam" was a son of Deacon Benjamin and grandson of Nathaniel Putnam, who came from England with his two brothers and their father, John Putnam, and settled at Salem, Mass., about 1634.

Deacon John Gulliver was an able merchant and an earnest Christian worker. He died at Pawtucket, R.I., at the age of eighty-seven years. Three of his children—John P., Sarah, and Daniel F.—grew to maturity. Sarah Gulliver is the wife of the Rev. Lewellyn Pratt, D.D., of Norwich. The elder son, the late Rev. John Putnam Gulliver, F.D., of Andover, Mass., was the pastor of Broadway Church at Norwich for nineteen years, and was active in furthering the educational interests of the city. To his untiring and effective efforts Norwich owes her Free Academy, which is widely and favorably known.

Daniel F. Gulliver was graduated at Yale College in 1848 and at Jefferson Medical College in 1852. Although a student of fine abilities and by nature well suited to be a physician, he gave up the practice of his profession in a few years on account of his health, and engaged in stock-raising, in which he attained notable success. Being considered an authority on this subject, he delivered a course of lectures at Yale at one time on stock-raising, which attracted very favorable comment. He was a man of refined tastes and keen intellect, a great reader and a

delightful conversationalist. He was a man of deeply religious nature, and at one time took part in revival work in various parts of the State. His zeal and efficiency in this work are still spoken of with enthusiasm. During the last twenty years of his life Dr. Gulliver was connected with the Broadway Church, being for nine years a Deacon. For years he conducted a young men's Bible class, and in that capacity was a power for good. His death occurred on May 22, 1895, just one week before his sixty-ninth birthday.

Dr. Gulliver was married on September 16, 1852, to Mary, daughter of Henry and Eunice (Huntington) Strong. Eight children—namely, Henry Strong, Arthur Huntington, Gertrude Putnam, Charlotte Chester, Frederic Putnam, Eunice Henrietta, Benjamin Wolcott, and Robert Joseph—were born of this union; and six are now living. Gertrude, the eldest daughter, died at the age of three years; and Robert (Williams, 1894) died at twenty-two. Henry (Yale, 1875) is married, and is now teaching in Waterbury, Conn. Arthur (Yale, 1877), also married, is a cotton manufacturer of Ashton, R.I. Charlotte (Smith, 1883) is now teaching in Norwich Free Academy. Frederic (Harvard, 1893; Ph.D., 1896) worked for some years in the United States Geological Survey, and is now teaching in Southboro, Mass. Eunice (Smith, 1891) is at home in Norwich. Benjamin is living in Providence, R.I.

Mrs. Gulliver's paternal grandparents were the Rev. Joseph and Mary (Huntington) Strong. The Rev. Joseph Strong, D.D., who was born September 21, 1753, and was graduated at Yale College in 1772, was called to the pastorate of the First Church in Norwich as colleague of the Rev. Dr. Lord in March, 1778. His ordination sermon was preached by his brother, the Rev. Nathan

Strong, D.D., of Hartford; and the charge was given by his father, the Rev. Nathan Strong, of Coventry. He remained pastor of this church till his death, December, 1834. The Rev. Joseph Strong's preaching was simple, but solemn and earnest, and proved very effective. He was a man of commanding physique, being fully six feet in height, and correspondingly proportioned. The house in which Mrs. Gulliver now resides at Norwich Town was built by him about 1786.

His youngest child, Henry Strong, LL.D., Mrs. Gulliver's father, born August 23, 1788, was a graduate of Yale in 1806, and a leading citizen and influential lawyer of Norwich. He died November 12, 1852. His wife, Eunice, who died June 19, 1865, at the age of sixty-seven, was the daughter of Joseph and Eunice (Carew) Huntington. She was one of a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom five daughters and three sons grew to maturity. Mrs. Gulliver herself was the only one of a family of three to reach adult years.

CAPTAIN NATHAN KEENEY, a native of New London, Conn., commander of the steamer "City of Lawrence," was born on April 18, 1833, son of Josiah and Sarah B. (Maynard) Keeney. His paternal grandfather, Josiah Keeney, Sr., died in 1820, at the age of twenty-seven years. His father, the younger Josiah, who was born in this city on July 1, 1811, was a sea captain engaged in the coasting trade. In 1832 he married Sarah B. Maynard, of Waterford, Conn. They had five children, of whom they reared but two: Nathan; and his sister, Mary A., who married John Winslow, of New London. Another daughter, named Lydia A., lived to be ten years of age; and two children

died in infancy. Josiah Keeney, the father, died at the age of fifty-four. His wife survived him twenty-six years, dying at the age of eighty.

Nathan Keeney had limited educational advantages, attending an ungraded school only in the winter time. At an early age he began to go to sea, and he was so rapidly promoted that at the age of twenty-two he became captain. Later he officiated as first pilot for the steamers "City of Worcester" and "City of Lawrence," taking command of the latter in March, 1896. At intervals he has been captain of the steamers "City of Norwich," "City of Lawrence," "City of New York," "City of Boston," "City of Lowell"; and in the summer of 1897 he was captain of the "New Brunswick." At present, as above noted, he is captain of the "City of Lawrence." In politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

On April 12, 1859, Captain Keeney was married to Sarah J. Paige, daughter of John F. and Harriet N. (Beebe) Paige. Mrs. Keeney's grandfather Beebe kept the almshouse, which was then located where the Bulkley School is now, for eleven years. Her father also kept it there, and on its present site for several years. He was a stone-cutter, and worked on the high bridge across the Harlem River, New York. He also laid the last stone of the New London custom-house, and was the last survivor of the builders. Mrs. Keeney is one of a large family, of whom six daughters and one son are now living. Her twin sister, Mary Breckenridge Paige, married William H. Sistare, of this city. Captain and Mrs. Keeney have had eight children, but have lost four: Lydia A., who died in her sixth year; Ella M., who lived to be only four years and five months; Hattie N., who passed away at the age of nine years; and



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Flora Mai, who married Walter L. Allen, and died May 22, 1893, without children, at the age of twenty-eight years. She was a graduate of the New London High School, and had been a successful teacher. The surviving members of the family are: Sarah A., wife of Nathan E. Geer, of this city; Edgar E. Keeney, of Newport, R. I., who has a wife, three sons, and a daughter; and two interesting daughters at home, namely, Lydia, a young lady of musical talent, and Alberta S. Captain Keeney and his family reside at their pleasant home on Keeney's Lane, in the suburbs of New London, in the house which was built by his uncle, Charles Keeney, forty-six years ago.

BINDLOSS H. HILLIAR, of New London, a successful dealer in hardware, was born in Liverpool, England, May 13, 1848, son of Henry and Ellen (Bindloss) Hilliar. The father, who was lost at sea in 1850, at the age of twenty-one, besides a widow left another son, Henry P. Hilliar, now in business at Niantic, New London County. The mother, a native of Kent, Westmoreland County, England, was a daughter of William and Margaret (Palmer) Bindloss, eight of whose children are now living in this section. Of these William Bindloss is a retired ship-carpenter of Mystic.

Bindloss H. Hilliar came to America with his widowed mother when he was only four years of age. After completing his studies in the Bartlett High School at the age of eighteen, he served an apprenticeship of three years to the machinist's trade, and subsequently worked at it for seven years. Then he engaged in his present business at 40 Bank Street, under the style of Hilliar & Mallory, which partnership lasted seven years. Since

then the firm name has been Hilliar & Co. They keep first-class goods, and are equal to any emergency in their line of trade. In politics Mr. Hilliar votes the Republican ticket. He is a Master Mason, has membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he has been president of the Young Men's Christian Association.

On August 19, 1869, Mr. Hilliar and Luella Benham were united in marriage. Her mother, Frances Bolles Benham, died of consumption in the prime of life, leaving six children, of whom one son and two daughters are living. Her father, Austin Benham, keeps a fish market in this city. Of her six children by Mr. Hilliar, four—Charles Henry, Luella B., Florence, and Raymond A.—are living, and reside at home. Benjamin Austin died at the age of fifteen years, and Edgar Harold passed away at the age of twelve. In 1886 Mr. Hilliar bought two acres of land situated in a desirable location, and built thereon four fine dwellings. In one of these he resides with his family. It is a beautiful residence, equipped with all the modern improvements. Connected therewith is a large hennery, where his wife keeps fowl of the choicest breed.

JONATHAN JEROME PALMER, a prosperous farmer of Preston, whose farm is located on Zion's Hill, was born in Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y., June 28, 1820, son of Benjamin and Betsey (Kendall) Palmer. His grandfather, Jonathan Palmer, who was a native of Stonington, Conn., married a daughter of Christopher Palmer, a distant relation; and they reared twelve children. Benjamin Palmer settled in Norwich, N. Y., where his son, Jonathan Jerome, was born. He married for his first

wife Patty York, of that town, who died leaving two daughters and two sons. In 1818 he married Betsey Kendall, of Chenango County, New York. Jonathan Jerome, the subject of this sketch, was the only child of this union; and the mother died when her son was but two years old. The father married for his third wife Phebe Ives.

Jonathan Jerome Palmer was brought up by his half-sister. He received a good education, attending the high school at Columbia, Mich., where he lived between the years 1837 and 1841, and where his father died at the age of seventy-five. Returning from Michigan in 1841, he spent one winter in travelling in Pennsylvania and Southern New York with his eldest brother Prentice, who sold Yankee notions and traded in furs. He then occupied himself for two years in the cultivation of his grandfather's farm. In April, 1844, he found employment driving a team for B. A. & J. W. Smith in Montville, Conn., and remained with them one year. In April, 1845, he moved to Groton, Conn., where he worked for some time in a granite quarry. In the fall of 1846 he moved to Norwich, Conn., where he engaged in the meat business in company with a man by the name of Darrow from Providence, R.I., their market being located at Central Wharf. They ran two meat carts, and Mr. Palmer continued in business there for a number of years. Later, in company with John P. Kingsley, of Norwich, Conn., he conducted a market and general provision store at 90 Eighth Avenue, New York City, for some time. He also sold meat for about eleven years in several towns in Connecticut, chiefly Baltic, Versailles, and Taftville. During this time he resided in Hanover, Conn., where he had a farm. This farm he sold in 1867, and moved back to Norwich,

Conn. He was at one time engaged in the manufacture of soap in Binghamton, N.Y., in company with John W. Smith, of Montville, Conn. They did a good business, and sold a number of soap receipts to such men as William Colgate, of New York City, and others. In 1869 Mr. Palmer bought his present farm of one hundred and fifty acres, situated on the east side of Quinebaug River. Through the farm flows a pretty stream called Chaote Brook, where many a fine black bass and speckled trout may be caught. Besides general farming Mr. Palmer slaughters live stock for the market.

February 8, 1844, he was married in Montville, Conn., to Mary, daughter of Abel Smith. She died in 1862, leaving two children: Elisabeth, who married George M. Reynolds, of Chicago, and died in that city at the age of thirty-five, leaving no children; and Albert Jerome, who died of consumption in Norwich, Conn., at the age of twenty-nine years. In 1862 Mr. Palmer married for his second wife Emma M., daughter of Deacon Charles H. Starr, of Groton. By her he had two children—Louisa Starr and Therressa. Louisa Starr became the wife of Charles Lamphere, and died at the age of eighteen after a single year of married life. Therressa died when an infant of two years. The mother of these children passed away in 1877. Three years later, on June 28, 1880, Mr. Palmer married, on his sixtieth birthday, Emma Jane, daughter of Dr. Beckweth, of Angola, N.Y. She was of delicate constitution, and lived but four years after her marriage. The present Mrs. Palmer, whose maiden name was Beckweth, was a cousin of his third wife. They were married February 28, 1886. Mr. Palmer is a staunch Prohibitionist from the Republican ranks. He is much interested in educational affairs, and

has served on the School Committee. He is a Baptist in religion, and has been on the Society Committee in several different churches with which he has been connected as a member. He is physically a heavy, robust man, well preserved, and one who enjoys life thoroughly.

ARNOLD RUDD, of the New London firm Arnold Rudd & Co., wholesale dealers in flour, feed, and grain, was born near Seneca Falls, N. Y., February 8, 1823. A son of George and Mary (Arnold) Rudd, he counts among his ancestors Governor Bradford, of Plymouth. His grandfather, Daniel Rudd, Jr., was a son of Mary Metcalf Rudd, who was a daughter of the Rev. Joseph and Abiel (Adams) Metcalf. Abiel Adams was a daughter of the Rev. William Adams, of Ipswich, and his wife, Alice (Bradford) Adams. Alice Bradford was a daughter of Major William and Alice (Richards) Bradford. Major Bradford was a son of Governor Bradford and Alice (Carpenter) Bradford.

Daniel Rudd, Jr., who was born in Connecticut, and died in Bozrah, at the age of sixty-five years, followed farming in Bozrah, and also conducted a saw-mill which was located on his farm. A soldier in the Revolutionary army, he took part in the battles of Long Island, Harlem Heights, Trenton, and Princeton. During the Lexington Alarm he served for one day as a private in Captain John Perkins's company, Colonel Josiah Huntington's regiment. Beginning in December, 1775, he was a Corporal in Captain Robinson's company, Colonel Durkee's regiment. On July 9, 1779, he enlisted as a private in Captain Nehemiah Waterman's company, regiment of Colonel

Samuel Abbott, and served on a tour of duty to New London. In the fall of that year he went to France in the frigate "Providence," commanded by Captain Whipple, and returned in the following April. Drafted for a tour to Horse Neck in July, 1781, he served for two months in that place, under Captain Nehemiah Waterman, of the Connecticut Twentieth. He also served for a few days in New London when that place was burned. On December 7, 1780, he married Abigail Allen, of Montville, Conn., who lived to be nearly a hundred years old. They reared two sons and three daughters, each of whom also reared families. One daughter, Lucy, who was the wife of General Henry Burbeck, attained the advanced age of ninety-seven.

George Rudd, born in Bozrah, Conn., October 8, 1785, who was a cooper by trade, also followed agriculture, residing for the most of his life on a hundred-acre farm in Montville that was bequeathed him by his mother. He was in military service on the Canadian frontier during the War of 1812. His death occurred in the spring of 1866. On June 30, 1811, he was married to Mary Arnold, who was born October 13, 1793, and who died in 1883, aged ninety years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rudd rest in the new cemetery on the river in Montville. They were members of the Congregational church until the time of the abolition movement, when Mr. Rudd was ruled out of the church on account of his bold advocacy of that cause. Of their children, six sons and two daughters, seven attained maturity. A daughter died in early childhood. Two of the children are now living—Arnold and his brother John. The latter, who is six years younger than Arnold, is a grain dealer, and lives in Montville.

At the age of fourteen Arnold Rudd went to work in a cotton factory, where he was em-

ployed for two years. Subsequently he was employed in an oil-mill for six years, receiving thirteen dollars and fifty cents per month. When he was twenty-three years old he purchased a grist-mill in Montville, contracting a debt of three hundred dollars. Six years later he bought a saw-mill close by. In the spring of 1866 he sold his mill property together with a tract of land, and with the proceeds started in his present business. Beginning as a retailer of grain and produce, he steadily enlarged the scope of his operations. Some six years ago he took into partnership Mortimer Beckwith and George M. Cole, employees and kinsmen of his. His business block, a fine three-story brick edifice with commodious basement, at 157, 159, and 161 Bank Street, New London, was erected by him in 1886. He is a trustee of the old Savings Bank and a director of the Union State Bank. His handsome home at 12 Huntington Street was purchased some twenty years ago.

When he was twenty-five years of age he was married to Miss Margaret Lyon, of Montville, Conn., by whom he became the father of two children. These were: John, who died in infancy; and Stephen A., who died in his fourteenth year. By a second marriage, contracted in 1870, Miss Louisa C. Beckwith, of New London, became his wife. She has borne him three daughters, of whom one died in infancy. The others are: Mary L., who has attended school in Northampton, Mass., and later became a pupil of Miss Emerson's School in Boston; and Charlotte F., also attending school at Miss Emerson's. Both young ladies are accomplished musicians. Mr. Rudd votes the Republican ticket. He has served the public efficiently at different times, acting as Justice of the Peace in Montville for three years, serving on the Grand

Jury, and fulfilling the duties of Sewer Commissioner in New London for nine years.

JAMES A. BROWN, an honored citizen of Norwich, Conn., residing on Laurel Hill, was born in Middletown, near Newport, R.I., February 19, 1828. His parents were George and Elizabeth (Peckham) Brown; and his paternal grandfather was William Brown, a prosperous Rhode Island farmer, who was the father of four sons and two daughters, all of whom attained to years of discretion.

George Brown was born in Middletown about the year 1788, and died February 23, 1853. Elizabeth Peckham Brown, his wife, who survived him a number of years, was a daughter of Peleg and Elizabeth Peckham, of Middletown, R.I. She was the mother of ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom four sons and two daughters are living, James A. Brown, now about seventy years of age, being next to the youngest. The other survivors are: Elizabeth, aged eighty-four, who is living in Lebanon, Conn., widow of Ira B. Tucker, and has no children; George, aged eighty, a farmer in Lebanon, who has one daughter living; Almira L., who is the wife of John C. Palmer, a ranchman and banker at Paxton, Neb., and has one daughter; Peleg P., a liveryman in Jamestown, R.I., who has five sons and one daughter; and Charles H., a real estate dealer in Ogallala, Keith County, Neb., who has five children. Mrs. Brown died in Lebanon, July 10, 1874, at eighty-six years of age, and was buried beside her husband at Middletown.

James A. Brown passed his boyhood on his father's farm; and up to sixteen years of age he was a pupil of the district school, where he gained a fair knowledge of the rudimentary



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branches of learning. At eighteen he took up the trade of a carpenter, but a year later he returned to farm labor. After his marriage he removed to Lebanon, Conn., whither his father-in-law had gone, and purchased a farm. From Lebanon Mr. Brown subsequently went to Colchester, and engaged in the meat business, which he had followed for two years prior to leaving Lebanon. In April, 1869, he embarked in the wholesale grocery business here in Norwich, having as a partner John C. Tanner, and doing business under the style of Palmer & Brown. When they had been together seventeen years, Mr. Brown purchased his partner's interest, and continued the business alone for ten years, selling out in April, 1879. During the war he was Captain of the Wake-awakes, and but for the interposition of his friends would have enlisted for active service at the front, they persuading him that he could ill be spared from the town, where he was untiring in his efforts to relieve the needs of the families of the soldiers in the field.

On December 1, 1850, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Miss Susan Weaver, a native of Middletown and daughter of Abner and Susan (Peckham) Weaver. Her mother died June 23, 1867, aged sixty-six, and her father, May 17, 1875, aged seventy-six. They had seven children: namely, six daughters and a son, George Abner Weaver, of Lebanon, Conn. The three daughters now living are: Mrs. Brown; Ruth M., wife of William Brown, of Willimantic, Conn., a brother of James A.; and Emma B. Peckham, of Lebanon. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Brown have a son and daughter: Francis H., of Norwich, who is married, and has one daughter; and Ella J., wife of Charles M. Cole, a druggist of Newport, who has one son.

In political affiliation Mr. Brown is a Republican. In Colchester he served as Con-

stable. He has here served on the Common Council five years, on the Board of Water Commissioners two years, also as Second Selectman, and since 1895 as First Selectman. For ten years he was a member of the Compensation Committee, having in charge the adjustment of damages, holding the office under both Democratic and Republican administrations. He is also trustee and director of the Dime Savings Bank. Mr. Brown is a member of the Central Baptist Church, in which he has been a very active worker, and was a member of the Building Committee in the erection of their fine church edifice. Mr. and Mrs. Brown reside at 124 Laurel Hill Avenue.

ROBERT R. CONGDON is a prominent citizen of New London, now for some time retired from business. He was born in Newport, R.I., April 19, 1842, and is a son of the late William P. and Nancy (Tilley) Congdon. His paternal grandfather, Carey Congdon, was born in Newport, R.I., about 1775. He died in the prime of life; and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Prior, was left at his death with a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, the youngest eleven years old. She was a capable and thrifty woman, and was equal to the emergency, rearing all her children respectably. She died in 1858, aged seventy-five years, and is buried in Newport. Of her children three sons—John, Joseph, and Robert—learned the cooper's trade, and eventually became sailors, each rising to the rank of captain; and James, William, and Peleg were merchants. Peleg and John never married, and Robert and Martha had no children. The rest reared families, and all have now passed away.

William P. Congdon was born in Newport,

R.I., in 1807. He was engaged as clerk in a store in Georgetown, S.C., when he was but fifteen years old; and two years later he went into business himself. In trade over fifty years, he was very successful; and at his death in 1879 he left a valuable property to his children. He was married in Newport, June 26, 1830, to Naney Tilley, of that city, a member of an old and numerous family. Her immigrant ancestor was William Tilley, an Englishman, born in 1641, who settled in Boston, Mass., and was the first rope-maker in this country (see *Genealogy of the Tilley Family*, published in Newport, R.I., in 1878). Mrs. Congdon's grandfather, William Tilley, was born in Newport, October 19, 1738, and died there, April 14, 1825, aged eighty-seven. He was three times married, and by his first wife had seventeen children. During his lifetime his progeny increased to ninety grand-children and thirty great-grand-children. Abraham Tilley, Mrs. Congdon's father, was one of the children born of his father's first marriage. Mrs. Congdon died in 1890. She was the mother of twelve children, nine of whom attained maturity, namely: William, who went to California in 1849, and was engaged there in silver mining until 1876, coming East then to attend the Centennial, and who has since resided in Newport; Charlotte, Ruth, and George, all now deceased; Sarah, wife of Joseph P. Stevens, of Newport; Robert, the subject of this sketch; James, living in Newport; and Martha and John, both deceased.

Robert R. Congdon acquired his early education in the district school. In 1859, when he was seventeen years old, he became a clerk in his father's store in Georgetown, S.C., where he was employed until the breaking out of the Civil War in 1861. He then returned with his father to Newport, and re-

mained until the close of hostilities, resuming business in 1865. The firm of which the younger Mr. Congdon was a member was at that time known as Congdon, Hazard & Co. In 1870, when about twenty-eight years of age, he severed his connection with the firm, and entered the employ of C. D. Boss, a cracker manufacturer in New London. In 1879 Mr. Congdon succeeded Mr. Boss as a member of the firm, and was successfully engaged in business until 1886, when he retired. In 1885 he purchased the Cheeseboro property on Post Hill. His house, which is located on Nathan Hale Street, is one of the largest, handsomest, and most beautifully situated in the city, commanding a beautiful view of Groton and the Thames.

Mr. Congdon was married November 12, 1867, to Eliza Boss, of this city, daughter of C. D. Boss, whom he succeeded in business. Mr. Boss died in 1895. Three sons—Thomas Boss, Carey, and Robert R., Jr.—have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Congdon. Thomas Boss Congdon died in 1892, aged eighteen years. Carey Congdon, who studied at the Boston Institute of Technology and at Harvard University, is in the water and sewer department of this city. He has taken several degrees of Masonry, being at present a member of the Blue Lodge, and is Lieutenant of Company I, Third Regiment, Connecticut National Guards. Robert R. Congdon, Jr., who is a graduate of the Boston English High School and Bryant & Stratton's College, is a clerk in the New London Savings Bank. He, too, is a Mason, and is a private in the militia. Mr. Robert R. Congdon, Sr., has been elected by the Democratic party in New London, with which he has long been connected, to the offices of Councilman and Water Commissioner, and is at present serving on the Water Board.

WALLACE R. CHAMPION, a merchant of Black Hall, was born in 1848 at Old Lyme, Conn. He is the second child and first son of his parents, Calvin and Anna R. (Slate) Champion. His mother is still living on her farm near this place. He attended the district schools of his native town in his boyhood, and also worked on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-one he became a clerk for R. W. DeWolf, he remaining in this situation for three years. He then went to Madison, where he continued for two years. Still later he commenced in business for himself in Hartford, trading in field and country produce. After a year he sold out and removed to Lyme, where he became a partner in the firm of Morley & Champion, who kept a general store. Three years later, on the death of Mr. Morley, George W. DeWolf, Mr. Champion's brother-in-law, became a member of the firm, the name of which was then changed to DeWolf & Champion. At the end of one year they were succeeded by Champion & Caulkins. This firm had conducted the business for ten years when Mr. Champion sold his interest to his brother, R. B. Champion. He then went on the road as commercial traveler in the gentlemen's furnishing line, traveling through New York and the New England States. In 1894 he opened his present store, where he has since carried on a general merchandise business.

In politics Mr. Champion is a Republican, and has been Town Clerk for one year. His religious principles are those of a staunch Baptist. In June, 1870, he married Lillie L. Butler, of Rocky Hill, Conn., and now has three children — Edgar R., Florence Augusta, and Gertrude Louise. Edgar R., a graduate of New York City College of Pharmacy, is at present a druggist in Hartford, Conn. He

is married and is twenty-four years of age. Florence Augusta is a student at Smith College, class of 1898. Gertrude Louise resides with her parents, and attends the Morgan School, where she is taking a preparatory course. Mrs. Champion is a Congregationalist. Mr. Champion has succeeded in building up a fine trade with his experience, natural adaptability, and pleasing address. He is highly respected in the town.

ABEL H. HINCKLEY, the Postmaster of Old Mystic, was born in the adjoining town of Groton, October 18, 1839, son of Abel and Abbie Eliza (Babeck) Hinckley. The Hinckleys trace their lineage through a long line of noble ancestors, and are identified with New England history from its earliest period. Samuel Hinckley came from Tenterden, Kent County, England, on the "Hercules," commanded by Captain Witterly, and landed at Boston in 1634. In the following year he settled at Scituate; and in 1640 he removed to Barnstable, where he died October 31, 1662. His son Thomas became Governor of Plymouth Colony. Another son, John Hinckley, was the progenitor of this particular branch of the family.

Abel Hinckley, who was born on Hinckley Hill, Stonington, November 12, 1803, died September 18, 1883, nearly eighty years of age. His chief occupation was farming. In his earlier years he taught school for twenty-two winters in Stonington, North Stonington, and for six years of the time in Westerly. He served his town as Assessor and in other offices. His wife, in maidenhood Abbie Eliza Babeck, who was born in Groton, September 22, 1817, daughter of Stanton Babeck, and whom he married May 5, 1836,

died April 1, 1894. Of their five children, a son and two daughters reached the years of discretion, namely: Abel H., the subject of this sketch; Alice B., born July 31, 1845, the wife of Allen Avery; and Agnes J., born February 18, 1848, in Groton, the wife of Jefferson O. Bailey.

Abel H. Hinckley attended the high school in Syracuse, N. Y., of which place his parents were residents from 1848 to 1860. At the first call for volunteers he enlisted from Latrobe, Pa., in the Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he served three months. In 1862 he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, and was out nine months, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. While living in Syracuse, he became interested in the nursery business, with all branches of which he made himself familiar by a five years' apprenticeship. Thereafter it engrossed his time and attention up to 1886. He owned fourteen acres of land here in Mystic village on Main Street, four acres of which were set with fruit and evergreen trees, and the remainder used for the nursery proper. His trade was a local one.

When discharged from the army, Mr. Hinckley returned to Latrobe, Pa., and on November 11, 1863, was married to Caroline M. Bair, a daughter of Sebastian and Naomi (Keenor) Bair. Her father, who was a merchant and Justice of the Peace, died in March, 1895, when seventy-one years of age, leaving his widow and this one child. Mr. and Mrs. Hinckley have lost their first-born, Minnie G. Hinckley, who died January 1, 1885, in her twenty-second year. They have one child living, Helen Hobart Hinckley, fifteen years old, who is attending school and taking piano lessons. They reside on Main Street, where they settled soon after mar-

riage. In politics Mr. Hinckley is a Democrat. He has been a Selectman of the town, Tax Collector for nine years, and has been a Notary Public for some time. He was the Postmaster under President Cleveland's first and second administration, and he has continued in the office so far under President William McKinley.

HORACE WAIT TINKER, retired ship-carpenter and builder of Mystic, Conn., was born in the town of Lyme, in the south-western part of New London County, July 17, 1828. His parents were Charles and Mahala (Beckwith) Tinker. His mother, who was born in Genesee County, New York, in 1805, was the daughter of Joseph and Esther (Wait) Beckwith; and his maternal grandmother was an own cousin of the late Chief Justice Waite. In 1842 Charles Tinker died, in middle life, leaving his widow with five children.

A few years after his father's death Horace, then a boy of about seven years of age, went to live with Nathaniel Wait, a farmer, connected with the distinguished family of that name. He lived there twelve years, and was brought up a thorough farmer, working hard in the summer, and attending school in the winter. Mr. Tinker has a vivid remembrance of the father of Judge Morrison R. Waite, Henry M. Wait, who was the brother of Nathaniel above mentioned. About the year 1858 Mr. Tinker went from Lyme to Old Mystic, Conn., where he worked in the shipyard of Greenmans and Charles Mallory many years, remaining there until they gave up their business. He became a master of his business, and was most successful and enterprising as a subcontractor. He has done no active business of any account for the past six years.



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MRS. HORACE W. TINKER.

At the age of twenty-three Mr. Tinker married Ardelia Smith, the daughter of John and Hope (Whipple) Smith, of Old Mystic, where she was born, June 6, 1826. Three children, two sons and a daughter, were the fruit of their union. All are now living and are married, the sons, Horace Henry and Charles Alphonso, being practising physicians in New York City, graduates of the New York Homoeopathic College. The daughter, Esther Ardelia Tinker, born October 14, 1869, is the wife of John H. Johnston, of Mystic, and the mother of one son, Charles Horace Johnston. Charles Alphonso, of New York City, has a wife, one son, and one daughter. Mrs. Ardelia S. Tinker was for the last twenty years of her life a great sufferer from rheumatism, and was most tenderly and devotedly cared for by her husband, he sparing no pains or expense to secure her comfort and happiness. He sustained a deep loss in her death, which occurred in Mystic, December 25, 1896. She was a model wife and mother, and the union between the two was an ideal one.

Mr. Tinker is bound down to no creed in religion and to no one platform in politics, but on election days he has in the main voted on the Republican side. A man of finely developed physique, which the excellent combination of sturdy manual labor and freedom from all bad habits has doubtless done much to preserve, he is possessed of a noble and kindly nature, and is strictly honest. He is devoted to his family, and takes especial pride in his daughter's six-year-old son, a handsome and manly boy, giving great promise for the future.

CHARLES GRISWOLD BARTLETT, the principal and proprietor of the Black Hall School, established by him twenty-two years ago, was born in the

town of Old Lyme on Christmas Day, 1848, son of Shubael Fitch and Fannie (Griswold) Bartlett. He belongs to the ninth generation descended from Robert Bartlett, who came from England on the "Ann" in 1623, and who married Mary Warren. In Mr. Bartlett's ancestry there are in all seven "Mayflower" ancestors. The male line of descent in the Bartlett family from Robert is as follows: Benjamin, Ichabod, Josiah, Ichabod, John, Shubael, Shubael, and Charles.

The first Shubael Bartlett, who was born in 1779, married Fannie Leffingwell, of Norwich, a descendant of Lieutenant Thomas Leffingwell, well known in the Colonial history of this country. In this family were nine children, all of whom had families excepting one son, Henry. Grandfather Bartlett died at the age of seventy-five, and his widow, at the age of eighty-four. Both are buried at East Windsor. Shubael Bartlett, Jr., was born in East Windsor in 1811. He was a Yale graduate, class of 1833, and was well known all through this section as Dr. Bartlett. His wife, Fannie, whom he married on September 1, 1842, was born in New London in March, 1822. She bore him three children, one of whom, a daughter, died in infancy. The remaining two are: Charles G. Bartlett; and Mrs. Adaline Bartlett Allyn, now residing with her brother.

Mr. Bartlett prepared for college at the Hartford High School, and entered Yale, class of 1872. He did not graduate with his class, but in 1888 the college conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. He has become widely known as an educator and as the successful principal of a private school. His institution is so popular that students come to it from nearly every State in the Union. He has about forty boys, to whom he gives full preparation for collegiate

courses. The fine estate on which the school building is now located was formerly the property of Captain George Moore. Since buying it, Mr. Bartlett has enlarged it, made many improvements, and arranged it so as to make it most admirably adapted to his work and to the growing needs of his school. It has a most desirable situation on Long Island Sound and on the Connecticut River, and, in respect to sanitary arrangements and in the facilities it offers to students, is unrivalled.

On October 3, 1871, Mr. Bartlett married Anna Pierson Terry, of Hartford, daughter of Roderick Terry. Mrs. Bartlett died February 9, 1896, at the age of forty-six years. Their children are: Henriette Collins, who was educated at Orange, N.J., and at Waterbury; Charles Griswold Bartlett, Jr., a student in Yale University, class of 1899; Sarah Pierson, now at school in Brooklyn, L.I.; Frank Trowbridge, deceased; and Harold Terry, ten years old, who is a pupil in his father's school. On July 6, 1897, a second marriage united Mr. Bartlett with Miss Harriet Butler Banning, of Old Lyme. In politics he is a conservative Republican, in religious faith an Episcopalian.

BENJAMIN W. JENKINS, a resident farmer of Salem since 1882, was born in New York City, August 6, 1847, son of William and Harriet A. (Tiniam) Jenkins. The father was a head drayman and carman, and in the steamboat agency. The mother, whom the latter married May 28, 1846, was a native of Troy, N.Y. Of their six children four are living, namely: Benjamin W., the subject of this sketch; William W., a boss drayman of New York City; Theodore Franklin, an agent for a steamboat company; and Lillian A., who

resides with her brothers at 6 Commerce Street, New York, the home of the only married brother. When the father died, in 1877, his sons William and Theodore succeeded him in business. The widow died on December 27, 1893, at the age of sixty-six years. Both are buried in the Lutheran cemetery on Long Island. While he did not profess any religion, he was kind and generous.

At the age of twelve years, after receiving a common-school education, Benjamin W. Jenkins began to earn his own living. When fourteen years old he went into the employ of a silversmith in Ball, Black & Co.'s building, remaining for more than six years. In 1870 he was employed by Tiffany, the well-known jeweller, who one year later made him foreman of his department, a position that he held for twelve years. In 1882 he became the foreman of a department in the Whiting Manufacturing Company. After eleven years spent with this firm, on finding his health in a poor condition, he bought of Wellington S. Gott, for the sum of twenty-six hundred dollars, his present farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres. Here he lived quietly for a time, and regained his health. Then he returned to the employment of the Whiting Company, leaving his family on the farm.

On February 3, 1868, Mr. Jenkins married Susan Cornelia McNaughton, a daughter of James and Agnes McNaughton. Her father, who served in the Federal navy during the Civil War, at the close of the war was numbered among the missing, and without doubt lost his life in the cause of the Union. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have three children, as follows: Agnes C., wife of William R. Golding, who resides in Tenafly, N.J., and has three children; Grace E., who is the wife of Alvin F. Fargo, a farmer in Bozrah, and has one



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son; and Mary I., who is the wife of Edward W. Fargo, of New London, has two sons. In politics Mr. Jenkins supports the Republican ticket. He is a member of the Knights of Honor, and was formerly connected with the Order of United American Mechanics. Considering his early training and long residence in a great city, Mr. Jenkins has been fairly successful as a farmer among the Connecticut hills.

IRA J. MARTIN, the superintendent of the Bozrahville cotton-mill, was born in Sterling, Conn., June 8, 1857, son of William D. and Maria M. (Harrington) Martin, who were natives respectively of Killingly and Woodstock, Conn. The father, who was for some years a cotton-mill superintendent, later in life invented a turbine water-wheel. He died when his son, Ira J., the subject of this sketch, was nine years old.

Ira J. Martin began life for himself at the age of eleven years as an operative in the Whitestone Mill at East Killingly. Here for some years he was employed during the summer season, and attended school during the winter. At the age of twenty he went to Pawtucket, R.I., where he was for a short time a pupil at the high school. From Pawtucket he went to Springvale, Me., as overseer in the Springvale cotton-mills; and a short time later he went to North Uxbridge, Mass., where he was employed in the same capacity at the Uxbridge cotton-mill for four years. After working as overseer in the Smithville mills at Willimantic for a time, he was appointed superintendent of the Stafford Manufacturing Company's mills in Pawtucket. In the spring of 1892 he accepted his present position, that of superintendent of the Bozrahville cotton-mills, and has since

devoted his energy and experience to this enterprise. He has under his direction an average of one hundred and twenty-five hands, and the quality of goods turned out at these mills has acquired a high reputation.

Since coming to Bozrah, Mr. Martin has taken much interest in public affairs, acting with the Republican party. Since 1894 he has been the chairman of the Republican Town Committee. He is a Justice of the Peace; has served as the chairman of the Board of School Visitors; is connected with the Masonic fraternity of Uxbridge, Mass., the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Lebanon, Conn., and with the Royal Arcanum of Norwich. Also he is the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Bozrahville Religious Union, an incorporated society in which he takes an active interest.

He wedded Verina L. Pray, a native of Killingly, and has a family of seven children. A self-made man, he is held in high consideration by the people of Bozrah; and he fully merits the respect accorded to him.

HON. STEPHEN H. HALL, Postmaster of Norwich, Conn., the post-office here having been under his able management since April 1, 1894, was born in Waterford, Saratoga County, N.Y., January 3, 1849, son of Henry M. and Betsey (Van Voorheis) Hall. His grandfather Hall was a native of Massachusetts and a lifelong resident of that State. He married Miss Sophia Cooley.

Henry M. Hall was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1820. He was an iron moulder by trade, and for many years was superintendent of the foundry in Elizabethport, N.J. He died in 1863, aged forty-two. Betsey Van Voorheis, to whom he was married in 1848 at

Clifton Park, Waterford, where the early years of their wedded life were spent, was a daughter of Jeremy and Ann (Lasalle) Van Voorheis. She bore her husband three children; namely, Stephen H., Charles, and George D. Charles Hall, born in 1850, died in Waterford, N. Y., in 1880, leaving a wife and two children, one a son, George, living in Waterford. George D. Hall is a machinist in Waterford, and has two sons. Their mother continues to live on the old Waterford home-stead, and is still very active despite her seventy-three years.

Stephen H. Hall was an attendant of the Waterford district school until fourteen years of age. Then, in 1863, his father having died, he started out for himself, without cash capital, and with his few earthly possessions tied together in a bundle. When leaving home he intended to become a sailor; but instead of shipping he replied to an advertisement in a Springfield paper for a newsboy, and was soon installed in the news store of A. F. Jennings, of that city, where he worked over two years, beginning at one dollar and a half per week and board. His next position was in the pistol manufactory of Smith & Wesson, he being the only boy employed there. He remained in the factory for four years, during which time he gained a thorough knowledge of certain parts of the mechanical work. In 1869 he went West, and spent the succeeding two or three years in various places, securing work first in Chicago, later successively at Des Moines and Council Bluffs, Ia., and Omaha, Neb., engaging in the then new enterprise of rubber-stamp making. He also went South to Missouri, Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee, then back to Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Canada, meeting with good financial success. In 1873 he came to Norwich, and went to work in the

pistol factory, where he remained for fifteen years.

He was elected in 1887 a member of the upper house of the State legislature over H. H. Osgood, the Republican candidate, and served two years. After that he went into the mail service as route agent from Boston to New York City, working at this sixteen months. In 1888 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress, and ran ahead of his ticket, coming closer to an election than any of his predecessors had done. His Republican opponent received a majority of somewhat over six hundred, which, compared with the majority of over three thousand given the Republican candidate in 1894, speaks well for Mr. Hall. He served on the School Board three years. In his religious views he is a Universalist. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed the different chairs; of the Knights of Pythias; the Improved Order of Red Men; the A. O. U. W.; the New England Order of Protection; the Veteran Fire Association; and the Foresters. Mr. Hall is president of the local board of the Guarantee Savings Loan and Investment Company of Washington, D. C. In the *New York Journal's* vote for Connecticut's most popular man Mr. Hall was second, receiving eighty-four thousand and thirty-nine votes. Ex-Governor Waller was first, receiving ninety-two thousand.

On November 2, 1878, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Caroline E. Blackwell, of East Wareham, Mass. Her parents were Ellis and Elizabeth Blackwell, and she has one brother, Thomas Blackwell; of East Wareham. There were two sisters, but neither is now living. Maude E. Hall, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, is a student in Norwich Free Academy. The family reside at 22 Fairmont Street.

CAPTAIN DANIEL WEBSTER CHESTER, a well-known sea captain of Noank and a son of Charles and Betsy (Wilbur) Chester, was born here, January 14, 1839. His ancestors were among the first settlers of New England. The first Chester of whom there is a record was a certain Captain John Chester, who, it is said, came from England in his own ship. Nathan Chester, the grandfather of Captain Daniel, was born April 14, 1765, at the Chester farm near Eastern Point. He followed farming on the old homestead, a mile distant from Noank, and lived to be ninety years of age. With his wife, who was a Wallsworth, he reared seven sons and one daughter. Nathan, the eldest of these children, went to Ohio, where he was president of a college. Asa and Eldredge, who were twins, settled at Albion, N. Y. Excepting Albert, all Nathan's children are deceased. Their descendants still live in the West. Charles Chester, the father of the subject of this sketch, born in Noank about 1704, died in 1848. He married Betsy Wilbur, of Noank, who, born in 1800, died in 1884. Their four children were: Delia, who is now the widow of George Chipman, of Noank, and has one daughter; William Chester, who was a bachelor, and died in 1863; and Charles Ira Chester, of Noank, born in 1834.

Captain Daniel Webster Chester was educated in the district schools, which he attended until about thirteen years of age, being employed for eight months of the year on a fishing-smack. For the past twenty years he has been "Captain" Chester. During the first ten years of this time he was employed in the coasting trade with Southern ports and the West Indies. In the last ten years he sailed to Australia, Africa, Europe, Peru, and the Philippine Islands. The two

latter places were visited while the Chilian War was waging. His coasting service of five years was performed on the "Triumph," a two-masted schooner. His second boat, which served him for five years, was a three-master; and his last ship was a three-master of eighteen hundred tons, called "The Dauntless," built in Mystic, and in which he made his foreign voyages. This vessel was cast away on the coast of Africa. He abandoned his seafaring life in 1883. Since that time he has been engaged in the coal business. About twenty-seven years ago he erected his residence at the corner of Chapel Street and Chester Avenue.

On December 10, 1863, Captain Chester married Mary Emma Fitch, of Noank, daughter of Elisha and Mary Peabody Fitch, of the same place. Her grandparents were Latham and Waty (Burrows) Fitch. Mr. Fitch, a native of Groton, followed the sea, and died in 1808. His wife was born August 18, 1769, and died May 22, 1863. Nathan Burrows, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Chester, lived in the village now known as Mystic, where his house afforded a hospitable retreat to refugees from Fisher's Island, Long Island, and Block Island. Many were the interesting stories that Mrs. Waty Fitch related to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, of the stirring events of the Revolution. Among them she told of the massacre at Fort Griswold in 1781; of the burning of the houses on Fisher's Island in the first bombardment of the coast in September, 1775; and of the mutiny, three years later, on the privateer "Eagle," in which several of her friends were murdered. She had nine children, eight of whom, four sons and four daughters, reached maturity. Captain Chester and his wife have had five children, namely: Lizzie D., who died at the age of

nine years; Juliette F., who was educated at Wilbraham; Hattie, who died when nine months old; John D. W., now a student at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., class of 1899; and Claude Milton, a graduate of Bulkeley School, and now attending Colgate. Both the Captain and Mrs. Chester are members of the Baptist church. Captain Chester is a trustee and the treasurer of the society.

SILAS B. WHEELER, an enterprising and progressive agriculturist of Stonington, Conn., has been identified with the leading interests of this section of New London County for many years as an educator, a town officer, and a member of the legislature. He was born June 25, 1845, on the farm where he now resides, and which was also the birthplace of his father, the late Hiram W. Wheeler. He is of English antecedents, the emigrant ancestor on both sides being Thomas Wheeler, who came to this country in the very early part of the seventeenth century, and is likewise a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins. The homestead property, originally containing one hundred and sixty acres, was formerly owned by the great-grandfather of Mr. Wheeler, who willed it to his sons, Nathaniel and Silas, the latter being the grandfather of Silas B. The first house on the place was built in 1680; but of this nothing is left standing excepting the large stone chimney, the remainder having been taken down in 1895.

Hiram W. Wheeler was born February 19, 1805, and spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits on the homestead, his death occurring here, January 19, 1891. He married Mary B. Wheeler, who was a distant relative. She was born in Stonington, January 1, 1812,

and died December 14, 1885. On February 1, 1832, the union of the parents was solemnized. They had five children, as follows: Hiram W., born November 19, 1832, a carpenter by trade, went to Minnesota when a young man, and was accidentally drowned August 27, 1856, in the Mississippi River; Samuel A., born October 23, 1838, a resident of Providence, R.I., is superintendent of the Consolidated Railroad from New London to Providence; the Hon. Ralph Wheeler, born May 14, 1843, was graduated from Yale in 1864, studied law in Mystic and Ohio, is a leading attorney of New London, of which he is an ex-Mayor and Judge of the Superior Court, an office to which he was appointed in 1893; Silas B., the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; and Mary A., born January 30, 1850, who lives on the old homestead with her brother Silas.

Silas B. Wheeler was graduated from the Mystic River Academy when but sixteen years of age, and at once began his professional career, continuing for twenty-eight consecutive years as a teacher in the public schools of this locality. In 1868 he was elected a member of the Town Board of Education, in which he has since done faithful service, his thorough acquaintance with the duties and needs of the schools making him a most efficient and desirable official. He has also been Assessor, a member of the Board of Relief, a Justice of the Peace, and in 1888 was elected as a Representative to the State legislature, in which he served on the Educational Committee. In 1890 he was re-elected to the same responsible position, and during that term was a member of the Committee on Railroads. Having given up his school to enter the legislature, Mr. Wheeler has since turned his attention to farming, occupying the ancestral homestead, which he bought from

the remaining heirs after his father's death. This contains one hundred and twenty acres of land, and three miles away he has another farm of one hundred acres. He carries on the various branches of mixed farming with success.

On September 3, 1872, Mr. Wheeler married Mary A. Cooper, of Centreville, R.I., a daughter of the Rev. John Cooper, who came from England to Connecticut, and was for many years a manufacturer in Woodstock, Conn., and afterward became a Methodist clergyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have had four children: Edna M. was born August 20, 1873, graduated from Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., in June, 1891, and was married October 20, 1896, to Orson C. Pulver, a merchant of Hillsdale, N.Y.; Ralph C. was born November 5, 1876, completed his education at the Connecticut Literary Institute, Sutfield, Conn., and is now in business at Dedham, Mass.; Richard W. was born May 3, 1885, and died March 16, 1888; and Helen L. was born August 12, 1889.

In politics Mr. Wheeler is a Democrat.

JAMES F. BUGBEE, a well-known merchant of Lyme, was born in Tolland, Conn., on the last day of January, 1863, son of A. S. Bugbee and his wife, Serepta Barrows Bugbee. He represents the fifth generation of his family in America, his great-great-grandparents having come from England when their son, John Bugbee, his great-grandfather, was but a youth. They were industrious people in humble circumstances. John Bugbee was a tailor by trade, and lived to be an old man. His son Alanson, a farmer in Tolland County, now retired and living in Hartford, was born in Mans-

field, August 25, 1804, and at the age of ninety-three is still remarkably well and strong for his years, and in possession of all his faculties. He was a manufacturer of woollen goods in Tolland, and at one time had three stores. He met with heavy loss through indorsement and fire, but in all business was thoroughly honest, and would never keep a cent that was not lawfully his own. His wife, Abigail Spellman, of Stafford, who died in 1887, at the age of seventy-nine, was the mother of nine children, eight of whom, five sons and three daughters, grew to maturity. One of the sons, Sylvester by name, enlisted in the cavalry at eighteen, and had served nearly three years in the Civil War, rising from the ranks to be Sergeant, when he was killed at Wilson's Raid, being then but twenty-one. The living children of Alanson Bugbee are: Arthur, of Springfield, Mass.; Walter, in Middletown, Conn.; and Mr. A. S. Bugbee, of Saybrook, born in 1832.

For eight years Mr. James F. Bugbee was in business at Silltown in Lyme, in company with R. W. Chadwick, the firm being R. W. Chadwick & Co., dealers in flour, feed, and grain. In 1889 the firm sold out, and Mr. Bugbee bought the stock and trade of Robert Ebell at the general merchandise store where he is now located and carrying on a successful trade. Mr. Bugbee is a Master Mason of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 45, of Lyme, and also a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been a member of the Board of Relief, and is one of the Selectmen of the town. In 1895 he was sent as Representative to the legislature, and served his constituents to their satisfaction and to his own credit. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bugbee are members and earnest supporters of the Congregational church.

On July 11, 1880, Mr. Bugbee was married

to Mary Louise, daughter of Thomas S. and Charlotte Augusta (Rogers) Swan. Her father, a native of East Haddam, was born in 1815, and died in 1882; and her mother, a native of Lyme, was born in 1824, and died in 1870. Grandfather Thomas W. Swan, father of Thomas S., was a man of note in public life. His wife was Louisa Emmons, of East Haddam. She bore him three sons and three daughters. Thomas S. Swan was a farmer in Old Lyme, near Laysville, and was very prominent in public affairs in the town. He served as a Representative in the legislature, was Town Clerk for over twenty-five years, and was actively interested in educational matters. Mr. and Mrs. Swan had five children, of whom four grew to maturity; namely, T. Walter, Ada, Helen, and Mary Louise. T. Walter Swan, born in 1846, was graduated from Yale College in the class of 1869, was admitted to the bar in 1871, and died in Florida in 1878 of lung trouble. His wife survives him, together with a son, T. Walter Swan, Jr., in Yale, and Isabel, also a student in college. Ada Augusta is a widow, and lives at Shelburne Falls, Mass. Helen Lizzie was the wife of Austin Perkins, of Norwich. She died in Kingston, N.Y., in 1890, on the 10th of September, at the age of thirty-one years. Mary Louise was educated in the common schools of Lyme and in Norwich. She was married to Mr. Bugbee at the age of nineteen, and began her wedded life in this town. Mr. and Mrs. Bugbee have one child, a daughter Ruth, eleven years of age.

One of Mrs. Bugbee's great-grandfathers on the maternal side was Lynde Lord, born at Lyme in 1767. He was a descendant of William Lord, who was born in England in 1623, came to America with his father, Thomas Lord, in 1635, and was a comparatively early settler of Saybrook. Lynde Lord

married Mehitable Marvin, a descendant of Reynold Marvin, who came from England about the year 1635, it is thought, and died in Lyme in 1662. Matilda, daughter of Lynde Lord and grandmother of Mrs. Bugbee, was born in 1794, and married in 1822 John Rogers, a graduate of Yale in the class of 1815 and a physician. He removed to Ohio in 1837, where he died many years later. His two children were: Mrs. Bugbee's mother; and an older daughter now living in Ohio.

WALTER FISH, one of the progressive farmers of Groton, was born in his present abode, November 22, 1854, son of William R. and Lydia (Williams) Fish. He is a descendant of John Fish, who settled in Groton, Conn., as early as 1655, being one of the first settlers there. Captain Samuel Fish, son of John, and the next in line of descent, was born in 1656 or 1657. His name occurs in the patents of New London in 1704, the year prior to the incorporation of Groton. He was the second townsman in Groton on its organization, and was re-elected to this position for many years. In the French and Indian War he bore a Captain's commission. His lands, which must have exceeded a thousand acres, were situated between the Mystic River and the north-east spur of Fort Hill. Near the centre of his estate was Pequot Hill, between which and the river he built his house. His son, Nathan Fish, the paternal great-great-grandfather of Walter Fish, was a shoemaker by trade. After he lost his parents, he was reared to manhood on Shelter Island, New York, where he learned his trade. He was also a farmer. His son Sands followed the same pursuits in Mystic, Conn. Simeon, son of Sands and the grandfather of Walter Fish, was a ship-



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builder, being one of four who established the old Field ship-yard. His partners were: William Clift, who left the sea to engage in the enterprise; Nathan S. Fish, his brother; and William E. Maxson. They began by building fishing smacks. Later they furnished coasting-vessels for the cotton trade, and clipper ships for the California trade. Among many fine craft of their construction was the "B. F. Hoxie," which was well known to the merchant marine service in California. Grandfather Simeon married Eliza, daughter of Jedediah Randall, on whose land the ship-yard was located. Mr. Randall was an outfitter, and prepared many whaling-vessels for sea. Simeon, who was born here in 1797, died in 1861, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife, who was six years younger, survived him fifteen years. Their children were: William R.; Nathan S., of Mystic; and Jedediah Randall Fish, of New London.

William R. Fish was born in the village of Mystic, July 17, 1824. From the time he was fifteen years of age he worked on the farm, toiling for almost a half-century. This farm of one hundred acres is one of the best of its size in this section. In 1849 William married Lydia Williams, of Ledyard, Conn. Her parents were Erastus and Nancy (Hewitt) Williams, her father having been the son of the third William Williams. She had three children — Ida, Mary, and Walter. Ida married Russell W. Welles at Poquonnock Bridge, and Mary married Thomas Wolf on this farm. The father was a member of the Baptist church from early youth. He died in May, 1890, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. The mother passed away on October 8, 1896, sixty-seven years old. The house in which they ended their life had been their residence since it had been erected by the father in 1864.

Walter Fish, after completing his studies at

the academy, engaged in farming, which he follows in an up-to-date manner. He has two silos, which were the first built in this section, with a capacity of one hundred and seventy-five tons, and which he fills with corn grown from twelve acres, gathering from his land twelve hundred bushels besides. He has the latest and best farming implements, including a portable steam-engine. As a breeder and dealer in the superior Brown Swiss stock he stands second to none, and now keeps thirty head of cattle on his farm. On a part of the original farm that he sold, many village homes have been erected. The many massive and well-built walls surrounding and dividing the property represent a vast amount of labor and expense. For several years he has been the president of the Brown Swiss Breeders' Association of America, in which capacity his father served for twelve years or more before his death.

In 1884 Mr. Fish married Eunice Avery, of Preston, Conn. They have a comely and interesting daughter, Fanny Ella, who was born November 14, 1888. Mr. Fish is a member of the Baptist church. Mrs. Fish is a daughter of Erasmus and Eunice (Williams) Avery, both of whom reside near her. She is a descendant of Christopher Avery, who, born in England in 1590, lived in Gloucester, Mass., in 1644, officiating as Selectman. His son James, born in England in 1620, married Joanna Greenslade in Boston. The line of descent comes through Christopher; James; James (second); John; John, Jr.; and Robert, the grandfather of Mrs. Fish. Through the Avery family she traces her ancestry to Elder Brewster, of the "Mayflower." In their possession is a fine specimen of the tall, old-fashioned clock, which was built by John Avery, her great-grandfather, and is regarded as an heirloom of the Williams family.

HARRIET HUBBARD, a respected resident of Stonington, is a daughter of George and Sally (Swan) Hubbard, both of this town, and was born September 2, 1812. Her grandfather, John Hubbard, was one of three brothers, young men of means, who came to this country from England, and spent here the rest of their lives. The grandfather settled in Windsor County, near Hartford, Conn., where he died when over eighty years of age. His wife was in maidenhood Susanna Mills; and they had three sons — John, Job, and George. George Hubbard, father of Miss Harriet Hubbard, was born in Windsor County, July 23, 1780. Entering Yale College, he subsequently took a degree there; and in 1807 he came to Stonington, where he practised law for many years, becoming one of the leading lawyers in the town. He had a financial interest in shipping, and was also the founder of the Stonington Bank. A loyal citizen, interested in public affairs, he was elected Representative of the town for several terms, serving both in the upper and lower house. He was also a Master Mason. In 1809 he married Mrs. Sally Swan Phelps, widow of Dr. Charles Phelps, who died in 1800, leaving her with four children, three sons and one daughter, none of whom lived beyond middle life. She was born October 5, 1772, and died in 1841, at sixty-nine years of age. Mr. Hubbard died in 1853, his death being widely regretted. He left his daughter a fair competency. He and his wife were the parents of three children — George, Harriet, and one that died in infancy. George, born in 1810, was for many years Collector of the Port at Stonington. Miss Harriet Hubbard received a liberal education, attending schools in Stonington, New Haven, and New York. After finishing her studies, she returned to her na-

tive village, where she has since resided, doing much good in a quiet, unobtrusive way. She is an earnest worker in the Second Congregational Church, and is the last surviving member of her family.

MATTHEW STILLMAN CLARK, a well-known and esteemed citizen of Salem, was born in the town of Westerly, R.I., January 13, 1816, eighty-two years ago, son of Augustus and Ruth (Barker) Clark. The family is noted for its longevity. Grandfather Clark was an octogenarian, and his wife also lived to be very old. Mr. Clark's mother, who was a Barker, of Newport, R.I., died at the age of eighty-five. She had nine children, six of whom lived to maturity. George Barker Clark went to Jasper County, Illinois, forty years ago.

Matthew Clark received his education partly in Westerly, R.I., and partly in Franklin, New London County, to which place his parents removed when he was about sixteen years old. He spent two years, 1855 and 1856, in Poquonock, where he was engaged in the sash and blind industry. In 1848 he married Harriet M. Pratt, daughter of Joshua and Hannah A. (Brown) Pratt, of Lyme. Her maternal grandfather, Deacon William Brown, of Groton, was a soldier in the Revolution. Her father, Joshua Pratt, who was a blacksmith by trade, served as a Drum Major in the War of 1812. He settled in Salem when a young man, and married first Abby Way, who died leaving two daughters. By his second wife also he had two daughters, but Mrs. Clark is now the only surviving member of the family. Mr. Pratt died at the age of eighty-three years. His widow passed away at their old home about 1879, aged eighty-seven.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark lost one son at the age

of eleven months, Arthur Henry by name. They have three living children, namely: Joshua P., who conducts the farm, saw-mill, grist-mill, and shingle-mill, and who is married and has one son, Charles Stillman Clark, now five years of age; Thomas S., also a resident of this place, and married; and Ora E., wife of Nathaniel Clark, and a resident of this town. Mr. Nathaniel Clark is a relative of the family by marriage only.

The original owner of the Clark homestead was Lavine Stoddard, who built the dam and the grist-mill in 1812. The Clarks settled here forty years ago, the farm then comprising fifty-four acres of land, with the saw and grist mill. Mr. Clark erected a shingle-mill a few years later, which has proved profitable to him and of benefit to the community. He made one hundred and fifty thousand shingles in one year, which he sold at two and one-half dollars per thousand. During the same year he ground eleven thousand bushels of grain, and his saw-mill netted him two hundred dollars. The property has doubled in value since it came into his possession. Mr. Clark, in spite of his eighty-two years, is a hale and active man, and retains all his faculties unimpaired. He has not even been obliged to use eye-glasses, now so generally worn; and to his intellectual powers the years have only added strength.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, a prosperous farmer of Stonington, was born in Ledyard, Conn., September 7, 1841, son of Seth and Lucy A. (Noyes) Williams. The grandfather, Seth Williams, was an industrious farmer of Ledyard, who had six children, three sons and three daughters. The father, Seth Williams, second, born in Ledyard in

1801, married Lucy Ann, a daughter of Joseph and Zerviah (Wheeler) Noyes. Her mother was a daughter of Paul Wheeler, a man of wealth and note in his time. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had ten children: Seth N.; Lucy Ann; Eunice Servia; Harriet; Newel Gurdon; Joseph Warren; William Henry; Benjamin Franklin, the subject of this sketch; Abbie Eliza; and Orrin Merwin. Eight of them are still living.

Benjamin Williams attended the district schools until he was fifteen years old, when he was sent to a boarding-school in East Greenwich, where he studied three years. He then entered Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., where he finished the usual course of study. Returning to Ledyard, at the beginning of the Civil War he was one of the first volunteers, but was rejected on account of rheumatism. He then turned his attention to farming as his chief occupation, although later in life he has done much business as administrator of estates and conservator of the unfortunate and as guardian of minors. He has taken a prominent part in public affairs. He served as School Visitor for nine years, during which time he was clerk of the School Board, and for sixteen years was District Committeeman. Although he is a firm Republican and the town of Stonington is Democratic by a large majority, he is now serving his eighth consecutive year as Selectman, four of which years he was First Selectman. Mr. Williams took an active part in securing for Mystic the new velvet plant of the Rossie Brothers, of Germany; and, when the Mystic Industrial Company was formed in the winter of 1897, he was chosen one of the directors, and was elected its first president. He joined the First Congregational Church in Stonington in 1866, and has since been a member of the Society Committee. He has been a

Deacon since October 4, 1868, and superintendent of the Sunday-school since 1874. Since 1888 he has been treasurer of the society and of the church fund, amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars. He lives on a farm which was settled by his father-in-law thirty-five years ago, and carries on a large dairy.

Mr. Williams was married February 4, 1864, to Ann Louisa, a daughter of Nathan S. and Nancy (Dennison) Noyes, of Stonington. They have had eight children, only three of whom are living. Nathan, the eldest, died in 1892, leaving a widow; Everett and Joseph died in infancy; George passed away in 1876, at the age of seven years; Eliza Dennison died in 1880, at the age of five; Frank Lincoln, a commercial traveller, is unmarried, and makes his home with his parents; Annie Louise is the wife of Noyes Palmer; and Clarence Henry is a commercial traveller.

CAPTAIN JAMES F. SMITH, the proprietor of a steamboat line running between New London and the east end of Long Island, and a member of the New London Board of Aldermen, was born in this city, December 17, 1837, son of Franklin F. and Mary C. (Chapel) Smith. He comes of a family of sailors, and is the sixth James Smith, each succeeding generation giving to the world one of that name. His great-grandfather and grandfather, both named James, were seafaring men. The grandfather, who was lost from a privateer when about forty-four years of age, married a Miss Hempstead, who lived to be quite old. They reared six sons and five daughters of whom all but one nearly reached the age of eighty. Only one of this family is living to-day. Five of the sons — Parker, Robert, James, Franklin F.,

and Richard — were successful ship-masters in the whaling trade. The other, John, was cut off in the flower of young manhood, being lost from the topsail-yard of his vessel off the Cape of Good Hope.

Franklin F. Smith was born in New London about 1800. He followed the sea during a large part of his life as the captain of a whaler. For some time he was a member of the firm of Perkins & Smith, whaling agents; and at one time he was quite wealthy. He died in 1872; and his wife died about five years later, in the seventy-fifth year of her age. Five children were born to this couple, four of whom grew to maturity. The latter are: James F., the subject of this sketch; Frank, a seafaring man; and Chelsea and Elias P., who reside in this city.

James F. Smith acquired his education in a district school of New London and at Easthampton (Mass.) Institute. His first voyage was made to California with his father, who was at that time the captain of the ship "Charles Carroll"; and he first sailed as a hired seaman on the ship "Crystal Palace" in 1855, receiving five dollars a month for seventeen months. In 1865 he was offered a captain's command, but did not undertake such responsibility until 1868, when he took charge of the bark "Peru." He was captain of the "Peru" for two years. Next he took command of the "Paiea," which name signifies the flag of Hawaii. On this vessel he had a unique experience. Having lost her rudder during a typhoon in latitude forty-eight north, longitude one hundred and seventy-eight east, the captain made and shipped a temporary one, with which he succeeded in reaching Honolulu Harbor in forty-eight days. From 1855 to 1868 he was away from home, most of the time on the high seas, successfully weathering the dangers of



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arctic icebergs and tropical storms. In 1871 he established a home of his own on the land; and on July 4, 1875, he started his steamboat line from New London to the east end of Long Island. He made many friends in his travels. Since 1882 he has resided at 1 Granite Street, formerly the home of his uncle and aunt, Captain James Smith and sister, who died here.

In 1871 the Captain was united in marriage with Miss Sarah B. Ward, daughter of Captain John L. Ward. Of their three children one is living. This is a promising boy of fifteen years, the seventh James Smith. Captain Smith takes an active interest in the city government. Elected Alderman on the Republican ticket, he has served in the City Council for five years. A veteran Mason, he has taken thirty-two degrees. He is Past Grand of Mohegan Lodge, I. O. O. F.; ex-State Councillor in the Order of United American Mechanics; Past Chancellor of Mistuxet Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Mystic; Great Sachem in the Improved Order of Red Men; and he belongs to the Daughters of Liberty, the Daughters of Rebecca, and the Daughters of Pocahontas. For some time he has been the vice-president of the Veteran Firemen's Association of New London.

GEORGE OSCAR JACKSON, of Colchester, the present High Sheriff of New London County, was born January 13, 1854, in South Coventry, Tolland County, son of John and Mary (Scott) Jackson. Andrew Jackson, the father of John, was a native of Scotland. He came to this country when a young man, and settled in New York. By trade he was a builder and contractor. He married Margaret Snow, a native of the north of Ireland. Thirteen

children were born to them, two of whom died in childhood. Six sons and five daughters reached maturity.

John Jackson was married about 1852 in Mansfield, Conn., to Mrs. Mary Scott Perry, of Windham, Conn., daughter of William Scott. She is a great-grand-daughter of the William Scott who came over in the English army, subsequently took up the cause of the patriots, and fought against the British in the Revolution and in the War of 1812. By her marriage with Ransom Perry, who died in the prime of life, she had two children, one of whom, P. G. Perry, resides in South Windham, Conn. Two children were born of her union with John Jackson — George Oscar and Lydia. The latter is now the wife of Charles Bullard, and lives at Big Stone City, S. Dak. The father died at Colchester Springs in 1888. Besides carrying on a farm, he conducted a tan-yard, which he started in Marlboro, Conn., in 1858. The mother, now seventy-nine years of age, but still very active, is living with the son.

George O. Jackson spent his boyhood with his parents, assisting his father on the farm and in the tan-yard. His education was acquired in the old red brick school-house, which is still standing. In 1877 he left home and went to the Black Hills, where for a twelvemonth or more he led an adventurous life, engaging in the hotel and mining business and as a mounted guard for the express company. He then returned home, and in July, 1879, went to Colchester, and established himself in the manufacture of harnesses. Here he did a prosperous business up to the time that he sold out, in January, 1895. For thirteen years he has been a Deputy Sheriff; and on April 1, 1896, he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of High Sheriff Frank Hawkes, deceased. At present,

besides attending to his official duties, he is engaged in developing a fruit farm in the village.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1879, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage with Miss Hattie F. Crocker, of Colchester. They lost a son at the age of eight, and three others younger. Three of the deceased died of scarlet fever within a few days of each other. Their living children are: Lila, aged twelve; Alice, seven; Agnes, five; Ruth, three; and Myron, two years old. The family reside on one of his south village places. In politics Sheriff Jackson is a Republican, and he has served very acceptably for twelve years on the party's State Central Committee. He was a Constable for many years, and was also Tax Collector and Bailiff for the borough. In the Masonic fraternity he is a Knight Templar Mason, and he belongs to the order of the Knights of Pythias.

THEOPHILUS BROWN, a retired sea captain, who is now engaged in farming in Groton, New London County, Conn., was born in that part of the town which is now Ledyard, on January 12, 1824. His parents were Aaron and Mary (Wilcox) Brown, both of old Colonial stock of English origin. Nathaniel Brown, the earliest known progenitor of Captain Brown on his father's side, married a Miss Haines in Groton, Conn., in 1715. Their son Comfort was the father of Nathaniel, second, the father of Aaron Brown. Nathaniel Brown, second, was one of the minute-men during the Revolutionary War. His wife, whose maiden name was Deborah Morgan, was a native of Groton. They reared two sons—Nathaniel, third, and Aaron—and seven daughters, all but one of whom had families. Grandfather Brown

lived to be threescore years and ten. His property at his death was inventoried at twenty-five hundred dollars. His widow, who survived him twelve years, died in 1830, at the age of eighty.

Aaron Brown engaged in farming on part of the original home farm. He married, in 1807, Mary Wilcox, of Groton. They reared seven children—Robert, Eleazer, Sabrina, Allura, Laura, Theophilus, and Jeffrey. Robert Brown, who was a master mariner, went to Seattle, Wash., in 1873, and died there in 1894, at the age of eighty-five. He and his wife reared a family. Eleazer Brown died single, at the age of twenty-two years. Sabrina married Jeremiah Wilcox, had two daughters, and died in 1881. Allura died at the age of eighteen. Laura married Thomas Lanphere, and died, she and her only child, an infant, being buried in the same coffin. Jeffrey died in 1868 on the old farm, at the age of forty-two, leaving two sons and three daughters. The father, Aaron Brown, died in 1871, and the mother, Mary Wilcox Brown, in 1877, at the age of eighty-four. Their remains rest in the Brown burial-ground with several generations of their family, Comfort, the donor of the ground, being its first occupant.

Theophilus Brown was reared on the homestead farm, and there remained until he was twenty years of age, receiving a limited district-school education. In 1843 he shipped as sailor before the mast, with Captain Jonathan Nash, on the bark "Vermont," of Mystic. They went round Cape Horn to the Pacific, and were gone twenty-nine months, making a very poor voyage as to profits, oil at the time of their return being only twenty-five cents a gallon, and bone but twenty-seven cents a pound, his entire earnings amounting to but one hundred and twelve dollars. His

second voyage on the "Vermont" was still more disastrous, the vessel and her cargo being cast away on Amsterdam Island, seventy-eight degrees east longitude, and forty-one degrees south latitude, the crew being rescued by the whalers. For sixteen years he was a master mariner, for several years sailing the "Electer." In 1869 Captain Brown settled down on a small farm in Groton, where he now lives. His fine, large mansion-house was built by a Mr. Perry, who died shortly after it was finished. Captain Brown has expended thousands of dollars in clearing and cultivating the grounds, beautifying the place by setting out shade, fruit, and ornamental trees and shrubbery. The house can be seen from New London and other points; and it affords a commanding view of the majestic Thames River flowing by, opposite Fort Trumbull and the lovely banks and lawns of Pequot and New London. As the eye follows the many sailing and steam craft gliding out of the harbor and river into Long Island Sound, it sees in the distance Fisher's Island and other smaller islands, apparently floating on the waters.

Captain Brown was first married in 1857 to Julia Hallet, a native of that part of Groton now known as Ledyard. She died, childless, two years later, of consumption. In 1868, after leaving the sea, he was united in marriage with Mary Louisa Geer, daughter of Isaac and Experience (Avery) Geer. Captain and Mrs. Brown have two daughters, namely: Alice Experience, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., now living at home; and Clara Louise, who was graduated from Williams Memorial High School in New London in 1895, subsequently taking a post-graduate course. Mrs. Brown was one of a family of four children. One brother and one sister have passed away.

Isaac Geer, her surviving brother, is now living on the old Geer homestead; and she has nieces and nephews of education and refinement, who are filling positions of trust and honor.

MRS. FANNY A. WILCOX, widow of the late Leander Wilcox, of the town of Stonington, is a daughter of Elias and Frances (Wilcox) Davis, and was born in Quinebaug, New London County, Conn., May 10, 1846.

Her father, Elias Davis, a son of Peter Davis, was born in Lisbon, Conn., and is now living in Stonington, not far from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Wilcox. He was twice married. His first wife, Frances A., a daughter of Lodwick Wilcox, died August 6, 1848, leaving three children, including Fanny A., the subject of this sketch, then an infant. The other two were Elias N. and Benjamin F. I. Elias N., who was a volunteer in Company C, Twenty-first Connecticut Regiment, enlisting in 1862 and serving six months, died in a hospital in Newport News, Va., in March, 1865, when but nineteen years of age. Benjamin F. I. Davis is now a resident of Westerly, R.I. Mr. Davis's second wife was in maidenhood Julia Ann Wilcox. Five daughters and one son, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, are now living.

Fanny A. Davis received her education in the common schools. Her marriage to Leander Wilcox occurred January 1, 1865. She began her married life in the house in which she now lives, being at that time but eighteen years old, and her husband twenty. Mr. Wilcox was a son of Elias Wilcox, a retired fisherman of Stonington, who was born in that town April 3, 1815. He was engaged in the

fish business, at first in company with others; but for some years before his death he conducted business alone. He was a consistent member of the Union Baptist Church of Mystic, in which he was also a Deacon. His death, which occurred December 22, 1895, was most tranquil, his last words being, "How beautiful! how beautiful!" He was a much respected citizen, and his loss was widely regretted.

Mrs. Wilcox has one child, Ella May, who now resides with her mother, and is a student at the Mystic High School. Further information in regard to the family may be found in the sketch of Captain Elias F. Wilcox, published elsewhere in this volume.

GEORGE LOVETT GRISWOLD, Town, City, and School Tax Collector of Norwich, Conn., is a native of Willimantic, this State. He was born February 6, 1858, son of George H. and Lucinda (Cheney) Griswold. His paternal grandfather, Henry Griswold, died early, leaving this one son, George H., above named, who was reared by his grandfather Paige.

George H. Griswold was born in the town of Windham, Conn., in 1826. He became a skilled machinist, and during the Civil War he worked in the Eagle Armory, making guns. His last years were spent here in Norwich, where he died in 1868. Lucinda Cheney, to whom he was married in the year 1845, was born in Windham, and was a daughter of Joseph H. and Abigail (Babcock) Cheney.

George Lovett Griswold is the fifth child and second son of the three sons and five daughters born to his parents. All of these children except Henry, who died when but two years old, grew to adult age. The living are: Ellen A., wife of William P. Potter, Jr.,

residing at 60 Prospect Street, Norwich; Josephine A., wife of Ripley J. Ramage, of New Britain, Conn.; George Lovett, of Norwich, direct subject of this sketch; and Frank H. and Clara E., who reside with their mother in this city.

George Lovett Griswold, after obtaining a common-school education, learned the carpenter's trade. He then worked at type-wood dressing for three years, and subsequently did a contracting business in the manufacture of gun-stocks. In the fall of 1893 he was elected Town Tax Collector; in June, 1894, he was chosen City Collector; and in September of that year School Tax Collector. In these several capacities he is now serving.


On May 4, 1894, Mr. Griswold was married to Miss Angie L. Thompson, daughter of Charles Thompson, of Willimantic. Their home has been brightened by the birth of a daughter, Gladys L., born March 23, 1896.

Mr. Griswold is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Franklin Council, No. 3, R. & S. M.; Past Sachem of Mohican Tribe, No. 4, Improved Order of Red Men; a member of the Republican Club; the Arcanum Club; the R. N. E. Wheel Club; Gardner Lodge, No. 46, Knights of Pythias, of Norwich; Captain of C. A. Russell Company, Uniform Ranks, K. P.; also a member of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., of Norwich; and a member of Citizens' Corps of Sedgwick Post, No. 1, G. A. R. He served nearly eight years in the Volunteer Fire Department, and afterward organized the Veteran Firemen's Association, of which he is treasurer. For eleven years he served in the militia, and at the time he resigned he was Captain of Company C, Third Regiment. He resides at 103 River Avenue, Laurel Hill, having bought the estate and settled here in October, 1895.



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RRIN EUGENE MINER, M.D., a physician of Noank, Conn., was born in North Stonington, Conn., September 29, 1834. He is the son of Denison W. and Clarissa M. (Park) Miner. Thomas Miner, the progenitor of this family, was born in Chew Magna, in the county of Somerset, England, April 23, 1608, and emigrated to this country with Governor Winthrop and family in 1630, in the good ship "Arbella," arrived in Salem, Mass., June 14, 1630, and settled in Charlestown, Mass. On April 20, 1633, he married Grace, daughter of Walter Palmer, and by this union had twelve children. In 1635 he removed to Hingham, Mass.; and in 1646 he came to Connecticut, and settled in New London. His seventh son, Manasseh, was the first male child born in that town. In 1653 he removed to Stonington (Wequetequoc), thence to Quiambog in the same town, where he spent the remainder of his days, and held about every office in the gift of his townsmen, being elected Deputy Magistrate, Selectman, Chief Military Officer, and also Town Clerk for a number of years; and it is said his peculiar style of writing forms one of the curiosities of the Stonington records. Dying on October 23, 1690, aged eighty-three years, he was buried at Wequetequoc, in Stonington.

Over his grave lies a common pasture stone, about six feet long, the top ten inches wide and about one foot thick, having the following inscription, "Here Lyes the body of Lieutenant Thomas Miner, aged 83, departed 1690." The fifth son, Ephraim, is buried at Taugwonk, in Stonington; and over the grave is a beautiful and elaborately carved table stone representing the Miner coat of arms and other devices. Near the grave of Thomas are two more finely wrought table stones, which mark the resting-place of Deacon Manasseh (sev-

enth son) and grandson Deacon Thomas Miner, each of these stones having engraved upon it the Miner coat of arms. This coat of arms was conferred on Henry Miner, of Chew, county of Somerset, England, by Edward III., in 1339, for valorous services rendered the king during the French war about that time. The original document was preserved by his descendants to the sixth generation—that is, to the time of Asa Miner, and was by him deposited with the Connecticut Historical Society for preservation, at Hartford, Conn. The following certificate is appended to the original document: "This Coat of the Miners of Chew, I attest to be entered at Bath in Somersett, by Clarendieux, the 4th of King James the first, which visitation is in custody of me 1606, Alex: Cunningham."

Isaac Miner, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a farmer of Stonington, where he remained during his life. He married Keturah Brown, of North Stonington; and they had eight children—four daughters and four sons, all of whom grew up and had families. Isaac Miner died thirty years before his wife, who lived to the advanced age of ninety years.

Their son, Denison W. Miner, the father named above, was born in Stonington in 1808. He was a well-to-do farmer, and he held some offices in the town. He married Clarissa M. Park, daughter of Israel P. Park, in May, 1832, and was the father of five children, as follows: Orrin Eugene, Clarissa, Elmina, Fannie, and Irving W. Clarissa, the second-born, is the wife of Elias H. Miner, a second cousin. They live at Taugwonk. Elmina Miner, the second daughter, died in infancy; and Fannie, the third, died at the age of sixteen years. Irving W. Miner, the younger son, is at present living in Westerly, R.I.

Their father, Isaac Miner, died in 1886; and their mother died December 29, 1897, aged eighty-three years.

Orrin Eugene Miner, the eldest born of the family, attended the East Greenwich Academy in his youth, and prepared for Brown University, but changed his plans, and entered the University of New York City in 1855, graduating in 1858, in a class of five hundred, receiving a certificate of honor in addition to his diploma. He settled soon after in his present home, and erected his drug store. He has a practice in Noank and the adjoining villages, and also carries on a successful business as a druggist. He has invested considerably in real estate, and owns a number of tenements. Dr. Miner is a member of the American Pharmacy Association, and of the Connecticut Association, and is an ex-Fellow of the Connecticut Medical Association. He is also a Master Mason. In politics he is a Republican, having been a voter with that party since its formation. He has been Notary Public, for over thirty years was Medical Examiner, and has also held the office of Postmaster for seventeen years. He has resigned the duties of Coroner, which he performed for some years.

On May 19, 1859, he married Abbie J. Latham, daughter of James A. Latham. The Doctor and his wife have two children—Orrin E. and Fannie M. Orrin E. Miner, Jr., resides in New London, being employed as mail clerk from New London to Boston. He is also his father's partner in the drug business. He married Anna Libby, of Noank. Fannie M. Miner was graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1891, and is now living at home with her father and mother. Dr. Miner is at present the oldest physician in his vicinity. Descended from an honorable line of ancestry, an eminently useful and worthy citi-

zen, he has the respect of his fellow-townpeople.

LORENZO DOW BEEBE, one of the oldest citizens of New London, residing at 86 Shaw Street, where he has lived for nearly half a century, was born in the town of Waterford, three miles from New London, on the 6th of March, 1809. His father, Benjamin Beebe, who was born in the same town in 1775, died in 1813, leaving his wife, Abigail Douglas Beebe and six sons and two daughters. Of his children, Lorenzo D., the fourth-born, is the only survivor. One of the sons, Dyer Beebe, who died in middle age, before the war, left a daughter, who is now living. The mother died November 23, 1840, and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Lorenzo Dow Beebe was named after the celebrated Lorenzo Dow, whom his mother greatly admired. When a lad, he attended the district school in Waterford, which at that time offered comparatively few advantages to the pupils. When twelve years old he was working out on farms in the neighborhood. At fourteen he came here to learn the trade of tanner with James Edgerton. After serving three years, in accordance with the good, old-fashioned custom, receiving but slender wages, he worked at tanning as a journeyman for a number of years.

In 1833 Mr. Beebe was married to Nancy Daniels, of Waterford, a daughter of Nathan and Nancy (Chappell) Daniels. Mrs. Beebe's mother was daughter of Peter Chappell. Mr. and Mrs. Beebe have had nine children, of whom six are living. A son and a daughter died in infancy. Horace Beebe, who was always in delicate health, died, aged twenty-six. The remaining children are: Ellen Edgerton Beebe, a spinster, who lives at



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home, and is in frail health; Nathan B., formerly a mariner, now a painter in this city, who has one son, Horace W. Beebe, a rising musician; Cordelia A., unmarried, who was a very successful and popular school teacher, and has devoted herself to the care of her aged father and invalid sister since 1887; Elizabeth S., who married John N. Brown, a carriage-maker of this city, who died October 16, 1897; Mary L., who is the wife of Alanson Beckwith, of this city; and Henry N., a salesman in the refrigerator business, who has three children — Leburton, Bessie, and May. Mr. Beebe has six grandchildren. He is a staunch Republican, and has taken an active interest in city affairs. For several years he was Street Commissioner, and he was seen on the streets with his oxen for many years. He was the first man to light the street lamps in New London. Both he and his wife have been active members of the Methodist Protestant church. Although bowed with age, he is still young in feeling, and is active about his home, caring for his farm animals and still in possession of all his faculties. He thinks and works well, appreciates fun as well as some of his grandchildren, and it is the hope of his friends that he may be spared, if not longer, to round out a full century of honored days.

WILLIAM PARK BINDLOSS, coal merchant of Stonington, Conn., who was for some years in the coal business with the late J. N. Hancox, was born in the adjoining town of Groton, this State, January 10, 1854. He is a son of William and Mary Ellen (Park) Bindloss.

His paternal grandfather, William Bindloss, Sr., born in 1794, a native of Kendal, Westmorelandshire, England, was a son of Philip Bindloss and a brother of Robert Bind-

loss. A cousin, William Bindloss, was Mayor of Kendal when he died, and left of his millions a fine endowment, including city water-works, a city hall with chime bells, and the revenue from his castle. Grandfather Bindloss came to America about the year 1846, accompanied by his wife and five of their eight children, two or more being already here. He was very social and generous, and spent his time chiefly as a gentleman of leisure. He died in the town of Waterford in 1864, aged sixty-nine. His wife was Margaret Palmer, daughter of Thomas Palmer. Eight of their ten children are still living, the youngest being sixty-three years of age and the eldest seventy-five.

William Bindloss, Jr., the second child and eldest son, was born in Kendal, Westmorelandshire, England, July 22, 1824. In the spring of 1844 he left Liverpool for New York City on the "Elizabeth Denison," a sailing-vessel, and was thirty days on the voyage. His younger brother, Philip George, who now lives in New London, came with him. Before leaving England William had served a five years' apprenticeship at the butcher's trade in Liverpool, receiving sixty cents per week to start with. After coming to Connecticut, he worked for seven years as a cooper in Mystic, and subsequently engaged as a ship-carpenter, first with Irons & Grinnell, then with Charles Mallory, and later with the Greenmans, following the business for five years all together. In January, 1854, forty-four years ago, he bought his little farm of ten acres and mill site, paying fifteen hundred dollars. The water-power was the little spring brook on which his wife's grandfather Parks built a dam as early as 1750. Mr. Bindloss repaired the old dam, and put up a new mill, which is still running; and in 1868 he built his residence and barn. For

forty years, up to 1896, he gave his personal attention to the running of the mill, which has now passed into the management of a son, Frank Miner Bindloss.

The marriage of William Bindloss and Mary Ellen Parks was solemnized on February 27, 1852. She is a daughter of William Parks and a grand-daughter of Joseph Parks, spoken of above, who was lost at sea in the memorable Christmas storm, while out in Southern waters on a fishing trip. Her father died of yellow fever in 1838, in Key West, where he was engaged in mercantile business; and her widowed mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Mitchell, was left with six children. She now lives with Mrs. Bindloss, and, though ninety-three years of age, is remarkably well preserved, with hearing undulled and eyesight so good that she can thread her needle without the aid of glasses. When but ten years old, she began to learn tailoring. At eleven she cut and made a pair of trousers for her father; and, during the eighty years that have followed, her skilful fingers have fashioned a great number and variety of garments for both men and women. She was married at twenty-four, in 1828.

Mr. and Mrs. Bindloss have had eleven children; and seven, four sons and three daughters, are living. Four sons have died—three in infancy, and Roswell at the age of twelve. Those who reached maturity are: William Park, the special subject of this biographical sketch; Julia Ellen, wife of James W. Pollock, a nurseryman living in Mystic, who has one son; Catherine, wife of Oliver Braman, of Newport, R.I., who has a daughter; Austin Palmer Bindloss, also living in Newport, who has a daughter; Dudley, a mason by trade, who is unmarried and lives at the parental home; Margaret Ann and Frank Miner, also living at home, the latter having

charge of the mill. Mr. Bindloss is now retired from the active cares of business life. He began with small means, and was dependent upon his own resources until, in 1863, he received a small legacy from one of the family across the water. He has been a man of unusual physical endurance, and his life has been a very active one. In political views he is a Democrat and an ardent advocate of the free trade policy.

William Park Bindloss, the elder of the four brothers, completed his education in Mystic High School. At fourteen years of age he began working on a farm, and continued thus employed for some years. Later he learned the mason's trade, following that about fifteen years. He has been in the coal business on his own account since January, 1897.

Mr. Bindloss and Miss Elizabeth Esther Bickley were united in marriage on April 7, 1881. They have two children: William, born January 2, 1896, after fifteen years of wedded life; and Esther Helen, born January 25, 1897. Mr. Bindloss and his family reside on Water Street, in the house which he built in 1884. Mrs. Bindloss is a native of Lee, Mass., and is a daughter of John Bickley, of England. In politics, like his father, Mr. Bindloss is a staunch Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Council. He and his wife are church members, the one of the Episcopal and the other of the Congregational church. A full record of the Bindloss family in England may be found in the old church in Kendal.

WILLIAM H. BENHAM, a well-known farmer of North Waterford, New London County, Conn., was born in this town on the farm he now occupies, June 17, 1856. His parents were Will-



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iam H. and Sally A. (Edgecomb) Benham. His ancestors were English.

His paternal grandfather, John Benham, was a native of the Isle of Wight, being born in 1786. He was of wealthy parentage; but, as the property went to the eldest son, he came to America in early manhood, and settled in Groton, Conn. After serving a seven years' apprenticeship, he became an itinerant shoemaker, with his bench and tools going from house to house among the farmers, as was the custom in those days, and remaining in each, using their stock, mostly home tanned, until the family were all shod. He married Betsy Taft, of Mystic, and they reared eight children, but two of whom are now living: Austin, of New London; and James. John Benham died in 1859; and his wife died in 1877, aged ninety-seven years.

William H. Benham, Sr., son of John and Betsy (Taft) Benham, was born in the town of Groton, July 16, 1816. He was a carpenter by trade, and began his business career with his chest of tools and twenty-five dollars. He acquired considerable property as the years of activity went on, and purchased a farm of eighty acres for six thousand, five hundred dollars. He erected a new house in Groton, which he sold when they came to North Waterford, in April, 1848. On July 2, 1840, he married Sally A. Edgecomb, with whom he lived over fifty years. They had six children, and they reared one son and three daughters; namely, William H., Mary Emma, Sarah J., and Josephine. Mary Emma married George Payne, and lives in New London; Sarah Jane is the wife of James E. Comstock, of Quaker Hill in this town; and Josephine married Asa O. Goddard, of New London. The other children were: George H. Benham, who died at the age of six; and Walter G., who died at the early age of eighteen months.

William H., the father, died on October 10, 1893; but the mother still lives with her son, being bright and active in mind and body. Her parents were Jabez and Bridget (Chesebrough) Edgecomb. Her father was a native of Groton; but her mother was born in Stonington, Conn.

William H. Benham, Jr., attended the common schools and also the business evening school in this town, remaining on the farm until his marriage. He has a good dairy farm, keeping sixteen cows of the best breeds, and sells milk in New London. His farm, which is pleasantly located on the west bank of the Thames River, has a most accessible shore and a commanding view. In politics Mr. Benham is a Republican. He has served on the School Committee. Fraternally, he is identified with the American Order of United Workmen.

On June 1, 1882, he was married to Maria S. Brooks, daughter of George A. and Mary T. (Steward) Brooks. Mrs. Benham's mother died in 1870, at the age of forty-three; and her father, who was a butcher in the firm of Steward & Brooks, died in 1894, at the age of seventy-four. They reared three children, namely: Emma A., a professional nurse, now the widow of Charles Field, and living in Montville, this county; Mrs. Benham; and Jennie C., wife of Oliver T. Collins, of Brooklyn, N.Y. Mrs. Benham was educated in the New London public schools. She has four children: Mary J. Benham, who is nine years old; Ida E., who is seven; Tryon G., aged four; and Lloyd Brooks, aged two years.

JAMES A. ROWLAND, a leading merchant of Old Lyme, son of Asabel and Abigail (Greenfield) Rowland, was born in the town of Lyme, November 15,

1839. His great-grandfather, Levi Rowland, was a native of Lyme, where he owned many acres of land, and carried on farming. He had several sons, among whom was Asahel, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Asahel was also a farmer of Lyme, in which town he died at the age of forty-nine, leaving a widow, two sons, and two daughters. His wife was in maidenhood Hannah Greenfield. She survived her husband many years, dying on the farm at an advanced age. Their son Asahel was born on the old farm, February 11, 1796. He was at one time a Captain of the militia, and saw a few days' service in the War of 1812. He was a prosperous farmer, and owned two hundred acres of land. By his wife, Abigail, who was a daughter of James Greenfield, he had three children: John, who is now a farmer of Lyme; Mary A., who became the wife of John De Wolf, and died in 1858; and James A., the subject of this sketch.

James Rowland was brought up on the old farm, and received his elementary education in the district schools. He subsequently attended the New Britain Normal School, and afterward taught in the district schools for three winters. In 1866 he began dealing in merchandise in the town of Old Lyme at the stand of Captain Charles W. Wait, who had been in the business for many years. He was at first in partnership with George W. De Wolf, the firm being known as De Wolf & Rowland; but for the last twenty-five years Mr. Rowland has carried on the business alone. A Republican politically, he served as Town Clerk for one year. He is a Deacon in the Congregational church, of which he has been an active member for years. Mr. Rowland married Sophronia, daughter of Winthrop and Hepzibah (Anderson) De Wolf. They have one adopted daughter, Annie M.

During his business career Mr. Rowland has gained a reputation for honesty and fair dealing, and his trade has steadily increased. He has the good will of his fellow-townsmen, and is regarded as a substantial and useful citizen.

ELIAS PERKINS RANDALL, a retired banker of Mystic, Conn., was born July 4, 1821, the son of William and Martha (Chesebrough) Randall. His great-great-great-grandfather, John Randall, removed with his wife from Newport, R.I., to Westerly, R.I., in 1666. In 1670 he purchased a lot of land in what is now the east part of the present town of North Stonington, and became an extensive land-owner. He took the oath of allegiance in 1669, and was a man of prominence in public life, serving as Deputy to the General Assembly in Rhode Island and in other offices. He died in Westerly about 1685.

John Randall, second, born in 1666, son of the first John, had a son John, born December 2, 1701, who likewise had a son John, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. This fourth John Randall was born August 4, 1730. He was twice married, first to Lucy Brown, by whom he had eight children, and second to Thankful Swan, who became the mother of four children—William, Desire, Nancy, and Dudley. Of this group all married, reared families, and lived to a goodly age, Desire being eighty-six at the time of her death; Nancy, wife of Benadom Williams, Jr., about sixty-seven; and Dudley, seventy-nine. The father of these children died in 1802.

William Randall, son of John, fourth, and Thankful (Swan) Randall, and father of Elias Perkins, was born in Stonington, March 25, 1768, and was a man of note in his commu-

nity, throughout his life holding many offices of trust both in civil and military affairs. He was Colonel of the Thirtieth Regiment, Connecticut Militia, and was in command when the regiment was called out in 1813 and 1814 during the second war with Great Britain. During six sessions of the Connecticut legislature he was a member of the lower house; and in 1822 he was a member of the Senate, being one of the twelve Senators elected by the general election of Connecticut. In 1818 he was a member of the convention which formed the Constitution. He was from 1818 to 1833, inclusive, Associate Judge of the County Court; and he received the annual appointment of Justice of the Peace for twenty-eight years. He was a charter member of the Stonington Bank, organized in 1822, and was its first president, which office he held for two years.

His third wife, Martha Chesebrough, was the daughter of William and Esther (Williams) Chesebrough, all of Stonington. William Randall and his wife, Martha, had eight children, six of whom they reared: Phebe Esther, Hannah A., Roswell, Harriet N., Martha C., and Elias P. Roswell died at the age of twenty-one. Phebe Esther married Colonel Ezra Hewitt, and had three children, all of whom died in infancy. She died in September, 1839, aged twenty-nine. Hannah died when one year old. Harriet N. married Reuben E. Moss, son of a well-known Congregational clergyman, and had seven children, of whom six survive. Mr. Moss was long a druggist in New York City. Later he went to Elmira, N.Y., where he became a wealthy and influential citizen. He died October, 1896, aged eighty-nine. Mrs. Moss is now living in Elmira. Martha C. married Ralph H. Avery, of North Stonington, Conn. They lived in Norwich, Conn., Brooklyn and Canas-

tota, N.Y. He was appointed in 1862, by President Lincoln, United States Collector of Internal Revenue, and held the office eight years. He died in May, 1889, aged seventy-three years. His widow, Martha C., died in March, 1897, aged eighty years. They had seven children, five of whom survive, two having died in infancy. William Randall died June 17, 1841, at the age of seventy-three. His wife, Mrs. Martha C. Randall, lived until she was ninety, and died September 25, 1870.

Elias Perkins Randall was reared to farm life and work, and was educated in the common schools and at the academy, which he attended for about three terms. He was subsequently engaged in teaching for a very short time, and at the death of his father he took charge of the home farm. He settled in Mystic in 1850, and went into business with his father-in-law, whose successor he became. About fourteen years later, in 1864, he was elected cashier of the First National Bank of Mystic Bridge; and this position he held up to the time of its liquidation in 1894. He is still occupied to some extent in closing up the business. He has been an active man of affairs, has served as Selectman, as Justice of the Peace, and as Notary Public many years; was Representative to the General Assembly in 1859, and Judge of Probate for district of Stonington in 1863. In politics he has been a staunch Republican since the formation of the party, which he helped to organize. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Congregational church, in which he was clerk from 1869 to the present year, 1898. He has been treasurer of the society for the past twenty-seven years, and was Sunday-school superintendent for almost twenty-five years, to January, 1894.

Mr. Randall was married March 15, 1843,

to Hannah Fish, born June 6, 1823, daughter of Asa and Prudence (Dean) Fish, the former of Groton and the latter of Stonington. Mrs. Randall's father was a prominent merchant in Mystic for many years, and held various important offices. His children were nine in number. Eight of them were reared; namely, James D., Sands H., Hannah, Silas, Asa, Prudence, Benjamin, and Fanny. Three of these, James D., Sands H., and Silas, are in New York City, the last two being in partnership in the ship supply business; Benjamin lives in New York and Mystic; Prudence is the wife of Uriah H. Dudley, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Fanny is the widow of Caleb S. Woodhull, of that place, where she still resides. Mr. Asa Fish died April 20, 1861, at the age of seventy-one; and his wife, Mrs. Prudence D. Fish, died in December, 1873, aged seventy-four. Mr. and Mrs. Randall have had four children. Their eldest child, Martha C., was born April 20, 1844, and died December 3, 1845. A daughter, Fanny, was born February 1, 1849, and died June 24, 1850. The fourth child was a son, who was born and died December 6, 1853. The surviving son, Sands F. Randall, A.B., LL.B., who was born May 18, 1846, and is unmarried, is a lawyer at 99 Nassau Street, New York City. He is a graduate of Yale College and Columbia College Law School.

Mr. Randall and his wife have lived at their pleasant home on Church Street for forty-seven years. He owns the two-hundred-and-thirty-acre farm, Elm Ridge, where he was born and brought up. The most of this property was bought by his grandfather one hundred and twenty years ago. On their fiftieth wedding anniversary, which was celebrated March 15, 1893, Mr. and Mrs. Randall received many congratulations on their continued health and activity. At the present

time, 1898, also, they remain in comfortable health.

CAPTAIN RICHARD K. MINER, master of the steel steamer "City of Lowell," which plies between New London and New York City, was born in the village of Lyme, Conn., August 11, 1836, son of Samuel W. Miner, Jr., by his wife, Phebe Kendrick, of Chatham, Mass.

His paternal grandfather, Samuel W. Miner, Sr., was a shoemaker, and lived in Old Lyme. He married Sarah Sill, of Lyme village, and reared four sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to marry and to have families; but only one daughter survives at this date, Caroline Winslow, now a widow. Grandfather Miner died in 1856, at the age of seventy-five years; and five years later his widow died at the venerable age of ninety. They sleep in the Duck River Cemetery at Lyme.

Samuel W. Miner, Jr., son of Samuel, Sr., and Sarah (Sill) Miner, was born on February 21, 1810. He learned the shoemaker's trade of his father, but spent most of his life upon the water, principally upon the inland seas, and was for many years captain of different sailing vessels. He, however, took one voyage on a whaler. His home was for many years in Saybrook, just across the river. He married Miss Phebe Kendrick in 1833, and had six children, briefly mentioned as follows: William, the eldest-born, a mariner and afterward a hotel-keeper of Hartford, where he died in the blizzard of 1888, at the age of fifty-four years, leaving a wife and two sons; Richard K., the sea captain; Charles Miner, a locomotive engineer, who lost his life between Black Hall and South Lyme; Julia S., wife of Rollin D. Lane in Hartford, Conn.; Or-



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lando, who died young; and Orlando H., who is in Hartford. The mother, Mrs. Phebe K. Miner, died September 25, 1854, at the age of forty-one; and the father married, second, Phebe Whaley, a widow. His death occurred November 18, 1894.

Richard K., the second son, attended the common schools until fourteen years of age, at that time beginning life as a cook on board a small vessel alongshore. At nineteen he was made captain of the sloop "Joel Hall," from the Portland Brownstone Quarry; and he was afterward captain and part owner of four different sailing vessels. In 1868 he became a steamboat captain on the Connecticut River, Hartford line, and he commanded successively the "Silver Star"; "Granite State"; "City of Hartford," which was lost on the Sound; the "City of Lawrence," then in the Hartford line; the "Laura," of Bridgeport, on the Sound line; the "City of Springfield"; and many others. His present command is the "City of Lowell," plying between New London and New York, probably the fastest boat in the country, stanch and pretty, of which he assumed charge in 1893.

In 1861, on New Year's night, the Captain was married to Mary I. Cone, of Cromwell, Conn., daughter of William Horace Brockway Cone, by his wife, Sarah Selinda Spencer, of Haddam, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Cone had twelve children. He died in 1875, at the age of fifty-seven, leaving his widow and five children. She died in 1888, aged seventy-two, at the home of her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Miner have one child, a son, Walter R., an electrician on the steamer "Mohegan." He married in Mobile, Ala., Mary Josephine Chappell, daughter of Ezra P. Chappell, formerly of New London, Conn. She is an accomplished musician and pianist.

The Captain is a Republican in politics,

and cast his first vote for Lincoln. He is a member of the Congregational church at Lyme. They resided in the charming rural village of Lyme until the winter of 1896. They have since spent much of their time with their son at 123 Huntington Street, New London, but now have their own pleasant home on Montauk Avenue in this city.

CHARLES JEREMIAH SLATE, an experienced mariner residing at 94 Pequot Avenue, New London, was born here, January 2, 1845, son of Jeremiah and Sophia (Holt) Slate. The paternal grandfather, John, who was a master mariner, came to New London with the father of Sebastian Lawrence, and built a house on Pequot Avenue, now owned by the actor, James O'Neil.

Jeremiah Slate was born in New London in 1800. At the age of eighteen he began a sailor's life; and at thirty he was master of the "Phœnix," in which he made two voyages to the Indian Ocean, lasting three years each. Subsequently he commanded the "Corinthian" for four years. He married, and became the father of five children, of whom Charles J., Thomas Franklin, and Samuel N. are living. Samuel, born at St. Helena in 1849, while his father was master of the "Corinthian," was the first male child of American parentage on that island. The authorities were so delighted with his advent that they borrowed him, and kept him so long that his parents were afraid of abduction. He was taken to Napoleon's grave, and laid upon it. Charlotte Ann died in her fifth year, on September 3, 1844; and Samuel N. (first) was drowned in October of that year, at the age of six. Very successful in whaling, the father acquired a large property. Though he subse-

quently lost a part, he left his widow in comfortable circumstances. She was twice married, being left a widow with two children, the first time when she was only twenty years old. Jeremiah Slate died on June 25, 1860, at the age of sixty-nine; while the mother lived to be eighty-one and a half years old, dying October 27, 1892.

Charles J. Slate attended the district school for a short time. The most of his book knowledge was subsequently acquired on board ship. At the age of eleven years he shipped as cabin boy with Joshua Lyon, his half-sister's husband, sailing from New Bedford, Mass., in the bark "Isabella," being away three years and nine months. He made six whaling voyages, including two to the South Shetland Islands in the Pacific, being first mate on one voyage and second mate on the other. For two years he was captain. He sailed round Cape Horn, and for three years he prospected in Patagonia. He learned much from the book of nature by observation during his forty-eight years' experience as mariner. For the past six years he has been running a summer steamboat in the harbor. Captain Slate, in the capacity of diver, New York City, spent six and a half hours under thirty feet of water, examining the vessel "State of New York," which sunk off Goodspeed's Landing. He and his two brothers, all bachelors, live together in the house that formerly belonged to their great-aunt, Lucy Harris, situated just across the road from where their mother was born, and where Grandmother Holt resided most of her life. Every one in New London knows and believes in Charles Jerry Slate, who has the true heart of a sailor. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a Master Mason, and also a member of the Jibboom Club.

AUGUST MÜLLER, founder of the firm of August Müller & Sons, furniture dealers and undertakers, one of the most reliable business houses in Stonington, was born April 19, 1820, in Weidenhein, by Torgau, Kraes Daletzsch, Kingdom of Prussia. His father was a tailor, born February 24, 1786, and died at the age of ninety years and seven months. His mother was born December 14, 1784, and died at the age of seventy-five years and ten months. They had five children, four sons and one daughter.

August, the subject of this sketch, was the second child. He attended school until fourteen years of age, when he went to Torgau, where he was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker, with whom he remained five years to learn cabinet-making. The next six years he spent in Leipzig, where was being built at that time the first Catholic cathedral, in which he built the pulpit and altar in Gothic style. He then visited the Rhine and several large cities, including Nürnberg, Frankfort on the Main, Mannheim, Strasburg, St. Goar, and Mainz, where the finest cabinet-makers' shops were located. Here again he stayed for six years. The outlook for starting in business for himself not being of the best, he decided to try his fortune in America. So he visited his parents once more on the 28th of September, 1852. He then went via Leipzig and Magdeburg to Hamburg, where on the first day of October he took passage on the steamer "Victoria" for Hull, England. He arrived there on October 4, after a very stormy voyage, the steamer losing two of her masts. On October 5 he travelled by rail to Liverpool, and taking passage on the sailing-ship "Australia," October 8, after a pleasant voyage arrived in New York, November 10, 1852. He very soon found employment with the firm of Fraede & Kamp, who were cabinet-makers lo-



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cated on Broadway, where he was employed until September 19, 1854, when the business was destroyed by fire.

He was married in New York, October 26, 1853, to Barbara Scheinlein, of Langenfeld, Bavaria, Germany. In the fall and winter of 1854 business was dull everywhere; and he was out of employment until the middle of April, 1855, when he was induced by a friend to locate in Stonington, Conn., where a cabinet-maker by the name of Dayton was in need of help. He accordingly went to his relief; and after working for him two weeks he made an agreement with Mr. Dayton for steady employment, and returned to New York for his family, consisting of his wife and son Henry, who came to Stonington with him on May 1. Work at Mr. Dayton's becoming slack, in September he started out for himself, repairing furniture in a small room in the house in which he lived, still standing on the corner of Main and Church Streets. After several months, his business increasing so that he had to have more room, in the spring of 1856 he removed with his family to the Arcade Building on Water Street, where he lived and did business until May, 1861. At this time the only furniture dealer in town moved away, and he hired of Dr. Ira H. Hart the building vacated by them on Gold Street. There he remained until 1866, when a stock company that was formed for the manufacture of furniture went to Dr. Hart, and offered him twenty-five dollars more rent. Mr. Müller thereupon bought the Eagle Hotel, corner of Gold Street and Railroad Avenue, and on February 6, 1867, removed there with his business and family, which consisted of two sons and two daughters.

In 1887, having the opportunity to secure a piece of land, corner of Gold and Pearl Streets, he purchased the same, and erected thereon a

modern three-story business house, now known as the Müller Block, into which he moved his business, November 1, 1887. He here keeps furniture of all descriptions and any variety of house furnishings, and also all that pertains to the undertaking branch of the business. His sons, Henry and Edward, have been received into partnership; and they are not only doing a large business in furniture, but for a number of years have been the leading undertakers in Stonington.

Mrs. August Müller died January 28, 1875, aged fifty-two years. The four children that survive her are: Henry, who was born in New York; Mary, Barbary, and Edward, who were born in Stonington, Conn. Henry A. Müller was married May 16, 1889, to Miss Lizzie Owen, of Springfield, Ohio, and has three children, two sons and one daughter.

Mr. August Müller is a Master Mason of thirty-five years' standing. He is a member of the Second Congregational Church, with which his family are identified. His wife was also a consistent member of the same church.

REV. ALBERT A. KIDDER, a Methodist minister of Mystic, Conn., who has been on the supernumerary list for the past two years, after an active service of fourteen years, was born in Berlin, Mass., July 19, 1858. His early years were passed on a farm. He attended the high school; and, after preparing for college at East Greenwich Academy, he was graduated at Drew Theological Seminary. While there and subsequently he devoted much time to the study of different languages, including Latin, French, Hebrew, and Hindustanee, also Gujarati, one of the several languages spoken in India. He then spent two years, from

1879 to 1881, in Hindustan, studying the language. The journey out was made through the Mediterranean Sea and Suez Canal; and the return trip, which was made leisurely for his health, took him through Italy. While in the East, his first pastorate was in Baroda, where he was engaged in missionary work. Here he broke the ground with his own hand, digging out the dirt for the corner, and placing in the corner-stone the recording relics, which included a Testament and a copy of the *Methodist Discipline*, with an historical sketch of the church and Mr. Kidder's name as founder and pastor. The edifice was of the Gothic style of architecture, and built of American brick. The funds for erecting this church were largely secured through Mr. Kidder's own efforts, he soliciting one-third of the amount from the natives themselves, and about one thousand rupees from the palace or government. After his return to this country he held charges as pastor successively on Staten Island, in South Orange, N. J., and at Silver City, N. M. While in the West he made a lecturing tour through California and the Pacific Coast. He took with him a fine illustrative apparatus, and his audiences were large and appreciative. His lectures included one before the University of Southern California. Subsequently he had charge of a church in Canon City. His next pastorate was in East Weymouth, Mass., where he remained four years, from 1888 to 1892. His last settled charge was at Mystic, Conn., where he served the church for two years.

Mr. Kidder was married November 13, 1882, to Miss Hattie L. Kinsman, of Augusta, Me., daughter of F. W. and Octavia A. (Greeley) Kinsman, her father being a druggist and pharmacist by occupation. Mrs. Kidder was educated in the high school of

Augusta, at Kent's Hill Academy in that town, and at East Greenwich Academy. She also studied music in Boston, Mass., and, having a fine soprano voice, developed into an accomplished vocalist. Before her marriage she was engaged in the profession of teaching. During Mr. Kidder's pastorate in Mystic, Conn., his wife's failing health induced him to cease his itinerancy, and become a supernumerary. Mr. and Mrs. Kidder have a family of four children, namely: Florence, who was born on Staten Island, fourteen years ago, and is now attending school; Frank, born in New Mexico, and now eleven years of age; Albert A., Jr., who is now in his ninth year; and Ralph W., who is four years old.

Mr. Kidder has recently established a church publishing business at Mystic, making a specialty of collection helps, an invention of his own which is novel and taking, as well as practical. He is a Master Mason and Commander of the Golden Cross. Having scarcely reached the prime of life, it may well be hoped that he is but in the beginning of his career of usefulness.

THOMAS E. PACKER, a real estate and insurance agent of Groton, Conn., the son of George and Delight (Eldredge) Packer, was born in Groton, April 11, 1827. The family are of English descent, coming to America in the early days. John Packer, Jr., grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born February 7, 1753. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and enlisted in February, 1778, for three years in Captain Amos Stanton's company, of Colonel Sherburn's and S. B. Webb's regiment. He applied for a pension in 1816, which he received sixteen years later. He died February 8, 1835, eighty-two years of age. His wife was

in maidenhood Hannah Gallup, of Stonington, who survived him a number of years, retaining her faculties up to the day of her death. They had six children, three sons and three daughters. Their son George was born in Groton, December 26, 1794. He was a farmer of Groton, and died in 1872, aged seventy-eight years. His wife, Delight Eldredge Packer, died in 1864, aged sixty-three years. They were married July 17, 1820. They had nine children, of whom three sons died young: William Henry died on his twenty-first birthday; Thomas is the subject of this sketch; Mary Delight, widow of Gilbert S. Bailey, and Prudence Helen, widow of Erastus William Denison, are living in Mystic; John Green married Frances Park; Hannah Gore married Alexander Irving, of Groton.

Thomas E. Packer spent his early life on the farm. He received a common-school education, and at the age of seventeen began to teach in the district schools, which he taught sixteen years. This included, however, some time spent in the Brandon (Miss.) College. Thirty-two years ago he engaged in the general insurance business with Charles H. Denison. In 1875 they took William H. Potter into the firm, which became Denison, Packer & Co. Seven years later Denison and Potter went out of the firm, and Mr. Packer continued the business, taking his son-in-law, Frank W. Batty, into the firm with him. Mr. Packer is a Prohibitionist in politics, and has voted for every Presidential candidate of his party since its inauguration. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and is Past Master of Charity Lodge in Mystic. He was married July 4, 1849, to Emma J., daughter of Daniel and Mary (Hempstead) Burrows. They have two children: Teresa Kossuth, who married Amos Grinnell; and Addie B., who married Frank W. Batty, mentioned above. Mr. Packer was

the superintendent of the Baptist Sunday-school for a number of years. He is a man of quiet, studious habits and sound business integrity.

ALFRED H. VAUGHN, who was one of the oldest business men in Norwich, was born in the city of Providence, R.I., on February 26, 1828, son of Christopher and Ruby Ann (Briggs) Vaughn.

Ruby A. Briggs was born in Assonet, Mass. Her grandfather was Benjamin Read, Captain of the First Company of Freetown militia from 1776 to 1781, during the Revolutionary War.

Alfred H. Vaughn's boyhood was spent in Assonet; and he always retained a great fondness for that town, and with characteristic generosity gave it help in many ways. At the age of eighteen Mr. Vaughn came to Norwich, and entered the employ of Abner T. Pearce, who was conducting an iron foundry. Mr. Vaughn showed great aptitude for the business, and became thoroughly skilled in every department. In 1854 he, with two others, started the Norwich Iron Foundry on Ferry Street, in which he afterward became so successful and so well known. In 1861 the original firm was dissolved, Mr. Vaughn buying out the interest of his partners. He continued the business; and, as it increased, he enlarged the premises and added new buildings, until he had covered the square lying between Ferry Street and Rose Place, and embracing an acre of land. His sons, A. N. H. Vaughn and C. W. Vaughn, learned the business, and in 1881 were admitted to partnership, the firm name being changed to A. H. Vaughn & Sons. In 1884 Mr. Vaughn built a handsome four-story building on Ferry Street. He was a very successful business

man, but his success was largely owing to his energy and careful supervision of details. As a citizen Mr. Vaughn was genial, social, and ever mindful of the highest interests of the community in which he lived. In politics he was a Republican, and was at one time a member of the Common Council; but he was never a political office-seeker. He attended the Broadway Congregational church. His death occurred April 6, 1886, at the age of fifty-eight years, after an illness of about three months.

Mr. Vaughn was married December 10, 1849, to Eliza, daughter of Jefferson and Mary (Crandal) Lamb. Jefferson Lamb was born in Ledyard. His daughter Eliza was born in Norwich, and in the public schools received her education. Her residence is on Broadway. The children are: Alfred N. H.; Charles W.; Helen, wife of Foster Wilson; Frank J., who died at the age of three years; Eugene A., of Buffalo, N.Y.; Rufus H.; and Annie E. Vaughn.

LUCIUS DWIGHT BROWN, late a prominent resident of North Stonington, Conn., his native town, a well-known speculator in real estate and horses, was born on May 21, 1839, and died April 9, 1897. He was a son of Jedediah and Eunice (Bailey) Brown, and belonged to one of the old families of this locality. His grandfather, Elias Brown, was a farmer of Stonington, where he was born about 1760, and died about 1840. He married Rhoda Williams, and had a large family of sons and daughters.

Jedediah Brown, the father of Lucius Dwight Brown, was born in 1806, and died in 1886. He was twice married. His first wife was Betsey Irish, of Preston, who bore him four children, two sons and two daughters.

All married and had families, and all are now dead. The last survivor was Obadiah Brown, who was born in 1829, and in 1855 went to California, where he kept a hotel and carried on the livery business, dying there in 1896, and leaving considerable property to his widow and two sons. Jedediah Brown's second wife, Eunice Bailey, of North Stonington, a daughter of Elijah Bailey, was born in 1816, and died in 1874. She was the mother of ten children, of whom the first-born, a daughter named Elizabeth, died at the age of ten, and the elder son, Lucius D., died about a year ago, as above mentioned. The second daughter, Almeda, died in Norwich, in 1866, leaving a husband, Abner Geer, and one daughter. The living are: Abbie, wife of William Rose, of Norwich; Governor H. Brown, of Norwich; Mrs. Ann Eliza Copp, a widow, living in Norwich; Margaret F., wife of Stephen Wilcox, of Norwich; Charles N. Brown, of New London, who keeps a livery and sale stable; Daniel Miner Brown, of Providence, R.I.; Mary, wife of William Arnold, a hotel-keeper at Olneyville, R.I.

Lucius Dwight Brown, the subject of this sketch, was brought up to farm life, receiving his education at the common school, a mile and a half from home, which he attended until he was sixteen. After leaving school, he worked on his father's farm until he was twenty, when he entered the machine shop of Cottrell & Babcock at Westerly, R.I., where he worked one year. Soon after he hired a farm of Dr. Kinney; and he subsequently owned and occupied several in North Stonington, buying and selling some thirty or more. He owned at the time of his death about eleven farms, located in towns in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Mr. Brown was a great lover of horses; and he speculated largely in them, owning in the course of his



LUCIUS D. BROWN.

life several thousand. He left about seventy, which was a moderate stock for him to winter. He was widely known among horsemen all through New England and in the West. His new barn, which he built in 1894, at a cost of thirty-five hundred dollars, is a model one and the finest in the town.

Mr. Brown was married December 25, 1864, to Mary Eliza Sisson, of Westerly, R.I., a daughter of Clark E. and Susan H. (Hall) Sisson, of that place. Mr. Sisson was a farmer and fisherman, born in 1814, and died in 1880. His wife died at the age of forty-nine, leaving twelve children, eight of whom are now living.

Commencing life without capital, Mr. Brown by good judgment in his business dealings attained great financial success. The losses sustained by many of his neighbors, who were tempted by large interest to invest in Western securities, he escaped, telling them he preferred to see his property, and could find his horses. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had no children. In April, 1875, they moved into the fine residence now occupied by Mrs. Brown.

ISAAC GILLETTE, a prominent farmer of Lebanon and the Judge of Probate was born on the farm which is his present home, June 10, 1841, son of Milo and Mary (Wilson) Gillette. The family is an honored one in this town, and has long been resident here. Great-grandfather Ebenezer Gillette, who was a farmer, lived to be a very old man. His son Isaac, who was born on Liberty Hill, February 2, 1749, died February 21, 1840. Isaac's wife died July 20, 1824, at the age of seventy-two years. They reared a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. One son was drowned at the age of twenty-one years.

Milo Gillette, son of Isaac, was born here in February, 1802, and was a lifelong farmer of this town. While a quiet and unassuming man, he had good judgment. He served the town in various public offices, and always with the strictest loyalty to public interests. His death, which occurred on February 28, 1874, at the age of seventy-two, removed a highly esteemed citizen. His wife, who was born in New York in 1802, and reared in Coventry, Conn., died on the day before Christmas in 1866. Her children were: Mary Jane, who was born September 25, 1836, was the wife of Albert G. Lyman, and died November 16, 1897; George, who was drowned in 1863, at the age of twenty-four; and Wealthy, who is the wife of E. F. Reed, of Willimantic, Conn.

Isaac Gillette grew up here on the homestead, which has been partly in the possession of his family since the settlement of the town. After passing through the district schools, he studied for a number of terms at the high school. Subsequently he taught school for more than twenty-five years through both the fall and winter terms. He has been a School Visitor of this town for more than thirty years, and was for fifteen years the secretary of the School Board. Much of the advancement made in the schools of this town during the period Mr. Gillette has been officially connected with them has been due to his timely and wise suggestions. He has also served his fellow-townsmen as Assessor, Treasurer of the Town Deposit and School Fund, and as their Representative in the State legislature. Fourteen years ago he was elected Probate Judge, which office he has since filled with strict impartiality. Although he is not a regularly qualified lawyer, he is well read in law and thoroughly informed in all matters coming under his offi-

cial notice. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Baptist. He has been a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for five years, and has occupied all the chairs in that organization. He is also a Master Mason. His home, one of the neatest and most attractive places in Lebanon, located on the green, with a beautiful environment, was built by him in 1880.

On October 25, 1866, Mr. Gillette was united in marriage with Mercy F., daughter of Thurston and Amy (Tucker) Tucker. Her parents, who were not related, came to this place from Rhode Island. The father is still living near; but the mother died October 6, 1884, at the age of sixty-four. Mrs. Gillette is a member of the Baptist church. She has one sister, Phoebe, now the wife of George Irish; and a brother, Orlando C. Tucker, of this town.

REV. LEWELLYN PRATT, D.D., the pastor of the Broadway Congregational Church, Norwich, was born August 8, 1832, in Saybrook, now Essex, Conn. Selden M. Pratt, his father, was born in the same place, March 4, 1805, son of Ezra Pratt, whose birth occurred on December 5, 1757. Jared Pratt, the father of Ezra, was born in 1711, son of Benjamin Pratt, who was born June 14, 1681, a son of Captain William Pratt. Captain Pratt, born May 15, 1653, was a son of Lieutenant William Pratt, who came from England in 1633, with the Thomas Hooker colony. Three years later Lieutenant Pratt settled in Hartford, Conn., whence he removed in 1645 to Saybrook, which has been the birthplace of all the succeeding generations in this branch of the family. He was a son of the Rev. William Pratt, who for thirty years served as rector of the old parish church in Stevanage,

England. The father of minister Pratt was Andrew Pratt, of Baldock; and his grandfather was Thomas Pratt, of the same place, whose will bore date of February 5, 1538. Lieutenant Pratt was for many years in the General Court, and held other public offices. When the first court in New London County assembled at New London on September 20, 1666, Major Mason, Thomas Stanton, and Lieutenant Pratt occupied the bench; and on May 9, 1678, the last-named gentleman attended as Deputy for the twenty-third time. He died in that year.

Ezra Pratt, the grandfather of the subject of this biography, was a farmer. He married on January 22, 1783, Temperance Southworth, a native of Saybrook. Eleven children were the fruit of the union, eight sons and three daughters, of whom Selden M. was the youngest. Ezra died soon after the birth of Selden, leaving the mother, who was known as "Aunt Tempe," with a large family and but limited means for its support. However, one of the noblest types of womanhood, she brought up her children in a manner that made them an honor to their name. She lived to be an octogenarian. Two of her sons, Ezra and Alfred, migrated to the Western Reserve (Ohio), where they became large land-owners and influential and public-spirited citizens. Horace and Nathaniel were educated for the ministry at Princeton after graduating from Yale College. The former became a Presbyterian preacher in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the professor of belles-lettres in the university there. The latter became a preacher, and labored in Marietta, and in Roswell, Ga. Henry acquired much wealth as a New York merchant. Amasa and Lyman were sea captains, the latter dying a young man. All but two of these sons married and had children, some of whom are filling positions of

distinction, one of the number being a recent Mayor of Minneapolis, Minn.

Selden M. Pratt spent the active years of his life occupied in carrying on his farm at Saybrook. Appreciating his ability and worth, his townsmen conferred various official honors upon him. He served as Town Clerk, Judge of Probate for many years, and in the State legislature for several terms. On January 15, 1828, he was married at Saybrook to Rebecca Nott, daughter of Clark and Wealthy (Pratt) Nott. They had nine children, six sons and three daughters, all of whom reached maturity. Selden, the seventh child, after a year's service in the Civil War as a volunteer in the Connecticut Infantry, was stricken with a fever, and died in Baton Rouge, at the age of nineteen years. He was brought to Saybrook for burial. The living children are: Lewellyn, the second son and child; Jane, who for many years was a missionary teacher in New Mexico, under the New West Commission; Amasa, now residing in Columbus, Ohio, who was for a number of years the superintendent of a deaf-mute institute; James M., a successful business man of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Abram Nott, who is engaged in the lumber business in Eddy, N.M. Henry Lyman Pratt, the first-born, after graduating from Williams College, studied law, and subsequently practised at the bar in Essex. He was Judge of Probate, and represented the town in the lower house of the State legislature. In addition to his law practice, he carried on the manufacture of bits and augers for a number of years. He died in 1894, aged sixty-four years, having survived for some time his wife and two children. Selden M. Pratt died in 1881, aged seventy-six, and his wife in 1869, aged sixty-two years.

Lewellyn Pratt, after preparing in Durham

and Essex Academics, entered Williams College in 1848, and graduated in 1852, with a class of over fifty, having one of the orations. Soon after his graduation he became the professor of natural science in Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. In 1869 he went to Galesburg, Ill., to take the position of professor of Latin in Knox College. After remaining here until 1871, he was installed as pastor of the Congregational church at North Adams, Mass. Five years later he accepted the chair of rhetoric in Williams College, his Alma Mater; and in 1880 he became the professor of practical theology in the Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn. From the seminary he came to the Broadway Congregational Church in 1888. In this, the largest Protestant church of Norwich, he has ministered most acceptably during the past eight years. Thoroughly practical himself in all departments of church work, his lectures while professor of practical theology could but win the indorsement of those he taught. His success as a teacher and preacher lies, not so much in special talents, as in a happy and rare combination of natural traits. A man of commanding presence, he is at the same time distinguished by the uniform courtesy of a thorough gentleman. Williams College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1877, and later elected him a trustee. Hartford Theological Seminary has also received him on its Board of Trustees. He has published many magazine and review articles, which have been very favorably received.

On October 17, 1855, Dr. Pratt was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Putnam Gulliver, of Philadelphia, whose parents were John and Sarah (Putnam) Gulliver, of Boston, Mass. Of his two children, Theodore died when four years old. The survivor is Professor Waldo Selden Pratt, A.M., who fills the chair

of ecclesiastical music in the Hartford Theological Seminary. Like his father, he was graduated from Williams College. He has a wife, but no living children.

WILLIAM LADD, a highly esteemed octogenarian farmer of Sprague, now retired, was born February 17, 1816, near his present home, then included in the adjoining town of Franklin, New London County. His parents were Festus and Ruby Ladd. He is of old and substantial Colonial stock, whose immigrant progenitor (see Ladd Genealogy), Daniel Ladd, "took the oath of supremacy and allegiance to pass to New England in the 'Mary and John' on March 24, 1633-4." He had a grant of land in Ipswich, Mass., in 1637, and a little later on was one of the original settlers of Haverhill, Mass., where he was a Selectman in 1668. Daniel Ladd's son Samuel was killed by Indians on February 22, 1698. David Ladd, of Haverhill, son of Samuel, was twice married; and Abner Ladd, born in 1740, is said to have been David's son by his second wife. Abner Ladd, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, married Abigail Perkins, who bore him five sons — Jedediah, Abner, Jr., Erastus P., Festus, and George Washington. There were also a number of daughters.

Festus, father of William Ladd, was born on the farm adjoining the one on which his son now lives. He was a farmer, and spent his life in this town, dying here in 1855, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, who was also his cousin, survived him twenty years. They had a family of five sons and six daughters. The eldest child was Asa Spalding Ladd, who was born in 1808, and lived to the age of seventy-three years; the next child was Lura; Eliza, now the widow of Jerry

Sims on Bean Hill is eighty-eight years old; Betsey, now Mrs. Ladd Perkins, a widow, resides in Franklin at the age of eighty-six years; William, of Sprague, has nearly completed his eighty-second year; Laura, a widow residing in Illinois, is in her seventy-ninth year; Rufus S. is seventy-three years of age; and Lydia, Mrs. Hall, a widow, is in her seventieth year. The combined ages of all these is five hundred and fifty years.

William Ladd was reared to agricultural pursuits, and received a common-school education. He was a fine penman in early life, and spent considerable time in perfecting himself in that art. Leaving home at nineteen years of age, he hired himself out as a farm laborer at eleven dollars per month for the year round, and until he reached his majority gave the wages he earned to his parents. He worked for nine years for one man, Edwin Allen by name, who died in Mystic in 1895. Mr. Allen was an inventor, and was the originator of wooden type. At one time Mr. Ladd received from him six hundred dollars of his wages; and then he and his sister Eliza bought a farm here, and gave their mother a lifelong lease of it. Mr. Ladd now owns five farms, and on one of them has a fine dairy. In 1892 he built his present cosey house on a home lot of seven acres of land. Mr. Ladd is a Democrat in politics. He has held various town offices, and has represented his town in the State legislature.

In 1865 he was united in marriage with Lucretia Waldo. After her decease he married on October 26, 1885, her cousin, Mrs. Louise Jackson, widow of John R. Jackson, of Hartford, Conn., and daughter of the Rev. Horatio Waldo, a Congregationalist minister, formerly pastor of the church in Portage, Wyoming County, N.Y.

Mrs. Ladd's daughter, Anna Jackson, an



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only and fondly loved child, died at the early age of nineteen, a blossom of beauty already ripened for a better land. She was not only the flower of the home, but in social life and religious circles occupied a prominent place that no one else could fill. Her pastor, Mr. Gage, of Hartford, who was abroad at the time of her death, wrote to her mother that she (Anna) was the most active and influential young woman in Christian work in his large congregation, that her loss would be deeply mourned by all with whom she associated, and, as they should all miss her so much, he could scarcely conceive how the mother could live without her. She was not only strikingly handsome in face and figure, but was of a rare type of beauty, with soulful eyes, that radiated grace upon all who came within the circle of her influence. She was gifted in music and literature, but her Christian graces outshone all other gifts. At the age of ten, when a fine piano was presented her, she sat down upon the stool gracefully, and, playing her own accompaniment, sang in a most pleasing and effective manner, "How the Gates came Ajar," "The Golden Stairs," and other hymns. A musician, who was present at the time, said that, "if a child of that tender age could sing with such spirit and pathos such pieces as those, she well deserved a fine instrument."

Mrs. Ladd says that it has always seemed to her as if the child's grandparents, who were most estimable Christian people, had let their mantle fall upon Anna, and as if the grandfather's blessing had proved most effectual. He was a man of letters, versed in Greek. When the baby Anna was brought to him as he lay dying, he was bolstered up at his request; and, taking the child in his arms, he most fervently asked the blessing of the Almighty upon her. She grew from day to day

in Christian loveliness of character, under her mother's watchful training. After Anna's death Mrs. Ladd received a very affecting letter of condolence from a young Chinese, who had become converted to the Christian religion under her daughter's influence in a Sabbath-school class taught by Anna for some time in New York City. The Chinese lad was thrown under her influence at a missionary meeting, and subsequently joined her Sabbath-school class, where he was always an attentive listener.

"This world is His garden, Anna,
He but took thee from us here
To bloom the brighter there."

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EDWARD PREST, who was for fifty years a resident of New London and in later life one of its best known and most respected citizens, was born in Bolton, Lancashire, England, in 1813. He was a son of George and Mary (Wignall) Prest, his father being a local Methodist preacher, who held frequent religious meetings at his house. At these gatherings he in early childhood received impressions which had much to do with shaping his moral character and laying the foundation of his upright, useful, and prosperous career. A separate sketch of his brother, George Prest, including further ancestral history, may be found on another page of this volume.

Edward Prest learned the trade of a stonemason in England. In 1843 he came to America with his father and brothers, and settled in New London, where he subsequently became a contractor and builder. An expert mechanic, he was also a man of the strictest probity, and would contract for nothing but the best quality of work, which he always exe-

cuted in the most skilful and thorough manner. By virtue of these qualities, though beginning life a poor boy, he became a wealthy man and one of New London's most substantial citizens. Among the buildings erected by him which bear witness to his skill as a master workman are St. James Episcopal Church, City Hall, Lawrence Hall, Metropolitan Hotel, Rogers Block on Main Street, and the residence of J. N. Harris. He bought a large tract of land in the western part of this city, through which he laid streets; and he built thereon many tenement houses. He also erected a comfortable residence for himself on the corner of Blackhall and Prest Streets, where his death occurred in 1893, and in which his widow still resides.

His first wife was Jane, daughter of John and Barbara McDonald, who came from Scotland, her father being for years the leading baker in New London. For his second wife he married Frances H., daughter of Thomas and Fanny Chester, both natives of Groton. Her grandfather, Deacon Elisha Chester, as well as her father, Thomas Chester, were born in the old Chester homestead in Shinnecossett, now Eastern Point. In 1814, Thomas, at the age of thirteen, assisted in building a battery on the Chester property as a defence against marauding British vessels. He taught school for twenty years. In 1834 he purchased a farm in Waterford, near what is now Cedar Grove Cemetery, where both he and his wife died in 1877. The farm still remains in possession of the family. Mrs. Prest's great-great-grandfather was Samuel Chester, who was a ship-owner, commander, and factor in the West India trade. He removed from Boston to New London in 1663. He owned a large tract of land in Groton. His son John, the next in line of descent to Mrs. Prest, married Mary Starr, a great-great-

grand-daughter of William Brewster, one of the "Mayflower's" passengers in 1620. Two of the sons of John Chester were Thomas and Benajah. Thomas, who resided in the old Chester homestead at Shinnecossett, was paymaster for Connecticut troops in the Revolutionary War. On September 6, 1781, he armed three of his sons for the defence of Fort Griswold. Two of them were massacred after they had surrendered, and the other was taken prisoner. The land on which the Fort Griswold House and adjacent cottages now stand was owned by Benajah Chester and his son Starr. Their house was burned by the enemy during the war. Starr Chester, son of Benajah, subsequently purchased a large tract of land, a part of which is now known as Long Point. His son Nicholas became the father of Fanny, wife of Thomas Chester and mother of Mrs. Prest.

EDWARD P. BREWER, M.D., is an esteemed and successful physician of Norwich, his native town. A son of Pliny and Ellen M. (Whittemore) Brewer, he traces his descent by both parents to English colonists who came to New England in the early part of the seventeenth century. His great-great-grandfather, Isaac Brewer, first, died about the time of the Revolutionary War. Isaac Brewer, second, son of the first Isaac, married in 1747 Sibyl Miller, of Ludlow, Mass. They had eleven children, five sons and six daughters. Of these one son died in infancy and one at the age of seventeen. Lyman, the youngest son and tenth child, married Harriet Tyler, of Norwich, settled there, and became the father of Arthur Brewer. Isaac Brewer died when forty-seven years of age. Chauncey Brewer, born about 1776, who was the seventh child and third son, and who located in Wilbraham, Hampden County,

Mass., owned a large tract of land extending from Ludlow to Springfield. He married Asenath Mandeville, who, with her father, had recently come from England. Seven sons and two daughters were born to them, of whom Pliny was the youngest. The mother, who survived the father several years, died at Norwich in 1871, over eighty years of age.

Pliny Brewer was born November 27, 1823, in Ludlow, Mass. When fourteen years of age he left home and came to Norwich. About the year 1848 he went into the clothing business with his brother, John M. Brewer. He was in trade until 1862, when he enlisted for nine months' service in the Civil War, and went out as Lieutenant of Company G, Twenty-sixth Connecticut Regiment, which was assigned to the Department of the Gulf. After an absence of about a year he returned home, and was in active business until the spring of 1889, when he retired. In or about 1851 he was married to Ellen M. Whittemore, a native of Providence, R.I. Her ancestry is traced in England to the year 1211. Samuel Whittemore, the founder of the American family, came to the country in 1630. He purchased meadow lands along the Charles River, which were deeded to him by Cotton Mather. These lands, after having been in the family's possession for about two hundred and fifty years, were sold within the past twenty-five or thirty years. Several representatives of the Whittemore family were conspicuous as officers in the Revolution. Mrs. Ellen M. Brewer's grandfather served as Lieutenant throughout the war, being in the campaign against Burgoyne. Her great-grandfather, Benjamin Cady, and his son joined the Revolutionary army from Killingly, Conn. Her mother died in 1896, when eighty-five years of age. The children of Pliny Brewer and his wife were: Mary, now

living in Norwich; Florence, a resident of Wichita, Kan.; Edward P., the subject of this sketch; and Frank, who was a medical student, and died of diphtheria in New York City. The mother's death occurred in Norwich, in December, 1895, when she was sixty-four years old.

Edward P. Brewer received the greater part of his college preparatory education under a private tutor. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Later he graduated from the Dartmouth Medical College. He continued his studies in New York and Philadelphia for five years. Then, in 1881, he established himself in Norwich, where he has since built up a large and successful practice. In 1895 he went to Europe, and studied under the most celebrated specialists in London, Paris, and Vienna. Since his return he has devoted himself to special work. He has been a constant contributor to the medical press, and has occupied important editorial positions. Possessed of an inventive faculty, he has devised several important instruments, among which is the torsionmeter, which has attracted much notice.

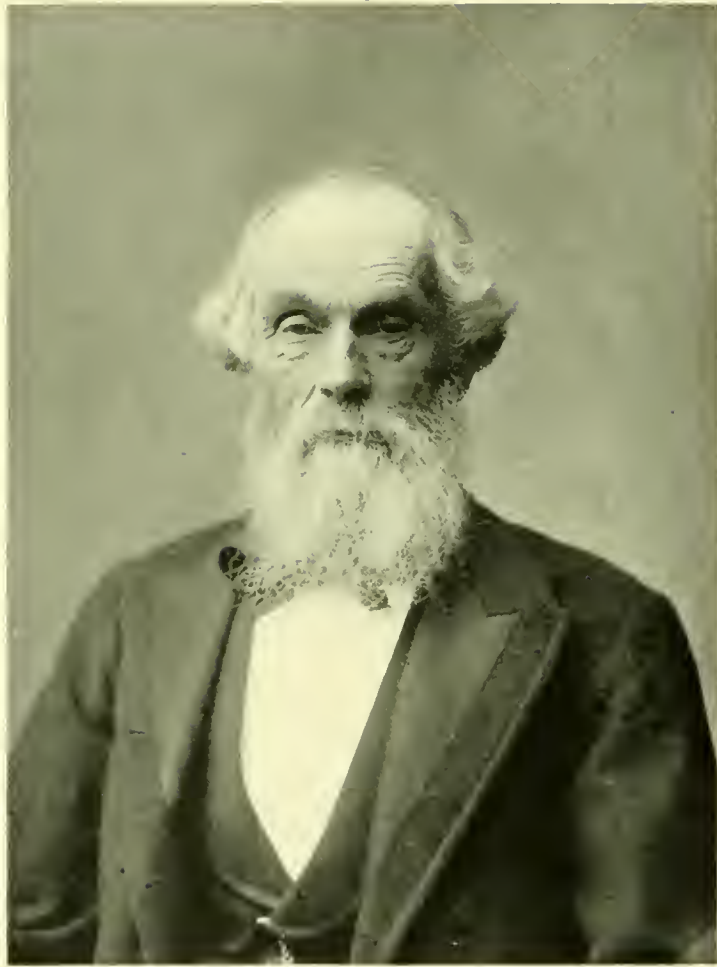
In 1886 Dr. Brewer was married to Miss Alice L. Boardman, of Norwich. Her parents were Clement and Louisa (Prentice) Boardman, of whom the latter is living. Mrs. Brewer's grandfather, General Mott, a civil engineer, drew the plans for the fortifications at New London, and accompanied the expedition that captured Ticonderoga. Her great-grandfather, General John Tyler, served in the Revolutionary War, having command of forces in the Newport and Long Island expeditions. Dr. and Mrs. Brewer have one child, Alice. Dr. Brewer votes with the Republican party. He is a member of the regular medical asso-

ciations of the county, State, and country, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religion he is a Congregationalist and a member of the Broadway Congregational Church. The family reside at 18 Washington Street, where he built his dwelling and office in 1891.

WILLIAM HARRIS BENTLEY, the second son of William and Hannah (Harris) Bentley, was born in New London, Conn., July 6, 1833. His father was descended from William Bentley, who came from Scotland in 1716. His mother was a lineal descendant of Governor William Bradford (1620) and Walter Harris, one of the first white settlers in the present town of New London. She grew up in the Blinman house, one of the houses which stood through the burning of New London in the Revolutionary War, and which is still in possession of her daughter, the street on which it is situated being named for the Rev. John Blinman, who built the house. Mr. Bentley's father received injuries from a severe fall on his vessel, which deprived him of his eyesight; and he was obliged to abandon seafaring life. As New London was then in the height of its prosperity owing to its whaling interests, he established a teaming business.

William H. Bentley, on coming of age, succeeded his father; and, as the demands of the business increased with the growth of the city, he added a wholesale and retail ice business at 24 State Street, wharfage at Howard Street, and a storage department and stables on Truman Street, all of which he still carries on. His residence is on Vauxhall Street. He became a member of the Second Congregational Sunday-school in 1839, of which he is still a member, together with his three sons.

He joined the Niagara Engine Company, No. 1, in 1848, filling all positions in the company, from volunteer to chief engineer of the fire department of New London. He was one of the organizers of the Veteran Fireman Association, of which he is now first vice-president. November 20, 1856, he married Miss Frances Leech, of Norwich, who died January 28, 1874. He enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers; and on formation of the company he was elected Captain, and served with them during their enlistment, being in the siege of Port Hudson forty-two days, and having the entire charge of the regiment fifteen days. On his return he was unable to attend to business for a year, his health having been impaired from the exposure and hardships endured while in Louisiana. He has been a member of the Grand Army since its first formation in New London, filling its various offices, being appointed February 27, 1890, Aide-de-camp to General R. A. Alger, and appointed March 19, 1891, Aide-de-camp to General W. G. Vesey. He joined the Union Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1866, and is now Past Eminent Commander of Palestine Commandery, No. 6, K. T. He was elected Selectman for the town of New London, serving in 1869-72. Subsequent to the re-formation of the Third Regiment, C. N. G., in 1871, he was elected First Lieutenant of Company D (in 1873); promoted to Captain in 1881; promoted to Major, receiving sword, straps, and all insignia of the office from members of Company D in 1882; promoted to Lieutenant Colonel; and honorably discharged June 30, 1886. He was a member of the State legislature in 1883, and served on the Military Committee. He was a charter member of the A. O. U. W., being the first Master Workman. He was a charter member of the Royal Arcanum. The New London



CALVIN ALLYN.



MRS. CALVIN ALLYN.

Board of Trade was formed in 1885, and he was its president in 1886. He has served the city twenty-one years as Councilman and Alderman. October 25, 1877, he married for his second wife Miss Charlotte Bingham, of Norwich, by whom he has four sons — George Bingham, William Harris, Julian Bingham, and Frank.

George graduated from the Bulkeley School in the class of 1897; William is a student at Bulkeley, in the class of 1898; Julian is now deceased; Frank is a student at the Robert Bartlett.

CALVIN ALLYN, a prosperous farmer of Norwich, belongs to a family that came to America in the early days of its settlement by white people, enduring with brave hardihood the privations and sufferings which were the lot of the early colonists. He is a direct descendant of Sir Robert Allyn, of England. Another of his ancestors was Lord Mayor of London, and the family coat of arms dates from the second crusade.

Robert Allyn, the immigrant progenitor of the branch of the family now being considered, came over in 1637, and settled in Salem, Mass., remaining there until 1651, when he removed to New London, Conn., and obtained a large tract of land, including what is now Allyn Point, much of which is still in the family. From Robert Allyn the line descends, through John, Robert, Robert, James, a second James, and Charles, to Calvin, whose name appears at the beginning of this sketch. The younger James and his twin brother Ebenezer, who was the progenitor of the present Allyn Point branch, were born in that part of Groton which is now Ledyard, Conn., about 1750. James Allyn purchased the farm of John Dean, and the active years of his life were profitably spent in carrying it on.

James Allyn, Jr., was married in 1768 at Stonington, Conn., to Anna Stanton, of that place. She was descended from Thomas Stanton, the Indian interpreter. A coverlid made and marked by her mother in 1743 and a chair that belonged to her ancestors have been handed down as heirlooms to the present generation. The children of James and Anna (Stanton) Allyn were: Joseph, Anna, Althea, Martha, Jabez, Charles, and Roswell, all of whom had families except Jabez. The mother died at sixty-seven and the father at eighty-six years of age. Their remains are resting in what is known as the Allyn Burial-ground, which was taken from the old farm in the town of Ledyard. The house in which James Allyn, Jr., and his children were born was also the birthplace of Silas Deane, one of the commissioners to France in Revolutionary times.

Charles Allyn, father of Calvin, was born September 28, 1781, twenty-two days after the massacre of Fort Griswold, New London, headed by Arnold, the traitor, September 6, 1781. He became a well-to-do man and influential citizen, and served acceptably as Selectman of Montville. He married in Groton, February 9, 1814, Miss Lois Gallup, a daughter of Jacob Gallup, who was a son of Colonel Nathan Gallup, one of the Committee of Safety that advised with Governor Trumbull. The children born of this union were: Louisa; Robert; Amanda; James; Calvin; and Harriet. Louisa married Robert A. Williams, of Preston, and died March 22, 1896, at eighty years of age, leaving five children. Robert was educated at the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., graduating in 1841. In 1857 he was elected Professor of Greek in Wesleyan University at Athens, Ohio; was afterward president of the Female College in Cincinnati, president of McKen-

dree College at Lebanon, Ill., and the first principal of Southern Illinois State Normal School at Carbondale, Ill. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater, also that of Doctor of Laws; and he was ranked with the leading educators of the West. He died in Carbondale, Ill., January 7, 1894. Amanda, who was the wife of the Rev. Nathaniel Clark Lewis, a Methodist preacher, died September 19, 1891, in Onarga, Ill., leaving no children, and bequeathing her large property to the Northwestern University, at Evanston, near Chicago. Her husband was in the itinerancy in New England and Illinois, and was also engaged in university work. James Allyn, third, died in Waterford, Conn., March 18, 1893, aged seventy. Harriet lived to be but sixteen, and Calvin is now the sole survivor. At a family reunion held here August 15, 1889, all the sons and daughters except Harriet were present. Their mother died April 28, 1860, at sixty-nine years of age; their father, May 13, 1868, at eighty-six.

Calvin Allyn was born in Groton, Conn., New London County, May 26, 1827. His early education was supplemented by a course at Wilbraham Academy; and after that he taught school for three winters, but eventually turned his attention to farming, in which he has met with good success. He came to Norwich from Montville, where he had lived for forty-nine years, and now resides on the farm known as the Riverview, which he purchased of the Jedediah Spalding estate in 1881. Commodore Perry was staying at the tavern here, which was kept by his father at the time he was ordered to Lake Erie, where he engaged with the British fleet, and won his famous victory of September 10, 1813.

On February 26, 1861, Mr. Allyn was united in marriage with Sarah A. Gallup.

She died in 1864, leaving one son, Robert Gallup Allyn, who lived to be but eighteen years of age, dying in 1881. On November 7, 1865, Mr. Allyn was married to Mrs. Eunice A. Ames, born Raymond, a daughter of William and Eunice B. Raymond. By her former marriage she had one son, Charles W. Ames, who was accidentally drowned at seventeen years of age. Three children blessed her union with Mr. Allyn, namely: Lois Anna, wife of Dwight L. Mason, a manufacturer of Winchendon, Mass.; James Raymond Allyn, who is engaged in the market business in Norwich, is unmarried, and lives at home; and Martha S., who was graduated from the Norwich Free Academy in 1894 and from the Normal School in 1896, and is now pursuing the study of art, for which she has special aptitude. Mrs. Allyn died April 19, 1897.

Mr. Allyn votes in the ranks of the Republican party, but prefers the quiet of home life to the turmoil of political service, and as a rule declines official honors.

CURTIS LADD HAZEN, First Selectman of Sprague and a well-known farmer of this place, was born, son of Eli Hartshorn and Ruth Kingsbury (Ladd) Hazen, on the farm which is his home and in the house built in 1839 by Grandfather Hazen. Simeon, the grandfather of Curtis Hazen, was a son of Moses Hazen, and was born in 1769, in a house which stood on the homestead. He was a lifelong farmer, and resided on the farm now occupied by Charles T. Hazen. Although he always lived in the same place, his residence was in three different towns—Norwich, Franklin, and Sprague. This was owing to successive subdivisions of the town under two governments. Simeon was twice married. His first marriage was made with

a Miss Simpson. The second wife, Temperance Sabin Hazen, was the grandmother of Curtis L. There were in all ten or twelve children in the family. Eli was born February 27, 1816, in leap year, and so came near losing three-quarters of his birthdays. The event occurred in the red house now standing on the farm owned by his brother, Charles Thomas Hazen. He was an active man in town affairs, serving as Selectman, on the Board of Relief, and in other public positions. He sang for sixty years in the choir of the Methodist church. Three years after his marriage his father built the house in which Curtis L. now resides, entailing it to Eli, who in turn entailed it to his son Curtis.

Eli Hartshorn Hazen was married on April 2, 1837, at the age of twenty-one years, to a daughter of Darius Ladd, she being then twenty. Both were born in February. Her mother belonged to a family named Frink. Mrs. Eli H. Hazen died February 22, 1894, when seventy-seven years of age, and was buried in the Portapaug Congregational Churchyard. Of her five children, Curtis L. is the youngest. Charles Eli, the eldest, resides in Hartford, Conn., and is an overseer in an envelope factory. The only daughter, Ruth Jeanette, is the wife of Joseph Henry Giddings, of Mystic. The other sons are: Dwight Bailey, who is a commercial traveller, and resides in Batavia, Ill.; and Marcus Morton, who is a farmer in the town of Lebanon. All have been Democrats in politics. The father, who survived the mother three years, was buried beside her.

Curtis Ladd Hazen received a common-school education, and at an early age showed an aptitude for mathematics. At the age of sixteen years he had mastered Greenleaf's "National Arithmetic." Beginning at seventeen, he taught school in the winter term for

three successive years. He has been active in the public life of the town, and takes a warm interest in all matters concerning the general welfare. In the capacities of Tax Collector, Constable, Justice of the Peace, and Selectman he has shown unswerving loyalty to the interests of the town, winning general esteem. He is now serving his fourth term as First Selectman. Besides carrying on general farming, he keeps a dairy of eight cows. When the fine barn, now in course of erection, is finished, he will increase his stock. He has always been interested in music, and, like his father, has sung for many years in the church, having been the choirmaster and taken both tenor and bass parts.

On September 30, 1876, Mr. Hazen was united in marriage with Mary Catherine, daughter of James and Caroline (Shepard) Allen. Her grandfather, Aaron Allen, was born in Springfield, Mass. Her mother, whose people were English, is still living. The father died in 1892, aged seventy-two, in Mr. Hazen's house, where both parents had made their home for the three preceding years. Mrs. Hazen was born in Canada. Her daughter, Miss Lottie Alice Hazen, who, having inherited the musical taste of her father and grandfather, is a skilful performer on the piano, cornet, and organ, presides at the church organ, and sings both soprano and contralto parts.

MESSRS. H. F. AND A. J. DAWLEY, of Norwich, the well-known manufacturers and dealers in lumber, shingles, mouldings, etc., are sons of Joseph Frank Dawley, now a resident of Westford. Their paternal grandfather, Joseph Dawley, came from Rhode Island with his wife and family, and settled at Willing-

ton, Tolland County, Conn., where he carried on farming. Both Grandfather and Grandmother Dawley lived to about the age of four-score years. They had eight sons and one daughter. The two sons now living are: Andrew, who is superintendent of the Hadley Thread Company in Holyoke; and Joseph Frank, father of Messrs. Dawley.

Joseph Frank Dawley was born in Eastern Rhode Island in February, 1828, and was the seventh son of his parents. In his early active life he was engaged in trade, having a store and sending out a number of teams. For the last thirty-five years he has given his attention to farming on his estate of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Westford, Conn. His first wife, Elvira Robbins, whom he married March 24, 1850, was born in Thompsonville on November 24, 1829, and died March 21, 1855, leaving only two sons; namely, Herbert F. and Arthur James, of Norwich. His second wife was sister of the first, and was named Sophronia. She was born November 21, 1835, and was married in October, 1855. Her children numbered five. Three of them are living, as follows: Clara E., the wife of Elmer Wilker, of Webster, Mass.; William H., who is in the employ of H. F. and A. J. Dawley; and Edward R., who resides in Evanston, Ill., and is a commercial traveller for a Chicago firm.

Arthur James Dawley, the younger of the two elder brothers, was born March 9, 1855, in the town of Willington, and was reared to farm life. At the age of fourteen he began to work out during the summers, attending school in the winters. When he was seventeen years of age, his father hired him out until he should be twenty; and when that time came he was given the rest of his time. At twenty-one years of age he went to Boston, and entered the office of E. A. Buck & Co., the firm

a year later becoming Dean, Foster & Co. Their business was the manufacture of glass bottles for druggists, with the name of the customers blown in the glass. Mr. Dawley began work the very day of his arrival, which was on September 4, 1876, his wages being eleven dollars per week. He was at first shipping clerk, and within a year became salesman and city collector. Some time after this he was sent on the road as salesman for the New England States at a salary of one hundred dollars per month and expenses. In the spring of 1879 he was sent out to the Northwestern States, including among others Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, and Kansas. He travelled in the interests of his firm until 1883, doing business in various parts of the country, and each year visiting thirty States. In 1882 he was offered a salary of thirty-five hundred dollars and all of his expenses paid; and in 1883 he became a member of the firm of Dean, Foster & Dawley, occupying the whole of a five-story building at 120 Lake Street, Chicago, and the other two partners being in Boston. This firm was the second largest in the United States in its line, doing a business of half a million dollars a year. On April 1, 1889, Mr. Dawley severed his connection on account of poor health, and, coming to Norwich, engaged in the lumber business with his brother. Fifteen months later he went to New York City, and, becoming a partner in the firm of Webster, Dawley & Co., at 52 Park Place, wholesale dealers in druggists' glassware and sundries, travelled in the New England States and West as far as the Rockies. He built up a large trade, but in February, 1892, sold his interest in the business to his partners, and returned to Norwich, where he has since been engaged in his present business in company with his brother.

Mr. Arthur J. Dawley is an independent voter. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His home is at 40 Oak Street. There are but few keener and more successful business men in Norwich or in the New England States than he; and his success has been won entirely by his own energy, enterprise, and natural business aptness.

On September 12, 1877, Mr. Arthur J. Dawley was united in marriage with Eugenia M., daughter of Obed P. and Charlotte A. (Ladd) McLean, of Glastonbury, Conn. Mrs. McLean died in 1895, at the age of seventy-two years, leaving four children: Ellen and May E., who are both in Hartford; James O., a farmer and market gardener of Glastonbury; and Mrs. Dawley. Mr. McLean is living on his farm, still in good health. Mrs. Eugenia M. Dawley was educated in the schools of her native town, and subsequently taught school for two years prior to her marriage. She is a member of the First Congregational Church on Broadway.

Mr. Herbert F. Dawley received a practical common-school education, and at the age of twenty struck out for himself in farming. When twenty-one years old he entered a wood-turning establishment, and he was in the spoke department for four years at ordinary wages. About 1876 he became partner to E. A. Buck, the company being known as Buck & Dawley, and carried on a grocery business. They managed also a grist-mill and a saw-mill, which were run by water, and likewise a portable steam saw-mill, the two latter being used for manufacturing into lumber the timber cut from a number of lots of woodland that they bought. The firm employed many workmen and many teams, and did a large and paying business. Since his brother Arthur returned to Norwich in 1892,

Mr. Dawley has been in company with him; and together they have built up one of the most thriving enterprises ever started in this city. Their planing-mill and plant, which covers fifteen acres, and is fitted with all modern machinery, is at Fort Point, three miles below Norwich, and their office and city yard off Laurel Hill Avenue. They employ fifty to sixty men. Their timber and lumber come from the South and West, and from Maine and other Northern sections. They have a large wholesale trade for Georgia pine timber and North Carolina pine and cypress, and ship it by rail throughout the New England States and Canada. They do a business of about a quarter of a million dollars annually. Mr. Herbert F. Dawley was married on May 30, 1876, to Martha, daughter of Peter Platt, of Ashford.

REV. JAMES CAMERON GAVIN, recently of Lyme, New London County, Conn., now settled at Colebrook, Litchfield County, as pastor of the North and the South Baptist Churches of this town, was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, January 5, 1863, and is of Scotch parentage. His father, James Gavin, was a native of Old Meldrum, Aberdeenshire, and followed the mercantile business. His mother was the eldest daughter of John Cameron, of Udny, Aberdeenshire. After receiving a common-school education, James C. Gavin, the subject of this sketch, adopted his father's calling, serving his apprenticeship in his native city. Ultimately finding that his interest was deepening in missionary work, in which for several years, as opportunity offered, he had engaged, he relinquished his business prospects, and at the suggestion of prominent friends entered Harley College, London, England, as

a missionary student. Subsequently he studied at Hulme Cliff College, Derbyshire, England; and in 1890 he came to America, and settled in New York, where he engaged in ministerial work as assistant missionary in the Baptist Mariners' Temple of that city. He continued in that work for about one year; and in December, 1891, he removed to Old Lyme, Conn., having accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in that town. There he was ordained to the gospel ministry in August, 1892.

In April, 1895, he married Ann Henderson Davidson, who also is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, being the younger daughter of George Davidson, late merchant at Kennethmont, Aberdeenshire. In November, 1897, after a successful pastorate of nearly six years at Old Lyme, the Rev. Mr. Gavin accepted a call to Colebrook, in the north-western part of the State, and removed thither with his family. Earnestly devoted to the duties of his high calling, Mr. Gavin is a rising young clergyman, and is doing a most acceptable work in his new field of labor.

CHARLES CLARK PERKINS, the principal of the New London clothing firm, C. C. Perkins & Co., was born in Noank, this county, November 5, 1864. An enthusiastic student of family history, he has traced his ancestry back for twelve generations. One of his ancestors, John Perkins, was high steward to Hugo Dispencer, one of the richest and most powerful nobles of England in his time. It is believed that John's son, and his successor in the office of steward, who also became Lord of the Manor of Madrasfield, was the first of the family to have the fesse dancette between six billets for his arms. This ancestor lived in the reign of Henry VI.,

and was the steward of the Dispencer estates when their heiress married the Earl of Warwick, the king maker.

John Perkins, the immigrant ancestor, was born in Newent, Gloucestershire, England, in 1590. Sailing from the port of Bristol on December 1, 1630, he was a fellow-passenger, on the ship "Lyon," William Pierce, master, of the celebrated Roger Williams. On the mother's side Mr. Perkins claims descent from Elder Brewster, who came to the country in the "Mayflower." His paternal grandfather, Rufus, who was a farmer in Groton, served in the Revolutionary War, and took part in the battle of Groton Heights. The grandfather, Civilian, born in 1805, was captain of a fishing-smack. In 1849 he went to California, and was there engaged in speculation for a few years. After his return home he bought a sloop, and was thereafter engaged in fishing for cod on the George's Banks. His wife's maiden name was Lucy B. Potter, of Noank. She belonged to one of the old families of this county. Grandfather and grandmother Perkins had seven sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, married, and had families. Six of the number are now living, the most of whom are scattered in the West. Grandmother Perkins died at the age of forty-five, while her husband lived to be seventy-two.

Albert W. Perkins, the father of Charles Clark, was born in October, 1834. After spending twenty-eight years in seafaring, having had command of a vessel for several years, he opened a general merchandise store. On January 22, 1858, he was married to Julia Burrows, a daughter of Austin and Almira (Hill) Burrows. Her maternal great-grandfather, Samuel B. Hill, was slain at the battle of Groton Heights. His son, Moses Hill, was her grandfather. Her children are:



CHARLES C. PERKINS.

Lucy, Charles C., Almira, Warren C., Albert W., and Abbie. Lucy married Charles I. Fitch, Jr., the station agent at Noank; Almira is the wife of O. W. Monroe, of Providence, R.I.; Warren C., who is the baggage-master at Noank, married Flora Stanton, of Stonington; Albert W., a young man of sixteen years, and Abbie, now aged fourteen, are still under the paternal roof.

Charles Clark Perkins was educated in the common schools. At the age of seventeen, after gaining some experience in mercantile pursuits in his father's store, he went to Providence, R.I., where he was employed in a wholesale gentlemen's furnishing store in the several capacities of salesman, entry clerk, and commercial traveller. While in Providence he supplemented his early education by taking a business college course. Later, on account of his father's failing health, he returned home, and took charge of the latter's business. In 1885, when Johnson & Shurts opened their New York store in New London, he came here, at the same time retaining his interest in his father's business. After serving as second salesman in the new establishment for four years, he embarked in the hat and furnishing business. In April, 1889, he bought out George W. Meeker, hatter and furnisher. Owing to the smallness of the store, he gave it the name of "Hat Box." His stock comprised hats, caps, and furnishing goods. So successful did this enterprise prove that two years later, when the new Cronin Block was completed, he moved from the "Hat Box" to the "Hat Palace." Two years later he established a branch in Norwich, buying out John C. Clark. This place was conducted under the style of Perkins & Montgomery, until he withdrew from the connection in 1894. Next year the firm of C. C. Perkins & Co. was formed by the consolidation of the Hat

Palace and the old establishment of Shepard & Harris. S. E. Tyler was admitted to partnership; and the firm opened their fine store at 130 State Street in November, 1895. Mr. Perkins has been remarkably successful in business.

Mr. Perkins is Past Grand of Mohegan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Chief Patriarch of the encampment; a member of Sprague Lodge, A. O. U. W., of which he is Overseer; Past Leader of the Home Circle; a member of the Jibboom Club and of the Sons of the American Revolution, and President of the New London Business Men's Association.

On November 27, 1887, he was married to Miss Hattie S. Fish, of Noank. They have one child, Alice Tyler Perkins, who was born March 23, 1891. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. In religion he is a member of the Second Congregational Church. His musical ability has led him to become a chorister in his own church, and also of the Third Baptist Church. For four years he was the treasurer of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Perkins is also a trombone soloist of unusual ability, having played that instrument for five years in the theatre with Wight's Orchestra. The family reside in their pleasant home, 88 Huntington Street.

STEPHEN CRANE, of Norwich, Conn., proprietor of the extensive and well-stocked Norwich Nurseries, situated near the fair grounds, was born March 24, 1828, in Barre, Orleans County, N. Y. He is a son of the late Jerry Crane, of that State, and bears the name of his grandfather Crane, an Onondaga County farmer, who was born in 1776, and died in 1851. For his first wife the elder Stephen Crane married a Miss Elsie Grinnell, by

whom he had three sons and four daughters. Both of these grandparents were devout Methodists. They were buried in the town of Spafford, N. Y.

Their son, Jerry Crane, the father mentioned above, long familiarly known as "Uncle Jerry," was born in Saratoga County, New York, November 16, 1797. On December 25, 1821, he married Miss Orrissa Fisher, who was born in Cherry Valley, N. Y., in 1800. They shortly moved to Barre, Orleans County, N. Y., and settled on a new and uncleared farm, where for the first few years they experienced the deprivations and hardships common with the pioneers of those days. By hard, honest, persistent labor the forests to the extent of over three hundred acres gave way to broad meadows and pastures. They celebrated their golden wedding on this farm; and the ten children who, from a total of thirteen, had grown to manhood and womanhood were present, with about twenty-five grandchildren.

Jerry Crane died November 25, 1878, and his wife, Orrissa, in 1882. They were sincere Christians of the Methodist faith. Their graves are in the cemetery taken from their farm in Barre.

Stephen Crane, the subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood on the homestead farm; and, with the exception of about three years when he was employed as clerk in a country store, he followed agriculture. From the age of fourteen he performed the same hard, sturdy work as the men. In 1861 he engaged with Ellwanger & Barry, of Rochester, N. Y., as travelling salesman for their nursery at Norwich, Conn., at a salary of one dollar per day and expenses. He was well adapted and thoroughly qualified for the position, and soon became one of their most trusted and best paid employees. After continuing with

them for six years, he embarked in the nursery business on his own account. In 1882 he purchased his present nursery property on West Main Street, near the fair grounds, which he devotes to the raising of fruit and ornamental trees and flowers in rich and choice variety, making a specialty of roses, rhododendrons, and rare evergreen trees. He keeps from ten to fifteen salesmen on the road in the New England States, and by years of honest dealing has built up a profitable business.

Mr. Crane was first married August 16, 1849, to Miss Mary E. Starr, of Barre, N. Y., a daughter of Deacon F. Starr. She died November 25, 1878, aged forty-eight years, leaving three of their five children; namely, Floyd H., Carrie P., and Sarah M. Floyd H. Crane is superintendent of the parlor, sleeping-car, and commissary departments of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and for several years previous to 1892 was superintendent with the Pullman Palace Car Company. He has a wife and one son, Lester S. Carrie P. Crane is the wife of Mr. C. D. Noyes, of Norwich, Conn., and has three sons—Charles, Fred, and Harry. Mr. Noyes is the head of the firm of Noyes & Davis, proprietors of the largest bookstore in Norwich, and is one of the city Aldermen. Sarah M. Crane is the wife of Mr. G. W. Whaley, of Philadelphia. Mr. Whaley has an important position with the Swift Chicago Dressed Beef Company, and has handled over a million dollars of their money annually without bond.

Mr. Crane was married the second time, in 1879, to Sarah L. Brown, born Reynolds, a daughter of the late O. E. Reynolds. Mrs. Crane has one brother, O. H. Reynolds, of Norwich. She was educated in Norwich, and is a most estimable woman and model wife. Mr. and Mrs. Crane have resided at their

present home, 106 William Street, ever since their marriage.

Mr. Crane is a Prohibitionist from the Republican ranks, and is one of the oldest here, having first voted with this party in 1870. He is a very zealous advocate of prohibition, standing loyally by his principles and colors at every Presidential election. His fine flag, inscribed with the names of Levering and Johnson, prohibitionist candidates for President and Vice-President in 1896, is the only one of the kind in Norwich.

DEACON ERASTUS C. KEGWIN, a retired railroad official living in Jewett City, was born in Voluntown, then in Windham County, March 17, 1814. A son of Daniel and Anna (Crandall) Keigwin, he is of English descent. The first representative of the family in America was John, whose surname was spelled Keigwin. Coming here a single man, he subsequently married a Miss Brown, of Groton. Their grandson was Lieutenant Nicholas Keigwin, a brave soldier and officer of the Revolution, who died on April 22, 1813, in his seventy-seventh year. He was twice married, the first time on November 15, 1759, to Huldah Starkweather, and the second time to a Miss Gordon. By the first marriage there were five children, namely: Sarah, born September 17, 1761; Joseph, born in November, 1763; Anne, born October 27, 1765; Olive, born March 16, 1769; and Daniel, born January 29, 1774.

Daniel Keigwin, who was born in Voluntown, was a man of much prominence and influence. He was in the State legislature for a number of terms, was Probate Judge and Justice of the Peace for many years, and constantly held a public office of some kind

during his active life. Although not a professional lawyer, he was a careful student of the statutes and a keen and unerring interpreter thereof. He was the author of many legal documents, and but few of his decisions were reversed. One important decision involved the reputation of a worthy physician and a former school teacher, who sued the town in order to secure payment for professional services to a poor family. The case was appealed, but the decision rendered by Judge Keigwin was sustained. He died on May 16, 1852, and is buried in Kennedy Cemetery. All the Keigwin ancestors before him were buried in the town of Sterling, in the Plains Cemetery, which was originally in Voluntown. His first marriage was contracted at the age of twenty-five with Anna Crandall, who was then twenty-one years old. She was a daughter of the Rev. Amos Crandall, who was widely known in Connecticut and Rhode Island as a Baptist minister. A second marriage afterward united him with Belinda Cook, a second cousin of the present governor of Connecticut. His first wife had seven children, namely: Sterry S., born in 1803; Sally L., born in 1806; Stephen S., born in 1809; Daniel A., born in 1811; Erastus C., the subject of this sketch; and two daughters who died in infancy. By the second marriage there was one child, Barton C., born April 22, 1823. Barton and Deacon Kegwin are the only surviving children.

After attending the district schools for the usual period, Deacon Kegwin, at the age of eighteen years, began to work in a woollen factory. Subsequently he was a clerk at Voluntown in the store of James S. Treat. He was married in 1839 to Hannah, daughter of Ebenezer Paine, of Windham County. She died in 1871, having borne three children, of whom two are deceased. The other child,

Henry W. Kegwin, a graduate of Brown University, is now a teacher in Norwich Free Academy, is married, and has two daughters and one son, Richard P. Deacon Kegwin was again married on November 5, 1874, to Mrs. Louisa Read, the widow of Nelson Read. Mr. Read died in 1870, leaving one son, Asher N. Read, who is now married and has one son, Nelson G. Read. Mr. Kegwin is a Republican in politics, and has been very active in the public life of the town. He was Town Clerk for ten years, and has been a Justice of the Peace and a member of the Board of Education for many years. Of the one hundred and fifty wills he has drawn, not one has been broken. In 1862 he was in the State legislature. At the age of nineteen he joined the Baptist church in Plainfield; and for much of the time since he was twenty-one years of age he has been a Deacon, having during the last sixty years served in that capacity in three different churches. For nine years he was in Norwich, and was very active and prominent in the church there. Deacon Kegwin purchased his present home in Jewett City about thirty years ago. He was for fifteen years station agent in the railroad office here, and in that responsible position made many warm friends and admirers.

ROBERT PALMER, SR., ship-builder, president of the Robert Palmer Company at Noank, Conn., in the town of Groton, his native place, was born on May 26, 1825. His parents were John and Abby (Fish) Palmer. His paternal grandfather, Elihu Palmer, a mariner, died before reaching middle age; and his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Palmer, was left a widow with one child, John Palmer, named above. Mrs. Palmer afterward married a Mr. Ashby, and

had five children, four sons and a daughter, of whom two sons are living.

John Palmer, who was born about the year 1786, was quite young when his father, Elihu, died; and he went to live with his grandfather Palmer. Early in life he began a successful career as a boat and ship builder, building principally vessels of from fifty to sixty tons' burden. Of the twelve children born to him and his wife, formerly Abby Fish, whom he married in 1809, four sons and five daughters grew to mature years. But two of these are now living: Robert, the tenth child; and Lucy, widow of Captain Jerry Wilber, the uncle of her first husband, William A. Wilber. Mrs. Wilber was born in 1811, and is now in her eighty-sixth year. Her only child, Robert T. Wilber, is a stockholder in the Robert Palmer Company. John Palmer died in July, 1869; and Abby, his wife, died in 1856, aged sixty-six years.

Robert Palmer, Sr., received only an ordinary district schooling in his childhood, and at ten years of age went on the water here. When but thirteen years old he went on a fishing trip to Nantucket; and for several years after he went on fishing trips regularly to different places, being for two years on a vessel that his brother John commanded. At eighteen years of age he went to Stonington, where for a year and a half he was employed in a boat builder's shop. He then came to Groton, and worked for some years for his father, whom he succeeded in the business, about ten years prior to his parent's decease. It is now fifty-one years since he set up for himself in the ship-building business in a modest way. His career has been a very successful one; and he is a leader in his special line, having the largest yard for wooden ship building in this country, from which he has turned out as many as thirty-three craft

of various styles in a single year. The three Sound steamers, "Rhode Island," "Nashua," and "Connecticut," of from twenty-four to twenty-six hundred tons' burden, were built here. He still owns his father's old yard, in which boats have been built for eighty years; and he has established two others. In 1879 he started the marine railway.

In his twenty-first year, October 15, 1845, Robert Palmer, Sr., married Harriet Rogers, daughter of Ebenezer and Grace (Gallup) Rogers and grand-daughter of Gurdon Gallup. Seven children were born of their union, and a son and two daughters grew to maturity, namely: Jane, widow of Benjamin Humphrey, living in Noank, mother of one daughter; Harriet, wife of the Rev. William L. Swan, of Auburn, N. Y., who also has one daughter; and Robert, Jr.

Robert Palmer, Sr., is a Republican, but has never participated in political affairs. He has been a member of the Baptist church since 1839, a Deacon forty-five years, and superintendent of the Sunday-school fifty years. He is president of the public library, called the Mystic and Noank Library, given to Groton by Captain Elihu Spicer, who named Mr. Palmer as one of the trustees. In 1885 Mr. Palmer erected his present residence near his ship-yard.

Robert Palmer, Jr., was born on February 15, 1856. He was educated in the schools of Noank and Mystic and at Schofield Business College at Providence, R. I., completing his studies at the age of twenty-one. He then entered his father's employ, and has thoroughly familiarized himself with every branch of the business. In 1877 he was admitted to partnership, the firm name being Robert Palmer & Son, which was afterward changed to Robert Palmer & Sons; and on December 10, 1894, when a stock company was formed

with Robert Palmer, Sr., as president, Robert, Jr., became the secretary and treasurer. The son has proved himself a genius as a shipwright; and under his direction the company has built several fast boats of unique design, which have carried off a number of regatta prizes. The "Irma," built in 1894, and now owned by Fred Allen, of Galveston, Tex., was one of the first of these prize winners, showing remarkable adaptability for racing in both the calm waters of the Bay and the rough waters of the Gulf. She is thirty-seven feet long, twelve feet wide, and has a shoal draught. She has thrice carried off the prize, and is known as the "Queen of the Gulf." The "Novice," built a year later, a sail-boat twenty-seven feet long and ten feet wide, proved a wonder, easily distancing all class boats, and taking the prize over all the noted boats and yachts in Southern waters. She is of the skimming-dish type, with an overhanging end, and is both fast and seaworthy. She is of original design, with a centre-board, and demonstrates that a boat can go faster over the water than through it. The "Jennie," a steam yacht thirty-three feet long, and having an eight-foot beam, has been the object of much attention to yachtsmen along the Atlantic coast; and the "Gleam," a cat-boat, twenty-four feet long, but entering the twenty-foot class, built in 1895, won the first three of a series of races at Bushby Point, July 11, 25, and 31, 1896. Mr. Robert Palmer, Jr., is likewise a designer of lobster steamers, of which the company has built three, and now has in process of construction at Rockland, Me., a seventy-foot boat designed to go outside in any kind of weather, and bring in a cargo of eight thousand lobsters. He is now building a new boat for racing, with which he hopes to win new trophies in 1897. This one is to be thirty

feet long, eleven feet wide, and is to draw not more than nine inches of water.

In March, 1881, Mr. Robert Palmer, Jr., married Elizabeth L. Murphy, of Noank. She is a daughter of Charles and Nancy Murphy, the former of whom died a number of years ago, leaving his widow with a son and three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have been bereft of their only son, Bernard Ledyard, who died March 5, 1885, aged two years and eleven months. Their dwelling is the old Baptist church, which Robert Palmer, Sr., remodelled.

In political affiliation Robert Palmer, Jr., is a Republican. In 1886 he served as a Representative to the Connecticut legislature, and was a member of the Committee on Appropriations. In 1889 he was again a nominee, but was defeated by one vote, by John Morgan, the opposing candidate. Mr. Palmer is a member of the Baptist church.

LATHAM HULL, one of the most capable and progressive farmers of New London County, son of the late William B. Hull, resides at the old Hull homestead, now known as the Westwood Stock Farm, of which he is the proprietor. The original owner of this valuable property, which is situated in North Stonington, was one Latham Hull, an ancestor of the present Latham Hull, several generations removed; and from Latham, the first, the land and the name has been handed down from one generation to another until the present time, the only exception being in the name of the immediately preceding owner, William B. Hull, above mentioned.

Latham Hull, grandfather of the present Latham, spent his entire life on the homestead, living to an advanced age. He was

a Democrat in politics, and was quite prominent in public affairs, serving several terms as Representative to the State legislature, and was one who helped divide the old town of Stonington when North Stonington was set off to form a town by itself. He married Elizabeth Browning, of Stonington; and they reared two children—William B. and Latham. The latter, an able business man, and for many years president of a bank in Kalamazoo, Mich., died there in 1890, leaving one daughter and a large estate. The grandmother lived a widow for a long time, dying in 1886, at the venerable age of ninety-one years.

William B. Hull in his early manhood was engaged in mercantile business in New York City; but from his birth, which occurred in 1816, until his death in 1894, he lived at intervals on the home farm, following the occupation in which he was reared. A man of energy and foresight, he made many substantial improvements on the estate, which is one of the best as regards appointments and equipments in this vicinity. He married Miss Susan Wattles, daughter of Dr. Wattles, of this town, and was the father of four children—Thomas, Anna, Lucy, and Latham. Thomas Hull, who was educated in a military school, and afterward spent a year abroad, is now a newspaper reporter in Boston. He is married and has a daughter. Anna, with whom the widowed mother makes her home, is a woman of culture and accomplishments. She was educated in Claverack, N.Y., and at Grand Rapids, Mich., and is now living in Norwich, Conn., where she has a select kindergarten school.

Latham Hull, the subject of this sketch, was born in North Stonington, Conn., February 6, 1870. He acquired a good education, attending Storr's Agricultural College, where



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he was graduated with the class of 1890. Putting into practice the useful knowledge he there acquired, he has since been extensively and profitably engaged in general farming, dairying, and stock-raising at the old homestead, which he has named Westwood Stock Farm. He keeps about sixty head of stock, principally Jerseys, some of which are registered; and he has thirty cows in his dairy, which partly supplies the residents of Westerly, R.I., with milk. He has a fine silo for the preservation of fodder. In 1896 he built his handsome horse barn, in which he keeps six horses for his own use. All of his barns and stables are furnished with water, the power also supplying water for the house, which is over one hundred years old, but is in excellent condition. His stock is well known throughout this region, and at the fairs held in New London Mr. Hull has received many premiums. Politically, he is an active and loyal Democrat; and in 1893 he represented North Stonington in the State legislature, being one of the youngest legislators in that body.

In September, 1895, Mr. Hull married Miss Angie Brown, of North Stonington, a daughter of the late Stephen E. and Mary (Green) Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Hull have one child, Ethel Louise, who was born in April, 1896.

ALONZO H. HARRIS, business manager, secretary, and treasurer of the Bulletin Company, Norwich, was born in this town, September 18, 1854, his parents being Henry and Sarah W. (Dodge) Harris. Henry Harris was born in Bozrah in 1817, and died in September, 1857. He and his wife, Sarah, had three children, of whom one daughter died in early childhood, and one is still living.

Alonzo H. Harris was educated in the common and high schools. At the age of fourteen he became a clerk in the bookstore of Morgan Safford & Co., in whose employ he remained for four years. In March, 1873, he entered the Bulletin Company's office as clerk. Seven years later, in May, 1880, he was made business manager, which position he occupied for four years. He then retired from the management, but still remained in the employ of the company. In June, 1888, he was re-elected secretary, treasurer, and business manager, and up to the present time has continued to attend to the duties of these several offices, in which his fine executive ability has found a wide scope for exercise. The fidelity he has shown to the interests of the company has further proved his fitness for his present position. Mr. Harris is a Mason, belonging to St. James Lodge, Franklin Chapter, and the Council. Politically, he is a Republican; but, although interested in local affairs and well informed in regard to all public movements, he has had no wish to enter politics.

On October 27, 1880, Mr. Harris was united in marriage with Ida F., daughter of Stephen and Margaret S. (Frink) Sylvester. Mr. Sylvester is no longer living, but his widow is a resident of Norwich. She has one daughter besides Mrs. Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have a pleasant home at 93 Union Street.

CHARLES H. BABCOCK, superintendent of the public schools of Westerly, R.I., a position for which he is well fitted by natural abilities and scholarly acquirements, is a resident of the village of Pawcatuck, on the opposite side of the river, in the town of Stonington, New London County, Conn. He was born July 16, 1838, in the town of Groton, this State, but

is of Rhode Island stock, his father, the late Charles Babcock, of Stonington, having been a native of Westerly and a lineal descendant, it is said, of John and Mary (Lawton) Babcock, pioneer settlers of that locality.

Among the twenty-four free inhabitants of Westerly, R.I., in 1669, the year in which the town was incorporated, were James Babcock, Sr., James Babcock, Jr., and John Babcock, the two latter, no doubt, sons of the elder James. John Babcock, born in 1644, married Mary Lawton; and their son James is said to have been the first white child born in the new settlement.

Henry Babcock, great-grandfather of Charles H., born in Westerly in 1755, son of Daniel Babcock, was a grandson of Captain James Babcock, and is reputed to have been a near kinsman of Colonel Harry Babcock of Revolutionary fame. He and his wife Prudence had eight children. The eldest of these, Henry Babcock, Jr., a master mariner, who commanded a merchant vessel, and for many years was engaged in the West India trade, was born at Westerly, R.I., in 1779, and died at his home in that town in the seventieth year of his age. His wife, Fanny, who was a daughter of Timothy West, of Rhode Island, an officer of some note in the Revolution, died in 1866, at the age of three-score and ten, having reared two sons and four daughters, one son being Charles, the father above named. One child is now living—Rhoda, widow of the late Matthew Barber, of Westerly.

Charles Babcock, son of Captain Henry and Fanny (West) Babcock, was born in Westerly, in April, 1815. After his marriage, which took place in 1835, he removed to Stonington, where he was engaged as a tiller of the soil during his active years. His wife's maiden name was Lovisa Brown. She was born in

1812, in the town of Ledyard, this county, and was a daughter of Samuel Brown, who married a Miss Latham. Ten children, four sons and six daughters, were born to Charles and Lovisa B. Babcock; and of these three have passed away, one having died in infancy, and John W. and Abbie J. in mature life. John W. Babcock went to Kansas for his health, and died there when about thirty years old, in 1871, leaving a widow. Abbie J., the widow of John H. Cross, of Stonington, died at the age of thirty years. The children now living are as follows: Charles H., the special subject of this biographical sketch; William, a physician in Connecticut; Erastus W., a resident of Stonington borough; Amanda M., of Stonington; Mary N., the widow of Rowse P. Babcock, of Stonington borough; Sarah F., wife of Captain Amos Dickens, of this town; and Helen M., wife of Captain Jesse W. Hall, also of Stonington. The mother, Lovisa B. Babcock, died in Stonington in 1886; and the father, Charles Babcock, died there in 1889.

Charles H. Babcock was graduated from the East Greenwich Academy when about nineteen years of age, in 1857. Choosing the profession of teacher, he met with marked success, not only in imparting knowledge, but in winning the love and respect of his pupils and as a disciplinarian, and has since continued his labors in the educational field, teaching more or less in this vicinity. Since 1872, or for twenty-four consecutive years, he has been a member of the Stonington School Board, an office in which he has rendered the town most valuable aid; and for the past five years he has been superintendent of the schools of Westerly, R.I., the home of his ancestors for several generations. Mr. Babcock has also served in the various township offices. He has been Assessor a number of terms and Jus-

tee of the Peace fifteen years. In 1871 he was nominated on the Republican ticket as a Representative to the State legislature, but was defeated. Fraternally, he is a Master Mason, belonging to Pawcatuck Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

On March 30, 1863, Mr. Babcock married Miss Abbie H. Hinckley, a daughter of Henry and Prudence Mary (Chesebro) Hinckley, of this town. She died March 14, 1883, aged forty-two years. She had been the mother of four children, namely: a son that died in infancy; Harry H., a druggist, who died at the early age of twenty years; Anna Lincoln, who is the wife of Dr. John H. Eldredge, of Norwich, and has four children; and Edith Vincent, a graduate of the Norwich Business College, and a teacher, who now has the care of her father's house, having given up her personal ambitions to devote herself to him and a half-sister, Mary Emma. This child, a bright and winning little girl, is Mr. Babcock's daughter by his second wife, formerly Mary Emma Gardner, whom he married in August, 1884, and who died in July, 1892, aged thirty-seven years. Mr. Babcock has occupied his pleasant home at Pawcatuck since 1872.

THEODORE F. POWERS, whose ancestors were among the early settlers of Connecticut in the seventeenth century, is a well-known and honored resident and native of Waterford. He was born in 1839, on the Powers homestead, son of Phillip M. and Abbie Maria (Havens) Powers. The father, born on the same farm in 1814, was a son of Joshua, who was born in Lyme, Conn., October 24, 1783, son of Joshua and Elizabeth Powers. The founder of the family, Joshua Powers, came from Ireland in 1674. Joshua, the grandfather of Theodore F., settled on

this farm nearly a hundred years ago. He married Wealthy Morgan, of Waterford, and had two sons and four daughters, all of whom married, had families, and lived to nearly threescore years of age. Wealthy Morgan Powers died at a comparatively early age, and Joshua Powers at the age of sixty-three years. One of their sons, Joshua, who was a carpenter by trade, went to Minnesota when a young man. He died there at sixty-nine years of age, leaving three children.

Phillip M. Powers was a successful agriculturist, and in later years ran the Jordan gristmill. He and Abbie Maria Havens were married June 8, 1836, when he was twenty years old, and she was eighteen. She was a daughter of Silas Havens, of Lyme, and his wife, Sabra (Griffin) Havens. Mrs. Havens died in 1826, leaving five children; and he afterward married her sister, who had by him twelve children. Mrs. Abbie Maria Powers has but one own sister living, Mrs. Eliza Crocker, of Clinton. John Havens, the father of Silas, and his two brothers came from England. One of the brothers settled on Long Island, and the other went to the West. John was with General Israel Putnam on his famous ride. His wife, Mary Havens, who was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, died aged ninety-nine years and seven months, and the inscription on her tombstone is the oldest in the cemetery. Phillip M. and Abbie Maria Powers had eight children, three sons and five daughters, of whom Theodore F., Phillip H., and Fannie C. are living. Theodore was the first son and second child. Phillip H., who was formerly first mate on a steamship, is in the employ of the Russian Fur Company, and now resides in Kobé, Japan, where he went with the Japanese embassy in 1860. He has a wife and four children. Fannie C. is the wife of James G.

Marthers, and resides in Middletown, Conn. The father died in June, 1889.

Theodore F. Powers received a common-school education. When fourteen years old he engaged in the fishery business. At sixteen he went on a whaling bark, the "Tenedos," as harpooner or boat steerer, and was gone three years. He was subsequently on the schooner "Emma Rooke," of one hundred and fifty-seven tons' burden, built by Samuel Miller in New London for Thomas Hobron, for service as a packet between Honolulu and Latrina, and which he steered for half the voyage from New London to Honolulu. Having followed the sea for twelve years all together, he in 1865 went to Will County, Illinois, and there purchased a farm, which he carried on for nine years. Then he returned in 1874 to his native town, where he has been the miller of the Jordan grist-mill. This mill, which was erected by James Rogers, an ancestor of Mr. Powers, was the outcome of a controversy between Mr. Rogers and Governor Winthrop. Built in 1812, it was chartered in New London, December 26, 1709; and it was conducted by James Powers, an uncle of Mr. Powers, for many years. Mr. Powers opened the Great Neck stone quarry now owned by Booth Brothers, who are doing a large business.

On October 9, 1861, Mr. Powers married Sarah S. Briggs, of Waterford. Two daughters have been born to them, namely: Nellie A., the wife of William H. Rogers, a locomotive engineer on the New London & Northern Railroad, residing in New London; and E. Willimene, who became the wife of George E. Ryley, and died April 15, 1896, when but eighteen years old. In politics Mr. Powers is a Republican. He has served for one year in the legislature, has been Town Treasurer for three years and Town Auditor for two years.

He was a charter member of Relief Lodge, No. 37, A. O. U. W., of Waterford, and served the organization in the capacity of receiver for the first eight years. Both he and Mrs. Powers are members of the First Baptist Church. While a resident of Plainfield he was the Sunday-school superintendent for eight years, and since he came to Waterford he has served in the same capacity for ten years.

JOSEPH HALL, senior member of the firm of Hall Brothers, manufacturers of woollen goods at Hallville, in the town of Preston, Conn., was born in Huddersfield, England, on May 8, 1840, son of Joseph and Ann (Ague) Hall. His paternal grandfather was James Hall, who died at Huddersfield, at the age of eighty-seven, and is buried at Thornhill, England. He was a farmer by occupation.

Joseph Hall, first, son of James, was born in England, and there grew to manhood, and was married. He came to America in 1841; and his wife and children followed him a year later, coming in a sailing-vessel of the Black Ball Line, and being eleven weeks on the passage from Liverpool to New York City. The unusual length of the voyage was on account of the detention of the ship for having smuggled goods on board. Mr. Joseph Hall, first, was a weaver by trade; and, though he came to this country without cash capital, he was soon engaged in establishing a small mill at Cedar Hill, Dutchess County, New York. After being there for about two years, manufacturing carpet yarn, he removed to Washington Hollow in the same county, where he established and carried on for nine years a manufactory for carpet yarns. His plant was then burned; and upon that event he removed, in 1852, to Poquetanuck, New London



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County, Conn., where he worked as a shoddy picker for about four years in the mill of Frank Loomis. Going then to Cooktown in company with Isaac Cook, he was there employed in the carpet yarn factory for four years. At the end of that time he came to Preston, where about a hundred years previous a cloth-mill had been established on the site of the present mill, by a Mr. Kennedy, and began in a small way the manufacture of carpet yarn. Joseph Hall, first, died in 1861, at the age of fifty-four, leaving his widow with six children, four of whom were born in England and the other two in New York. A brief record of the family is as follows: Sarah, widow of Henry McCrary, now residing at Poquetanuck; Elizabeth, widow of Charles W. Bedent, also at Poquetanuck; Joseph, Benjamin, and George, constituting the firm of Hall Brothers; and Harriet, who died in 1880, in the prime of life, the wife of Gardiner Wilcox. Their mother, Mrs. Ann A. Hall, died in 1868, aged forty-seven years.

The subject of this sketch has an aunt, Mary, now living in England, a well-preserved lady of seventy-six years, and the wife of James Brown. Another aunt, Eliza, is the widow of Joseph Oile, of Dewsbury, England. Two uncles, George and James, both lived and died in England. The former was one of the wealthy citizens of Dewsbury, England.

Joseph Hall, of the firm of Hall Brothers, began working in his father's yarn-mill when only eight years of age. His early educational opportunities were limited, and he attended school after he was sixteen years of age only two winter terms. At twenty-two years of age he became associated in the manufacturing business with Dwight Cook, who had been his father's partner for two years. The building then used by the company was about thirty by forty feet, two stories in

height, and fitted with one set of machinery. Some four or five years later two sets more were added, and the building was enlarged. About six years after the death of the elder Mr. Hall, Mr. Cook retired from the business, and the three brothers who now constitute the firm became sole proprietors. In 1878 the mill was destroyed by fire, and a loss of several thousand dollars ensued. A brick building, thirty-two by seventy-five feet, was, however, soon erected in place of the former wooden structure. This was devoted to scouring wool, and was in operation for about two years. In 1880 the Messrs. Hall built a part of the present mill, and began the manufacture of ladies' dress goods, cloaking, etc. This new mill contained four sets of machinery. In 1882 an addition was built, and four sets more put up. In 1888 the Mohegan mill, a four-set mill in the town of Montville, was bought; and during the last eight or nine years, despite the hard times, these mills have been kept in operation, the goods being sold in New York. The business done annually amounts to four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and about one hundred and twenty men are employed. This presents a strong contrast to the first year when Mr. Hall became connected with the firm. Mr. Hall himself then did the teaming, and the five hands employed received four cents per pound for making yarn, and earned about five dollars a day. The plant, now one of the most prosperous in this section, has a wide reputation for turning out first-class product.

Mr. Hall was married at twenty-five years of age to Sarah Rogers, of Ledyard, daughter of James and Esther (Crouch) Rogers. Three children have been born to them; namely, Fannie and Flora (twins), and Joseph. Fannie is the wife of Frank C. Turner, of Norwich. Flora Hall, who resides with Mrs.

Turner, was educated in the Boston Conservatory of Music, and is a pianist of merit. Joseph Hall, third, who is a young man of much ability, formerly a student in Harvard University, has charge of the mill as superintendent. He designs many of the patterns used by the firm. Mrs. Sarah Hall died in 1873, at the age of thirty-five; and Mr. Hall married in 1878, for his second wife, Carrie B. Lucas, of Poquetanuck. By this marriage the following named children have been born: Grace, Raymond, Dorothy, Amanda, and Ralph Gardner.

Mr. Hall is a Republican in politics. He has not cared to serve in public office. In religious faith he is Episcopalian. Hallville, which was built in 1880, covers about eighty acres of ground, and numbers thirty-two families. Mr. Hall and his brother have built fine residences here. The mill and annexes cover about four acres.

JOHN WILLIAM KEENEY, for many years a farmer and latterly an extensive land-owner of Waterford, Conn., died at his home in this town, February 8, 1892, at the age of seventy-five years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances A. E. Keeney, who before marriage was Miss Frances Ann E. Chappell, and by four sons—John William, Jr., Frank, Griswold, and George.

Mr. Keeney's paternal grandfather, whose name was William, was four times married. By his first wife, formerly a Miss Moore, he had four sons and one daughter, as follows: Ezra; Joseph, who went to New York State; John, father of John W.; William; and Betsey, who married Baruch Beckwith. All these are now deceased. Grandfather Keeney died at the age of seventy-one, his fourth wife, born Chapell, surviving him five or six

years. They had one daughter, Mary, wife of Thomas Manwaring, now dead.

John Keeney, third son of William and father of the subject of this sketch, was a farmer, beginning life as a poor boy and by his own industry and enterprise securing a good estate. He married Eliza Darrow, and they reared three sons and one daughter. Allen A. Keeney, the only son now living, is a farmer on the old farm; and the daughter, Sarah Eliza Keeney, is with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frances Keeney. The father died at the age of seventy-one, and the mother some five years later, at the age of sixty years.

John W. Keeney and Frances Ann E. Chappell, daughter of the Rev. Gurdon Tracy Chappell, were married at Lake Pond, on the 13th of October, 1839, by Elder Francis Darrow. Mrs. Keeney was born at Lake Pond, November 19, 1819. Her father was pastor of the Baptist church at that place, and was a noble, broad-minded man, full of charity for all, reaching out a generous heart and hand far beyond the borders of his own denomination. He announced to the people that it was his desire to see ten persons band together to organize a liberal church; and the fine Baptist church at Lake Pond, now standing, was built by him and a few others who were unwilling that he should bear the full expense. He preached many years without receiving any salary, and at his death left a fund for the poor whom he was in the habit of seeking out and visiting. He had a fine property, most of which was accumulated by his own energy and industry. His wife was Mary Ann Avery, a lady of education and refinement, descended from the notable Avery family famous in the annals of the Revolution, and well fitted by birth and breeding to occupy the position of a clergyman's helpmate. Thirteen of her family connections spilled their blood at Fort

Griswold. She was married to Rev. Gurdon T. Chappell, when about twenty years of age, and died March 20, 1880, nearly fifty-nine years after. Her husband died in 1876, at seventy-five years of age. Their children numbered eleven, of whom Mrs. Keeney was the eldest. One son and a daughter died in infancy.

Mr. Keeney and his wife began life as tenant farmers near New London, where he had a milk route for three years. He then engaged in farming for two years on Mrs. Keeney's home farm at Lake Pond; and for the next two or three years he was in the meat business at Montville. In 1853 Mr. Keeney went to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, leaving Mrs. Keeney with three children at home with her parents. After four years of successful business venture in California, Mr. Keeney returned and bought a farm here. He added to this in later years, and at the time of his death owned many hundreds of acres of land in different parcels. He was a member of the church and a devoted Christian.

John William Keeney, Jr., eldest son of John W. and Frances A. E. (Chappell) Keeney, is a merchant in Waterford. He is married a second time, and has one son. Frank Keeney, the second son, living in New York City, married Clara Robinson in 1875. He is in company with his brother George in the firm of Keeney Brothers, fish dealers in Fulton Market, established many years since and now carrying on a very prosperous business. Griswold Keeney, who is in the same business at 10 Fulton Street Market, in company with Benjamin Wallace, married Fannie Nugent, and has had one daughter, now deceased. The fifth child, George Keeney, married Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Edward Luce, and has two children — Mildred

and Edward. Another son, Allen F. Keeney, died August 26, 1857, in infancy.

HOLLIS HYDE PALMER, a successful farmer of Preston, was born on the family homestead in this town, August 13, 1850, being the son of Charles and Lucy A. (Hyde) Palmer. He is a representative of the eighth generation in descent from his original American ancestor, Thomas Palmer, who was one of the founders of Rowley, Mass., in 1639, and died there in 1669.

Thomas, grandson of the original Thomas Palmer, removed from Rowley to Norwich, Conn., and purchased there in 1723 the farm on which the subject of this sketch now lives, so that the latter is the sixth owner in lineal descent of property that has been one hundred and seventy-five years in the family. Jedediah Palmer, grandson of the second Thomas Palmer, headed a petition whereby that part of Norwich lying east of the Quinnehaug River was set off in 1786 to Preston. His ancestral estate lay within the tract so ceded. He was one of the moneyed men of his time in his town, which intrusted him with various public offices. He married Esther Read, and had besides other children Walter, born in 1766, the grandfather of Hollis H.

Walter Palmer was by occupation a surveyor in early life, and later a farmer. He was a Deacon in the "strict Congregational" church of the so-called "Separatists" and a Justice of the Peace, and he also served in the legislature. He died in 1833, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. An interesting diary of his, kept when surveying in the lake region of Central New York, 1789-90, is still in existence. On March 25, 1792, he married Martha Pendleton, daughter of Joshua Pendleton, of Westerly, R.I., a Captain in the

war of the Revolution. Twelve children were the fruit of their union, one son being Charles (deceased), father of the subject of this sketch. Colonel Edwin Palmer, now living in Norwich at the age of ninety-two, is the sixth child and third son. The other surviving members of the family are: Mary Ann, widow of Luther Pellett, also of Norwich; and Joseph P., the youngest son, who resides in the town of Andover, Tolland County, Conn.

Charles Palmer was born in 1807 on the old farm, and here spent a long and useful life. He married Lucy A., daughter of Elijah and Lydia (Burnham) Hyde, and had four children, as follows: Charles L., Lydia A., Martha A., and Hollis Hyde. Charles L. Palmer is a merchant of Irwin, Pa., is married, and has a family. Lydia A. Palmer was a school teacher. She died at the age of twenty-five. The father died here in 1887. He was an exemplary member of the Congregational church, a man of sterling character and marked integrity, quiet and unostentatious in habit, genial and kindly in disposition, a true son of a pious ancestry. Mrs. Lucy A. Palmer, surviving her husband, lives with her daughter, Martha A., at Preston City.

Hollis Hyde Palmer was educated in the schools of Preston and in a school at Hanover, Conn., where he was a student one term. He married October 23, 1877, Lydia E. Davis, the only daughter of Oliver and Emily J. (Crary) Davis, of Preston. She has five brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have lived on this and the adjoining farm since their marriage, having purchased in 1889 the Palmer homestead of two hundred and twenty-six acres. Mr. Palmer has a well-managed and very productive farm. He raises grass, corn, and potatoes in large quantities, and, keep-

ing twenty grade Jersey cows, sells the cream and milk; while Mrs. Palmer has fine flocks of turkeys and chickens. They have four children — Clara M., Frank H., Mary E., and Emily Crary. The eldest daughter has a taste for books. She is a student in the Willimantic Normal School. Frank H., the only son, now seventeen years of age, assists his father on the farm. The younger daughters are both in school.

Mr. Palmer is a member of the Preston City Grange, No. 110, of which he is Master. He is Republican in his political views and affiliations, and has served as Selectman (as did several of his ancestors before him) and upon the Board of Assessors. In religion he is a Congregationalist, and is the superintendent of the Sunday-school at the present time.

CAPTAIN JAMES V. LUCE, a well-known manufacturer of East Lyme, Conn., is native of the island of Martha's Vineyard, where the family is numerous and much respected. He was born May 14, 1838, son of Cathcart and Mary Luce. His paternal grandfather, a resident of the Vineyard, was a master mariner, and followed the sea for many years. Cathcart Luce was in the whaling business until about fifty years of age. In 1838 or 1839 he came to East Lyme, where he settled on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and here spent the rest of his life. He had a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, and all married except Charles, who went to California among the "forty-niners," and died there at the age of twenty-seven. The living children of this family are: Edward and John, of Niantic; and Captain James V., of Lyme.

James V. Luce passed his boyhood on his



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father's farm, now his own property; and, indeed, the old home has been his residence during his life, excepting the five years that he spent in Virginia, where he was operating a stamp-mill in quartz gold mining. He began in the fish-oil and guano business with his brothers in the year 1857 on Giant's Neck, a mile from the farm. Starting in a small way, they gradually extended the business until they have had factories in Delaware, at Portland, Me., in Long Island, and on Rocky Neck in this county, also a floating factory, which was stationed at Oyster Bay, and later at Prince's Bay, and at other points wherever fish were most plentiful. Their factories cost from ten thousand to twenty thousand dollars each, and the expense of running them has some years been over eighty thousand dollars. For the past ten years they have operated but two factories, one in Delaware and the one here. At one time Luce Brothers owned and ran four steamers in their business, these being from one hundred and fifty to two hundred tons' burden. Their trade has been altogether wholesale. In 1896 they engaged in the manufacture of phosphates, sending out selling agents. The factory of Luce Brothers is a large building fitted in the most perfect and elaborate manner for the guano and phosphate manufacture, and conducted on most energetic and business-like principles. Captain Luce owns ten acres of land on Rocky Neck, and has operated the stone quarry there for the past fifteen years, doing considerable business in shipping rock for building sea walls and other substructures.

At the age of twenty-three Captain Luce was married to Sophia A. Havens, of this town, daughter of Silas Havens. She died May 23, 1882, leaving no children. The Captain married for his second wife Terrie F. Havens, sister of the first Mrs. Luce. By

this union there are two children: Laura S., aged eleven years; and Ervin J., aged ten. Captain and Mrs. Luce are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the former being an active and efficient officer in the church.

OSCAR MAXSON BARBER, M.D., a successful medical practitioner in Mystic, was born in Hopkinton, R.I., June 25, 1837, son of Franklin and Lydia W. (Maxson) Barber. His ancestors were Welsh, Scotch, and English. The founder of the family in America, Moses Barber, was in Rhode Island in 1652. The great-grandparents of Oscar M. were Joseph and Deliverance Barber. The maiden name of the latter was not changed by marriage. Joseph was a ship-builder in Westerly, R.I. In 1804 he built the "Dauphin," which was the first whaler built in that locality; and he was its principal owner. She sailed from New London, September 6, 1805. Sprague, son of Joseph, was a sea captain in Westerly. He married Lucy Stillman, a daughter of Colonel George Stillman, of Westerly, R.I. Sprague Barber and his wife reared several sons and daughters.

Franklin Barber, son of Sprague, was born in Westerly in 1808. He removed to Mystic in 1849. In the same year he became interested in a woollen factory that was established by the Greenman Company. He married Lydia W. Maxson, of Hopkinton, R.I. They had four children, of whom two died in infancy. The others are: Oscar M.; and his brother Leander, who also resides here. The father died in Mystic in 1856. The mother, now in her eightieth year, is an honored member of the Daughters of the Revolution. Her earliest known ancestor, the Rev. John Maxson, born in 1638, was a minister of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. His son

John was one of the organizers of the town of Westerly in 1660. The Rev. John Crandall, who was also one of the organizers, was another maternal ancestor. He died in 1676. Phineas Crandall, who was born in Westerly, April 7, 1743, died at the age of ninety. His daughter Eliza, the great-great-aunt of Oscar Maxson, was a resident of Rhode Island, and died in 1897, aged ninety-five years. On the old Colonial records and in those of the Revolution and of the War of 1812 will be found several of the names of other ancestors as well as the foregoing. Grandfather Maxson was a Captain during the latter war.

Oscar Maxson Barber, after attending the common schools and Mystic Academy, studied in the New York Homœopathic College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1871. He then entered upon his profession in Mystic, which had been his home since he was eleven years old. He succeeded to the practice of Dr. A. W. Brown, and his successful work now covers a quarter of a century. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. He is Health Officer of Stonington, Conn. In 1889 he attended the Paris Exposition, and in 1892 he made a European tour, returning with much food for thought; and he was also a visitor to the World's Fair at Chicago.

GURDON F. ALLYN, farmer and auctioneer of Salem, New London County, Conn., was born at Gale's Ferry, in the town of Ledyard, this State, October 1, 1826, son of Gurdon L. and Sarah S. (Bradford) Allyn. His paternal grandfather, Nathan Allyn, was the captain of a merchantman sailing to the West India Islands. He married a Miss Lester, by whom he had three children — Hannah, Nathan, and

Gurdon L. His death occurred on a return voyage from the West Indies, and he was buried at sea. Mrs. Allyn survived her husband, and lived a widow for many years, dying at the age of eighty. Her daughter Hannah married John D. Bradford. Both sons followed the sea. Gurdon L. Allyn, who was the third child, sailed with his father when only eleven years of age. He became the master of a vessel at the age of twenty-two, and later was part owner of many vessels and in various enterprises. He made two whaling voyages, one of two and one of four years' duration; and he shipped guano off the coast of Africa, on the Island of Ichaboe, when this rich deposit was first opened up. He had previously known of this new product, and thought of going to Africa; but, when he made his first trip, the English had opened it, and he paid twenty-five hundred dollars for the privilege of using one of the stagings, the only wharf there. He was also in the guano trade from Patagonia. An active, enterprising, and rather adventurous man, making and losing large sums by his open-handed ways and confiding nature, he left at the time of his death only a fair estate. He participated in the Civil War in the war vessel "St. Lawrence," of which he was acting master, though not the captain. While in Hampton Roads the vessel was fired upon by the rebels, and some of the flying shot and shell entered the cabin, one cutting off a leg of the table at which he was seated, engaged in writing. Coming from Gale's Ferry to Salem in 1839, he purchased a farm, a grist-mill, and a saw-mill, and had his home here until 1863. He left the sea at the age of eighty, and spent his last years at Gale's Ferry, dying in 1891, at the age of ninety-two. His wife, who was a daughter of Adonijah Fitch and Sarah (Dolbeare) Bradford, died two years before at the



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age of eighty-nine. They had five children, of whom three lived to maturity. The first-born, an infant son, died in infancy; Gurdon F. was the second child; James M. died on the Isthmus of Panama on his way from Peru to California in 1855, at the age of twenty-three years; the fourth child died young; and the fifth, Sarah E., wife of Thomas Latham, lives at Gale's Ferry.

Mr. Gurdon F. Allyn was educated at Bacon Academy. On March 7, 1851, he married Sarah Raymond Dolbeare, a native of East Lyme and a daughter of John and Eunice (Morgan) Dolbeare, of East Haddam. Mr. and Mrs. Allyn have no children; but they have fostered one boy, Herbert E. Beard, who is now a dealer or travelling trader in milk and produce. He is married and has one son. Mr. and Mrs. Allyn came to their present home about thirty-three years ago. The farm consists of one hundred and forty-five acres, for which they paid twenty-three hundred dollars. The house is more than a century old, and was in former days the half-way tavern on the stage road from Essex to Norwich.

Mr. Allyn is an adherent of the Republican party, has served as First Selectman, has represented Salem in the legislature at three different times, has also been School Visitor, and has held other minor offices. He is a Deacon of the Congregational church and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has been the town auctioneer for the past twenty-five years; and, though he began the business with diffidence, he has abundantly proved his skill and efficiency in conducting public sales. Although the greater part of his life has been spent as a landsman and in New London County, Mr. Allyn has travelled and seen something of the world. When nineteen years of age he sailed with his father to the

coast of Africa, and on the return voyage visited the grave of Napoleon on the Isle of St. Helena.

MRS. SARAH M. MORGAN, widow of Edward Morgan, resides upon her farm in Waterford, six miles north of New London. She is the only child of George and Sarah (Powers) Gibson, both of this section of the country. Her grandfather resided in New London until his house was sacked and burned by the British in 1781, when he settled on the farm now owned by Mrs. Morgan. Her father died here, March 23, 1835; and his widow died November 24, 1853, at the age of sixty-four years. They are buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery at New London.

Miss Gibson married Edward Morgan, October 15, 1837, son of Guy and Nancy (Griswold) Morgan. Mr. Morgan's grandfather was a man of force and character. He settled in Ohio in the early days, taking all his children but his oldest son Justus, whom he left on the old farm. He died suddenly in Ohio, just past middle life, having accumulated considerable property. His wife was a Pickett, of Wyoming County, New York. His son Guy was born in Wethersfield, Conn. He took up wild land in Wyoming County. His wife belonged to a good family of Wethersfield.

Mr. Edward Morgan was born at Wethersford Springs, August 18, 1818, and died March 12, 1888, during the great and memorable blizzard of that year. The snow embargo was so complete that the news of his death could only be telegraphed to his family at Hartford by a cable sent to England, back to Boston, and thence to Hartford. He was a prominent citizen, a man of military tastes, and was Captain of a company for many

years. Mrs. Morgan reared eight of her twelve children — Nancy, Martha M., Stanley G., Stephen, Rowena, Strong, Kittie Lucretia, and Lottie. Nancy is the wife of Edgar R. Smith, of Wethersfield, and has two daughters; Martha M., wife of Henry Way in East Lyme, has one daughter and a son; Stanley G., a farmer in the vicinity, has two daughters and one son, all bright and interesting children; Stephen is unmarried, and remains at the homestead, carrying on the farm; Rowena, widow of Martin Cadwell, has two daughters; Strong is unmarried, and is a commercial traveller, located at Meriden, Conn.; Kittie Lucretia is at home; and Lottie is the wife of Frank S. Seymour, of Hartford, and has one son and a daughter. Mrs. Morgan is a member of the Baptist church. She has been able to give all her children a good schooling, and is now happily surrounded by her many children and grandchildren.

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NATHANIEL PENDLETON NOYES, a respected and lifelong resident of Stonington and a son of Captain Franklin and Susan (Pendleton) Noyes, was born here, March 12, 1846. One of his early ancestors was William Noyes, who, born in Choulderton, England, was made rector of Wiltshire, England. In 1602 William married Anna Parker, of Choulderton, and they had two children: James, born in 1608; and Nicholas, born in 1616. James, who was educated for the ministry at Brasenose College, Oxford, came to America in 1634, on the ship "Mary and John." He preached in Medford, Mass., that year. In 1635 he accepted a call to Newbury, Mass., where he labored until his death, which occurred October 22, 1656. He married Sarah Brown, of Southampton, in 1634, just before leaving England. They had

nine children, six sons and three daughters. Their second child, James, born in 1639, graduated at Harvard College, and was ordained pastor of the church in Stonington on the day before his marriage. He was one of the founders of Yale College. He married Dorothy Stanton, September 11, 1674; and they had five sons and two daughters. He died in Stonington, December 30, 1719, aged nearly eighty years. The pier slab that for more than a century has been over his grave in the old Wequetequock burying-ground in Stonington, has the following inscription: "In expectation of a joyful resurrection to eternal life, here lyeth interred ye body of the Rev. Mr. James Noyes, aged eighty years, who after a faithful serving of the Church of Christ in this place for more than fifty-five years, deceased Dec. ye 30, 1719-20. Majesty, meekness and humility here meet in one, with greatest charity." One of his sons, Captain Thomas, born August 14, 1679, on September 3, 1705, married Elizabeth Sanford, a daughter of Governor Sanford and a grand-daughter of Governor William Coddington, of Rhode Island. They had five sons and seven daughters. Their son, Thomas, born January 26, 1710, married Mary Thompson, of Westerly, R.I., March 1, 1731. His son Thomas, born in 1739, married on January 24, 1760, and died at the age of ninety-two, in the old house which formerly stood near the residence of the subject of this sketch. His wife, Mary E. Cobb Noyes, a daughter of Henry Cobb, of Stonington, born February 15, 1740, died in March, 1833, aged ninety-four. They spent seventy years together in the old house that was burned in 1855. They had eight sons and two daughters.

Nathaniel Noyes, the third child of Thomas and Mary E. Noyes and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Stonington

in 1771, and died there in 1854. On February 11, 1800, he married Mary Saunders, of Stonington, who died in 1852. They had two sons and six daughters, all of whom were married. Their son Franklin, who was a seafaring man and the master and a part owner of several vessels, died April 15, 1892. He married June 14, 1829, Susan B. Pendleton, a daughter of Paul and Sabra Pendleton, of Westerly, R.I., and who died February 29, 1880. They had eight children—Charles E. P., Thomas J., Benjamin F., William P., Susan Sabrina, Paul Pendleton, Mary A., and Nathaniel P. Benjamin was lost at sea in November, 1859.

Nathaniel P. Noyes attended the common schools in Stonington. After attaining the age of eighteen years, he served as Assistant Postmaster to Franklin Williams for fifteen months. Subsequently he completed a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., graduating therefrom in the class of 1865. On his return home he was made Assistant Postmaster to Enoch B. Pendleton, of Westerly, R.I., a position which he held for three years. For the next five years he was employed in the United States railway mail service, on the night train between Boston and New York. After this his health broke down, and obliged him to spend three winters in the South. In 1875, having regained his health, he again entered the Westerly office as Assistant Postmaster to Eugene B. Pendleton; but after seven years' service he was again obliged to go South on account of failing health. He came back to Stonington again, however, and in 1885 entered the Stonington office as Assistant Postmaster, and served three and a half years under Postmasters James Pendleton and Elias B. Hinckley. Appointed Postmaster on December 23, 1890, by President Harrison, he

held the office from February 1, 1891, to March 1, 1895. He was doorkeeper of the House of Representatives during the session of 1897.

In politics Mr. Noyes is a staunch Republican. On October 30, 1869, he married Fannie S. Hall, a daughter of Thomas and Phoebe C. Hall, of Westerly. They have had two children: Minnie Pauline, a young girl of considerable musical and artistic ability; and Harry Pendleton, a bright boy of fifteen. Mr. and Mrs. Noyes and their daughter are members of the First Baptist Church of Stonington.

NATHAN DENISON NOYES, a retired gentleman of Mystic, was born in Stonington, Conn., January 20, 1832, son of Nathan Stanton and Nancy (Denison) Noyes. The family trace their lineage in England to a period prior to 1600. The Rev. William Noyes, the rector of the diocese of Salisbury in 1602, resigned in favor of his brother Nathan in 1620, and became attorney-general to James I. He married Miss Parker; and their sons, James and Nicholas, came to America in the ship "Mary and John," settling in Newburyport, Mass. The Rev. James Noyes, after he had seceded from the Church of England and gone to Holland, returned to Southampton, where he married Sarah Brown in 1634, previous to his emigration. His son, the Rev. James Noyes (second), born March 11, 1640, was graduated from Harvard College in 1659, and ordained in 1674. This ancestor was the pastor of the Road Church—which was established over two hundred and fifty years ago—for fifty-five and a half years, and died at the age of eighty. Dr. Bacon, of New Haven, said of him, "He was one of the leading divines of the country, and was greatly respected for his unswerving piety in those perilous and

trying times, being distinguished not only for his fervor and heavenly zeal in his public ministry, but for his ordinary conversation, which breathed the spirit of that world to which he endeavored to guide his fellow-man." He was also eminently useful in theological controversies. During King Philip's War he served as physician and surgeon. The General Court gave him an equal share with the volunteers of the Narragansett Bay Company, said grant comprising the present town of Voluntown. Although then old and in a remote corner of the colony, his influence was deemed necessary to the success of the project of establishing Yale College; and he was one of the founders and one of the trustees of that institution. He died December 30, 1719.

The Rev. Joseph Noyes, son of the preceding James Noyes, became pastor of the First Congregational Church in New Haven, Conn., and one of the first professors of Yale College. He married Abigail Pierrepont, who was a sister of the wife of the first Jonathan Edwards. Deacon John, another son, married Mary Gallup; and they had four sons and three daughters. The sons were: William, John, Joseph, and James. Joseph wedded Prudence Denison in 1763. Their son, Joseph Noyes (second), the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, contracted his first marriage on November 30, 1790, with Zerviah Wheeler, who had seven sons and one daughter, and reared five sons and the daughter. Nathan Stanton Noyes, the only survivor, is an aged resident of Stonington, Conn., where he was born January 7, 1804. He is still bright and active mentally. He married Nancy Denison, a daughter of Ethan and Eliza (Williams) Denison. By Joseph Noyes's second marriage, which was made with Eunice Cheesebrough on January 11, 1814, there were five sons and four daughters.

Nathan Denison Noyes, after acquiring his school education, was engaged as clerk in a dry-goods store in Providence, R.I., and later in the store of John Hyde at Upper Mystic. In October, 1853, he went to St. Louis, where he was clerk for a large wholesale dry-goods jobbing house. Three years later, in December, he became a member of the firm Claflin, Allen & Co., in the wholesale boot and shoe business, of which firm Governor Claflin, of Massachusetts, was the head. He retired from this connection in 1862 to become a partner in the firm of Appleton, Noyes & Co., who carried on the same business, and was the buyer in the Boston and other markets during that firm's existence.

On August 4, 1857, in Mystic, Mr. Noyes was united in marriage with Adelia Miner Randall, a native of Hartford, Conn. In 1873 they removed from St. Louis to Newton, Mass., where they resided sixteen years, going from thence to Newton Highlands. From the latter place in 1894 they came to Mystic, taking possession of their present elegant residence on West Mystic Avenue. Mr. Noyes's chief occupation since has been the raising and breeding of poultry, which he disposes of by wholesale.

Mrs. Noyes's paternal great-grandfather, Jonathan Randall, married Ann Crary, of Groton, Conn. They were intellectual and well-to-do. He was a tanner and fuller, owning a tannery and fulling-mill in Norwich during the Revolutionary War. His daughters married into the best families. His son Jedediah, the grandfather of Mrs. Noyes, used to say: "I have four sisters. One married a Vanbuskirk, one a King, another a Lord, and another a Cooper." Colonel Ebenezer Avery (second) was Mrs. Noyes's maternal great-grandfather. He served in the Revolutionary War, and was killed at Fort Griswold. Her



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maternal grandparents were Dr. John Owen and Elizabeth (Avery) Miller, the latter born October 28, 1768. Her parents were Isaac and Adelia (Miner) Randall. Mrs. Noyes's mother was the youngest of nine children, all of whom were remarkable instances of longevity. The eldest daughter died at the age of ninety-six, and the youngest at the age of eighty-four. Mrs. Noyes is the eldest daughter of eight children, of whom two sons died in early infancy. The other survivors are: John F. and Charles Arthur. John F. Randall is in business in St. Louis. Charles A. is in Prescott, Ariz., mining for gold and silver. Jedediah, the eldest, was Captain of Company K, Twenty-sixth Connecticut Regiment, in 1862. He died in the Baton Rouge Hospital, June 9, 1863, in the twenty-eighth year of his age, having been mortally wounded at Port Hudson. The father, who was born in Milltown, Conn., in 1808, was married in 1831. He died March 9, 1881. The mother, who was born September 6, 1809, died August 19, 1893, at Newton Highlands, Mass. Mrs. Noyes is the happy possessor of many ancient and interesting family relics, some of which are nearly two hundred years old.

CHARLES BISHOP, a retired business man of New London, was born in Montville, Conn., June 20, 1813. Son of Charles and Charlotte (Lattimer) Bishop, he comes of English origin. His first American ancestor, Nicholas Bishop, was kidnapped from the Isle of Wight when a boy, brought to this country, and sold to a man named Dart for the price of his passage. When Nicholas reached manhood, he married Dart's daughter. They had a son, Nicholas, who married Hannah Douglas on February 14,

1749. This Nicholas had five sons and four daughters. His fourth child and third son, Joseph, born August 14, 1758, who was a farmer in Montville, married Desire Gilbert in 1781. Of Joseph's four sons and five daughters the first child was a girl, and two sons and three daughters grew up.

Charles Bishop, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Montville, April 20, 1784. In his early manhood he was a farmer and a school teacher; but afterward he went into the grocery business, setting up a store in New London, near the centre of the town. He died in this town at the age of eighty-two. His wife, Charlotte, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Christophers) Lattimer, whom he married in September, 1809, had seven sons and one daughter, all of whom reached old age. They were: John and David, who each died at eighty-two; Charles, the subject of this sketch; Joseph, who died when past middle age; Charlotte, the widow of Ezra S. Beckwith; Henry, who died in 1891; Gilbert, a retired lumberman of New London; and Elias, the superintendent of the cemetery.

Charles Bishop received his education in the district schools and in Chesterfield. When he was sixteen years old, he obtained employment in a store as a clerk, and stayed there four years. Then he went to Fisher's Island for a short time. When he was twenty he began to learn the carpenter's trade, serving two years with his elder brother John. He and John started in the lumber and building business in 1838. In 1892 he retired.

Mr. Bishop built his large and handsome house, 16 Franklin Street, in 1866. Besides this he owns twenty tenements and a cottage at Eastern Point. In politics he is a Democrat. He was Selectman, Councilman, and Assessor for a number of years. He has also served on the Board of Relief. Although

trained in the Baptist church, he has been an earnest member of the Universalist congregation for years; and he helped that society very much in building their last church edifice. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Cynthia Davidson, of Preston, in 1838. Of their eight children, three died in childhood. The others were: Charlotte, the wife of the Hon. Thomas M. Waller; Dr. H. M. Bishop, now in Los Angeles, Cal.; Charles A., a lumberman in New London; Adam F., a dentist in New London; and George, now dead, who was a dentist in California, and left a widow and three sons in Los Angeles. Mrs. Cynthia Davidson Bishop died in 1892; and in 1893, Mr. Bishop married Mrs. Cordelia Sanford Young, a widow, of Danielson, Conn.

GEORGE MAYNARD MINOR, the well-known medical practitioner of Waterford, is a native of Stamford, Conn. He was born in 1863, and is the son of Robert C. and Isabel (Smith) Minor. Dr. Minor's paternal ancestor a few generations back, Captain John Minor, son of Thomas, of New London and Stonington, was one of the first settlers of Woodbury, going to that place from New London, and dying there, as recorded in the History of Woodbury, September 17, 1719. He was Town Clerk of Woodbury for thirty years, and "for twenty years almost always a member of the General Court." Israel Minor, Dr. Minor's grandfather, was born at Woodbury, and died in Brooklyn, N.Y.; in 1893. His wife was before marriage Charlotte Crandall, of New London. She is still living in Brooklyn, at the age of ninety, in good mental and physical condition. Of her four sons two are now living: John Crandall Minor, M.D., a physician

of New York City; and Robert, father of Dr. George Minor.

Robert C. Minor is the well-known artist of New York City, where he has spent the greater part of his life. He studied art at Antwerp, and in Holland with Diaz; and while in France he was the personal friend of Corot. He has been twice abroad, spending in all eight years. In the Paris Exposition of 1890 he received a medal from the French Salon, an honor much coveted by every artist of whatever nation. He is a member of the National Academy of Design, and was one of the organizers of the Salmagundi Society. His studio is in Sherwood Studios. Mr. Robert C. Minor married Isabel Smith, daughter of Orrin F. and Emma A. (Loomis) Smith, of New London. He has one daughter living: Louise, sister of Dr. Minor, and now the wife of Hermon F. Tieman, son of ex-Mayor Tieman.

George M. Minor was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn and in Plainfield Academy. He then pursued a course of medical studies in the Long Island College Hospital, and graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1885. He began the practice of his profession as ambulance surgeon of St. Peter's Hospital, where he remained for two years. He then accepted the position of surgeon on the steamship "Illinois," and in 1888 came to Waterford. Here he met and married on November 19, 1895, Miss Anne B. Rogers, daughter of James Chapman Rogers, a well-known sea captain of New London, and his wife, Nancy Hazeltine Beckwith, the father born in New London, and the mother in East Lyme, in the house where Mrs. Minor was born. Mrs. Rogers's father was a well-known ship-builder. She was married in 1849. Her husband died in 1866, leaving her with five children to care for. All are

now living, and are as follows: Irene, wife of William N. Coates, of this place; Julius, a resident of Tarrytown, N.Y.; Alida, wife of James D. Hanan, of Brooklyn, N.Y., son of James D. Hanan, of the well-known firm of Hanan & Son; Frank E., of Tarrytown; and Mrs. Minor.

Seven or eight years ago Mrs. Minor built and opened Konomac Inn, which is now one of the most popular summer hotels on the Sound. Beginning on a small scale and with but few guests, the business has increased so that now from fifty to sixty guests are entertained. The success of this enterprise is due to the careful attention to the comfort of all persons in the house, and to the most excellent arrangements of the inn, and its unrivalled table service. Abundant amusement is offered, including golf, yachting, and tennis, no pains being spared to make the place a delightful resort. That this fact is appreciated by the guests is evidenced by the growing patronage the inn receives and the many words of praise that are heard every summer. Mrs. Minor is a member of the society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Dr. Minor is a Master Mason, and exceedingly popular in the order. He is an independent voter, is the Health Officer of this town, and Medical Examiner for the coroner.

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EZRA JUDSON HEMPSTEAD, a prominent farmer of Waterford, Conn., son of Orlando Hallem and Julia Ann (Rogers) Hempstead, was born at Waterford, June 3, 1851. He is a direct descendant in the male line of Robert Hempstead, who came to this country from England, and was one of the first settlers of New London in 1645. On the maternal side Mr. Hempstead traces his lineage to James Rogers, supposed

to be the immigrant of that name (without the *s*) who came over in the "Increase" in 1635. James Rogers lived for some years at Milford, Conn., and between 1656 and 1660 settled in the New London plantation. He carried on an extensive business as a baker, and became the owner of a large estate near New London, which has, however, to-day dwindled to the twenty-acre farm of Mrs. Hempstead. Some of the Rogers family were Quakers, and a part of the town settled by them has thus been known as Quaker Hill.

Mr. Ezra J. Hempstead's great-grandfather Hempstead bore the name of Robert. His grandfather, George W. Hempstead, was a farmer in Stonington and a shoemaker in New London. Alfred and Orlando Hempstead, sons of George, went to New London when young men, and together established there a blacksmith shop on the Neck, where they carried on a successful business in general blacksmithing and the ironing of vessels.

Orlando Hallem Hempstead, son of George W. and father of Ezra Judson, was born in North Stonington, March 23, 1809, and died at his farm in North Waterford, April 19, 1874. He was married January 1, 1832, to Julia Ann Rogers, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Rogers, who were cousins. The farmhouse where Mrs. Hempstead now lives was built by him over fifty years ago. They had one daughter and seven sons who reached maturity, and two sons who died in infancy. Four of these children are now living: Elizabeth, wife of Stephen C. Comstock; George W., of Main Street, New London; Andrew Jackson, a bachelor, at home on the old farm; and Ezra Judson Hempstead, the seventh son, the subject of this sketch. Francis Alexander died at twenty-seven years of age. Mrs. Julia A. Hempstead is the oldest living member of the Second Congregational Church at

New London, with which she united herself in 1836. During the later years of his life her husband was a Republican, but was formerly a Democrat. He served in many of the town offices.

Ezra Judson Hempstead was educated in the New London schools, including the old Bartlett High School, the Connecticut State Normal School, and Scofield's Business College at Providence, R.I. In early manhood he taught school for some seven years at Waterford and other towns. Mr. Hempstead is Master of New London County Pomona Grange and State Deputy of the State Grange. He also belongs to the A. O. U. W. He is a Republican, and has served on the Board of Education for twenty years, at least part of that time being its chairman. He is much interested in the Quaker Hill Church, where in case of an emergency he fills the pulpit. He is a member of the Second Congregational Church at New London.

December 25, 1877, Ezra Judson Hempstead married Mary M. Smith, of Erie, Pa., daughter of Newman and Mary Harris Smith. They have two children: Ezra Judson Hempstead, Jr., now eighteen years old, who, having graduated from the Bulkeley High School of New London and spent one year at Mr. Moody's world-famous school at Northfield, is now living with his parents upon their farm; and Agnes Burchard, born December 16, 1887.

Ezra Judson Hempstead has a place of about two hundred acres, known as the Browning Beach Farm. It is delightfully situated on the Thames River, and has long been a favorite resort for the people of that neighborhood. The house, standing well back from the highway, is interesting on account of its age, having weathered about one hundred years. The views from the farm, both of the surrounding

charming country and of the river, harbor, and far-off, shining waters of the Sound, are picturesque and beautiful.

FREDERICK DENISON CHESEBRO, one of Stonington's most venerable and honored citizens, a descendant of William Chesebro, was born here October 20, 1805, when the place was known as Stonington Point. His parents were Elder Elihu and Lydia (Chesebro) Chesebro.

The History of the First Congregational Church, Stonington, contains an interesting account of the life of his pioneer ancestor, from which the following is condensed: William Chesebrough, the first white man who made a permanent settlement in what is now Stonington, was born in Boston, Lincolnshire, England, in 1594, and there married Anna Stevenson, December 6, 1620. He came to this country with Winthrop's fleet in 1630, settled in Boston, Mass., and soon became a member of the First Church. He was made a freeman of the Colony in 1631; and in 1632 he was one of two men chosen for Boston in compliance with the order that there should be "two of every plantation to confer with the Court about raising a public stock." "And this," says Prince, in his *New England Chronology*, referring to the measure, "seems to pave the way for a House of Representatives in the General Courts." After residing in Boston several years, serving as Constable and being otherwise active in public affairs, he removed to Braintree, Mass., and while there was Deputy to the General Court. Later he lived for a time at Rehoboth, where in 1643 his list was returned at four hundred and fifty pounds; and in 1644 he was one of the planters there who signed a compact by which they agreed to be governed by nine persons,

"according to law and equity," until they should subject themselves jointly to some other government. Owing to an affray with an Indian he was in disfavor; and in 1645 he visited the colony of John Winthrop, Jr., at Pequot, now New London, Conn., and finally, in 1649, he and his family settled at Wequetequoc, now Stonington. He was a gunsmith, and worked at his trade until he came here, when he became a farmer and stock-raiser, owning large tracts of land. He traded with the Indians, and was accused of selling them weapons of warfare, which brought him before the authorities; but he was an active man in business and public affairs, and drew a goodly number of settlers about him, making a place of some importance for that period. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and force; and during the time that his settlement, Wequetequoc, was in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, 1658-62, he was one of those appointed to manage the prudential affairs of the town. He was elected Deputy to the General Court at Hartford in 1653, 1654, 1655, and 1656.

Elder Elihu Chesebro was born here March 26, 1769. He was an unsalaried Baptist preacher here for seventeen years; and in cold weather he often sawed the wood for heating the school-house in which the services were held, displaying commendable earnestness and sincerity. March 20, 1791, he married Lydia, daughter of Zebulon Chesebro. She died in 1841, at seventy years of age; and he afterward married Mary Fish, whom he outlived about six years, his death occurring on April 29, 1868, at the age of ninety-nine years, one month, and three days. Rev. Elihu and Lydia Chesebro were the parents of ten children—Elihu, Denison, Lydia, Gilbert, Prudence, Ethan Allen, Frederick D., Lydia, Amelia, and Mary Ann. Elihu, born Janu-

ary 3, 1792, married and had ten children, five sons and five daughters. Denison, born January 16, 1794, married, and had two sons and a daughter. Lydia, born March 28, 1796, died, aged nine years. Gilbert, who was born September 21, 1798, and died in 1851, aged fifty-two years, was twice married, and had seven children, one by his first wife and six by his second. Prudence, born October 5, 1800, became the wife of Samuel Langworthy, and had two sons—Samuel C. and Henry Allen Langworthy. Ethan Allen, who was born December 25, 1803, and died at sea in 1832, aged twenty-nine years, had two daughters, one of whom is living; namely, Mrs. W. J. H. Pollard. Lydia, born August 1, 1807, married Joseph S. Knight, and died in 1892. Amelia, who was born July 17, 1809, married Thomas J. Wheeler, and had one son, Thomas A. She died in 1856, aged forty-five years. Mary Ann was born September 29, 1811, and now lives in Norwich, Conn., being in her eighty-seventh year.

Frederick Denison Chesebro received a district-school education, attending school until he was sixteen years old, during the last few years in the winter only. He remained at home until he was married. His years of active labor were spent in farming; and he still owns the old Chesebro homestead, which has been in the family for nearly two hundred and fifty years. During all this time there have been but two dwellings on the place, the present house replacing the original structure in 1818.

On October 25, 1837, Mr. Chesebro married Mary A. Chesebro, daughter of Elias Chesebro, a distant relative. Five children were born to them, as follows: Frederick D. J., on April 7, 1839; Elias, December 23, 1840; George W., November 28, 1842; William H., November 26, 1845; and Jabez, May

11, 1847. The last-named is the only survivor; and with him Mr. Chesebro has lived since the death of his wife, which occurred on February 2, 1884, at the age of seventy-three years, less one day.

Jabez Chesebro is an operator in the velvet-mill, which was erected here in Stonington in 1892, and in which he is a stockholder. The business has now grown so that they are doubling the capacity of the plant. On March 12, 1873, he married Etta Irons, of Mystic, daughter of the late Resolved Irons, a ship-builder. They lost their first child, William W., who died July 11, 1893, when he was between eighteen and nineteen years of age, and was learning the drug business with Dr. Brayton. They have one daughter living—Grace E., a young lady at home, and attending the high school. Mr. Jabez Chesebro is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to the Grand Lodge of the State. He and his wife and daughter are members of the Baptist church. They live in the house that he built in 1887 at 66 Elm Street.

Frederick Denison Chesebro has been a firm Democrat all his life. He has served in some of the minor town offices, and for twelve years was Superintendent of the Highway. For about seventy-seven years he has been a member of the Baptist church, and he is now senior Deacon.

DAVID ERSKINE WHITON, a manufacturer of lathe and drill chucks and machinist's tools in New London, is a native of Stafford, Conn., born October 15, 1825. His ancestor, James Whiton, who was one of the founders of Hingham, Mass., came to this country from either England or Scotland about the year

1630, and was made a freeman in 1636. Joseph Whiton, his grandfather, resided in Westford, was a carpenter and builder, and had charge of the erection of the Westford Orthodox Church edifice. Joseph married Miss Joanna Chaffee, of that town; and their union was blessed by the birth of several sons and daughters. Both were members of the Orthodox church. Their son, Heber Whiton, born in Westford about 1780, died in Stafford about 1827. A cooper by trade, he carried on that business in conjunction with his farm, and acquired a fair property. About 1806 or 1807 he married Miss Marcia Gay, of Stafford. After his death she remarried and moved to Monson, Mass., where she died when about sixty-three years of age. Eight children were born of her union with Mr. Whiton, of whom six sons and one daughter reached maturity. The daughter, Hannah, is the widow of Penuel Eddy, and resides in Stafford.

David Erskine Whiton, the youngest son of his parents, attended the common schools of Stafford. When about fourteen years of age he began to learn the carpenter's trade with his brother Lucius, and continued his school attendance in the winter terms until eighteen years old, working with him six years. At twenty, having spent six years in his brother's employment, he started for himself as a journeyman carpenter. Subsequently he was engaged in the millwright business for four years, and still later he worked at pattern-making. Until he took up the machinist's business, he did not feel that he had found the occupation for which his natural ability fitted him. Before this, however, in 1849, travelling by water he visited Buffalo, Chicago, and Milwaukee, crossed Michigan by rail, and then on horseback went to many places in Illinois and Wisconsin. He made

a considerable stay in Beloit, which reminded him of the East, and reached as far north as Green Bay, stopping at Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, and Appleton, where the first improvements on Fox River were being made. He worked at carpentry in different places, but the East was still his preference. Returning in 1852 to Stafford, he built his first machine shop, for which he made the water-wheel and much of the other equipment. After renting it some years, he occupied it for the manufacture of machine tools, lathe chucks, etc., which he continued there until 1886, building up a good business, and employing about twenty men. He then sold out and came to New London, where he shortly after erected a shop on Howard Street. Since 1896 he has conducted the business in the present large brick structure. In 1886 an incorporated company was formed, with Mr. Whiton as the president and his son as the secretary and treasurer. About one hundred hands are employed in the establishment.

On November 13, 1856, Mr. Whiton was united in marriage with Miss Asenath Francis, of Stafford, a daughter of James and Achsah (Howe) Francis. Her father died when seventy-seven years of age, and her mother about two years later, at seventy-three. A son and four daughters survive. Mr. and Mrs. Whiton were bereft of their first-born, a daughter of four years. They have a son and daughter living—Lucius Erskine and Mary W. Lucius Erskine Whiton, who is in company with his father, married Viola King, and has two daughters—Helen King and Dorothy. His infant son, David Erskine (named for his father), died October 5, 1896. Mary W. is the wife of Leander Shipman, M.D., of New London. While a resident of Stafford, Mr. Whiton, Sr., who is a staunch Republican, served in

many of the town offices, and was twice a member of the State legislature, winning a hotly contested election. He and Mrs. Whiton are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

MRS. MARY E. ALLEN, of Hanover village, in the town of Sprague, New London County, Conn., is a native of Canterbury, Windham County, being a daughter of Hubbard and Sabrina (Adams) Adams.

Colonel Ethan Allen, late a well-known woollen manufacturer of Hanover, to whom she was married on December 9, 1855, was born in Lisbon, this county, in 1822, and died on January 15, 1884, at the age of sixty-two years. He was the son of Deacon Ebenezer Allen, a native of Canterbury, Conn., and was of the eighth generation in descent from Samuel Allen, who came from England about 1630, and settled at Braintree, Mass. Deacon Ebenezer was a son of Pratt Allen, a native of Scotland, Conn.

To Colonel Ethan and Mrs. Mary E. Allen were born eight children, named as follows: Ebenezer, Mary, Sarah, Thomas H., Morgan, Harriet B., Olive B., and Maud E. Sarah died April 6, 1874, at fourteen years of age. Morgan died at the age of four years. The living children are all residing in this place, and are single, except Ebenezer, who married Martha E. Gordon, of Hanover. They have been liberally educated, and are citizens of influence and prominence. Ebenezer and Thomas are graduates of the Highland Military Institute. The business of manufacturing woollen goods, in which Colonel Allen was engaged at the time of his death, has been continued by his sons and their uncle, Elisha M. Allen, who was Colonel Allen's partner. During the business depression of the

past four years the factory has been closed for a considerable part of the time. Mr. Ebenzer Allen is the present Representative of this town to the Connecticut legislature.

His brother, the Hon. Thomas Hubbard Allen, who was born September 3, 1862, has had a brilliant record as a public man. He was educated at East Greenwich Academy, Rhode Island, and at Highland Military Institute, graduating from the last-named institution in 1881, as valedictorian of the class, and having been Captain of the Cadet Corps. He has always been interested in military affairs, and for eight years was a member of the Third Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, retiring as Captain and Inspector of Rifle Practice. He served his native town five consecutive years as Selectman; and in 1885 he was elected to the legislature, being at the time he took his seat the youngest man in the house. He has been five terms in the lower branch, and one term in the Senate. During his first term in the house he was clerk of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, and during the four successive terms he was chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs. In 1886 he was also clerk of the Library Committee, and in 1893 was a member of the Committee on Joint Rules. The other years in which he served were 1889 and 1895. In 1887 he was elected State Senator, and was the youngest man in the upper house. Here also he served as chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Thomas H. Allen has had many other civic honors conferred upon him. At the time of President Harrison's second inauguration he was one of the aides-de-camp. In 1888 he was sent as delegate to the Republican convention at Chicago, and in 1896 as delegate to the St. Louis convention. In 1889 he was a delegate to the centennial cele-

bration held in New York City. Mr. Allen's record as a public man has been one of distinguished service and high integrity. He has worked faithfully for the interests of his constituents, and has allowed no personal considerations to deter him from carrying out what he has believed to be for the general good of his district or of the State as a whole. He is a member of Hartford Lodge, No. 19, Brotherhood of Elks; also of Court Sprague, No. 90, Foresters of America, of Sprague, Conn.

WILLARD J. WAY, a member of the Board of Selectmen of Bozrah, was born in Salem, Conn., February 18, 1859, son of David and Sally R. (Gardner) Way. The father was a native of Salem, in which town the paternal grandfather, Joshua Way, was an early settler. The Gardners are native residents of Montville, Conn. David Way was a prominent citizen of Salem in his day. He was a Justice of the Peace for many years, held several town offices, and was a Deacon in the Baptist church. His last days were spent at the home of his son Willard in Bozrah, his death occurring in 1893. His wife, Sally, became the mother of several children, of whom Willard J. is the only survivor.

Willard J. Way was educated in the common schools of Salem. His boyhood and youth were passed in his native town; and he started in business life as the proprietor of a livery stable at Fitchville, Conn. In 1884 he settled upon his present farm in Bozrah, a valuable piece of agricultural property, which he is cultivating with prosperous results. He also owns a tract of land in Salem.

On December 2, 1885, Mr. Way was united in marriage with Cora B. Ross, daughter of



WILLARD J. WAY.

Enos C. Ross, late a respected citizen of Bozrah.

Mr. Way is a Democrat politically. He served the town for one term as Assessor, was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen in October, 1896, and has represented Bozrah in the legislature. His public record is one of fidelity to his constituents and sound judgment in the exercise of his legislative duties, which qualities have been recognized and appreciated by the general community. Mrs. Way is a member of the Baptist Church of Leffingwell, Conn.

REV. EDMUND DARROW was born in Waterford, February 7, 1807, youngest son of Joseph and Hannah (Bishop) Darrow. His grandfather, the Rev. Zadoc Darrow, born in New London, December 25, 1728 (O. S.), son of Ebenezer Darrow, was for half a century pastor of Jordan Baptist Church. Ebenezer Darrow's wife was a Rogers, a direct descendant, it is said, of the Smithfield martyr. Zadoc Darrow early left the Congregational church, and, uniting with the Niantic church under the Rev. Mr. Howard, was chosen Deacon. He was ordained in 1769, and from 1775 to 1827, a period of fifty-two years, was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waterford. He lived to the venerable age of ninety-nine. His successor in the pastorate was his grandson, Elder Francis Darrow; and the two pastorates covered ninety years.

In 1830, at the age of twenty-three, Edmund Darrow united with the First Baptist Church, Waterford, of which his cousin, Elder Francis Darrow, was pastor. He served as Deacon of the church and as superintendent of the Sunday-school several years, but in 1845 he united with the Seventh Day Baptist church. He often made allusion to the remarkable co-

incidence that his birth occurred in the seventh year of the century, on the seventh day of the month, and the seventh day of the week, and that he became a Seventh Day Baptist. The following year he was made a Deacon; and in 1853 he was ordained to the ministry, and accepted as a non-salaried position the pastoral care of the church of which he had charge until his death, thirty-five years later. For some years also he was engaged in teaching. He was a thrifty farmer, employing help, keeping his homestead property, with its large barns and the house that he built about fifty years ago, in good condition. The farm contains about eighty-five acres, a part of which was handed down from his father and grandfather. Mr. Darrow's ability as a man of affairs was recognized by his townsmen, who elected him to various offices, including that of Selectman. In politics he was a Republican, and he served in the State legislature. He passed away at his home in Waterford, October 6, 1888, aged eighty-one years.

Mr. Darrow was with his people at the last communion before his death, also the following Sabbath, although very feeble, coming as he said, "to set them to work." He spoke briefly from Dan. ii. 35: "The stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." One who knew him well and was a coworker with him has written of him: "Amid all his cares and labors he regarded no sacrifice too great, if thereby he might benefit others. . . . Not anxious for a great name, but modest and unassuming, he was a man of simple habits and Scriptural faith. He was a practical and earnest friend of the temperance cause, having signed the first pledge formed in the town when a boy. No one stood higher in the estimation of the people for Christian character,

as the large audience that gathered at his funeral from many miles around attested. As a friend he was hospitable, social, and true; as a pastor, genial and hopeful, having kind words for all."

On March 4, 1831, Mr. Darrow married Grace Rogers, by whom he had three children: Edmund, who was born in March, 1833; Josephine, who died November 5, 1841, at the age of three years; and Francis Newton Darrow, who was born October 10, 1842, is now a farmer in Waterford, and has one son, Earl W. Darrow, a teacher and preacher of promise. The mother of these children died nineteen years later, April 26, 1850. On March 3, 1851, Mr. Darrow was united in marriage to his second wife, Elizabeth Potter Darrow, by whom also he had three children, namely: Mary E., wife of Adrian Almy, of Altamont, Ky.; George P., a prominent merchant in Germantown, Pa.; and Courtland R., a civil engineer in Waterbury, Conn. Mary E. and George P. are graduates of Alfred University, Courtland R., of Norwich Academy and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston. Their mother died November 15, 1872. December 25, 1877, Mr. Darrow married for his third wife Miss Ellen R. Walden, who survives him. She was born in Waterford, Conn., a daughter of the Rev. Hiram and Rebecca (Bird) Walden. In her girlhood she attended the common school, also studied at home under her father's direction, and later for a time she was a student at Greenwich Academy. At the age of eighteen years she taught her first school, and during the next twenty-five years until marriage was successfully engaged in teaching. Mrs. Darrow is a widely known and highly respected resident of Waterford.

Her father, a Methodist minister, one of the old-time circuit riders of the Massachu-

setts itinerancy, was born in Montville, Conn., and spent his last days there. His marriage to Rebecca Bird took place in Stoughton, Mass., in January, 1827. She was a daughter of Abner Bird, and granddaughter of a Revolutionary patriot who died while fighting for American independence. The Rev. Hiram and Mrs. Walden had eleven children, of whom three died in infancy, five sons and three daughters attaining maturity. Six are living, namely: Elvira, wife of Travis Douglass, of Waterford; Mary F., wife of George L. Rogers, a Montville farmer; Ellen R., widow of the Rev. Edmund Darrow; William B., a merchant in Uncasville, Conn.; Charles H., superintendent at the New London almshouse; and John Wesley, a resident of New London. Their brother, Edwin H. Darrow, a physician, died in Washington, Kan., aged forty-nine; and Warren N., a Baptist minister, died in New Jersey in 1893, aged forty-nine.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH J. FULLER is a well-known mariner, who after years of adventure on the sea, hunting the whale and the seal, is living at ease in New London, Conn. He was born in Danvers, Mass., October 13, 1840, son of Joseph J. and Mary Ann (Glass) Fuller. The Fuller family is an ancient one in England, and one branch of it is said to have a coat of arms that denotes service in the holy wars, being a dove, three bars, and a crescent. Two brothers, Samuel and Edward Fuller, the former a physician, came to this country in the "Mayflower" in 1620. Others of this name came later, among them Thomas, who arrived in 1638. He married first in 1643 Elizabeth Tidd, of Woburn, Mass., by whom he had nine children. A number of years

after marriage, about 1665 it is thought, he removed to Salem, buying land, and establishing his home in what is now Middleton, Mass.

Timothy Fuller, Captain Fuller's grandfather, was born in Hudson, N.H., and reared in Danvers, Mass. He followed the sea in early manhood, and after retiring was engaged in farming in Danvers. He was fairly well-to-do. He died when about sixty-five years of age, and is buried in Middleton, Mass. Timothy Fuller was twice married. His first wife, who was the mother of Captain Fuller's father, was Lucy Field. She bore him four sons and four daughters, and one daughter is now living in California. His second wife was Lucy Putnam, said to have been a niece or grand-niece of Israel Putnam, whose old home is still standing in Danvers.

Joseph J. Fuller, Sr., father of Captain Fuller, was born in Hudson, N.H., about 1812. He followed the sea for eighteen years, and when he retired was first mate. When between thirty and forty years of age he settled on the farm in Danvers which has been in the family considerably over two hundred years, and is now owned by his son, Captain Fuller. There he died in 1878, aged sixty-five years; and he is buried in the old town where so many of his kindred rest. When he was following the sea in his early manhood, he was taken sick at one time, and put ashore on the island of Tristan d'Acunha, in the South Atlantic, then under the jurisdiction of Governor Glass, a Scotchman. The young American sailor became acquainted with the Governor's daughter, and won her for his bride, the marriage taking place on the island in 1832. Ten children were born of this union. Six sons and three daughters attained maturity, and all but three — Maria, John, and Benjamin — are living to-day.

Benjamin Fuller volunteered at the time of the Civil War, though hardly more than a boy. He was wounded and taken prisoner at Bermuda Hundred, and, after a term of suffering and neglect in Libby Prison, died and was buried in an unmarked grave. His death occurred in 1863, when he was twenty years old. Mrs. Fuller, the mother, a most estimable woman, died an octogenarian in October, 1897.

The boyhood of Captain Joseph J. Fuller was passed on the Danvers farm. His education was limited to a few months' schooling in the year, and he began to work out at the early age of twelve. In July, 1859, in his nineteenth year, he shipped before the mast from New London on the schooner "Franklin," owned by Williams, Havens & Co., in charge of Captain Church, and after three years of sailing found himself forty-five dollars in arrears. The war was at this time fairly inaugurated, and his next berth was on the gunboat "Genesee" from Boston. He shipped as a seaman for thirteen dollars a month, and was in the employ of the government thirty months. From Boston he went to the James River, and he was subsequently engaged in the blockade of Wilmington, N.C., and later on was in Farragut's squadron on the Mississippi until Port Hudson and Vicksburg fell. His vessel was afterward engaged in the Mobile blockade. At the end of his term of service he engaged as boat steerer for the old firm, his first employers, on the schooner "Roswell King." His fortunes were linked with this vessel, of which he became master in 1870 for some time.

After taking charge as captain, he made four voyages to the South Indian Ocean in pursuit of "sea elephants," and was quite successful as a whaler. In 1880 he became captain and part owner of the large, two-masted

schooner "Pilot's Bride," of which the agents and principal owners were C. A. Williams & Co., of New London. With this vessel he sailed the same waters, and near the Kerguelen Isles he took twelve hundred barrels of whale oil and seventeen hundred fur seals. The seal skins he shipped from Cape Town, Africa, to London, England; and the oil he disposed of in New London, Conn. On his next visit to these islands he was cast away (October 2, 1882). He had a crew of twenty-two men, and they saved only their lives and the clothing which they were wearing at the time. They spent eleven months in that out-of-the-way corner of the globe before they were found and taken away by the rescue party sent by the owners of the wrecked vessel. This was the only serious mishap in the Captain's career as a sailor. After that he made three successful voyages from New Bedford to the South Seas. In 1884 he purchased some land, and erected the pretty dwelling at 12 Freemont Street, New London, where he has since resided.

In 1870, when he was first invested with the authority of captain, he chose a mate for life's voyage, marrying Miss Jane M. Adams, daughter of James Adams, of Isleton, London, England. She was born in England in 1855, but was residing in New London when she met the Captain. Four children have been given to Captain Fuller and his wife, namely: Jennie, a talented musician, living with her parents; Joseph A., a young man who has not yet chosen his life work; Gertrude M., sixteen years of age; and Bertram R., twelve years old, both attending school. In political matters the Captain is independent. He is a Master Mason of twenty-six years' standing, and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Fuller and the children belong to the Episcopal church.

HON. ROBERT COIT, president of the New London & Northern Railroad, is a member of an old Connecticut family which has figured extensively in the records of Yale College, and has been prominent in business and in public affairs. He was born in New London, April 26, 1830, son of Robert, Sr., and Charlotte (Coit) Coit. On the paternal side his ancestry includes, it is said, William Brewster, of the "Mayflower" company, who was Elder of the church at Plymouth, and has sometimes been called "chief of the Pilgrims." Mr. Coit is lineally descended from John Coit, one of the early English inhabitants of Gloucester, Mass., who settled in New London in 1650, and was the first ship-builder in this place. Mr. Coit's grandfather, Joshua Coit, son of Joseph Coit, a substantial citizen, was born in New London in 1762. He was graduated at Harvard, became a brilliant lawyer of New London, and was serving his third term in Congress, when his life was cut short by yellow fever. He was then but thirty-six years of age. His wife, Ann Borrodell Hallan, of this city, lived to be an octogenarian, and reared seven or eight children.

Robert Coit, Sr., son of Joshua and Ann Coit, was born in New London in 1785. He was a successful merchant and financier, president of the New London Savings Bank, and president also of the Union Bank, the oldest institution of the kind in Connecticut and one of the oldest in the United States. He died in October, 1874, aged eighty-eight years and eleven months, having been active to the last. He was married in 1820 to Charlotte Coit, a distant relative, who was a descendant of Lyon Gardner, of Gardner's Island, otherwise known as the Isle of Wight. This Lyon Gardner bore the title of Lord of the Isle of Wight. Mrs. Charlotte

Coit died in 1874, aged seventy-six. She was the mother of seven children, who all grew to maturity, and of whom four are living, namely: Fanny, widow of Dr. A. L. Chapin, late president of Beloit College, Wisconsin; Robert, the subject of this sketch; the Rev. Joshua Coit, of Winchester, Mass., who was graduated at Yale in the class of 1853; and Ellen, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Field, of Amherst, where she resides.

Robert Coit, the younger, was graduated at Yale in the class of 1850, and was admitted to the bar of New London County in 1853. He distinguished himself in his profession, and was Probate Judge for a number of years and Registrar of Bankruptcy during the continuance of that office. Endowed with keen intelligence, marked executive ability, and conservative judgment in financial affairs, he has long held the confidence of the public, faithfully discharging the duties of a number of important offices. In 1867 he was elected treasurer of the New London & Northern Railroad, and since 1881 he has filled the president's chair. He is also president of the Union Bank, having been elected to that office in 1894. An esteemed member of the Republican party, he served with dignity and ability as Mayor of New London from 1879 to 1882. He was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1879, and was in the State Senate the following four years, in 1882 and 1883 acting as president *pro tem.* of that body.

Mr. Coit was married August 1, 1855, to Lucretia, daughter of William F. and Sarah (Prentiss) Brainard, all of this city. Mr. Brainard, who was a Yale graduate, was one of the leading lawyers of Connecticut. He died in middle life. His wife lived to be over fourscore. Two of their children besides

Mrs. Coit are living — Sarah Prentiss and Mary Gardner Brainard — both unmarried, residing in New London. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Coit: Mary G., who lived but three years; and William Brainard Coit. The son was graduated in the class of 1884 from Yale, and is now City Attorney of New London. He is married. Mr. Robert Coit is a member of the Second Congregational Church. He resides in a handsome three-story brick dwelling, 38 Federal Street, which he erected in 1855, the year of his marriage.

VICTOR O. FREEMAN, superintendent of the Totokett Mills, New London County, Connecticut, was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on September 12, 1841. His parents, Charles A. and Anna A. (Holt) Freeman, reared four children; but he is the only one now living. His father was a native of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Freeman is a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a Union soldier during two periods of enlistments. In April, 1861, directly after the fall of Fort Sumter, he enlisted from Lawrence, Mass., as a private in Company I, under Captain John Pickering, Sixth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, which was the first to march for the defence of Washington in response to the President's call for troops on the 15th of April. On the morning of the 18th the regiment, commanded by Colonel Edward F. Jones, passed through New York City, and on the following day reached Baltimore, where the detachment that brought up the rear, led by Captain Follansbee, were obliged to fight their way through a violent mob. Three soldiers were killed, including one member of Company I, Sumner H. Needham, of Lawrence.

Mr. Freeman served three months in the Sixth, and subsequently re-enlisted as a private in the First Massachusetts Cavalry, Company B. He was later made Sergeant, and was with the regiment in all its engagements, excepting when he was in the hospital. He was first wounded at Aldie, where his company went into active service with fifty-two men and came out with only thirteen. Among the slain was his only brother, John B. Freeman, a brave and dashing young man twenty-one years old, who was killed in a rash attempt to save himself from being taken by the Confederates, choosing death rather than the lingering horrors of a Southern prison. He was buried in Aldie under the regimental monument. At Brandy Station Mr. Victor Freeman received a sabre wound in the thigh; and at Black Water, Va., he received a severe gunshot wound in his right thigh. He was discharged at Readville, Mass., in July, 1865, and shortly after went to work in the Naumkeag Mill at Salem, Mass., beginning at the lowest round of the ladder as a card stripper. He worked subsequently at New Market, N.H.; Great Falls, N.H.; at Indian Orchard, Me., where he started Mill No. 7; and at Arkwright, R.I., where he had charge of the carding-room. He came from Arkwright to Occum about twenty-seven years ago as superintendent of the carding-room, and within a short time of his arrival was placed in charge of the mill, succeeding Lyman Frisbie, who was then travelling for his health, and who subsequently died in California. In politics Mr. Freeman is a Republican. He is a member of Sedgwick Post, No. 1, G. A. R.

In October, 1866, Mr. Freeman was united in marriage with Mary Hines, of Readville, Mass. Of the ten children that have been born to them, three died in infancy, and seven are living, namely: Lyman W.; Charles E.;

Albert R.; John B. and his twin sister, Hilda J.; Mary E., eight years of age; and Annie P., six years of age. These were all born in Occum, Conn. Lyman W., the eldest, is paymaster and in charge of the cloth department of the mill. The pay-roll embraces one hundred and fifty-six employees, men, women, and children. Charles E. Freeman has recently had charge of the mechanical department of the mill; and on the retirement of his father, on July 1, 1896, he assumed the superintendency.

WILLIAM H. MANSFIELD, farmer and merchant of Preston, one of the central towns of New London County, was born in Saxonland, Germany, January 29, 1847, son of Andrew and Mary Mansfield. His father died in Germany in 1851, when about forty-three years of age, leaving a widow and five children. Mary, the eldest-born, sailed from Bremen in 1853, arriving in New York after a voyage of five weeks. Two years later her sister Louisa followed her to America; and both settled in Norwich, Conn. They were able to send money home to their mother, who was in humble circumstances; and she joined them in 1857, accompanied by her two younger children: Henry, who was fifteen; and William H., then but ten years of age. Christian, an older son, joined them in Norwich in 1861. Mrs. Mansfield died in 1891, in the seventy-ninth year of her age. But three of the children are now living, namely: Louisa, who married Henry Hasler, of Ledyard; Henry, a resident of Preston; and William H., the subject of this sketch.

William H. Mansfield began life in Norwich by working out on the neighboring farms, thus earning his clothes and schooling



WILLIAM H. MANSFIELD.

and small sums of money besides. When twenty years of age he made a five months' voyage to Hudson's Bay on a whaling schooner, under Captain Budding, of New London. His second voyage was on the schooner "Georgiana" from New London to North Carolina, and thence to the West India Islands and Australia. He followed the sea for five years as sailor and mate, but at the end of that time returned to Preston to enter the Lucas woollen-mill.

On December 10, 1871, Mr. Mansfield married Susan Bush, of Poquetannock, a daughter of Peter Bush. With his wife he worked on the Nash farm for about seventeen months, afterward returning to the mill, where they were employed for two years. He subsequently spent several years in different lines of work, until in 1879 he opened a store in Poquetannock, and two years later was able to purchase his fine property of fourteen acres, for which he paid thirty-eight hundred dollars. Here he opened a store, and has since done a small but profitable business.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield lost one son when seventeen months old. They have one son living and one daughter: George, a young man of about twenty-one years, who is at present clerk in his father's store; and Phebe, a young lady residing at home. Mr. Mansfield is a member of the I. O. O. F., of the Knights of Pythias, and of the German Society, Sons of Hermann, of which he is an officer. In political ranks he stands as an independent voter.

CAPTAIN ELIAS F. WILCOX, a prominent citizen of Stonington, Conn., was born within a few rods of his present home, October 6, 1850, son of Elias and Hannah (Dennison) Wilcox. The

paternal great-grandfather was Hezekiah Wilcox, who lived at Watch Hill, where his son Jesse was born in 1752. This son, by trade a ship carpenter and builder, made and sailed many different packets, carrying freight and passengers to New York. Soon after the breaking out of the Revolution he moved to Stonington. He and his eldest son, Jesse, while out in a small sail-boat in 1827, were caught in a squall, and drowned. Their bodies were recovered and buried in Stonington. Jesse Wilcox was twice married. By his first wife, to whom he was united just before leaving Watch Hill, and whose maiden name was Nancy Pendleton, he had six children. He married for his second wife Mehitabel Wilcox, daughter of Ebenezer Wilcox, of Stonington. Mrs. Wilcox was a remarkable woman, of superb constitution and well endowed both physically and mentally. She came of a long-lived family, some of whom reached the age of one hundred years, and retained her powers to a remarkable degree until her death, which occurred in 1868, at the age of ninety-nine years, six months, and twenty-three days. She bore her husband seven children—Jantha, Ebenezer, Elisha, Mason B., Elnathan M., Silas, and Elias.

Elias Wilcox was born April 3, 1815. He engaged in the fish business, establishing a factory for the manufacture of fish, oil, and fertilizer on the shore of Fisher's Island Sound about 1866, which factory was burned in 1882. In 1843 he married Hannah, a daughter of Henry and Lucy (Smith) Dennison, of Groton, and one of ten children, all of whom are living at the present time except the eldest, who died in 1894, at the age of eighty. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Wilcox have had ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity. The parents celebrated their golden wedding in 1893.

Elias F. Wilcox, the direct subject of this sketch, received his education in the district school. At the age of eighteen he began fishing in company with his father and other members of the family, who were engaged in menhaden fishing. This business, of which he is now a half-owner, is run under the company name of "The Wilcox Fertilizer Works." The business of this company has largely increased, and the high reputation of Wilcox fertilizers is widely known throughout New England.

January 15, 1873, Mr. Wilcox married Sarah J. Davis, daughter of Elias and Julia A. (Wilcox) Davis, of Stonington. They have had two children, both of whom have gone before to the heavenly mansions: Annie L., a bright and interesting little girl, who died at the age of ten years; and Willie F., who died when he was sixteen, having been an invalid for several years. Captain Wilcox is a Republican in politics. He is a Master Mason and a member of the A. O. U. W. He built his present home, on the bank of the Sound, in 1874. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, in which he is a Deacon; and both are highly respected in Stonington and the vicinity.

WILLIAM STORRS LEE, a prominent farmer of Sprague, son of William and Sarah (Storrs) Lee, was born December 15, 1827, at the old homestead near Hanover, where he now lives, and where his grandfather, the Rev. Andrew Lee, D.D., who was born in Lyme, in the southern part of the county, in 1745, and was pastor of the Congregational church at Hanover more than sixty years, settled upward of one hundred and twenty years ago, building the farm-house here in 1770.

A detailed account of the Lee family, founded by Lieutenant Thomas Lee, who settled at Saybrook, Conn., in 1641, and later lived at Lyme, is given in volume three of *Family Histories and Genealogies*, by E. E. and E. M. Salisbury. Lieutenant Thomas was the only son of Thomas, first, who died on the passage to America, with his wife and three children. "The Lee family," we are told, "of which he was the progenitor, has always held a respectable position, and many times has been prominent under its own name, and in its female lines has carried its traits into many families of distinction."

From Lieutenant Thomas² the line we are now considering descended through his son John³ by his first wife, Sarah Kirtland; John,⁴ son of John³; and Andrew,⁵ above named, son of John⁴ and Abigail (Tully) Lee. The Rev. Dr. Andrew Lee was graduated at Yale College in 1766, and later in life was a fellow of the corporation. He was the author of an octavo volume of sermons and of other writings. As a theologian he was known as "moderately Calvinistic." He is spoken of as a good classical scholar and a very industrious and useful man. He was chaplain of the Fourth Regiment, Colonel John Durkee's, Connecticut line, January 1 to October 15, 1777. Dr. Lee retired from his pastorate a few years before his death, which occurred in 1832. Of his large family of children by his wife, Eunice Hall, William, father of Mr. William S. Lee, was the youngest.

William Lee was born on the Lee homestead in 1785, and spent his whole life here, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was for forty-one years a Deacon of the church of which his father had so long been the pastor. He was an earnest Christian man and active in temperance and anti-slavery reforms. He was three times married, his first wife being

Nancy Bingham, whom he married in 1812. She bore him six children; namely, Eliza, Eunice Hall, Nancy, Andrew, Talitha, and Lucy. Eliza, the eldest, now Mrs. Cray, a widow, resides in Norwich; Eunice Hall is the widow of Levi P. Rowland, and lives in Springfield, Mass.; Nancy, wife of Nathan Bishop, died at about the age of seventy years, leaving a family; Andrew, who was born in 1820, died in Northfield, Minn., in May, 1897; Talitha, now Mrs. Cushman, a widow, lives in California; and Lucy has been twice married, and is now Mrs. Knowlton, of Minnesota. Mrs. Nancy Bingham Lee died January 4, 1825, at thirty-seven years of age; and William Lee subsequently married Sarah Storrs, who became the mother of the subject of this sketch and of his brother, Samuel Henry Lee, president of the French American College at Springfield, Mass., a graduate of Yale in the class of 1858, and an ordained clergyman of the Congregational church. By his third wife, Thankful Ayer, whom Deacon Lee married May 27, 1840, he had no children. He died March 24, 1871; and she survived him nine years.

William Storrs Lee obtained a fair education in the common schools, and at the age of seventeen began to learn the tinsmith's trade at Plainfield, Conn. He worked there for seven years, and subsequently in Springfield, Mass., for seven years. After his marriage he settled on the old Lee estate in Sprague, which comprises some one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. Here he carries on general farming and gardening. He has a fine peach orchard of several hundred trees. In politics Mr. Lee is a Republican, but his sympathy is with the Prohibitionists. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

Mr. Lee married on April 4, 1860, Frances

Anna Calkins, daughter of Elisha and Abby (Chapman) Calkins, of East Lyme. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have one son, William Storrs Lee, Jr., who is a graduate of Storrs Agricultural College, and is now living at the old homestead. He married on March 28, 1894, Hettie Chapman, of Sprague, daughter of Fuller Chapman. Abbie S. Lee, late a music teacher of New York City, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee, died on May 1, 1896. She was a graduate of Norwich Free Academy and of the New Britain Normal School. For nine years previous to her death she had been a highly successful and deeply loved teacher in New York at the Workingman's School, under the Society for Ethical Culture, and also in the People's Singing Classes and the People's Choral Union from their inception. Her success in all respects as a teacher attracted marked attention among those capable of judging her work. The director of the singing classes said of her, "She was faithful to every task at any cost," and "she had but one idea, to do everything she attempted just as well as she could do it."

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FORACE O. BURCH, of the firm H. O. Burch & Co., who are general contractors for sidewalks and building movers in New London, was born here, September 20, 1851, son of Isaac O. and Mary Ann (Moore) Burch. The paternal grandfather, Isaac, who was also a native of this county, married Nancy Pettigrew. They reared seven children, of whom four are living, namely: Henry, a resident of this city; Nancy Tinker, of East Lyme; and Hannah Noyes and Harriet Watrous, who reside in Waterford. Grandfather Burch died on his farm in 1860, and his wife in 1872, at the age of seventy-five years.

Isaac O. Burch, born in Norwich in 1822, was engaged as building mover in New London for over forty years, having begun with an ox team in 1846. In 1843 he married Mary Ann Moore. Of their six children they reared: Francis Thomas, a farmer of East Lyme; Mary, the wife of John A. Morgan; Horace O., the subject of this sketch; Annie, who married Albert E. Harris, of this city; and Walter G. Burch, who also resides in New London. The mother died here in 1879, at the age of sixty years, and the father in 1889, aged sixty-four years. The mother's ancestors settled in East Lyme at an early day. Her grandfather, Edward Moore, reared ten children, of whom Jairus, an aged resident of Deep River, is still living and active. Her parents, Edward and Mary (Gee) Moore, had six children, of whom George W., Lydia M., and Adeline are now living in New London.

Horace O. Burch acquired a common-school education. At the age of fifteen years he became a clerk in the grocery store of the late William H. H. Comstock, remaining five years. Then, after spending two years in the business for himself, he entered the employment of his father in 1874. In 1884 his father received him into partnership. At his father's death he succeeded to the business and considerable property. The land on which the barns, sheds, and factory are located comprises four acres on Truman and Grand Streets. Messrs. Burch & Co. make asphaltum for sidewalks and artificial stone and coping. Mr. Burch has greatly improved the stone or ornamental brick, the manufacture of which he and his father began. The old farm, twenty acres, at Great Neck, on which is a large dwelling, is also owned by Mr. Burch.

In politics Mr. Burch is an independent

voter, and he has served for three years in the Common Council. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the United Order of the Golden Cross, and the American Mechanics' Association. On October 2, 1872, he was united in marriage to Nellie E. Melzard, of Boston, Mass. Mrs. Burch's parents, Thomas and Ellen (Peterson) Melzard, have both passed away. She has three brothers and one sister, who are settled in Boston, Mass., and Exeter, N.H. Her children were: Emma E., now the wife of Hervey E. Rogers; Ernest W., an electrician in New York; Daisy E., who graduated from the Williams Memorial High School in 1896, and died in October, 1897; Edward, who is engaged with the Warren Chemical Manufacturing Company, New York; and Mary Moore Burch, a healthy young miss of thirteen years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burch are highly respected members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

STILES CRANDALL, an esteemed resident of Ledyard, living in retirement on his farm, which is situated about a mile north of Old Mystic, was born November 25, 1813, in the town of Grotton, Conn., son of Wells and Sally (Woodbridge) Crandall. Jonathan Crandall, father of Wells, was a Rhode Island farmer, and lived to be about seventy-five years of age. Wells Crandall was born in Rhode Island in 1769. While still a young man, after learning the trade of a tanner, he came to Old Mystic, and was there employed at his trade by Paul Woodbridge. He followed the business throughout his life, but never on a sufficient scale to bring in large returns; and at his death he left but a small property. He died at the age of sixty, and his widow, who

was a daughter of Paul Woodbridge, at the age of seventy-five. They lie side by side, in the old Woodbridge burial-place

Early in life Stiles Crandall, the only son of the four children born to his parents, went to live with his uncle, James Woodbridge, a well-to-do farmer. He received a good common-school education. When the latter and his wife died, Stiles became heir to the one-hundred-and-fifty-acre farm he now owns, which is half of the fine three-hundred-acre farm left by his uncle.

Fifty-four years ago, on February 15, 1844, Mr. Crandall married Miss Caroline L. Greene, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Bowles) Greene, who live on a farm on Quaker Hill, Waterford. Mrs. Crandall, now seventy years of age, is the only survivor of the five children born to her parents. Her only sister, Eliza, who was the wife of William Thompson, of Montville, Conn., died in 1894, aged seventy-five years. Her father lived to be eighty-three. Her mother died five years later, aged eighty-eight. They are buried in the Angel Burial-ground in Waterford. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Crandall, namely: Augusta Caroline, who died when eight years old; Ashbel Woodbridge, who lived thirteen months; and S. Ashbel Crandall, an ex-Mayor of Norwich and a successful attorney-at-law.

Mr. Crandall is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and has faithfully served his town in a number of offices. He has been Assessor for about eighteen years, Selectman for five years, and he has served in the lower chamber of the Connecticut legislature. Both he and Mrs. Crandall are esteemed members of the Baptist church. Fifty-two years of their wedded life have been most happily spent in their present home.

CHRISTOPHER L. AVERY, a resident of Groton, Conn., the son of Latham and Betsey Wood (Lester) Avery, was born in Groton, June 8, 1826. The Averys of England, we are told, trace their ancestry back to the Saxon kings. The immigrant progenitor of this branch of the family was Christopher Avery from Cornwall, England, one of the colonists who came over with Governor Winthrop in 1630. He settled first in Gloucester, Mass., but removed to Boston in 1658, and a few years later to New London, Conn. James, son of Christopher, born in England, was ten years of age when he came to this country with his father. In 1656 he built a house in Poquonnock, Conn., which had been in the family eight generations when it was set on fire by the sparks from a passing locomotive, and burned to the ground. James had a son James, whose son Benjamin, a farmer of Groton, was the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Daniel, son of Benjamin, married Deborah, the daughter of Colonel Ebenezer Avery, a distant relation, and had six sons and two daughters. Daniel Avery was a soldier of the Revolution, and was killed at Fort Griswold in his forty-first year. His wife, Deborah, lived to be eighty-four years old.

Latham, son of Daniel and Deborah, and the father of Christopher L. Avery, was born in Groton in 1775. When quite a young man he went to Demerara, South America, where he engaged in ship-building and merchandising. After living there some twenty years, he came back to his native town, and engaged in farming. For a while he lived on a farm a little north of Groton. Then he sold out, and moved into the village, where he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. This farm is now in the possession of one of his granddaughters. He married Betsey, the daughter

of Christopher and Mary (Fish) Lester, of Groton, the ceremony taking place on the 7th of July, 1816, when he was forty and she eighteen. Their children were: Latham, who died unmarried at the age of forty; Betsey Ann, who became the wife of Edmund Fish, and died at sixty-nine, leaving three children; Emily, who married Silas H. Fish, and died at seventy-two, leaving two children; Mary Jane, who married A. M. Ramsdell, and died at sixty-three; Christopher, the subject of this sketch; Julia, the widow of Richard J. Sherman, of Buffalo, N.Y.; and Deborah, who married the late I. P. Bouse, and died in 1895, aged sixty-five years.

Christopher L. Avery was educated in the district schools and at the academy in New London. At the age of fifteen he went to New York, where he worked as a book-keeper in a counting-house on South Street about four years. He then went to China, where he stayed a year. Returning to America, he went to Buffalo, N.Y., and engaged in the grain business until 1861, when he brought his family to Groton, Conn., and engaged in merchandising in New York City. He remained in this business until 1873; and in 1876 he settled on his farm in Groton, where he has since lived.

Mr. Avery is progressive in his ideas and methods, and his well-kept homestead property shows the signs of good management. The spacious house, which is a model of comfort and convenience, is situated on rising ground, commanding a delightful and extended view of hills and vales, with a part of the Sound and the Pequonnock River. In politics Mr. Avery is a Democrat, although independent enough to vote the Republican ticket when he considers that candidate to be the better man.

He was married in Brooklyn, N.Y., in

1850, to Sarah W. Smith, who bore four children, namely: Latham, a farmer; Mary Louise, the wife of P. L. Schellens, a merchant in Rio Janeiro; Ira Smith, who died at nineteen; and Betsey, the wife of Belton A. Copp, a bank cashier. Mrs. Sarah W. Avery died in 1869; and Mr. Avery married on November 1, 1870, Ellen B. Copp, a daughter of Belton A. and Betsey Ann (Barber) Copp, of Groton, and the grand-daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Allyn) Copp, both descendants of old families. Her father's family is descended from the early Cops, of Boston, for whom Copp's Hill was named. Mr. and Mrs. Avery have two children: Christopher, a law student at Yale; and Mary Jane, a graduate of the Williams Memorial School, living at home.

CAPTAIN DUDLEY A. BRAND, of New London, an experienced navigator, especially skilled in yachting, was born in Westerly, R.I., January 12, 1853, son of Captain Dudley and Catherine (Champlin-Burdick) Brand. His paternal grandfather married a Miss Green, who died when their only son, Dudley, born in Westerly in 1808, was a child. The boy was brought up by his maternal grandfather, and became a successful ship-master in the carrying trade between the West Indies and the Strait of Belle Isle. He commanded the brig "Buffalo," and was lost off Squirrel Island while attempting to put ashore in a small boat.

Captain Dudley Brand married first, in 1836, Evelyn Bailey. She was drowned off the coast of Long Island from the "Catherine F. Hale" in 1847, her husband, the Captain, the mate, and one sailor being saved. He married second, March 30, 1851, Catherine, daughter of John A. Champlin, and the widow of William Burdick, who was drowned



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in the prime of life, leaving but one son. Mr. Champlin's wife, the mother of Catherine, was a Greene. Captain Dudley and Mrs. Catherine Brand had three sons and one daughter, namely: Dudley A., the yacht commander, a further account of whom is given below; John H., who is in Montana; Lyman, a marine engineer in Boston; and Hattie, who died at the age of eighteen. The father's death occurred at the age of eighty-four years. He had been captain and part owner of different vessels.

At the age of twelve years Dudley A. Brand was brought to New London, where he received a common-school education; and at eighteen he went to sea, shipping as a sailor before the mast on the coasting schooner "Daniel T. Willets," under Captain Stapelin. In 1872 he made his last voyage as a seaman, and in his twenty-second year sailed as mate of the "H. R. King," Captain Bliven. Since that time he has commanded many different vessels. In 1882 he took charge of the yacht "Alice," owned by Mr. Thomas G. Appleton, brother-in-law of the poet Longfellow. He sailed this craft for four years, leaving her to take command of the steam yacht "Wanda," owned by Woodward & Stillman, of New York City. This position was held by Captain Brand for ten years. In 1894-95 the Captain took an extended trip in charge of the "Margarita," owned by A. J. Drexel, of Philadelphia, sailing from New London on September 22, reaching Southampton, England, in eleven days and five hours. During the year they touched at Gibraltar, Tangiers, Barcelona, Marseilles, Algiers, Toulon, Nice, Mentone, Ajaccio, Cividivitch, then went inland to Rome, thence to Naples, through the Strait of Messina to Brindisi, thence to Corfu, through the Gulf of Corinth and Corinth Canal to Athens, from there to Alexandria,

and inland to Cairo, from Port Said to Joppa, Jerusalem, and Beirut. Returning from Beirut, they went through the Adriatic Sea to Venice, thence to Genoa and Marseilles, thence to Leith, Scotland; from there they went to the opening of Kiel Canal, and then they sailed to Copenhagen, to Stockholm, and St. Petersburg. They returned via Kiel Canal to Southampton, England, and, taking in coal and stores at the Isle of Wight, made a safe voyage back to Philadelphia. The boat has been renamed the "Narada" since it became the property of Mr. Harry Walters, of Baltimore; and Captain Brand will again take her to Europe, starting about January 1, 1898, going also to China and Japan.

He was married on January 15, 1877, to Lottie E. Brown, of this county, daughter of Lyman and Mary Ann (Jones) Brown. Her father was one of the first Deacons of the First Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. The eldest-born of Captain and Mrs. Brand is Mary Catherine, eighteen years of age, now studying in the Williams Memorial, belonging to the class of 1898. Their second child was a boy, and died in infancy. The youngest is Harold Brand, now about eleven years old. Captain Brand is the owner of a handsome house on Ocean Avenue, which he purchased in 1876. As a Mason he is a member of Brainard Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M.; Union Chapter, R. A. M.; Cushing Council, R. S. M.; and Palestine Commandery, K. T. In politics he is Republican.

ROGER BURNUM CHAMPION, a merchant of Old Lyme, was born here, May 30, 1866, son of Calvin and Ann R. (Slate) Champion. The grandfather, Frederick Champion, who was a farmer and spent the greater part of his life here, was

twice married. The maiden name of his second wife was Mahala Tinker.

Calvin B. Champion, son of Frederick, born in this town about 1823, was a farmer. In 1845 he married Ann R. Slate, a daughter of Lothrop Slate, of this town. Of their fifteen children, two died in infancy. The others were: Calvin B., Mary, Annie M., Edith M., Philena A., Wallace R., Christena, Imogene, Ida J., Roger B., Ansil A., Edward T., and Virgil W. Calvin B. died at the age of twenty-three years; Mary, who was the wife of J. C. Lamb, died aged twenty-nine, leaving two sons; Annie M., who married Henry H. Lay, died aged twenty-four years; Edith M. Champion died aged sixteen years; Philena A. is the wife of G. W. DeWolf, of this village; Wallace R. is a merchant in Black Hall; Imogene is the wife of J. S. Hopper, of Ivoryton, Conn.; Ida J. is the wife of H. M. Caulkins; and Ansil A., Edward T., and Virgil W. reside in this town. The father died in 1876. The mother still resides here with her two youngest sons.

Roger B. Champion received his education in the schools of the town and at the academy. At the age of fourteen years he was employed as clerk by the firm of Morley & Champion, of which his brother, Wallace R., was a member. This position he left in 1889 to engage in the meat business, which he followed for several years. In 1891 he became a member of the firm of Champion & Caulkins, buying out his brother's interest. Since January, 1896, he has carried on the business alone. In the Masonic order he holds the rank of Master. While a Republican in politics, he has never held public office. On May 12, 1891, he married Annie M. Daniels, of East Lyme, daughter of Washington Daniels. They have two sons: Roger W., aged four years; and Harry V., aged two years. Mr.

Champion's success in business is entirely due to his own industry and enterprise.

ASAHIEL TANNER, an esteemed resident of Preston, was born in Voluntown, May 19, 1823, son of Asahel and Susan M. (Tanner) Tanner. The grandfather, Isaac B. Tanner, a cousin of the celebrated Wendell Phillips, was a native of South Kingston, R.I. He settled in Voluntown early in life, and there reared a large family. One of his great-grandchildren, John R. Tanner, is the present Governor of the State of Illinois. Isaac B. Tanner long survived his wife. He went to Illinois in 1838 to reside with a married daughter, and died there about the year 1840. His son Asahel married Susan M. Tanner in 1820, and by her became the father of the present Asahel Tanner and of Cynthia C. Tanner. The latter married Latham H. Babcock, of Providence, R.I., and died in Galveston, Tex., at the age of seventy-one, leaving a son and a daughter. The father was in the prime of life when he died, in 1836. After his death his widow, who was left without means, came to Norwich, where after many years spent as a faithful and efficient nurse she died in 1861.

Asahel Tanner, the subject of this biography, was able to attend school only until the tenth year of his age. He lived upon his grandfather's farm until twelve years old, when he obtained employment in the rope factory at Norwich during the winter, spending the summer months at work upon neighboring farms. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the tailor's trade. When twenty-one years of age his services were engaged by Mr. R. B. Morey. Three years later he was persuaded to join Mr. Morey in partnership, and invested his savings, amount-

ing to three hundred and fifty dollars, in the business. In a short time, having realized twenty thousand dollars, he was able to buy Mr. Morey's interest. After conducting the business alone for about three years, he retired. For the past forty years he has made a specialty of breeding fancy fowl, and for nearly half a century he has been the chairman of the examining judges of the county.

On October 12, 1848, Mr. Tanner married Sarah M. Ward, of Lebanon. By her he has one child, Minnie M. Tanner, who is a gifted musician and a highly successful teacher of music. A strong advocate of temperance reform for a long time, he has been a member and Chief of the Council of the Temple of Honor. He was Captain of the Norwich Artillery Company of the Third Regiment for seven years, during which time he provided the company with uniforms at his own expense. While his political principles are Democratic, he votes independently. He represented his district in the House in 1862. He has been the First Selectman for many years, and he has served on the Board of Relief. He is a regular attendant of the Baptist church. Since coming to Preston in 1856, he has dealt largely in real estate. He bought a large lot of land, which is now covered with dwelling-houses. At the present time he is the owner of five houses and two stores, including the fine brick house on Main Street, built by him thirty years ago, and in which he now resides.

JOSHUA E. BROCKWAY, a prosperous farmer of Old Lyme, living near the village of Lyme, was born in East Lyme, Conn., February 18, 1840, son of Ezra C. and Lucy A. (Howard) Brockway. His great-grandfather was Elias Brockway, a farmer of this country and a man universally

esteemed. Christopher, son of Elias, was mate of a vessel, and was lost at sea in 1832, when in the prime of life. He left a wife, whose maiden name was Christiana Chapel, and who reared and educated their family of four sons and five daughters on her small farm. Of this family, one daughter, "Aunt" Caroline Beckwith, and two sons, Christopher Brockway, a resident of Denver, and Ezra C., father of the subject of this sketch, are living. Ezra C. Brockway was born in this town, then known as Lyme, on March 6, 1814. He married Lucy A., daughter of Joshua Howard. She died October 3, 1889. Her four children were: Joshua E., Joseph B., Christiana C., and Lucy J. Christiana C. married Irving Watrous, and died May 14, 1874, leaving an infant son, Walter, now a resident of East Lyme. Lucy J. Brockway, who was born August 27, 1854, and became a successful teacher, died November 19, 1875.

Joshua E. Brockway was reared on his father's farm, and received but a limited schooling. In the spring of 1861 he shipped as a sailor on a vessel engaged in the halibut-fishing industry; and he continued to follow the sea for some nine years. On his marriage, in 1872, he made a wedding journey to Ohio, where he rented a farm for two years. At the end of that time he bought fifty acres, which he cultivated until 1892, when he returned to Lyme, to take charge of the farm owned by Mrs. Brockway's father. Here he carries on general farming, and keeps a dairy of four good cows, besides a yoke of oxen. He still retains the ownership of the Ohio farm. Mr. Brockway is a Democrat politically, and has always voted the straight party ticket. He stands firm for "honest money," and in 1896 he voted the gold ticket. He has been Selectman of Lyme, and has served on the Board of Relief. As a citizen his prob-

ity is unquestioned, and his word is as good as his bond.

On the 10th of March, 1872, Mr. Brockway married Sarah H. Huntley, of this town, by whom he had one daughter, who died in infancy. Mrs. Brockway is a devoted member of the Congregational church and an active worker in its varied charitable and benevolent interests. Her parents were Sylvanus H. and Lydia L. (Caulkins) Huntley, both of whom have passed away. Mr. Huntley was shot when only thirty-two years of age, while in the discharge of his duty as constable; and his death made orphans of four children. Mrs. Huntley died in 1883, at the age of seventy-four. The living children of this family are: Louisa C. Huntley, living in this town; David C., a well-known farmer of Lyme; and Mrs. Brockway. Mary E. Huntley, now deceased, was for some years a most successful teacher. She lived a life of great usefulness and helpful service to others, being active in church and Sunday-school work, and helpfully interested in every reform movement.

GEORGE PREST, of New London, one of the largest masonry contractors and builders in the State, was born in Bolton, Lancashire, England, March 2, 1830, son of George V. and Mary (Wignall) Prest. The paternal grandfather, also named George, was engaged in lead mining in early life, and subsequently became a stone-mason. His wife bore him two sons and a daughter. The sons, George and Edward, came to America with their families in 1843, the voyage occupying thirty-one days. Both were stone-masons, and after their arrival in this country they carried on a successful contracting and building business. In England, in 1820, George, who was also a native of Bolton, born

in 1787, married Mary Wignall, another native of Lancashire. Her parents had twenty-one children, of whom two were born twins, two were married on the same day, and two were buried on the same day. In her childhood the mother of this numerous family planted an apple-seed. That, later in her life, yielded her the material for a wooden leg, when a white swelling on her knee made necessary the amputation of the limb. George and Mary Prest had five sons and two daughters, of whom the only other survivor is Jacob, who resides in Bellaire, Ohio. Edward, the eldest son, was for many years a leading contractor and builder in this city, and acquired considerable property. Among the buildings erected by him are the Episcopal church and the city hall. He was twice married, but had no children. The mother died in England about 1837. The father, who afterward remained unmarried, died in this country in 1851, aged sixty-four years.

The present George Prest learned the mason's trade with his brother Edward, and remained with him until 1864, acting as foreman for a number of years prior to that. He subsequently succeeded Edward in the business, and many stately structures have since risen under his careful superintendence. Among them may be mentioned the elegant home of Henry A. Mott at Neptune's Nook; the Hooper Manufacturing Company's mills at Aucum, erected in 1865, on which sixty-five men were employed; the stone paper-mill in Montville for Bingham New, built in 1866; the Pequot Dam, an arched structure, thirty-two feet high, forty feet wide at the base, and having steps to the top; the Rockland paper-mill, a solid stone building completed about 1868; the Second Congregational Church edifice of New London and the Buckeye School-house, both of stone, put up



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in 1871; the stone summer residence of Zebulon Ely, of New York City, in 1872; four large stone mills for Palmer Brothers, two at Fitchville and two at Montville; a stone paper-mill for C. M. Roberts & Son at Montville; and the Union Railway Station in Norwich, in 1892. He has also been largely employed on other masonry work, including the reservoir dam at Lake Konomack for the New London water supply, the foundations of the Harris Block and the Brainard & Armstrong silk-mill; and he has just completed the foundations for the new electric power house and the addition to the old savings-bank in this city. For the past twenty-four years he has done the bridge and culvert work for the New London & Northern Railroad, and he was the superintendent of the large stone dock at East New London for two years.

Mr. Prest was first married in 1853 to Miss Lydia Morris, of New London. A son and daughter were born to them, namely: Mary, who died at the age of nineteen years; and George B. Prest, who is living at home, and is a very promising young business man. The latter began as a messenger boy in the Bank of Commerce, where he now holds the responsible position of cashier. He is the administrator of the estate of his uncle Edward (being appointed without bonds), the treasurer of the Board of Trade, and a commissioner of the town deposit fund. Mrs. Prest died in October, 1872; and Mr. Prest, Sr., afterward married Miss Martha Maria Tiffany, who was born in Salem, New London County, and is a daughter of William Tiffany. She was a district-school teacher for a time, and then carried on dressmaking in New London. There are no children by this marriage. The family resides at 18 Blackhall Street, where Mr. Prest erected his fine residence in 1889, after plans made by

himself. He has one hundred and eighty feet frontage on Belden Street and one hundred and twenty on Blackhall Street, making an exceptionally desirable estate. Politically, he is a loyal Republican, and has served on the Common Council. Mrs. Prest is an influential member of the Second Congregational Church.

PETER STEFFENSEN, of Norwich, residing just outside the city, on Laurel Hill, was born in Denmark, near Copenhagen, on May 31, 1857. He attended pay schools until he was fourteen years of age. Then he was confirmed in the Lutheran church, and apprenticed for four years to the trade of ship-carpenter. During his apprenticeship he also took lessons in drawing and architecture. At eighteen he shipped from Copenhagen as ship's carpenter, at sixty crowns per month. His first voyage was to Brussels and Riga and back. In 1875 he sailed for Antwerp; and in 1876 he shipped as carpenter on board the Nova Scotia bark, "Josephine Benjamin," bound for Philadelphia, Pa.

Upon reaching Philadelphia, which was his first stopping-place in America, Mr. Steffensen remained there for about a month. At the end of that time he sailed in an American three-masted schooner for Belfast, Ireland. Arrived in Belfast after a quick passage, he joined the crew of a Norwegian bark bound for Pensacola, Fla. From there he went to England, thence on a Scotch bark to Quebec, Canada, and to Swansea in Wales. He was next ashore at Gloucester, Mass. From there he went in the Nova Scotia barkentine "Economy," which was said to be the largest craft of her kind afloat, to New York City. Thence he visited successively St. John, N. B., Dublin, Philadelphia, and Belfast, and

returned to St. John. Sailing next in an American barkentine, he went to Barcelona, Spain. On the return voyage the vessel was wrecked on the Bermuda Islands, and was subsequently condemned, the crew coming to New York by steamer. After spending a month in New York, he went by rail to Philadelphia, from which port he sailed to Antwerp, and thence to Yokohama, Japan, being one hundred and sixty-seven days on the voyage. After visiting other ports in Japan, he sailed for Sydney, Australia. In a subsequent voyage from Hiogo, Japan, to New York, by way of Cape Horn, the boat was out one hundred and seventy days, and won a new hat for the captain by getting into port ahead of another vessel. Mr. Steffensen next sailed for Cardiff, England. On this voyage the ship fell in with an abandoned vessel, which Mr. Steffensen and three others of the crew, including the first mate, undertook to take to England. The craft was soon found to be in a sinking condition, and the four men would have gone down with it had they not been rescued just in time. They got ashore at Southampton. From there they were sent by the English Shipwreck Society to London, and thence to Cardiff, where they saw their own vessel coming into port.

Having been absent from home for seven years, Mr. Steffensen now returned to Copenhagen for a two months' visit. He next took steamer for Antwerp, and thence shipped in a Dutch bark for Alexandria, Egypt. On this voyage he visited Smyrna, Salonica, Gibraltar, and France. Returning to Antwerp, he shipped on a full-rigged German ship, bound for Philadelphia. In 1884 he entered the United States Coast Survey as ship-carpenter, and remained in the service for six years, employed on cruisers engaged in surveying the Atlantic coast from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico.

From the foregoing account it will be seen that Mr. Steffensen has visited every continent, and most of the great ports of the world. He has acquired in this world-wide travel a surprising fund of information, and can spin sailor's yarns with the best purveyors of the article. He left the sea when he resigned from the United States service in 1887, and came to Norwich, where he settled his family in Greenville. Here he purchased a few acres of land, which he has since planted with fruit-trees and shrubbery, and upon which he erected his pleasant dwelling-house. For the last four years he has been the repair man for the Uncas Paper Mills. He is a member of the American Order of United Workmen and a Master Mason. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Steffensen was united in marriage with Alida Anderson, on November 29, 1885, the twenty-fifth birthday of the bride. Mrs. Steffensen was born in Gottenburg, Sweden, daughter of Andres Anderson. She was only sixteen years old when she arrived in Stonington, Conn., where Mr. Steffensen first became acquainted with her. Mr. and Mrs. Steffensen have a very interesting family of children, and are desirous of giving them every educational advantage, including a training in music, for which the children have a marked talent. The eldest child, Albert Palmer, was born August 6, 1887. The next is Abby Palmer, born December 11, 1889; and the youngest is Raymond, a bright little man of five years, born July 17, 1892.

THOMAS MURRAY, one of the ablest farmers in the county, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, March 29, 1835, son of Gilbert and Janet Murray. The grandfather, Gilbert Murray, a Scotch farmer, lived

and died on his native heath. He had three sons and two daughters. His son Gilbert, Jr., who was born December 7, 1805, married in 1826, and had thirteen children. Two of their sons came to this country. The father and mother followed them two years later, accompanied by ten children. In the next year the remaining son followed with his bride. William died in Illinois in 1880, at the age of forty-three, leaving a widow and four children. Nellie, who was the wife of Edwin Niles, died in 1887, at the age of thirty-nine years, leaving two children. The parents bought a farm of two hundred acres in Salem, where they lived until the death of the father, in 1886. The mother, after surviving her husband five years, died in Norwich in 1891. In religion they were Congregationalists. The father was a well-informed man, was First Selectman for a time, and was in the legislature.

Thomas Murray received a part of his education in Scotland. In 1861 he enlisted in the Fiftieth New York Volunteer Engineers for three years. Upon receiving his honorable discharge after the expiration of that term, he re-enlisted in the same corps. During the entire war he was off duty but two days. He was in the Pontoon Brigade, and worked on forts in front of Petersburg and at other places. Though blessed with good health, his experience in the field impaired his physical condition, and in consideration of this he draws a small pension. On March 1, 1881, he married Mrs. Clarissa A. Sisson, the widow of Ebenezer F. Sisson and a daughter of Joseph D. and Clarissa (Watrous) Williams, all of Colchester. Her grandfather, Daniel Williams, married Asenath Day. Her father, one of eleven children, was born April 12, 1799. He married Miss Watrous, who died in 1891, at the age of eighty-one. Mrs.

Murray comes of a long-lived race. Nearly all her ancestors and their children were octogenarians. Her parents had five children, one of whom died in early youth. She was a student at Bacon Academy, and taught her first school at the age of fifteen years. At the age of twenty-two she married E. T. Sisson, who died February 7, 1879, aged fifty-six years. Her children by Mr. Sisson were: a son, who died in infancy; Katie, who died at the age of four years; and Millie W., who is the wife of the Rev. Charles A. Purdy, a pastor in the Methodist church, and has a daughter, Clara E. Purdy. Gilbert Joseph Murray, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Murray, was born February 17, 1884.

Mr. Murray owns a fine farm of one hundred and seventy acres, which is kept in the most perfect condition, and shows Mr. Murray to be a thorough farmer. Besides carrying on general farming, he is engaged the year round in making butter, which is of the finest quality, and brings the highest market price. His fine estate shows him to be a typical Scotchman, frugal and industrious. He is an adherent of the Republican party, and he puts more faith in deeds than creeds. Mrs. Murray is a member of the Congregational church.

MASON CRARY HILL, a dealer in paints, oils, and similar materials, and a jobber in general merchandise, was born in the north-western part of Stonington, Conn., January 27, 1817. His foster-father, John Bennett, by whom he was reared, was a farmer in this town. Mr. Bennett was also a house and ship carpenter, having been employed many years by the Leeds, who were early ship-builders in Old Mystic. Mr. Hill was the only son of his mother, Mary Hill, who was born on Block Island

in 1798, daughter of Robinson and Lydia (Briggs) Hill and a descendant of the Hills of Massachusetts. The mother was living in her island home during the War of 1812, and afterward well remembered the stirring events of that time. Although Mr. Hill began life in humble circumstances, sadly handicapped in many ways, he has bravely surmounted all obstacles, and won an assured position among the respected and valued citizens of his native town. He had a step-father, a Mr. Mitchell, whom he never knew, his early home having been with Mr. Bennett; but it was his privilege and pleasure to tenderly care for his mother in her last years.

Mason C. Hill began working for his living when a very young boy. At the age of fourteen he used to go on fishing-smacks as cook. On one of his first voyages he came very near being killed by having his head crushed between two vessels, his rescue from death being almost a miracle. At the age of seventeen he left his foster-parents to serve an apprenticeship of three years at the carpenter's trade with Joseph Frink, on the conditions that he would receive one month's schooling yearly and one hundred dollars and a set of tools when his time would expire. He was not allowed to attend school; and, instead of receiving the tools and money referred to, he bought the last three months of his time from Mr. Frink for sixty dollars. He worked at his trade in West Hoboken, going there after the great fire, previous to 1840. Then he secured a position as carpenter in Groton, his wages being fixed at one dollar per day and board; but, when his employer cut his pay to seventy-five cents a day, he left him. Coming then to Mystic, he worked for a time at boat-building for eighty-four cents a day. He afterward shipped for New Orleans. Upon his return from that voyage he was offered one

dollar a day as a ship-carpenter, in the yards of Irons & Grinnell, his pay to continue, rain or shine. He continued working as a ship and house carpenter for some time, carrying on business for eight years for Charles Mallory in Mystic. In 1858 he went to Jersey City, N.J., to superintend the construction of a dry dock, remaining there till the fall of 1860. In this year he formed a partnership with Amos Grinnell, and for the ensuing fifteen years was engaged in ship-building under the firm name of Hill & Grinnell, constructing in that time many steamships.

During the war Mr. Hill was employed by the government in Connecticut and New York to superintend the building of war vessels; and for nineteen months in Cincinnati he superintended the construction of ironclad monitors at a salary of four thousand dollars. These ironclads, the "Catawba" and the "Oneoto," built in 1863 and 1864, which were never in action, were subsequently sold to the Peruvian government. Afterward he lost about five thousand dollars by the burning of his ship-yard. In 1891 he embarked in his present mercantile business, in which he is meeting with good success.

Mr. Hill was married in 1842 to Mary Ann Williams, a woman of rare loveliness of character and personality. She was accidentally drowned July 4, 1853, leaving an adopted daughter. The latter is Phebe, the widow of John Forsyth, who died during the war, leaving two little ones. In 1855 Mr. Hill married Margaret Wheeler, of Stonington, a daughter of Stephen A. Wheeler. Of the eight children born of this union, two are now living — John E. and Herbert Crary. John E. Hill, after graduating from Yale University, took a post-graduate course at Clark University, and is now serving his second year as

professor of mathematics, his favorite science, in Columbia College. He is married, and has one daughter. Herbert Crary, also a graduate of Yale, is a civil engineer by profession. One of Mr. Hill's daughters, Mary Ann, who married Frank H. Sheffield, died leaving two children, one of them an infant. Mr. Hill is a staunch Republican, takes an active interest in public affairs, and has served for two terms as Selectman of the town. He is a member of the Methodist church, and for more than thirty years has been the secretary of the Board of Trustees. Liberal and active in all religious movements, he has given financial aid toward the erection of three churches.

JOSHUA HALEY, of the hardware firm of Haley & Chesebro, one of the oldest and most reliable houses in Stonington, was born on the old Haley homestead in this town, September 5, 1822. A son of Joshua and Rebecca (Brown) Haley, his ancestry is traced through five generations to John Haley and his wife, Mary (Saunders) Haley, who are known to have lived in Centre Groton, Conn., as early as 1738. They were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters. Of these John, Joshua, and Caleb remained at Centre Groton. John, from whom this branch of the family is descended, came to Stonington, and settled on a large tract of land, much of which was covered with a heavy growth of timber. This place was the family home for four generations. John married Deborah Fanning, and became the father of thirteen children, four sons and nine daughters, all of whom grew up, and all but one married. The sons were named: John, Edmund, Joshua, and Belcher. Edmund married Polly Irish; Joshua left no issue; and Belcher married a Miss Barry. One daughter, Abi-

gail, was married May 10, 1770, to William Miner, and had twelve children; another, whose name is not given, was the wife of John West; Zeruah married David Smith in 1777, and afterward lived in Mystic, Conn.; Hannah married Manassa Miner in 1779, and had seven children; Mary became the wife of Thomas Leeds in 1773; Constance married a Burdick; Lucy married Nathan Burdick in 1784; Deborah was the wife of Elisha Hancock; and Phebe did not marry. The father died in 1813, at an advanced age, and the mother in 1827.

John Haley, son of the preceding bearer of the name, was born in Stonington in 1763. During the Revolutionary War he served on the American privateer "Yankee." On October 21, 1792, he married Priscilla Fellows, a descendant of an old family here. Three sons were born to them, namely: John, July 22, 1793; Joshua, March 15, 1795; and Elihu, born May 8, 1797. Joshua, the father of the subject of this sketch, succeeded his father as owner of the old homestead at the Roads. About the year 1832 he moved to the village, and engaged in cabinet-making, a trade he learned in Hebron, Conn. He worked at that and carpentering for some years. Rebecca, his wife, to whom he was married in 1821, was a daughter of David and Lydia (Billings) Brown. Her father was in the Revolutionary War; and her mother, who lived ninety-six years and some months, drew a pension for many years as his widow. Of their twelve children five reached mature life, namely: Joshua, the subject of this sketch; Rebecca, who was the wife of John Brown, of Quiambog, and died in 1894, aged seventy years, leaving four children; Jane, wife of James Norman, a large farmer of Poquetanuck, in Ledyard; John E., who lives in New Britain, Conn.; and Harriet, who is still single.

Joshua Haley, the special subject of this biography, attended school at the Roads church until ten years old, when his father removed to Stonington village. From the age of seventeen to that of twenty-one he served an apprenticeship as a worker in tin and iron, and in 1847 started in business for himself as a hardware merchant. Beginning on a small scale with a limited stock, he has built up the business so that it now gives employment to from two to four men. He had conducted it alone for nearly twenty years, when, in 1866, his present partner, E. S. Chesebro, who had previously been in his employ, became a member of the firm. The new firm, Haley & Chesebro, at once removed from the old stand down town to their present commodious quarters, where they occupy three floors, and carry a large and varied line of goods. The store is the leading one of its description in Stonington. Mr. Haley is one of the oldest merchants here, fifty years having passed since he established the business.

On New Year's Day, 1851, Mr. Haley and Miss Matilda Williams were united in marriage. She was born at Groton Bank, Conn., and is a daughter of Captain Peter and Amy (Daniels) Williams. In his younger days her father was a sea captain, and later ran the New London ferry-boat, which was drawn by four horses. A son and daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Haley. The daughter, Matilda W. Haley, is a lady of musical ability, and lives at home. George W. Haley, the son, now a newsdealer in Stonington, was a student in the agricultural department of Amherst College, and was at one time employed in the railroad office here. He married Hope Dyer, of Providence, R.I. Previously a Whig, Joshua Haley has been a Republican since the birth of his party. He has served in various minor offices and as

Burgess. Under President Lincoln he was appointed United States Weigher, an office that he held until it was abolished, some eight or ten years later. During his term of office in this capacity he weighed four shiploads of railroad iron. He was also Justice of the Peace for ten years. Mr. Haley is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a Knight Templar, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being the oldest member in this county. He joined the latter fifty years ago, has been through all the chairs, and he was a Representative to the Grand Lodge three times. In the Congregational church he is the senior Deacon and a trustee, and he has been the superintendent of the Sunday-school for a quarter of a century. He has resided at the corner of Main and Church Streets for thirty years.

HENRY C. JOHNSON, the efficient manager of the William G. Johnson Company dye works at Uncasville, in the town of Montville, was born here July 10, 1843, son of William G. and Louisa (Matthewson) Johnson. His paternal great-great-grandfather emigrated from Scotland to America. The grandfather, William, was born near Norwich, Conn., in 1765. On June 26, 1799, he married Nancy, daughter of John Leach, a farmer of this town. They had these children: William G., born in New London, April 3, 1800; Robert, born July 1, 1801; Nicholas, born in February, 1803; Nancy, born May 30, 1807; and Sarah, who is the widow of Erastus Osgood, a brother of the late Dr. Charles Osgood, and resides in Vermont, being still bright and active. The parents of these children have long since passed to the life immortal.

William G. Johnson, father of Henry C.,

married Louisa Matthewson, a native of Bozrahville, this county, in 1823. Immediately after his marriage he went, accompanied by his wife, to Buenos Ayres, South America, where for twelve years thereafter he was engaged in trade. They had five sons and four daughters, eight of whom grew to maturity: Mary, Caroline, Nicholas W., Louisa, Andrew T., Edwin C., Charles S., Henry C., and Lucy. Mary died in infancy in Buenos Ayres. Caroline married Samuel Townsend, and died in 1863 in Bovina, Miss., leaving four children. Nicholas W. is a banker in Des Moines, Iowa. Louisa, widow of Robert H. Gardner, resides in Norwich. Andrew T., who was Captain of Company A, Thirteenth Connecticut Regiment, met his death in a railroad disaster. He was twenty-eight years of age and unmarried. Edwin C. resides on the old homestead. Charles S. is a resident of Norwich. Lucy married Dr. McLord, and both she and her husband died in Kansas City, Mo.

Henry C. Johnson, after acquiring his education, engaged successively in various occupations. He subsequently became a live-stock dealer, going South to Texas after cattle, and being one of the first in that enterprise to drive a herd to Colorado. He remained in the West eleven years. He now owns some of the best blooded horses on the turf, among them being: Bessie Hessel, a very promising colt, by Father Wilkes, able to trot in 2.10; Walter J.; and a valuable mare, Westeria. He became the owner of the dye works five years ago, when it comprised but thirty-four mills. Since then he has refitted the plant at an expense of thirty-four thousand dollars. He takes a justifiable pride in the quality and high reputation of his goods.

On August 15, 1871, Mr. Johnson was mar-

ried to Rebecca M., daughter of Richard Wells. Her father, a native of Woodbury, N.J., was a cotton broker and dry-goods merchant in Natchez, Miss. Her mother, Anna Laycock in maidenhood, was born in Camden, N.J. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have had seven children, five of whom are living; namely, William G., Richard W., Sarah, Nancy Leach, and Charles S. William G. was graduated at the Norwich Business College, and is now book-keeper in the dye works. Richard W., a young man of twenty-two, is superintendent of the William G. Johnson Company. Sarah, who was graduated at McLean's Seminary in Simsbury, Conn., is a fine pianist. Nancy, a young lady of seventeen, is now a student in the same seminary. Charles S., who possesses musical talent, plays the snare drum in Johnson's Military Band, which was organized in 1894, and has since won a fine reputation. Mr. Johnson owns the old fiddle which was found in the Niles House in 1812. In politics Mr. Johnson is an independent voter. He is identified with Mohegan Lodge, I. O. O. F., having attained its highest office, and he also belongs to the encampment.

WILLIAM J. BROWN, who was a prosperous and well-known farmer of Ledyard, was born in this town, August 31, 1841, son of James J. and Sophia E. (Crandall) Brown. The father was a native of Rhode Island, born near Hopkinton, April 3, 1806. When five years old, as his parents had a large family of children, he left home to live with his uncle, James Woodbridge, a large land-owner of Ledyard, who had no children. His marriage with Sophia E. Crandall was solemnized in 1840. She was born May 15, 1811. They became the parents of two sons — William J. and Albert Z.

Albert is a farmer on a portion of the old Woodbridge farm. The mother was nearly eighty-four when she died on March 4, 1895.

William J. Brown supplemented a district-school education with three terms of study in Dr. Hart's High School at Stonington Point. When nineteen years old he began teaching, which calling he followed in the winter season for several years. The most of his life, however, was spent in agricultural pursuits. He died January 2, 1897, on the farm whereon he had passed his last fourteen years.

On September 14, 1882, Mr. Brown married Mrs. Jennie A. Sabin, the widow of Charles Sabin, by whom she had no children. She is a daughter of Henry and Lucy (Smith) Denison, who were natives respectively of Stonington and Groton, Conn. Mr. Denison thirty years ago settled on this farm of one hundred acres, and continued to live here until his death, April 5, 1885. Mrs. Brown then succeeded to the property. Her parents' ten children, three sons and seven daughters, grew to maturity; and eight are living in this section. Her mother died May 23, 1872, in her seventy-fifth year. Mr. Denison lacked but three days of ninety-two years of age at the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have one daughter living, Jennie E., born July 6, 1883, who is an apt scholar in the common branches of study, and possesses considerable musical talent.

Though afflicted with heart-disease for years, Mr. Brown was always a hard worker, and at his death left his wife and daughter in good circumstances. Mr. Brown was always prominent in public affairs, and highly esteemed in the community as a man of sterling worth. He represented Ledyard in the State legislature for two terms, and served as School Visitor for several years, taking a deep inter-

est in educational matters. Mrs. Brown and daughter are members of the First Groton Baptist Church. They reside on the farm.

RICHARD WILLIAM CHADWICK, a prosperous farmer of Old Lyme, owner of the Chadwick farm, which has been in the family from the time of the Revolution, was born here, September 17, 1836, son of George H. and Mary (Sparrow) Chadwick. The paternal grandfather, Richard Chadwick, married a Miss Terry, of Long Island, by whom he had one son and one daughter, George and Betsey. The last named became the wife of Grant Chamberlain, reared a family of four daughters, and died at an advanced age in Litchfield County. George H. Chadwick adopted farming as his life occupation, and was quite successful. Esteemed by his fellow-townsmen, he was elected to various positions of trust and responsibility, including that of Selectman. He saw military service in the War of 1812, and at its close received an honorable discharge. In 1833 he married Mary Sparrow, of this town, daughter of Union Sparrow; and by her he had two children — George R. and Richard W. George, who went to sea, lost his life in 1852 when nineteen years old, by falling from the mizzen rigging of a vessel. The father and mother of the subject of this sketch, and also his grandparents, are resting in Old Lyme cemetery. The parents were members of the Congregational church.

Richard W. Chadwick was educated in the town schools and at Lyme Academy. Like his father, he became a farmer, in which occupation he has been successful. Politically, he is an ardent Republican. He takes a warm interest in town affairs, and has been repeatedly elected to public office. Until



RICHARD W. CHADWICK.

June, 1895, he was Deputy Sheriff, having held that position for thirty years with the exception of his period of service in the legislature and two years under a Democratic administration. He was instrumental in capturing the notorious gang of Bridgeport burglars in 1885, and at that time narrowly escaped death by a pistol shot fired by one of the youthful desperadoes while the Sheriff was placing him under arrest. In 1873 and 1889 he was sent by his town to the lower branch of the State legislature, where he served his constituents with the fidelity and ability which have always marked his administration of public office. In April, 1896, he was appointed County Commissioner for a term of three years. A Master Mason, he was formerly a member of Mount Olive Lodge, and now belongs to Pythagoras Lodge of Lyme.

At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Chadwick married Maria Bracey, of this town, who bore him two children (twins): G. Robert Chadwick; and Maria, now Mrs. Charles Stanton, of Hartford. The mother died while her children were yet infants. Mr. Chadwick married for his second wife, in January, 1886, Miss A. M. Rowland. In religious belief the family are Congregationalists.

WILLIAM DENISON ROGERS, the well-known ice dealer on Laurel Hill in Norwich, was born in Salem, Conn., February 15, 1831. A son of William Pendleton Rogers, he belongs to the twelfth generation descended from the John Rogers who was burned at the stake in England in the reign of Queen Mary. This branch of the Rogers family is one of the old and worthy families of the county. Denison Rogers, the grandfather, married Nancy Pendleton, and had four sons and three daughters

— Alfred, Henry, William, James, Charlotte, Lucy, and Emily. Alfred was Captain and James a Colonel in the militia.

William Pendleton Rogers, who was a teacher for many years, married in 1830 Lucy Caroline Beebe, of East Great Plain. She was born in 1809, daughter of Joab Beebe, who settled here in 1790. After the marriage they rented a farm in Salem. Two years later they removed to the old Beebe farm in Norwich, where they remained during the rest of their long and useful lives. Their children were: William Denison, Joab B., Emily, Mary Elizabeth, Nancy Maria, Jenny L., and J. Frank. Joab B. Rogers is the present jailer at New London. Emily died unmarried in 1873. Mary E. was married in California, and died there, leaving two children. Her twin sister, Nancy M., is unmarried, and resides at the old farm. Jenny L. became Mrs. Harris. J. Frank is a farmer and a mail agent of Salem.

William Denison Rogers remained at home until he reached his majority. He then bought a few acres of land in Great Plain, and built the house to which he took his bride on March 28, 1865. She was Susan Frances, daughter of Gardner and Martha (Bates) Hull. Mr. Rogers has been in the ice trade for thirty-two years, supplying ice both at wholesale and retail. His ice is obtained from the pure spring water which comes from his own water works on the hill, and which is conducted several hundred feet from the three reservoirs built by Mr. Bill. He bought this property on time, going in debt to the extent of five thousand dollars for the first purchase, and afterward buying over forty acres for the sum of one thousand dollars. Within five years he had paid up his entire indebtedness. He is now one of the solid farmers of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have two sons and a daughter. Their first-born, William Gardner, who is at home on the farm, spent a part of the year 1896 in California. Fanny Bell Rogers and her younger brother, John Denison, were educated in the Norwich High School. Miss Rogers is now cashier in the large store of Porteous & Mitchell, where she handles several hundred dollars daily. Mr. Rogers is a Republican voter, as was his father, though his ancestors were adherents of the opposite party. He carries on general farming, and besides three horses he keeps fifteen cows of the Holstein and Guernsey grades. He has made many improvements on his farm, including the erection of a double ice-house and sundry out-houses.

EDWARD KEEFE, an enterprising grocer doing business at 495 Bank Street, New London, was born in Newfoundland, April 4, 1852, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Brown) Keefe. The father, who was born in Ireland in 1824, married Elizabeth Brown, of the same country, and emigrated to Newfoundland. Subsequently he came to New London, where he followed the trade of tailor during the rest of his life. Of his seven children six were reared, namely: Edward, the subject of this sketch; Mary, of this city; James, a resident of Syracuse, N.Y.; Ellen, the wife of John Callahan; Thomas, who resides at home and is unmarried; and Richard, who also lives with his widowed mother on Bank Street.

After acquiring a public-school education in this city, Edward Keefe had learned the machinist's trade at the age of seventeen. He was employed for seventeen years thereafter in two concerns, serving the New London & Northern Railroad for fourteen years. In the

spring of 1885 he established his present grocery. He is the owner of his residence at 281 Bank Street and of another place on the corner of Bank and Ocean Avenue. On September 23, 1875, he was married to Bridget Rowe, of this city. Her parents, James and Elizabeth (Dray) Rowe, came from Ireland in 1851. Her father is dead; but her mother is still living, and has three daughters and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Keefe have six children — Mary, Frank, Fred, Edward, Bessie, and Lucy. Mary was graduated from Williams Memorial High School of this city in June, 1895. Frank, who was also a high-school graduate, is now the book-keeper in his father's store. The other children are still attending school. In politics Mr. Keefe is a sound money Democrat. He is a member of Trumble Lodge, No. 47, K. of P.; of the Ancient Order of Foresters of America; of the Knights of Columbus; and of St. John's Literary Association. In religion both he and Mrs. Keefe are Roman Catholics.

WILLIAM A. FRASER, book-keeper for the Robert Palmer & Son Company at Noank, in the town of Grotton, Conn., was born in Bath, Me., January 20, 1856, son of Simon Campbell and Jane (Nicholson) Fraser.

Simon C. Fraser, now a wharf builder at New London, was born at Kirk Hill, Inverness, Scotland, January 1, 1825. He was a son of Donald and grandson of Donald, Sr., a lineal descendant of Simon Levat, a noted Highlander, and at one time a contestant of his estate.

The family, nicknamed Maconic (from land owned by the family for many generations), immigrated in 1832 to Nova Scotia, where Donald, the father of Simon, died at the age

of eighty. There were seven children, and five are now living, namely: Simon C. and J. Donald, of New London; Ann Cameron, of New Glasgow, N.S.; and Margaret Henderson and Jennie Fraser, of Boston, Mass.

In 1868 Simon C. Fraser came to New London, and engaged in the ship-building industry; and about twenty years ago he took up wharf building, in which he still continues to do a profitable business. He resides at 115 Main Street, New London. Simon C. and his wife, Jane, who died December 21, 1884, had eight children. The three now living are: William A., of Noank; George W., an engineer and dock builder, engaged with his father in New London; and Jean C., a graduate of the class of 1896 in the Ladies' High School in that city.

William A. Fraser received his education in the common and high schools of New London. He assumed the duties of his present position with the Palmer Company a little more than eight years ago, in 1889. Five years before, on December 3, 1884, he married Miss Lena Brown, of Noank, daughter of George and Harriet (Cromwell) Brown. Her father is master of a fishing schooner, of which he is half-owner. She has one brother, Wilfrid Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have one child, Lloyd Wilfrid.

Politically, Mr. Fraser is a Prohibitionist from the ranks of the Democratic party. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, in which he is a Deacon, the clerk, and a teacher in the Sunday-school. The church has been a very active and prosperous one, and a year or two ago Mr. Fraser wrote a comprehensive and interesting history of its work in this community. Mr. Fraser is deeply interested in the welfare of the village. He was the president of the Village Improvement Association for a term of years, was one

of the organizers of the fire department in the village, and for the first two years after organization was its executive head.

JABEZ S. LATHROP, a veteran teacher, now retired and residing in North Washington Street, Norwich, was born May 28, 1824, in Bozrah, this county, son of Simeon and Phoebe (Peckham) Lathrop. The paternal great-grandfather, who was also named Simeon, lived on the farm on Blue Hill. This estate, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of land, was settled by an earlier ancestor, to whom it was granted by the Colonial authorities, and is now owned by Mrs. Jane Smith, a sister of Jabez S. Lathrop. The great-grandfather was ninety-eight years of age when he died. His son Andrew, who was born on the Lathrop homestead, there spent his life, principally engaged in farming, and died at the age of seventy-nine years, from injuries inflicted by an enraged ram. The first of Andrew's two marriages was contracted with Lucretia Smith, who died in the prime of life. She had two sons and four daughters. The son Azariah, who died in Vernon, Tolland County, in 1891, nearly eighty years of age, married a Miss Huntington. Andrew's second wife was Zerviah Polly Lathrop.

Simeon Lathrop, the father of Jabez S., lived to be nearly ninety-three years of age, and was in the full possession of his mental powers up to the time of his death in 1886. He was twice married. By the first marriage there was one son, William, who volunteered from Pembroke for service in the late war, and who was mortally wounded while in a skirmish just before the battle of Bull Run. He died during the battle on Sunday, and is buried in an unknown grave. His captain

said that he was a typical soldier, and that no braver one had ever been known. By his marriage with Phœbe Peckham, who died about 1850, at the age of fifty-one, he had five sons and five daughters, all of whom grew to maturity. They were: Andrew, Lucy, Jabez S., Alanson, Peckham, Jane, David A., Lydia, Ann Hasseltine, and Phœbe Calista. Andrew Lathrop, born in 1822, was a carriage builder in Belvidere, Ill., and died there at the age of seventy. Lucy is the widow of John Asheroft, and resides in Franklin with her sister, Mrs. Lydia Smith. Alanson died in 1867, leaving a widow. Jane is the widow of Lucien H. Smith, and, as above intimated, resides in Franklin. David went to Michigan, and is there living in Chase, Lake County. Lydia, the twin sister of David, is the widow of Henry Smith. Ann married A. F. Park, a brother of the late Judge J. D. Park. She died in 1892, leaving one daughter, Miss Annie Park, a graduate of the Norwich Free Academy and a most competent teacher in this town. Phœbe, who lived to be about twenty years of age, was the first of the family to die.

Jabez S. Lathrop was educated in the common schools under Martin Pomeroy Wells, who was afterward the able vice-president of Marietta College. Mr. Lathrop was subsequently a student at an academy. When eighteen years of age he began to teach school. This profession he afterward followed for nearly forty-seven years, meeting with rare success as an instructor. He is now one of the twelve trustees of the State School for Boys, and is the acting chairman of the board. Though not a church member, he is an energetic worker in the First Congregational Church of Norwich, which dates back to 1660; and he has for many years sung in the choir. On coming to Norwich forty

years ago, he rented the comfortable and pleasant dwelling which is now his home, and shortly afterward bought it. He has served the town as Selectman for five years, and was in the legislature in 1879, 1881, and 1884, where he showed himself thoroughly informed on all questions of public importance. Besides this he was also County Treasurer for nine years. In politics he is a Republican, and his first Presidential vote was cast for Henry Clay. Not long since a partial stroke of paralysis obliged him to give up teaching.

On December 4, 1848, Mr. Lathrop was united in marriage with Julia, a daughter of Elijah J. and Joanna R. (Ellis) Backus and a grand-daughter of Asa Backus, who was the third Asa Backus in this town. The fourth Asa is Asa William Backus, of Toledo, Ohio. Besides an infant daughter Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop have lost a son, Joseph Backus Lathrop, who left a wife and two daughters—Julia B. and Helen W., both residents of Columbus, Ohio. Four of their children are living. Their daughter Helen M. is a graduate of the Norwich Free Academy and a highly successful teacher of Norwich. Her sister, Julia L., is the wife of Walter H. Potter and the mother of one daughter, Ruth Lathrop Potter. Alanson P. Lathrop is the secretary and treasurer of the gas company in Columbus, Ohio. He married Ella Farquhar, and has two children—Grayson F. and Gertrude. Gertrude L., the youngest child of Jabez S. Lathrop, is now the wife of Alonzo M. Luther, of Norwich.

HON. S. ASHBEL CRANDALL, a prominent Norwich lawyer, was born in Ledyard, October 12, 1851, son of Stiles and Caroline L. (Greene) Crandall, and grandson of Welles and Sally (Wood-



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bridge) Crandall. Welles Crandall, who was a native of Rhode Island, followed the trade of tanner in Preston. His wife, who was born in Groton, lived to be sixty years of age; and he died in middle life. They are buried in Ledyard. They had a son and three daughters.

Stiles Crandall, the only son of Welles Crandall, was born in Groton, November 25, 1813. He is a highly esteemed and successful farmer of Ledyard, where he and his wife still reside on their farm. Although advanced in years, they are remarkably active. Mrs. Caroline L. Crandall is a daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Bolles) Greene, of Waterford, Conn. Her marriage with Stiles Crandall was performed in 1844. Of their two sons and a daughter, S. Ashbel is the only survivor. Caroline Augusta died at eight years of age, and Stiles lived to be but thirteen months old. Beginning soon after attaining his legal majority, the father served the town in different offices until he was seventy years old. He was Assessor for thirty consecutive years. In 1860 he was elected to the State legislature by the largest majority ever given in his district.

S. Ashbel Crandall spent his boyhood on the farm, and his early education was acquired in the district school. When eighteen years old, he engaged in school teaching, and afterward followed that calling until he was twenty-five. Shortly after, he began to read law in Iowa City, Ia., at the State University, from which he was graduated in 1878. In the following year he was admitted to the bar at Norwich, and immediately engaged in practice. His career as a lawyer has been attended with marked and well-deserved success. In 1880, on the Democratic ticket, he was elected as Representative to the lower house of the State legislature from Ledyard. From

1888 to 1892 he was Mayor of Norwich, and from 1893 to 1895 he was a State Senator and City Attorney. He has also been a member of the Board of Education six years. He is Judge Advocate and a member of Brigadier-general Haven's staff, with the rank of Major. Fraternally, he is a Master Mason, a Past Grand Conductor in the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a Knight of Pythias, a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and a Forester.

On April 25, 1883, Mr. Crandall was joined in marriage with Miss Jane F. Stoddard, of Ledyard, a daughter of Sanford B. and Mary Stoddard, both of whom are now deceased. She died June 18, 1885, when thirty-four years of age, leaving two children. The latter are: Mary S., twelve years old; and Billings F. S., eleven years old. For the past seven years Mr. Crandall has made his home in the Wauregan House.

RRIN F. HARRIS, M.D., a popular physician of Norwich, is a native and a resident of Preston. He was born May 31, 1843, son of Robert B. and Betsey (Brewster) Harris. The father, who died in 1863, about fifty-six years of age, was a cabinet-maker of Preston and a man of solid worth. His wife, who was the daughter of Erastus Brewster and a sister of Augustus and Frank Brewster, survived until 1895, and attained the age of eighty years. Besides Orrin F. she had three other children. Charles R. Harris, the eldest, who died in Hoboken, N.J., in 1896, aged sixty-two years, was a mariner, and, though modest and retiring, was a man of merit and of influence. He left a widow and two sons. Lucretia Harris is now Mrs. Elias M. Brewster, of Norwich. George H., now residing in Preston, was for

years the agent of the Norwich & Worcester Transportation Company in Norwich.

Orrin F. Harris, the youngest child of his parents, received his elementary education in the common schools. Subsequently he entered the medical department of Columbia College. Believing that he could be of service to his country and at the same time gain valuable experience, he volunteered in 1862 in the medical department of the army, and was appointed to the hospital at Alexandria under General Surgeon Edward Bentley, a personal friend. After the war Dr. Harris returned to Columbia to complete his medical studies, and graduated in 1865. He began practice in Norwich, opening his present office in March, 1865. He has well earned his reputation of a skilful and conscientious physician.

The Doctor was married in August, 1890, to Mary A., daughter of Daniel W. and Sarah (Woodward) Tracy, of Preston. The ceremony was performed in a house that he had previously erected in Preston, and which has since been the family residence. Besides a little son, the Doctor and his wife have been bereft of twin boys, who lived but a few hours. They have one infant son, Orrin F., who is the object of their tenderest care and affection. Essentially a domestic man, the Doctor is devotedly attached to his home and family. His greatest pleasure in life is to return home after a tiresome day, and enjoy the quiet rest of his own fireside and the companionship of his home circle and family friends. In politics he is a loyal Republican, but he has never cared to hold public office. During the years of the anti-slavery agitation he was an abolitionist. The estate upon which Dr. Harris resides comprises about one hundred and twenty acres of good land. On it is a peach orchard of fifteen hundred trees,

recently set out, which promises to become one of the finest orchards of the kind in this section of the State. Dr. Harris relies more on nature than on drugs, and is never afraid to prescribe in accordance with this principle.

THOMAS O. THOMPSON, a well-known insurance dealer in New London, was born in New York City, April 14, 1864, son of Francis and Adelaide (Owen) Thompson. Alexander, the paternal grandfather, emigrated from Ballantragh, Londonderry, in the north of Ireland, in 1810, bringing his wife and children. He was a wealthy retired sea captain, who subsequently engaged as a shipping merchant. His first marriage was contracted with Ann Corscodden, who died June 12, 1809, leaving two of her four children. In February, 1810, he married Margaret Burney, of New York, who had ten children. She died October 30, 1838, leaving eight children. He reared ten of his fourteen children, and three of his daughters are still living.

Francis Thompson, son of Alexander, was a wholesale hardware merchant of the firm A. R. Van Ness & Co., one of the largest concerns of the city at that time. He married Adelaide Owen in New York City, June 1, 1847, and they had six children — Adelaide M., Elizabeth O., Carrie N., Francis G. A., Thomas O., and Mary N. Adelaide was twice married, the first time to Lieutenant Commodore Walter Abbott, of the United States navy. She is now the widow of Dr. H. C. Nelson. Elizabeth O. married Captain J. E. Sawyer, of the United States army. Carrie N. is the wife of Edwin Van Hornstein, who is a Major in the German army at Strasburg. Francis G. A. is in Chicago, Ill. Mary N. is the wife of Dallas Goodwin, of New York City.

The father died January 1, 1869, and the mother, at the age of fifty-three, in 1880, having survived her husband eleven years. She was a daughter of Thomas Owen, of this city. Her grandfather, John Owen, was the first City Clerk in New London, and filled that office from 1784 to 1824, a period of forty years. Previously he was a successful teacher for many years, and was familiarly known as Master Owen. He was married three times, and became the father of eighteen children, of whom Thomas was the youngest.

Thomas O. Thompson was a student in the schools of Heidelberg and Baden-Baden, Germany, from the time he was nine years of age until 1880, when he came to New London. He has served in the militia for fifteen years, being promoted from the rank of private to that of Captain. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. On March 26, 1888, he married Jeanette Allender in New York City. Her parents, William and Mrs. (Garrett) Allender, who married young, subsequently went to the diamond mines near Cape Town, South Africa, where the father was employed in civil engineering, leaving her and her brother William in New London to be educated. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have one son, Thomas O., yet a babe. They reside at 1 Nathan Hale Street, where Mr. Thompson built his fine house on Post Hill in 1892. Personally, Mr. Thompson is pleasant and refined, and stands high in the social and commercial circles of New London.

EDWIN A. ROATH, a highly respected citizen of Norwich, living in retirement at 20 Spalding Street, was born on Union Street, this city, November 2, 1823. Asa Roath, his father, was born March 3, 1790, on Roath Street, Norwich, in

the old Roath house, which was erected by a member of the family over two hundred years ago, and which is now the property of the subject of this sketch. Eleazer Roath, the father of Asa and a son of Stephen, was born in the same house in 1747, and died in 1835. He was a farmer, and owned a large and valuable estate, a portion of which is still in the family. He married Hannah Killam, of Norwich, who bore him four sons and four daughters. Of these, three sons and three daughters lived to a good age. Stephen Roath died in 1808, at an advanced age, leaving considerable property. Robert Roath, a native of England and the first to settle in America, came here about the year 1640, and established a home on Plain Hill or Wawacus Hill, Norwich, a portion of a grant of land received from the town proprietors. According to family tradition these early ancestors were men of magnificent physique, some of them standing six feet or more in height.

Asa Roath, who was five feet, eleven and one-half inches tall, and weighed about two hundred and ninety pounds, was a Colonel in the State militia. In the War of 1812 he served in the defence of New London. In 1820 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Allyn, of Groton, now Ledyard, Conn., where her birth occurred in May, 1799. She was a daughter of General Billings Allyn. Nine children were the fruit of their union, as follows: Edwin and Ann, both of whom died in childhood, of scarlet fever, within a very short period; Edwin A.; Hannah, the widow of Ruphus Leeds Fanning, who died in middle age; Stephen, who resides in Chicago, Ill.; Elizabeth, the widow of David M. Randall, now living on Franklin Street, Norwich, and who has one daughter; Louis Phillip, named by his aunt, Mary Allyn Clarke, whose husband was the captain of a merchantman, re-

siding in Norwich; Ann Meach, who was the wife of Henry L. Parker, resided at 431 Franklin Street, Norwich, and who died in the fall of 1894, aged fifty-eight years, leaving two sons and three daughters; and Henrietta Louisa, who died in infancy. The father died March 11, 1846, when fifty-six years of age, and the mother on May 20, 1859, aged sixty years.

Edwin A. Roath was graduated from Norwich Academy when eighteen years of age. Soon after he began his business career in the Norwich & Worcester Railroad, covering a period of over fifty years. For twenty-four years of that time he was an engineer and for twenty-one years a station agent. He ran a special train into Boston at the time of the dedication of Bunker Hill Monument. His present home, where he has lived since January, 1870, was purchased by him in 1868. He also owns two other places on North Main Street, built in 1839, that were formerly owned by his father; also his grandfather's place on Roath Street, which was built about two centuries ago, a home in which the red man always received kindly treatment, and from which he was never turned away.

On February 21, 1849, Mr. Roath was united in marriage with Miss Frances M. Rathbone, of Norwich. They have had two sons, namely: Francis Edwin, who died when but two years old; and Frank Allyn Roath. The latter, who resides on Otis Street, Norwich, is the purser of the steamer "City of Worcester," which runs between New London and New York City. On June 28, 1894, he was married to Miss Gertrude Hakes, of Worcester, a very capable business woman, who was formerly book-keeper of a large concern in her native city. In politics Mr. Roath is a Democrat, while as a rule he declines all official honors.

MRS. LYDIA A. KEENEY, of New London, the widow of Samuel C. Keeney, was born here, September 25, 1817, daughter of Josiah and Lydia (Lester) Keeney and a grand-daughter of Daniel Keeney. The family are an old and numerous one, who trace back their ancestry in this section for two hundred years. The early ancestor, John Keeney, occupied the front part of the Alfred Mitchell mansion, where he reared his family. The house is undoubtedly one hundred and fifty years old. Among the descendants who were born in this house were Mrs. Keeney and her husband, and they were second cousins.

Josiah Keeney, the father of Mrs. Keeney, died in April, 1817, before she was born, leaving a widow, two sons and two daughters. The widow was again married to her husband's brother, Richard, by whom she also had two sons and two daughters. After surviving her second husband, she died in Chesterfield, Conn., in August, 1881, in her eighty-ninth year. Two children by the second marriage still survive, namely: Erastus Keeney, of this city; and the widow Fox, of Chesterfield.

Mrs. Keeney was twice married. Her first husband, to whom she was united in 1836, was Harris Lewis, of this city. He lived but four years thereafter, dying at the age of thirty-one. Mrs. Lewis had one child by him, Harry, who was born after the father's death. He died at the age of three years. In 1843 she was married to Mr. Keeney, by whom she became the mother of seven children, the youngest of whom died in infancy. The survivors are: Joseph Keeney, of Washington, D.C., who is married; Harriet, who married George H. Johnson, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Emma J., the wife of Charles Burdell, of New Haven, Conn.; Ulyssus, a single

gentleman, living at home with his mother; Hiram H., of this city; and Lilian, who married Charles Tarbox, a blacking manufacturer of this city. Mrs. Keeney has four grandchildren.

Samuel C. Keeney, a former resident of this city, was born here in 1813, son of Giles and Theresa (Chappell) Keeney and grandson of John Keeney, of this place. His father and grandfather were fishermen. His parents had seven children, only two of whom are now living. These are: Captain John, who is eighty-four years of age; and his sister, Caroline, now Mrs. Samuel Lester, who lives on Shelter Island, New York. Samuel C. Keeney shipped on a merchantman in early life, and went to foreign countries. Having begun as a common sailor, he was the captain of a fishing-smack at the age of eighteen. He was also engaged in wrecking off the coast of Florida, making and losing a great deal of money thereby. When he died in 1887, at the age of seventy-four, he left his widow with a comfortable competency. She sold her house on Blinman Street, and built a smaller one, 92 Willetts Avenue, in 1888.

DAVID A. NORRIS, a retired commercial traveller of Norwich, living at Yantic, was born in Hanover, Morris County, N.J., November 8, 1826, son of David and Joanna (Burnet) Norris. The father, who was born in 1791, was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in Whippany until he was sixty-five years of age. Then he removed to Bridgeport, Conn., where he died at the age of seventy-five. A whole-souled, benevolent man, he seldom lost an opportunity to do a kindness for a neighbor or friend. As a workman he was skilled in all parts of his craft, and could match his work

with that of any other man in the trade. His wife, Joanna, who was a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, born in 1801, died in New Haven, at the age of seventy-five years.

David A. Norris received a common-school education, and when fourteen years of age began to learn the blacksmith's trade in his father's shop. When eighteen years old he came to Bridgeport, this State, and there remained for six years, working as a blacksmith. He then learned to make wagon springs, and followed that trade in Bridgeport for four years. In 1856 he went to Greenville, and entered the employ of the Mowrey Spring and Axle Company. For nearly twenty years he had charge of their shop. At the end of that time the constant confinement of indoor labor had so affected his health that he felt the need of a protracted rest and change. He therefore went to Suffolk, Va., and rusticated on a farm there for a year, from Christmas to Christmas, living as much as possible in the open air, and going about minus hat and shoes. In this way he regained his health, and at the end of the year was able to take a position as travelling agent for enamelled ware. He travelled in the interests of this business, from Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore., and from British Columbia to the Gulf of Mexico, covering forty-six States and Territories. In the course of these journeyings he became familiar with all sorts and conditions of men, and gained a wide experience of human nature. He also gained extensive information on a variety of subjects, and is to-day one of the best informed men a traveller is likely to encounter. In 1895 Mr. Norris retired from active business, having been attacked with rheumatism, which at times made it impossible for him to prosecute his work. The value of his services to the firm for which he travelled, and their appreciation of his

worth, may be inferred from the fact that on this occasion they settled on him a comfortable annuity for the rest of his life.

In the spring of 1887 Mr. Norris bought the forty-acre farm which is his present home; and he now spends his time in outdoor pursuits — hunting, fishing, or driving. He has a fine horse and a handsome Gordon setter, which are his companions on many a pleasant excursion. The fishing-rod, in the use of which he is an expert, whiles away many an hour. Mr. Norris is a very genial man and, on account of his wide knowledge, at all times a most interesting and instructive companion. He is not a member of any religious organization; but, appreciating the value of Christian benevolence, he delights in making generous contributions to a worthy cause. He voted for John C. Fremont in 1856, and has ever since been a staunch Republican. Since 1873 he has been a Master Mason. He has been twice married. On the first occasion, in 1848, he wedded Sarah A. Seeley, of Bridgeport, Conn. She became the mother of a daughter, Hattie S., who was born in 1850. Mrs. Sarah Norris died in 1864, at the age of thirty-one. On May 24, 1865, Mr. Norris entered his second marriage with Mrs. Mary E. Prentice, the widow of Leonard Prentice and a daughter of Harlan Hyde, of the distinguished Hyde family, of which a fine genealogy has been published. There are no children by this marriage.

DAVID C. MANWARING, a retired sea captain of Niantic, Conn., was born in East Lyme, a mile from this village, on the 15th of September, 1812, son of Latham and Emily (Manwaring) Manwaring. The family to which he belongs is an old one in this county, Oliver Manwaring

having settled at New London about 1663. From Mrs. Frances M. Calkins's History we learn that a Thomas Manwaring, thought to have been a nephew of Oliver, married in 1722 Esther Christophers, and is the ancestor of the Lyme branch of the Manwarings.

Captain Manwaring's father followed the sea during the greater part of his active life, and was first mate in a coasting-vessel. His wife was the daughter of an older Latham Manwaring, so that by singular coincidence her husband and father bore the same names. Captain Manwaring's father died in 1842, at the age of sixty years, having been born during the Revolutionary War. His wife survived him a few years, and died at about the same age. Their children, of whom there were five, married and scattered. Some are dead; and one son, Nehemiah, was buried at sea. The only survivors are Captain Manwaring and his sister Abbie, widow of William Davidson.

During three months of the year David C. Manwaring, until he was twelve years old, attended the district school. At the age of fourteen he went as cook on a fishing-smack alongshore, and at twenty he began to go on deep-sea voyages South as a sailor. At the age of twenty-six he was captain of the sloop "Trojan," in which he sailed for eight years, engaged in fishing for mackerel, sea bass, and halibut alongshore. He then became master of a fishing-sloop. William Chester built her, and sailed in her for seven years. After that he was in the schooner "North America" for two years, until the 17th of August, 1864, when she was sunk by the privateer "Tallahassee," on Brown's Bank, off the coast of Nova Scotia, with a full load of halibut. She was owned by Messrs. Charles S. Howard, Edwin Howard, Daniel Howard, and Daniel Howard, Jr. The "Tallahassee" ap-



MR. AND MRS. DAVID C. MANWARING.

propriated the papers of the "North America," together with her quadrant, charts, fishing gear, and so forth, and then sunk her forty miles off shore. The captain and his crew of six men were kept prisoners for seven hours, and were then put on board of a brig. The sloop was valued at four thousand five hundred and seventy dollars, and was paid for some seventeen years later.

On September 14, 1836, the day before his twenty-fourth anniversary, Captain Manwaring married Frances Sands Clark, who was born on Block Island, November 5, 1816. Their only child, a son, Charles Henry Manwaring, died at the age of two years and a half. Captain and Mrs. Manwaring have lived at their pleasant home at 104 Main Street, Niantic, for the last forty-nine years. When the Captain was away on a voyage, Mrs. Manwaring bought a lot of land, and, before her husband's return, had had a house built, and was fairly settled in it.

In politics the Captain has always been a Democrat. He belongs to no secret order or society; and, when at home between his sea voyages, his time was spent in the companionship of his family and by his own fireside. He retired from following the sea some sixteen years ago, and during the last three years has especially devoted himself to caring for his wife, who is in failing health.

CHARLES HENRY SCHWANER, a successful marketman, who has carried on his business in New London for a score of years, was born March 3, 1849, in Germany, son of Frederick Schwaner. Having lost his parents while yet very young, his childhood was spent in Brooklyn, N.Y., among strangers. He first came to New London in 1866. After a three

years' stay he went to Hartford, and there at the age of twenty-one years started in the market business. After conducting it for ten years in that place, he came in 1876 to New London, and engaged in the same line of business, beginning on Bank Street. Two years later he sold out and opened his present market at 46 Main Street, where he has built up a large trade, employs six men, and has one of the finest markets in the city. Although he started in life without capital, he now owns valuable property, and is looked upon as one of the most worthy and substantial business men of the city.

In 1872 Mr. Schwaner was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Louisa Saunders, a native of Germany, who came to this country with her parents when a child. After her father's death, which occurred a few years later, her mother married Frederick Heine. The latter is now dead, and the widow resides in Hartford. She is the mother of two sons and four daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Schwaner lost a son when he was eighteen months old. They have four sons and a daughter living, namely: Fred, a bright, young man, in business with his father in the market: May, Harry, Alfred, and Stanley, all of whom, except May, are still attending school. Mr. Schwaner casts his vote with the Republican party, but does not participate further in politics. He is a member of the Knights Templar, the Odd Fellows, and the Patriarchs Militant.

CAPTAIN JOHN L. WARD, of New London, an aged seafarer, who followed his calling until his eightieth year, was born in New London, Conn., November 27, 1815, son of John and Eliza (Beers) Ward. The father, who was a native

of Liverpool, England, born in the year 1780, after serving his country as a sailor on a man-of-war, came to New London about 1812. His marriage with Eliza Beers, who was a native of Waterford, New London County, took place in either that year or the next. Three sons and three daughters were born to them, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: Ann Ward, who died about 1866; John L., the subject of this sketch; Abbie, the widow of Alonzo Lewis, now living in New London; William Ward, a sailor and ship officer, who was lost at sea when twenty-four years old; Captain Joseph Ward, unmarried, who died on shipboard, aged forty-five, and was buried at sea; and Lydia, who married James Perry, and who, together with her husband and children, is now deceased. The father died in 1825, aged forty-five. The mother, who survived him twelve years, passed away in 1837, at the age of fifty-two years.

John L. Ward, the eldest son and second child of his parents, received only a limited schooling. When seventeen years of age he went to sea with Captain Frank Smith. Climbing step by step from the lowest round of the ladder, he became a captain at twenty-four. His early voyages were made on whaling-vessels to the Pacific and Arctic Oceans. His longest voyage, which was undertaken shortly after his marriage, was to the Arctic Ocean, where he spent three years. He has been master and part owner in five different vessels. He made forty voyages to the West Indies. For five years he was captain of a merchantman. In 1849 he went to California, taking his wife with him, and was away two years on that trip, during which time he visited the Sandwich Islands. Afterward he made a second trip alone to California, going this time by the Isthmus of Panama. After spending fourteen years in the government

employ, he lost his position when the Democrats came into power. About two years ago he retired from the sea, which he had followed all together for nearly forty years. It is claimed that he is the oldest seaman in New London, while it is admitted that his old shipmate, Captain Green, is about the same age, and has been a mariner for almost as long a period.

On April 27, 1840, Captain Ward married Miss Anna Fage, a daughter of John Fage, of Norwich, Conn. She died in 1884, aged seventy-two, leaving two daughters. Their third child, a daughter, died in infancy. Since Mrs. Ward's death, Flora Smith Ward has kept house for her father. Sarah, the other daughter, is the wife of Captain James F. Smith, of this city. Captain Ward has been a Master Mason for fifty-one years. While engaged in seafaring he visited lodges of the brethren in England, France, and other countries. He also belongs to the sailors' organization, the Jib-boom Club. His residence is the house, 15 Meridian Street, which he purchased in 1856.

FREDERICK P. LADD, of Salem, born in Franklin, Conn., March 30, 1827, is the eldest son of Asa Spalding and Harriet (Carey) Ladd. In the History of Hampshire, England, one William Ladd is mentioned as juryman in 1294, during the reign of Edward I., and the History of Surrey has a record of the fact that in 1325 Edward II. bought the manor of Heale from Walter de Heale, of which Walter Ladd was the custodian. The Ladds came to England in the following of William the Conqueror. A grant of some one thousand, three hundred and forty-four acres was made or transferred to Walter Ladd, mentioned above. The name

was formerly spelled Lade, and afterward Lad, but was changed to its present form by John Ladd, who was a member of the British Parliament for Southwark in Surrey from 1713 to 1722, and was created a baronet in 1740. The first of the family to settle in America was Daniel Ladd, of Haverhill, Mass., who came from County Kent, England, in the prime of his youth, in 1633-4, on the ship "Mary and John." (See the Ladd Genealogy.)

The records of Ipswich, Mass., show that Daniel Ladd, on the 5th day of February, 1637, was granted six acres of land, that he subsequently built a dwelling thereon, and lived in it for eleven years. He is described as "a typical pioneer and frontiersman, laboring for sixty years, trusting in God, and fearing nothing." Festus Ladd, the grandfather of Frederick P., born in Franklin, February 25, 1776, descended in a direct line from Daniel through Jonathan, Daniel, Samuel, Jonathan, Jeremiah, David, and Abner. Festus died in Franklin in 1848, aged seventy-two. His wife, Ruby Ladd, who was born in 1782, daughter of Ezekiel Ladd, was her husband's cousin. She lived many years in widowhood, and died in 1861. She had three sons and six daughters. Asa Spalding Ladd, son of Festus and Ruby Ladd, was a farmer in Franklin, in Norwich, and Salem, and died in the last-named place in 1875, at the age of seventy-two. His widow died in 1894, at the age of eighty-five. Of their twelve children one died in infancy. Seven married, and four sons and two daughters had children. One of the sons, Austin N., was a volunteer in the Civil War with the First Minnesota Regiment, and was the third man in the regiment to fall at the first Bull Run, having been shot through the body. He was a fine scholar, and he held a high rank in the

Masonic order. He was taken from Libby Prison by a brother Mason, Vice-President Stephens, and was cared for until his death.

Frederick P. Ladd left school when fourteen years old. In his sixteenth year he was afflicted with sciatic rheumatism, which crippled him and kept him in a semi-invalid state for some time. In 1861 he entered the employ of the Luce Brothers, and remained with them for eighteen years, making himself generally useful. He was first married at the age of thirty-six. Having lost his first wife and only child by death, he married again on Thanksgiving Day, in the year 1875, Miss Sarah M. Winchester, of Salem, a daughter of Lodowich Winchester. Her only child by him is also deceased. They have an adopted son, Willie F., a bright boy of seventeen years. Mr. Ladd is a Democrat in politics. He has been Constable and Tax Collector for the past three years, has served on the Board of Relief several times, is now serving his fourth year as Justice of the Peace, and he represented his district in the legislature for one term. Both he and Mrs. Ladd are Methodists. He has been a trustee of the church for nine years. His present farm of one hundred well-tilled acres was purchased by him some nineteen years ago. Considering the misfortunes of his early life, when he was crippled, in ill health, and poor, he has been remarkably successful in life.

LOUIS P. ROATH, a well-known railroad engineer living in retirement in Norwich, was born here, December 25, 1833, son of Asa and Elizabeth (Allyn) Roath. The founder of the family came from England about the year 1640, and settled in Norwich on a grant of land received by him

from the original town proprietors. He owned at one time about six hundred acres. The house in which he lived is still standing, situated about two hundred rods from the home of Louis P. Roath. An antique writing-desk, which is supposed to have been brought by him from England, is in Mr. Roath's possession.

Eleazer Roath, the father of Asa, who was born here, spent his mature years in farming on the old Roath homestead. After his death his daughters — Betsey, Rebecca, and Eunice — continued to live in the old house. Betsey, the last survivor, did not move out until the fall of 1866. She died December 31, 1880, aged one hundred years, three months, and twenty-seven days, retaining to the last full possession of her faculties. Remarkable for industry throughout her long life, her nimble fingers wove many a carpet on the hand carpet loom left there. On her century birthday she sat for the first and only picture ever taken of her. The chair in which she then sat is preserved as an heirloom. Rebecca lived to be seventy-five, and Eunice seventy-three years of age.

Asa Roath was born March 3, 1790, and died March 11, 1846. In his early years he taught school, and subsequently was engaged in surveying. A Colonel in the State militia, he served among the defenders of New London in the War of 1812. For several years he was Probate Judge. Although not a college graduate, he was intellectual and accomplished, a fine penman, and a most successful instructor. In 1820 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Allyn, who was born in Groton, Conn., July 2, 1799, daughter of General Stephen Billings Allyn. Nine children, four sons and five daughters, blessed the union. Of these three died in infancy; Hannah, the widow of Rufus Fanning, died about

1874, aged forty-seven years, leaving no children; and Ann Meach, the youngest child, who was the wife of Henry L. Parker, died in Norwich in 1894, aged fifty-eight, leaving five children. The survivors are: Edwin A. Roath, an esteemed resident of Norwich; Stephen B., of Chicago, Ill., whither he went in 1855, who is an eccentric bachelor, and takes pride in being wealthier than any Roath of whom he has heard; Elizabeth, the widow of Daniel M. Randall, of Norwich; and Louis P., the subject of this sketch. The father died in 1846, aged fifty-six years, and the mother in 1859, at the age of sixty years. Both were buried in the Yantic cemetery, while the earlier ancestors rest in the city cemetery.

His school days having ended when he was fourteen years old, Louis P. Roath at the age of sixteen years was employed on the railroad as a fireman. In September, 1850, fifteen months later, he was given an engine, which he ran until December, 1868. He had followed engineering for eighteen years on the Norwich & Worcester Railroad, when, in 1868, he entered the shops, and was there employed until 1892. In January, 1895, he retired from active labor, and has since lived in his modest but pleasant home at 127 Roath Street, built by him in 1869, on a plat of some eight acres, left by his father to him and his brother, Edwin A. Roath.

On January 21, 1857, Mr. Roath was married to Miss Laura E. Seagrave, of Worcester, Mass. She is an adopted daughter of John D. and Sarah (Larned) Seagrave. The former resides in Worcester, where his wife died in middle age, having had no children. Mrs. Roath was left an orphan when a small child, and was reared and educated by these kind foster-parents. She has borne her husband two children — Clarence P. and Walter.

Clarence P., who is a conductor on the Norwich division of the New England Railroad, married Miss Frances E. Andrews, a daughter of P. St. M. Andrews, of Norwich, and who died August 11, 1896; and Walter, an engineer on the Central Division of the New England Railroad, living in Providence, R.I., married Miss Ella F. Burnham, of Scarborough, Me., and has a daughter, Laura L., now eleven years old. Mr. Roath, Sr., votes with the Democratic party. He is a Master Mason and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Both he and Mrs. Roath are members of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Norwich.

ROBERT S. WATROUS,* a well-known retired master mariner of Mystic, New London County, Conn., was born in the town of Ledyard, this county, January 1, 1841, son of Robert Goudy and Lucy Margaret (Cunningham) Watrous. The original name of the family was Waterhouse.

Jacob Waterhouse, the earliest progenitor in this country, came from England to Saybrook, Conn., removing from thence to New London, where he was one of the first three men. He and his sons helped build the dam for the old town mill. His son Jacob was the father of John; and John's son Timothy became the father of Jabez, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was born in the town of Ledyard, and married Polly Goudy, a native of Poquetanuck, in this county. They had eleven children. Grandfather Watrous died when he was comparatively young, while the grandmother lived to be ninety years old. Their son Jabez is now living in Groton, being ninety-three years of age and the only surviving member of the family.

Robert Goudy Watrous, son of Jabez, Sr., was born at the old homestead in Ledyard in 1808; and in after life he well remembered the battle of Stonington. He was twice married. His first wife, Lucy Margaret Cunningham, who was born in Norwalk, Conn., in 1822, died at the age of thirty-three, leaving four of her six children, only two of whom are now living—Robert S. and John C. Watrous. John Cunningham, their maternal grandfather, was a soldier in the War of 1812; and his brother Benjamin served in the Mexican War, and was wounded. While he was in the act of shooting, a ball took away his thumb, and came out of his elbow. Robert Watrous married Mrs. Esther Crouch Rogers for his second wife. She survived him, living to be an octogenarian.

Robert S. Watrous was reared on the farm, and attended the common school. At the age of seventeen he began a sailor's life, which he continued to follow, with the exception of two and three-fourths years, until 1892, going at first in a fishing-smack to the Southern coast. He was captain of a vessel for twenty years. During the Civil War he enlisted as private in the Second United States Artillery, serving two years and nine months. On the first day of the battle of Gettysburg he fired the first gun, and was wounded in the leg by a minie ball and taken prisoner. His leg was amputated by a rebel surgeon on the field. Being released on parole, he spent three months each in Gettysburg, Philadelphia, and Baltimore Hospitals, returning home in 1864. He receives a pension; and he has charge of the drawbridge, but does very little business.

On March 24, 1869, he married Sarah Melinda Woodmancy, of Groton, daughter of Denison Woodmancy. Her father died when he was fifty-four years of age, while her

mother is still living at the age of eighty-two. Mr. and Mrs. Watrous have three children — Euretta, Sadie, and Robert. Euretta married Henry F. Leitz, and lives in Meriden, Conn. Sadie has studied vocal music in New York City, where she now sings soprano in one of the leading churches. Robert is a young man at home. Mrs. Watrous has a brother, Edward Woodmancy, living in Noank; and her sister, Mrs. Charles Newbury, resides in Mystic.

Fraternally, Mr. Watrous is serving his second year as Commander of Williams Post, No. 55, G. A. R. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge and Encampment, and to the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Republican.

CHARLES A. BAILEY, the leading horse dealer in New London County, was born in Groton, February 20, 1845. His parents were Captain Ezra and Emeline (Turner) Bailey; and his paternal grandparents were Ezra Bailey, Sr., and Hannah Bailey, who lived on a farm in Groton, and who had two sons, namely, Captain Ezra and Captain William Bailey, and one daughter. Captain Ezra Bailey was one of the old-time Connecticut whalemens, and sailed the ship "General Williams." He was drowned in the Sound near Saybrook about 1857, in the prime of life. His wife was left with two sons — Charles A. and Isaac Addison, the last named of whom is now in California, where he went some nineteen years ago. The mother, Mrs. Emeline T. Bailey, lived a widow many years, and died in March, 1885.

Mr. Charles A. Bailey began the business in which he is now engaged, and in which he has made such a wide reputation, in this city. He has always been very fond of horses, and

has always had great success in their management and training. No animal is so balky that he cannot control it, and no defect in the most highly praised horse and no strong point of excellence can escape his practised eye. The very wide experience he has had in handling horses of high and low degree, truck horses and those with pedigree yards long, has made him one of the best judges, probably the best judge, of horse flesh in the State. He has bought and sold thousands of animals, and every month receives a carload from the West. Not only is he a good business manager and a ready salesman, but he has a genuine appreciation of all the artistic details connected with his business, such as matching a fine pair or selecting a handsome saddle horse or a gentle and at the same time graceful and handsome carriage horse for a lady. He buys largely in Michigan, and sells in the East. Among horsemen he is widely known, and his judgment is highly respected. In the business community at large he has a reputation for honesty and fair dealing, and men who know him personally or only from common report are never afraid to trust to his long experience and to his well-known skill when they wish to make a purchase of a new horse. He is an unequalled driver, and may often be seen behind a finely matched pair of steeds, handling the ribbons in a manner which shows him absolute master of the situation.

Mr. Bailey was married when twenty-one years of age to Sarah Rockwell, of Groton, now deceased. Four children were born to them, and two survive, namely: Eugene Bailey, in New London, who has a wife and two sons; and Jennie Bailey. After the death of his first wife Mr. Bailey married Nellie Conway, of Westerly, R.I. In politics he is an Independent.

CHARLES SPALDING, formerly an esteemed resident of Norwich, was born in Norwich Town, January 31, 1812, son of Luther and grandson of Asa Spalding. Asa Spalding, who was born in Canterbury, Conn., in 1757, graduated from Yale College in 1779, studied law with Judge Adams, of Litchfield, and settled for the practice of his profession in Norwich in 1782. His native ability and force of character formed his only capital; but they soon enabled him to secure clients, and ultimately to build up an extensive and lucrative business and acquire a considerable fortune. He held various offices of public trust and honor, and at his death in 1811 was one of the most highly esteemed as well as one of the richest men in Eastern Connecticut. He had a brother, Judge Luther Spalding, who was his junior by ten years, and who settled in Norwich for the practice of law in 1797. Another brother was Dr. Rufus Spalding, a graduate of Yale, who practised medicine first in Nantucket and subsequently in Norwich, to which he came in 1812, and died in 1830. The three brothers were interred in the same burying-ground at Norwich. Luther Spalding, above named, had one other son besides Charles; namely, George, a graduate of Yale College.

Charles Spalding was first married on June 6, 1837, to Juliette Hubbard, a daughter of Russel Hubbard, of Norwich. Mr. Hubbard was a wealthy paper manufacturer. He built the house at 161 Broadway, where Mrs. Spalding is now residing. This was about 1825, before any street was laid out; and the most of his neighbors thought he was doing an unwise thing. The house, which stands on a sandy knoll, is now said to have one of the finest sites in town. Mrs. Juliette Spalding died on April 2, 1865. On June 11, 1874, Mr. Spalding was married to Mrs. Amanda

M. Haviland, whose maiden name was Goddard. She was born, reared, and educated in Boston. Her first husband was Thomas Haviland, a worker in plaster and stucco. Mr. and Mrs. Haviland resided in Boston on Chestnut Street until the death of the former on April 20, 1873. Mr. Spalding died July 24, 1885.

Mrs. Spalding, who survives her husband, is the daughter of William and Sarah (Warner) Goddard, of Boston. Mr. Goddard was a carpenter and builder. His house was situated where the Boston post-office now stands. Beginning life in humble circumstances, he devoted himself with energy to whatever business came his way, and in time became a wealthy man. At his death he bequeathed his estate to his family, making certain provisions designed for the improvement of the property and its retention by his heirs for a long period, until it should have greatly enhanced in value. Scarcely any of these provisions were carried out, however, owing to the fact that, much of the real estate being situated in the heart of the business district, it was early taken by the city at a comparatively small rate of compensation, to make way for public improvements. Parts of it were destroyed by fire, and another part was cut into by a railroad. The result was that the heirs received but a small portion of what would otherwise have been theirs had the property been allowed to remain intact and increase in value. William Goddard died on April 14, 1860, and is buried in Mount Auburn. Beside him rests his wife, who, after surviving him three years, died at the age of eighty-two years and seven months. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Mrs. Spalding was the youngest and the only survivor. Her brother, Thomas Goddard, of the firm of Goddard & Dennis, was for many years a well-known carriage manufacturer of

Boston. An interesting Memorial of the Spalding Family, written by Samuel J. Spalding, was published in Boston by Alfred Mudge & Son in 1872.

AMOS B. TILLOTSON, a prosperous farmer of Salem, was born at Grassy Hill, near his present residence, September 9, 1823, son of William M. and Deborah (Huntley) Tillotson. The paternal grandfather was Dr. George Tillotson, a descendant of a wealthy English family. He had three sons and five daughters, all of whom married and lived to an advanced age. He was a botanic physician, and practised very successfully, being especially noted for his skill in cases of poison from snake bites. It was his habit to visit his patients on horseback, with his saddle-bags hanging on either side. William M. Tillotson was born in Lyme in 1784, and died in 1835. He saw military service in the War of 1812, and subsequently received a pension on account of injuries received in the war. He married Deborah Huntley, daughter of Elihu Huntley, a farmer of Lyme. They had seven children, namely: Ira, who was born about 1809, and died at the age of fifty-seven years, leaving a widow; Joanna, who married Jabez Bogue, and died in early womanhood, leaving two children; Julia, who became the wife of Albert Chapell, and died in May, 1894, at the age of eighty-one, and of whose four children three are now living; Harlow, a stage proprietor, who died in 1849, unmarried; Amos B., the subject of this sketch; Franklin, who married, had one child that died in infancy, and who himself died in Waterford, at the age of twenty-two years; and a son who died in infancy. The mother passed away at the home of her son Amos in 1880.

Amos B. Tillotson, after pursuing his

school studies for the ordinary period, took up farming, in which occupation he has since continued. He is the owner of a good farm in Salem, containing three hundred and fifty-five acres, which he purchased in April, 1881, and on which he is engaged in mixed husbandry. The appearance of his estate gives evidence of prosperity and comfort. He is independent in politics, and has neither sought nor held office. December 3, 1865, he married Frances A. Bailey, daughter of Lyman and Betsey (Irish) Bailey, well-to-do farming people of Preston, both parents, however, being natives of Ledyard. Of Mrs. Tillotson's four brothers and three sisters, all are living except Albert M. Bailey, formerly a police officer in Providence, R. I., who died at the age of thirty-three years, leaving a wife but no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson's only child, Bessie, died April 21, 1884, at the age of sixteen years, just as she was blossoming into a perfect womanhood. She was an affectionate daughter, beautiful and talented, and an earnest Christian in heart and life, and was admired by all who knew her. Her death was the occasion of some sincere tributes in verse, expressing the estimate in which she was held by her friends. We reprint the following, by S. D. Phelps, which was published in the *Christian Secretary*:—

MEMORIAL OF AN ONLY DAUGHTER.

BY S. D. PHELPS.

Playful darling, blooming maiden,
 Bessie was our only child,
 Dearly loved and beauty-laden —
 Heaven upon our home had smiled.
 Loving eyes were often glancing
 On her winning ways entrancing.
 Toward maturing years advancing.

Who parental love can measure,
 Tell its strength, its reaches know ?

Who can estimate the treasure
Which the heart's affections show?
When the tie by death is broken,
When fades out love's sweetest token,
Can the sorrow e'er be spoken?

Lovely Bessie! fondly cherished,
How our hearts around thee twined!
Brightest hopes in thee have perished,
All the world seems dumb and blind!
Night upon our souls is falling,
Deep to solemn deep is calling,
Ah! the gloom is dread, appalling!

Saviour, lift the cloud of sadness,
Show us thy dear face divine;
Bring our hearts a ray of gladness,
O'er them let thy pity shine.
Sure, the soul that deeply grieveth,
Comfort sweet and calm receiveth,
As thy promise it believeth.

Lingering gently at the border,
While no fear her spirit vexed,
Bessie spoke her love's true order:
"Jesus first and parents next."
Farewells given, forth she ventured,
All her hopes in Jesus centred,
As within the veil she entered.

Passing through the heavenly portal,
Fading from our earthly sight,
She has found a home immortal,
In the world of life and light:
Left forever tears and sighing;
Blessed change, from pain and dying,
Endless bliss the soul supplying.

There, amid celestial splendors,
Angel hosts and ransomed throngs,
Praises to the Lamb she renders,
Joining in those glorious songs.
There she waits for us to meet her,
When with rapture we shall greet her;
Oh, what thought or hope is sweeter?

Lord, we trust thee: thou art gracious;
Thou didst give the jewel fair;
Oh, to us how bright and precious!
And to thee what treasure rare!
Ours and thine, Lord, thou hast taken;
We're bereaved, but not forsaken;
Her from sleep thy voice shall waken.

JAMES WILSON BIXLER, A.M., B.D., the pastor of the Second Congregational Church of New London, was born in Hanover, York County, Pa., February 28, 1861. A son of David D. and Almira (Wilson) Bixler, he comes of German and Swiss descent. David Bixler, his grandfather, born in Hanover, Pa., in 1798, was a son of Peter Bixler, of Carroll County, Maryland. A merchant in trade in Hanover for a number of years, David acquired a competency, and left a good estate at his death, which occurred in Hanover in 1873, when he was seventy-five years old. Active in local affairs, he served in a number of public offices. He married Susan Long, of Hanover. She was a daughter of Samuel Long, who was one of the Revolutionary soldiers who experienced the hardships of Valley Forge. Mrs. Susan Bixler lived to be ninety-one years of age, dying in 1891. She rests with her husband in the cemetery at Hanover. They were members of the Lutheran church. Of the six children reared by them, three daughters and three sons, four are living to-day.

David D. Bixler was born in Hanover in 1830. After spending some time in business with his father, he became the latter's successor, and is still conducting a store there. He married Almira Wilson, of York, Pa., a daughter of John A. and Rachel (Mantle) Wilson. The Wilsons are of Scotch-Irish origin. Mrs. Almira Bixler's paternal grandfather, who was a native of the north of Ireland, was educated for the Presbyterian ministry, and for a number of years was the pastor of a church in York County, Pennsylvania. A close student, gifted with literary talent, he was the author of a number of books. John A. Wilson was also educated for the ministry, but his health was too uncertain to allow of his assuming pastoral duties. He

found employment as a scrivener, and was for a number of years clerk of the York County courts. His wife died in February, 1896. She was the mother of four children, namely: James Wilson, the subject of this sketch; Samuel Lincoln and Charles Saxton, who are in business with their father, the firm name being D. D. Bixler & Sons; and David Hervey Bixler, who graduated from Amherst College in the class of 1896, and is now in the employ of the Vermont Marble Company at Proctor, Vt. Samuel L. Bixler has a wife and one son.

James Wilson Bixler attended school in Williamsport, Pa., and graduated from Amherst in 1882, an honor man and one of the class officers, with a class of sixty-five. In that college he took several prizes for a scholarship, and received the degree of Master of Arts. He then took a divinity course at Yale, spending the fourth year in fellowship. From Yale he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. After finishing his college course, he travelled and studied in Germany for a year, and then for a year was assistant to Dr. George L. Walker, the pastor of the First Church in Hartford, Conn. He was ordained in October, 1889, and installed as pastor of the North Congregational Church in Haverhill, Mass. This pastorate he resigned in 1891 to take charge of the Second Congregational Church in New London, which society, formed in 1836, is one of the oldest and wealthiest religious organizations in the city, and has a membership numbering over five hundred. The church edifice is a granite structure, erected in 1870, with richly colored stained glass windows and a fine granite spire. The music is rendered by an accomplished organist and a cultured quartette. This church requires a scholarly and eloquent pastor, and Mr. Bixler has acceptably filled the

pulpit for five years. The pastoral residence, which is a very beautiful one, was built and endowed by Mrs. M. S. Harris, in memory of her deceased husband, the Hon. J. N. Harris, who was a Deacon of the church. Church, chapel, and parsonage, together, cost over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Mr. Bixler was married in Amherst, August 4, 1891, to Elizabeth James, a daughter of President Julius H. Seelye, of Amherst College. She was a Smith College student and an accomplished pianist. She died April 10, 1894, leaving one son, Julius Seelye Bixler, who was born April 4, 1894. Mr. Bixler is a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, of Amherst, and is one of the overseers of the charity fund of that college. He is a trustee of the Smith Memorial Home, which was founded and richly endowed by the late Dr. Seth Smith. In 1897 he was elected a corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

MRS. HARRIET A. RATHBONE,*
 a respected resident of Salem, was born in the house in which she now resides, daughter of William A. and Emeline (Morgan) Strickland. Her father was born January 23, 1812, and was a farmer by occupation. By his wife, Emeline, who was born January 17, 1813, he had three children: William N., a farmer, residing in Salem; James Morgan, a resident of Norwich; and Harriet A. The father died in 1882, at the age of seventy. His wife passed away four years later, and both were laid to rest in the Congregational churchyard at Salem.

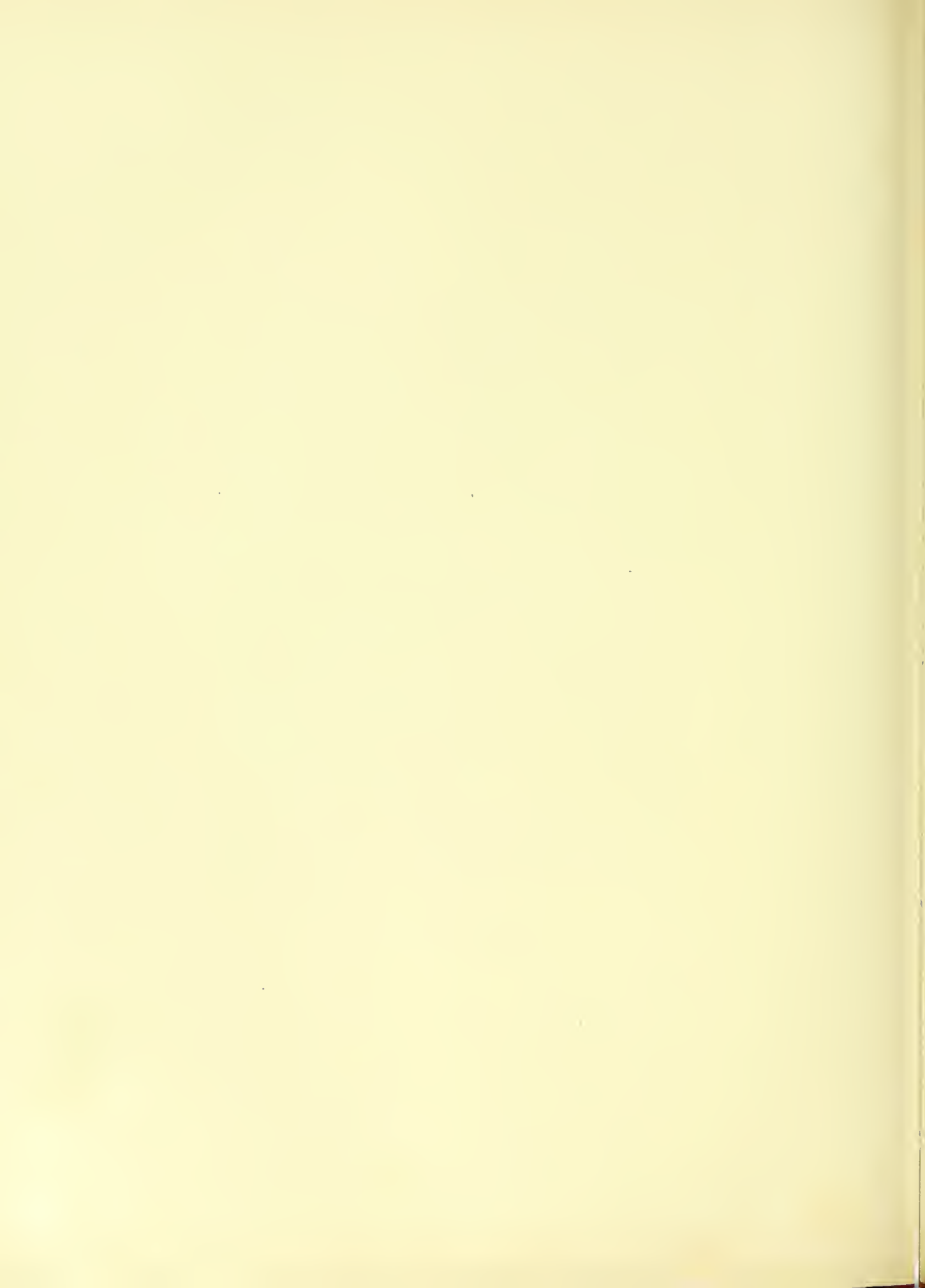
Harriet A. Strickland was educated chiefly at the Sheffield Seminary, and afterward taught the district school for some time. She subsequently married Alban Rathbone, son of



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Alban and Harriet (Boyers) Rathbone and a pattern-maker and a master mechanic. After the breaking out of the war Mr. Rathbone enlisted in Company C, Twenty-fourth Connecticut Regiment. He was wounded in action, and confined for some time in a hospital in the South. He died of consumption, August 7, 1876, at the age of thirty-seven years, as a result of the hardships encountered during service in the army. He left one son, Henry A., who grew up, married, and has a wife and one son, John, the latter still a baby boy.

Except during the short period of her married life Mrs. Rathbone has always resided at the old home of her parents. Since her father's death she has carried on the farm, and has succeeded by pluck and perseverance in gaining a comfortable livelihood. Few better examples could be presented of the enterprising and self-reliant women of New London County.

JEPHTHAH G. BILL, a leading farmer of Griswold, in the north-eastern part of New London County, was born in this town, September 7, 1823, son of Elisha Satterlee and Olivet (Geer) Bill. His paternal grandfather was a prosperous farmer of Groton, in the southern part of the county, and had a family of five sons and three daughters.

His father, Elisha S. Bill, a farmer and shoemaker, and a prominent man in public affairs, was born in 1798, in that part of the old town of Groton that is now Ledyard, and died in Griswold, at the age of sixty-five. He was twice married. His first wife, Olivet, to whom he was united in 1818, was born in Preston in 1800, daughter of Jephthah and Olivet (Herrick) Geer. She died in March, 1837, having been the mother of the following children: Sarah Maria, born 1819, now de-

ceased; James L., born August 16, 1821, now living at Clark's Falls, North Stonington; Jephthah G., born in 1823; Ann Elizabeth, born in 1825; Amos William, born in 1827; Sidney W.; Elisha, a farmer who died in middle life at North Stonington; and Ezra Gardner, a blind teacher, superintendent in the Blind School at Hartford. Amos W. Bill was a soldier in the Twenty-sixth Connecticut Infantry in the war of the Rebellion, and was detailed as a despatch bearer. He was at Port Hudson. Only three of these children are living to-day; namely, James, Jephthah, and Ezra. The father married for his second wife Celestina Lucy Ann Walcott Shaw, widow of Charles Barber, who was lost at sea. Six sons and four daughters were born of this union, and three of the family are now living, namely: Hibbard, who is in Massachusetts; Nelson, a mechanic in West Medway; and Nancy Ann Gennett, now Mrs. Richmond, of Greenville. The second Mrs. Bill survived her husband some years, and died at the age of fifty. Benjamin Shaw Bill, one of her sons, was a volunteer soldier from Connecticut in the late war, and died in Andersonville Prison.

Mr. Jephthah G. Bill received a good common-school education, and made his home with his father until his marriage, in his twenty-fifth year. Forty-four years ago he settled on the old Benjamin farm of seventy acres, which was owned and occupied in the last century by Ezra Benjamin, his wife's grandfather, a great-uncle, John Benjamin, having bought a large tract of land, which was divided among his heirs. Mr. Bill owns about two hundred and fifty acres, and carries on general farming and dairying, making considerable butter. He has been a Justice of the Peace for many years, and has had charge of settling many estates. In this responsible position he has shown great executive ability and entire

fidelity to the confidence reposed in him, and to-day no man in the community has a fairer reputation for integrity and absolute honor.

Mr. Bill was married on February 15, 1848, to Prudence Powers Benjamin, daughter of Eames and Prudence (Chapman) Benjamin. The family annals furnish a striking instance of longevity, one of Mrs. Bill's great-uncles, Abiel Benjamin, having lived to be nearly one hundred and four years' old, and so vigorous on his one hundredth anniversary that he walked the distance of half a mile. The early Benjamins were Methodists, and Mrs. Bill was a member and active worker in the Methodist church. She died on the last day of June, 1896, at the age of seventy-five, after forty-eight years of wedded life. Shortly after retiring for the night, apparently as well as ever, she was stricken with heart failure, and expired almost instantly. Mrs. Bill was the mother of three children, of whom the following is a brief record: Benjamin Jephthah, the eldest, is a physician and surgeon at Genoa Junction, Wis., has a lucrative practice, stands high in his profession, and is active in the social and religious life of the community. He has four sons and two daughters. Harriet Prudence Bill married Ransom H. Young, and is the mother of four children—three sons and a daughter. Ann Isabella Bill died when nearly fourteen years of age.

Mr. Bill united with the Methodist Episcopal church at the age of twelve years, and has ever since been an active Christian worker. He has been class leader and steward, and is associated with the work of the Sunday-school, and with all the benevolent and charitable activities of the church. He is a Republican in politics; and in 1870 he represented the town of Griswold in the State legislature, running far ahead of the ticket at the time of his election.

FREDERICK HOWARD DART, M.D.,* a prominent medical practitioner of Niantic, was born across the river, in the town of Waterford, on the 6th of March, 1860, and is descended from Richard Dart, who bought land in New London at an early date. Richard's son, William Dart, was born September 21, 1762, in Waterford.

William's son Leonard, grandfather of Dr. Dart, was born May 5, 1802, and died in 1882. He was in business in New London for many years, and up to some fifteen or twenty years before his death. He and his brother, Giles Dart, were engaged in the manufacture of coffee-mills, and were also in company with Mr. Wilson in the manufacture of vises, Mr. Wilson being one of the early and prominent manufacturers, in whose employ Grandfather Dart was engaged for a time. Leonard Dart married Harriet Bishop Watrous, born May 22, 1806, daughter of Deacon John Watrous, a prominent land-owner at Lake Pond. Leonard, the only child by this marriage, became father of the Doctor. He was engaged in mercantile business for some years, and was of the firm of Stewart & Dart. He is now employed in the office of E. B. Pierce, mason and builder. His wife, Josephine Beckwith, to whom he was married in 1854, was born March 31, 1833, in Waterford, daughter of Daniel D. and Miranda Beckwith. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dart are members of the Second Congregational Church. The elder son of this marriage, Leonard Watrous Dart, Jr., born April 16, 1858, resides in New London, and is book-keeper for Palmer Brothers. He has one daughter, named Dorothy, born in 1892.

Dr. Dart acquired his early education at Pepper Box Hill and Montville and in the Bulkley High School, New London, and studied medicine in the medical department

of Columbia College, New York, graduating in the class of 1884. He opened practice in this town in 1885, being associated with Dr. Munger for about five years, and since then has had an independent practice. He has earned for himself an excellent reputation as a physician and a man of the strictest probity. His field of practice covers a wide area, and he keeps four horses for use in attending to his professional work. He is connected with the various medical societies of this region, and his skill is recognized by his fellow-physicians as well as by the public at large. He is a member of the State and county medical societies, also of the New London Medical Society, and is president of the New London Medical Club. He is United States Medical Examiner of Pensions for the district of New London and examiner for the coroner and for the Board of Health of the town of East Lyme. He is Post Surgeon, and he has been on the Board of School Visitors for four years, being now chairman. Externally, he is a Master Mason.

Dr. Dart took as his life partner Maria E. Bond, daughter of Norman J. and Jane (Moody) Bond, of East Lyme, originally from Yarmouth, N.S., where Mr. Bond had been a prominent banker. Mrs. Dart's father died in this town in 1884, leaving to his widow and eight children the fine property of Black Point. He was a son of Dr. Bond, of Nova Scotia. Dr. and Mrs. Dart are prominent Episcopalians and members of St. James's Parish, New London. They have one son, Frederick Bond Dart, born February 27, 1896.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. SISTARE, a retired sea captain of New London, Conn., was born in this city on September 9, 1831, son of William M.

and Martha (Beebe) Sistare. He is descended from a Spanish family. Don Gabriel Sistare (also written Sistere), the earliest known ancestor, was born in Barcelona, Spain, in 1700. He married Marie Mitzavila. Their son, Captain Gabriel Sistare, who was born in Barcelona on May 1, 1726, settled in New London, October 14, 1771. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Maria Molas, died in Barcelona, leaving one child, also named Gabriel, born in Barcelona in 1754, who came to this city with Captain De Shon in 1772, and subsequently married Frances Chew. The latter was born in 1759, daughter of Joseph and Frances De Shon Chew. Captain Gabriel's second marriage was made with Elizabeth Beebe, who had one child, Joseph, born April 22, 1774. Joseph Sistare married Nancy Wey, who died in New York City on November 13, 1860. She was a descendant of George Wey, who was born in New London in 1630. Captain Gabriel died February 3, 1795; while his widow survived until September 11, 1798. Gabriel Sistare (third) died on January 11, 1820; and his wife passed away on October 11, 1841.

William M. Sistare, born in this city on July 2, 1794, was a New London merchant, and served his country as Quartermaster in the War of 1812. He married Martha Beebe; and they had four children, of whom William H., the subject of this sketch, is the only survivor. The others were: Joseph Allen, who was a master mariner, and died in this city in 1871, at the age of forty, leaving four sons; James Morgan Sistare, also a sea captain, who died in January, 1892, at the age of fifty-three, leaving five children; and Mary Ellen, who was the wife of Orrin Beckwith, and died at the age of thirty-one, leaving three children. The father lived to be eighty-seven years of

age, and the mother attained the age of seventy-five.

William H. Sistare acquired a good common-school education. He had been a clerk in his father's store for some time, when at the age of sixteen years he went in his own fishing-sloop, the "Harriet," from Cape May to Chatham, Cape Cod, Mass. Thereafter he was engaged in the coasting trade for nearly forty years. He retired in 1886, after a successful career. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

On June 9, 1859, Captain Sistare was married to Mary B. Paige, of this city. Her parents, John S. and Harriet Newell (Beebe) Paige, now deceased, were natives respectively of North Brookfield, Mass., and New London. Of their twelve children they reared seven, all of whom are living. Frank L. Paige, the only brother of Mrs. Sistare, is a clothier in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Sistare have had nine children, of whom three died in infancy and Gabriel Carlos in his fifth year. The survivors are: Ellen, John Foster, Mattie Serena, Lycurgus Mackie, and Hattie Breckenridge, all of whom have been educated in New London. Lycurgus is a letter carrier in this city. John Foster, born March 24, 1864, is a member of the well-known firm Palmer & Sistare, of New London. In religion Mr. Sistare and his family are Congregationalists. They reside at 44 Shaw Street, where William M. Sistare built a house in 1842. The adjoining lot has been the property of the Sistare family since 1757.

HENRY E. WEST, of New London, now retired from active business, at one time kept one of the best livery stables in the county. He was born in Lebanon, this State, June 15, 1821, son of Enos

and Nancy (Latham) West, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. His grandfather, Joshua West, a farmer of Montville, Conn., residing near Gardner's Lake, had a family of two daughters and two sons, the boys being twins.

Enos West, the only child of his parents that reached maturity, was born in Montville, March 12, 1781. He, too, was a farmer, and was fairly well-to-do. His death occurred in Colchester, Conn., February 10, 1846. His wife, to whom he was married on November 29, 1808, was born in Groton, January 16, 1789. She reared two daughters and one son, and died at the home of the latter in New London, January 8, 1880, eight days prior to her ninety-first birthday. The elder daughter, Hannah W., who became the wife of William Smith, of Walpole, Mass., died in Willimantic, Conn., November 9, 1845, leaving one son, Frank Howard Smith. Frank H. Smith lives in New London, and has one son, Herbert Raymond, a young man of twenty-one, attending college at New Haven. The other daughter, Mary Perkins West, married Waldo Bingham, of Windham, Conn., and died in that town, August 27, 1853, leaving one daughter, Josephine W., who is now living in Windham.

Henry E. West, who was the only son of his parents, was reared on a farm, remaining with his father and mother until he was eighteen years of age. After the family moved to Colchester, he attended school for a couple of years. He was then employed in Colchester for one year or more, and in that place first engaged in the livery business. On April 12, 1844, he located in New London; and in February, 1847, his brother-in-law, William Smith, became his partner. Together they built up a first-class trade, the firm of West & Smith soon taking place



JOHN B. SIZER.

among the best livery firms of the county. They were in business until 1890. Mr. Smith died November 10, 1894. Mr. West, though now practically retired from business, finds pleasure and occupation in dispensing a cure for rheumatism that he discovered, and which has become very popular.

On June 9, 1846, Mr. Smith was married to Abby Ann, daughter of William and Lucy (Bigelow) Gelston. Mr. Gelston, who was a farmer and a native of East Haddam, died in 1875, at the age of eighty-eight. His wife, a native of Colchester, Conn., died in June, 1880, aged eighty-one years and six months. Four of the six children born to this couple grew to maturity, namely: Abby A., now Mrs. West; Maltby and John Bigelow Gelston, who reside in East Haddam; and Lucy, who makes her home with Mr. West. Mr. West has no children. In politics he is independent, usually voting for the Democratic candidate. He has served in the City Council. His religious belief is not restricted by the lines of creed. Thirty-seven years ago he moved into his pleasant home at 35 Main Street, one of the old Colonial houses of New London, roomy, substantial, and well preserved in spite of its age.

JOHAN BRUCE SIZER, the steward of the Old Ladies' Home in New London, was born here, July 12, 1839. His father and paternal grandfather, both named Jonathan, were also residents of New London. The Sizers, who are an old and respected family, originally came from Salem, Mass. The father had the first and the only brass foundry in Connecticut at that time. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Way, had eight children, of whom John B. and Rose—who is the wife of George Potter, of this city—are liv-

ing. Mary married David A. Pollock, and died at the age of thirty-two. By a second marriage, contracted with Thomas H. Brooks, the mother had twins, Henry and Thomas, both now deceased. After Mr. Brooks's death a third marriage united her to Alfred Hempstead, who survived her, and left a noble record besides property. Mr. Hempstead was much sought for in the settlement of estates. Both were kind to the poor, and had a large circle of admiring friends.

On November 3, 1869, Mr. Sizer was married to Mrs. Mary Esther Stevens Lyons, a native of this city and a daughter of Captain Daniel and Sophia Rogers (Holt) Stevens. Her grandfather, Giles Holt, was a well-known sea captain of New London. Her father at the age of twenty-six was the commander of a line steamer plying between New York and Liverpool. Born in Saco, Me., he was a man of fine physique, measuring six feet, four inches, and weighing two hundred and twenty-five pounds. He died at the age of twenty-six. In her childhood Mrs. Sizer made several voyages abroad. She was first married at the early age of sixteen to Captain Joshua Lyons, and by him had one child, William Edgar Lyons, a fine young man, who died at the age of twenty-one years. Mrs. Sizer has three half-brothers—Jeremiah Slate, Franklin Slate, and Samuel Norris Slate—who are all sea captains and residents of New London.

Mr. and Mrs. Sizer have held their joint positions of honor and responsibility as matron and steward of the Old Ladies' Home for over ten years. This institution, which was established almost thirteen years ago, occupies a three-story brick structure, with accommodations for thirty inmates. The efficient Board of Directors are: the Hon. Robert Coit (president), the Hon. Augustus Brandagee, the Hon.

Thomas Waller, Henry R. Bond, Dr. Bixter, and Dr. Blake. Drs. Bixter and Blake are pastors of Congregational churches. Dr. Braman is the attending physician, and Mrs. Helen Spencer is the head nurse. Mrs. Sizer has conducted her household so harmoniously that few changes have been necessary. She settles her bills monthly, and is responsible to the president, Mr. Coit, alone.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH WARREN HOLMES,* whose home is in the village of Mystic, Conn., was born here on April 1, 1824. His parents were Captain Jeremiah and Ann B. (Denison) Holmes.

Jeremiah Holmes, Sr., the father of Captain Jeremiah, was a farmer in Stonington. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Denison, was a descendant of George Denison, one of the early settlers of New London, Conn., who came to this country from England in 1631 in the ship "Lion," and lived for some time at Roxbury, Mass.

Captain Jeremiah Holmes was born in Milltown, Conn., September 6, 1782. He was but eight years old when his father died. Remaining with his mother until fourteen years of age, he then went to live with his brother-in-law, Thomas Crary, in Norwich, Chenango County, N.Y., where he worked and attended school. In the winter of 1800 he went to New York City, walking to Catskill on the Hudson, and going from there by a packet boat. Naturally of a restless spirit and possessing a strong desire to see the world, he shipped in the schooner "Four Sisters" for Falkland Islands; but the unlawful smuggling scheme of her commander, Captain Peleg Barker, landed them instead in Para, Brazil, in a Portuguese dungeon that

was hot, dark, and damp. Two months later they were transferred to a frigate, and subsequently taken to Lisbon on a Portuguese vessel, which was one hundred and thirty days on the way, though ordinarily the trip required but fifty. Lacking sufficient food and water, without bread and meat, and suffering for want of clothing and cleanliness, their condition can be better imagined than described. Of their treatment on reaching Lisbon, no details are given; but Jeremiah Holmes eventually reached New York again, and, undaunted by his experience, continued his seafaring life, and rose to the position of captain. One memory of his adventure was always dear to him, that of his true and generous sailor friend, Hans, of Norway. For his gallant service in the War of 1812, Captain Jeremiah Holmes won the title of Hero of Stonington. He lived to be ninety years of age, and his wife to be ninety-nine. They were the parents of nine children, of whom four sons and two daughters grew to maturity. One son, Isaac D., is now living in Mystic; his sister, Mary Ann, wife of Randall Brown, died in 1894; and Esther C., wife of Captain Latham, died in 1895, leaving one daughter.

Joseph Warren Holmes attended school here in Mystic until thirteen years old. He then went to sea as cabin boy on the "Appalachicola," commanded by Captain Latham, and was gone nine months. During the next three years he went with his father summers in the packet "Leeds" from New York to Mystic, and in the winter attended school. The summer he was sixteen he was mate of a sloop. The following winter he spent in Suffield, and in the spring shipped on the bark "Leander," under Captain Bailey, with whom he made his first voyage around the world, completing the circuit in twenty-two months. The "Leander" was engaged in

whale fishery in the South Atlantic, South Pacific, and Indian Oceans. At twenty-one he became master of the same bark, on which he made three voyages, the second and third of twenty months each. Leaving the "Leander" in 1847, he went in the "Coriolanus" on a whaling trip to the Indian Ocean, followed by a voyage to the Arctic Ocean, where the ship was filled in sixty days. He continued to engage in the whale fishery until 1854.

After leaving the "Coriolanus," Captain Holmes was successively commander of the "Fanning," "Frances," "Haze," "Twilight," and "Seminole"; and for the past ten years or more he has had charge of the "Charmer," a full-rigged merchantman, which sails from New York to San Francisco and foreign ports. She is of about nineteen hundred tons' burden, and when fully manned has a crew of twenty-eight men, and in the eyes of her captain is as fine a ship as sails from New York Harbor. She is owned by John Rosenfeldt, of San Francisco; and it is between these two ports that most of her trips are made, bringing wine, wool, and other products to New York, and taking back Eastern manufactures for the Pacific coast. Occasionally, when the markets are favorable, she crosses the Atlantic with a cargo of grain, etc., for European consumption, and returns laden with rare and beautiful as well as useful wares. Many of the furnishings in his home have been gathered from various quarters of the globe, beautiful rugs, china, bric-à-brac, cabinets of shells, and other sea treasures making it a storehouse of pleasure to the lover of curios. Several very handsome centre tables deserve special mention. The tops were made by himself, with the aid of a jig-saw, in his hours of leisure when on board ship, and consist of a great variety of woods artistically set together. He was once offered three

hundred dollars for one of these tables, but they are more to him than their money value. It is doubtful if Captain Holmes's record as a mariner is paralleled by that of any other. For nearly or quite sixty years he has followed the sea. No vessel under his command has ever been lost or shipwrecked, and not a man of all his crews was ever lost.

Winds have not always been favorable, however, as the following, quoted from an article published in a Providence paper in October, 1896, will show: "Yes," replied the Captain in answer to a question as to his experience, "I have seen some pretty bad blows. Let me see," and he mused a moment with a retrospective look in his eyes. "About four years ago we ran into a couple of typhoons on our way out from San Francisco to Hong-Kong. It was about off Yokohama when they struck us, one right after the other; and there were lively times aboard the good ship 'Charmer' for a while. We lost our rudder, and were in a tight place for a spell; but, fortunately, the gales passed on before we were swamped, and we put into port for repairs. On my very last trip from Japan two storms struck us in the Pacific; but we weathered them successfully, and dropped anchor off quarantine three weeks ago. When I was in the 'Seminole' in 1868, we encountered a white squall six days out of New York, and were dismasted; but we put back, and, after making repairs, sailed again, and met with no more mishaps that voyage." In his journeyings Captain Holmes has been three times around the world, has doubled Cape Horn seventy-three times and the Cape of Good Hope sixteen times.

Captain Holmes was married September 3, 1847, to Miss Mary O. Denison, his second cousin. One son was born to them, Edwin Warren Holmes, who for several years sailed

with his father as mate. He died of pneumonia in 1883, at the age of twenty-seven, leaving a widow and one son, Edwin Warren, who reside in San Francisco. Mrs. Holmes accompanied her husband on his voyages. She died at their home here in Mystic in 1887, aged sixty years. Captain Holmes purchased this place in 1865. Many a seafarer has had his home in this village, but no name will be remembered longer or more pleasantly than that of Captain Holmes.

WILLIAM PALMER SMITH, a retired gentleman of New London, was born October 19, 1823, in a house on Bank Street, a few doors removed from his present home. His parents were Sabin King and Joanna (Beckwith) Smith. Joseph Smith, of Montville, this county, the paternal grandfather, married Sally Smith, a daughter of Paul and a grand-daughter of Nehemiah Smith. By this union there were four sons and three daughters, all of whom became octogenarians. Anson, the last member of the family, died at the age of ninety-six.

Sabin King Smith was a successful merchant in New London from his youth to his death. At one time he owned the valuable business property extending from the Cronin Building on State Street around to Hempstead's store on Bank Street, with the exception of a single building. One of the moneyed men of the place from 1830 to 1840, he subsequently met with heavy reverses. He was a Mason of high degree. The maiden name of his first wife was Joanna Beckwith, who made him the father of nine children. She died in 1829, leaving four sons and three daughters. Of these the only other survivor besides William Palmer is Sabin; a resident of Chicago, who is now nearly eighty years old.

By Sabin's second marriage there were two children — Joseph Ledyard and Adelaide Joanna. Joseph is now deceased. Adelaide is the wife of P. G. Freeman, of Independence, Ia.

Leaving school at the age of fourteen, William Palmer Smith entered his brother's employ as clerk. Six years later he was in business for himself within a few doors of his present store. He continued in trade from 1843 to 1850, when he went to California by way of the Isthmus, returning six months thereafter. During the Civil War he was engaged in New York City, exporting butter and cheese to England and Germany. In politics he has affiliated with the Democratic party, but he voted for McKinley in 1896. A prominent Mason, he belongs to Union Lodge of New London; to the Royal Arch Chapter, of which he has been High Priest; and to Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Smith has been twice married. On the first occasion he was united to Sarah Fuller, of Norwich, who died in 1853. She left an only child, Clarence, who died in the South in middle age. The second marriage was contracted with Sophia Peck Marsh, a widow, who had three sons by her first marriage. The latter are: Daniel S. Marsh, who is a music dealer in New London, and has two children; Frank A. Marsh, of Chicago, a wealthy man and unmarried, who is the purchasing agent for the Rock Island Railroad; and Eben J. Marsh, a lumber manufacturer in Georgetown, S.C., who is married and has one daughter. The second Mrs. Smith died in 1893, at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Smith retired from business over twenty years ago, and resides over his stores at 52, 54, and 56 State Street, which have a frontage of forty feet, and were purchased by him in 1855.

HON. JOHN D. PARK, ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Connecticut, died at his home on River Avenue in Norwich, New London County, on the fourth day of August, 1896. He was born in the town of Preston, in the same county, on the twenty-sixth day of April, A.D. 1819. He was a direct descendant of Sir Robert Parke, who, with his wife and three sons, came from Preston, Lancashire, England, to Massachusetts in 1630, and later removed to New London, Conn.

He had three sons. In England the genealogy of the Parke family has been traced with the line of the late Earl of Wensleydale, who was of the English Parke ancestry. Sir Robert Parke's youngest son was Thomas Parke, who was the father of Robert Parke, who was the father of Hezekiah Parke, who was the father of the Rev. Paul Park (the great-grandfather of the Hon. John D. Park), who was born in Preston, and lived and died in the same town. The family name was spelled with an "e" (Parke) until the Rev. Paul Park dropped that letter. He was a man of large intellect, broad-minded in his views and very influential. He became a preacher, and for over half a century he preached in the parish where he was born, receiving no remuneration for his labors; and he also was assessed for the standing order of the clergy.

Elisha, son of the Rev. Paul Park, was also born in Preston. He married Miss Margaret Avery, of Groton, Conn., by whom he had two children — Ephraim and Lucy, both of whom grew to maturity and married. For his second wife Elisha Park married Miss Hannah Belton, who lived to be over eighty years old. Their union was blessed by four children — Niles, Margaret, Joseph, and Benjamin Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin Park, father of John D., was born January 17, 1782. He was a success-

ful farmer of Preston; and he also conducted a country store, where he dealt in general merchandise. He married Miss Hannah Avery, daughter of Colonel David Avery, a farmer of Preston. Of this marriage eight children were born, all of whom reached adult years; and for many years there was no death in this family of ten persons. Only two of its members, however, are now living: Albert Franklin, the second child and eldest son, born December 11, 1814, and a resident of Norwich; and Hannah Cornelia, wife of James Woodman, who resides on a part of the old farm, at a place where one of the earliest American progenitors of the family settled about 1630, coming thither from Boston. The mother died January 17, 1855, in her sixty-second year, being the first to pass away. The father survived her some years, dying October 8, 1863, in his eighty-second year.

John D. Park passed his boyhood on his father's farm. At sixteen he taught his first term of school, and he followed teaching several winters. In 1845, when twenty-six years of age, he entered the law office of the Hon. Lafayette S. Foster, the lawyer and statesman who held the office of Vice President after Lincoln's death. Mr. Park pursued the study of law with such diligence that in February, 1847, he was admitted to the bar. He at once opened an office in Norwich, and engaged in practice. In 1853 he was nominated as Senator to the General Assembly, and the following year was elected Judge of the County Court, New London County. In 1855 he represented the town of Norwich in the State legislature, and served with distinction in the controversy between rival gas companies. During this session of the legislature there was a radical change in the courts of the State, the county courts being abolished, and their business transferred to the Superior

Courts; and Mr. Park was elected one of the Superior Court Judges. In 1863 he was re-elected Judge of the Superior Court for the regulation term of eight years, and in 1864 he was elected Judge of the Supreme Court of Errors, being re-elected to that office in 1872. The same year he was made a Chief Justice of the State. This office he held for fifteen years and seven months, and on his retirement from the Supreme Court, having reached the age limit, seventy years, he was appointed State Referee, an office created for him. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by Yale College in 1861, and that of Doctor of Laws in 1878. His death brought to a close one of the most brilliant legal careers that has ever been wrought out in this State. The high mark attained in his profession was gained by an industry that overcame all obstacles. He was a clear and logical reasoner, weighing well every detail; and his decisions in matters of law will stand as a monument to his ability.

On July 6, 1864, Judge Park was married to Emma Wainwright Allen, of Middlebury, Vt. Their four children all died in infancy. Mrs. Park died September 17, 1884, at forty-four years of age. In politics Judge Park was first a Whig and later a Republican. In religious views he was an Episcopalian.

CHESTER W. BARNES, an enterprising grocer of Preston, was born in Norwich, March 16, 1841, son of Avery W. and Lucy (Sherman) Barnes. His grandfather, Avery Barnes, who was born in Groton, married in 1804 Abigail Cook, a daughter of Elisha Cook, of Preston. In the following year they settled on their farm. They had eleven children, of whom six are now living. Nabby, the first-born, became

the wife of Reuben Cook, and died when ninety years of age. Eunice married Albert Holmes, and died in 1887, at the age of eighty. Lucy is an octogenarian, and resides in Preston City. Prudence is the wife of Hiram Browning, of this place. Ruth Ann is the widow of Charles Eaton, and lives in Norwich. Almeda, born in 1824, is the widow of Nehemiah Cook, and lives in Franklin, Conn. Chester M., born June 6, 1826, owns a farm adjoining the old homestead. Mrs. Avery Barnes, after surviving her husband three years, died December 21, 1878, in the ninety-fourth year of her age. Some time before a family reunion took place in celebration of the eighty-ninth birthday of Avery Barnes, when he and his wife had then been united in matrimony for sixty-six years, when their first-born was sixty-five years old, and seven of their children, twenty-three of their grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren were present, the sum of whose ages, with those of their eleven children, was seven hundred and eighty-nine years. Two interesting poems, previously prepared for the purpose, were read on this occasion.

Avery W. Barnes in 1833 married Lucy, daughter of Moses Sherman. She died in 1869, at the age of fifty-seven, leaving three children. Their daughter Harriet had died at the age of eighteen. Those now living are Lucy, Chester W., and George. Lucy is the widow of Harley A. Bromley, and resides in the neighborhood. George has lived for twenty years in the South. The father is now in his eighty-ninth year.

Chester W. Barnes was reared to farm life, living with his grandparents until fifteen years old. When twenty-seven years old he married Emily Dean Le Noir, the widow of Henry Le Noir, and a daughter of Nathan and Emily Hovey Dean, the ceremony taking

place December 15, 1868. They have had six children, as follows: Harriet, who died at the age of five years; Charles, born February 7, 1873, who assists his father in his grocery business; Frank, who died in infancy; Eleanor Bell, who is a graduate of the Norwich Broadway School; Philo, a youth of sixteen, who is also in his father's store; and Minnie, a bright girl of twelve years.

Mr. Barnes is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, and he has taken all the degrees in the I. O. F. He is a Democrat, as all his forefathers have been. He has served as Constable, was First Selectman and Town Treasurer for one year each, and was re-elected to the latter office, but resigned. He has been a grand juror, and was a Representative in the State legislature in 1882, and in 1883 and 1884 was State Senator. Mr. Barnes has been a very successful business man. He has been in the grocery business for thirty-one years in his own name; and he is a large dealer in fish, including oysters and clams. He has his own fishing-smacks and seines, and supplies all the local trade.

ALMARIN T. HALE, the genial and popular landlord of the Crocker House, New London, is a native of Norwich, Conn. Born September 1, 1853, he is a son of Almarin R. Hale, who was a native of Glastonbury, Conn., born in the year 1822. The mother, who was a native of Norwich, had four sons, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest. The others are: Henry, William, and Wallace, all residing at Watch Hill, R.I. The father owned the Watch Hill House, a favorite summer resort since 1872, and enlarged it three times. Since his death in May, 1894, his widow and the three younger sons have had charge of it.

Almarin T. Hale spent his boyhood in Norwich and Bridgeport. He was educated in the town schools and at a boarding-school. Since he was twenty-five years of age he has been interested in a number of hostleries, including the Union House of Green Cove Springs, Fla., the Florida House of St. Augustine, and the Sanford House of Sanford, Fla. For many years he was the managing clerk of the Watch Hill House for his father. In 1881 he and his father came to New London, and purchased the Crocker House, which they conducted together until 1890, when the elder Mr. Hale retired. Of this hostelry a local sheet speaks as follows: "The largest and best hotel in the city, and one of the best in the State of Connecticut, is the establishment known as the Crocker House, of which Mr. A. T. Hale is proprietor. The building is a handsome structure, five stories in height. It is constructed in a thoroughly modern manner, and is as complete in all its appointments as the requirements of the hotel-frequenting public at the present day demand. The Crocker House is most eligibly situated on State Street, the principal business street of the city, at a convenient distance from the railroad depot and within easy reach of all points of interest to visitors, whether on business or pleasure bent. It is only three minutes' distance from the Union Railroad Station; and electric cars, which provide excellent street transportation service, pass the doors every few minutes. The city post-office is on the ground floor in the hotel building, affording advantages which will readily suggest themselves. The office of the hotel, the bar, and billiard, writing, and smoking rooms are also on the ground floor; while the dining-room and parlors are on the second floor. All the public and private rooms are tastefully furnished, and an air of elegance

and comfort pervades the entire establishment. . . . The establishment has grown steadily in public favor, and it may safely be said that there is no hotel anywhere that possesses a more cheerful or home-like atmosphere. It is the headquarters of the college crews and their admirers during the race season each summer, and is a favorite resort for commercial travellers and business men all the year round." Mr. Hale is also the manager for the owners of the Munnatauket and Mansion Hotels at Fisher's Island and of the Mitchell House of Thomasville, Ga.

In 1877 Almarin T. Hale married Hattie A. Wallace, of Bridgeport, Conn., a daughter of A. W. Wallace, of that place. Their only child, a son, died in infancy. In politics Mr. Hale is a Democrat, and has served as chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. In March, 1894, President Cleveland appointed him Collector of Customs for the New London port, with jurisdiction extending from Noank to the Connecticut River. He is a Master Mason. In the Odd Fellows he is a member of the encampment. He is connected with the Improved Order of Red Men and a member of the Great Council of the State. For two seasons he was manager of the Lyceum Theatre without pay, and he has also been the president of the Thames Club. Rendered eligible in more than one line, on his mother's side through Lieutenant Thomas Tracy, who was one of the original proprietors and settlers of Norwich, he is a member of the Sons of the Revolution.

CHARLES HEBER WALDEN, superintendent of the almshouse at New London, was born in Montville, Conn., June 4, 1839. He is a son of the late Rev. Hiram and Rebecca (Bird) Walden, and

claims among his kindred many who have taken an active part in American history. William Walden, his great-grandfather, who was born in Bristol, England, married on August 5, 1754, Ruamis, daughter of Elenar and Rebecca (Chapman) Simons, and by this union had the following children: Elenar, John, Elizabeth, William, Robert, Simon, Mary, Amy, Edward, and David.

William Walden, Jr., the fourth child, was Charles H. Walden's grandfather. He was born in New London, Conn., September 13, 1762, and came to this country in childhood. Though only in his teens at the time of the Revolution, he served in the patriot forces, and captured an English soldier, whom he took on horseback to the camp. He died from an injury at the age of thirty-three. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth McFall, was a daughter of William and Deborah (Chapman) McFall, and is said to have been partly of Welsh blood. Her father, William McFall, also was a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Elizabeth McFall Walden lived to be nearly fourscore. Her children were: Grace, William, Eliza, Hannah, and Hiram, above named.

The following account of the Rev. Hiram Walden's life was written by his daughter, Mrs. Ellen Walden Darrow.

Hiram Walden, the youngest child of William and Elizabeth (McFall) Walden, was born in Montville, May 13, 1804. He was a thoughtful child, learning easily and having a retentive memory. His first teacher said that he learned the whole alphabet during the first day. His boyhood days were spent with his parents in Montville. When but a lad he became an earnest Christian, and united with the Congregational church in that town. Although so young, he asked for baptism by immersion, seldom practised at that time by



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that denomination; and it was granted. The Rev. Abishai Alden was his faithful pastor and firm friend. With him he studied for a time. His parents not being able to give him a liberal education, the church, through the influence of that kind pastor, offered to pay his expenses in getting the education he craved. While at school in the eastern part of Massachusetts he became acquainted with the Methodist teachings; and, finding them more like his own views, he decided to withdraw from the Congregational church and unite with the Methodist, his earnings shortly enabling him to repay the money so kindly advanced him by the Congregational church. He was a good Greek, Latin, and French scholar, and often taught those languages.

When about twenty years of age he commenced preaching the gospel. He was a circuit preacher for about fourteen years, and after that was pastor of different churches, mostly in Massachusetts, the rules of the Methodist church then being that no pastor could remain with a church more than two years. For nearly thirty years Mr. Walden faithfully preached the gospel, then his health failed. The Methodist preachers of his day received but small salaries; and, his family being large, he helped provide for them by teaching in public and select schools besides performing his duties as pastor. When about fifty years of age, lingering consumption marked him for its victim. He then settled on a farm in his native town, and passed the rest of his days in quiet, ever loving and enjoying his books. He was even then often called to supply a pulpit during the absence of the pastor and to conduct funeral services. He took but little part in politics, but his townsmen honored him with the offices of Selectman and Town Registrar. He was also chairman of the Board of Education for years, as long as

his failing health would permit. He died July 19, 1871, aged sixty-seven years.

Rev. Hiram Walden was married in January, 1827, at Stoughton, Mass., to Rebecca, daughter of Abner and Polly (Gay) Bird. She was born in Stoughton, January 31, 1806. Both of her grandfathers, Private John Bird and Lieutenant Lemuel Gay, rendered valuable services in the Revolutionary War. Through different branches of her family she was connected with Major-general Humphrey Atherton, who commanded the military forces at Boston in 1654 — a member of the younger branch of the Athertons, of Atherton in Lancaster, England, whose family records run back to 1112 A.D.; with the Tupper brothers, "obstinate Lutherans," who in 1522, in consequence of persecutions by Charles V., fled from Hesse-Cassel, Saxony, losing their property; with Captain Roger Clapp, one of the first settlers in Dorchester, Mass., who held several important military and civil offices; with Thomas Mayhew, who preached to the Indians some thirty-three years, and who was Governor of Martha's Vineyard in 1647; with Thomas Wells, Governor of Connecticut in 1655 and 1658; with Richard Williams — said to have been a relative of Oliver Cromwell, their grandfathers in the fourth remove being brothers — one of the chief men of Taunton, Mass., where he located in 1637, one of the first to purchase land of the Indians, and Representative from Taunton in the Colonial Court for twelve years, between 1645 and 1665; and with Mary Towne, Mrs. Isaac Esty, who was executed as a witch, September 22, 1692, and to whose husband some twenty years after her execution twenty pounds' damages were paid by the General Court of Massachusetts.

Hiram and Rebecca (Bird) Walden had the following children: Elvira, born July 30,

1828, in Marshfield, Mass., who married Travis P. Douglas, of Waterford, Conn.; Mary Fletcher, born June 29, 1830, in Somerset, Mass., now wife of George P. Rogers, of Montville, Conn.; Edwin Hiram, born August 4, 1832, a physician in practice for some time in Ohio, who married first Kate Sanderson, second Mary Lovejoy; Ellen Rebecca, born September 19, 1834, in Waterford, Conn., now wife of the Rev. Edmund Darrow, of Waterford; William Bramwell, born January 19, 1837, in Montville, who married first Caroline Rogers, second Adella Gadbois; Charles Heber, the subject of this sketch; Lucinda Jane, born November 6, 1841, in Montville, who died young; Nathan Warren, born November 12, 1844, in Montville, who was married first to Ella Scott, second to Mrs. Laura Oliver, and who died in December, 1894; Albert Henry, born March 14, 1847, in Montville, Conn., who died young; John Wesley, born May 31, 1850, in Montville, who married Adella Manwaring, of Niantic, Conn.; and Nelson Bird, born March 13, 1853, in Montville, who died young. The mother, Mrs. Rebecca B. Walden, died March 10, 1880.

Charles H. Walden remained at home with his parents until nineteen years of age, acquiring his education in the public schools. He then taught in a district school for a while; and subsequently, during the war, he was employed for two years with John W. Deiter, getting out timber for the government. For eleven years he had charge of Thomas Fitch's stock farm in New London, one of the finest in the State, noted for its blooded horses and cattle, especially Jersey and Alderney cows. Appointed superintendent of the county almshouse at New London in 1881, he immediately began to develop the resources of the farm connected with the institution.

This consists of twenty acres of choice land, which under Mr. Walden's supervision is well tilled, and produces bountiful crops. When he was installed as superintendent, the almshouse was a brick building, fifty by one hundred feet in dimension, and had twelve inmates. The number of inmates now ranges from forty to sixty-nine; and the building has been enlarged, being at present fifty by one hundred and fifty feet in dimension and from two to four stories in height. Good order prevails, and the whole place bears evidence of wise and capable management. Politically, Mr. Walden favors the Republican party.

He was married in 1863 to Emily Hannah, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Beebe) Morgan, of Waterford, Conn. The following children have blessed their union: Augusta E., wife of Spencer J. Comstock, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lillian Bird, wife of Jesse A. Moon, of New London, and mother of two sons; Frank C., of Brooklyn, N.Y., who married Eva V., daughter of William Ferris, of Brooklyn, and has two sons and one daughter; and Nellie R., who lived but eighteen months.

WILLIAM S. C. PERKINS, M.D., for over a quarter-century has ministered to the bodily ailments of the residents of Norwich, by whom he is held in the highest esteem. Born in East Lyme, New London County, February 1, 1837, son of Austin Freeman Perkins, he comes of French origin. Rufus Perkins, the father of Austin Freeman, and an old-time innkeeper of Groton, Conn., was a son of John and Polly (Freeman) Perkins. Mrs. Rufus Perkins, who outlived her husband many years, died about the year 1847, at a venerable age.

She bore her husband two sons and two daughters.

Austin Freeman Perkins, who was born in Groton about the year 1804, acquired his rudimentary education in the common schools. He read medicine with Dr. Minor, and subsequently attended Berkshire Medical College, which was then in Pittsfield, Mass., graduating therefrom about 1830. On receiving his diploma, he set up in practice in that portion of Lyme known as East Lyme and Flanders village. In the same year he was married to Mary Moore Way, of Lyme, a daughter of Elisha Way, a pensioner, who died at the age of eighty-five years. Five of their eight children reached adult life, namely: Eunice C., who died at twenty-five; William S. C., the subject of this biography; Thomas A., a successful Norwich merchant, a member of the city government and a Deacon of the Baptist church; Julia B., the wife of Sylvester G. Jerome, residing in Waterford, Conn.; and Mary A., the wife of Joseph P. Morgan, living at Fort Scott, Ark. The mother died in 1852, when forty-six years of age. Their father afterward married Miss Louisa Wightman, who bore him two sons, namely: Austin F., now connected with the Norwich Carpet Lining Company of this city; and George Anson, a box manufacturer here. After the mother's death Dr. Austin Perkins formed a third union with Miss Harriet Moore. He died in 1876, and she in 1890.

William S. C. Perkins attended the common and select schools of East Lyme, also the Connecticut Literary Institute at Suffield, Conn. He then took up the study of medicine under his father's tuition, was subsequently a student in the medical department of Yale College, and in 1860 was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. In the same year he

began the practice of his profession in Montville, this county, remaining there until the fall of 1869, the date of his location here in Norwich, where he has been in active and very successful practice since. He is a member of the staff of the William W. Backus Hospital. This institution, which is fully equipped and has about seventy beds, was founded by William S. Slater and William W. Backus.

On May 29, 1861, Dr. Perkins was united in marriage with Miss Amelia J. Jerome, of Montville, Conn., a daughter of George D. and Hannah (Darrow) Jerome. A son and daughter live to bless their union, namely: Florence A., who married Frank W. Browning, of Norwich, and has four children; and Charles H. Perkins, M.D., a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City in the class of 1891, now practising in Norwich, and a member of the county and State medical societies. Dr. William S. C. Perkins is a Republican in politics. A thirty-second degree Mason, he is a member of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, F. & A. M.; of Franklin Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; of Columbian Commandery, K. T.; and of Connecticut Sovereign Consistory, Grand East. Like his son, he is a member of the county and State medical societies, and in the spring of 1896 he was elected president of the former. He resides at 50 Broad Street, in the home that he purchased in 1880, moving there from his former residence, 42 Main Street, in August of that year.

HENRY BISHOP, a former well-known resident of New London, who died at his home, 4 Jay Street, on January 25, 1892, at the age of seventy-one years, was born in Chesterfield, this county, son of

Charles and Charlotte (Lattimer) Bishop. The following obituary of his father appeared in a local journal:—

“On the 18th of April, 1866, died in New London, Charles Bishop, Esq., at the venerable age of eighty-two years. He was a most worthy member of the Huntington Street Baptist Church, and his remains were borne to the tomb by seven sons as pall-bearers. On Sabbath afternoon, December 15, 1867, his widow, Charlotte Bishop, departed this life, aged eighty-four; and her lifeless form was laid to rest beside her husband by the same seven sons, with a commendable filial love and reverence, and tenderly and carefully, as they had their father’s one and one-half years ago. These two occasions were most impressive, and events full of interest and suggestion—reminiscences worth cherishing, which will never fade from the memory of these sons. The one who had borne them, guarded and watched over them from the cradle to manhood, was now being borne by them, tenderly and tearfully, and laid to rest in that long and dreamless sleep which knows no waking. And what is most significant is that she was the mother of eight children, seven sons and one daughter, and all were there to pay their last tribute. And those standing around the grave of the father represented an aggregate of life of over four hundred years.” Further information in regard to the family may be found in the sketch of Charles Bishop, brother of the subject of this sketch, published elsewhere in this volume.

At the age of fifteen Henry Bishop came to this city, and learned the carpenter’s trade with his older brother, John Bishop. Afterward he worked as a journeyman many years. Then, without capital, he started in business with the firm of Bishop Brothers, lumber dealers and builders. The firm comprised

Charles, Henry, and Gilbert Bishop, until some five years before the death of Henry, when Charles withdrew, leaving the other two to constitute the firm. Mr. Bishop was an honored citizen of New London, and had contributed his full share to the prosperity and growth of the city by his industry and business sagacity. The public press of the city gave words of warmest commendation upon his life and character, speaking of him as one of the leading and honored business men of the town.

February 22, 1842, Mr. Bishop married Mary S. Howard, who was born in the town of Waterford, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Smith) Howard. Her mother, who was born in Niantic, and was married February 22, 1822, died when Mary S., the youngest of the children, was only two years and one-half old. The latter was brought up in the family of her uncle, Captain Jonathan Smith, who removed to New London when his niece was nine years old. She now lives in the fine large house built by her husband over fifty years ago. She has three children: Jonathan S. Bishop, residing at 2 Jay Street, married, and the father of one child; Henry Bishop, who succeeded his father in the lumber business; and Mary, the wife of Nathan Woodworth, of New London, and the mother of three children.

ALVAH MORGAN, a prosperous farmer of Salem and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in the neighborhood of his present home, August 3, 1840, son of Sidney and Harriet (Stoddard) Morgan. His grandfather, Theophilus Morgan, a farmer of Groton, Conn., married Mary Hinekley, daughter of Abel Hinekley, of Stonington, and by her had a large family, of whom but two sons and four daughters lived to maturity. The eldest son, Alvah, born June 7, 1798, be-

came a resident of Holley, Orleans County, N.Y. He married March 3, 1822, Dolly Stratton, of Glastonbury. In 1832 he settled in Murray, Orleans County, where he died March 11, 1862, at the age of sixty-four years, leaving a wife and an only son, Alvah S. Morgan, who still resides in Holley.

Sidney Morgan, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born August 30, 1800. He occupied the old Morgan farm, which he subsequently sold to Aaron Niles in 1835 for the sum of eighty-five hundred dollars. He then purchased a farm of three hundred acres in Salem, which he sold in 1857 for five thousand dollars. With this capital in hand, in company with his four sons, he went West, settling in Loda, Iroquois County, Ill., where he bought six hundred and forty acres of land, and where his sons, Theophilus and Enoch, took up one section. With the exception of Theophilus, the entire family returned East in 1860. On his return Mr. Morgan purchased the farm of two hundred and twenty acres adjoining the original homestead, where he lived until his death, which occurred March 21, 1870. He was much in public life, filling various town offices, and representing the town in the legislature three years, the last time in 1866. He was a Master Mason. Though a member of the Episcopal church, he attended and helped to support the Congregational church, and was a practical Christian philanthropist. February 27, 1823, he married Harriet Stoddard, who was born February 28, 1802, daughter of Vine Stoddard. She survived him eleven years, and died April 15, 1881, in the eightieth year of her age. Their children were as follows: Theophilus, who was born in 1823, accumulated a comfortable fortune, and retired from business, and is a widower with one son; John Wesley, who was born in 1821, and has been a merchant in

New London for the past fifty years; Enoch Sidney, born in 1828, who is an engineer and machinist, residing in Mystic; and Albert Hinckley, who is a farmer and public-spirited citizen of Redwood County, Minnesota, where he holds the offices of Postmaster and Town Clerk.

Alvah Morgan was reared upon his father's farm. He accompanied him West, and subsequently returned with him. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Connecticut Regiment, Company A. Of the twenty-one young men who responded to their country's call at that time with Mr. Morgan, five lost their lives and eight were wounded. Mr. Morgan was wounded at Port Hudson, shot just below the knee by a minie ball, which he still carries in the bone. Another bullet marked his forehead. During this engagement fourteen of his comrades fell with him, four of whom were killed. He was discharged in August, 1863, and is now a pensioner. He married December 3, 1865, Sarah E., daughter of Lyman and Betsey E. (Irish) Bailey. Her father, who was a farmer, died in 1870, at the age of seventy-nine years; and her mother died in the same year, at the age of sixty-nine years. They had eight children, of whom Albert M. died October 10, 1876, at the age of thirty-three years, leaving a widow. The living are as follows: Susan E., widow of Charles Tiffany; Charles H.; Robert A.; Hattie G.; Frances A., wife of Amos B. Tiltonson; Sarah E. (Mrs. Morgan); and Benjamin P.—all residents of Salem.

Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have resided on their pleasant farm, which consists of two hundred and twenty acres of good land highly cultivated. Their poultry and butter bring the highest prices in the market. A Democrat politically, Mr. Morgan has taken a prominent part in town affairs.

He served as Town Clerk and Treasurer four years in the seventies, and is now serving the third year on his second term. He has also been First Selectman, Assessor, a member of the Board of Education (for ten years), and was in the legislature in 1891 and again in 1895. He and his wife are both members of the Congregational church.

GEORGE WASHINGTON ROGERS, a retired boat-builder of New London, Conn., the son of William and Polly (Chapman) Rogers, was born in this city, October 21, 1815. He is a lineal descendant of James Rogers, who left England in 1635, a young man of twenty, crossed the Atlantic, and settled at first in Stratford, Conn., then in Milford, and at some time between 1656 and 1660 came to New London. Here James Rogers spent the rest of his life, a prosperous merchant engaged in the grain and flour business. He married Elizabeth Pollard, and built for their family residence a stone house near the old town mill, upon land that was given him by Governor Winthrop. They had five sons.

George Rogers, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a cooper by trade. He served in the War of 1812. He was taken sick with billious fever, from which, however, he was recovering, when, the news of peace arriving, he was so elated that he went down street and took a cold that resulted in his death. He married February 14, 1755, Mary Tinker, and had four children, one daughter, who died in childhood, and three sons, two of whom, George and Josiah, were fishermen, the third being William, the father above named, who was born in New London, January 16, 1792. He was a seafaring man, and served for many years as captain of a fast packet between

New London and New York. He died October 27, 1850, at the age of fifty-eight. His wife, Polly, whom he married December 25, 1814, died in 1876, at the age of eighty-four. She was a daughter of James Chapman, whose father, Major James Chapman, was one of the first volunteers in the Revolution, and received at the time a Captain's commission. Major Chapman was killed at the battle of Harlem Heights, while trying to rally the retreating soldiers. Dying, he bequeathed his sword, with the injunction never to dishonor it, to his son, James Chapman, who served as drummer-boy in the same battle, and was with him when he fell. Polly Chapman's mother was a daughter of Daniel Holt, who owned the place known as the Samuel Coit place, and was one of the old settlers. Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers had five children — George W., Mary Ann, Charlotte, William, and James. Mary Ann (deceased) was the wife of David Coit, and had five children. Charlotte's first husband was John Hegeman, a merchant of Brooklyn, N.Y. She had three children by this marriage; and by her second husband, John Comstock, also of Brooklyn, she had one child. William Rogers (deceased) married Adeline Haynes, of Niantic, and was the father of five children. James married Nancy H. Beckwith, of East Lyme, and had five children.

George Washington Rogers, the special subject of this sketch, belongs to the eighth generation of the Rogers family in New London. He received his education in the public schools, and at the age of seventeen began the trade of boat-building, which he has followed for more than sixty years. He has the reputation of being the oldest boat-builder in New London, as well as one of the oldest inhabitants of the city. The house where he now lives he built in 1852.



GEORGE W. ROGERS.



Mr. Rogers married Susan Geer Ewen, daughter of Captain John and Mary (Wilson) Ewen, who have lived in New London for over eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have two children: Mary E., wife of Philo B. Hovey, of New London; and George W., who is superintendent of supplies for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have belonged to the Baptist church in New London for sixty-four years, and Mr. Rogers has been a Master Mason for more than half a century. Mr. Rogers remembers the "Fulton," the first steamboat that ever came to New London.

He is a survivor of the wreck of the "Atlantic," which was sunk off Fisher's Island, with such a tremendous loss of life, November 27, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers celebrated their golden wedding the 16th of October, 1888. They are still young in spirit, and delight to entertain their many friends with stories of interesting events which happened fifty years or more ago.

JAMES BULKLEY, a farmer of Salem, son of James and Sarah Ann (Abell) Bulkley, was born December 24, 1838, on his father's farm, now owned and occupied by himself and his brother Enoch.

The original farm of one hundred acres was settled upon by his great-grandfather Bulkley, whose ancestors came from England. The house, though not the original dwelling on the place, has the old hewn rafters and timbers, and is one of the oldest buildings in the country. It is well preserved, and is substantial and somewhat modern in appearance.

Prentice Bulkley, the grandfather of James Bulkley, fought in the War of 1812. He was a descendant of Major Charles Bulkley, son of the Rev. John and Patience (Prentice) Bulk-

ley, the former the first minister at Colchester. Prentice Bulkley married Dimis Bolles, of (Goshen Society) Lebanon. He died June 4, 1849, at the age of seventy-four. She died June 12, 1865, aged seventy-nine years.

The father, James Bulkley, was born on the homestead, September 20, 1807. He married Sarah A. Abell, who was born in Colchester, June 20, 1807. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Nott in Franklin. James Bulkley, Sr., was a man of sound judgment, strict integrity, tender-hearted, showing always a strong sympathy for the afflicted. He died much lamented by his family and greatly missed by the community in which he resided. His wife was a daughter of Hezekiah Abell and Eunice Bill, a descendant of John and Dorothy Bill, who came from England and settled at Boston about 1632. Mrs. Bulkley was a lady of more than ordinary refinement, much energy, and decision of character. Active and diligent herself, she inculcated the same principles in her children. Although living to a great age, she retained her youthful cheerfulness and mental abilities until the last.

Of their four sons and two daughters the fourth-born died in infancy in 1845, and two others in mature life. The surviving children are: Abbie, James, and Enoch. Abbie, widow of George Miller, of Colchester, is now living at Gale's Ferry with her daughter Minnie, who married Frank Hurlbutt, an engineer, in 1886. Her other child, a son, George Miller, married Annie Foote, and lives on the homestead at Colchester. Lucy Adelia, wife of Enoch B. Worthington, lived in Colchester, and died October 10, 1890, without issue. Her death was a severe affliction to her relatives and many friends. William A. died March 13, 1879, at the age of twenty-nine, unmarried. He was a student of

Bacon Academy, and taught a number of terms of school successfully. He was a member of the Salem Baptist Church and an active worker in the Sabbath-school. The father died March 2, 1878, aged seventy years, his widow surviving until February 16, 1894, when she died at the age of eighty-six. They lie beside the paternal grandparents in Linwood Cemetery in Colchester.

The large farm of six hundred acres was inherited by the two brothers, James and Enoch; and both reside on the old place. Each had a district schooling, and was reared to farm life. James Bulkley is a Democrat, and has served the town as Selectman for two terms and as a member of the Relief Board for three terms. The brothers are enterprising and successful farmers. Besides tilling the soil, they get out lumber from the timber land upon the farm, keep a dairy of some fifteen or twenty cows, Devon stock, and raise cattle, horses, and sheep. They use six yoke of oxen on the place.

Enoch Bolles Bulkley was born March 3, 1841. He married November 15, 1870, Lucy J. Raymond, daughter of William and Eunice B. Raymond, distant cousins. Richard Raymond, first of Salem, Mass., was made a freeman, May 14, 1634, and in 1636 was granted a tract of land, sixty acres in extent, at Jefferson Creek, now Manchester. He was a mariner, in the coast trade with the Dutch on Manhattan Island. He died in 1696. His third son, Joshua, went to New London, where he was a landholder, and was one of a committee to plan the road from Norwich to New London. For his services he received the nucleus of a tract of one thousand acres of land that was owned by his descendants. It is located eight miles from New London, and was known as the New London North Parish.

He married in 1659 Elizabeth, daughter of

Nehemiah Smith, and had eight children, one being Joshua, who married Mercy, daughter of James Sands, of Block Island, and died in 1704, his wife, Mercy, living till 1743. Their son, the third Joshua, was of Block Island and later of New London. He married in 1719 Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Mulford) Christophers. She died May 12, 1730; and he died in 1763. John Raymond, one of the six children of Joshua and Elizabeth Raymond, was born in 1725, and married in 1747 Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. George and Hannah (Lynde) Griswold. Their ten children were born in Montville. The eldest, John, second, was Lieutenant under Colonel Whitney in the French and Indian War, and was stationed at Fort Griswold. He marched to Boston in 1775, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. He died May 7, 1789, at the age of eighty-four years in Montville, where he lies buried. His wife died of small-pox in 1779, at the age of fifty.

John Raymond, third, son of the second John, and the paternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Bulkley, served as First Lieutenant under General Spencer from 1776 to 1777. He married in Montville, May 26, 1774, Mercy Raymond, a cousin. Their three children were: William, Nathan, and Mary. William, born May 3, 1778, married June 22, 1800, Elizabeth Manwaring. He died July 29, 1842. His wife died in 1854. Their children were: Mercy, Richard, and William (Mrs. Bulkley's father). He was born April 21, 1806. He married July 5, 1829, Eunice Burnham Raymond, and settled on Raymond Hill, where the family had lived for several generations. They had six children, of whom they lost two infant sons. The four daughters were: Elizabeth, Eunice A., Adelaide L., and Lucy J. Elizabeth married Allison

B. Ladd, and died childless, April 14, 1872; Eunice Ann married Calvin Allyn, resided in Norwich, and died April 19, 1896; Adelaide L., who married Henry W. Rogers, died in Montville, April 4, 1874, leaving one daughter, Lena A., wife of W. C. Hogaboom, of Los Angeles, Cal., an editor, connected with the *Associated Press*.

Lucy J. (Mrs. Bulkley), the youngest child, was educated in the best schools of her native town. She taught her first school at the age of sixteen, and continued teaching until her marriage. Mrs. Bulkley has a valuable heirloom, which has been handed down from England through the Lynde family. It is a silver mug or tankard which was presented by Queen Elizabeth to a member of the family, and is inscribed "F. M. W. I. E. Francis and Margaret Willoughby and H. R.," the latter initials being those of a great-aunt, Hannah Raymond. This ancient treasure was owned by Sarah Lynde, the second wife of Joshua Raymond, and her sister Hannah, who married the Rev. George Griswold, and was handed down to John Raymond, and from him through Hannah to George Raymond, from whom it passed to the mother of Mrs. Bulkley. She is also in possession of the original manuscript deed given by Mercy Sands Raymond, of Block Island, June 24, 1725, to her son Joshua.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch B. Bulkley may be briefly mentioned, as follows: James Raymond Bulkley, died April 25, 1876; Sarah Burnham, born March 16, 1879, an undergraduate of the Bacon Academy, a member of the class of 1899, is a young lady of promise, with fine intellectual endowments and studious habits; Willie Enoch, born June 25, 1881, is a brilliant scholar, and will graduate in 1900 from the same school; Arthur Jewett died at the age of sixteen months, July 8, 1887.

NATHAN DENNISON BATES, a retired business man and owner of real estate in Preston, Conn., was born in the adjoining town of Griswold, New London County, November 13, 1829, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Bates. He is a descendant of Caleb Bates, of Scituate, Mass., who removed to Kingston, R.I., in 1701, settling in what is now Exeter. The family name was formerly Bate, the present form having been adopted within the last hundred years.

Nichols Bates, the grandfather of Mr. Bates of Preston, was born in Exeter about the year 1775, and died in 1845. His wife, Susanna Wethers, who belonged to a family of French Huguenots, and was born in 1777, survived him ten years, and died in 1855. Their children were: Benjamin, Nichols, John, Silas, Daniel, Arnold, and three daughters, all of whom had families. Nichols Bates, Jr., went to Ohio, where many of his descendants now live.

Benjamin Bates, the father of Nathan D., was a shoemaker by trade. In 1827 he removed from Rhode Island to the town of Griswold. He married Elizabeth Hawkins, of South Kingston, R.I., in 1817. Her ancestor, Captain Thomas Hawkin, settled in Dorchester in 1630. He was a member of the London Artillery Company and of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, and was in charge of the big guns at Savin Hill, Dorchester. His son, Richard Hawkins, removed from Boston to Portsmouth, R.I.; Christopher, the second son, settled in Kingston, R.I.; and Thomas, from whom Mrs. Bates descended, married Ann Torrey, daughter of the Rev. Joseph Torrey, of Tower Hill, R.I. Captain William Torrey, who came to New England in 1632 and settled at Weymouth, Mass., was for many years a Representative to the General Court,

and served as Clerk of the house. Johnson, the historian of Massachusetts, says he was famed for his fine penmanship. His son, the Rev. Samuel Torrey, was invited in 1686, it is said, to the presidency of Harvard College, President Oakes having died in 1681, and his immediate successor, John Rogers, in 1684. This honor Mr. Torrey declined, but he was a fellow of the corporation from 1697 to 1705. He was pastor of the church at Weymouth fifty-one years, and preached the election sermon in Boston in 1674, 1683, and 1689. He married Mary Rawson, daughter of Sir Edward Rawson, who was Secretary of the Colony of Massachusetts and Clerk of the Probate Court of Suffolk County. Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Bates had four children: Henry, a machinist and mechanical engineer, who died in 1860, at the age of forty-two years; Nichols B., a marine engineer, who died at Ulysses, Neb., in 1887, at the age of sixty-seven; Hannah H., who married Isaac P. Sims, and died at sixty-three years of age; and Nathan D., who lives in Preston. The mother died in November, 1865; and the father died in June, 1881. The eldest son was a member of the firm of Cranston & Bates, of Norwich, manufacturers of engine boilers and general machinery, also a member of the New London Foundry and Machine Company. He was a fine mechanic, and inventor of and patentee on stem valves and a bomb lance for taking whales, as well as of a new steam gauge. Naturally an investigator, he made and owned one of the largest telescopes in the United States, the instrument in Harvard University Observatory being then the only larger one.

Nathan D. Bates acquired his elementary education in the little, old brown school-house in his native district, afterward pursuing his studies two terms in the village select

school. At the age of sixteen years he started out for himself on a tin pedler's cart, and six months later he was employed for a short time in running a stationary engine at Westerly, R.I. He then learned the machinist's trade, and in 1848 took the position of machinist and engineer with Cranston & Bates, of Norwich, Conn. Four years later he became fireman of the steam ferry-boat which carried cars across the Connecticut River; and in 1853 he went as fireman again with his brother Nichols, then the engineer on the "Agawam," plying between Sag Harbor and Greenport. In June of that year he obtained a United States license as engineer, and early in 1854 he became his brother's successor on the "Agawam," as master engineer. During the summer he went to Providence as engineer of an excursion steamer, the "Blackstone." After that he was in different ways engaged in business until the breaking out of the war, when he was appointed chief engineer of the United States Navy, and served on the steamship "Hetsel," the "Hatteras," the monitor "Nantucket," and the steamship "Dawn." From the latter he was transferred to the prize ship "Princess Royal," which he took from Port Royal to Philadelphia. After a short leave of absence given him on account of his state of health, he was ordered to the Boston navy yard as chief engineer of the "Mercideti," in which he went to the West India Islands. His last period of service was at the Philadelphia navy yard. He left the United States Navy in 1864, and was variously occupied in connection with his profession, finally forming a partnership with Elijah J. Green, under the firm name of Bates & Co. The firm dissolved in 1871; and Mr. Bates continued in business alone until the spring of 1878, when he retired.

He was elected Sheriff in 1877, and was in

office from 1878 until 1881, being the second Democratic Sheriff of the county. He was made an elector, April, 1851, and was elected Constable that year. Appointed Justice of the Peace in 1864, he served in that capacity for eighteen years. He has been a Selectman and Trial Justice, and has represented his town at the General Assembly. He was a County Commissioner for three years, 1874-77, and in 1886 was appointed by Grover Cleveland United States Marshal, which office he ably filled for four years; and has held many other honorable positions in service of State, county, or town. He belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution, and was Second Lieutenant of the Fourth Rifle Company, Third Regiment, Quarter-master of the Third Regiment, and held the rank of Major as Aide-de-camp to Major-general James J. McCord. Mr. Bates also served in the fire department for three years.

It was in the fall of 1854 that he married Sarah Emily Nickerson, daughter of Thomas H. and Susan (Currin) Nickerson, of Sag Harbor, the nuptials taking place November 15. They began domestic life at Preston City, and, with the exception of a year at Mystic Bridge, made that city their home until 1871. Mrs. Sarah E. Bates died August 21, 1893, at the age of fifty-eight. She left two children — Addison G. and Katherine Browning Bates. Addison G. Bates is foreman of the sewer department in Providence. He married Minnie H. Hille, of Harvard, Ia., and has two daughters — Grace I. and Laura Nickerson. Katherine Browning Bates is the wife of John F. Bennett, of Boston, and has one son, Henry Bates Bennett, a bright boy about twelve years old.

Mr. Bates married second, April 3, 1895, Sophia A. Connell, of Preston, daughter of Joseph and Sophia Bromley Connell.

ELIJAH A. MORGAN, who has been an ice dealer in Old Mystic, Stonington, for thirty-seven years was born in Centre Groton, Conn., August 11, 1836. His father, Elijah B. Morgan, who was born in Groton, near New London, in 1809, in early youth went to sea, serving as ship's boy. Elijah B. rose steadily, and in 1843 held the position of captain in the old ship "Herald" of Stonington. He was concerned wholly with whaling vessels, except during the period between 1849 and 1851, when he was in California, to which he had gone by way of the Straits of Magellan. He was a mate with Captain George Brewster, of Stonington, and a sailor with Captain Billings Burch. His first marriage was contracted with Mary Perkins, whose only child was Elijah A., and who died in 1841. His second marriage united him to Jane M., daughter of the Rev. John G. Wightman, a prominent and able Baptist minister. She survives him, and is now an active lady. She had five children. She spends portions of her time with three of them, namely: John C. Fremont Morgan, of Elroy, Wis.; Anna, the wife of Charles Chapman, residing near Centre Groton; and Myron Morgan, of Norwich. Captain Morgan, while in command of the ship "Contest" of New Bedford, off the coast of Brazil, died suddenly of heart-disease in 1861. He had been a prosperous man, and left a very comfortable competency.

The early boyhood of Elijah A. Morgan was passed in Groton, attending the common school. At the age of fourteen he went with his father on a two years' voyage to Desolation Island, afterward called Berghland's Lands, which was discovered by Captain Cooke. Later he spent a year in the Suffield (Conn.) Literary Institute. Then, for a few months, he was in business at the Fulton Market,

New York City. In 1852 he came to Old Mystic to close out a stock of goods. During the next eight years he kept a store. In 1860 he started in the ice business, which he has followed since, supplying the Mystic valley people with ice, and putting up about fifteen hundred tons. In 1873 he erected one of the finest dwellings in Mystic, and it has been a most pleasant home for the family ever since. He has a well-built barn and sheds, and keeps six horses.

Mr. Morgan is a Master Mason. He has been twice in the State legislature, has been County Commissioner for six years and Selectman for seven years. He was First Selectman in the first year of the time he has served in the latter capacity. In 1858 he married Mary F., daughter of Daniel and Mary (Heath) Davis, the latter now living in Clinton, Conn. Mrs. Morgan died in 1886, leaving two of her three children. These are: Elijah D. Morgan, of New York City; and Fannie M., who is the wife of John E. Hart, of Elroy, Wis., and has two children — Jeanette and Raymond. In 1888 Sarah Lawton, of Newport, R.I., became Mr. Morgan's second wife. The offspring of this marriage is Earle, a bright boy of seven years. Mr. Morgan is a Methodist and an official in the church. In politics he is a Republican. He is one of the leading residents, is agreeable and genial in his business relations as well as in his social life, and he is devoted to his family.

ELIAS WILLIAMS, a practical and progressive agriculturist of Stonington, Conn., was born January 19, 1830, not far from Mystic village, on the farm where he now resides, which formerly belonged to his Stanton ancestors. He is of the eighth generation to own this estate, and

has in his possession a deed dated January 2, 1656, given to Thomas Stanton, an early colonist, by a Mr. Beebe, no price or compensation for the property being mentioned in the deed, which was written by Thomas Stanton. The deed was recorded in the Stonington book of records for land (in folio four), June 22, 1704, Elnathan Miror, recorder. Mr. Williams's grandfather, Elias Williams, first, who was a native of Stonington, was a seafaring man, and was a master mariner for some years. He married Thankful Stanton, and died, while yet a young man, in 1810, in North Carolina, leaving her with four children, two of them sons; namely, William Stanton Williams and Joseph Stanton Williams. The former, who was born in 1800, lived in this locality until 1830, when he followed the tide of emigration Westward, going as far as the Territory of Michigan. He settled there, but did not live many years, his death occurring in 1834. He left a widow and one daughter, both of whom have passed to the life beyond. Mrs. Thankful Stanton Williams, who was the daughter of William and Hannah (Williams) Stanton and granddaughter of John Williams, of Mystic village, lived a widow for more than half a century, dying during the late Civil War, in her native town, past fourscore years of age.

Joseph Stanton Williams succeeded to the ownership of the ancestral homestead, where he was born in March, 1802, and where he spent his long life of eighty-six years, his death occurring on February 21, 1889. A wise and willing worker, he toiled early and late in clearing the land and placing it in a state of cultivation. He made many substantial improvements, among others being the erection in 1830, some six years after his marriage, of the present dwelling-house, which stands on the site of the original residence.

In 1824 he married Miss Julia A. Gallup, of Ledyard, a daughter of Christopher Gallup, whose wife was a Mrs. Prentiss, born Stanton. Eight children were born of their union, namely: Joseph Stanton, who died in 1834, aged eight years; William, who went to California in 1849, was fairly successful as a miner during the four years he spent on the Pacific coast, and died in 1857, leaving a widow and one daughter; Elias, the special subject of this brief sketch; Julia, wife of Salmon C. Foote, of Mystic; Joseph Stanton, of Mystic; Charles, who died at Mystic in 1865, leaving his widow with two sons and a daughter; Warren, who died in Stonington in 1868, unmarried; and Ellen G., who lived but twelve years. The mother died in May, 1883, aged seventy-six years. Both parents were devoted members of the Congregational church. Their bodies were laid to rest in Elm Grove Cemetery, which is beautifully located between the river and highway. (Further ancestral history may be found in connection with the sketch of Joseph S. Williams.)

Elias Williams was reared to man's estate on the home farm, receiving his education in the district school; and for four or five years thereafter he was engaged in carrying on a meat market. In 1856 he embarked in the lumber business in Canada; but subsequently he went West, locating first in Dubuque, Ia., and later in St. Louis, Mo., where he remained five years out of the fifteen that he was away. During the Rebellion he was employed by the government as wagon master, being in Missouri, Arkansas, and New Mexico. After the war he was one of the surveying party that accompanied General Palmer through to California. In 1870 Mr. Williams returned to the scenes of his childhood days, and has since carried on general farming with

most satisfactory pecuniary results, the fine appearance of the homestead property giving evidence of his wise management and thrift.

On February 26, 1885, Mr. Williams married Miss Sarah Palmer, daughter of Randall and Mary A. (Holmes) Browne, of Stonington. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are both members of the Mystic Congregational Church, in which he is Deacon; and both are active workers in the denomination. Mr. Williams is an active Republican in his political affiliations, and has served as chairman of the Town Republican Committee for twenty years, being also chairman of the Senatorial Committee. He has always been a useful and influential citizen, and has filled various positions of trust. He represented Stonington in the State legislature, and was re-elected in 1896. He has also served as Justice of the Peace and as Grand Juror.

The foresight and generosity of this public-spirited citizen are strikingly evidenced by his recent gift, in November, 1897, of two acres of the ancestral estate covered by the above-mentioned deed of two hundred and forty-two years ago to the Mystic Industrial Company, which was organized with a capital of thirty thousand dollars, to erect a plant, one hundred and sixty-two by one hundred and fifty-one feet, with boiler-room twenty by forty feet, for the manufacturing of textile fabrics, or a velvet mill, the property being leased to the Rossie Brothers, of Germany. A thousand dollars would not have induced Mr. Williams to sell the land for house lots, but to establish a new business and promote the prosperity of his native town he was willing to part with it without price. The advantages that the place will derive from the new industry may be inferred from the fact that employment will be given to from five hundred to six hundred persons, men and women.

THOMAS B. ALEXANDER, a well-known contractor of New London, was born in North Groton, Conn., in 1836, son of Thomas Jefferson and Mary Ann (Miner) Alexander. The father, a native of the same town, was a sea captain, making voyages between New York and Appalachicola. He died at the last-named place in early manhood of small-pox, leaving a widow, who still lives in Ledyard, Conn., at the advanced age of eighty-six years, and two children — Thomas B. and Mary. Mary married John Williams, of Ledyard.

Thomas B. Alexander was reared on the home farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. He subsequently went to Rhode Island, where he worked for some time in a woollen-mill. Still later he came to New London, and engaged in his present business, in which he has been quite successful. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, and has been six times appointed Street Commissioner for terms of one year each. On October 14, 1855, he married Frances A. Hempstead, daughter of Edward and Fannie (Whittlesey) Hempstead. Mrs. Alexander's great-great-grandparents were Joshua and Lydia (Burch) Hempstead, both of whom lived and died in New London. Her great-great-grandfather Joshua was born here in the old historic Hempstead House, which is still occupied by one of the family. Edward Hempstead, the grandfather, was a native of Stonington, Conn. Mrs. Alexander's father was a farmer, who died in middle life. Her mother lived a widow many years, dying at the advanced age of eighty-three. They had ten children, all of whom lived to grow up, marry, and rear families. Seven of the number are still living, namely: Sarah, wife of A. J. Bliven, of Colorado; Eunice Cary, now the wife of William Cranston, of New Lon-

don; Henry S., of Waterford, Conn.; Hiram, a resident of Ledyard; Mary Anne, wife of William Hancock, of Mystic; Simeon, who resides at Clarke Falls Corner, R.I.; and Frances A., now Mrs. Alexander. The subject of this sketch has one daughter, Jennie A., who was graduated with honor, at the age of seventeen, at the Young Ladies' High School, before it became the Williams Memorial. She married Stanley A. Smith, a yard-master of the Central Vermont Railroad. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and traces her ancestry back, maternally, to Sir Robert Hempstead, and paternally to John Alden of the "Mayflower." In 1888 Mr. Alexander built his present fine residence at 29 North Main Street.

ALBERT W. PERKINS, the leading dry-goods merchant of Noank, in the town of Groton, was born here, October 3, 1835, son of Sevilian and Lucy B. (Potter) Perkins. His paternal grandfather was Phineas, a farmer, who took part in the action at Groton Heights during the Revolutionary War. Sevilian Perkins, who was born in Groton in 1808, was a sailor and fisherman. In 1849 he went with a party to California, where he was engaged in speculating for a few years. Returning subsequently to Connecticut, he bought a fishing sloop, in which he went after cod to George's Banks. His wife, in maidenhood Lucy B. Potter, and a native of Noank, was a descendant of one of the oldest families in this county. She became the mother of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to mature years, married, and had families, there being at the present time twenty-five living grand-children. The six children now living are widely scattered, some



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of them having homes in the West. The mother died at the age of forty-two years, and the father at seventy-one years. They were interred in Noank cemetery.

When but ten years old Albert W. Perkins began to accompany his father on his fishing and coasting expeditions, and he subsequently continued in this employment for twenty-four years. On April 1, 1870, he began mercantile business in his present store. He carries a good assortment of general dry goods and notions, and has been very successful. The busy little village of Noank counts him as one of her most substantial and reliable business men.

On January 22, 1858, Mr. Perkins married Miss Julia Avery Burrows, of Groton Bank, and a daughter of Austin and Almira (Hill) Burrows. Her mother is a daughter of Moses Hill, whose father, Samuel B. Hill, was among the slain at the battle of Groton Heights. Austin Burrows died in 1892, aged eighty-one years, leaving a son and two daughters. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, namely: Lucy, wife of Charles I. Fitch, of Noank, and the mother of four children; C. C. Perkins, a prominent merchant in New London, Conn.; Myra, wife of Otto W. Monroe, of Providence, R.I., and the mother of three children; Warren C. Perkins, who married Flora Stanton, of Stonington, Conn., resides in that place, and has one daughter; Albert W., Jr., sixteen years old, who attends school and assists his father in the store; and Abbie H., two years younger, who also is attending school.

Mr. Perkins is a loyal supporter of the Republican party, and has served the town in minor offices. He is a Master Mason, and the first charter member of the A. O. U. W. of Noank, now Mystic. He is a member of the historic Baptist church in Noank. About

the time of his marriage he built a house, but sold it three years later, and moved into his present residence at 58 Main Street, in which he and his wife have spent thirty-seven of the forty years of their married life.

DANIEL R. LOOSLEY, the oldest newsdealer and stationer of New London, where he began in the business nearly thirty years ago, is a native of England. He was born January 11, 1833, son of William and Ann (Rogers) Loosley. William Loosley died in England, when about forty years of age. His widow was an octogenarian when she died in 1893. They had twelve children, of whom three sons and eight daughters grew to maturity.

Daniel R. Loosley left England for America in a sailing-vessel when a youth of sixteen or seventeen years. When he landed in Philadelphia, he had only a small amount of cash; but, having received a good common-school education, he was able to secure a position as clerk, and he followed that occupation some five years. From Philadelphia he drifted to Boston, where in 1855 he enlisted in the regular army. In his twelve years' service he rose in the regular order of promotion to the rank of Captain, which he held for three years; and he was a commissioned officer some five years. His first active service was on the North-west coast at Puget Sound. When the "Star of the West" went to Fort Sumter, he was one of the two hundred men aboard, of whom, so far as is known, he is the only survivor. Later he was in the Army of the Potomac, with which he participated in some forty engagements, escaping without injury or capture. Before he resigned, in 1867, he was brevetted Major. Soon after he came to New London, and established his present

business at 110 State Street, where he has been in trade for twenty-eight years. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

In 1864 Mr. Loosley was married in this city to Miss Jeanette Crandall, a daughter of Joshua and Emeline (Tinker) Crandall, both of whom are now deceased. Of his four children, two sons died in infancy, and Frederick died when eight years of age. The only daughter, Louise, is a graduate of the Young-Ladies' High School of this city, and has also received a musical education. Mr. and Mrs. Loosley and their daughter are members of the Episcopal church. They reside at 19 Brainard Street, in the house which he built twenty years ago.

SAMUEL H. CHESEBRO, a prosperous grocer of Stonington, was born in his present home on December 8, 1838. His parents, Samuel and Harriet (Pollard) Chesebro, were of English ancestry. The family commenced with William Chesebrough, who was born in England in 1594. In 1620 he was married in Boston, Lincolnshire, England, to Anna Stevenson. They undoubtedly came hither with the Governor Winthrop party, as his name is enrolled in the membership of the First Church in Boston, Mass.; while his mother, Sarah Chesebrough, was the seventy-eighth member of the same church. He removed to Mount Wollaston, new Quincy, Mass., where he owned a valuable estate. He served as Constable, and was one of sixteen freemen elected under the order of the Court in May, 1632, that "there shall be two of every plantation to confer with the Court about raising a public stock." This measure is recorded by Prince, with the remark, "And this seems to pave the way for a House of Representatives in the General Court." In October, 1640, he was

the Deputy of Braintree. Later he was Governor Trumbull's first planter in Stonington, Conn., to which he came from Rehoboth, Mass., in 1649. At that time Stonington was part of New London. He was several times a Deputy to the General Court in Hartford. His son, Samuel, first, was baptized in Boston, England, in 1627. Samuel, second, the next in line of descent, born November 20, 1660, had a son Joseph, who was baptized April 12, 1703. Joseph's son, Samuel, third, the grandfather of the subject of this biography, was born March 25, 1743. He married Submit Palmer, of this town; and they had seven sons and six daughters, all of whom grew to maturity. Rhoda died first, at the age of eighteen. The other twelve children all married, and are scattered. Jesse, the eldest, went to New York State, settling in Manlius, Onondaga County, in 1788. He married, became the father of thirteen children, and died June 24, 1830, at the age of sixty-five. Samuel, third, died September 9, 1811. His widow, who survived him until 1835, reached the advanced age of ninety-one. They were highly respected members of the Baptist church.

Samuel Chesebro, fourth, the youngest child of the third Samuel, was born in Stonington, November 25, 1788. In early life he worked at clock and wagon making in Glastonbury and Marlboro, Conn. He was a carpenter and builder for a number of years, and he was also engaged in the grocery business for twenty-one years. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party. He was officially prominent, serving as Selectman and Representative, going to the legislature in 1832 and 1836. His first wife, whose maiden name was Sally Robinson, was born in July, 1799. They were married December 25, 1814. She died April 30, 1830, leaving six children,

namely: John R., of this city; Dudley R., who died here in 1879, at the age of sixty-one; Ann E. Ashby, a resident of this city; Frances M., now the widow Dickinson, who resides with her half-brother, Samuel H.; Samuel, who died at the age of five; and Sarah Jane, now the widow Wolfe, of Mystic. On December 5, 1830, a second marriage united the father to Harriet Pollard, who was born in Preston, Conn., on August 3, 1796. She had four children, of whom Samuel H., the subject of this sketch, grew to maturity. She died December 11, 1855. On March 19, 1857, Lydia Fellows became the third wife of the fourth Samuel Chesebro. Born March 5, 1790, she died in 1881. His death occurred in 1858.

After acquiring a common-school education, Samuel H. Chesebro began to serve as clerk in his father's grocery store when he was thirteen years of age. His present place of business, which was erected by his father in 1836, when the ground about it was a rough pasture, is now in the central part of the business district. In politics Mr. Chesebro is a Democrat. Like his worthy father, he has been a prominent office-holder. In 1871, 1877, and 1878 he served the town as Selectman. He was Warden of the borough in 1892 and 1894, after which he declined re-election. In 1874 he was a legislative Representative. He has been the president of the Stonington Building Company since its organization in 1892.

On September 26, 1865, Mr. Chesebro was married to Lucretia Maria Babcock, a daughter of Elias and Lucretia (Davis) Babcock. Her father, who was a farmer and a merchant, died March 19, 1881, at the age of seventy-five. Her mother, who was born June 22, 1818, and is still living, lost an infant daughter and her son, Elias Babcock, Jr., who served in the Civil War, and died in 1888, at

the age of forty-three. Mrs. Chesebro was a pupil of Mrs. Draper, of Hartford. She subsequently studied music at the Music Vale Seminary, and became a proficient teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Chesebro have only one child, Pauline, a young lady who is still under the paternal roof.

HON. JOHN BREWSTER, now living in retirement at the old Brewster homestead in Ledyard, Conn., was born in the adjoining town of Preston, May 13, 1816, son of John and Mary (Morgan) Brewster. He is descended from the distinguished Pilgrim leader, William Brewster, "the excellent Elder of Plymouth," whose son Jonathan was the first Town Clerk of New London.

Jabez Brewster, the father of John, Sr., was a native New London County farmer. He had four sons and one daughter. The latter was the wife of Jeremiah S. Halsey (deceased). John Brewster, Sr., born in Preston, December 15, 1782, died November 12, 1848, at nearly sixty-six years of age. He had been to the polls only a few days before and voted for President and Vice-President of the United States. In 1820 he bought and settled on this farm, then the Captain Israel Morgan farm. His marriage with Mary Morgan was solemnized February 6, 1806. She was born in this house, and was a daughter of Captain Israel and Elizabeth (Brewster) Morgan. Her father was a son of William Morgan and a lineal descendant of James Morgan, born in Wales in 1607, who settled in Pequot, now New London, about 1652. Captain Israel Morgan departed this life on June 4, 1816, his death being accidental, caused by choking. John, Sr., and Mary (Morgan) Brewster had three sons and a daughter, three of whom have passed away.

The daughter, who married a Crary, left a family.

John Brewster, the only survivor of the family, grew to manhood on this place, and here brought his bride shortly after their marriage. The farm, which is about four miles from Norwich, contains one hundred and forty acres; and he keeps from fourteen to twenty cows, besides horses, sheep, hogs, and other stock. The house is nearly two hundred years old. A new barn was built here twenty-five years ago, but about fifteen years later was struck by lightning, and with its contents was a total loss. The one now standing, which is a fine modern structure, sixty feet long by thirty wide, was built in 1891.

When eighteen years old, Mr. Brewster enlisted in the Rifle Company, which was made up largely of Groton and Stonington boys; and during his six or seven years' membership he rose by regular promotion to the captaincy. He was subsequently honorably retired, and has ever since been known as Captain Brewster. In addition to carrying on his farm, during the past twenty-five years he has been a wool buyer in company with L. W. Cornell; and for the past three years he has been buyer for the Yantic Wool Company. In the capacity of appraiser, trustee, or administrator he has also often assisted in settling estates, some of them requiring the handling of large amounts of property and involving knotty and troublesome problems, of which the solution was only reached after years of anxious care. But, even with such difficulties attending his duties in such cases, he has never charged more than a nominal fee for his services. As a man of broad intelligence and sound judgment, honest, kind-hearted, and generous to a fault, he commands the esteem and confidence of the community.

On April 2, 1840, Mr. Brewster was mar-

ried to Miss Mary E. Williams, daughter of Dennison B. Williams, of Stonington. Mrs. Brewster, who is almost seventy-nine years old, was the eldest-born of nine children, eight of whom grew to mature years; but only two are now living, the other being her sister Eunice, wife of Richard Roberts, of Brooklyn, N.Y., twelve years younger. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brewster; namely, a daughter who died at the age of eighteen months, John Dennison, Fanny Halsey, Phebe Esther, and Frank William. John Dennison died in 1894, aged fifty years, leaving a son and daughter: Clara Brewster, a young lady of eighteen; and Arthur Morgan Brewster, two years younger—both of whom live with their mother in Norwich. Fanny, the wife of Thomas H. Geer, of Cleveland, Ohio, has one daughter, Mary Brewster. Phebe Esther is the wife of Benjamin F. Lewis, Jr., in Norwich. Frank W. Brewster has charge of the home farm and a milk route in the villages of Poquetanock and Hallville. He married Mary Brown, daughter of L. R. and Elizabeth Brown, and has two children: Hannah Elizabeth, twelve years old; and Phœbe Esther, nine years old.

Captain Brewster is a staunch Republican. He has for several years held the office of Selectman, First and Second, and has served some years as Judge and Clerk of the Probate Court. In 1860 and in 1885-86 he was a member of the Connecticut Senate. He had previously served three terms, 1847, 1851, and 1878, in the lower house of the legislature. For twelve years he was president of the Merchants' National Bank of Norwich; and he is now vice-president of the Norwich Savings Bank, being the oldest member of its Board of Directors. He was for years president of the Henry Bell Library, but has now resigned that position.



FREDERICK SYMINGTON.

FREDERICK SYMINGTON, the superintendent of the William W. Backus Hospital at Norwich, is a native of New Bedford, Mass., born August 14, 1859. His father, Hugh Symington, born in 1832, was a native of Scotland, whence he came to America at the age of twenty-five years. With the latter came his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Cluckson, and one son, William. They settled in New York City, where Hugh was successfully engaged in his profession of veterinary surgeon. He died in 1882, and his wife at the age of sixty-two, in 1891. Both lie buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York. Of their four sons and four daughters, Eudora, Sarah Ann, and Ida reside in Bridgeport, Conn.

Frederick Symington was the youngest son and fourth child of his parents. He was educated in the public schools of New York City. At the age of sixteen he became a book-keeper there, and was thus employed for three years. He then went to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company as a mechanic, and learned the gun-making business, in which he became a very proficient workman. In 1888 he accepted a position in the factory of Hopkins & Allen, for whom he worked up to 1893. He left that place to take up the duties of superintendent of the William W. Backus Hospital, in which capacity, as already stated, he is now serving. This hospital is one of the best of its size in this country, and its superintendent takes a personal interest and pride in seeing that everything under his care is properly conducted.

Mr. Symington has been twice married. His first union was made with Miss Rose Hanson, whose children are: Robert, aged sixteen; and Alice, aged thirteen years. The second marriage, contracted on January 18, 1893, with Miss Clara Stanton, of Norwich,

has been blessed by the birth of one son, Frederick Stanton. Mrs. Symington is a daughter of the Rev. Robert and Harriet (Jones) Stanton. Through her father, who is a retired Congregational pastor, she is a direct descendant of Thomas Stanton, of London, England, who embarked January 2, 1635, on the merchantman "Bonaventura" for Virginia, whence he afterward went to Boston. In 1637 he settled in Hartford, Conn., and was subsequently married to Miss Ann Lord, of that place. He established a trading house in Stonington, Conn., in 1650. The wife of the Rev. Robert Stanton was a daughter of Dr. Timothy Jones, one of five brothers who were educated at Yale College. An ancestor of the Jones family, who are of English origin, Colonel John Jones, was one of the regicides who were held responsible for the execution of Charles I., and executed at Charing Cross, London, October 17, 1660. William Jones, son of Colonel John Jones, came to New England in the same ship with the two regicides, Whally and Goffe, who were at one time secreted in a cave in New Haven, Conn. Dr. Timothy Jones, born in 1784, graduated from Yale College in 1804. Four years later he settled in Southington. In 1810 he wedded Miss Rhoda Lewis, a daughter of Seth Lewis. Nine children were born to them, of whom six grew to maturity; and Mrs. Stanton is now the only survivor. Mr. Symington is a loyal Republican in politics. He is a Master Mason, a Knight Templar, and a member of the A. O. U. W.

S LEROY BLAKE, D.D., pastor of the First Church of Christ (Congregational), New London, Conn., since March 30, 1887, was born in Cornwall, Vt., December 5, 1834, a son of Myron M.

and Lucy (Stone) Blake. His first ancestor in this country, it is said, was John Blake, of Malden, England, who settled in Middletown, Conn., in the seventeenth century, and died there in 1690.

The descendants of John Blake are numerous, and include many distinguished men. Stephen Blake, great-grandfather of Dr. Blake, was born in Middletown, Conn., April 27, 1767; and Myron Blake, his grandfather, was born November 5, 1790. The latter married Laura Hopkins, of Pittsford, Vt., a second cousin of President Millard Fillmore, and reared one daughter and seven sons.

Myron M. Blake, son of Myron, was born in Castleton, Rutland County, Vt., April 12, 1812, and died in Salisbury, Conn., September 20, 1893. The greater part of his life was devoted to the pursuit of agriculture. In March, 1834, he was united in marriage with Lucy Stone, a native of Cornwall, Vt. She was the daughter of Eli and Polly Stone and grand-daughter of Silas Stone, a Revolutionary soldier, who died on the march from Bennington to Troy. Mrs. Lucy S. Blake died April 22, 1894, in Westfield, Mass., aged eighty-three years, six months, and is buried with her husband in Salisbury, Conn. They were members of the Congregational church. Four children were born to this couple, three of whom are now living: S. Leroy, the subject of this sketch; Lyman H., pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Westfield, Mass.; and Clarence E. Blake, Ph.D., a successful teacher.

S. Leroy Blake fitted for college at Burn & Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vt., and entered Middlebury College in the fall of 1855, graduating in 1859. For some time after his graduation he was engaged in teaching: in West Randolph, Vt., in 1859 and 1860; at Lancaster, Mass., about a year; and at Pem-

broke, N.H., in 1861 and 1862. In the spring of 1862 he entered Andover Seminary, from which he graduated in 1864; and on December 7, 1864, he was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church in Pepperell, Mass. His succeeding charges were: the South Church, Concord, N.H., where he began work in January, 1869; the Woodland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, November, 1877; the Calvinistic Congregational Church, Fitchburg, Mass., April, 1880; and the church in New London, which is his present charge. He received his degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1883 from Iowa College. The Rev. Dr. Blake is an able preacher, a zealous worker for the interests of his congregation, and wields a facile and powerful pen. He is the author of the book, "By Whom and When was the Bible Written?" (published in Boston in 1886 by the Congregational Publishing Company), and "After Death, What?" (1890), "The Early History of the First Church, New London, 1897," besides a number of pamphlets and published sermons.

The church of which he is pastor has an interesting history, and the roll of its ministers includes some illustrious names. It was organized in Gloucester, Mass., in May, 1642, by Richard Blinman, who was driven from Cheapstone, England, by Archbishop Laud in 1640. The Rev. Richard Blinman settled first in Marshfield, Mass., and went thence to Gloucester. In 1650, and with the majority of his congregation, he moved to New London, where he was settled on a salary of sixty pounds per year. Eight years later he left this place, and in 1660 he returned to England. He died in Bristol in 1679 or 1680. His successor was Gershom Bulkeley, a son of Peter Bulkeley, of Concord, Mass. This gentleman settled here in 1661, and, leaving

in 1664, was succeeded in 1666 by the Rev. Simon Bradstreet, son of the Governor of the Massachusetts Colony and his wife, Ann Dudley, famous as the first poetess of America. The Rev. Mr. Bradstreet died in August, 1683. His successor, Gurdon Saltonstall, took charge of the church in 1688. He was ordained here in 1691, and was pastor until 1708, when he was chosen Governor of Connecticut; and he occupied the gubernatorial chair up to the time of his death in 1724. During the pastorates of Bradstreet and Saltonstall the church was disturbed by the Rogerine movement, which was confined mostly to this county.

Mr. Saltonstall's successor, Eliphalet Adams, of Dedham, Mass., was ordained and placed in charge of the church in 1709. In 1740, during his ministry, occurred the great revival in New London; and his congregation was decreased by the defection of about one hundred members who followed the lead of Joseph Davenport, of Southold, L.I., the inaugurator of the Separatist movement. These Separatists established a theological seminary in New London. Mr. Adams died in October, 1753, closing a pastorate of more than forty years. His successor, the Rev. Mather Byles, of Boston, settled here November 18, 1757 and ten years later was made rector of an Episcopal church in Boston. The next incumbent was Ephraim Woodbridge, of Groton, Conn. He took charge of the church, October 11, 1769, and died September 6, 1776.

In 1787 Henry Channing, of Newport, uncle of William Ellery Channing, D.D., was installed as pastor. Mr. Channing, who was a kind and scholarly man, became imbued with Unitarian sentiments, which were distasteful to his congregation; and in May, 1806, he resigned. In October of the same year the Rev.

Abel McEwen took charge; and in the fifty-four years of his ministry several changes took place, and the church membership was augmented by a series of revivals. In 1835 the Second Congregational Church was colonized; and in June, 1856, the Rev. Thomas P. Field was installed as associate pastor to Dr. McEwen. Dr. Field resigned in the autumn of 1876 to accept a professorship in Amherst College. He was succeeded by Edward W. Bacon, son of Dr. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, who was active in ministerial work until October, 1886. He resigned on account of ill health, and died in California in June, 1887.

This church began worship in Robert Parks's barn, which, fitted for the purpose, was used until 1655. Then the building known as the Blinman Church was erected; and in 1680 the second house of worship, known as the Bradstreet Church, was first used. All these buildings were on Meeting-house Hill. The first church, sold to James Avery, was moved to Poquonnock Plain, and used as a dwelling-house until July 20, 1894, when it was destroyed by fire. The Bradstreet house also was burned, and a new one completed on the same site in 1698 was called the Saltonstall Church. This was in use until 1785, when the fourth house of worship was erected on the site of the present church. The last structure erected, which was finished in 1850, is a large and handsome edifice of solid granite.

JOHAN TYLER BECKWITH, farmer and teamster of Niantic, Conn., is a native of New London, and was born July 10, 1838, his parents being Clement L. and Hannah (Chapel) Beckwith. He comes of a line of brave men whose lives were haz-

arded in behalf of their native land, his paternal grandfather, Seth Beckwith, having been a soldier of the Revolution, and his father a soldier of the War of 1812. Grandfather Beckwith was born in Waterford, and was a farmer. He married a Miss Esther Leach, who bore him five sons and two daughters. One son died young of lockjaw. Grandmother Beckwith, who survived her husband for many years and was a pensioner, died in Montville about 1846, an octogenarian.

Their son, Clement L. Beckwith, above named, was for forty-seven years a tenant farmer on the estate of Dr. Isaac Thompson, of New London, and paid as high as three hundred and fifty dollars a year for rent. The amicable relations which existed for so long a period between him and his landlord were creditable to the character of both men. Mr. Thompson highly valued his tenant, and when dying said, "Let Beckwith stay as long as he wants to." Clement Beckwith's wife, Hannah Chapel, whom he married in 1816, was born in Montville in 1796. She survived her husband some eighteen years, and died December 11, 1881, in her eighty-sixth year. They had a large family of children, as follows: Gilbert Russell, who was accidentally killed when six years of age; Miroch, born in 1819, who died in New London, aged sixty-two; Sarah A., who married Francis D. Beckwith, of New London, and is living on Willets Avenue near the house where Mr. John Tyler Beckwith was born; Allen, deceased at the age of nineteen; Anson, who died in 1890, aged sixty-five years; Mary, who died before reaching twenty years of age; Alfred, who died in 1887; and Maria, the wife of Henry T. Squire, living on Ocean Avenue, New London, Conn.

John T. Beckwith in his boyhood received a common-school education. His working

life began at an early age, as he sold milk for his father when he was no higher than a good-sized milk can, and from that time on has been actively employed. He continued to sell milk in New London for some twenty-two years. After marriage he lived on his father's farm for seven years, improving that part of it which his father had bought of Dr. Thompson. He then removed to the White Hall farm in Mystic, in the town of Stonington, and was there for two years, at the end of which time, in March, 1873, he came to the farm of Mrs. Beckwith's father, which he has since purchased. He has been actively engaged in farming and in teaming; and, although he has but twenty-five acres of land, it is under high cultivation and yields abundantly. Three years ago he built his fine large residence in Niantic.

On the 31st of December, 1863, he married Annie T. Beckwith, a daughter of Horace and Mary (Comstock) Beckwith, of Waterford, near East Lyme, where she was born April 14, 1841. Mr. Horace Beckwith was a ship-carpenter at the head of Niantic River. His family consisted of six sons and three daughters. Two of the sons, Turner and Horace, and the three daughters grew to maturity. Turner Beckwith lives in Niantic; but his brother Horace went away, and was never heard from. One daughter is Mrs. Charles Bishop, of New London. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Beckwith have two children: Fred A., who is engaged in the livery business in this place, and is the father of one daughter, Leslie Mott; and Mary H., wife of S. J. Weaver, of Flanders.

Mr. Beckwith is a Republican, and cast his first vote in 1860 for President Lincoln. He is a trustee of the Baptist church, and both he and his wife are devout and active members of that body.

JOHN W. MANWARING, the courteous proprietor of the Oswegatchie House in Waterford, New London County, Conn., was born in Lyme, this county, on September 20, 1826, son of Thomas and Mary (Keeney) Manwaring. His paternal grandfather, Thomas, was born near the same place in 1755. When a young man he served his country in the Revolutionary War. His life occupation was farming, which he carried on at the head of the Connecticut River. He married Katurah Hurlbut, of this town; and they reared four sons and four daughters. He died in 1832, at the age of seventy-seven; and his wife, surviving him ten years, lived to be eighty. Thomas Manwaring, the father of John W., was born in this town, April 17, 1793. He was an able farmer, who owned a good farm of two hundred acres. He also officiated as Justice of the Peace and as Selectman. In 1815 he married Mary Keeney, daughter of William Keeney, her mother's maiden name being Chappell. Her father, William Keeney, was four times married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Gorton, died leaving four sons and one daughter. His second wife left but one child, the mother of the subject of this sketch. By his third and fourth wives he had no children. Thomas and Mary Keeney Manwaring had eight children, but two of whom are living — Mary and John W. Mary is the widow of James R. Moore, of Hartford. She resides with her son, James R., being now eighty years old. The father died June 20, 1862, and his widow several years later, at the age of seventy-four. They were highly respected members of the Baptist church.

John W. Manwaring came to Waterford with his parents at the early age of five years. He acquired a common-school education, and chose farming as an occupation. He began

life on this farm of over a hundred acres in 1849, remaining twenty years. He then removed to his present hotel site, only a quarter of a mile distant. At that time the house was small, accommodating only fifteen or twenty guests. The present hotel is situated on the east bank of the Niantic River, overshadowed by the Oswegatchie Hills, and will accommodate from forty to fifty summer boarders. Besides the hotel and fine barns he has two cottages on the grounds. Three other summer residences have been built by San Francisco gentlemen, the whole forming a select little village.

In politics, since first exercising the right of suffrage, Mr. Manwaring has belonged to the Democratic party. Officially, he has been prominent in the town, serving as Justice of the Peace thirty-five years and on the Board of Education thirty-three years, during twenty-seven of which he was secretary.

Mr. Manwaring was first married in November, 1849, to Cordelia Caulkins, who was born in 1831, daughter of J. C. and Adeline (Averill) Caulkins, of this town. She became the mother of two sons, one of whom, named Myron, died at the age of two and a half years. The other, Harvey M., is a resident of Bridgeport, Conn. Mrs. Cordelia C. Manwaring died at the age of thirty-four. Mr. Manwaring married for his second wife Mary E. Morgan, a daughter of Philip Morgan, who lived on Prospect Hill in this town, and who served officially as Selectman for several years, Judge of Probate, Representative, and State Senator. Her father died in 1861, leaving one son and five daughters, of whom the son and three daughters are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Manwaring's only living child is Selden B., who was graduated from the Friends' School, Providence, R.I., and is now twenty-three years old. Another

son died in early manhood. In religion Mr. Manwaring affiliates with the Baptists, having been a church member for fifty-four years.

FREDERICK LESTER GARDNER, one of Norwich's most successful farmers, is a lifelong citizen of the town, having been born here, March 5, 1832, son of Sidney and Fanny Maria (Fanning) Gardner. His father was born in Bozrah, this county, in 1795, and his mother in Groton, April 12, 1790. His paternal grandparents, Lemuel and Jemimah (Lothrop) Gardner, were farming people of Bozrah and later of Norwich, where the former died July 16, 1839, and the latter March 16, 1850, at eighty years of age. Sidney Gardner followed farming throughout his life, which was spent on the old homestead. He died September 14, 1840. His wife, Fanny, was a daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Faulkner) Fanning and a grand-daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Capron) Fanning. Grandfather Fanning and four of his brothers — there were six in all — served in the Revolutionary War. Charles, who held the office of paymaster, was a close friend and companion of Washington and Lafayette. The other three were: Frederick, Elkanah, and Frank, one or more of them being officers. The name of the sixth brother was Walter. The family came originally from England, and were prominent among the early colonists. Sidney Gardner and his wife had three sons and two daughters, of whom Frederick Lester was the fourth child and second son. But one other, Charles H., of Norwich, is now living. Sidney, Jr., was engaged in farming on the old homestead prior to his death, June 22, 1847, in his twenty-fourth year. Sarah, who married Alexander Meech, died February 5, 1871,

when nearly forty-five years of age. Frances, who became the wife of David C. Whaley, died in the fortieth year of her age, leaving one son, Chauncey Whaley, now a resident of New London, Conn.

Frederick Lester Gardner spent his early years on his father's farm, and was educated in the common schools of Norwich. For a year he worked as a clerk in Clinton, Mass. In 1855 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements, but within two years returned East. He was next employed as a book-keeper in Norwich three and one-half years, and subsequent to that was engaged in the clothing trade for three years. From 1867 to 1890, a period of twenty-three years, he carried on a prosperous grocery business in the city of Norwich, subsequently retiring to his present home, an excellent farm of one hundred and eight acres, which he has since conducted. December 16, 1883, Mr. Gardner was married to Mrs. Joanna W. Ransall, whose maiden name was Loomis.

CHARLES D. WILLIAMS, a prosperous farmer of Groton, residing near Mystic, was born in Ledyard, New London County, June 26, 1844, son of John D. and Jeanette (Williams) Williams. The grandfather, John Williams, who was a farmer in Ledyard, and lived to be over seventy years old, had five sons and two daughters, of whom the survivors are: Peter, an octogenarian, residing near Norwich; and Patty Williams, who lives in Ledyard with her daughter. The father, after having started in life without capital, by enterprising industry became the owner of a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres. In 1840 he married Jeanette Williams, a daughter of Judge William Williams; and besides his son Charles he

had a daughter, Elizabeth, who became the wife of Nelson Williams, of Groton. He died in 1876, and his wife in 1884, aged sixty-nine.

When eighteen years of age Charles D. Williams went to sea with Captain B. F. Noyes on the brig "General Bailey," which was afterward burned at the wharf in New York. In 1861 he was on the "Weybosset," a government transport used for conveying troops to Norfolk, Va., and other places. At the age of twenty-seven he sailed as captain of the schooner "River Queen," which was engaged in the lumber trade, plying between New York and Galveston. Less than a year later he went on the "Cyclone of Boston," a coaster, and about a year afterward took charge of the "Belle of the Bay," of which he had become part owner, and made voyages to Spain, Sicily, and other places, doing a successful business as a fruit trader. The next vessel that he commanded, which was also his last, was the bark "Silas Fish," of which he was captain from 1875 to 1884, and which he first took to China. In 1880 he bought the sixty-acre farm lying on the west side of Mystic River, which is now his home, and where he has since built his residence. Besides doing general farming he has a fine orchard of young trees, including apple, pear, and cherry, which he set out and has since carefully tended. His animals include two cows, and a span of horses kept for his personal use.

On August 1, 1882, Mr. Williams married Eliza K. Fish, a daughter of Thomas B. and Isabelle (Cook) Fish. Her father is a farmer in Groton. She has two brothers, Frank and George, who live with their parents. Mr. Fish was a soldier in Company C of the Twenty-first Connecticut Infantry during the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Williams took their bridal trip on the "Silas Fish" to Valparaiso, being gone a year. In politics Mr.

Williams is a gold Democrat. He is a Master Mason and a member of Charity and Relief Lodge of Mystic. His initiatory degrees in Masonry were taken in Brooklyn, N.Y.

ELMER M. CHADWICK, a prosperous merchant and Postmaster of Salem, was born in this town, April 25, 1873, son of Frederick E. and Mary E. (Kelly) Chadwick. The paternal grandfather, Horace M. Chadwick, was also a native of this county, and died at the age of fifty-eight years, leaving a widow and only son. His wife, whose maiden name was Olmstead, survived her husband but a few months. The son, Frederick E. Chadwick, was born December 4, 1845, in the house in Salem which was to be his lifelong residence. He became a successful farmer and merchant; but his career of activity and usefulness was prematurely cut short, August 21, 1888, when he was forty-two years old. While spending a day at the beach, he stepped into treacherous quicksands, which suffocated him before help could arrive. He was highly thought of by his fellow-citizens, and at different times held most of the offices in the gift of the town. He was Judge of Probate, a member of the legislature in 1876, and First Selectman for several years before his death. In politics he voted with the Republican party. He married Mary E. Kelly, a daughter of Henry M. and Mary A. (Pratt) Kelly, residents of Lebanon, Conn., the father being a blacksmith by occupation. Mr. Kelly was twice married. His first wife, Mary, died at the age of forty, leaving four children. For his second wife he married Sarah W. Church, a native of Rhode Island, who bore him three children. He died in 1889, at the age of seventy years. In the spring of 1889 Mrs. Chadwick, with

her son Elmer, moved to Colchester, Conn., where they resided three years, returning to Salem in 1892. She is an Episcopalian in religious belief, as was also her husband.

Elmer M. Chadwick completed his education at the Bacon Academy in Colchester; and, after leaving school in 1892, he taught one term. He then entered the mercantile business, conducting for several years a general store, in company with William B. Kingsley, under the firm name of W. B. Kingsley & Co. On July 1, 1897, he became sole proprietor of the business, which he is now conducting alone. He was appointed Postmaster at Salem, June 7, 1897. On November 25, 1897, Mr. Chadwick was married to Miss Kathryn M. Merritt, of Chicopee Falls, Mass., but formerly of Salem, Conn., the ceremony taking place at the residence of her mother.

DENISON J. CHAMPLIN, the Jailer of Norwich, was born in Montville, Conn., April 21, 1841. He is a descendant of Jeffrey Champlin, who was made a freeman in Rhode Island in 1640, and who was at that time granted ten acres of land in Newport. Jeffrey Champlin in 1661 was prominent in Westerly. His death occurred in 1695. His sons were: Jeffrey, William, and Christopher. The second Jeffrey, who was born in 1652, bought six hundred acres of land in Kingston, R.I. He was one of three Assessors in that town, and was in the Assembly from 1696 until the time of his death, in 1715, a period of nineteen years.

John Champlin, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born August 10, 1771, and died December 29, 1841. He was a tiller of the soil, and owned a farm in Montville. The maiden name of his wife was Sally Williams, a daughter of Peter Williams, who was a

farmer of Ledyard. They had nine children, and reared seven—John, Oliver, Clarissa, Abby, Isaac S., William, and Thomas W. Thomas A. and Mary Ann died in infancy; John was a farmer of Ledyard; Oliver, a farmer and carpenter, was drowned; Clarissa married Lyman Miner, a carpenter; Abby, who took care of her invalid mother for many years, married late in life Sol C. Vibber; Isaac S. was a farmer of Montville; William was a dry-goods merchant and for a long time a member of a prominent firm in New York City. Thomas W. in 1840 married Ethelinda, a daughter of Willard Wickwire by his second wife, Theoda (Chapel) Wickwire. Their three children were: Denison J., Charles C., and Albert T. Charles C. kept up the old farm where his father and grandfather had lived and died. He died April 14, 1895, at the age of forty-two, leaving a son and daughter in Montville. Albert T. is unmarried, and lives on the old farm with his brother's widow. The father held various town offices, and was the legislative Representative in 1863. He died May 29, 1880, his wife having died the year before, at the age of sixty years.

Denison J. Champlin lived at home until he was twenty-two years old. Then he became a turnkey at the county jail on November 16, 1863. After spending nearly three years in this position, he resigned to learn the carpenter's trade; and he afterward worked as a carpenter and millwright until 1869. He again filled the position of turnkey at the jail for two years, afterward spending four years in Elkhart, Ind., as clerk of the Elkhart Hotel. He returned to the jail in Norwich in 1875 and became Deputy Jailer under Sheriff O. N. Raymond. Subsequently, after a period of service as steward in the Connecticut State prison, he in 1884 was made Jailer of the



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county jail, which position he has most ably filled for the past thirteen years.

On September 15, 1879, Mr. Champlin married Abbie A. Brown, a daughter of Alfred F. and Abigail A. (Mason) Brown, of Jewett City. Her father was the Postmaster of Jewett City for nineteen years. Mrs. Champlin has lost an own sister, and has a half-brother living, Alfred F. Brown, Jr. Mr. Champlin is a Mason of the thirty-second degree. He is a Republican in politics. In appearance he is a typical jailer and turnkey, standing six feet high, and weighing about two hundred and sixty pounds.

LORENZO DOW FAIRBROTHER, Judge of the Town Court of Stonington, was born in Providence, R.I., November 1, 1854, son of Isaac Newton and Emily (Lamb) Fairbrother. His father, who is now in business in Stonington, was born at Sackett's Harbor, N.Y., in the year 1813. After his marriage Isaac N. Fairbrother resided in New London for a time; but he subsequently went to Providence, where for some years he conducted a bakery business. Still later he spent some time in Phoenix, R.I. During the past twenty-six years he has been engaged in business in Stonington. His wife, Emily Lamb Fairbrother, is a native of Groton; and they were married in Stonington. They are the parents of eleven children, only five of whom reached maturity, namely: Emily, who became the wife of Charles Vaughan, and died at forty years of age, after having lost her only child; James H., a printer and job compositor, who died when forty-five years old, leaving a widow and one daughter; William, who is in business with his father, and has a wife and four children; Harriet, who married Joseph Cornell, died at

the age of thirty, and is survived by one of her two children; and Lorenzo Dow, the subject of this sketch.

Lorenzo Dow Fairbrother received his education in the schools of Providence, R.I. When a boy he learned the printing business in that city, and for over twenty years was employed in the office of the Stonington *Mirror*, being a half-owner of the business ten years of that time, during which it was carried on under the style of Anderson & Fairbrother. Besides attending to his official duties, he is a correspondent of the *Westerly Sun*, and occasionally assists in editing that paper.

On April 7, 1886, Judge Fairbrother married Miss Mary B. Miller, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter of William E. D. and Anna (Chesebro) Miller and great-grand-daughter of Elder Elihu Chesebro. Her father was born in North Hartland, Vt., in 1826, and died in 1866. He was a civil engineer, and surveyed the line of the old Vandalia Road from Terre Haute to St. Louis. He also ran the first engine over the road. His wife survived him many years, dying in December, 1892, when sixty-five years old. They had two children — Mary B. and William E. William E. is an engineer, residing in Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Fairbrother have four children: Anna F., born July 12, 1887; James Edward, born December 30, 1889; Prudence, born May 11, 1893; and William Dean, born November 25, 1896.

Judge Fairbrother is a Republican politically. He has served in many public offices, including those of Burgess, Treasurer of the School District, Register of Voters (twelve years), and as a member of the Town Committee (fifteen years). He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, being a charter member of Pequot Council, No. 442, which was organized seventeen years ago. He is also a Past Regent, and has been Collector.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL GEORGE HAVEN, New London's Chief of Police, was born in this city, March 27, 1844. He is a son of Urbane and Sarah (Rogers) Haven, both of whom were members of old Connecticut families. The Havens, who are of Welsh extraction, settled in this country some time in the seventeenth century. Jonathan Haven, General Haven's great-grandfather, was a resident of Groton or Stonington, at that time a part of New London. His son, Jonathan, Jr., the grandfather, who resided in Groton, and died in the prime of life, about the year 1846, married Catherine Gallup, of Groton, a daughter of Jesse and a grand-daughter of Benadam Gallup. She died about the year 1855, and lies buried with her husband in the old Mystic cemetery, formerly known as Elder Wightman's burial-ground. They reared four sons and eight daughters. All the sons and six of the daughters brought up families, and are now deceased. The sons were named Edmund F., Urbane, George, and Jonathan.

Urbane Haven, a native of Groton, born in 1819, was a skilled mechanic, and was for some time the foreman for the Wilson Manufacturing Company. Possessing a natural talent for music, he was a skilled performer on several instruments. He died in East New London in 1867. In June, 1843, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Rogers, of this city, a daughter of Jonathan Rogers and a descendant of James Rogers, one of the early Quakers. She is still living in the old home in East New London where her husband died, and, though over seventy years of age, is active and in possession of her faculties. Her children were: George, the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, the wife of Charles A. Thrall, of Staten Island; Catherine, who was the wife of James L. Eggleston, had two

daughters and one son, and died in Atchison, Kan., at the age of forty-three; Chester, at Prince's Bay, Staten Island, who has two daughters; and Sarah, a young lady living with her mother in East New London.

George Haven acquired his early education in the public schools of New London. The war troubles were fermenting while he was applying himself to his books; and on April 20, 1861, about a month after his seventeenth birthday, he left school to enlist in Company C, Second Connecticut Regiment, under command of Colonel, afterward General, A. H. Terry. When his term of three months ended, he re-enlisted, being enrolled as a private, November 21, 1861, in Company C, First Connecticut Cavalry. During his second term he rose to the rank of Corporal. His regiment was in upward of fifty engagements; and, though he participated in every battle, he was neither wounded nor taken prisoner. After receiving his discharge on November 22, 1864, he returned home, and went to work for the Wilson Manufacturing Company, with which he was connected some eighteen years, at first with his father and afterward taking his place as foreman. He left the employ of the Wilson Company about 1886, and the following year was employed by the Quinnipiac Company. In 1888 he was appointed Chief of Police of New London. While working as a machinist and discharging his duties as Chief of Police, he was active in military matters, and was promoted step by step to the rank which he now holds. On April 14, 1865, he became a member of Company D, Third Regiment of National Guards, and was made First Sergeant eight days later. His succeeding promotions were as follows: Second Lieutenant, July 6, 1865; First Lieutenant, December 1, 1865; Captain, August 10, 1867; Major of the Third Regiment, Sep-

tember 3, 1870; Lieutenant Colonel, April 20, 1872. After resigning April 21, 1873, he rejoined the Guards, and was made Captain and Adjutant on February 18, 1879; Major, March 20, 1882; Colonel, July 12, 1886; Brigadier-general, commanding the brigade, May 28, 1892; and Adjutant-general of Connecticut, January 7, 1897. Since his appointment by Governor Cooke to the post of Chief of Police, he has been in office, with the exception of one year. He had charge of the Connecticut State prison for three months in 1893, during an investigation. He is a man of soldierly bearing, firm and decided, yet in social intercourse of a modest and retiring manner. He has shown himself to be the right man in the right place, commanding the respect and esteem of his subordinates, and inspiring criminals with a wholesome awe.

Brigadier-general Haven was married in October, 1870, to Miss Ella A. Beckwith, who died in 1877. She was the mother of a son and a daughter, who died young. He contracted a second marriage in October, 1882, with Miss Mattie A. Comstock, of New London, a daughter of Captain Horace Comstock. By this union he has one son, Morgan B., born February 4, 1893. General Haven served the city for six years as Alderman and Councilman. An active member of the Grand Army, he was the father of W. W. Perkins Post, No. 47, and has filled its principal offices, serving as Commander for three terms. He is a Master Mason; and he has passed the chairs in Mohegan Lodge, I. O. O. F.

FREDERICK H. BREWER, a well-known citizen of the town of Groton and a Justice of the Peace, was born in Norwich, Conn., May 24, 1834, son of Lyman and Harriet (Tyler) Brewer. (An account of

his ancestry may be found in the sketch of Louisa J. Brewer, published elsewhere in this work.) The father was born in Wilbraham, Mass., about 1785, and died in Norwich in June, 1857. His wife was the daughter of the Rev. John Tyler, rector of Christ's Church for fifty-four years. They had eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the youngest.

Frederick H. Brewer was educated in the school of Dr. Roswell Park at Pomfret, where he studied for six years. In 1852 he went to Buffalo, where he was engaged for sixteen years in the Cuban shoo trade, as a member of the firm of Story & Polhemus.

In 1869 he returned to Norwich, and settled upon his small farm of twenty acres, near West Mystic station. He has been proprietor for seven years of the Nawyang House, on Mystic Island, now called the Mystic Island House, which was built in 1857, and was owned by his brother William. This brother, who was Clerk of the Court in Norwich for many years, died in California. Judge Brewer is a Democrat politically. He has served as Justice of the Peace for twelve years, and has also been Registrar of Voters. He is a Master Mason of Buffalo Lodge. He is a communicant of the Episcopal church, in which he serves as vestryman and clerk of the parish. Judge Brewer was married in Buffalo in 1859 to Rebecca Holmes, daughter of Robert Holmes, of that place. He has five children, namely: Lyman, a banker in California, who is married and has two sons and two daughters; Harriet L., who resides with her brother; Julia E., Ellen T., and Frances Hale, who reside at home with their parents. These children were educated in the high school at Mystic.

Judge Brewer's home, on the banks of the Sound, commands a fine view of the ocean and

neighboring islands to the east and south. With a plenteous supply of bivalves and fish in every variety fresh from the water, with vegetables from the garden and abundant supplies from the dairy and poultry yard, they are in no danger of wanting the necessaries or even many of the comforts of life.

HENRY HASKELL GALLUP, a prominent manufacturer of Norwich, was born in the town of Preston, this county, June 2, 1846. He traces his ancestry through many generations, in which credit and honor have been associated with the name, to John Gallup, a native of Dorsetshire, England, who sailed from Plymouth, England, in the ship "Mary and John," and arrived at Nantasket on May 30, 1630. This ancestor, who settled in Massachusetts, was a mariner and the captain of a vessel. While not a man of property, he was held in high esteem. He received Gallup's Island as a present from Governor Winthrop. John Mason was also a close friend of his. In 1636 Captain Gallup's name appeared in the town records. The family coat of arms bore the motto, "Be bold, be wise." The genealogy of the family, which was published in 1893 by John B. Gallup, of Agawam, Mass., contains many interesting facts concerning its early American progenitors.

Benadam Gallup, the great-great-grandfather of Henry Haskell Gallup, born in Groton, Conn., in 1716, died in 1800. He served in the Revolutionary War as Major in the Second Battalion of Wadsworth's brigade, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, his commission being signed by Governor Jonathan Trumbull, and bearing the date of December 2, 1776. Isaac Gallup, son of Benadam, also won distinction in the struggle

for independence. He was a Lieutenant in the Sixth Regiment, Tenth Company, under Colonel Samuel H. Parsons, this regiment being one of those raised at the Lexington alarm in April, 1775. Until June 17 the regiment was on duty at New London, and was then ordered by the Governor's Council to Boston. Afterward it was stationed at Roxbury, and formed a part of General Spencer's brigade until December 10, 1775, when its term of service expired. By this time Isaac Gallup had been promoted to the rank of Captain. The regiment was reorganized under Colonel Parsons in 1776 for service in the Continental army; and after the siege of Boston it was ordered to New York City, whither it went by way of New London and the Long Island Sound. It was there engaged in fortifying the city until the close of the year, participating in the battle of Long Island, August 27, 1776, and in the retreat on August 29. It subsequently took part in the battle of White Plains, after which it was stationed on the Hudson, near Peekskill, under General Heath, until its term of service expired, on December 31, 1776. Captain Isaac Gallup married Anna Smith, a daughter of Nehemiah Smith, of Groton.

Isaac Gallup, son of Captain Isaac and the grandfather of Henry H., took part in the War of 1812. By trade he was a carpenter and builder. He also owned and profitably conducted a good farm, which is now owned and occupied by his son. He was a man of influence in town and general affairs. On March 12, 1812, he was married to Miss Prudence Geer, of Ledyard, who, being a daughter of David and Mary (Stanton) Geer, traced her family history to England. Of his five children, a son and four daughters, Isaac Gallup, who was born near Poquetanuck, November 13, 1820, and now resides on the old

homestead in Preston, is the only survivor. He married on March 23, 1845, Miss Maria Theresa Davis, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Shaw) Davis, of Preston, and a granddaughter of Peter and Lucretia (Pellingham) Shaw, of Westerly, R.I. On March 23, 1895, he and his wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Although he is now seventy-seven and she is seventy-three years of age, they retain their mental and physical activity remarkably. Three children blessed their union, namely: Henry Haskell, the subject of this biography; Ella Maria, the wife of Avery D. Wheeler, of Cliff Street, Norwich; and Charles Davis, of Norwich, who married Grace Rogers Aldrich, and is associated with his brother in the belt business.

After receiving a good education in both common and select schools, Henry Haskell Gallup was engaged in teaching for four winters. At the age of twenty-two he came to Norwich, and went to work as a clerk in a hat store. Soon after he became book-keeper for Barstow & Palmer, with whom he remained three years. On March 1, 1871, he started out for himself in company with George S. Smith, forming the firm of Smith & Gallup, which did a prosperous business in leather and findings. In 1873, together with Frank Ulmer, they purchased the tannery of the late Charles N. Farnam, of the Norwich Belt Manufacturing Company. Mr. Smith retired in 1883, and Mr. Ulmer in 1892, leaving Mr. Gallup the sole owner of the tannery at Greenville and of the factory in Norwich. He is now doing a very extensive business, employing one hundred and ten men, including seven travelling salesmen, and having a branch house in Chicago, under the management of Roswell Allen Breed, by whom it was established in 1887.

On September 26, 1871, Mr. Gallup was married to Miss Irena H. Breed, of this city. She is a daughter of Edward and Harriet Lee (Hebard) Breed and a grand-daughter of Roswell and Sarah (Hancox) Breed. Her maternal grandparents were Gurdon Hebard, born at Windham, Conn., October 31, 1770, and Irena (Frink) Hebard, born May 19, 1775. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Breed buried their first-born, Charles E., who was a young man in the navy, and a daughter, Fanny Miner, who died when fifteen years of age. Their son Andrew resides in Norwich; while Roswell, as above intimated, lives in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Gallup have lost an infant son and daughter: Fanny Ella, in 1876, when twenty-one months old; and Clarence Breed in 1881, at the age of six months. Their living children are: Walter Henry, born April 13, 1873, now at home, having left the Norwich Free Academy to go into business with his father; and Susie Irena, thirteen years old.

In politics Mr. Gallup is a Republican. He was the second president of the Board of Trade, in which capacity he served for two years. Since 1888 he has been a director of the Thames Bank, and the president of the Norwich Industrial Building Company since its organization. He is also a director of the Chelsea Savings Bank, the president of the Crescent Fire-arms Company, and the treasurer of the W. H. Davenport Fire-arms Company. His religious creed is the Episcopalian, and he is a warden of the Christ Episcopal Church. The family reside at 127 Washington Street, in the elegant home that he purchased in 1890. It was built by the late James Lloyd Greene at a considerably large expense, being constructed of brick and finished in a very thorough and attractive manner. It stands well back from three

streets, occupying nearly half of a block, with the large lawn sloping to Washington Street, and the garden extending back to Cedar Street. There is, however, no ostentatious display; while refinement, intelligence, and cordiality rule within.

MRS. ELIZABETH M. HOWARD, an esteemed resident of Old Lyme, was born in 1823, the youngest of the twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, of Robert and Anstice (Manwaring) Hough. Her parents were married about 1806; and, the mother dying when her daughter Elizabeth was six months old, the latter was brought up in the family of her uncle, Josiah Manwaring, at Niantic. All the members of this family have passed away except Mrs. Howard and her brother, Latham M. Hough, of Springfield, Mass.

Elizabeth M. Hough was married in 1840, when only seventeen years of age, to Charles S. Howard, son of Daniel and Hannah (Smith) Howard, of Waterford. His father was at different periods of his life a farmer and seafaring man; and the children consisted of four sons and two daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter are now living. Daniel Howard, who was twice married, died in 1867. Charles S. Howard went to sea when he was but fourteen years old; and by application to his duties he gradually rose until he became captain of a vessel and later on part owner of twenty-three fishing-smacks. He also at one time carried on a mercantile business in Niantic. About 1865 he settled on a farm of one hundred and forty acres, which he conducted prosperously for the rest of his life, his death occurring April 24, 1890. He was a man of affairs in Niantic, and served as Selectman. In religion his

opinions led him to affiliate with the Baptists, and he was a member of the church of that denomination. Politically, he was a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Howard had a family of eleven children, all of whom are living but two. Their names respectively are: Charles R., Mary E., Josiah, Hannah, Mary E. (second of the name), Daniel, Palmer, Edwin, Franklin J., Lucy E., and Alfred. Charles R. is a merchant in Everett, Mass., and a widower with one child. Mary E. (first) died when she was five years old. Josiah died at the age of fourteen. Hannah is the wife of Frederick Harding, of Lyme, and has one daughter. Mary E. (second) is the wife of Pierce Littlefield, of East Lyme, and has one child. Daniel, a merchant in Hartford, is married and has two children, a son and a daughter. Palmer resides in Lyme, is married, and has one son. Edwin has a wife and one son. Franklin J. is married, and has two sons and one daughter. Lucy E. is the wife of E. D. Caulkins, a farmer. Alfred, who cares for the old farm, married Lizzie M. Riddle. The last four are all residents of Lyme.

DLYSTED GATES, a member of the firm of Gates Brothers, of Niantic, dealers in general merchandise, was born in this village, February 22, 1857, son of Daniel C. and Lydia M. (Parmlee) Gates. His grandfather, Behri Gates, who resided in East Haddam and subsequently in Niantic, was a carpenter by trade. He was born in one of the last years of the eighteenth century, and died in 1877. His wife, a Manwaring, was born in 1800, and died in 1886. They reared a large family of children, of whom three sons and one daughter are now living. Daniel C. Gates was born in East Haddam, Conn. He was a blacksmith



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by trade, and came to Niantic from New York City shortly after his marriage, opening here the first blacksmith shop in the town. A natural mechanic, he could mend a watch or pull a tooth with equal skill, and was a master of his trade. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and an active supporter of its varied benevolent and charitable enterprises. In 1849 he married Lydia M. Parmlee, of Killingworth, who bore him five sons and two daughters, of whom the subject of this sketch is the fourth son and child. The first son was Walter, who was accidentally drowned; the second is Walton, of the firm of Gates Brothers; Charles, the third child, resides in Niantic; Jacob G. lives in Guilford, Conn.; Eugenia died at the age of twelve; and Pauline, at the age of two years. The mother passed away in June, 1876. The father subsequently married for his second wife a lady from Maine, who survives him.

D. Lysted Gates was educated in the district schools. In April, 1881, he began his working life by becoming a clerk for W. P. Beckwith. Two years later he began business for himself under the firm name of Gates & Ray. The firm continued for twenty-six months, when it became Gates Brothers, under which name it has since done a large and growing business, the largest of the kind in Niantic, this result being obtained by fair dealing and courteous treatment of patrons.

Mr. Gates is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and has served in all the offices in the gift of the order. In politics he is a staunch Republican; and in 1887 he was elected to the legislature, in which he served creditably for two terms, reflecting honor upon his constituents. He is interested in the educational affairs of the town, and has been a member of the School Board for six years and its chairman for five years. In all

public positions he has been faithful to his constituents, and has never used official position for the furtherance of his personal interests, but has considered himself merely as the servant of the public. On the 22d of November, 1896, Mr. Gates was united in marriage with Mrs. Rachie M. Reilly.

GEORGE G. BROMLEY,* a well-known farmer and influential citizen of Lisbon, Conn., was born about a half-mile distant from his present residence on October 8, 1844, son of Sanford and Rebecca (Rose) Bromley. His grandfather Bromley was a farmer, and came to Lisbon about 1826. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Y. Errington, had eleven children, all of whom are now deceased.

Sanford Bromley, above named, was born in 1812, probably at Stonington, and died in Lisbon in July, 1870. He was a stone-cutter, and worked at stone and brick masonry. A Democrat in politics, he was active in all public affairs, was a man of prominence and influence, and commanded universal respect. He served as Town Clerk for seventeen years, as Selectman, as School Visitor, and as Representative to the legislature for two terms. He was married in 1834 to Rebecca, daughter of Captain Russell Rose, of Lisbon. She was born in 1812, and died in 1890, about twenty years after her husband. Sanford and Rebecca (Rose) Bromley had four children. A daughter named Nancy died at the age of seventy-nine years, and a son, Frederick, when an infant. George and Eliza Frances are the living, the latter being the wife of Frank Fitch, of Norwich Falls.

Mr. George C. Bromley was educated in the common schools, a select school, and a business college in Hartford. In 1870 he went to

Arizona as clerk in the quartermaster's department, and was there for nine years. On his way home, he stayed in Los Angeles nearly a year. He studied the conditions of climate and vegetation there, and believed it to be, what has since been so strikingly demonstrated, a section of country containing marvellous agricultural resources, and capable of almost unlimited development in agricultural lines.

In 1870 Mr. Bromley was united in marriage with his first wife, Jessie Ross. In December, 1887, he was married to his present wife, Elvira B., daughter of H. and Mary E. (Boyne) Rogers, of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Bromley have a family of three children, namely: Mabel, aged seven; Ida, aged five; and George Lester, aged three. Mr. Bromley is a Democrat in politics, and is actively interested in the public affairs of the town. He has been a member of the Board of Relief, and has served the town as Constable for years, also as Town Clerk, being now on his fourth term in the last-named position. He has been prominently connected with the educational work of the town, and as a member of the School Board has given evidence of his practical and broad ideas in regard to the management of the local schools. Mr. Bromley's farm consists of seventy acres. Besides carrying on general farming, he has always done, and still continues to do, considerable carpentering.

WILLIAM H. CARDWELL,* a well-known grocer of Norwich, was born in Montville, Conn., a son of Samuel Cardwell, his paternal grandfather being William Cardwell, a Revolutionary soldier. After completing his school education he became clerk in his father's store, and later worked in similar positions for others

until he had laid by a small capital with which to establish himself in business. This he did in Norwich about forty years ago, and Mr. Ransom is the only one here who has been engaged in trade in this town for a longer period.

In 1859 Mr. Cardwell married Miss Lucy Leffingwell Morgan, a daughter of Guerdon and Mabel Bushnell Morgan, of Norwich. Mrs. Cardwell traces her ancestry directly to Governor William Bradford and his wife, Alice (Southworth) Bradford. Her paternal great-grandfather was Darius Morgan, of Norwich, and her grandparents, Peter and Hannah (Leach) Morgan, also of Norwich. Her father, Guerdon Morgan, was a farmer, whose farm came down to him by inheritance through seven generations, and is still in possession of the family. Mrs. Cardwell is eligible for membership in the Society of Colonial Dames. Her four children are descendants in the ninth generation of Francis Bushnell, one of the thirty-five proprietors who came from England and settled in Guilford in 1639, where he died in 1646. His son, Richard, born in England in 1620, married October 11, 1648, Mary Marvin, of Hartford, Conn., a daughter of Matthew Marvin, who was born in England in 1600. Richard Bushnell, second, the next lineal representative, married Elizabeth Adgate, daughter of Thomas Adgate. Caleb, the son of Richard and Elizabeth Bushnell, married Ann Leffingwell, of Norwich; and their son Richard married Lucy Perkins. Caleb, the son of Richard and Lucy Bushnell, married Mabel Pitkin, of Hartford, a descendant of William Pitkin, of that place. Their son Richard married Annie Bellows, a member of the Groton branch of the Bellows family. Guerdon Morgan, father of Mrs. Cardwell, died at thirty-nine years of age. His widow lived to the age of seventy-six.



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Mrs. Cardwell was educated in the Norwich schools. She has borne her husband four children, two sons and two daughters: namely, Mabel, George, Harry, and Alice. Mabel, who studied at Waterbury under Professor Russell, is proficient in art and music; George, a graduate of the Norwich Free Academy, is a merchant in Denver; Harry, who was graduated from the Norwich Academy, and afterward spent three years in the Polytechnic School of Worcester, resides with his parents; and Alice, who is a graduate of the Norwich Free Academy, has also distinguished herself as a student, receiving a prize and a free scholarship. The family live in the large brick residence, 313 Main Street, which was built by Mr. Cardwell eighteen years ago. In politics he is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal church, in which he is a vestryman. He is a thirty-second degree Mason.

GEORGE ALBERT AYER, a prominent farmer of the town of Preston and one of the youngest landed proprietors in the county, was born at the Ayer homestead, June 8, 1875, son of George Albert, Sr., and Hannah M. (Arnold) Ayer. He owns the farm that has been in the family for nearly two hundred years, and it is one of the most extensive and highly cultivated in this region. It was originally a part of a large tract of land bought of the Indians by John Ayer, the ancestor of this branch of the Ayer family, who was born in England, it is said, in 1680, and died here on February 20, 1750.

John Ayer's wife, Sarah, whose family name is unknown, died in 1760, at the age of sixty-eight years, having been the mother of ten children. John Ayer, Jr., was the fourth

child and the first son. He was born in 1718. His wife, Abigail, bore him nine children, Jonas, born February 6, 1750, being the sixth child and the second son. Jonas Ayer was a man of extensive possessions and of great influence. He served as a member of the legislature for several years. He married Abigail Morgan, of Preston, who died at the age of fifty-eight years, leaving the following-named six children: Louise, born March 2, 1814; Albert G., born October 2, 1815; John, born in April, 1817; James W., born in 1819; Abby Ann, born June 10, 1821; and Jonas Morgan, born March 29, 1824.

Albert G. Ayer, who was the grandfather of Mr. George Albert Ayer, was one of the representative men of his generation. He married on September 23, 1845, Jane Pendleton, born June 3, 1823, a daughter of Isaac Pendleton, of Oxford, N.Y., and was the father of two children: Abbie J., who was born on July 7, 1846, and died on March 5, 1873; and George A., the father of the subject of this sketch.

George Albert Ayer, Sr., was born on the old homestead, April 22, 1849, and died on October 22, 1874. He was educated in Suffield and in East Greenwich, and was a man of broad views and well informed on current topics. He was in the legislature for a number of terms, and up to 1873 was the youngest man who had ever occupied a seat in the house. He was a deeply religious man, and was a member of the Congregational church at Preston City. He was married on Christmas Day, 1873, to Hannah M., daughter of Peleg A. and Hannah W. (Browning) Arnold. Mr. Arnold died on October 11, 1894, at the age of fifty-eight years, leaving his widow and three children: Hannah M.; Emily C., wife of Carder H. Tucker, of Wakefield, R.I.; and Mary Jessie Arnold.

Mrs. Hannah M. Ayer was married a second time on December 14, 1881, to Fred S. Brown, son of Shepherd and Martha (Brown-*ing*) Brown, and is living on the Brown homestead, which has been in the family for several generations. By this second marriage there are two sons: Shepherd F. Brown, born February 29, 1884, the fourth Shepherd Brown who has lived here; and Arnold P., born July 31, 1886. Mr. Brown is a Democrat, and has been Selectman for four years. He owns a fine farm of two hundred acres, and carries on general farming and dairying, having a herd of some twenty-two cows. He also deals quite largely in cattle and poultry, shipping poultry to the Eastern markets.

George Albert Ayer, only son of the elder George Albert, was born some months after the death of his father; and his education and training was under the competent direction of his mother. The estate of three hundred acres that has come down to him from his grandfather Ayer is a heritage with which any man might be satisfied, and the family associations connected with the place doubly enhance its value to the present owner. A few weeks ago, on January 5, 1898, Mr. Ayer was united in marriage with Miss Mabel E. Tattersall, daughter of John and Eleanor (Handy) Tattersall, of Jewett City, Conn.

JOHN E. McDONALD,* of Noank, for more than a quarter-century general foreman of the business now conducted under the name of the Robert Palmer Company, a ship-building and marine railway concern, was born March 14, 1844, on Prince Edward Island, and is a son of John and Christina (Sutherland) McDonald.

Allan McDonald, his grandfather, was born in the north of Scotland, whence he immi-

grated to Prince Edward Island in 1780. He was a farmer by vocation, and lived to be eighty-five years old. For his first wife he married a Miss McKinnon, and he was married twice afterward. John McDonald was born on Prince Edward Island about the year 1806, and is still living there. He is a ship-builder. John and Christina McDonald reared nine children, two sons and seven daughters. Both sons now reside in Connecticut, M. B. in New London, and John E. in the village of Noank.

John E. McDonald grew to manhood in his native town. He received a common-school education, then learned the ship-builder's trade of his father, beginning his apprenticeship at the age of sixteen. In 1865 he went to Boston, Mass., and on June 1 of the following year came to Noank, where he entered the employ of Robert Palmer in the ship-yard in which he has now been the foreman for over twenty-six years. When the Robert Palmer Company was organized, about four years ago, he became one of the stockholders, so that he has since been doubly interested in its successful operation, though at all times a faithful employee.

The marriage of Mr. McDonald and Miss Sarah McEachen, of Prince Edward Island, took place in Boston, Mass. They have an interesting family of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Annie Christina, in the Meriden Convent of Mercy, where she is known by the name of Sister Mary Rose; John Francis, attending the Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., class of 1897; James Alfred, in the Bulkley High School, of which his brother is a graduate; and Gertie M., thirteen years old, in school in Noank.

Mr. McDonald is a Democratic voter. He is connected with the American Order of United Workmen. He and his wife are mem-

bers of St. Patrick's Church at Mystic. They reside on Church Street, in the house which has been their home since 1882, about fifteen years.

CHARLES ALLYN, who died at his home in New London, September 6, 1888, aged forty-five, was a worthy representative of an old New London County family, being a lineal descendant of Robert Allyn, the early settler at Allyn's Point. Charles Allyn was born in Wilbraham, Mass., and was a son of the Rev. Robert and Emeline (Denison) Allyn, the former of whom was a Methodist divine.

For a number of years the Rev. Robert Allyn was prominent in educational work in Illinois, first as president of McKendrie College at Lebanon and later of the State Normal School at Carbondale. He was a graduate of Wilbraham Academy and of the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He was a man of superior mental powers and attainments, and stood very high both as a preacher and teacher. Many able articles were written by him for leading Methodist papers and educational periodicals. His first wife, Emeline Denison, died young, leaving him with an infant son and daughter—Charles and Emeline. He subsequently married Mary Budington, of Franklin County, Massachusetts, who bore him four children. The Rev. Robert Allyn died at Carbondale, Ill., January 7, 1894, aged seventy-seven years. He had previously been bereft of his second wife and two of their children. But three of his six children are now living, namely: Emeline, the widow of William Hypes, of Lebanon, Ill.; Joseph, a mining engineer in Chicago, Ill.; and Ellen S. Allyn, residing in Carbondale.

Mr. Charles Allyn is survived by his wife,

whose maiden name was Helen L. Starr. She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter of William Holt and Freelove Hurlbut (Williams) Starr. Her father was a native of Groton, and her mother of Stonington, Conn. Mr. Starr at one time carried on a large manufacturing business in Brooklyn, and he was also a writer and publisher. He was a man of influence in public affairs, serving two terms in the Connecticut State legislature. He died at his home in New London in 1884, aged seventy-six, in the house that he built in the winter of 1853-54, forty-four years ago, on Front Street, near the historic old mill, it being one of the first residences erected in this part of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Starr had five children: namely, William H., Charles F., Eliza D., Helen L., and Sarah J. William H. Starr is a Congregational minister in Providence, R.I.; Charles F. lives on Post Hill; Eliza D. Starr lives with Mrs. Allyn; and Sarah J. is the wife of Henry C. Fuller.

Charles Allyn and Miss Helen Starr were married on November 18, 1867. The first six years of their wedded life were spent in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he held a position in the custom-house office. In 1873 they left Brooklyn and came to New London; and a year or two before his death they removed to Mrs. Allyn's old home at 4 Front Street, corner of Crystal Avenue, where she has continued to live. In New London Mr. Allyn engaged in the book trade. He was the publisher of the History of the Battle of Groton Heights, which appears in a fine quarto volume with illustrations; and for several years he published the Daboll Almanac. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allyn, namely: Charles, who died at sixteen; Louise, a graduate of the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, in the class of 1895, and now engaged

as a teacher of elocution and physical culture; Robert, who is studying in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Harriet May, thirteen years old, who is attending the grammar school.

MRS. MARCIA PALMER STANTON, of Stonington, daughter of Oliver and Nancy D. (Noyes) Denison, and widow of the late Paul Burdick Stanton, is a native of this town. Her father, who was born January 2, 1787, and died September 8, 1873, was one of the nine children, five sons and four daughters, of Oliver, Sr., and Martha (Williams) Denison. Mrs. Stanton's grandfather, Oliver Denison, Sr., was of the fifth generation in descent from Captain George Denison, who was born in England about 1618, and came to this country in 1631 with his brothers, Daniel and Edward, and their father, William Denison, who settled at Roxbury, Mass. Captain George Denison removed with his family from Massachusetts to the New London Colony in 1651, and in 1654 took up his abode in what is now Stonington. He was prominent in civil and military affairs, and has been called "the Miles Standish of the settlement." Of his extensive landed estate less than a hundred acres now remain, but it is still held under its first title deed.

Oliver Denison, Jr., was twice married. His first wife, Nancy Graves, died young, leaving one daughter, born in 1813, now Mrs. Nathaniel Clift, of Mystic. His second wife was Nancy Dean Noyes, daughter of Nathan Noyes. The date of their marriage was November 24, 1825. They had seven children, namely: Emma J., who married Asa F. Kendrick; Oliver, who married Harriet A. Wilcox, and died in 1886; Marcia P., now Mrs. Stanton; Edgar, whose first wife was Mar-

garet E. Mandeville, and his second, Phebe J. Green; Sarah, who died unmarried; Nathan N., who married Sarah A. Green; Phebe M., who married Reuben Ford, and still lives on the old place where Captain George Denison, the immigrant ancestor, first settled. The mother, Mrs. Nancy D. Denison, died June 10, 1870.

The marriage of Marcia Palmer Denison and Paul Burdick Stanton was solemnized May 25, 1864. Mr. Stanton was born November 28, 1824. He was the fourth son of Benjamin F. and Maria (Davis) Stanton, both of Stonington, and a lineal descendant of Robert Stanton, who was born in England in 1599, settled in Newport, R.I., in 1638, and died there August 5, 1672. Robert's son, John Stanton, a merchant and a member of the Society of Friends, born in 1645, was married in Quaker meeting to Mary Horndale. John, Jr., born in 1673, the fourth of their seven children, settled in Westerly, R.I., in 1733. He had twelve children by his first wife, Elizabeth Clark, and thirteen by his second, Susannah Lamphere, whom he married in 1734, when she was nineteen years of age. His son Job, grandfather of Paul B. Stanton, was born at Westerly in 1737. He married first Elizabeth Belcher, who died in 1773; and in June, 1774, he married Mrs. Annie Williams Bell, widow of John Bell and daughter of Nathaniel and Annie (Hewitt) Williams. She was a sister of the wife of Colonel Ledyard, who fell at Fort Griswold. Job Stanton had three children by his first wife, and four by the second, Benjamin F., above named, being the youngest.

Benjamin F. Stanton and his wife, Maria, had nine children—John Davis, Abby J., Emma A., Daniel D., Benjamin F., Maria, Fanny, Paul B., and Mason Manning. His parents, Job and Annie W. B. Stanton, spent

their last years on this farm, which he purchased. Paul Burdick Stanton brought his bride here, and it has since been her home. Two of his brothers, John and Daniel, lived with him. The other brothers, Benjamin and Mason, neither of whom ever married, lived on the adjoining farm. The entire family of five sons and four daughters have now all passed away. Mr. Paul Burdick Stanton spent his life quietly as a farmer. He died July 8, 1884, in his sixtieth year. Since then Mrs. Stanton has had a good tenant to carry on the place. Their only child, a daughter, died in infancy. Mrs. Stanton is a member of the First Congregational Church, the Road Church.

JOSEPH D. HERR, A.M., D.D., the pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Norwich and a worthy representative of an old and distinguished family, was born in Sharpsburg, Pa., February 23, 1837. A son of Daniel and Ann (Snively) Herr, he traces his ancestry back to A.D. 1009, and clearly shows that his family is connected with the royal house of Austria. The coat of arms indicates that the family is a very ancient one, of royal origin and pure descent, that it produced knights who fought the Saracens in the Crusades, and men of naval prominence, and distinguished philanthropists. Though the male members of the family were remarkable for ability, they had little desire for royal preferment, whether in statecraft or war. Dr. Michael Herr, of Hagenau, Alsatia, who was a contemporary of Martin Luther, was one of the creators of the High German language. His book on the travels of Marco Polo, Columbus's discovery of America, and its description by Amerigo Vespucci, is one of the registered old works in America. The book

is one of the finest specimens from the first century of the printing art, and is ninety-six years younger than the first print of Gutenberg. There are but three copies in this country; and the best preserved, which was in the possession of Dr. E. F. Leyh, of Baltimore, Md., was purchased by the Tilden-Astor Library of New York. The catalogue of the famous Brown Library in Providence, R.I., gives a full page to the description of this work.

Hans Herr, Dr. Herr's great-great-great-grandfather, who is described in history as the founder and leader of the Mennonites in Pennsylvania, was a resident of the Pequea Valley in that State and an intimate friend of William Penn. His descendants in this country are very numerous, the minimum estimate being thirty thousand. A number of these descendants, including Dr. Herr, have formed the Hans Herr Memorial Association, whose headquarters are at Lancaster, Pa., "with a view to commemorating the exodus of Swiss Mennonites to America nearly two hundred years ago and his leadership in the movement by erecting some suitable permanent hall, school, or monument." In this association, embracing many men and women of ability, all the learned professions are represented. From Hans Herr, Dr. Herr traces his descent through Abraham, Christian, David, and Benjamin, who was born in Lancaster, Pa., in 1766. Benjamin Herr, who was the Doctor's grandfather and one of the earliest merchants of Pittsburg, transported his goods on pack mules over the mountains from Philadelphia. He was thrifty and enterprising, and accumulated quite a fortune. His death occurred in Pittsburg in 1846, in his eightieth year. In 1780 he went to Germany for a wife, and brought home a comely *frau*, who was a member of a

wealthy and noble family, and whose name before marriage was Magdalena Lichte. She died at the age of seventy-two; and her remains lie beside those of her husband in the Troy Hill Cemetery, near Herr's Island. They reared seven children, three daughters and four sons. Of the sons — Benjamin, Henry, Daniel, and John — John, the youngest, is living near Cleveland, Ohio, nearly ninety years old. He has been engaged in agriculture and banking, and is a man of prominence.

Daniel Herr, Dr. Herr's father, was born on Herr's Island, in the Alleghany River, just above Pittsburg, in 1808. He was engaged in horticulture up to the time of his death, which occurred at the age of thirty-seven. His wife, who was born in Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, about ten miles from Pittsburg, was a daughter of David and Mary Snively. The Snivelys also are an old Pennsylvania family. David Snively was a prominent man. His brother, Christian, served in the Pennsylvania legislature; and Christian's son Whitmer was an eminent physician. Mrs. Ann Herr is now living in Philadelphia with her daughter, and, though eighty-eight years old, is in possession of her faculties, and still bright and active. At her husband's death she was left with four children, namely: Mary, now the wife of Dr. Jacob Stewart, of Moline, Ill.; Magdalene, who is the widow of the Rev. David Williams and resides in Philadelphia; Sarah, who is the wife of the Rev. David Jones, D.D., the rector of the Episcopal church in Rochester, Pa.; and Joseph D., the subject of this sketch.

After receiving a thorough training in the common-school branches, Joseph D. Herr obtained employment as a clerk in Sharpsburg, Pa., when fifteen years old, and soon made himself indispensable. At the age of seven-

teen he was converted, and decided to study for the ministry; and in the year of his majority he graduated from Madison College, Pennsylvania. Before his graduation he began to preach in West Virginia, and about three years later he was installed as pastor of a large church in Pittsburg. Subsequently he had a call to Cincinnati, and about the year 1870 returned to Pittsburg to take charge of another church. In 1875 he became pastor of the Central Baptist Church of New York City. Ill health in his family occasioned his removal to Norwich, Conn., in 1881. In Norwich he had charge of the Central Baptist Church, his present charge, until 1886, when he was called to Milwaukee, Wis.; and in that place he built the Tabernacle Baptist Church, a handsome brick edifice. After a stay of five years in Milwaukee he received an urgent and enthusiastic call to return to Norwich; and in January, 1891, he was again occupying his old pulpit. Since then he has erected the fine brick church, with solid granite foundation, which is one of the handsomest buildings in the town. The style is Romanesque; and the situation, under the shadow of the rocks of Norwich, is most pleasing. Thus five societies have lasting monuments of his ability in building and repairing churches. That Dr. Herr's ability has been recognized may be gleaned from the few following facts concerning his work; he has served on the Board of Trustees of Adrian College, and in connection with the president thereof, Dr. Mahan, was largely instrumental in raising an endowment for the institution. During his pastorate in New York City, on one memorable Sunday morning, under the influence of his fervent leadership twenty-four thousand dollars was raised in a few moments, toward paying off the mortgage of the church. While pastor there he had the great privilege



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of receiving into membership with the church four hundred and forty-five, more than half of whom were added by baptism. While a pastor in Wisconsin he occupied a prominent place in the denomination, and exercised a wide influence throughout the State, in the cause of religion and education. Since his return to Connecticut Dr. Herr has occupied many positions of honor and trust. He holds, among others, the position of a member of the New England Board of Education, also of the Board of the State Baptist Convention. He is well known throughout the State for his zeal in the promotion of religion and education. He is a popular and vigorous speaker, and has few equals in his ability to present truth and as a vocal interpreter of the Bible. On matters of public welfare he has the courage of his convictions, and never hesitates to speak them: that he is interested in the progress of his adopted home is proven by the fact that he is an active member of the local Board of Trade.

Dr. Herr was married in 1859 in Pittsburg, Pa., to Mary E., daughter of Captain Benjamin L. and Anna (Boker) Wood, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Mary E. Herr died within eighteen months after her marriage, leaving an infant son, now the Rev. Benjamin L. Herr, who was recently the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Binghamton, N.Y. Dr. Herr contracted a second marriage in 1863 with Miss Annie M. Given, of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Captain John W. and Nancy (Dean) Given. By this union he has had three children, one of whom has passed away. The others are: Mary Lillian and Joseph D., Jr. The former, a graduate of the Female College at Milwaukee and the business college there, is a young lady of considerable literary talent. Under the *nom de plume* of

Laisdell Mitchell she has written several books; and her "Tony, the Story of a Waif," has passed through a remarkably large edition. "Niram: a Dusky Idyl," is also quite popular. Miss Herr lives with her parents when not travelling. Joseph D. Herr, Jr., graduated from the Free Academy of Norwich in 1895; and he is now in the employ of the Uncas Paper Company of the same place.

JAMES PENDLETON, a prosperous merchant of Stonington, was born in this borough, July 29, 1854, son of Harris and Sarah (Chester) Pendleton. He comes of an old American family, many members of which have distinguished themselves in the service of the State or in the various civic professions. The first progenitor of the family in this county was Major Bryan Pendleton, who was born in England in 1599, and who came to this country and settled in Roxbury, Mass., near Boston, as early as 1635. He filled many positions of honor and trust in the infant colony, and became one of its leading men. He was a member of the Governor's Council for five or six years, and was subsequently Deputy Governor of the Province of Maine. His only son, James, served with the rank of Captain in the war with the Narragansett Indians, and distinguished himself by his bravery and other soldierly qualities. Harris Pendleton, father of the subject of this sketch, was a lifelong resident of Stonington. His wife, Sarah, was a daughter of Josiah Chester. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom are living except Virginia, who died in childhood. A sketch of one of their sons, Harris, brother of James, may be found on another page of this volume.

James Pendleton attended the common schools until about nineteen years of age.

He subsequently entered the office of Russell Hinckley, a contractor and builder, for whom he worked two years or more. From 1878 to 1880 he conducted a market, which business, however, he gave up upon his appointment as Postmaster of Stonington, which occurred near the close of President Arthur's administration. This office he held for five years, being removed by President Cleveland. He then remained out of business about a year, during which he erected his present fine residence on Elm Street, and also the Potter Block, where he opened a grocery store and later, in 1894, his bakery. The block, which is three stories high, is sixty by sixty-four feet in ground area, and contains three fine stores with offices above. After conducting the grocery and bakery together for two years, in May, 1896, he sold out his groceries, and divided the large store into a salesroom, office, and storage room, making it a part of his bakery. He has four delivery teams, which deliver goods in Westerly and Mystic as well as in Stonington. His store is noted for the excellent quality of its bread, cake, and pastry.

On June 12, 1884, Mr. Pendleton married Miss Sarah E. Potter, daughter of William and Olive B. Potter. Her father, a native of Stonington, and a carpenter and builder by occupation, died in middle life, leaving his widow with two children, of whom Mrs. Pendleton was the younger. Her mother was born in Norwich, Conn., and died in Stonington in 1890, aged about sixty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton have three sons: Frank Raymond, now eleven years old; Carrol Chester, aged nine; and William Clifford, aged seven.

Mr. Pendleton is a Republican in politics. He has been Selectman four years, served fourteen years on the Board of Burgesses, and is now serving his third term as Warden. In

1894 he was elected as Representative to the Connecticut legislature, and was re-elected to the same office in 1896. He is a Master Mason and a charter member of the Royal Arcanum. He is also a life member of the Grand Council, R. A., of Connecticut.

FREDERICK M. TIBBETTS, who resides on his large farm, distant about a mile and a half from Salem, was born at Chesterfield, October 19, 1840, son of Benjamin B. and Hannah (Stapeling) Tibbetts. His grandfather, Henry H. Tibbetts, resided in East Greenwich, R.I., where he carried on a large farm, and reared a family of six sons and six daughters, all of whom married. The only survivor is Henry, residing in East Greenwich, near the old home, who at the age of eighty-five is still an active worker, and able to cut wood and build stone walls. Benjamin B., who was born in East Greenwich about 1797, went to California during the gold fever of 1849, and was accidentally shot in 1851. His widow, after surviving him many years, died from the effects of a fall at the age of ninety. Of their ten children there are now living three sons and two daughters, namely: John Tibbetts, a farmer in Rhode Island, who served for five years in the Civil War; Samuel W., who resides in Newsneck Hill, R.I.; Lucy Ann, who is the wife of Richard Arnold, of Fall River, Mass.; Dorcas R., who is living in Providence, R.I.; and Frederick M., the subject of this sketch.

Frederick M. Tibbetts joined the Union army in 1863 from Syracuse, N.Y. He belonged to the Eleventh New York Cavalry, Company F, served eighteen months, was wounded in the right knee at White Lord, and was discharged for physical disability. A

cough, contracted during his period of service, has never left him since. He was formerly a member of the G. A. R. in Providence, R.I. His religious belief is that of the Congregationalist denomination. In 1880 he bought his present farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres, upon which he has erected his house and barn. The home is perched up on the hillside, under the shelter of rocky bluffs on the west side, and commanding a beautiful view of the farms and distant hills to the eastward. On the farm are a flourishing orchard and garden. The property, at one time known as the Calvin Daniels place, was first settled at an early period. To purchase it, Mr. Tibbetts spent the entire sum of his savings, which were earned by himself, his wife, and children in a factory. It has been largely improved since it came into his possession. Besides replacing the old residence with the present modern structure, although constantly suffering from poor health, he has erected a wall about the entire farm, that adds much to its appearance. He has a small dairy, keeps five yoke of oxen constantly at work, owns horses and sheep, and grows potatoes, corn, and oats for his own use. Though an invalid for years, he has survived many of his neighbors who were stronger men than he.

On March 31, 1866, Mr. Tibbetts married Sylvia A. Potter, who was born in West Greenwich. They have reared eight children, including an adopted child, Ambrose B. Tibbetts, a son of Mrs. Tibbetts's sister. Their own children are: Phebe E., the wife of William H. Robison, residing in Franklin, and the mother of one daughter; Elmer G., a farmer of Salem, and unmarried; Benjamin B. Tibbetts, who has a wife and two sons, and resides in West Greenwich; William M., who is unmarried and resides in Norwich; Frederick A., who lives at home; Richard B., who

is part owner of his father's farm, now consisting of five hundred acres; and Mabel D., a young lady of seventeen, who resides at home.

THOMAS FRANKLIN MORGAN, a former wealthy resident of Groton, was born in Newport, R.I., February 28, 1848, son of Captain Ebenezer and Ann Elizabeth (Price) Morgan. The family are of Welsh extraction. James, the earliest known paternal ancestor, who was born in Wales in 1607, in March, 1636, accompanied by his brother, emigrated from Bristol, England, to America, coming to Boston, Mass. Ebenezer Morgan (first), the great-great-grandfather of Thomas F., was born September 21, 1719. His son Nathan was the next in line of descent. Ebenezer (second), son of Nathan and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born August 9, 1791. The second Ebenezer was twice married. By the first ceremony, which was performed October 28, 1814, Lavinia Newbury became his wife. She was a native of Groton, Conn., and had two children—Julia Ann and Ebenezer (third). By his second marriage there were three children.

Captain Ebenezer Morgan, the father of Thomas F., was born in Groton, July 22, 1817. He began his unusually successful career by shipping as cabin boy on a whaling-vessel. His experience as mariner covered a period of thirty-five years, during which he was captain and part owner of many vessels. Later he abandoned whaling, being one of the first to go to Alaskan waters and engage in seal fishing, in command of the bark "Peru." He made his last sea voyage in 1868. The first of his two marriages was contracted on May 24, 1843, with Ann Elizabeth Price, of Newport, R.I. The children of this union were: Thomas Franklin, the subject of this

sketch; William H., of Groton; Lavinia, the wife of Frank P. Marsh, of Providence, R.I.; and a son who died in infancy. The mother died January 29, 1888, at the age of sixty-one years. Mary J. Strong, of Vernon, Conn., became the Captain's second wife. She survives him, and is now a resident of Providence, R.I. The Captain died August 11, 1890, leaving an estate worth half a million dollars, of which his son, Thomas Franklin, was appointed the executor.

While his father and mother were at sea, Thomas Franklin Morgan lived with his grandfather Price in Newport, R.I., where he received his early education. In 1857 he removed with his parents to Groton, where he continued his school life, being further mentally equipped in New London. The family resided on Coon Hill until 1869, when it moved to its present residence on Monument Street, which fine piece of property belonged to the estate of Mr. Morgan's mother. At the age of sixteen he went before the mast, continuing a sailor's life on his father's vessel until he was made second mate. In politics he was a Republican. Following in the footsteps of his father, he became a Royal Arch Mason. His later years were spent as a gentleman of wealth and leisure, having no business but the care of his father's estate. He owned a good yacht, in which he enjoyed many a sail and fishing excursion.

On February 6, 1870, Mr. Morgan was married to Frances A. Crumb, of Mystic, Conn. Her parents, Albert and Amanda (Davis) Crumb, are now residents of Groton. Her brother, Theodore Crumb, died in early manhood; and her sister is now Mrs. Charles Fairbanks, of Groton. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Emma L., now the wife of Harry A. La Montagne, resides in New York City. Mr. Morgan died May 24, 1897. He

was a man of fine physique, and he was much esteemed by the community for his kindness and generosity.

CHARLES E. MAINE, the well-known contractor and builder, of Voluntown, Conn., now serving as Representative to the State legislature, was born in the town of Ledyard, New London County, on February 1, 1827, son of Samuel and Patty (Tift) Maine.

Samuel Maine, Sr., father of Samuel, above named, is a prosperous farmer of Ledyard. His wife, Sally Chapman, who was a native of Rhode Island, died at the age of eighty; and he, surviving her some five years, died at the age of eighty-five or eighty-six. Their remains rest in the family burial-ground, near the farm in Ledyard. Of their eight children, six grew to mature years, and two are living. One son, Warren Maine, is a farmer at Ledyard, living near the old homestead; and Sally Ann Maine, his sister, resides in South Stonington.

Samuel Maine, second, father of Mr. Charles E. Maine, was born in 1803, and died in 1885. His grave is at Milltown. He was a man of prominence and active in town affairs, serving in various official capacities and with rare fidelity and ability. His wife, Patty, who died in 1880, at the age of seventy, was born in South Stonington, and was about his age. They were married in 1823, and had a family of three sons and three daughters — Samuel L., Charles E., Eliza, Susan, Orrin, and Orilla. Samuel L., the eldest child, born in 1824, is a farmer residing in North Stonington. Eliza is the widow of Daniel Holderidge. She has a number of children, and is still living in her native town. Susan, who has no children, is the wife of Erastus Park, and resides at North

Stonington. The two youngest children were twins, and are now deceased. Orrin died on September 15, 1889, and his widow is living in this town. Orilla was the wife of John Frink.

After obtaining a fair education in the public schools, Mr. Charles E. Maine taught school for one winter term in Voluntown. He subsequently made his home in Norwich until 1859, when he bought at auction the residence property at Voluntown where he now makes his home. He has decided mechanical ability; and for twenty years he has had charge of the mechanical department of the Briggs Manufacturing Company, of Voluntown, at a good salary.

When twenty-three years of age Mr. Maine married Sarah Crary, whose father, James Crary, had died when she was very young. Six children were born of this marriage. A daughter, Martha, died at the age of two years; and twin children, Byron and Bertha, died at the age of a year and a half. The three now living are: Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, who has lost one daughter, and has living a son and a daughter; Charles Edwin Maine, who has a wife and a son, Charles Edwin, Jr.; and Lucy, who is the wife of Charles Hazard, of Rhode Island, and is residing in Bayonne, N.J. Four of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hazard are living. Mr. Maine's two eldest children, Elizabeth and Charles, live near him. Their mother died in 1875, at forty-four years of age; and on February 7, 1876, Mr. Maine was united in marriage with Mary E. Colgrove, of Voluntown, daughter of Christopher and Lydia (Rouse) Colgrove. Mrs. Maine comes of an educated and talented family, and was a teacher before her marriage. Her eldest brother, Dr. Charles H. Colgrove, is a successful and prominent physician of Willimantic, and has accumulated a handsome fortune.

Mr. Maine is nominally a Democrat, but was elected to office by many Republican votes when John E. Lewis received one hundred and sixty Republican majority. He has been Selectman for many years, Town Clerk for ten years, and for many years he has been on the Board of Relief and a Justice of the Peace. He has made out a large number of legal papers, and has married many couples. He was in the legislature in 1861 and 1874, and is now serving for the term of 1897.

AUSTIN J. BUSH, lawyer, farmer, and miller, now serving his third term as Probate Judge, was born on April 7, 1853, on the farm in East Lyme upon which he now resides, son of Ira A. and Matilda P. (Austin) Bush. The family is of English origin; and its early representatives in America were among the first settlers of Wethersfield, Conn. On the maternal side, it is said, the Judge is of German descent.

Amaziah Bush, great-grandfather of Judge Bush, married first Miss Lay; for his second wife, a Smith, sister of Captain Simon Smith; and for his third wife, Dorothy Dennison, of Essex, the mother of the Judge's grandfather, Amasa, who was her only child. Grandfather Amasa Bush, born May 21, 1742, was a farmer and miller, owning the old mill built in 1690, the earliest in the county with the exception of the old mill in New London built in 1650. He died at the age of fifty-six years. His wife was before marriage Lucretia Maynard, of Norwich. She bore him eight children, namely: Betsey, born in 1804, who went West and is supposed to be still living; Ira A., the Judge's father, who was the second child; Abbie; Jerry F.; Nancy, who married Solomon Adams, and went to Michi-

gan; Maria; Angeline; and Emmeline. All married, and nearly all had families. Ira and Abbie are now deceased. Ira A. Bush was a farmer, owning one hundred acres with the mill site and pond on Pattagansett Creek, where the dam was built in 1690. He died in 1888, a man universally respected and having the good will of his townsmen. His wife, who was a devoted member of the Baptist church, was a native of New Bedford, Mass., born April 27, 1814, and married September 20, 1832. She died January 28, 1890, and is buried in the churchyard at Niantic. Of her eight children four sons and two daughters grew to maturity. One son, William P. Bush, studied medicine at the Albany Medical School, and was surgeon in the Sixty-first New York Regiment during the Civil War until his death at Georgetown from overwork at the battle of Gettysburg. He was only thirty years of age. He left a wife and one son. The living children of Ira A. and Matilda P. Bush are: Mary L., widow of Francis E. Morgan, residing in Niantic at the old home; Julius M., in Pasadena, Cal.; and Judge Bush, of East Lyme.

Austin J. Bush attended the district schools until twelve years of age, when he was sent to the grammar and high schools at New London. Later he studied for a year in Suffield and for two years at Williston Seminary in Easthampton, Mass. He then read law for a year with Pettis & Davis, of Meadville, Pa., and after returning home read a year with T. C. Coogan at Enfield, Conn. Entering Yale Law School in the fall of 1878, he took the course in one year; and in June, 1879, he was admitted to the practice of his profession in the Connecticut and United States courts.

On the 30th of December, 1878, Judge Bush was united in marriage to Mary Josephine Stine, of Philadelphia, Pa., daughter

of Charles Stine. He has lived in different places, having spent some time in Colorado and in Florida. From 1882 to 1887 he was Special Examiner of Pensions in the New England and Middle States, and since 1887 he and his family have lived at the old homestead. They have lost two children, an infant son and infant daughter. The living children are: Mary Josephine Bush, who is at home and attending school; and Wait Bush, a maiden of thirteen, who was named for Colonel John T. Wait, and is now a pupil in the high school.

Judge Bush is a Republican. In 1888 he was elected Town Clerk, and in 1892 Judge of Probate. Having been twice re-elected since, he is now serving on his third term. He is interested in agriculture, and carries on considerable farming. He also operates the mill. As a legal adviser he has the confidence of a wide circle of clients, and he is one of the most respected and influential citizens of the town.

MRS. LYDIA WILLIAMS NOYES, of Mystic, Conn., whose husband, Captain Benjamin Franklin Noyes, died in Savannah, Ga., June 18, 1879, is the daughter of Sanford Avery and Lucy (Stanton) Williams, and comes from old and substantial Colonial stock, one line of her ancestry reaching back to the "Mayflower" Pilgrims, and several lines including notable Revolutionary patriots. One of her great-grandfathers, Elnathan Perkins, perished in the Fort Griswold massacre. He went to the fort with his four sons; and all were killed but one son, who was one of the few rescued. Two of her great-grandfathers, Captain John Williams and Captain Amos Stanton, were also killed the same day. Mrs. Noyes is in possession of the muster-roll of Captain Amos



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Stanton in the original handwriting, dated November 9, 1777. She takes much interest in tracing back and preserving the family history. Her great-grandmother, Eunice Williams, wife of Richard Williams, reared four sons; namely, Paul, Barnabus, Sanford, Silas; and one daughter, named Prudence, who married a Halsey. Barnabus and Paul Williams settled in Akron, Ohio; Sanford was wounded at Fort Griswold; Silas Williams was the grandfather of Mrs. Noyes. Her father, Sanford Avery Williams, was a farmer in Groton. He died in 1871, at the age of sixty-five; and her mother died in 1877, at the age of sixty-six. Of their four daughters, Lydia, Betsey, Prudence, and Mary, the third died at the age of four; Betsey married Amos Giles Stanton, and died at the old home in Groton in September, 1894, in the fifty-ninth year of her age, leaving three sons and two daughters; and Mary Prudence, the youngest, died at the age of twenty-two years.

Lydia, the eldest, was married to Benjamin F. Noyes on the thirteenth day of August, 1854, at her father's home. Mr. Noyes was born in the town of Stonington. Until sixteen years old he lived on a farm. He then shipped before the mast on a whaling-vessel called the "Coriolanus," of Mystic, Captain Gustavus Appleman, and made a three years' voyage. His next trip was as boat steerer on the bark "United States," Captain Barnum, out for sea elephants, for eighteen months. From this time on he was promoted until he became master and part owner of the vessels in which he sailed. At the time of his death, which occurred at the age of fifty-one, Captain Noyes was in charge of the schooner "Chainer." He was a Master Mason in Norwich and afterward in Mystic. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Noyes accompanied her husband on

three different voyages, two South, and one across the Atlantic to Bordeaux, France; but all seemed long to her, as she was unable to overcome her seasickness. She lost her eldest son, Sanford Frank, at the age of two years. She has two living children: Edith May, wife of Christopher Morgan, who has two children; and Charles Williams Noyes, who married Mary T. Foote, of Mystic, and who now owns and manages a greenhouse in Prophetstown, Whiteside County, Ill.

Mrs. Noyes is a communicant of the Episcopal church. While not in robust health, except for her hearing, which has been impaired of late, she preserves a good degree of youthful vigor. Her intelligence and loveliness of character have endeared her to many friends. Mrs. Noyes and her daughter are both members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Mrs. Morgan for the past two years has held the office of Regent of the Fanny Ledyard Chapter. These ladies are also numbered among the posterity of two of the most famous of the Pilgrims who landed on Plymouth Rock on Forefathers' Day, 1620 — John Alden and Priscilla Mullins — Mrs. Noyes tracing her lineage to the historic pair through her mother, Lucy Stanton Williams. Mrs. Morgan is a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

WILLIAM HERBERT BUSH,* a talented musician of New London, Conn., the son of Aaron and Henrietta (Parkhurst) Bush, is a native of this city. His grandfather, Anson Bush, was born in Connecticut. He was a boss ship-rigger, and worked for the old established firm of Hovens & Williams. He was a member of the Methodist church in New London, where he died in 1880.

His son Aaron was born in 1832, and died on Easter Sunday in 1893. He married Henrietta, a daughter of John Parkhurst. Her grandfather Parkhurst was a bearer of despatches in the Revolutionary War. Both Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bush were Methodists in religious belief, and Mr. Bush was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church of New London. They had eight children, only three of whom attained maturity, namely: William Herbert, the second-born son and the subject of this sketch; Ida M., a graduate of the high school, living in this city; and Charles.

William Herbert, the elder of the two brothers now living, received a general education in the public schools, which he attended until he was fifteen years of age, when his musical education began under the direction of Charles B. Jennings, of New London. He afterward took lessons on both organ and piano of Charles S. Elliot, who had been a pupil of the great Guilman, of Paris; and later he went to New York to study, where his teacher was Samuel P. Warren, for twenty-five years the organist of Trinity Church. He continued under the instruction of Mr. Warren for three years; and at the end of that time he returned to New London, where he has been a successful teacher of both organ and piano ever since. He has been the organist of the Second Congregational Church for eleven years and master of the choir for three years. Mr. Bush has given recitals in his native city and in other places, which have been most successful, his interpretation of the great masters being sympathetic and impressive. He married Julia De Sant, of New London, February 14, 1887. Mrs. Bush is a woman of an artistic temperament and much musical ability. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bush are members of the Second Congregational Church.

GEORGE E. FELLOWS,* of Norwich, Superintendent of Streets, was born in New London, August 9, 1853, his parents being Joshua E. and Eunice H. (Hempstead) Fellows. His grandfather, Robert Fellows, was Sheriff of New London County, and ran the old grist-mill in New London. Robert was a man of magnificent physique, standing six feet, two inches, and with a body perfectly proportioned. He died about 1859. His wife, whose name in maidenhood was Hannah Williams, died at an advanced age; and both are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in New London. They had a family of eight sons and one daughter, most of whom grew to maturity. Joshua E. Fellows was born in Stonington in 1825, and came to this town about 1888. He was a mason and contractor, and built several brick churches and other edifices in New London and Norwich, among them the Broadway Congregational Church, with its steeple two hundred feet high, the Catholic school-house, and the annex to the Broadway school-house. He was a non-commissioned officer in the Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, and served for a year. He died February 2, 1885. His wife, Eunice, whom he married about 1845, was a descendant of one of the first families of this section. She is now residing with her two daughters in Norwich. Of her family of six children three are living, namely: Anna E., who has been for several years a teacher in Norwich; George E., whose name appears at the head of this sketch; and Elizabeth Hannah, a stenographer and typewriter, now filling an important position with the Norwich Bleachery Company. Joshua Fellows was a Methodist in religious faith, and his wife and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

George E. Fellows learned the mason's

trade in his youth, and subsequently worked with his father. After the death of the latter he carried on the business until 1894, when he was appointed to the responsible position he now holds. He has some forty miles of street under his charge, and employs from thirty-nine to one hundred men and from five to ten double teams. Mr. Fellows is a Mason, and has advanced as far as the Council. In politics he is a Republican, but has never sought office nor held it until being Commissioner.

On November 25, 1875, Mr. Fellows was united in marriage with Lila E. Harvey, of Preston, daughter of Henry Harvey, now deceased. Mrs. Fellows has one sister and two brothers, namely: Isabella, wife of John E. Sherman, of Norwich; Frederick A., living in Preston; and Clinton A., of Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. Fellows have lost a daughter, Alice, who died at the age of four years. They have three living children: Edith A., who is now pursuing a course in stenography and typewriting; Lillie Louise, residing at home and attending school; and George Robert, a lad of nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Fellows reside in the large frame house at 343 Franklin Street, the erection of which was begun by Mr. Joshua Fellows.

MAJOR EUGENE A. BANCROFT,* of New London, formerly of the Fourth Artillery Corps of the United States Army, was born in Boston, Mass., June 17, 1825, the son of Thomas and Betsey (Tileston) Bancroft. His great-grandfather was Thomas Bancroft, and his grandfather, Aaron Bancroft, of Boston. At least one member of the family fought in the Revolutionary War, Captain Bancroft, who participated in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Thomas Bancroft, the Major's father, was born in Boston in 1798, and died there in 1886. His first wife, Betsey Tileston, died in her twenty-second year in 1828, leaving two children — Eugene and an infant daughter. The daughter died in early married life. Mr. Bancroft and his second wife, Eliza Osborn, reared two sons and two daughters. Of this family three are living, namely: the two daughters; and a son, Thomas J., who is an Assessor in Boston.

Major Eugene A. Bancroft was given good educational advantages, finishing his course of study at the Chauncy Hall School, Boston. From 1849 to 1856 he was in the employ of the Adams Express Company in California, going via New Orleans and Texas, the journey consuming six months; and in 1861 he began his military career, enlisting in the Sturgis Rifles in Chicago. On October 24 of that year he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the regular army; on June 25, 1862, he was brevetted First Lieutenant for gallantry near Fair Oaks, Va.; on December 13, 1862, he was commissioned First Lieutenant; and on July 3, 1863, brevet was conferred upon him for bravery at Gettysburg. Though not a physically strong man, Major Bancroft has the resolute will, the nerve and fire, that characterize leaders of men; and, whenever danger was to be faced, he was found in the thickest of the fray. The rank of Captain of the Fifteenth Infantry was offered him January 22, 1867; but he declined it, accepting, however, the Captaincy of the Fourth Artillery, April 26, 1873. He was in active service against the Indians in the West and at Clear Water, Idaho, was severely wounded by a gunshot in the left arm, left lung, and thorax. For gallant conduct at this time he received his major's brevet. He went to Europe on a pleasure trip in 1873, but within a few

months was recalled, and ordered to join the army in the West. Stationed for some time in California, he was two years in Sitka and different parts of Alaska, spending nine years in all in the Far West. On June 17, 1889, his sixty-fourth birthday, he was honorably discharged, having attained the age limit for active military service. Though not a confirmed invalid, Major Bancroft suffers from physical disability to some extent, caused by the hardships and exposure of army life, and his hearing is impaired by climatic causes; but he is constitutionally cheerful, keen, and witty, and enjoys heartily a good joke or story. In all things he is a typical Yankee soldier.

Major Bancroft was married June 19, 1861, to Miss Eleanor Croes, a native of St. Charles, Ill., daughter of Ralph V. M. and Anna N. (Blanchard) Croes. Mr. Croes died in Chicago in 1855. His widow is yet living. Ten children have been given to Major Bancroft and his wife, and nine of them are living: Anna B., wife of William D. Coit, prosecuting attorney of New London; Thomas Eugene, in New York City, unmarried; Eleanor, a graduate of the New London High School; Henry Edward, Mary Edith, Bessie Tileston, Charlotte J., Helen McDowell, and George Croes, ten years of age, all with their parents. In politics the Major favors the Republican side. He is a Master Mason.

ALLEN TIFFANY,* a carpenter by trade, now engaged in general farming, was born at his present home in Salem, New London County, Conn., August 25, 1843. His parents were William S. and Maria (De Wolf) Tiffany. His paternal grandfather was Eleazer Tiffany, a farmer of this place, who died in 1851, past eighty

years of age. He had five sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to an old age. The last of the family was Mrs. Palmer, of Stonington, a widow, now deceased.

William S. Tiffany married first a Miss Atwater. She died leaving one daughter. By his second wife, who was a sister of Edward De Wolf, he had five children, namely: Allen and his sister, Ellen E., who became the wife of Joshua Enos; Martha M., wife of George Priest; John F., who is a widower, and makes his home with his brother Allen; and Joseph F., who died in 1870, at the age of twenty-one. The mother died February 15, 1885, in her seventy-sixth year, and the father died in September, 1891, after leading the life of an invalid for twenty years. In religious belief and affiliation both parents were Congregationalists.

Allen Tiffany received a common-school education, and remained at home until twenty-one years of age. He worked at carpentering under his father, who was also a wheelwright; and he afterward was engaged for fourteen years in constructing the wood-work of steam printing presses in Norwich. He returned to the home farm in December of the year 1884; and since his father's death he has carried on the farm, which was his inheritance, keeping the place up in good style, the new buildings being of his own erection.

He married on Thanksgiving Day, 1871, Ann E. Stanton, of Ledyard, daughter of Henry W. and Lydia E. Chesebro, of Stonington. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany, as follows: Nellie M., of New London; Jennie M., who is still at home and is her mother's right hand helper; George F. A., who, though but sixteen years old, is six feet in stature, like his father; and Mattie E., the youngest, a bright child of seven years. In politics Mr. Tiffany is a Republican.

THOMAS DRUMMOND, a well-known steam boiler manufacturer of New London, who resides at 10 Pearl Street, was born in Ireland, September 16, 1833, son of Joseph and Catherine (Caffrey) Drummond. The parents, who were in humble circumstances, came to America practically without means, bringing with them two of their seven children, five of whom were sons; namely, Thomas, Joseph, James, William, and George. Settling in Rhode Island, Joseph Drummond turned his attention to farming, which occupation he followed for twenty years. He died in 1885, at the age of eighty-three, surviving his wife, who lived to be seventy-five, three years. Of his five sons Joseph has been a resident of San Francisco since 1856; James is a house carpenter in Providence, R.I.; William is also a resident of that city; and George is a farmer in Ashford, Conn.

Thomas Drummond attended the public schools, and at the age of thirteen began to learn the boiler-making trade with Thurston, Greene & Co., of Providence, R.I. After working there for some years and acquiring a good knowledge of the trade, he came to New London, and for ten years was foreman of the Albertson & Douglas firm in this city, later serving two years in a similar capacity for the Burden Iron Works, where he had the supervision of nearly one hundred men. He was one of the skilled mechanics employed on the East River Bridge in 1856. In 1872 he began business on his own account in Norwich, Conn., where he remained some years, returning to New London in December, 1885. For the past twelve years he has conducted business at 53 Water Street, where he employs from ten to fifty men according to the times. He is also a director of the Connecticut Loom Company. In politics he is a Re-

publican, having been previous to the Civil War a radical abolitionist. He has served as State Boiler Inspector for eleven years. He belongs to the Masonic order, being a member of the Chapter, R. A. M.

Mr. Drummond married Mary A. Kneff, of Eastport, Me., and she became the mother of eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Rebecca Frances; Sarah Charlotte, now Mrs. Andrew Welton, of Springfield, Mass.; Mary A., a trained nurse; Emma W., an employee in the R. H. White store, Boston; and Joseph Johnson Drummond, who is a resident of Stockton, Cal. Two children died in infancy: and Thomas R., who was unmarried, was drowned when twenty-eight years old at Fort Townsend, Wash., in 1888. The mother died in Somerville, Mass., in 1871. In May, 1884, Mr. Drummond married for his second wife Mrs. Charlotte A. (Beckwith) Collins, of this city.

JAMES HOWLAND STIVERS,* one of the leading merchants of Stonington borough, was born in the town of Stonington, Conn., May 22, 1861, and is a son of the late Captain John Randall Stivers. The family is of German origin, and its representatives in this country have been possessed of many of the solid and enduring qualities for which the German race is so widely known.

Daniel Stivers, grandfather of Captain Stivers, lived in New Jersey. His son Jacob, born at Newark, N.J., was a pioneer settler in one of the Middle Western States. John Randall Stivers, father of James Howland, was born near Utica, N.Y., on January 8, 1825, and died April 1, 1893. When he was but a small child, his parents removed to the West; and they remained there until the death of the father a few years later. The

widow then returned with her young children to New York State; and John, being the eldest, helped to support the family until his mother married again. This was in 1843; and the youth, then nearly eighteen years of age, decided to strike out for himself. He went to New York City, and shipped for a whaling voyage, and at that time met Mr. Horace Trumbull, who was in New York on business for his father. Young Stivers came to Stonington to join his vessel, which was the old "United States," then being fitted out for a cruise by the firm of Stanton & Trumbull.

He continued in the whaling business for nearly forty years, until 1880, in the employ of Stanton & Trumbull or of Tabor, Gordon & Co., of New Bedford, occupying the position of either chief or first officer on nearly every voyage. Captain Stivers had many exciting and hazardous experiences, being at one time caught and shut up in one of the ice floes in the Arctic Ocean. He was on the bark "Henry Tabor," of New Bedford, and was a very popular captain. In the year 1880 he retired from the whaling business, and went to New Britain, where his family had lived for some time. A few months afterward he came to the borough, and engaged in the grocery business. In this he was remarkably successful, and in a few years managed, by fair dealing and courteous manners, aided by his amiable and genial personality, to build up a large and paying business. Captain Stivers was not a member of any social order or fraternity, but was a vestryman of Calvary Episcopal Church. His death was a severe loss to the church as well as to the community.

One of Captain Stivers's brothers, Edwin J. Stivers, now in New York City, was a volunteer soldier in the Civil War, having previ-

ously been a locomotive engineer. He went to the front in the early part of the war, and rose from the rank of private to that of First Lieutenant. He remained in the regular army for several years after the close of the war, receiving a Captain's commission, and was stationed at Fort Snelling. He was retired about 1888.

Mr. James Howland Stivers is the second of the three sons of Captain Stivers. The eldest-born, John Orrin Stivers, is engaged in mining in Denver, Col., and is married, and has a family. The youngest is Francis Edwin, of West Haven, Conn., who is in the auditor's department of the railroad. James attended the common schools here for some years and later the New Britain High School, from which he was graduated. He then entered the grocery of his father, and has been engaged in the business to the present time, taking full charge since the death of his father.

On the 2d of June, 1893, Mr. Stivers married Lucy Annie, daughter of John F. and Eliza A. (Sherman) Sherman, her father and mother having the same name, but belonging to different families. Both were born in the township of Kingston, R.I. They were married there in 1864, and settled at Jamestown, R.I., on Conancticut Island, where Mr. Sherman became owner of a large farm. He was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting for nine months in the Twelfth Regiment of Rhode Island Volunteer Infantry, Company K, and serving for thirteen months. He was in the battle of Fredericksburg, and, though receiving shot in his clothing and being stunned by flying sods, he was personally uninjured. His health was impaired, however, by exposure and hardship; and he is now a pensioner.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have three children:

John F., Jr., in Lebanon, Conn.; Mrs. Stivers; and Isaac Sherman, now in Westerly, R.I. On her mother's side Mrs. Stivers is descended, it is said, from General Nathaniel Greene and Governor Benedict Arnold, of Rhode Island. Two of her direct ancestors were commissioned officers of the Revolutionary War. She is thus eligible for membership in the Society of the Daughters of the Revolution.

CHARLES N. CHAMPLIN,* a prominent citizen of Norwich, Conn., residing near Thamesville, is a native of this city, and was born in 1849, his parents being Joseph and Louise (Dewey) Champlin. The Champlin family came to this part of the country from the State of Rhode Island in 1784. Nathan Champlin was brought here when four years old by his parents, Rowland and Anna (Babcock) Champlin, who settled at Greenville, and kept a large boarding-house.

Nathan married Lydia Woodward, of Canterbury, Conn., and began life in a humble and primitive way in his new and unfinished house on West Main Street. He was a carpenter, and became a prosperous contractor and builder. His family consisted of seven sons and five daughters. One son is living, and resides at 255 West Main Street, on the land where his father settled.

Joseph Champlin, father of Mr. Charles N., was born in Norwich about 1822, and died in 1851. His wife was left a widow with three children, and never remarried. She died in 1877, at the age of forty-eight. The children were: Maria, who married Thomas Potter, and died in 1870, at the age of twenty-three years; Charles N., the subject of this sketch; and Lydia, who died at the age of nineteen.

Charles Champlin attended the common

schools, but received only a limited education, as at the age of ten years he was obliged to work during the summer; and when fifteen years of age he left school altogether, and was obliged to become self-supporting. When he was ten years old he went to live in the family of Ira Gifford, a farmer of this town, and remained with him seven years. He began the business in which he is at present engaged twenty-six years ago, driving a bone wagon for his wife's father, and some sixteen years since succeeded to the management of the business. The factory on his farm has five kettles. He runs some three or four wagons, and keeps ten horses in use. Mr. Champlin has enlarged and improved both the house and the barn on his estate, and has now a most pleasant and comfortable home. His farm consists of seventy acres, and is mostly in grass and pasture land. Mr. Champlin is known as one of the progressive and thrifty citizens of this town, and enjoys unusual esteem. In politics he is a Republican.

On September 16, 1874, Mr. Champlin was united in marriage with Nellie F., daughter of E. A. and Elizabeth (Howard) Dudley. Mr. and Mrs. Champlin have one child, Addie L., a rosy-cheeked young lady of fourteen years and a student in the Norwich Free School.

CAPTAIN GEORGE W. BECKWITII,* keeper of the light-house on Stonington Breakwater, was born April 1, 1845, in Salem, Conn., a son of Ezra P. Beckwith. His grandfather, William Beckwith, was a lifelong farmer in Waterbury, this State.

Ezra P. Beckwith was born in New London, Conn., in 1817, and died at Willimantic, Conn., in 1884. He was a stone-cutter by trade, expert in the use of tools, and worked

at his chosen occupation in Norwich and Westerly. In 1842 he married Harriet De Wolfe, of Hadlyme, in the town of Lyme, New London County, Conn., a daughter of William De Wolfe, a quarryman. Her father was one of a family of seven children born to his mother, who attained the venerable age of ninety-six years, and was full of life and vigor to the close of her days. Her maiden name was Betsey Woods. William De Wolfe married Hannah Bailey, and had four children, all of whom are living, namely: William De Wolfe, of Salem, Conn., now seventy-four years old; Albert, also a farmer in the same town, seventy-two years of age; Harriet, formerly Mrs. Beckwith, now Mrs. Hibbard, nearly seventy years old; and Mrs. Sarah Minor, the youngest of the family. Ezra P. and Harriet (De Wolfe) Beckwith reared three children, namely: Dr. Beckwith, a practising physician, who died in 1886, aged thirty-five years, leaving four orphan children, his wife having died previously; George W., the special subject of this brief biography; and Hattie, wife of Thomas Turner, of Oakdale, Mass. The mother, after living a widow for some time, married for her second husband John Hibbard, who died in 1885, after five years of acute suffering from rheumatism. He was a son of Andrew Hibbard, of Norwich, Conn. John Hibbard was a mechanical engineer, and during and after the Civil War was an engineer in the United States navy. His widow now draws a pension.

George W. Beckwith was educated in the common schools of Salem, and at the age of twenty-one shipped in the cabin as steward of a vessel, a capacity in which he served twenty years. Previous to this time, however, he served nine months as a private in Company G, Twenty-seventh Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted in October, 1862.

He was an active participant in two battles, but was neither wounded nor captured. While a steward Mr. Beckwith visited every clime and zone, going twice, in 1874 and 1876, to Greenland, where he spent sixteen months among the Esquimaux for his health. For the past nine years he has been in the government service, at first as keeper of the Penfield Light-house and in recent years keeper of the Stonington Breakwater Light-house, where he is discharging the duties of his responsible position with conscientious fidelity and ability. Captain Beckwith is a member of Sedgwick Post, No. 1, G. A. R., and is a pensioner of the government.

DANIEL FRASER, a retired blacksmith of New London, Conn., is a native of Scotland. He was born in Dunkeld, Perthshire, June 23, 1824, and is descended from a line of men sturdy and strong, his ancestors for twelve generations having been blacksmiths. His parents were Alexander Fraser and Betsey Newton Langlands Fraser. The family genealogy traces back to the Fraser who fought on the field of Bannockburn in 1314.

Donald Fraser, great-grandfather of the subject of this biographical sketch, took an active part in the rebellion of 1745, and lost his life in the prime of manhood by being drowned in Loch Ness in a gallant attempt to carry provisions to Prince Charles Stuart. Grandfather Fraser was his son, Donald, Jr., a blacksmith, who had a family of seven sons and four daughters. It is said that the Mayor of Perth caused the bells of the city to be rung one evening in honor of Donald and his seven stalwart sons, who were walking together after supper, all fine-looking men—a sight worth seeing. Grandfather Fraser lived to be



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ninety-six years old. His grave is in Perth, in Gray Friars' Churchyard. Alexander Fraser, above named, one of his seven sons, died in 1845, at the age of fifty-two, having contracted the cholera. His wife was the daughter of Andrew Langlands, from the borders of England.

Daniel Fraser left school when only twelve years old, and at that age began to learn his trade, serving a regular apprenticeship of seven years in a large shop in Dundee, receiving the first year sixty-two and one-half cents per week, and the last year two dollars and fifty cents per week. In 1842, when but nineteen years old, he married, his bride being but seventeen. In 1850 they came to America, sailing on the ship "Hudson" from Glasgow to New York City, and being ten weeks and two days on the passage. Mr. Fraser settled in East New London on Winthrop Point, where he bought some land, on which he has now three buildings. For thirty-two years he worked in one shop, for Albertson & Douglass, and at one forge. Some ten years ago he built his shop on his own land.

Mr. Fraser's wife was before marriage Isabella Procter. Her parents were John Procter, a farmer of Dundee, Scotland, and his wife, Mary Ann Baker. Peter Baker, Mrs. Fraser's maternal grandfather, was an officer in the battle of Waterloo. Mr. Procter died at the age of forty-eight, leaving his widow with three children — Mrs. Fraser and her two brothers — James Procter living in New London, and Alexander in Peck Street, Norwich. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser are: Donald, a farmer and blacksmith, and father of three children; Isabella, living near her parents, widow of James Hutchinson and mother of one son and two daughters; Jane, wife of Alexander Waite, of East New London; Alexander, a blacksmith in this place,

unmarried; Margaret, wife of Andrew McLaughlin, of this city, and mother of four children; James, living at home, unmarried; Elizabeth, now Mrs. William Geer, of New London, and mother of three children; and Almira, living at home. Donald Fraser was a volunteer soldier in the late war, enlisting for nine months and serving a year. He was wounded three times at Port Hudson — in the mouth, losing eleven teeth and a part of his jaw, and in the shoulder and knee. He is married to Almira Maynard, and has three children now living, namely: Daniel; Ida, now Mrs. Havens, of Niantic; and Almira, who is at home with her parents. Their daughter Anna Isabel, wife of Elmer Beckwith, of Niantic, died at the age of twenty-nine, leaving two children. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fraser have fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Fraternally, Mr. Fraser is a Master Mason. He is an independent voter, and has been prominently connected with the public affairs of the city. He was Alderman for eight years, Selectman for four years, Common Councilman for two years, and Grand Juror three terms. During the small-pox scare he was on the Board of Health, and took active measures for the securing of proper sanitary conditions. In religious belief Mr. Fraser is a Presbyterian, while his wife is an Episcopalian.

WINFIELD SCOTT DE WOLF, a well-known dairy farmer of Preston, was born in Montville, on the west side of the river which divides New London County, on January 8, 1862. His parents were Orrin R. and Mary (Latimer) De Wolf, and his paternal grandparents, Ephraim and Elizabeth De Wolf. His father, Orrin R. De Wolf, who was born in Montville in 1828, was

a farmer living near Chesterfield, in the south-west part of the town, and doing business on a large scale. He owned two farms, comprising over four hundred acres of land, and kept from forty to fifty cattle, about four hundred sheep, and from seven to twelve horses of good breed. He died in March, 1895, and is buried in Willimantic. His wife, Mary, who died in 1868, at the age of forty, is buried at Chesterfield. The children of their marriage numbered twelve, five sons and seven daughters. A son named Wellington died at seven years as the result of a scalding accident. The five daughters and two sons now living may be briefly mentioned as follows: Alfred is in Tolland County; Mary, the wife of Benjamin A. Fox, resides in East Lyme; Emma, the wife of Charles W. Worthington, resides in Preston; Ellen is the wife of George Bachelder, of Norwich; Frances is the wife of Herbert Wheelock, of Willimantic; Winfield Scott is the special subject of this biography; and Susan is Mrs. Charles Prentiss, of New London. Ellen's sister Eleanor, who was the wife of Charles Smith, of Willimantic, died in the prime of life, leaving one son.

Winfield S. De Wolf lived on the home farm until fourteen years of age, his eldest sister, Elizabeth, keeping house and taking charge of the family after the death of the mother. He subsequently went to live with his father's sisters, Emily De Wolf, a maiden lady, Lucretia, widow of Jeremiah Harris, and Betsey De Wolf, with whom he remained three years. When seventeen years of age he began to work out by the month at farm labor, continuing this from 1879 to 1889. He received at first ten dollars per month for seven months, and he then worked for his board with the privilege of attending school. During the latter years of his experience as a farm hand he received as high as three hundred

dollars a year wages. On April 1, 1889, he bought two farms of two hundred acres for five thousand, five hundred dollars, going heavily in debt. A year later he sold a hundred acres to Dr. Harris, and has now a hundred acres in his own farm. On this he has built a pleasant and comfortable dwelling and a fine set of outbuildings.

In 1889 Mr. De Wolf was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Story, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Esther (Avery) Story. Mr. Story died in 1875, at the age of sixty-four years; and Mrs. Story died May 14, 1894, at the age of sixty-eight, leaving one son and four daughters, one of these Mrs. De Wolf, all living in this town. Mr. and Mrs. De Wolf have two children: Elsie May, born May 21, 1890, now in her eighth year; and Ebenezer Story De Wolf, born May 18, 1896, a beautiful and intelligent little child. In politics Mr. De Wolf is a Republican; but he has never cared to be an office seeker or holder, the details of his personal affairs having absorbed his attention. He keeps twenty-five head of cattle, including fifteen cows, and sells milk to families in Norwich, keeping three horses and delivering the milk himself.

WILLIAM E. PENDLETON, well known in New London, Conn., as a skilful florist, is a native of Mystic, in the same county. He was born September 3, 1854, son of William Dennis and Mary (Thurston) Pendleton. His ancestors came from England, and were among the leading Colonial families. William Pendleton, his great-grandfather, was a tavern-keeper and farmer in good circumstances. William Pendleton, Jr., the youngest son of William, was born in Rhode Island about 1790. He married a Miss Lamphere, by whom he had eight

children, five sons and three daughters. He died in 1850, and was survived about twenty-five years by his widow, who lived to be between seventy and eighty years of age.

William Dennis Pendleton was born in Mystic, Conn., and for several years carried on mercantile business in Old Mystic. Following that he went to California, journeying by way of the Isthmus, and during a two years' stay successfully engaged in mining. He died in 1855, when but thirty-three years of age. Mary Thurston Pendleton, his wife, was born in Westerly, R.I., daughter of John C. and Mary (Miller) Thurston. She was a grand-daughter of John and Martha (Clark) Thurston. Her grandfather was one of four brothers who came from England. He was an innkeeper in Westerly for many years, and retired with a competency. Mr. and Mrs. William D. Pendleton had two children, a son and daughter: William E.; and Ida, the wife of John Newbury at Bay Shore, L.I. In 1861 their mother married a second time, becoming the wife of H. Pascal Beckwith, of Waterford, Conn. For the past fourteen years Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith have resided in New London. They lost an infant son, and have one son living, Daniel P. Beckwith, a young man of fine mechanical and business ability, employed in New York City as superintendent of an incandescent arc light company.

William E. Pendleton obtained his education in the common schools of Waterford. His early boyhood was spent on a farm; and when but sixteen he shipped before the mast on a fishing-smack that sailed from Noank, Conn., and was gone six years. Later on he became a government employee on board the revenue cutter "Active" of New Bedford. Returning to a land life, he engaged in farming until 1892 as manager of the Red House stock farm, then established himself in busi-

ness as a florist in New London, beginning with but two greenhouses, and gradually increasing the number to ten, and employing from three to six men, making a specialty of cut flowers and ornamental plants for borders and other decorative purposes.

At twenty-one years of age, February 16, 1876, Mr. Pendleton was married to Miss Amelia E. Braman (known to her friends by the familiar name of "Millie"), a daughter of John Braman, of Waterford, Conn. Their only daughter, Agnes, died at two years. They have two sons living: John B., a young man of twenty, engaged in the greenhouse business; and Frank, aged fifteen.

Mr. Pendleton is a member of the National Guard, Third Connecticut Infantry. From a private he has risen by regular promotion to the rank of Captain of Company D, which he has held for two years, and is now Captain and Aide-de-camp on the Brigade Staff. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, also of the American Order of United Workmen.

(We have recently learned that, owing to the business depression, Mr. Pendleton, a few months ago, gave up the florist's business for a time at least, and has since gone to Alaska.)

HENRY W. BRANCHE,* manager of the Boston and Norwich Clothing Company of Norwich, Conn., was born in Lisbon, Conn., August 9, 1860. His father, Levi J. Branche, was born in Lisbon, August 19, 1819; and his mother, Sarah L. Williams Branche, was a native of Canterbury, Conn. Elisha Branche, father of Levi J., was a son of Stephen, who was born in Preston, Conn. The first ancestor in Connecticut was Peter Branch, who came to Preston from Scituate, Mass., or near Brant Rock.

Peter Branch, of Kent, England, sailed from his native land in the ship "Castle" between the years 1620 and 1640, but did not live to see the new world for which he had set out. His son John was bound out at ten years of age for the remainder of his minority. Branch Island, near Brant Rock, referred to above, was named for him; and his will shows him to have been a man of property. During the Indian War one of his sons was killed at Rehoboth, and is buried there.

Stephen Branch, the great-grandfather of Henry W., of this sketch, was a non-commissioned officer in a company of militia that responded to the Lexington alarm in April, 1775. His brother, Captain Moses Branch, was in command of a company at Groton Heights. Elisha Branche, the grandfather of Henry W., was the father of three sons — Elisha P.; Levi J.; and William, who married a Miss Atwood, and went to Utah to live — and three daughters.

Levi J. Branche engaged in farming in his younger days, then became a paper manufacturer, being one of the organizers of the Reed Paper Company. He was one of the incorporators of the Jewett City Savings Bank. Two years, 1882-84, he was a member of the State legislature. He was active and influential in the town affairs of Sprague, to which place he removed at the close of the war. In 1860 Mr. Branche was married to Miss Sarah L. Williams, daughter of Merritt Williams, of Canterbury, Conn. Four children were the fruit of this union, namely: Henry W.; Ida, wife of a Mr. Blanding, of Providence, R.I.; Herbert R., a yard-master in Providence for the New England Railroad; and Leone L., a salesman in a clothing store in Providence. Their mother died in November, 1875, at thirty-seven years of age. Their father subsequently married a second wife, by

whom he had two children. His third and last wife was a Miss Bromley, who survives him, and is living in Sterling, Conn. He died in March, 1886.

Henry W. Branche, after attending the common schools and a boarding-school at Providence, began his business career at sixteen, as a clerk in a clothing store in Winchendon, and afterward went to school for another year. He tried working in a woollen-mill and at other employments until 1883, when he entered the New York Clothing House in Norwich as a clerk, remaining there until the spring of 1887, when he started in business for himself at 90 Main Street, in company with a Mr. Reeves, firm of Reeves & Branche. After carrying on the business together for seven years, they dissolved partnership; and Mr. Branche became manager of the Boston and Norwich Clothing Company.

In December, 1886, Mr. Branche was joined in marriage with Miss Fannie Bottomley, of this city, a daughter of Joseph Bottomley. They have three children — Harry, Herbert, and Fannie.

As was his father before him, Mr. Branche is a Republican. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, and Sons of the American Revolution. Mrs. Branche is an Episcopalian. The family reside on Laurel Hill, in the house which Mr. Branche purchased in the fall of 1895.

CHARLES H. COTTRELL,* a well-known lumberman of Mystic, Conn., successor to the business established by his late father, Joseph Cottrell, was born in the house which he now occupies, January 27, 1843.

The Cottrells are of English origin. Sir

Charles Cottrell, born in 1615, son of Sir Clement Cottrell, of Lincolnshire, lived at Westminster, and was prominent at the court ceremonies in the reign of Charles II. The emigrant ancestor was Nicholas Cottrell, who was living at Newport, R.I., as early as 1639, and later at Westerly.

Joseph Cottrell, born in Mystic, July 7, 1777, was the only son of Charles and Esther (Denison) Cottrell. He was a man of great enterprise and business tact, establishing more than seventy-five years ago the first and only lumber yard and planing-mill in Mystic. By means of industrious thrift and wise management he accumulated a competency, leaving his seven children then living a goodly estate to be divided among them, making no will, but depending upon their honor and fraternal affection to settle affairs harmoniously, which they surely did. He was not a politician, but was a radical Republican, and at one time was a Representative to the State legislature.

On October 3, 1826, he married Fanny Stanton, daughter of Jabez and Fanny (Potter) Stanton, who on her mother's side was descended from the Potter family of Rhode Island. They became the parents of twelve children, all but one of whom were born in the house erected by the father soon after his marriage, probably seventy years ago. Two sons and five daughters grew to mature years, and the following are now living: Mary Ann, who is now abroad with her husband, Charles H. Denison, visiting the principal cities of the Old World, having recently been in Japan; Harriet Shaw, widow of George Harris, of Providence, R.I.; Fanny, wife of Joseph Griswold, a cotton manufacturer in Greenfield, Mass.; and Charles Henry, the subject of this sketch. One son, Joseph Oscar, who spent most of his life in Mystic,

died January 2, 1890, in Providence, leaving one daughter by his first wife, and four sons and one daughter of his second marriage. Neither of the parents is living, the father having died April 19, 1865, and the mother just three months later, July 19, 1865. Both were members of the Congregational church, and their family pew is now occupied every Sunday by their son Charles and his wife.

Charles H. Cottrell was educated in boarding-schools at Providence, R.I., and Middleboro, Mass. When a young man he entered in business with his father, and he is now extensively and profitably engaged as a lumber manufacturer and dealer. He is highly esteemed as a man of sterling integrity. He is a Republican in politics, and, though not an office-seeker, has served as Selectman of the town. Fraternally, he is a Master Mason.

Mr. Cottrell was married November 16, 1865, to Miss Georgia A. Crary, who was born in Groton, this county, a daughter of George B. and Catherine (Latham) Crary and a sister of Captain Jesse Dayton Crary, who for many years ran a freight and passenger packet between Mystic and New York City. Mrs. Cottrell is said to be a lineal descendant of Charlemagne, tracing her ancestry through Peter Crary, who was born in Scotland in 1635. Peter Crary emigrated from Scotland to America when a young man, coming to Groton, Conn., where he married in December, 1677, Christobel Gallup. On March 17, 1679, he and his wife joined the church, of which James Noyes was pastor. Peter Crary died in 1708. His wife's father, Captain John Gallup, Jr., was a son of Captain John Gallup, Sr., of Boston, Mass.; and both father and son were noted Indian fighters, the son losing his life in the famous swamp fight. Mrs. Cottrell's grandfather Crary married Catherine Burrows, a descendant of Robert

Burrows, who was given the first grant to cross the Mystic River. His son, John Burrows, born in 1642, is buried under a slab in the Wightman burial-ground. George B. Crary and his wife are the parents of six children, of whom three are living, namely: Jesse Dayton, a merchant in New York City; Nellie Crosby Crary, at home with her parents; and Georgia A., now Mrs. Cottrell. Mrs. Cottrell's maternal great-grandmother, Catherine Haley, was descended from John Haley, who was born in Devonshire, England, and was buried on Fisher's Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Cottrell have lost three children, two sons and a daughter having died in infancy. They have one child living; namely, Fanny Stanton, wife of John L. Dodge, Jr., of Groton. Mrs. Dodge has three children, two sons and a daughter, the latter being of the fifth generation to bear the name of Fanny Stanton. Mr. Cottrell has many valuable relics, one that attracts universal attention being an old-fashioned solid mahogany writing-desk, formerly owned by his great-grandmother.

MISS RUTH ELIZABETH ALLEN, a well-known resident of the town of Sprague, Conn., living on the Allen farm, near the village of Hanover, is the only daughter of the late John and Ruth Waldo (Bingham) Allen. The family to which she belongs is an old and honored one in New England, and has produced men and women of influence and of solid worth and Christian character.

Among the different emigrants bearing this surname that came over in the first half of the seventeenth century was Samuel Allen, who settled at Braintree, Mass., near Boston. From him the line of descent to John, father

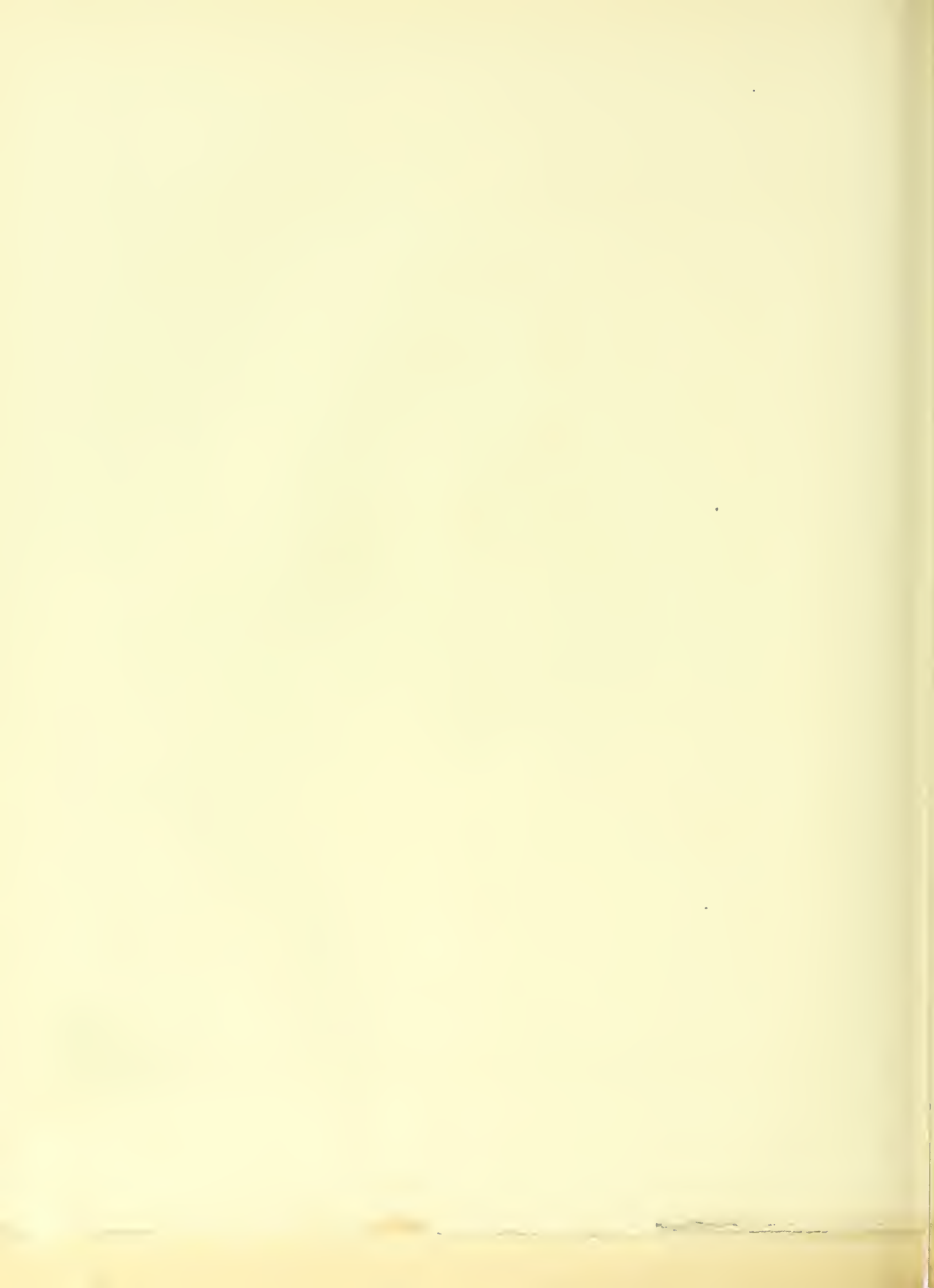
of Miss Ruth E. Allen, is as follows: Samuel, second, born about 1632; Samuel, third, born in 1660; Joseph, born in 1701; Asabel, born in 1742 or 1743, who married Desire Eames, and was the father of Enoch and grandfather of John Allen.

Enoch Allen, Miss Allen's grandfather, who was born in the eastern part of Windham, now Scotland, Conn., in 1768, was a farmer and stone-mason and a man universally esteemed. He died in 1840. His wife, formerly Betsey Witter, of Canterbury, long surviving him, lived to be eighty-five years of age. Their only daughter died in infancy; but their four sons—Asa W., John, Martin, and David—grew to maturity and married, and all lived to be very advanced in years. Asa W., the eldest, in his youth was a member of a militia company, and was called out at the time of the attack on Stonington Point in the War of 1812. In 1819, shortly after his marriage, he removed to Ohio. In his later years he devoted himself with characteristic "unyielding perseverance" to study of the history of his ancestors, and compiled a brief but valuable genealogy of the Allen and Witter families, which was published in Salem, Ohio, in 1872. Martin Allen removed to Ohio in 1829; and David, the youngest brother, settled at Salem, Ohio, in 1864. Miss Allen's uncles were all teachers, church members, and devoted Christian workers.

Her father, John Allen, was born in 1797, and was educated in the district school. He was married March 9, 1835, to Ruth Waldo Bingham, daughter of Captain John and Talitha (Waldo) Bingham, both lifelong residents of Connecticut. Mr. Allen, having inherited some property, had previously bought a farm, and had finished building the house which has now come down to his daughter,



Beth H. Allen



the site having been chosen because of the abundance of pure spring water. By his own industry and business ability he added to his possessions, so that at his death, which occurred on February 22, 1875, he left an estate estimated at thirty thousand dollars. His wife, Ruth, was a teacher before her marriage, and was a woman of cultivation and refinement. She was born in 1800, and died July 12, 1882. Both Mr. and Mrs. Allen were Congregationalists in religion.

Miss Allen is the only child of her parents. She was educated in Dr. Webster's School at Norwich, and was brought up from childhood with the most loving and thoughtful care. She has always clung with attachment to her home, and prefers a quiet and domestic life here to any other. She is deeply interested in all the affairs of her native town, and is always ready to lend her influence for the furtherance of any movement looking to the general good or to assist in any worthy scheme of benevolence. She is a member of the Hanover Congregational Church, and belongs also to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

CAPTAIN REUBEN LORD,* a farmer and retired ship-master of Salem, Conn., was born in Lyme, at Hamburg, April 20, 1812, son of Joseph and Phebe (Burnham) Lord. Thomas Lord, the first ancestor of this branch of the family in America, was born in 1585, and, with his wife Dorothy, came from England in 1635, settling in Newtowne, as Cambridge, Mass., was then called, and going to Hartford, Conn., in 1636 or 1637. His son William, born about 1623, settled at Saybrook, and died in 1678. William's son, Thomas, was born in 1645. He married Mary Lee, and died

in 1730. Their son Joseph, born in 1697, settled at Lyme, married Abigail Comstock, and died in 1736. Their son Joseph also lived in Lyme. He married Sarah Wade, son of Joseph and Sarah Lord, settled in Lyme, married Elizabeth Selden, and died in 1804. Joseph, their son, the Captain's father, born in 1781, died in 1836. He had five sons and six daughters, a brief record of some of them being as follows: the Rev. Joseph Lord, a Congregational minister in Michigan, is now ninety years of age, and attends divine service every Sunday of his life; Judah resides in Hamburg, Lyme, at the age of seventy-nine. Elizabeth, widow of Jedediah Brockway, is in Hamburg; another sister married Captain James A. Bill; Rebecca Lord lives in Colchester. The father held some of the minor town offices. His wife survived him twenty-five years.

Captain Lord was brought up on his father's farm, and attended the Bacon Academy and Bristol School. He remained at home until his marriage to Sarah Weaver, of New York State, which occurred when he was twenty-three years of age. He was for ten years captain of his vessel. He has been a merchant in La Porte, Ohio; and at one time he kept a hotel there, and also engaged in the manufacture of potash and pearlash. He is a Democrat, and has been Justice of the Peace. He served as Assessor fifteen years and on the Board of Relief thirteen years. He was in the legislature in 1878. He has been a member of the Congregational church at Hamburg for half a century. He has lived at his present home in Salem since 1881, having then bought his farm of sixty-five acres.

Captain Lord's first wife, who was a daughter of Thomas Weaver, died November 18, 1876, aged sixty-nine. She had been the mother of seven children, of whom two, who

were twins, a son and daughter, died young, in Ohio. The survivors are: Joseph, living in Tampa, Fla.; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Moon, and accompanied him South, where he and one daughter died of yellow fever; Henry, who is an orange-grower near the city of Tampa, Fla.; Reuben, Jr., a lawyer in New London; and Walter A., a farmer in Hamburg. Captain Lord has five grandchildren. He was again married, in 1878, to Mrs. Matilda S. Wheeler, of Hartford, Conn., daughter of Hugh Chambers, and the widow of Hiram Wheeler. Her only daughter, Nettie E., is the wife of Joseph Lord, and has a daughter, Edith May Lord, aged eleven.

Mrs. Matilda S. Lord was born in Dover, England. Her father's family came from Dundee, Scotland. He was a surgeon in the British army; and his wife, Elizabeth Shaw Chambers, always accompanied him. Their eighteen children were born in different parts of the world,—one, for instance, in the West Indies, one in the East Indies, one on the Cape of Good Hope, one on the Island of St. Helena, one in Dover Castle, and one on the ocean. Mrs. Lord has two brothers in Australia, whither they emigrated from California. Another brother, the Rev. Adam Chambers, a Baptist minister, is settled over one of the best churches in Philadelphia. He has an illustrated lecture on "Pilgrim's Progress," which he has delivered twenty-six hundred times in various countries. Another brother is in business in New York City, and has a summer home in Salem. Her sister, the wife of Ralph Hughes, who belongs to the famous Hughes family, is in Buffalo. Hugh Chambers died in England in 1840, at the age of fifty-four. His wife died at the home of her son in Philadelphia, about 1867, at sixty-three years of age. Mrs. Lord was educated in New York City and at the Quaker Boarding

School in Springport. She has taught school, and was for twenty-five years the superintendent of mission schools in New York City, and in Hartford was the city missionary of Warburton Chapel, a position which she held for ten years, at a salary of one thousand dollars.

Before her second marriage Mrs. Lord spent five months abroad, visiting London, Rochester, and Dover, England; Glasgow and Edinburgh in Scotland; Belfast, Ireland; Boulogne, France; and Brussels, Belgium. She went in the interests and under the auspices of the New York City Female Bible Readers' Society, whose president at that time was Mrs. Lorimer Graham. During her tour she attended the World's Congress of Deaconesses, of which order she is a member. Her mission was to obtain up-to-date methods of missionary work, and she gave lectures on this subject in Belfast. She was the guest of Mr. Spurgeon, and saw the darkest and brightest phases of London life before returning to her work in Hartford. Her life has been full of activity and usefulness.

THOMAS PENDLETON WILCOX,* of Quiambaug, Stonington, Conn., a son of Thomas, Jr., and Lavinia (Fish) Wilcox, was born April 5, 1844. His grandfather, Thomas Wilcox, Sr., was a seafaring man, and was engaged in many whaling expeditions. He married Abbie Pendleton, who bore him seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom are now dead.

His son Thomas, Jr., who was born in 1806, was the master of a whaler for a number of years, making many expeditions. He bought twenty acres of land in Stonington, at the head of Quiambaug Cove, where he built the house in which his son now lives.



CHARLES P. HEWITT.

He was married in 1836, and died while on a voyage, in 1854, and was buried at sea. His wife, Lavinia Fish, daughter of John Fish, of Noank, survived him but four years. They had two sons. The elder, George W., was by occupation a sailor. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G of the Fifth Connecticut Infantry, and was appointed Sergeant. Having served his full term, he enlisted again, and was killed at the battle of Atlanta in 1864.

Thomas Pendleton Wilcox, the younger son, came to his present home with his parents when about two and a half years old. He attended the district schools for a time in his boyhood, but very early began to follow the sea. Now he does a good business, catching lobsters, also fishing with hand lines during the summer, and in winter taking oysters, large and of excellent quality, from his fine oyster beds, where he plants from four hundred to five hundred bushels every spring. He has served on the School Committee, and has been a trustee of the free chapel near his home. He is a member of the Baptist church and in politics a Democrat.

December 17, 1863, he married Angelina R. Champlain, a daughter of Benadam and Rebecca Champlain. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, and six of them are living, namely: George R., who is married, and has a daughter and a son; William C., who is married, and has two daughters; Thomas P., Jr., living at home; Henry M., also living at home, and in business with his father; Frank G., a boy of fifteen; and Lavinia, a child of seven.

Although Mr. Wilcox is not strong physically, always having been a sufferer from asthma, he is a man of great patience and perseverance, and has accomplished much in a quiet, unobtrusive way.

CHARLES PALMER HEWITT, one of the most industrious and enterprising farmers of Preston, was born in his present abode, March 8, 1853, son of Stanton and Harriet (Roy) Hewitt. His grandfather, Charles Hewitt, owned a farm in this vicinity; and the house which he built is still standing. Stanton Hewitt was born in 1817, and spent his life on the farm. He married in 1850 Harriet Roy, of Lisbon, who was born in 1830. They had three children: Stanton, a farmer residing in this vicinity; Charles Palmer; and Hattie Eggleston, wife of Oliver Eggleston. The mother died in 1873, at the age of forty-three, her husband having passed away eleven years previously. He was a Democrat politically, besides serving the town as Selectman many years. He was also elected at different times to both houses of the legislature.

Charles P. Hewitt was brought up on the farm, where he remained until twenty-one years of age. He then went to Hartford, where he was employed as an assistant book-keeper for some years. He also pursued a course of study at Greenwich Academy. Returning subsequently to the farm, he was married January 8, 1870, to Addie H. Andrews, of Preston, daughter of Gustavus D. and Sarah (Millard) Andrews, the mother, previous to her marriage to Mr. Andrews, having been the widow of a Mr. Hakes. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt lost their only son, Millard H., who died when eighteen months old. Mr. Hewitt, who is a Democrat politically, represented his district in 1882. He is the owner of one hundred and forty-nine acres of land, which was purchased by his mother, and on which he has paid the mortgage. His fine old house, which has been standing for a hundred years, has been reroofed and otherwise improved by him; and in 1896 he erected

a large horse barn. Besides general farming, Mr. Hewitt keeps from twelve to fifteen cows, the milk from which he sells personally in Norwich. Besides making his daily round, he carries on his farm almost without assistance. He enjoys the best of health, and is one of the most wide-awake farmers in the town.

HERMAN ATWOOD,* Postmaster of Stonington, Conn., was born in Brooklyn, Windham County, this State, June 12, 1862, son of L. S. and Elvira (Cooley) Atwood. His father was born in Mansfield, Conn., July 22, 1812. He died on October 10, 1888, in Brooklyn, where for a number of years he kept a grocery. He was twice married, his first wife being Elvira Cooley, of Brooklyn. She died in 1862, leaving three children: Juliet, wife of Frank L. Martin, of Providence, R.I.; Arvilla, who married Charles G. Williams, of Providence; and Herman, who was only six weeks old at the time of her death. The second partner of the father's joys and sorrows was Margaret Fuller, by whom he had one son—Oscar F. Atwood, of Brooklyn, Conn.

Herman Atwood, the elder of the two sons of L. S. Atwood, was reared in his native town, and there acquired a common-school education. At the age of nineteen he learned the machinist's trade, which he followed twelve years in this place, being employed by the Atwood Machine Company, whose leading members are cousins of his father. In politics he is a sound-money Democrat, like his father before him. He was appointed Postmaster by President Grover Cleveland on January 21, 1895, and has since continued to discharge efficiently the duties of his position. He has many warm friends.

On December 24, 1891, Mr. Atwood was

united in marriage with Clara Belle Pendleton, an accomplished pianist and music teacher of this place. Her parents are B. F. and Mary Jane (Oliver) Pendleton, of Stonington, Conn. They have seven children, including five sons, who are in New York City, and another daughter, who resides in Stonington. Mrs. Atwood has a large music class, with whom she is very successful and popular. Mr. and Mrs. Atwood are highly respected members of the First Baptist Church.

WILLIAM A. HOLT,* a well-known grocer of New London, was born in this city February 23, 1829, son of Nathaniel and Esther (Morrison) Holt. He belongs to an old Connecticut family, the first representative of which, William Holt, an Englishman, was a member of the New Haven Colony in 1643, and was one of the first proprietors to whom a lot was apportioned. William Holt was a dish-turner by trade—that is, a maker of pewter plates and dishes. In his old age he removed with a son to Wallingford, Conn.; and he was the first white man buried in that place. His grave is to be seen to-day, marked by a rude, unpolished field stone, bearing the inscription, "William Holt, 1683."

Nathaniel, his second son, settled in New London in 1673. He was in the swamp fight with King Philip, acting as Sergeant of a company, and, being seriously wounded December 19, 1675, received the small compensation of twenty-five dollars, all that the colony was able to pay. In 1689 he removed to Newport, R.I. In April, 1680, he was married to Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Beebe. The Beebes were remarkable men, strong, wealthy, and influential. Two sons of Nathaniel and Rebecca (Beebe) Holt inher-

ited from their maternal grandfather and their uncle a fine property in New London.

James Holt, grandfather of William A., was a calker by trade, and was for a number of years in business in New London with Samuel Coit. He died of cholera in 1824, aged forty-seven years. His wife, formerly Mrs. Jerusha Caffrey, a widow, whom he married in 1797, also died of cholera. Six children were born to this couple, three of whom—namely, the son Nathaniel and two daughters—married.

Nathaniel, William A. Holt's father, was born in New London in 1804. He was engaged in the whaling industry for a number of years, and had risen to the rank of mate when he left the sea. In 1832, when he was twenty-eight years old, he was stricken down by cholera, the dread disease which carried off five of his family, and died in a short time. He was married about 1826, to Esther Morrison, of Waterford, Conn., daughter of Joseph Morrison, a Scotchman. Two children were born of this union—William A. and a son who died in infancy. The widow of Nathaniel Holt married Jefferson Avery. She died in 1860, in her fifty-first year, leaving one child by her second husband—a daughter, Adelaide, now the wife of J. G. Caverly, of New London.

William A. Holt, having acquired his education in the common schools, began to work at the early age of twelve years in a grocery store, and, before he attained his majority, was familiar with the ways and methods of trade. In 1850 he went to California, sailing around Cape Horn in the schooner "Cynosure," starting in March and arriving in September; and for eight years he was engaged in trade in Calaveras County, being employed as a salaried agent to sell miners' supplies. He returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1858, and established his present business

as a dealer in groceries with Jefferson Avery as partner, under the firm name of Holt & Avery. They were located at first at 16 Main Street, and about twenty-two years ago moved to the present stand, 50 Main Street. Mr. Avery died in 1884, and Mr. Holt has since been without a business associate. He has been very successful, and has the respect and confidence of the community.

In 1858, soon after his return from California, he was married to Sarah Skinner, of Massachusetts, daughter of Deacon Joseph Skinner and his wife, who was formerly a Miss Searles, of Groton, Conn. Deacon Skinner was in the truck business for a number of years, retiring a few years prior to his death, which occurred when he was seventy-eight years old. His wife died at New London in 1860, aged about fifty. Of their children, one besides Mrs. Holt is living—Mrs. Laura A. Mead, of New London. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Holt. A son died in infancy, and a daughter at the tender age of three years. The others are: Edward, his father's assistant in the store; Emma L., residing with her parents; Nellie M., wife of Frank McGammon, in Boston; and William A., of Harvard, 1897.

Mr. Holt, who has long been identified with the Democratic party, has been a member of the city government for twenty-two years, and is at present a member of the Board of Aldermen. He is a Master Mason. His residence at 42 Main Street, where he has lived some twenty-two years, is one of the historic houses of the city. It was built about one hundred and thirty-five years ago, and the walls are lined with brick. Erected by direction of the authorities of the Church of England in old London, it was the home of the first Episcopal bishop in America, Samuel Seabury, and is an object of great interest to Episcopalians.

MRS. EMELINE FORDHAM DAWES* is the widow of Henry C. Dawes, who died October 29, 1888, in his fifty-ninth year. He was born on a sea voyage, when his parents, William and Sarah (Lausdal) Dawes, were coming from England to this country. His paternal grandfather came over to America later, with Roger Griswold's father. William Dawes, the father of Mrs. Dawes's husband, came to New London by vessel, and settled with the Griswold family. In the spring they went West to Ohio, where other members of the Dawes family had located themselves. He remained there several years, and followed the occupation of farming. Afterward he returned to Clinton, Conn., and subsequently removed to Lyme. After the death of his first wife he again went to Ohio, and married a widow lady, a Mrs. Powers, who owned farming land in both Iowa and Ohio. He then settled in New Hampton, Ia., where he carried on farming. Mrs. Dawes's husband was the third of four children—William, Mary, Henry C., and Louise Robins. The first of these, William Dawes, is now a resident of Saybrook, Conn. Mary is the widow of Samuel Warner Frisbie, and lives in West Cleveland, Ohio. Louise Robins is not living.

Henry C. Dawes shipped as a cook on a fishing-smack when a mere boy, and he was a seafaring man the greater part of his life. He made voyages to England, South America, Cuba, and California, the latter trip being made on a merchantman. He was one of the "forty-niners" to California, and became captain and part owner of three vessels, one of which he sold in that State. The "Scotia" was a fast schooner for halibut fishing, and was built at Noank. The "Kate Church" was another craft in which he sailed

for some years, and he also owned a stanch boat by the name of the "Susan Eldridge."

Mr. Dawes was married December 3, 1854, to Emeline, the daughter of Charles and Mahala (Beckwith) Tinker, the latter being a daughter of Joseph Beckwith and his wife, Esther Wait, who was of the same family as Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite. Mrs. Dawes's grandfather, Benjamin Tinker, married Lucy Beckwith, and had three sons and two daughters. Mrs. Dawes and her brother Horace, a resident of Mystic, Conn., are all that are left of a family of five children, she being next to the youngest. Her brother Charles was lost at sea when a young man. Mr. and Mrs. Dawes lived in New London for a time after their marriage, and in the spring of 1865 they came to the place where she still makes her home. It is an excellent farm of about thirty acres, with a fine dwelling-house and two large barns, all kept in the best of order, and an abundance of all kinds of fruit suited to the climate and soil. Mrs. Dawes has one daughter, Louise Marian, who, since completing her education at New London, has resided at home.

HENRY BISHOP DOWNER,* a retired railroad conductor, residing in New London, Conn., was born at Bozrahville, this county, November 18, 1818, son of John and Lovisa (Bishop) Downer. His paternal grandfather, also named John, was a farmer. He married, and reared a family of sons and daughters.

John Downer, the father of Henry B., was born on the home farm in 1796. He married Lovisa Bishop, who was born in Griswold, Conn. They had seven children: Mary; Lucinda; Harriet; Rev. John Camden Downer; Olive; Henry B.; and Edmund,

who died at the early age of four years. The parents were in humble circumstances, and bravely struggled to bring up their family. The mother died at the age of sixty-five; while the father, who died in 1871, lived to be seventy-five.

Henry Bishop Downer began active life with but limited educational advantages, being obliged to work at the age of twelve years. He was at first employed on a farm for four dollars a month. Six years later it was decided that farm labor was too hard for him, and he became a wool-sorter in the factory. He subsequently went to Norwich, Conn., where he served as hotel clerk for Mr. Kinney. In 1839 he went to Colchester, and established a hotel, the principal one in the place, which he managed successfully for six years. He then returned to Norwich, becoming clerk in the old Merchants' Hotel for Mr. Cottrell. Later on he bought out Henry L. Clark, and for six years thereafter he was proprietor of the American House. Mr. Downer then assumed the management of the Union House in New London; but at the expiration of three years he was burned out, having only a light insurance. The next month he began serving as express messenger for Mr. Turner. In April, 1856, he was appointed conductor of a passenger train on the New London & Norwich Railroad. This position he faithfully filled for thirty-seven years, retiring in 1893.

Upon attaining his majority in 1839, Mr. Downer was married in Montville, this county, to Matilda Chamberlain, a native of Killingly. Mrs. Downer died November 3, 1893. For twelve years they had resided at 8 Granite Street, in this city, where they settled in 1881. In politics Mr. Downer is a Democrat. In religion he affiliates with the Congregationalists, having joined the First

Congregational Church of New London fifteen or more years ago. His estimable wife was also a highly respected member of the same church.

JAMES HAMILTON LANGWORTHY,* an enterprising farmer of Stonington, Conn., son of the late Henry Davis and Maria Pierce (Clark) Langworthy, was born June 16, 1847, on his father's farm, the greater part of which he now owns and occupies. He traces his lineage back to Samuel Langworthy, his great-grandfather, who came from England.

The immigrant's son, Samuel, was born in Hopkinton, R.I., September 11, 1771, and about 1820 settled in Stonington, where he owned a farm of three hundred acres, upon which he spent the rest of his life. He was a Baptist Deacon. His wife, whose maiden name was Ethelinda Davis, was born in Westerly, R.I., in 1767, and died here November 20, 1835. They had three sons—Samuel, George F., and Henry Davis.

Their third son, Henry Davis Langworthy, was born in August, 1809. He married September 29, 1839, Maria Pierce Clark, and by this union was the father of four children, namely: Irving Newton, who died at the age of seventeen; Ethelinda, who died November 11, 1867, at the age of twenty-seven; Henry Courtland Langworthy, of Mystic; and James Hamilton, of Stonington. The father died March 8, 1884, leaving a farm of one hundred and seventy acres. His wife, who was born April 18, 1821, died April 18, 1892.

James H. Langworthy acquired an excellent education, attending public schools in Stonington and the Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N.Y., making a specialty of civil engineering. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party; and he has officiated as an Assessor

three years and as member of the Board of Relief for two terms. Fraternally, he belongs to Knights of Pythias Lodge and the American Order of United Workmen.

Mr. Langworthy was first married on January 11, 1881, to Hannah Bell Briggs, of Quonochontaug, R.I. She died June 23, 1887, at the age of twenty-three, leaving one daughter, Maria Pierce, now a bright little girl of ten years. On May 7, 1896, he was married to his second wife, whose maiden name was Matilda Clark Stanton. Her parents were Samuel M. and Lucretia (Chesebro) Stanton, of Poquetanuck, Conn. Mrs. Langworthy has one brother, Lewis Sager Stanton. Her mother died in December, 1895.

In 1891 Mr. Langworthy sold to Charles P. Williams, of Brooklyn, N.Y., thirty acres of his ancestral farm, and to Samuel Doughty, of the same city, five acres, with the old house and barn which his father built. In 1895 he erected a new house and modern barn. He is still investing time and money in improvements, burying bowlders, and making solid driveways that will defy the ravages of time. The place commands a most extensive view of the surrounding country, including, also, the waters of the Atlantic on the south and of Long Island Sound on the west.

DANIEL CALKINS, M.D., the venerable and honored physician of East Lyme, Conn., was born August 23, 1825, in the house in which he now resides, in the village of Flanders, the house now about two hundred years old, in which his father, Elisha Cadwallader Colden Calkins, was born, and in which his grandfather, Dr. Daniel, first, lived and died. He has the old-fashioned journal kept by his grandfather from 1776 to 1779, which contains many inter-

esting entries, and is a valuable relic. Grandfather Calkins owned over three hundred acres of land here, and had a valuable farm. His death, when only forty-five years old, was caused by a kick by a horse. He was born in New London, and was twice married. By his first wife, Mary Chappell, he had one child, Esther, who married John Wood. By his second wife, Elizabeth Smith, his children were: Daniel; William S.; Amos; Betsey; Ethelinda, wife of Thomas Griswold; Elisha C. C.; and Sally. Elisha C. C. Calkins, the Doctor's father, was a farmer, and lived at the old homestead. He married March 6, 1816, Abbie Chapman, who was born November 23, 1794, and was a daughter of the Hon. Isaac Chapman, of East Haddam, Conn. Seven children were the fruit of this union, namely: Elizabeth Abbie Calkins, born September 19, 1817, is the wife of Benjamin F. Smith, M.D.; Epaphras Chapman Calkins, for a number of years a sailor and master mariner, died in Boston at the early age of thirty-five years, leaving considerable property; Juliet G. Calkins, born February 23, 1820, died at the age of six or eight years; Sarah Louisa, born February 22, 1828, is the wife of Nathaniel S. Lee, of Lyme, Conn., and mother of one daughter; Caroline Smith Calkins, born October 8, 1830, married Francis J. Calkins, August 11, 1850; and Frances Anna is the wife of William Storrs Lee, of Hanover, whom she married April 4, 1860.

Daniel, the younger son, obtained his general education in the public schools of Lyme and at Bacon Academy at Colchester. When about fifteen years of age he was persuaded by a romantic friend to ship before the mast on board the whaling-vessel "Avis," Captain Gilbert Pendleton. The craft was beached on the coast of Two People's Bay, New Holland; and the young adventurer was left destitute,



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without friends and without money. He shipped again to Hobart Town, Tasmania, and at that place was taken in charge by the American Consul. After staying there about four years he shipped in the company of Two People's Bay whalers. He was in Honolulu for a time, and was absent from home about five years in all. After his return he studied medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City. Dr. Calkins has been engaged in the practice of medicine in this town since 1850, and in that time has probably visited nearly every family in the town; and by most of the inhabitants he is looked upon as a personal friend. Early in his practice he showed himself not only well trained for his profession, but as having the personal qualities which would be sure to win for him the confidence of his patients and ultimate success in his chosen line of effort.

In October, 1850, he married Elizabeth M. Calkins, daughter of Nehemiah and granddaughter of Jonathan Calkins. Three sons were born of this union, two of whom died in infancy. The remaining son is Arthur B. Calkins, an attorney, and at present serving his second term as a member of the lower branch of the State legislature, where he is chairman of the Committee on Judiciary. He was one of the few Democrats elected in 1896. He is a prominent Knight Templar and a member of the order of the Mystic Shrine. Dr. Calkins became a Mason in 1853, and has been a Knight Templar for forty years, one of the first in this encampment. He has taken thirty-two degrees in Masonry, and is Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. In 1892 he went to the Grand Encampment in Colorado, and he has attended several other encampments in various parts of the United States. The Doctor was a Republican until

the third time of Grant's candidacy. He has been Town Clerk for fifteen years, and is still holding that position; has been Justice of the Peace for eighteen years, also Judge of Probate for seven years; and at present is Notary Public of Flanders, Conn. He has also been on the School Committee several years.

GEORGE G. YOUNG,* who resides on a farm in Lisbon, near Jewett City, was born in Killingly, Conn., September 6, 1840, son of Stephen Graves and Mary (Hill) Young. The father was a machinist, employed successively at Moosup and Killingly, and was in good financial circumstances. He was born in Sterling, December 20, 1810, and died in November, 1885. His wife, Mary, to whom he was married in 1834, was born in Sterling on May 14, 1810, and died May 19, 1895, at the age of eighty-five years. Their two children were: George G. and Henry Allen Young, the latter residing in Plainfield on the farm on which his parents died.

George G. Young attended school when sixteen years of age. He then began to learn the machinist's trade with his father, who was then engaged in making repairs in a cotton-mill. He worked at his trade until 1876, when he bought a farm at Black Hill, Plainfield, which he cultivated for two years, but subsequently exchanged for property on Plainfield Street. He then returned to the mill for five years. In 1884 he came to Lisbon, and bought the old Tracy farm of one hundred and twenty acres. In politics a Democrat, Mr. Young has served the town as Selectman and in 1889 as its Representative to the legislature. He is an official member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife and daughter are members. For eight years he suffered much with asthma.

On September 3, 1872, he was united in marriage with Eliza Jane Weaver, who was born November 18, 1848, daughter of Ebenezer and Emmarilla (Lewis) Weaver. Ebenezer Weaver was born in Griswold, August 9, 1810, and died in 1884. He lost his father early, and was bound out at seven years of age. He was "a self-made man," and when twenty-one years of age was making a good living and supporting a wife and child by running a small cotton-mill in Canterbury on his own account. Although he had little schooling, he was a fine mathematician. He was both a reader and thinker, and was besides a man of the strictest integrity. His wife, Emmarilla, who was born in Canterbury, August 21, 1810, lived to be fifty-nine years of age. They reared seven of their eight children. Cordelia died in childhood. John died at the age of sixteen years. Maria and Sarah are both living. Lewis and George are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have been the parents of four children, namely: Frederick Arthur, who died in infancy in 1873; Grace E., who was born in 1876, and died at the age of eight years; Alice M., who resides at home with her parents, is a graduate of Norwich Academy, and a fine pianist; and Henry S., who was born in 1886, and died the same year.

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CAPTAIN GEORGE W. HOWARD,* formerly a master mariner, sailing from Niantic, where he is now engaged in carpentering, was born in this village, July 13, 1838, being the eldest son of Daniel and Cordelia (Dowset) Howard. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Howard, Sr., was a farmer of Waterford. He married a Miss Smith, of that town, and had a family of four sons and three daughters, all of whom are now

deceased excepting Edwin, who is a retired farmer and fisherman of Niantic.

The Howard brothers—namely: Daniel, Jr.; Charles; Jonathan; and Edwin—were the founders of Niantic, starting here about fifty-two years ago, or in 1845, in the business of catching lobsters and mackerel. As fast as they accumulated money, they invested it in fishing-vessels, which were built here and at New London; and eventually they owned most of the fleet of over twenty vessels that sailed from Niantic. Daniel Howard, Jr., who was born in Waterford, this county, in 1814, fished for halibut and cod on George's Banks, and was very successful both as a fisherman and as a business man. He retired when about fifty years of age, and at his death in 1892 left a substantial property. His wife, Cordelia, a daughter of Joseph Dowset, was born at East Lyme, and is living, at the age of eighty-five years, with her son, George W., at Niantic. She is the mother of five children, four sons and one daughter, namely: George W., of Niantic; Emma, who married William E. Clarke, and died in middle life, leaving no children; John C., who lives in Niantic; Daniel, who died in early childhood; and James, who is now at Millstone Point, managing a store.

At eleven years of age George Howard went on the water occasionally during the summer. When fourteen years old he began to go regularly, and at twenty-one he was captain. Although always successful as a mariner, he left going to the Banks for fishing in 1878, and since that time has been a carpenter in Niantic. He still retains his fondness for the water, and owns a sloop, in which he carries out fishing parties during the summer. There are many who remember with lasting pleasure a day's sail in the Sound and a good catch of fish secured under the



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skilful pilotage of Captain Howard. In politics he is a Republican. He is also a member of the fraternal order known as American Mechanics.

On November 19, 1867, Captain Howard was united in marriage with Mary D. Beebe, of East Lyme, daughter of William and Maria (Harding) Beebe, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Howard is one of a family of nine children, two boys and seven girls, born to her parents. She has five sisters and one brother living. Captain and Mrs. Howard settled in their pleasant home soon after their marriage. They have two sons: William D., a stone-cutter; and George Avery, who keeps the Niantic Hotel and livery stable. Both are young men of merit, and well known here. Captain Howard has one little grand-daughter, the child of Mr. William D. Howard.

MRS. MARIA E. WARREN,* a resident of the town of Lyme, is a daughter of Ezra M. and Eunice (Clark) Peck. Her father, who was a farmer of Old Lyme, had five sons and one daughter. The only members of this family now living are: Charles Clark, now in his eighty-seventh year, a retired merchant, formerly of New Orleans, but now residing in New York City; Eleazer, eighty-one years old, who lives on the old farm, near Nile Creek in Old Lyme; and Maria E. (Mrs. Warren).

Maria E. Peck in her girlhood received all the advantages to be derived from a careful, old-fashioned New England training, which fitted her for the practical every-day duties of life. On November 2, 1841, she was married to Dr. William W. J. Warren, a son of Joshua R. and Harriet (Way) Warren and a descendant of Captain Moses Warren, the line of descent being: Captain Moses, Moses (sec-

ond), Joshua R., William W. II. The Doctor's father was a farmer and merchant of Flanders; and that he was well thought of by his fellow-townsmen may be inferred from the fact that he was elected by them to the office of Town Clerk, and also as Representative to the legislature. Soon after his marriage Dr. Warren purchased the sixty-acre farm where his widow now resides, and built the present comfortable and substantial house. He belonged to the old school of medicine, and enjoyed a good practice: but his career of usefulness was prematurely cut short, his death occurring in 1858, at the age of thirty-nine years. He and his wife had five children: namely, Walter S., William Dudley, Maria Elizabeth, Joshua Raymond, and Jeanie Ellen.

Walter S. and William D. are in business together, being members of the firm of Stewart, Warren & Co., manufacturing stationers. Maria Elizabeth, who is a twin sister of William D., is a successful school teacher, and is unmarried. Joshua Raymond is a hotel steward and caterer. He was employed at Long Branch for ten years, and has also followed his calling in New London and other places. He married Carrie Royce, and makes his home in Lyme when not called elsewhere by business engagements. Jeanie Ellen is the wife of Dr. Raymond Morgan, of Providence, R.I.

Mrs. Warren is a member of the Congregational church. With her daughter Maria she lives quiet and retired in her pleasant home in the hamlet of Pleasant Valley, where she is much respected.

WILLIAM F. BROUGHTON, the leading meat merchant of Stonington, was born in Providence, R.I., April 19, 1857, son of James Broughton. The father, who was born in Manchester,

England, December 10, 1833, came to this country in 1856, and sent for his wife six months later. She arrived in Providence, R.I., on April 16, 1857, three days before giving birth to William F. Of her five children four were born in this country, and three are living. The first, James, died in infancy in England. The others are: William F., the subject of this biography; Walter M., who is now deceased; Charles W., a machinist in Worcester, Mass.; and George E., a butcher in Brooklyn, N.Y. James Broughton, the father, is a master mechanic in Hope Valley, R.I., and has the enviable record of having been with one firm, the Nichols & Langworthy Machine Company, for thirty-two years, entering their employ in August, 1866.

William F. Broughton was educated in Hope Valley and in a Bryant & Stratton business college of Providence. Afterward he entered the meat business, in which he has since prosperously continued. His residence and place of business are 61 to 67 Water Street, a valuable piece of property, with a frontage of some eighty feet, embracing his market and a drug store, which he rents. The market is well arranged, and has a perfect cold-storage house of large capacity and perfect ventilation. By the compressed ammonia method of reducing temperature Mr. Broughton is able to keep beef sweet for sixteen months. In 1884 he started in the fish business with a partner, under the name of Broughton & Lawlor. Three months later he bought his partner's interest, and continued for two years with his fish market in the Old Sail Loft. Then he removed to his present location in 1886, purchasing it July 3, 1888, and going in debt for the larger part of it. It is needless to say that this debt has been long since cancelled.

Mr. Broughton is a Mason, a member of Palestine Commandery, No. 6, K. T., and

the Master of the Asylum Lodge, No. 57, at Stonington. In politics he is a Democrat. He has held the position of Constable for three years, is a Burgess of the borough, and also Deputy Sheriff. At the age of twenty he was married to Frances T. James, daughter of Peleg W. and Sally (Lewis) James, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Broughton has three brothers and one sister. Three children have blessed her union, namely: Maud I., now a young lady of seventeen years and an accomplished performer on the piano; Mabel Gertrude, fifteen years of age, who is also musical; and William F., Jr., now thirteen years of age, a violinist of more than ordinary ability. Mr. and Mrs. Broughton do not regret their early start in life, and they are to be congratulated for their bright and most interesting trio of children.

MRS. JULIA ANN HEMPSTEAD,* widow of Orlando Hallem Hempstead, who died at their farmhouse in North Waterford, New London County, Conn., April 19, 1874, was born in June, 1809, over eighty-eight years ago, a daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Rogers) Rogers, who were second cousins.

The founder of the Rogers family came here in the seventeenth century. Of the original large estate, which was settled over two hundred years ago, only the twenty-acre farm belonging to Mrs. Hempstead remains. Her paternal grandfather, who was a Tory, was a wealthy man for those days; and it is probable that he served in office. Julia Ann Rogers and Orlando Hallem Hempstead were married on New Year's Day, 1832. He was a son of George and grandson of Robert Hempstead. The family is of English origin, and it has been identified with the history of Connecti-

cut since the early Colonial days. Robert, who was a farmer, also followed the trade of a shoemaker to some extent. Orlando H. and his brother Alfred came to New London when young men, and established a blacksmith shop on the Neck, where they carried on a successful business in general blacksmithing and the ironing of vessels. Of the children born to Julia Ann and Orlando Hempstead, two sons died in infancy, and seven sons and a daughter lived to mature years. Four of the number still survive; namely, Elizabeth, George, Andrew Jackson, and Ezra J. Elizabeth is the wife of Stephen C. Comstock. George Hempstead resides at 124 Main Street, New London. Andrew Jackson Hempstead, who is unmarried, lives on the old home farm. A biographical sketch of Ezra J. Hempstead, the seventh son, may be found elsewhere in this volume. Francis Alexander Hempstead died at twenty-six years of age.

During the latter years of his life Mr. Orlando H. Hempstead supported the Republican party, but was formerly a Democrat. He served in many of the town offices. The house in which Mrs. Hempstead resides was built by him over half a century ago. She is the oldest living member of the Second Congregational Church, which she joined in 1836, sixty years ago. Many members of the Rogers family were Quakers, and this part of the town has been locally known as Quaker Hill.

JEREMIAH DAVIS,* a boat-builder of wide reputation residing in Noank, New London County, was born on Long Island, June 5, 1831, son of Gilbert and Nancy (Petitt) Davis.

Jeremiah Davis, father of Gilbert, was a shoemaker by trade, and followed it all his life, the last years of which were spent

on Long Island. He had four sons and a daughter. One son is living, Salem Davis, a house and ship painter, residing in Greenport, L.I. Gilbert Davis was born in New York City about the year 1818, and died in 1893 at his home on Long Island, to which he came in his early years. He was a ship-carpenter and mariner. Nancy Petitt Davis, his wife, also died in 1893, a short time before his death. They were the parents of twelve children, and three sons and four daughters grew to manhood and womanhood. Those now living are: Sarah, wife of Joshua Perry, residing on Long Island; Jeremiah; Nancy Melvina Davis, in Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mary, wife of Austin Hempstead, of Brooklyn; and Maria, wife of Mr. Ketchell, of Rockaway, N.J.

Jeremiah Davis received a fair schooling in his native place on Long Island. When nineteen years old he began learning the shoemaker's trade; and later on he served an apprenticeship to his father at ship-carpentry, following that occupation up to 1861, when he took up his present employment of a boat-builder, in which he has met with marked success. He came to Noank in 1859. For a few years he worked in the Palmer ship-yard, and then engaged in business for himself. He has built several hundred boats of medium size, principally row-boats and yachts, some of them prize winners. The "Nellie," built for Colonel Tyler, of New London, was one of the fastest sail-boats in this section. He carries on his business the year round, and in busy times employs three or four men. In addition to this he does a commission business in buying and selling boats, having five or six on hand at a time. Some of those he builds are shipped to Pensacola, Fla., some also to New Orleans, and other distant places.

In June, 1859, Mr. Davis was married to

Julia A. Wilbur, daughter of Calvin Wilbur, of Noank. They lost two children in infancy, and have one daughter living, Hattie, wife of Arthur Cox, of this place.

Mr. Davis is a Republican in politics, but has always declined official honors. He and his wife and daughter are members of the Noank Baptist Church, which has had a remarkable history, being noted for its piety and revivals. Mr. Davis is a member of the Prudential Committee.

DANIEL I. LAY,* Judge of Probate, a prominent citizen of Old Lyme, New London County, Conn., the son of Oliver I. and Mary (Whittlesey) Lay, was born in 1840, in the house where he now lives. The Lay family came originally from England. Eight generations have lived in Lyme. John Lay, the first ancestor of whom there is record, settled at Old Lyme as early as 1648, and died here in January, 1674-5. He was twice married, and by each wife had a son named John. John Lay, Jr., born in 1654, married, and lived in Old Lyme until his death. His son John was born in 1696, and died in 1788. He also had a son John, who was born in 1712, and who became a very prominent man in the town, being the owner of several thousand acres of land, and taking a leading part in public affairs. He served as Town Clerk for forty-five years, and was also a member of the General Court and Justice of the Peace. By his wife, Hannah, whose maiden name was Lee, he had fifteen children, seven sons and eight daughters. His son John, born in 1737, served in the Revolutionary War, and, being taken by the British, was for some time confined on the prison ship "Jersey."

David Lay, son of the last-named John and

grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born on Meeting-house Hill, Old Lyme, April 28, 1769. His wife, Lucy Ingraham, was also a native of Old Lyme. They had four children, namely: Oliver I., father of Judge Lay; Laura, who married and died without issue; Lucy, living in Old Lyme, widow of the artist, William J. Banning; and George, a banker in New York City. The father died in 1843. The mother lived to the age of eighty-nine.

Oliver I. Lay was born in the neighborhood of Lyme in 1799. He became a wool manufacturer, and erected the solid stone factory at the dam of Spring Brook, which was built by Edward De Wolf in 1701. A capable business man, he also took part in public life, serving as Justice of the Peace, Judge of Probate, and as a member of the legislature. He died in 1876. His wife, in maidenhood Mary Whittlesey, was of English descent. She died in 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver I. Lay had seven children, namely: one son, Daniel I., subject of this sketch; and six daughters. The five daughters now living are: Sarah, wife of Samuel H. Selden, a civil engineer of Escanaba, Mich.; Adeline, widow of Walter Chadwick, a ship-master who was lost at sea; Marietta, who resides at the old home with her brother and two sisters; Evelyn H., wife of Dr. Cushman A. Sears, of Portland, Conn.; and Aurelia, who is at the parental home.

Daniel I. Lay completed his education at Williston Seminary. He went West with a surveying party at the age of twenty-three, and spent about twenty years in Michigan, being employed for some time in the United States land office at Marquette and for three years in prospecting for iron ore. Returning to Lyme in 1889, he was engaged three years in the milling business. He has also been largely interested in fire insurance. He has

served as Selectman of the town, and in 1896 he was elected Judge of Probate. He is a Master Mason and in politics a staunch Republican. Judge Lay makes his home with his sisters in the house which their father built in 1830. Few residents of Old Lyme are better known or more respected.

CHARLES H. COWAN,* superintendent of the Atwood Silk Machinery Works in Stonington, Conn., was born in December, 1850, in Bangor, Me. His paternal grandfather was Thomas Cowan, of Hampden, Me. He was a farmer, and was blessed with a family of three sons and one daughter, two of whom, William and John, are now residing in Hampden. The other son, Thomas, the father of Mr. Charles H. Cowan, was engaged in the manufacture of wagons and carriages. By his first wife, Charlotte Folsom, of Dixmont, Me., he had three daughters and this one son, Charles H., the youngest-born.

The mother dying when he was an infant one day old, he was tenderly reared by his grandmother Folsom until her death, and after that by his uncle, with whom he went to live when a lad of twelve years. He received the ordinary education afforded by the district school of the county, and at the age of eighteen went into the Muzzy Iron Works in Bangor, Me., to learn the trade of machinist. This apprenticeship occupied three years. He then remained there another year, and still later was with the same company at Lewiston, Me., for three years. He entered the employ of the Atwood firm in Willimantic, Conn., in 1874, beginning at the bench as a common workman. His taste and genius for invention made him extremely useful, and advanced him rapidly to the foremost place,

that of superintendent. For the past ten or fifteen years his entire time and energy have been given to the care of this large establishment.

In 1877, on September 6, Mr. Cowan was married to Lucy Burdick, of Ashaway, R.I., the daughter of the late William and Aurilla Burdick. Mrs. Cowan has four brothers and two sisters. She has had three children, one of whom died when eighteen months old. The others are: Grace, a young lady now finishing her education in the high school, and also studying music; and Charles H., Jr., a youth of fifteen years, also in school. Mr. Cowan belongs to no fraternal order and no church, and has subscribed to no creed.

NATHAN SANDS FISH,* a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Groton, residing on his farm near Poquonnock Bridge, was born in this town, April 11, 1828, son of Simeon and Eliza (Randall) Fish.

Sands Fish, father of Simeon and son of Nathan, was born at the old Fish homestead, a mile above Mystic. A portion of the farm owned by Nathan Fish is still held by some of his lineal descendants. The pioneer ancestor of the Fish family of Groton was passing through this section prospecting, and at Mystic village called on a settler named Burrows, and the owner of a large tract of land. The call resulted in Mr. Fish receiving the offer of a portion of it, provided he would settle upon it. He did so, and the farm mentioned above is part of that grant. Nathan Fish, who spent his life thereon, attained the venerable age of ninety-six years. Sands Fish married Bridget Gallup, daughter of Deacon Benadam Gallup and grand-daughter of Colonel Benadam Gallup, whose wife was

an Avery. Her mother's name was Palmer. Sands and Bridget Fish had nine children, as follows: Hannah, who was born about 1790, and died in young womanhood; Lavina, wife of Isaac Denison; Asa Fish, who held the position of Probate Judge some thirty years, or until disqualified by age; Simeon, father of Nathan S.; Sands, Jr., who died in young manhood, unmarried; Charles, whose son William was a Colonel in the Civil War; Nathan G., a ship-builder; Alden, an octogenarian living on the old farm; and Bridget, wife of William Clift. Sands Fish died in the thirties, at about seventy-five years of age, and his wife several years later. They rest in the Fish Cemetery on Pequot Hill, which was dedicated to the family by Roswell Fish. Sands Fish was a Deacon of the first Baptist church in Connecticut. The house of worship, located about one mile east of Centre Groton, is still standing, but is not occupied by the society.

Simeon Fish was a merchant in Mystic some forty years. He was a man of good business ability and sterling integrity. In earlier days he was a Whig and later a Republican, one of those who voted for Abraham Lincoln. His wife, Eliza Randall before marriage, was born about 1803 at North Stonington, or Mill Town, but spent her girlhood in Mystic. Simeon and Eliza Fish were the parents of three children: William Randall Fish, who died in 1889, leaving a widow and three children, a son and two daughters; Nathan Sands, of whom more is given below; and Jedediah Randall, a retired merchant living in New London, Conn.

Nathan Sands Fish supplemented a good district schooling by two terms of study at a school in Suffield, Conn. When hardly seventeen years old he entered his father's store as clerk. He was subsequently received

into partnership, and finally succeeded his father in the business. For two years he owned and operated a glass furnace in New London, and in 1872 ran a hotel in Madison, Ga. It is now twenty-eight years since he settled on his farm of over one hundred acres on the west side of Poquonnock Plains.

Mr. Fish was married on April 22, 1850, to Jennett Morgan, daughter of Elisha and Caroline Morgan, of Salem. They have two children living: E. Bertha, living at Poquonnock, wife of Charles L. Burrows and mother of one son; and Donald M. Fish, unmarried, who lives on the farm with his father. One daughter died in infancy; and Frank, who was born in 1852, died in 1889, leaving a widow and four children.

In political views and affiliation Mr. Fish is a staunch Republican. He has served as Grand Juror, Selectman, Assessor, Town Clerk, and as Justice of the Peace about eight years. While living in New London, he was a member of the Common Council. He has been a member of the State Board of Equalization, the Board of Relief, and the Board of Health. Since 1880 he has been one of the Executive Committee in charge of the Groton monument, and he had charge of the letting of the contracts for the repairs of 1881 and 1893.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HEMPSTEAD,* of New London, a mason by trade and a pensioned veteran of the Civil War, was born May 12, 1837. His father, Orlando Hempstead, died in Waterford, aged sixty-five; and his mother, Julia A. Rogers Hempstead, who is now eighty-eight years old, is well preserved both in mind and body. She has been bereft of four sons, and has three sons living and a daughter, Alma



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Elizabeth, who is the wife of Stephen C. Comstock, a farmer near by.

At the age of twenty-one George W. Hempstead began his business career as a butcher, and worked at that trade until October, 1861, when he enlisted in the Twelfth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, Company B, and served for two years, being honorably discharged in 1863 at New Orleans, after six months' illness. Upon his recovery he returned to New Orleans with his brother Orlando, with whom he was in the saw-mill business for a year. Returning to New London in 1865, he took up masonry, which he began to learn when he was twenty years old, and followed his trade until he gave up regular work. He still does now and then a job for his old customers, but undertakes no new business. He is a pensioner on account of his army service.

On New Year's Day, 1866, Mr. Hempstead married Julia E. Reed, of New London. His present wife, to whom he was married in May, 1889, was Mrs. Mary E. Tefft, daughter of Peter and Mary (Lasrue) Libbie. Her father died when she was a small child. She was married at nineteen to Mr. Tefft, by whom she has three children: Dwight H. Tefft, a railroad man, who is married and lives in New London; Delia, wife of Leonard Gibson, Jr., of this city, who has three children; and Minnie Tefft, living with her mother. Mr. Tefft died two years before her marriage to Mr. Hempstead. The house at 122 Main Street, which is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hempstead, he built in 1890. His tenement house, 124 Main Street, is the old Rogers dwelling, erected in 1795 by an own cousin of Mr. Hempstead's mother, and stands on land that has been handed down from generation to generation. Though through early influences Mr. Hempstead was for a time a Jacksonian

Democrat, he has for many years been a staunch Republican. Fraternally, he is a Master Mason, and in religious belief a Methodist.

HON. BENJAMIN HEMPSTEAD LEE,* a well-known citizen of New London, was born in his present residence on Ocean Avenue, December 7, 1852, son of Daniel and Harriet (Hempstead) Lee. His paternal grandfather, Peter Lee, was a native of New London, born December 13, 1773. A carpenter by trade, he met his death September 16, 1841, as the result of a fall which he sustained some three months before the birth of his second child.

Daniel Lee was born in Waterford, May 9, 1808. He was a member for more than forty years of the old and leading grocery firm of Treadway & Lee. Beginning the active work of life without either cash capital or influential friends, by foresight and industry he accumulated a considerable property. A Republican in politics, he served the town many years as Selectman, and at various times held other offices in the gift of his fellow-townsmen. He was a Master Mason, and in his religious affiliations a member of the Baptist church. His death occurred October 25, 1885. February 21, 1831, he married Almira Beckwith, who was born June 6, 1811, and died February 25, 1851. Of their six children five lived to maturity, and those now living are: Augusta, wife of Samuel P. Swoncie, of Meriden, Conn.; Daniel Mortimer Lee, who was one of the first volunteers in the late Civil War, rose to a Lieutenantcy in the regular army, and now resides in Boston, retired from active service; and Sarah, who married Edward T. Brown, secretary and treasurer of the Cotton Gin Company. The father married for his second wife, February

29, 1852, Miss Harriet Hempstead, of New London, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Baber) Hempstead. The first American progenitor of the Hempstead family was Sir Robert, who came from England to this country with Governor Winthrop in 1645. He married Joanna Willie, settled in Pequot, Conn., and died in 1655. His son Joshua, born June 16, 1649, had a son Joshua, who was born in 1678, and died in December, 1758. Nathaniel, son of the second Joshua, was born in 1700, had a son Joshua, who was born probably about 1724, and died in 1806. This third Joshua was the father of thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters. Benjamin Hempstead, born in 1753, and the next in the line of descent, married Lydia Burch, and died of yellow fever in 1798, at the age of forty-five years. Henry, son of Benjamin and father of Harriet, the second wife of Daniel Lee, was born April 26, 1788, and died February 5, 1883. His wife, Nancy, died January 13, 1873, at the age of eighty-three, after more than sixty years of wedded life. Their children, nine of whom attained maturity, were: Henry P., born July 3, 1809; Nancy, August 3, 1811; Benjamin, August 29, 1813; John P., October 21, 1815; Dennison, October 3, 1817; Harriet, January 19, 1820; Elias, December 1, 1823; Caius, March 20, 1827; Wolcott, June 10, 1832; George W., January 5, 1835. Mrs. Lee is now the only surviving member of the family. Daniel Lee died October 24, 1885, at the age of seventy-seven years. By his wife, Harriet, he had one son, Benjamin Hempstead, the subject of this sketch.

Benjamin H. Lee attended the public schools of New London, and at the age of sixteen years was graduated at the Bartlett High School with the class of 1869. He began his business experience as a clerk in the store of

Harris & Rowe. Two years later he went to Milwaukee, Wis., where he was employed in the hardware house of Hony & Co. for two years. During his first summer in that city he was stroke oarsman of the Tyson Club crew in a match with the Mitchell Club. Returning to New London in 1873, he entered the office of the Brown Cotton Gin Company as book-keeper, and remained there for three years. Since then he has been engaged in mercantile life, with the exception of five years spent in the railway mail service between New York and Boston.

June 16, 1874, Mr. Lee was united in marriage with Miss Emma Mower, daughter of General Joseph A. and Betsey (Bailey) Mower. Her father, who was a native of Vermont and began active life as a ship-carpenter, subsequently gained distinction as an officer, both in the Mexican and the Civil War. General Sherman in his Memoirs mentions him in terms of highest praise. He died in January, 1870, at the age of forty-four years. He was the father of four daughters and one son. His widow resides in Washington, D.C. Four of their five children are living, namely: Josephine; Emma; Edward, who holds a government position in the Post-office Department at Washington; and Kate. Maud, the other child, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have two children: Harry Mower, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City; and Rowena Mossette, who was graduated at the high school in New London, and is an accomplished musician.

Mr. Lee is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is a Republican politically, and has taken an active part in politics during the last ten years. He served as a member of the Common Council between the years 1888 and 1891, and in the latter year was elected an

Alderman. The year following he was a candidate for Representative, but was defeated with most of the candidates of his party that year. In 1894 he was elected to the Connecticut Senate, being the first Republican Senator to be elected from this district within the twelve years previous to that time. Two years later he was re-elected to the Senate, and both terms he served his constituents faithfully and well. He was chairman of the Appropriation Committee, his report being received most favorably by Governor Cook, who indorsed in the strongest terms the action of the committee. He was also chairman of the Military Committee, and served on the Committee on New Towns and Probate Districts. With respect to the former, his experience as a member of the National Guard for many years made him particularly eligible. His services while in the Senate were highly appreciated, and received honorable mention in the Hartford and Norwich press. Mr. Lee inherited from his father the pleasant house and grounds where the elder Lee settled more than fifty years before. The small dwellings which the latter purchased with three or four acres of land on the commons, and which was the first house erected in this part of the town, is still standing, and forms part of Mr. Lee's present home.

CHESTER S. MAINE* is a farmer of North Stonington, Conn., where he was born on December 16, 1860. His paternal grandfather was John Maine, whose wife was a Brown. They had a family of four sons and four daughters, the only one now living being a daughter, Elizabeth, widow of John Clark, of Stonington.

John S. Maine, one of the four sons, father of Chester S., was born in Stonington in 1832. He was engaged for some years as a

dealer in live stock. Later on he was a general farmer. He married Frances Wheeler. They had four children, and brought up three, as follows: Chester S. Maine; Fannie, wife of George D. Coats, of Stonington; and Annie M. Maine, living with her mother in the same town. The father died March 25, 1880, on the farm where he had settled in 1879.

Chester S. had a good common-school education, supplemented by a term at Ashaway Academy. Since his father's death he has remained at home and managed the farm, which contains three hundred acres. He keeps a dairy of fifteen to twenty-five grade Jersey cows, and has a milk route in Westerly, R.I. His barn is commodious and convenient, having a splendid capacity for a large stock of cattle, horses, and hay. The old farm-house was erected at least a century ago.

Mr. Maine was married July 7, 1886, to Abigail Newton, of Hartford, daughter of William Newton. She was educated in Hartford and in the State Normal School at New Britain, Conn.; and she taught school a few terms before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Maine have one child, Carrol Chester, a promising lad of eight years. Mrs. Maine is one of the three ladies who compose the School Board of the town. She is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Maine has been a Democrat in politics, and some years ago was a Selectman, but in general has neither sought nor filled any office.

ELISHA STARR CHESTER* is a well-known resident of the town of Waterford, and was born on his present farm, which lies about three and a half miles west of New London, October 3, 1843, being a son of Thomas Chester. Mr. Chester is recognized as an energetic and skilful agri-

culturist and one of the substantial and reliable citizens of his town. He traces his ancestry to Samuel Chester, who came to Connecticut with Governor John Winthrop, and was one of the original settlers of New London, taking up land at Groton Bank. He owned a large tract which now forms part of the site of Groton village, that part on which the monument and Fort Griswold stand. His residence was on Fisher's Island with Governor Winthrop. Of his family of sons and daughters, the one next in line of descent to the subject of this sketch was John, who resided in Groton, where he built what was known as the "Square House," which remained in possession of the family for many years. John had eight children, of whom Thomas was the great-grandfather of Elisha Starr Chester. Thomas resided at Eastern Point, in Groton, where he built a house that is still occupied by his descendants, and is the place where the annual family gatherings occur. His son Elisha was born at Eastern Point about 1764, and was followed in the line of descent by his son Thomas, who was born at the same place in 1801, and was the father of Elisha S. Mr. Chester can thus take pride in a long line of sturdy New England ancestry, men who have done their share in their walk of life in developing the resources of this section, and whose record is one of which their descendants need not be ashamed.

JONATHAN W. THAYER,* an esteemed citizen of Stonington, Conn., for many years a railroad employee, was born on October 27, 1822, in Braintree, Mass.

His father, William Thayer, born in Marshfield, Mass., about 1792, was a shoemaker by trade, and carried on the business as a manufacturer before the days of shoe factories and

machine-made shoes. He died in 1851. His wife, Deborah Wilde, of Braintree, whom he married in 1813, was a remarkable woman of very strong character. Some years after her husband's death she went to live with her daughter in Cleveland, Ohio, where she died in 1879. Mr. and Mrs. William Thayer had seven children, all of whom married and had families. One son is Lyman W. Thayer, who died in 1893, in Detroit, Mich., at the age of fifty-two, leaving a widow and three children. The six survivors of the parental household are: William Frank, living in Cohasset, who has had twelve children, of whom five died; Ezra W., living in Arizona, and now over eighty years of age; Frances, a widow living in Cleveland, Ohio; Jonathan W., of whom we shall speak more fully; Ann, widow of a Mr. Lowd, living in Cleveland; and Justin Edward, also living in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jonathan W. Thayer, subject of this sketch, was named for his uncle, Jonathan Wilde, for many years a skilled physician of Braintree, Mass. He grew to maturity in his native town, receiving but meagre schooling, as during his youth he spent most of his time working at the shoemaking bench with his father. In 1840 he left home for Stonington, where he and his brother Ezra opened a small boot and shoe store. The town then was not much more than a sailing port, but the two young men made their business a success. Jonathan eventually bought his brother out, and conducted the business by himself, employing men and doing custom work until the breaking out of the Civil War, during which for three years or more he was a clerk with a division sutler. After that for twenty-seven years he was employed as a switchman by the Stonington Railroad. The length of his service shows that he was faithful and efficient, always alert and at his post. When the railroad

company began to make use of the telegraph in running their trains, Mr. Thayer, considering himself too old to learn the new method, resigned his position. Mr. Thayer was at one time Burgess of Stonington. In politics he has always been a strong Republican.

On February 22, 1843, he married Catherine E. Stanton, of Stonington, a daughter of James and Desire (Palmer) Stanton, both members of old families, descended, the one from Walter Palmer, and the other from the Stantons of the Revolution, of Fort Griswold fame. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer have four children, namely: John Henry, an engineer on the water, who has a wife and two children; Kate E., who lives at home; Edward D., an accountant and paymaster in the railroad machine shops at Stonington, who has a wife and one daughter; and Maria Louise, who lives at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer live very happily in their commodious brick dwelling, which Mr. Thayer bought about nineteen years ago. Mr. Thayer has an honorable record, and both he and his wife are much respected in Stonington.

MRS. ELLEN B. MANWARING,* of New London, is the widow of Dr. Robert Alexander Manwaring, whose death, September 1, 1890, at the age of seventy-nine, removed from this city one of her most beloved and honored citizens. Mrs. Manwaring is a daughter of the Hon. Noyes and Mary (Chester) Barber. Her father, who was a member of Congress fourteen years, had many close friends among the leading men of his times; and of those entertained in his home the daughter remembers Governors Ellsworth, Peters, and Trumbull, and others. The Hon. Noyes Barber was twice married. His first wife died young,

leaving a son and two daughters, all now deceased. Four children were born of his second union, namely: Noyes, who died in early life; John Starr; Mary E., who became the wife of a Rev. Mr. Whitman, and died, leaving two children; and Ellen, Mrs. Manwaring. The Hon. Noyes Barber died in 1843, aged sixty-two, and Mrs. Barber three years later. Ellen Barber completed her studies at a boarding-school in New Haven. She was married to Dr. Manwaring, on May 15, 1845, who was born August 11, 1811, son of Christopher and Mary (Wolcott) Manwaring.

The Manwaring family in England have had titles and landed estates. Sir Ranulphus Manwaring (or Mesnilwarin) held the office of Justice of Chester in the reign of Richard I. Oliver Manwaring, the founder of the Connecticut branch, settled in New London in 1664. The representatives of the six succeeding generations are Richard, Christopher, Robert, Christopher, Robert Alexander, and Wolcott, the last named the only son and child of Dr. and Mrs. Manwaring.

Christopher, the father of Dr. Manwaring, was prominent in New London, both in business and political affairs. He was a Democrat of the Jefferson-Jackson school, and held many important public offices. Mary Wolcott Manwaring, his wife, was a grand-daughter of Oliver Wolcott, who was a member of the Continental Congress, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation, a Major-general in the Revolutionary War, and Governor of Connecticut. His father, Roger Wolcott, was a Colonial Governor of Connecticut. We are told that Mary Wolcott was celebrated for her beauty and rare qualities of mind and temper; and her only son, the late Doctor, inherited, it is said, in a marked degree his mother's patience, gentleness, and absolute inability to

cherish malice. The house in which Dr. Manwaring died was built by his father about ninety years ago, and the land on which it was built is a part of the farm once owned by William Thompson, the first missionary to the Indians in this section; but only the lot of two acres where the dwelling stands remains in the family, the rest having been sold off for building lots for other homes. The farm was the original grant from the town to George Chappell in 1650. Eight years later he sold to Mr. Thompson. In 1664 it was sold to Joshua Raymond for his brother-in-law, Oliver Manwaring, the first of that family to come from England. This two-acre lot has ever since been owned by a descendant, and is now the property of Mrs. Manwaring and her son, Wolcott Barber Manwaring.

Robert Alexander Manwaring did not enjoy the advantages of a college training; but breadth of mind, combined with indefatigable toil, compensated in large measure. At the medical school he was a classmate of Oliver Wendell Holmes, and a warm friendship always existed between them. Upon the Autocrat's eightieth birthday he was the recipient of one of the poet's inimitable letters. To quote from an article that appeared in a local sheet after his death: "At a very early age he entered upon the practice of his chosen profession. Hard as is a doctor's life, it is absolutely easy compared to that of the physician of nearly sixty years ago, who could scarcely count on forty winks or a meal undisturbed by a summons. The late Doctor was the leading one of Eastern Connecticut, and responded invariably to all calls, no matter how far off or wearisome. It was no uncommon occurrence for him to return from an all-night task, and at once begin a round of visits that occupied all day. He was devoted to his profession, in which he held a just pre-emi-

nence. . . . Notwithstanding his laborious life, he was uncommonly vigorous in mind and body, and had looked forward for many years of happy contentment in his ancestral home upon Manwaring Hill, to which he had lately returned, and whence the angel of the Lord summoned him to his reward, after a brief warning, Monday morning.

"Dr. Manwaring possessed a profound and many-sided intellect. His mind was a veritable storehouse of knowledge. He was a capital companion, an entertaining raconteur, humorous and philosophical in a rare combination, and keenly appreciative of a good thing. Taken all in all, he was one whose like we seldom see, a perfectly upright character, scorning deceit, loving right for Christ Jesus' sake, harboring no resentment, profoundly religious in feeling, yet loving all Christians, shaping every thought and deed by the Golden Rule, seeking only to be the servant of God. Well hath he served Him who has ere this said to him, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant!'" He had labored as a physician more than half a century.

Mrs. Manwaring and her son, Wolcott Barber Manwaring, now occupy the homestead, the son having charge of the estate left by Dr. Manwaring. For fifteen years he was engaged in the oil region, putting down wells. Mrs. Manwaring is a member of the Second Congregational Church.

STEPHEN P. STERLING,* a farmer of Lyme, was born October 15, 1842, on the old homestead where, also, his father Stephen and grandfather Stephen first saw the light. The house was built by his great-great-grandfather, John Sterling, who was a son of Daniel, who was a son of William, the first settler of Lyme,

coming from Massachusetts about 1700. The family is said to be of Scotch origin, and descended from David, who came to this country in 1650. Daniel Sterling married Mary Ely, by whom he had the following children: Elizabeth, born in 1699; Daniel; John, born in 1703; Joseph; Abigail; and Mary. John, son of Daniel and Mary Sterling, in 1727 married Abigail Pratt, by whom he had two daughters—Elizabeth and Abigail. He married for his second wife, December 30, 1731, Jane Ransom, and by her had twelve children: John, born 1732; Nathan, born 1736; Stephen, from whom Stephen P. is descended, born 1738; Daniel, born 1740; Abigail, born 1742; Jacob, born 1744; Jane, born 1746; Simon, born 1749; Esther, born 1751; Lucy, born 1753; Miriam, born 1755; and Mary, born 1757. Stephen, the great-grandfather, married May 11, 1766, Elizabeth H. Tucker, by whom he had five children: Stephen, born March 22, 1767; Marshfield, born March 13, 1769; Isaac, who died in infancy; Esthel, born September 16, 1773; and Elizabeth, born in March, 1777. The father died in 1776, at thirty-nine years of age. His son Stephen married Polly Brown, September 24, 1798, by whom he had: Stephen, born May 5, 1801; and John, born October 16, 1803, who died an infant. The father of these children died in 1845, at the age of seventy-eight years; and their mother attained the age of seventy. Their son, Stephen Sterling, father of the subject of this sketch, married December 9, 1824, Sarah M. Marvin, who was born in Lyme in 1799, daughter of Asahel A. and Azubah (Sill) Marvin. They had four children: Asahel M., born December 27, 1825, who died here April 20, 1868; Mary E., born February 1, 1828; Sarah E., born April 27, 1838; and Stephen P. The two daughters have been successful

teachers, and now reside at the homestead. The father died in 1867, six years after his wife's death.

Stephen P. Sterling is a prominent citizen of his native town. He has served as Grand Juror, and was in the legislature of 1891, during the memorable deadlock serving on the Committee of Forfeited Rights. He married October 15, 1868, Annie Warner, of Lyme, a daughter of Jefferson and Sarah (Lay) Warner; and they have one daughter, Sarah W. Sterling, born November 19, 1870.

ALFRED C. GUILLE,* the well-known wagon-maker of Preston, was born here November 30, 1836, son of Henry and Ellen (Lewis) Guile. His parents were the foster-children of two brothers by the name of Brown. Henry Guile was born in Preston, or Griswold, about 1805, and died in Preston in 1880. He was a farmer, and also made a business of cutting ship timber. He married Ellen Lewis in 1825, and had thirteen children, of whom eight lived to maturity, their record being in part as follows: William S., who was a wheelwright and wagon-maker, died May 2, 1879, his mother's death occurring the same year. Daniel, a farmer and miller, died in July, 1896, at the age of sixty-four years. May Ellen married James H. Fitch, of Preston. Ezra is a farmer of Preston, and was formerly proprietor of the saw-mill. Ada married Ira Kinney, and resides in Griswold. Jane, the youngest member of the family, became the wife of Albert Button, and died in Griswold, in the prime of life, leaving four children.

Alfred C. Guile was brought up on his father's farm, and received but a limited schooling, being obliged to assist his father in the mill also. At the age of twenty-one

he began to make wagons with his brother William. In 1861 he bought his brother's share in the business, and continued the latter in East Preston till 1887, when he removed to his present location in Preston village. Mr. Guile has been a man of great strength and endurance, which qualities he has fostered by continued industry, taking the timber from the stump, and making every part of a vehicle. He has often forty or fifty wagons on hand at one time; and, though the grip and rheumatism have seriously affected his health, he is still at the bench.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Guile married Sarah Loncom, of Voluntown, Conn. They have lost their first-born, Hattie, who died in 1889, in the twenty-ninth year of her age. Their second child, Albert, who lives in Rhode Island, has been twice married, and has three children. Dora, the youngest, is the wife of George Barber, a farmer of Griswold. Mr. Guile is a Democrat politically, and served as Representative to the legislature in 1872 and again in 1876. He is now a Grand Juror of the town.

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CAPTAIN EDMUND R. EWEN,* ship-master, of New London, Conn., was born in Norwich, this State, on February 27, 1827, son of Captain David Ewen and Prudence Carew Ewen. His father was born December 15, 1788, and was married by the Rev. John Starring, on August 26, 1810, to Miss Carew, who was born April 26, 1791. He spent most of his life upon the water, was a sailor and a mechanic, and was a boat-builder and cabinet-maker in Norwich when not upon the seas. He died November 13, 1864; and his wife died July 22, 1873.

Mr. Ewen is the eighth of eleven children born to his parents, and is now the last sur-

vivor of the family. He was reared to a sailor's life, and when but a lad served as cook upon his father's vessel. He left home at sixteen years of age, and shipped before the mast on board a full-rigged ship, the "India," Captain Albert Miller. They were gone thirty-two months on a whaling voyage, and brought back forty-four hundred barrels of oil and a large amount of whalebone, of which he was given a share. His next experience was a seven months' coasting cruise on a ship owned by his brother, Henry C. Ewen. After a year or two more of voyaging and coasting he shipped on board the "Charles Carroll," Captain Frank Smith, for San Francisco; but, after rounding the Cape, he and five other volunteers left the ship, for the captain's pleasure boat, the "Chelsea Smith," under the first mate. Reaching San Francisco in sixty-five days, he shortly went to work in the mines, at eight dollars a day and board. He spent some years in California, experiencing the ups and downs of that adventurous country and time.

Mr. Ewen married April 14, 1858, Frances B. Walden, who was born September 15, 1832, daughter of George and Mary Walden, and a distant connection of his family. Their home was in Norwich until 1875, when they built their present dwelling on the Point. No children have been born to them; but they have an adopted daughter, in whom they take pride and comfort, Carrie Welde, who was orphaned at the age of five years. She was graduated from the Young Ladies' High School with honors, is quite musical, and performs well upon the pianoforte.

Captain Ewen was on the steamer "City of New London" for six years, four years as wheelman and two years as pilot, with Captain C. H. Luphere. He was on board when she was burned near Norwich, November 22,

1871, and seventeen men were drowned. He was first captain of the steamer "Lillie" from New London to New York, in the Central Point Line, for several years. His next command was their steamer "Doris," which he left in December, 1895. He has not permanently retired from the sea, but is taking a much needed rest. The Captain is a Republican voter. He has long been a member of the First Baptist Church, to which his father belonged. One of his most cherished possessions is his father's old Bible, thumbed and worn. This cherished volume was given to his father by the Rev. Ezra Chappell nearly fifty years ago.

JAMES BINGHAM,* a retired manufacturer residing at Pleasant Valley, in North Lyme, was born in Scotland, ten miles from Edinburgh, April 16, 1815, son of Thomas and Main (Ketchem) Bingham. His parents came to this country in 1825. They had a family of four daughters and one son.

James Bingham at the age of ten years began to learn the paper-maker's trade, which had been followed by his father and by his maternal grandfather. He worked for sixteen years in the mills at Pennycuick, in Scotland, making the finest of hand-made paper for bank notes and other special purposes. He learned all parts of the business thoroughly, becoming a most skilled workman. In 1845 he came to America, bringing with him his wife and two children. For two years he lived in Paterson, N. J., but subsequently removed to Waterford, Conn., in company with his two brothers-in-law, the Robertsons, and started a paper-mill for the manufacture of thin manilla paper, which was carried on most successfully under the name of Robertson & Bingham, Mr. Bingham being the practical man of the business. During the eighteen years of his stay

in Waterford they built up a plant worth some thirty thousand dollars to forty thousand dollars. Mr. Bingham also helped in the financial department and with the books. The firm made fine tissue papers for patterns, which was sold as high as thirty cents per pound during the war. In prosperous times the receipts were over one hundred thousand dollars a year. At the end of eighteen years Mr. Bingham sold out his interest in Waterford, and in 1862 built a mill at Oakdale. This did not prove a very successful venture; and he afterward gave it up, and started a mill in North Lyme. He came to his present home from Montville seventeen years ago. Mr. Bingham's first wife, Margaret Robertson, died in Waterford at the age of sixty years. Their son Thomas died when about twenty-two and one-half years old. The living children of this first union are: Joanna, wife of James Cochran, and mother of five children, living in Tampa, Fla.; Catherine, who keeps house for her brother James; and Edward, who lives in Waterford, and superintends the two paper-mills for the Robertsons. The last-named is married, and the father of two sons and a daughter. Mr. Bingham married for his second wife Cynthia Ann Schofield, who was born in Waterford in 1819, not far from the paper-mills. Her father was a manufacturer of woollen cloths. In 1812, when about twenty-one years old, he invented a loom, and in it made the first satinnet, a suit of which, made by Mr. Schofield, was worn by President Monroe, on his inauguration. Mr. Schofield died February 14, 1892, nearly one hundred and two years old. His father, John Schofield, came to this country from England with his wife and six children. He was a man of large business interests, started his first factory near Boston, about 1793, and later owned four—in Westerly,

Stillmanville, Montville, and Waterford. Mrs. Bingham is the only survivor of three children. During several years past Mr. Bingham has been partially deprived of the use of his lower limbs, and can only walk with the aid of canes.

CHARLES P. WILLIAMS,* of New York and of Stonington, his native town, is the only son of the late Charles Phelps Williams, of Stonington, and his wife, Georgia Babcock Williams, now living in New York City.

Ephraim Williams, the father of Charles Phelps, was born in Stonington, May 31, 1756, and died in July, 1804, on his farm three miles from the village. On December 23, 1787, he married Hepsibeth Phelps, daughter of Dr. Charles and Hannah (Denison) Phelps. They had two sons and a daughter; namely, Ephraim, Charles Phelps, and Sarah Potter. The daughter died July 24, 1824, at twenty-three. Ephraim Williams, Sr., was a son of William and Martha (Wheeler) Williams, both natives of Stonington. William Williams was born May 1, 1716; and his wife, to whom he was married February 15, 1738, was born in 1717. She died in 1784, and he in 1801. He followed ship-building. William Williams, his father, was a son of Colonel John Williams, who was born in 1692, and in 1711 or 1712 married Desire Denison, whose birth occurred in 1693. She died in 1737, and he in 1761. John Williams, the father of Colonel John, and the first of the family to settle in Stonington, was born in Massachusetts in 1667. On January 24, 1687, he married Martha A. Wheeler. She was born in 1669, and died in 1745. Isaac Williams, the father of John, was born in Roxbury, in 1638, and died at what is now Newton, Mass., in 1707. He was married

in 1660 to Martha Park, of Roxbury, his first wife. The father of Isaac Williams was Robert, who came to this country from England in 1637, and settled in Roxbury, Mass., where he was made a freeman in 1638. He died September 15, 1693, at the age of eighty-five. His wife, Elizabeth, died July 28, 1674, aged eighty years.

Charles Phelps Williams, the youngest child of Ephraim Williams, was born June 11, 1804, at Wequetequock, in the town of Stonington, and on both sides was connected with the oldest families here. His mother was a daughter of Dr. Charles Phelps, a physician of great influence. Ephraim Williams died shortly after his son's birth; and the family removed soon after to Stonington borough, a place even then much interested in foreign commerce. Charles Phelps Williams passed his boyhood days here, and early developed marked business capacity. In 1821, before he was seventeen, he sailed in the capacity of supercargo to Bilboa, Spain; and, after he had sailed again to the same port, and before he was twenty, he made a voyage to the African coast as master of what was then a large vessel. The seal fisheries next attracted his attention. Establishing himself permanently in the village of Stonington, he embarked in that enterprise, and, before he abandoned it, had laid the foundation of his large fortune. He next tried whaling, and was one of the largest individual ship-owners engaged in that pursuit during its highest development. After that business began to fall off, he withdrew from active commercial life.

He was one of the incorporators of the Ocean Bank of Stonington, and, being chosen president, remained in office, administering its affairs till his resignation in 1856, when he went to Europe with his family. On his

return he was elected first director, a position which he retained after the reorganization of the bank as the First National. He took an active part in the building of the Providence & Stonington Railroad, and was president of the corporation for many years. The management of his accumulated property required most of his attention in later years. He was well known in business circles throughout the country, and his success gave value to his judgment and opinion on all financial matters. He was one who avoided public life, and was averse to all ostentation. The date of his death was October 28, 1879.

Charles Phelps Williams was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Smith, left one daughter. On June 11, 1861, he married Georgia P. Babcock, daughter of Courtland and Elizabeth C. Babcock, of Philadelphia. Her father was born March 25, 1806, and died here February 10, 1853. Her parents were married August 3, 1834. They had five children. Courtland Babcock, one of their two sons, died in Stonington in April, 1896, leaving a widow and four children. One daughter, Louise Babcock, is the wife of a Mr. Tillinghast, of New York. Her sisters, Amelia C. Babcock and Elizabeth (Mrs. Williams), also live in that city. A son and daughter were born to Charles Phelps and Georgia P. Williams, namely: Georgia, wife of George Henry Warren, residing in New York City, and having two children—Constance and George; and Charles P., the special subject of this sketch.

Charles P. Williams completed his education abroad. The beautiful place where he lives, containing one hundred and forty acres, is a part of his father's large estate. About five miles from here he has a large stock farm known as Highland Farm, where he keeps a dairy of one hundred cows. He also owns

from twenty to thirty horses. In the past he has done a large retail business in live stock, and he purposes going into the wholesale trade and shipping to Providence.

Mr. Williams was married in 1889, in New York City, to Miss Elizabeth P. Brooks, of Minneapolis, Minn. Her father, William F. Brooks, was a merchant in that city; and her widowed mother, Annie Oakley Brooks, still lives there. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two children: Elizabeth, six years old; and Georgia, aged three.

Mr. Williams is a member of Union and Calumet Clubs, of New York City, the first named the oldest in the country. He was also at one time a member of the Metropolitan Club. "Stone Ridge," Mr. Williams's beautiful residence, stands upon an eminence, and may be seen miles away. It affords a fine view of the Sound from two sides; and on the other two long rows of hills tower, one above the other, losing themselves in the horizon. The approaches are by two beautiful gateways, the first from the highway as one comes from Stonington, from which a lengthy, circular drive leads to the front entrance of the mansion, the other, at some distance below, leading to the fine large barns and carriage-house. The massive stone pillars of these broad gateways are noteworthy for their architectural design.

GEORGE W. FENGAR,* a retired merchant, residing at 10 Williams Street, New London, Conn., was born in this city in 1826. His parents were George W. and Fannie (Boulton) Fengar. His paternal grandfather was an Englishman by birth. He came to Connecticut at the time of the Revolutionary War, and settled in Waterford. At his death he left three sons and three daughters. All of these children

lived to be married and have families, and some survived to old age.

The senior George W. Fengar was a native of Waterford. He married Fannie Boulton, who was born in New London in 1809. Three children were the fruit of their union, namely: George W., subject of this sketch; Oliver Fengar, who died here in 1873, at the age of forty-four, leaving three children; and Frances, widow of Peter Bromley, also of this city. George W. Fengar, the father, died in 1831; and the mother, who was left a widow at the age of twenty-two, lived to the age of sixty-seven, dying in 1876. The children were all very young when they were left fatherless.

George W., the elder of the two sons, had limited educational advantages in his childhood, attending school but one term. At the age of nine years, being obliged to begin work, he went into the livery stable of the old City Hotel; and from that time on he earned his own living. When he was eighteen years old, he entered the employ of Hobron & Dennis in the meat business; and after twelve years' experience with them he began driving a meat wagon for himself. For twenty-five years he was located at 14 Main Street, being for eighteen years a member of the firm of John Dennis & Co., later known under the style of G. W. Fengar & Co., and for seven years with Roswell W. Tinker. During the war he furnished meat to a garrison, having as many as fifteen hundred to feed at one time. After he had made a contract to furnish meat at twelve and a half cents a pound, prices advanced, causing him to lose money. In 1878 he retired from business. In politics he votes independently. He has had a good political record, but he has never held office.

On October 24, 1854, Mr. Fengar was united in marriage with Mary Rixford, who

was born here June 14, 1830. Her father, Elijah Rixford, was a stone-mason, and died in this city at the age of sixty years; and her mother, Mary Dart Rixford, died January 1, 1889, at the age of eighty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Rixford had reared but two of their four children: Harriet, who became the wife of Charles Bentley, and died in 1883, at the age of fifty-nine, without children; and Mrs. Fengar, who is now almost entirely bereft of relatives, having but three cousins living. During the forty-two years of her wedded life she has moved but once, when her husband purchased their pleasant house, thirty-eight years ago, on the corner of Williams and Chappell Streets. Mr. and Mrs. Fengar joined the Hunting Street Baptist Church forty-seven years ago, and are now the oldest living members. For thirty years they have officiated on various committees.

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JAMES E. DEWOLF,* of Norwich, was born in Salem, Conn., December 5, 1842, son of Edward and Sophia Jane (Latimer) DeWolf, and on the paternal side is of French descent. His grandparents, Ephraim and Elizabeth E. (Wood) DeWolf, were both of Lyme, Conn. His father, Edward DeWolf, was born in Salem, where he died in April, 1893, in the eighty-third year of his age. He married in 1836 Sophia Jane Latimer, of Chesterfield, by whom he had six sons and one daughter—Thomas E., John, George P., Frank, Henry P., Evelyn. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War the four elder sons enlisted as defenders of the Union with the free consent of their father, who said that he might as well lose his sons as his country. Thomas lost his life in 1864, at the age of twenty-four. He was mortally wounded in the battle of Winchester, was

taken prisoner with Lieutenant John T. Maginnis, and was exchanged from Libby Prison. John F. participated in General Sheridan's raid, and, while at Petersburg, fell sick and died. He fills an unknown grave. George served with his brother John in the first Connecticut Cavalry. He was afterward a paint dealer in Spencer, Mass. Frank is a farmer, and lives upon the homestead in Salem. Henry P. is a farmer in Norwich. Evelyn married Frank Rogers.

James E., the second son of his parents and the special subject of this sketch, was under General Banks at Port Hudson, and saw fifteen months of service in the Union army. Upon his return from the war he became a patrolman on the Norwich police force. During the two years in which he held the position he made some important arrests, and he afterward served on the special police force for several years. In July, 1869, he became engaged in the business of undertaking, in partnership with Henry Allen, Sr. After the death of Mr. Allen, his son Amos took his place in the firm, and with Mr. DeWolf continued to carry on the business a number of years. In 1894 Amos Allen went to California, and from that time till May, 1897, when Mr. DeWolf retired to his farm, a third partner was associated with him. Mr. DeWolf's place is situated just outside the town limits, on the Thomasville road, at the famous old Trading Cove.

Mr. DeWolf married his second wife, formerly Lizzie H. Lucas, in May, 1877. She was born and reared on this farm, being the daughter of Joseph Lucas, who was a steamboat engineer employed on the Connecticut River. Mrs. DeWolf was one of a family comprising eight daughters and one son, of whom six daughters and the son are living. Their mother died at the age of eighty. The

father survived until he reached his ninety-second year. Mr. DeWolf has been a lifelong student of natural history, and is a great lover of dogs and horses, being one of those favored persons to whom the sagacious animals are instinctively attracted, and whom they love and obey. He takes the greatest care of his animals, and keeps them always in excellent condition. Mr. DeWolf is one of a plucky and persevering family who have always shown a public spirit and a strong sense of the responsibility of life.

LIVER WOLCOTT SISSON,* of Colchester, a retired contractor and builder, was born in Ellington, Tolland County, Conn., December 9, 1820, son of Oliver and Lucretia (Tiffany) Sisson. He belongs to the Rhode Island Sissons, an old Colonial family.

Mr. Sisson's grandfather, Jonathan Sisson, born in 1750, came to Lyme in the year 1800 with his brother Thomas, and died in that town about 1832. Thomas Sisson went to Hartford, where his son Thomas is to-day a druggist. Grandfather Sisson owned a farm of one hundred acres or more two miles from Pleasant Valley on Eight Mile River, on which he had a grist-mill and a saw-mill. His wife was a Bliven, and bore him eleven children, five sons and six daughters. They, together with the Ransoms and Loomises, had thirty children, all told. Grandmother Sisson lived to be about eighty years old, and was the beloved and delightful friend of all her grandchildren, of whom there was a large number. She had sparkling black eyes and a vivacious and always cheerful nature. Two of her sons, Oliver and Nathan, were sailors; and Nathan was lost at sea, going down, it was supposed, with his vessel and all on board, as nothing was ever heard from any of the crew.

Oliver, father of the subject of this sketch, was born at Hopkinton, R.I. In his youth and early manhood he went across the Atlantic to Liverpool several times, when it took at least three months to make the round trip. He left the water when he married, in 1817, and began as a farmer on rented land in Ellington, where his first three children were born. His wife was Lucretia Tiffany, of Salem, daughter of Ebenezer Tiffany. She died in 1881, at the advanced age of nearly ninety-one years. She was a noble-hearted woman and a model mother. The Rev. Mr. Willard said the last ten years of her life were a perpetual Sabbath. Her children were: Allen, born 1817; William, born 1818; Oliver, born 1820; Ebenezer, born in Salem; and Catherine Tiffany, born in Lyme in 1825, now the widow of William Patten, to whom she was married February 22, 1853. Mr. Patten died in Colchester, September, 1877, at the age of sixty-four years. He began business with but little capital, but by energy and good management accumulated a comfortable property, and at his death left a pleasant home and thirty acres of land in the borough of Colchester to his widow.

Oliver Wolcott Sisson, when eight years old, went to Northern Vermont with his great-uncle, John Corning, a noted horse jockey and dealer, who had a large trade in Boston, Hartford, and New Haven. Riding horses and making himself generally useful, Mr. Sisson remained in Vermont six years. In 1834, a youth of fourteen, he went to Stonington, where he served five years as an apprentice to learn the carpenter's trade, and had a hard time of it, his needs as to food and clothing being but scantily supplied. In 1849 Mr. Sisson caught the "gold fever," and in November he started from New York to go via the Isthmus of Panama to San Francisco.

Upon the evening of his arrival, in February, 1850, he went ashore; and the next morning he began work at his trade at fourteen dollars a day. During the whole of the time he was in California he never worked for less than twelve dollars a day, and sometimes he made as high as twenty dollars by working over time. In 1851 he came home to Connecticut via the Isthmus, the journey occupying about twenty days.

In 1853 he was married to Mary Ann, daughter of John A. Niles, of Salem. She died six years later, leaving one son, John Sisson, who resides in Wallingford. He is employed by the Silver Plate Manufactory as a travelling agent, and has been all over America and Europe. He married Janette Watrous, of Essex. She died in the summer of 1895 in San Francisco, where she had gone with her son for her health. The son, Ellison Cooper Sisson, is in the West in Oregon.

Mr. Oliver W. Sisson has been a contractor and builder in Norwich, Hartford, and Salem, and has built many large and important structures in this section of the State. As a politician he has always voted in the ranks of the Democratic party. For the last ten years he has made his home with his sister.

HENRY AUGUSTUS BROWN,* of the well-known Brown Paint Company, of New London, Conn., was born in the adjoining town of Waterford on December 28, 1830. His parents were Henry and Lucretia (Smith) Brown. Charles Brown, his paternal grandfather, also a native of this county, was a mariner in early life, attaining the position of mate on a deep sea merchantman. Later he was for many years engaged in farming on Jordan Cone. He married, and he and his wife reared four sons

and three daughters. With the exception of one daughter, they all married and had families. All have now passed away. Grandfather Brown died in middle life; while his wife lived to be an old lady, dying in 1836.

Their son Henry was born at the homestead in 1799, and became a prosperous farmer, acquiring a good estate. He was twice married. His first wife, Lucy Prentiss, died in the prime of life, leaving five children, three of whom are now living, namely: Charles A., who resides on Town Hill; J. P., who is a Baptist preacher in this city, and Frances, who also live on Town Hill. Lucretia Smith, who became his second wife, had four sons and three daughters, four of whom are now living: Ellen C., Mrs. Perkins, of this city, a widow; Henry Augustus; John N., of this city; and Phebe, wife of Albert G. Langham, of Waterford. The father died about 1876, and the mother in 1884, at the age of eighty years. They were both highly respected members of the Waterford Baptist Church.

Henry A. Brown was educated in the common school, and worked on his father's farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he began to learn the sail-maker's trade with Thomas Holstrom, with whom he remained four years. He went into business for himself in New London in 1853, and was prosperously engaged in sail-making till 1868, when he sold out, and then turned his attention to ship-chandlery. The firm of H. A. Brown & Co. also engaged in canning fruit and vegetables, running the plant until 1883, when they sold out to Gorton Brothers. For three years thereafter Mr. Brown was a commercial traveller for Nichols & Harris, introducing a specialty in New York, Pennsylvania, and New England. He is now manager of a stock company organized to carry on the wholesale

and retail paint business. Their plant, at the corner of State and Bradley, has been a paint store for a quarter of a century, Mr. Brown having bought George E. Damon's interest.

In October, 1853, at the age of twenty-three, he married Susan C., daughter of Alvin B. Chappell. Her father was captain of a coasting-vessel. He died in 1884, at the age of seventy-five, having long survived his wife, who died at the age of forty-six, leaving one child, Mrs. Brown. The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown is at 17 Franklin Street. Their only child, a son named Elmer Brown, died at the age of two and a half years. Mr. Brown is a highly respected member of the Second Baptist Church, in which he officiates as chairman of the Society and Church Committee. In politics he is an independent voter.

JOSEPH A. DOANE,* Postmaster of Preston City, was born here, August 23, 1820. He is a descendant in the ninth generation from John Doane, who came from England a few years after the "Mayflower" Pilgrims, was living at Plymouth in 1630 and 1633, and was afterward one of the founders of Eastham, Mass., where he died in 1686. The family coat of arms is still preserved. The lineage is traced from the immigrant ancestor through John, Jr., born 1634, who died in 1708; John, third; Elisha; Joseph; Joseph, Jr.; Captain John and Joseph H. Doane to Joseph A. The grandfather, Captain John Doane, son of Joseph, Jr., a prominent resident of Cape Cod, was born July 23, 1773, and removed to Norwich, Conn., in 1805. He married Eunice, daughter of Joseph Howes, of Chatham, Mass., a member of a well-known Cape Cod family. Captain Doane was a seafaring man, and sailed to foreign ports. His ship was sunk

off Charleston by the British. He was at one time a man of wealth, and built the first steamboat of Norwich; but he met with heavy reverses, and left only a moderate fortune at his decease. He died in New York City, April 13, 1818. Mrs. Doane died in Massachusetts, August 9, 1855, in the seventy-ninth year of her age. Both rest in the old Norwich Town cemetery. They had nine children, as follows: Marrinet, born in Chatham, October 2, 1794; Joseph H., born March 31, 1797, father of the subject of this sketch; Eunice, born in 1803; John G., born in 1805; Elisha, born in Norwich, December 29, 1807; Elizabeth, born in 1810; Emily, born in 1813; an infant daughter, who died in 1800; and Harriet, who died in infancy in 1817.

Joseph H. Doane, the second son, started in life as a clerk in the store of James Treat, and became a prominent merchant and manufacturer, the firm name of Treat & Doane, afterward Doane & Treat, being long well known in this section. He married Frances Treat, born in Preston City, January 13, 1799, daughter of James and Polly (Stanton) Treat. She was descended from Richard Treat, born, it is said, in Pitminster, Somerset County, England, in 1584, who died soon after his arrival in Wethersfield, Conn., October 11, 1669. He left three sons: Richard, Jr.; Robert Treat, who became the Governor of Connecticut; and James Treat, whose son, the Rev. Salmon, was the father of the Rev. Samuel Treat, the grandfather of Mrs. Doane. The eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Doane were: Joseph, James, John, Emily, William, Eunice, Henry, Juliet. The only members of the family now living are: William, who resides in Cincinnati; Juliet, who is in Cincinnati with her brother; Henry, who resides in Brooklyn, and is in business in New York City; and Joseph A., the subject

of this sketch. The father died October 22, 1854; and the mother died April 15, 1881, in the eighty-third year of her age.

Joseph A. Doane, the eldest son of his parents, received a common-school education, with the additional advantage of six months' study at the Plainfield Academy. Entering his father's store at the age of sixteen, for many years he led an active mercantile life. When the war broke out, he went to the front as sutler in the Sixteenth Connecticut Regiment. He was captured by the Confederates at Plymouth, N.C., April 20, 1863. The garrison was marched to Tarboro, N.C., and thence went by rail to Atlanta Prison. From that place he was taken to Savannah, and then to Charleston, and from that city to the race course and the stockade. He was held a prisoner five months.

Mr. Doane married December 8, 1886, Mrs. Lucy L. Elliot, widow of Calvin P. Elliot, and daughter of Robert P. and Polly C. Chase, natives of the State of Maine. Mrs. Elliot lost her first husband, December 30, 1872, and was left with two children — Mary Ella and Arthur C. Mary Ella married Frank G. Pope, and has one daughter, Mabel Alice, wife of Burt Smith. The Popes reside in Somerville, Mass. Arthur C. Elliot is a resident of Brooklyn and Montclair. He married Emily E. Ponderhoof, and has two children — Mildred and Arthur C., Jr. Mrs. Doane had three brothers, who were all officers in the Civil War, namely: Alonzo Chase, who was shot on the field; Henry H., who was wounded at Baton Rouge, and died in New Orleans; and Leonard Chase, who had three horses killed under him, and who died in Kentucky, where he was a band leader. Their father was a ship-builder and a teacher of band music.

Mr. and Mrs. Doane are both members of the Baptist church. Mr. Doane is a Republi-

can, and, as mentioned above, is Postmaster of the town. He has served several terms in the State legislature. He now lives retired on the farm which his father settled in 1825. It was here that the Rev. Samuel Treat, his ancestor, was ordained in 1698. Preston City is not only one of the smallest cities in the world, but is a place of historic interest. Here was the home of Edward Mott, one of the prime movers in the taking of Fort Ticonderoga; and the house in which he lived is still standing, now one hundred and fifty years old. The house in which George Washington was entertained by Samuel Mott, of Bunker Hill renown, was torn down about fifteen years ago. Some of the legal lights of the State here read law with Judge Peters and with John M. Niles, and many other prominent names are connected with the town.

ALFRID FANNING BROWN,* of Jewett City, dealer in newspapers, periodicals, notions, and jewelry, was born in the town of Lisbon, February 17, 1822, his parents being John H. and Emmeline (Freeman) Brown. His paternal grandfather, who was a sea captain born in England, died in middle life, leaving two sons — John H. and Abijah — and two daughters. John H. Brown was born in Warwick, R.I., in 1800, and died in Jewett City in 1859. He came to this place in 1828, moving into a new house he had built, and in which he lived up to the time of his death. This house is now owned by Alfred F. Brown, who has rebuilt and repaired it, and leases it to tenants. John H. Brown was a shoemaker by trade, and was known as conscientious and faithful in the performance of all life's duties. His wife, Emmeline, who survived him eighteen years, dying in 1878, was the daughter of a

French gentleman who came to America with General Lafayette, and fought for American independence. He married a lady of American birth. John and Emmeline Brown, who were within three months of the same age, were married young, and reared a family of eleven children. The eldest, John H. Brown, Jr., born in August, 1820, was eighteen months older than Alfred F. All of this family are now deceased except Alfred F., Charles W. (the third child), and Mary, who is the wife of Washington Smith, of Canterbury, Conn.

Alfred F. Brown received his elementary education in the public schools, and subsequently attended a select school for two terms. He taught during three winters, beginning when only fifteen years old. At ten years of age he began to work out by the month, receiving three dollars per month for seven months, and bringing home twenty-one dollars. He continued working out summers for nine years, receiving five dollars per month the second season, seven dollars the third, and for the last two seasons twelve dollars per month. At twenty years of age, in 1842, he entered the employ of the Slater Mill Company as overseer and loom fixer. Ten years later he caught the "gold fever," and went to California, sailing round the Horn in the new clipper ship "North America," with five hundred passengers, and being five months on the passage from New York to San Francisco. In 1855 he returned home, but in four months went back to California, where he remained seven years longer. During the ten years of his residence there, he mined for gold on his own account in all kinds of diggings. He made no big strikes, but came home with more than he had when he went away. He has been engaged in business at his present stand for thirty years.

At the age of twenty years Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Abigail Mason, of Jewett City, who bore him two children — Abby E. and Mary B. Abby is the wife of Denison J. Champlin, the jailer of Norwich. Mary died in middle life, the wife of Alonzo Allen. Mr. Brown married for his second wife, in 1865, Betsey E. Brown; and by this union there is one son, Alfred Fanning Brown, Jr. For nineteen years Mr. Brown served his fellow-townsmen as Postmaster, the only public position he has held, as, although a royal Republican and actively interested in town affairs, he has not generally cared to be a candidate.

REV. CHARLES J. HILL,* pastor of the Congregational church in Stonington, Conn., was born in Portland, Me., February 2, 1830. His parents, George and Priscilla (Griffin) Hill, were both of English descent. George Hill, his father, was born in Portsmouth in 1786. When a young man, he was the Captain of an artillery company, and was ready with his associates to receive the British in 1814. He was a merchant in Portland and afterward in Philadelphia, where he carried on business until his death, January 11, 1857. He had nine children, seven sons and two daughters, of whom four sons and one daughter are still living.

Charles J. was the sixth-born son. He was fitted for college at the high school in Philadelphia, and then spent a year in the office of the city gas company, where he gained a most valuable experience. He was graduated at Williams College in the class of 1852, and studied for the ministry the next two years at the Union Theological Seminary in New York and during the two years following

at the Andover Theological Seminary. He was ordained a Congregational minister, January 28, 1857. His first pastorate was in Nashua, N.H., where he remained from 1857 to 1864. While in that city he met with a slight accident, on account of which he gave up his charge, and for six months devoted himself to the study of medicine in the Berkshire School, where he was visiting. The knowledge that he gained during those few months has since been of the greatest service to him. Once he was wrecked on Lake Erie with a number of others; and, as he was the only one in the party who had any knowledge of medicine, he was able to render valuable assistance. His second settlement was in 1865 at Gloversville, N.Y., where he stayed three years. In 1868 he accepted a call to the Presbyterian church in Whitehall, N.Y. He stayed there four years, then moved to Ansonia, in Derby township, where he became the pastor of the Congregational church. In 1875 he went abroad, making a short trip on the continent; and on his return he accepted a call to Middleton, Conn., where he stayed eight years. In 1885 he went abroad again, this time to visit England and Scotland. When he came back, he was settled over the Congregational church in Stonington, where he has been ever since.

He married March 11, 1857, Martha O., a daughter of the late Rev. John Todd, D.D., for thirty years pastor of the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have three children: Annie W., the wife of William W. Harper, of Orleans, Va.; John Todd, a sculptor of New York; and Miriam, a young girl living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were among the forwarders of the Stonington Liberals, and Mr. Hill has been president and is now treasurer of the organization.

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