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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PROMINENT AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS,

AND OF MANY OF THE EARLY SETTLED FAMILIES.

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ten weeks, and became what was in those days called a husbandman, while it also appears on the records of a petition on a bill in Boston, Mass., that he was a merchant some time in the year 1637. Together with Eaton and Davenport and others he came to New Haven in the interests of the Colony, to choose a suitable location for settlement, and Quinnipiack, in what is now the town of North Haven, was selected as the most suitable spot. They built some log houses, and left seven men in charge, to remain over the winter, the remainder of the party returning to Boston. In 1638 this William Tuttle came with his family to what is now New Haven and settled on a lot of land on the square now bounded by Grove, State, Elm and Church streets, it being one of eight allotments into which the square was divided; and it was on a part of this purchase that the subject of our sketch was living at the time of his death.

Jonathan Tuttle, son of William, was born, it is supposed, in 1637, and the church records of his birthplace, Charlestown, Mass., show that he was baptized July 8, that year. About 1670 he began a settlement at what is now the town of North Haven. For many years the planters there attended church and buried their dead at New Haven. Jonathan Tuttle built a bridge, known as the "Tuttle bridge," over the Quinnipiack river at North Haven, and by a decree of the court he was allowed to collect twopence in money for each man and horse crossing the bridge, and threepence in barter, exceptions being made in the cases of deputies going to and from court. He was also permitted to take moderate compensation for refreshments of any kind (except strong drinks) furnished by him to travelers. In February, 1704-05, he consigned to his brother Joseph a one-sixth part of three divisions that were left to him by his father in a land grant. Jonathan Tuttle died in 1707, and in the following year his son Simon was appointed administrator of his estate.

Simon Tuttle, mentioned in the foregoing, was, according to various North Haven records, born March 11, 1671, and his gravestone is the oldest in the North Haven burial ground. He died July 6, 1725, the owner of eighty-four acres in the Blue Hills, near Mt. Carmel, and his estate was valued at £847.

Isaiah Tuttle, son of Simon, was born July 10, 1704, was an ensign in 1737, a deacon of the Congregational Church, a justice of the peace, and much employed in settling estates. He lived in New Haven for thirty-five years.

Jonathan Tuttle, son of Isaiah, born May 19, 1728, settled in the southwest corner of the town of Wallingford, near the foot of the Blue Hills. He died May 29, 1793, aged sixty-five years.

David Justus Tuttle, son of Jonathan, and the grandfather of our subject, was born Jan. 27, 1765, in the town of Hamden, New Haven county, in the

vicinity of Mt. Carmel. He married Polly Tuttle, and their son, Jesse, served in the war of 1812.

Julius Tuttle, son of David J., and the father of our subject, was born Dec. 2, 1798, in the town of Wallingford, and died in February, 1888. He built the Tuttle homestead in New Haven, and lived there for years. This home is one of the oldest brick houses on the street. In the forties Julius Tuttle removed to Hamden township, after having suffered the loss of his house on College street, New Haven, by fire. His infant son, Charles F., was in the cradle at the time, and in the fright and hurry was forgotten. Several Yale students entered the burning building and rescued the child, and, taking him to the old North College, cared for him until he was returned to his distracted family.

Charles F. Tuttle (son of Julius), whose name opens this sketch, at an early age entered the John E. Lovell school, and finished his education at the "Gunnery," at Washington, Conn. On completing his studies he entered the grocery store of Howard Ensign, brother of the late Wooster Ensign. Subsequently he was clerk for John B. Beecher, an old merchant of Broadway, and later of the Ives-Beecher Co. of New York. In 1848 the Tuttle business was established in Broadway by William Tuttle (brother of our subject), who died several years ago. Charles F. Tuttle was then clerk. In a few years William Tuttle was succeeded by another brother, Allen, who died in 1861. Allen Tuttle retired in 1856, and Charles F. Tuttle became the sole proprietor and continued the business for forty-five years.

Mr. Tuttle died of paralysis Sept. 30, 1899, at his residence, No. 122 College street. He was a conservative business man, upright in his dealings and well-liked; contributed much for charity; but never favored having his name exposed in connection with his giving; and gave largely to Christ Church, where the family attend, and to other institutions. He was kind-hearted, and helped financially many who were experiencing business reverses. Socially he was a member of the F. & A. M., Hiram Lodge, and also of New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar. Mr. Tuttle took much pleasure in driving, and made frequent trips to his large farm in Hamden, while nearly every day, for several years, during the summer, he would visit his summer home at Stony Creek, among the Thimble Islands, where his family was sojourning. In 1856 Mr. Tuttle, in company with Philip Pinkerman and Jas. King, an aeronaut, ascended in a balloon from New Haven "Green;" they sailed over the Sound and drifted to a point of land on Governor's Island, one of the Thimble Islands, which Mr. Tuttle subsequently bought, and which is now in the possession of the family. This was the first balloon seen in New Haven.

In 1857 Mr. Tuttle married Mary C., daughter of Clark Sperry, and they had one child, Charles



Allen, born Nov. 30, 1858, who, with his mother, is now living at the old home, which is surrounded by Yale College. This land, or allotment, was where Yale College was first founded, and for thirty years was the only land owned by the Yale Association; in fact it was one of a long series of purchases extending through a period of one hundred years. This land has been in the possession of only five parties since its original purchase from the Indians, William Tuttle being the last before it went into the possession of Yale College.

CHARLES ALLEN TUTTLE, son of Charles F. Tuttle, was born Nov. 30, 1858, and educated at the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn., from which institution he was graduated in 1878. He was a member of the class of 1884 at Yale College. In 1882 he was one of the founders of the *New Haven Morning News*, and was associated with that paper three years; then was engaged as a general broker in New Haven from 1885 to 1889, after which he was associated with his father in business. He is now retired.

Charles A. Tuttle has been twice married. On April 1, 1888, he wedded Florence I. Graham, of New Haven, who died Jan. 12, 1890. On Oct. 15, 1893, Mr. Tuttle married (second) Juliet Vibbert Gibbons, of Middletown, Conn. Mr. Tuttle has traveled extensively, and is of a literary turn of mind, very popular, and, withal, public-spirited and generous.

ALBERT FORBES, a well-known market gardener and dairy farmer of East Haven, was born in that town on the farm where Alexander Richmond now resides, July 15, 1825, and is a son of Samuel Forbes, who was also born in East Haven, in 1790. The grandfather, Samuel Forbes, Sr., was a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a sea captain, commanding a vessel running between this country and the West Indies. He married Elizabeth Auger, and was lost at sea when the father of our subject was but eight years old. In his family were three children, the others being Amy and Mary. Throughout life Samuel Forbes, Jr., followed the occupation of a farmer, and soon after his marriage removed to the farm where our subject was born. He married Betsey Forbes, daughter of Eli Forbes, both of whom were natives of East Haven, and she was third in order of birth in a family of five children, namely: Morris, Isaac, Betsey, Almira, and Sally, who died young. She died in 1873, at the age of eighty-three years, and her husband in 1874, at the age of eighty-four. They had five children: Albert, our subject; Sarah, wife of Isaac Culver, living near Fair Haven; Jennette, who died in 1883; Jerome, who died young; and Jerome (2nd), who died in 1884.

The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of East Haven and Joseph Rodgers' private school on Townsend avenue. He remained with his father upon the home farm until thirty-

two years of age, and in 1854 erected the house which he still occupies. He has successfully engaged in market gardening and dairy farming, and in 1849 was owner of the sailing vessel "Friendship," which was destroyed by fire at sea while on a voyage to the Sandwich Islands that year.

Mr. Forbes was married, April 8, 1857, to Miss Harriet C. Hemingway, of Fair Haven, who was born in 1832, and they had two children: Elizabeth A., now the wife of Clifford Street; and Sarah, who died in 1882, at the age of thirteen years. Politically Mr. Forbes is a Jacksonian Democrat, and has filled the office of selectman in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. Honorable and upright in all his dealings he has met with well-deserved success in life, and can say what few men can, that he has never borrowed a dollar during his entire life. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him for his sterling worth and strict integrity.

JAMES TOOTHE, foreman of the soldering department of the Meriden Britannia factory, is one of the city's best known and highly esteemed citizens. A native of England, he was born Feb. 12, 1842, in the great industrial city of Birmingham, son of Thomas and Jane (Ward) Toothe, the former of whom was a son of James Toothe, also of Birmingham, who in turn was a son of a Thomas Toothe, who followed the trade of shoemaker in that city, where he was known as a respected citizen and consistent member of the Church of England.

Thomas Toothe, son of James, was born in 1802, and learned the trade of metal spinner, at which he worked for a number of years. In his native city he married Jane Ward, who was born in Birmingham, daughter of William Ward, a bricklayer, both of whom died in Birmingham. There were ten children born to Thomas and Jane Toothe, namely: William, who is vice-president of the Nathan Manufacturing Co., of New York, whose daughter, Jennie Ward Toothe, married Dr. O. J. D. Hughes, consul general at Coburg, Germany; Charles, who is a metal spinner and resides in Wallingford; James, of this biography; Henry, a traveling salesman, who resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Thomas, who died in infancy; Thomas (2), who died in infancy; Mary, who died young; Sophia, who died unmarried; Sarah Maria Elizabeth, who died at the age of eight years; and Alfred, who died young. The mother of these children was a consistent and worthy member of the Church of England, and was ever a devoted wife and loving mother. After her death, in her native city, Mr. Toothe with his sons emigrated to America and located in Meriden, Conn., where the remainder of his life was passed. Here he died in 1882 after some years of retirement from active life, and his remains repose in West cemetery. He was a devoted member of the Established Church





in his native country, and always attended the Episcopal Church in Meriden. His simple, gentlemanly demeanor won the respect of all who knew him.

James Toothe, son of Thomas, received his early education in the school conducted by the Baptist Church, experience, however, completing his instruction. At the age of fourteen years he started to learn the Britannia business, and served an apprenticeship of seven years, following which he worked as a journeyman in his native land, receiving excellent wages as he was competent to do good work. His brothers were already established in America, and in 1871 he came also, spending a short time in New York City, and coming thence to Meriden, where he has resided for the past thirty years. Mr. Toothe has been all this time identified with the Britannia Co., of that city, his efficiency being recognized by his appointment, in 1895, as foreman in the soldering department, and for the past seven years he has capably filled a position requiring close and careful attention, complete knowledge of details, and considerable executive ability.

In 1864 Mr. Toothe was married, at St. Ann's Church, in Birmingham, England, to Lucy Baker, who was born in that city, daughter of William Baker; the latter lived to the advanced age of ninety years, dying in his Birmingham home. Mr. Toothe owns a comfortable home which he built on Linsley avenue, in 1884, and here he and his most estimable wife pass a life of happiness and contentment, the center of a large circle of friends. Both are members of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Meriden. Mr. Toothe has taken part in the political life of the city to some extent, and in 1886 was elected, on the Republican ticket, a member of the city council, from the Third ward, serving most efficiently on the Park and License committees. Fraternally he is connected with Enterprise Lodge, No. 880, K. of Honor, and has been treasurer of that organization. He is a very pleasant, agreeable gentleman, domestic in his tastes and a lover of his home. Both he and his wife delight to offer its hospitality, and they number among their personal friends the best people in Meriden.

**DANIEL COLWELL**, one of the originators of the great social and benefit order of the Roman Catholics, the Knights of Columbus, is a well-known business man and public servant in New Haven, Conn. He was born in North Adams, Mass., July 7, 1848, a son of Bernard and Catherine (Reilly) Colwell.

Bernard Colwell was born in County Leitrim, Province of Connaught, Ireland. With a firm belief in the glowing tales of the opportunities offered to young men in the New World, Mr. Colwell determined to make an effort to secure a new home in America. Accordingly he crossed the Atlantic and located at various places, finally moving to Troy, N. Y., and in 1846 moving thence to North

Adams, Mass. In his early life in Ireland he was a weaver, but after coming to this country he worked at the trade of stone mason. When the Civil war threatened to disrupt the Union he promptly shouldered his musket, and went forth to battle for his adopted land, being assigned to the 13th Vt. V. I. Before leaving Ireland Mr. Colwell married Catherine Reilly, who passed away in North Adams, in 1865, the mother of six sons and one daughter. Of these children we have the following record: Patrick, born in Ireland, resides in Plymouth, Mass.; Mary A., born in Montreal, Canada, died in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1870; John, born in Montreal, died in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1893; Bernard, born in Millerton, N. Y., was killed in battle June 18, 1864; Reilly, born in Schaghticoke, N. Y., served in the 49th Mass. V. I. in the Civil war, and lives in Pittsfield, Mass.; William, born in Schaghticoke, N. Y., resides in Pownal, Vt.; Daniel Colwell is the subject of sketch. Bernard Colwell, the father, died in 1886, highly respected for his many sterling qualities. His family ancestry can be traced back a thousand years in Ireland.

Daniel Colwell received his education in the public schools, and when quite young took up the burden of life for himself by working in a cotton factory. At the age of fourteen he went to Washington Co., N. Y., and there was apprenticed to the boot maker's trade. On July 15, 1865, he came to New Haven and began work at his trade. He prospered from the start, and for years kept a shoe store in Congress avenue.

Mr. Colwell has always been interested in public affairs, and since attaining his majority has taken an active interest in politics. He was elected town constable in 1876, and was continued in office until he resigned seven years later. For years he was court officer of the Superior Criminal Court, and had charge of many noted prisoners, including the Malley boys, Anderson, the murderer, and many others. He was one of the organizers of the Sarsfield Guard, and was also identified with the social order known as the "Red Knights," from which sprang the great Catholic order Knights of Columbus. This last order, now so well known and so strong throughout the country, was organized for the purpose of giving the men of the Church of Rome a social and benefit order like the Masonic fraternity of the Protestants. In Mr. Colwell's office was held the first meeting to perfect an organization; he it was who drafted the articles of incorporation, and he was chairman of the committee that filed the constitution and report of the order. He was also chairman of the committee on Ritual, and prepared the original three degrees, and ceremonies of institution and installation. In 1884 Mr. Colwell was elected general secretary of the order, and has ever since held that position. He is also prominently identified with the Knights of St. Patrick, of which he is at present the efficient president.



On Dec. 28, 1868, Daniel Colwell was united in marriage with Miss Catherine B. Mullen, daughter of Hugh Mullen, of New Haven, where she was born. Seven children have shed their bright sunshine on this happy home: Edward B., born Oct. 28, 1871; Margaret M., May 14, 1873; Daniel, Jr., in 1875 (died in 1878); William, in 1878 (died the same year); Francis A., in 1881; Catherine J., March 9, 1883; and Alice, Aug. 4, 1885.

**JAMES C. KENWORTHY**, foreman of the shipping department of Manning, Bowman & Co., and fire commissioner of the city of Meriden, was born May 26, 1851, in Tariffville, Conn.

James Kenworthy, his father, was a native of Leeds, Yorkshire, England, where he learned the trade of silversmith, and was engaged in the manufacture of German silver ware. There he married Elizabeth Worsley, who bore him six children, all of whom are residents of Meriden, namely: Samuel; Eda, widow of George Noble; Mary, wife of James Morris Tolles, a police officer; Annie, wife of William Tyler; Sarah (Sadie) and James C. The last two were born in Connecticut. About 1842 he left his native home, with his wife and four children, crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel and landed at New York. Proceeding at once to Hartford Co., Conn., he located at Spoonville, in the town of East Granby, and began the production of German silver forks and spoons. He was the first to introduce figures on these goods in this country, but did not protect his invention by taking out a patent, and was shortly driven out of the business by other manufacturers with large capital. Selling out his business to Charles Parker, of Meriden, about 1857, he took charge of the latter's spoon shop at Yalesville for some years. For a short time he worked in the Parker shop in Meriden, and then went to the Meriden Silver Plate Co., as a burnisher. His last years were spent in the service of Manning, Bowman & Co., and he continued to work every day up to the time of his death, which occurred in August, 1899, at the age of eighty years. On the morning of the day he died, he rose and prepared for work as usual, but feeling somewhat weak, returned to his bed, where his life passed out before the day was done. His body was interred in Walnut Grove cemetery. His life was modeled by Christian standards, and he was universally respected as an honest man. In political matters he affiliated with the Democratic party. His wife died Dec. 31, 1891, and was buried in Walnut Grove cemetery. She was a member of the M. E. Church, a devoted wife and mother, a good, Christian woman.

James C. Kenworthy was an infant when his parents removed to Meriden, where he attended the district schools. At an early age he began to learn the trade of painter under Capt. Barrio, with whom he spent three years. After working as a journeyman painter at Middletown three years, he

returned to Meriden and entered the factory of the Meriden Silver Plate Co., and became a burnisher, continuing in this employ five years. His connection with Manning, Bowman & Co. began in 1877, and for two years he was engaged in burnishing. Since that time he has been in the shipping department, holding the position of foreman during the past twenty-three years. His uniform courtesy and fair dealing have made him alike popular with employers and employes, and he enjoys the good will and respect of a large circle of acquaintances.

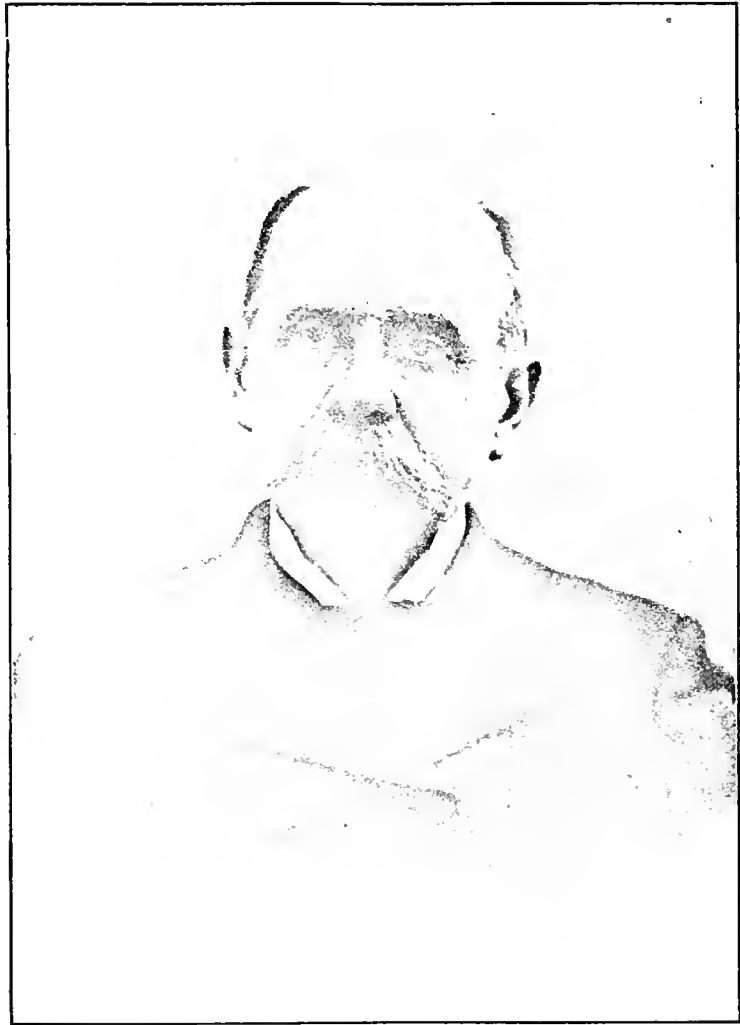
On June 4, 1871, Mr. Kenworthy married, in Meriden, Miss Sophia Williams, who was born in Westfield, Conn., daughter of the late William and Anna (Hughes) Williams, the former a native of England, the latter of Wales. Mrs. Kenworthy is a sister of Mrs. Hubert Little, elsewhere mentioned in this work. Only the last of three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenworthy is living. William H. died in infancy, and Maude W. in girlhood. Ivy June is a student at the public schools.

The upright and industrious nature of Mr. Kenworthy naturally attracted the attention of his fellow citizens, and he has been called upon to serve in a public capacity. Elected on the Democratic ticket a member of the City Council, from the Fifth ward, he served on the Fire and Street committees. He was appointed a member of the Fire Commission by Mayor Ives and re-appointed by Mayor West, still holding that position. His previous experience had well fitted him for the duties of this responsible station, as he was one of the first members of the Charter Oak Volunteer Fire Company, in which he served upwards of six years. His wife is a member of the Broad Street Baptist Church, with whose faith and work he is in sympathy, and both are esteemed as honest, industrious, useful citizens of the "Silver City."

**ROYAL M. BASSETT.** The Bassett family, long one of the most prominent and influential in New Haven county, traces its lineage through an unbroken chain, extending through two hundred and fifty years, to John Bassett of England, and its history is indissolubly connected with the story of the virtues and the faults, the trials and the triumphs, of the early New England Colonists, as well as with the growth and development of Connecticut.

Several generations of Bassets have been born in Derby, with the building up of which city they have been prominently and honorably identified. More than two and one-half centuries have elapsed since Robert Bassett, son of John, sought a home in the New World. The precise date of his immigration cannot be stated, but he is known to have been a resident of New Haven in 1643. He was a shoemaker by trade, and held the now extinct office of "town drummer." From New Haven he removed to Stratford. He reared a family





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of several children. Full details of his life history are wanting, but he appears to have been a man of profound conviction and pronounced individuality. He was one of a number of citizens of Stratford and Stamford who caused not a little commotion in their day and generation through their vigorous protest against the denial of the right of suffrage to non-church members; and it is believed that the woman who bore his name and was executed for witchcraft in 1651 was his wife. Robert Bassett (2), son of Robert, the next in the line of Royal M. Bassett's ancestors, was a sergeant in the militia. He was born in Stratford, and lived and died there, passing away August 5, 1720. Samuel Bassett, son of Robert (2), was the first of the family to settle in Derby. He went thither in 1716 or 1717, to occupy and cultivate a farm given him by his father, at the foot of Great Hill, which is still known as the "Bassett place." He took a lively interest in military affairs, being commissioned ensign in 1722, lieutenant in 1732, and captain in 1735. He was held in high regard by his neighbors, and for several years filled the office of justice of peace. On Jan. 1, 1719, he married Deborah Bennett, of Newtown. Ebenezer Bassett, son of Samuel and Deborah (Bennett), was born upon the paternal farm, and died May 20, 1760. James Bassett, son of Ebenezer, born Sept. 16, 1757, was the great-grandfather of Royal M. He died Oct. 24, 1848.

William Bassett, the grandfather of the subject of this article, was born in Derby July 18, 1781, and was for many years a successful merchant there, dying there Nov. 28, 1863, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He married Lucy Smith, also of Derby, and their only child, Sheldon, was the father of Royal M.

Sheldon Bassett was one of the leading, substantial and influential citizens of his native place. He held the office of town clerk. He was associated with his father in business during his early life, but in later years was identified with the Birmingham Iron Foundry Co., which was incorporated in 1850. He was a prominent Odd Fellow, having held the highest offices in the State within the gift of that fraternity, and organizing its first lodge in Derby. Mr. Bassett died June 26, 1864, honored and mourned by the community at large; and warmly beloved by the innumerable friends whom he had attracted to himself by his amiable disposition and his sterling moral worth. He married Harriet L. Hull, who survived him until July 22, 1872. She was a daughter of Lieut. Samuel Hull, and a niece of those distinguished patriots whose name are as familiar to every American, Gen. William and Commodore Isaac Hull. To Sheldon Bassett and his wife were born seven children, of whom Royal M. was second in order of birth. The eldest son, William H., was born Oct. 21, 1827, and died July 18, 1864; he was a hardware merchant in New York. Lavinia H., the third child and eldest

daughter, became the wife of Thomas D. De Forest, of Derby, and died Aug. 7, 1868. Lucy M. died in infancy. Lucy P. married Charles F. Colt, of New York, and died May 25, 1872. Ellen S. became Mrs. George H. Norton, of New Haven, and is also deceased, having passed away Oct. 26, 1853. Theodore S., the youngest member of the family, is a manufacturer of rubber goods in New York.

Royal M. Bassett was born in Derby Oct. 22, 1828. His training at the public schools was supplemented by a year at Haddam Academy, and two years' attendance at the Stiles and Truman French Academy, at New Haven. His father destined him for business pursuits, and time has abundantly and convincingly demonstrated the soundness of the parental judgment. From youth and through his entire life Mr. Bassett has manifested commercial genius of the highest order. He has displayed a comprehension of mercantile possibilities, a ready grasp of existing situations, and a capability for handling enterprises of the highest magnitude, which are exceptional. The ability and fidelity with which he has met and discharged the onerous responsibilities devolving upon him are attested by the universal esteem in which he is held by the business world. He began his long and successful career as secretary of the Birmingham Iron Foundry Co., which, as has been said above, was organized in 1850. This office he filled until the death of his father, Sheldon Bassett, in 1864, when he succeeded to the presidency, his brother Theodore S. becoming secretary and treasurer. In addition to his connection with the concern named, he has extensive business interests in various parts of the country. From 1857 until 1887 he was associated with Nelson H. Downs in the manufacture of hoop skirts and corsets. The style of the firm was Downs & Bassett, and the co-partnership continued until Mr. Downs' death. Mr. Bassett was also one of the incorporators of the Housatonic Water and the Derby Gas Companies. With a keen foresight of the wants of the Pacific railways, he has built and operated extensive rolling mills along the lines of the Union and Kansas Pacific Companies. He has also been connected with various railroad enterprises in the far West, having been president of the Utah Northern and trustee for the bondholders of the Utah Western Railway Co.; after it was reorganized, in Utah and Nevada, he was chosen president. He has also been a director of the Naugatuck Railroad Co. since 1870.

From the foregoing sketch of Mr. Bassett's life the reader may glean the more important facts of his ancestry and his business career. Of his personal characteristics, it is enough to add that he is a public-spirited citizen, a devoted father, a true friend and an upright man. He is deeply interested in the cause of popular education, and was for fifteen or twenty years chairman of the Derby school board. He is a Freemason, being a member of



King Hiram Lodge, No. 6, of Derby. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party.

On Nov. 9, 1858, Mr. Bassett married Miss Frances J. Stratton, a daughter of Sherwood E. Stratton, Esq., of Bridgeport. She died Feb. 14, 1876, and Mr. Bassett has not married again. To their union came three children: Lucy, who died Feb. 4, 1879, at the age of nineteen; Royal E., a lovable boy, who passed out of the world Jan. 9, 1865; and Sheldon H. The last named was born April 11, 1867, at Birmingham, Conn., and for a period of three years was connected with the Bradley Pulverizing Co., of Boston, who manufacture machines for crushing Cement Co., of Iola, Kans., whose main office is at Iola. He is now at the head of the Iola Portland St. Louis, Mo., in which city Mr. Bassett makes his home. On May 3, 1896, he was married, at Kansas City, to Miss Florence Shaffenbergh.

**HENRY MINOR.** Ninety-two years of life, filled with useful effort and crowned with the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, have left this venerable resident of Wolcott still hale and hearty, with every prospect of continued health for years to come. He has served as town clerk for over half a century, and his faithful service in public life as well as his personal worth make the following history of general interest not only to the readers of the present day but to future historians of this section.

The progenitor of the Minor family in America was Thomas Minor, a native of Somerset, England, and one of the four children born to Clement Minor, who died in Somersetshire March 31, 1640. The son crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Stonington, Conn., in 1683. His children were John, who located in Woodbury, Conn.; Thomas; Clement, who settled in New London; Ephraim, who settled in Stonington; Judah; Manassah, who settled in Stonington; Joseph; Samuel; Ann; Maria; Eunice; Elizabeth; and Hannah.

Jedediah Minor, the great-grandfather of our subject, and a descendant of Clement Minor, was born in Lyme, Conn., and came to Wolcott about 1756, locating near Wolcott Center, where he owned land and engaged in farming until his death. His remains were interred in Wolcott cemetery. He married Elizabeth Marvin, of Lyme, and to them were born ten children: Betsy, wife of William Roberts, of Bristol; Joseph; Esther, wife of Samuel Atkins; Daniel, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and died of smallpox while in the army; Caleb; Lucretia, wife of Michael Dayton, of Watertown; Lucy, wife of Jesse Alcox; Theda, wife of William Barnes, of Southington; Joshua; and Elizabeth.

Joseph Minor, our subject's grandfather, was born in Lyme, and was twelve years of age when he came with his parents to Wolcott. He engaged in farming throughout life upon the farm where his father first located, and where our subject

now resides. For seven long years he fought for American independence as a soldier of the Revolutionary war and rose to the rank of sergeant. He was a supporter of the Democratic party, and as one of the prominent citizens of his community he was called upon to fill public offices. He died on the home farm, and was buried in the old Wolcott cemetery. He wedded Mary Upson, daughter of Capt. Samuel Upson, and to them were born children as follows: One who died in infancy, May 3, 1783; Archibald, born May 23, 1784; Joseph, April 23, 1786; Wealthy (wife of Elihu Moulthrop), Dec. 8, 1787; Marcus, July 17, 1790; Marvin, in August, 1792; Nancy (wife of Orrin Hall), July 12, 1798; and Mary (wife of Ephraim Hall), Nov. 23, 1800.

Archibald Minor, father of our subject, spent his entire life on the old homestead in Wolcott and lived to a ripe old age. By occupation he was a farmer, and in politics he was first a Democrat and later a Republican. He was an accomplished penman, and was gifted with a rich voice. He was recognized as one of the most valued and useful citizens of his community, was honored with many town offices, and most efficiently served as justice of the peace, selectman of Wolcott, town clerk for twenty-five years, and member of the State Legislature when sessions were held both in New Haven and Hartford. On Oct. 27, 1808, he married Betsy Tuttle, a native of Plymouth, Conn., and a daughter of Daniel Tuttle. She died on the home farm, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Wolcott cemetery. Both were members of the Episcopal Church, and were held in high regard by all who knew them. They had two children, of whom our subject is the older. Harriet, born Dec. 8, 1811, married George W. Wilton, of Waterbury.

Henry Minor, whose name introduces this review, was born Dec. 17, 1809, and is now the oldest citizen of Wolcott. He attended the district schools of Wolcott and also a private school taught by John Clarke, but is mostly self-educated. He never left the parental roof, and when old enough to be of any assistance he began to aid in the work of the farm, having been engaged in agricultural pursuits on the homestead ever since. In 1836 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Clark, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Elias and Eliza Clark. To them was born one son, Theron C. A., now a resident of Waterbury, who was married Dec. 1, 1861, to Sarah J. Warner, a daughter of Erastus Warner, of Wolcott, and has two children, Martin W. and Henry W. Mrs. Minor, who was a most estimable woman and faithful helpmeet, died in October, 1895, and was laid to rest in the old cemetery.

Politically Mr. Minor has been a lifelong Democrat, casting his first Presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, and in 1896 voting for Palmer and Buckner. One of the prominent and influential citizens of his community, he has been called upon to fill a





number of official positions of honor and trust, having served as assessor, justice of the peace, and selectman of Wolcott for twenty years. In 1847 he was first elected town clerk, and has since filled that office in a most creditable and satisfactory manner, having served as such longer than any other town clerk in the State. He has represented his town in the Legislature four times, both at New Haven and Hartford. He is still quite active, possesses an excellent memory, and keeps well posted on the questions and issues of the day, as well as on topics of general interest. He is widely and favorably known, and is one of the most honored residents of his section of the county.

DR. AMOS SHEPARD BLAKE, an inventor of considerable note, the first resident dentist at Waterbury, and for many years one of its leading manufacturers and citizens, was born Jan. 18, 1812, in Brookfield, Vt., son of Joseph and Prudence (Shepard) Blake.

Mr. Blake received his education at Southmade Academy and in Scott's Military School, at Montpelier, Vt. He studied dentistry under the direction of his brother, Dr. E. W. Blake, and resided at Alstead, N. H., Montpelier and Chelsea, Vt., and Watertown, Conn., before coming to Waterbury, in 1844. Here he established himself, as the first resident dentist of the place, and for a number of years enjoyed an extensive practice. From 1852 to 1855 he was superintendent of mines in the Lake Superior region, making his home at Eagle Harbor, Mich. With that exception Dr. Blake made Waterbury his home from 1844 until called to his reward, Feb. 18, 1895. At the beginning of the Civil war he withdrew from the practice of his profession and became interested in manufacturing. He was quite a genius, and of an inventive turn of mind. During the winter of 1830-31 he constructed the first locomotive ever seen in New England. It was designed to illustrate the practicability of travel by railroad, and was large enough to carry two passengers at a time, around a hall, on a circular track. This model engine was extensively exhibited throughout the New England States by Asa Harrington, of Middlesex, Vt. During his lifetime Dr. Blake invented some nineteen devices and procured patents on the same. During the Civil war the Doctor was superintendent of the American Flask & Cap Co., which in a single year delivered one hundred tons of percussion caps to the National Government. He was the originator of Blake, Lamb & Co., in 1865, manufacturers of articles patented by himself, the firm consisting then of Dr. Blake, William Lamb and Henry R. Chambers. The concern was incorporated in 1867, with a capital of \$9,000, Dr. Blake becoming the first president. There was no change in the company until the death of Mr. Lamb, in 1872, at which time the other members purchased the interest previously held by him. Dr. Blake sold his interest in 1883.

For a number of years while in Vermont Dr. Blake was one of the judges of jail delivery, where until recent years the law authorized imprisonment for debt. He was one of the selectmen of Waterbury in 1846, and during his stay in Michigan he was a county commissioner. He held the position of councilman, alderman, assessor and road commissioner, and represented Waterbury in the State Legislature in 1869, 1874 and 1875. He was one of the originators of the Riverside Cemetery Association, and was active in promoting the scheme for raising money by subscription for the cemetery site. He also took an active part in naming the streets of Waterbury and getting the street names officially adopted.

Dr. Blake married Eliza Cordelia, daughter of Henry Woodward, of Chelsea, Vt., and children as follows were born of this union: Mrs. John A. Hitchcock, of Liverpool, England; Caroline B., wife of Edward T. Root; and two sons who died in childhood. The mother of these died Feb. 25, 1895.

HON. ARTHUR H. BARTHOLOMEW, first mayor of the city of Ansonia, is one of the most active business men and most enterprising citizens, and has long held a high place in the esteem of the public. He is a son of the late Jeremiah H. Bartholomew, and was given unusual educational facilities in his youth. After an attendance at the public schools he entered the "Gunnery," at Washington, Conn., and from there went to Auburndale, Mass., where he spent several months in an academy. At the age of sixteen he began his apprenticeship in the works of the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co. He was quick to take advantage of every opportunity, and his insight into the mechanism of clocks soon made him invaluable to the company. He rapidly rose to an honored place, but he was ever looking to the time he could go into business for himself, and was endeavoring by strict economy to save enough to make his start. In 1881 he saw his ambition realized, and he became a member of the firm of Phelps & Bartholomew, and at once assumed a well-deserved place in the manufacturing world. The Phelps & Bartholomew Co. manufacture clocks, and their goods find a ready market. Through much competition and considerable persecution their business has rapidly increased, owing to the reliability of their goods. In 1886 the firm became a corporation, and now over one hundred hands are employed.

Mr. Bartholomew has become largely interested in many concerns outside of the factory, and has worthily filled several positions of honor and trust, among them that of director of the Ansonia National Bank, trustee of the Ansonia Savings Bank, president of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association, director of the Ansonia Water Co., secretary of the Ansonia Hall Co., and president of the Ansonia Furniture and Carpet Co. He is also a member of the Ansonia Board of Trade.



In spite of his many duties connected with his commercial enterprises, he has had time to look after the public welfare as few busy men find time to do. When Ansonia was incorporated as a city, he was elected for the first mayor, and his careful business administration has proven of inestimable benefit to the town, and established a precedent for succeeding magistrates. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, but in local affairs he endeavors to avoid all partisan dealing, and steadfastly adheres to his determination to keep out of the so-called "ring." While in office he was loyal to his friends, but at the same time he never lost sight of the fact that he was mayor of the city, and sworn to administer its affairs to the best of his ability, so that his appointments were often outside of the Republican ranks. Educational affairs find in him a warm friend, and for ten years he served as chairman of the board of education. So popular is he that when his name appears on a ticket it is sure to win consideration from men of all parties, as he acts wisely and well for the general good. During the time he was in the Legislature, 1886, 1887 and 1893, he served on the committee on Cities and Boroughs, and in 1887 and in 1893 he was House chairman of the committee on Corporations. His interest in his home city is unbounded, and he has given his hearty support to all things tending to develop its resources. Fraternally Mr. Bartholomew is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows organizations, having risen to the Knight Templar degree in the former. His home is one of the handsome modern residences of the city, and is substantially the same as that in which he passed his earlier days.

On Jan. 14, 1874, Mr. Bartholomew married Miss Henrietta E. Cable, of Oxford, Conn., and daughter of Horace and Ann (Curtis) Cable, and they have had four children, the eldest of whom, Emma, died when two years of age; the others are Henrietta Cable, Eloise, and Arthur H., Jr. Mrs. Bartholomew's father was a farmer by occupation, and was a file major of the State militia for many years. He died some thirty years ago, his wife ten years ago. Mrs. Bartholomew's grandfather Curtis was a prominent man, a civil engineer, and represented his district several years in the Connecticut Legislature.

JAMES PORTER, an honored and highly esteemed citizen of Waterbury, now living a retired life, is the oldest representative of the Porter family in that town. He is a descendant of Daniel Porter, an early settler of the Connecticut Colony, who was one of the first to locate in Farmington. Daniel Porter was a physician, and was licensed to practice by the General Court in 1654, his fees being established by law. He was also required to visit the sick in Hartford, Windsor, Wethersfield and Middletown. He was more particularly a bone setter. His death occurred in Farmington in 1690, and his remains were interred there. He and his

wife, Mary, had the following children: Daniel, born Feb. 2, 1652, is mentioned below; Mary, born Feb. 5, 1654, married Eleazer Knowles, of Woodbury; Nehemiah, born Oct. 24, 1656, married Hannah Lumm, of Woodbury; Richard was born March 24, 1658; Anna, born in 1660, died unmarried; John, born Nov. 14, 1662, married Rebecca Woodford; and Samuel, born Oct. 24, 1665, was married in 1702 to Abigail Humphreys, of Simsbury.

Daniel Porter, son of Dr. Daniel, after reaching manhood moved to Waterbury, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 18, 1726. He married Deborah Holcomb (daughter of Joshua and Ruth (Sherwood) Holcomb), who died May 4, 1765, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Their children were as follows: Daniel, born March 5, 1699, is mentioned below; James, born April 20, 1700, died in 1786; Thomas, born April 1, 1702, died in 1797; Deborah, born March 6, 1703, married James Baldwin, and died in Waterbury in January, 1801; Ebenezer, born Dec. 24, 1708, died in 1803; and Ann, born April 28, 1712, married Thomas Judd and (second) James Nicholas, and died at an old age. The father of these children was also a physician and surgeon, and in addition to his medical practice engaged in land surveying. He was quite a prominent citizen of Waterbury and died after making his home there for over half a century, leaving a large estate. His was a long-lived family. The *Connecticut Journal* of March 5, 1801, contains the following interesting item concerning persons whose descendants are numerous in this vicinity, and some of whom still give evidence that the vigor of the sturdy stock is but little impaired: "Died in Waterbury, Mrs. Deborah Baldwin, aged ninety-seven, daughter of Dr. Daniel Porter, Jr., one of the first settlers of Waterbury, who died at an advanced age. Her mother died aged ninety-three; her eldest brother, Dr. Daniel, died at seventy-six; her second brother, Dr. James Porter, at eighty-six; her third brother, Capt. Thomas Porter, at ninety-five; her fourth brother, Ebenezer, now living at ninety-three; and also one sister Ann (the wife of James Nichols), now living at ninety."

Daniel Porter (3) was born in Waterbury, and died there Nov. 14, 1772. Like his father and grandfather, he also engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery. He was a man of influence in his community, and was honored and respected by all who knew him. He owned a tract of land between East Main and Mill streets and Mad river, and lived on East Main street. On June 3, 1728, he married Hannah Hopkins, a daughter of John and Hannah Hopkins, and sister of Stephen and Timothy Hopkins. John Hopkins was a son of Stephen Hopkins and his wife Dorcas Bronson (daughter of John Bronson), and a grandson of John Hopkins. Daniel Porter and his wife Hannah had children as follows: Preserve, born Nov.





*James Porter*



23, 1729, was the eldest; Daniel, born March 17, 1731, was a physician and surgeon, died of small-pox in 1759 at Crown Point, while in the army; Hannah, born June 16, 1733, married Obediah Scoville; Timothy, born June 19, 1735, is mentioned below; Susanna, born July 7, 1737, married Daniel Killum and (second) John Cossett; and Anna, born Dec. 6, 1738, married David Bronson. The mother of these children died Dec. 31, 1739. By his second wife, Joanna, the father had two children: Elizabeth, who was married in 1764, to Ard Warner; and Jenima, was married in 1762 to Timothy Scoville.

Timothy Porter, son of Daniel Porter (3), was a lifelong resident of Waterbury. He, too, devoted his time and attention to the medical profession, was the principal practicing physician of his town and vicinity, and served as surgeon in the Revolutionary war. He was a man of marked ability, progressive and enterprising, and was a staunch advocate of higher education. He married Margaret Skinner, a daughter of Gideon Skinner, of Bolton, Conn. She was born in 1739, and died in 1813. In their family were seven children: Daniel, born Sept. 23, 1768, was the grandfather of our subject; Sylvia C. was born Feb. 24, 1771; Joseph, born Sept. 3, 1772, a physician, married Levinia Porter, and died May 6, 1848; Olive, born July 26, 1775, married Moses Hall; Anna, born April 5, 1777, married R. F. Welton; Chauncey, born April 24, 1779, moved to Pittsford, N. Y.; Timothy Hopkins, born Nov. 28, 1785, was a representative in the United States Congress about 1828.

Daniel Porter, grandfather of our subject, was a well-educated man and highly respected citizen of Waterbury. He was a surveyor, and also a lawyer of much ability, practicing in the justice courts of his town. He owned quite a large amount of land in Waterbury, where he spent his entire life. He always took an active part in politics and held many offices of trust and responsibility, including that of selectman. On June 9, 1789, he married Anna Clark, and they had six children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Horace, Sept. 30, 1790; Timothy, Jan. 30, 1792; Elias, May 14, 1795; Alma Anna (wife of William Orton), April 18, 1800; Daniel (a physician), May 20, 1805; and Joseph, July 11, 1807. Mrs. Anna (Clark) Porter was a daughter of Ingham Clark and his wife Sarah (Beach), who were married in 1767. Ingham Clark was a son of Israel and Mehitabel (Ingham) Clark (married in 1743), a grandson of Samuel Clark (2) and his wife Mary Brown (married in 1694), a great-grandson of Samuel (1) and Hannah (Tuttle) Clark (married in 1672). Mrs. Mary (Brown) Clark, wife of Samuel (2), was a daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Vincent) Brown. Mrs. Hannah (Tuttle) Clark, wife of Samuel (1), was a daughter of John and Catherine (Lane) Tuttle (married in 1653), and granddaughter of William Tuttle.

Elias Porter, father of our subject, owned and operated a farm at Mill Plain, and always made his home in Waterbury, spending the latter part of his life with our subject. He died in 1871, at a ripe old age, and was laid to rest in Pine Grove cemetery. On Jan. 22, 1817, he married Alma Tyler, who was born Dec. 17, 1791, a daughter of Lyman and Esther (Hoadley) Tyler, of Prospect, Conn., who were married in 1791. Their only child was our subject. The mother died in 1866, and now sleeps by the side of her husband in Pine Grove cemetery. They were held in high regard by all who knew them. Politically the father was first a Federalist, later a Whig, and still later a Republican.

Lyman Tyler, father of Mrs. Elias Porter, was a son of Abraham Tyler, a grandson of Isaac and Susanna (Miles) Tyler (married in 1732), a great-grandson of John and Abigail (Hall) Tyler (married in 1694), and a great-great-grandson of William Tyler. Mrs. Abigail (Hall) Tyler was a daughter of Thomas and Grace Hall (married June 5, 1673), of whom the former, Thomas Hall, was a son of John and Jane (Woolen) Hall. Mrs. Esther (Hoadley) Tyler, mother of Mrs. Elias Porter, was a daughter of William (3) and Esther (Porter) Hoadley (married in 1761), a granddaughter of William (2) and Sarah (Frisbie) Hoadley (married in 1724), and a great-granddaughter of William (1) and Elizabeth (Frost) Hoadley. Mrs. Esther (Porter) Hoadley, wife of William (3), was a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Burnham) Porter (married in 1734), and a granddaughter of Richard and Ruth Porter. Mrs. Sarah (Frisbie) Hoadley, wife of William (2), was a daughter of Eben Frisbie. Mrs. Elizabeth (Frost) Hoadley, wife of William (1), was a daughter of John and Mercy (Payne) Frost.

James Porter, whose name introduces this review, was born March 26, 1818, on the old homestead at Mill Plain, and during his boyhood attended the district schools and also the Waterbury Academy. He assisted his father in the operation of the farm until twenty years of age, when he commenced work in a woolen mill. Subsequently he was employed in a roller mill for six years, and in 1843 learned the trade of a caster at the John D. Johnson rolling mills, after which he was employed two years in the Brown & Elton rolling mills, and in the same capacity seventeen years in the Waterbury Brass Co.'s mill. For three years he was a caster for the Scovill Manufacturing Co., and then became a German-silver caster for the same firm, remaining with them until 1874, during which time he started silver casting at Wolcottville, Bristol and Thomaston. He then retired from business, and has since made his home on the East Farms road, in Waterbury. Although eighty-four years of age he still possesses all his faculties, and is quite active. He is an intellectual and well-informed man, of genial disposition and





upright character. Mr. Porter cast his first presidential vote for William H. Harrison, the Whig candidate, and his last for William McKinley, the Republican nominee, being a staunch supporter of the Republican party and sound money principles. He is an earnest Christian, a member of the Episcopal Church, is domestic in his tastes, and is a loving husband and father.

On June 1, 1845, in Waterbury, Mr. Porter was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Beecher, a daughter of Benjamin Dutton and Pamela (Tuttle) Beecher. Her father was a well-known inventor, having invented, in 1835, the first propeller, which was used on canal boats, afterward on ocean steamers. Mrs. Porter is still living, and enjoys good health. Mr. and Mrs. Porter have five children, namely: (1) Emily Sophia was married July 1, 1868, to James Elliott, of Elmira, N. Y., and they had seven children—Nellie May, born March 28, 1869, died Dec. 10, 1877; James Porter, born Dec. 1, 1870, was married Nov. 28, 1895, to Ida Moakley, and they have two children, Irving Beecher (born Dec. 5, 1897) and James Porter (born Sept. 2, 1900); Sarah Beecher was born May 13, 1873; Fanny Amelia was born March 13, 1875; Sophia Alma, born Dec. 21, 1876; George Ward was born March 25, 1879; Charles Luther, born July 3, 1884, died Aug. 31, 1892. (2) Sarah Jane was married to John Hine Sept. 1, 1875, and has four children—John Wallace, born May 14, 1877; Mary Annie, born Jan. 9, 1879; George Ward, born Sept. 1, 1880; and Frederick William, born March 18, 1882. (3) James Ward Beecher was married Jan. 18, 1876, to Elizabeth Collins, and they have six children—John Beecher, born Oct. 28, 1876; Fannie Elizabeth, born July 9, 1878; Nellie Florence, born March 25, 1880; James Ward, born June 16, 1881; Bessie Sophia, born Aug. 11, 1882, died July 17, 1883, and Harry Clinton, born March 13, 1885. (4) Fannie Amelia and (5) Mary Florence (twins) are at home with their parents, to whom they are very devoted. They are ladies of culture and refinement, and are quite active and prominent members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Women's Club and other social organizations.

The following lines from Mr. Porter's pen are characteristic:

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Happy the truly honest man:  
With no alluring wile,  
But cheerfully, he treats you well—  
In whom there is no guile.

He never will put on deceit  
For sake of gaining spoil;  
He is the one that you can trust—  
In whom there is no guile.

May the good Lord deliver us  
From all that's low or vile;  
So finally it will be said,  
In him there is no guile.

Dec. 26, 1901,

JAMES PORTER.

DAVID BROOKS, late of Brooks Vale, in the town of Cheshire, was a worthy representative of one of the prominent old families of New Haven county.

The first of the name to come to America were two brothers, Henry and John Brooks, both natives of the County of Chester, England. Henry was a staunch supporter of Oliver Cromwell, and fought under his banner. Upon the restoration of Charles II to the British throne many of the followers of Cromwell, known as Roundheads, fled to different parts of the world, a large number coming to America. Among the latter were Henry and John Brooks, who settled in New Haven about 1670, and were among the founders of New Haven Colony. Some time later they removed to Wallingford, and, about the beginning of the eighteenth century, took up land in a part of the Colony which was afterward set off from the town of Wallingford, and to which they gave the name of Cheshire, for their native county in England. Henry Brooks, who came from Cheshire, in England, became a land owner in Cheshire, Conn., and it was in his house that the first religious services in that place were held. He was an earnest, consistent Christian, and took a deep interest in the Cheshire Colony, and the infant church which he was instrumental in establishing. He was married Dec. 21, 1676, to Hannah Blakeley.

(II) Lieut. Thomas Brooks, son of Henry, was born in the New Haven Colony March 27, 1679, and about 1705 removed with his parents to Cheshire, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was deeply interested in public affairs, especially the welfare of his adopted town, and was the first to petition the General Assembly to organize the Congregational Church in Cheshire, in 1723, prior to which time religious services were held in his home. He died of smallpox May 18, 1732, and was buried in Cheshire. He was a true and earnest Christian, self-sacrificing and unselfish, doing all in his power to advance the educational and moral interests of his community, and his loss was deeply felt by the church. He secured his title as lieutenant in the militia. In Wallingford he married, March 25, 1701, Martha Hotchkiss, a native of that town, a daughter of Ensign Joshua Hotchkiss, and a granddaughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cleaverly) Hotchkiss. To this union were born ten children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Stephen, May 28, 1702; Marv, May 14, 1704; Thomas, Feb. 14, 1706; Enos, Feb. 15, 1708; Cornelius, Sept. 10, 1711; Martha, Feb. 21, 1714; Mehitable, Feb. 23, 1716; Benjamin, April 23, 1720; Henry, March 2, 1723; and Thankful, Dec. 19, 1725.

(III) Capt. Enos Brooks, son of Lieut. Thomas, was born Feb. 15, 1708, and spent his entire life in Cheshire, where he owned a large amount of land. Enos was the first Brooks to locate in the southwestern part of the town, now called Brooks Vale. There, in about 1732, he erected an old-style "lean-to" house, on the ground where the present Brooks



homestead stands. There he died Sept. 22, 1771, and was laid to rest in the family burying plot in Cheshire cemetery. He was captain of a company in the militia, and was a liberal supporter and active member of the church. He was noted for his industrious habits, honorable dealings and sterling worth. His wife, Tamar, was born in 1706, and died Oct. 7, 1775. Her remains were also interred in Cheshire cemetery.

(IV) Rev. David Brooks, son of Capt. Enos, and the father of the man whose name introduces this article, was born in Cheshire, in 1744, and was graduated from Yale in 1768; he held the degree of Master of Arts. He was an ordained minister of the Congregational Church, but on account of the unsettled state of the country, due to the Revolution, was never pastor, permanently, of any church. At the request of his kinsman, Gen. David Wooster, he prepared and delivered a discourse in Derby, Conn., in 1774, on the religion of the Revolution. This discourse attracted much attention, was published and helped to move public sentiment in favor of the struggle for independence; a copy of this sermon is now in the possession of his descendants. He was a soldier in the Continental army, being among the first quota of men furnished by the parish of New Cheshire, and was in the service for eight months; he entered as a private, but was afterward appointed quartermaster of his regiment. He was a member of the Legislature at the time of Burgoyne's surrender, and in January, 1788, he was a delegate to the State Convention held in Hartford to ratify and adopt the Constitution of the United States. He was a broad-minded man, an honorable citizen and a good Christian. He died in Cheshire in December, 1810, and was buried in the family plot in the cemetery. Rev. David Brooks married Elizabeth Doolittle, who was born in 1753, and died Aug. 15, 1831. In their family were ten children, including David (our subject): Gen. Micah Brooks, a distinguished citizen of Livingston county, N. Y., and a member of Congress; and Benedict Brooks, a prominent citizen of Wyoming county, that State.

(V) David Brooks, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Brooks Vale July 26, 1791, and grew to manhood in his native town, where he attended school, and where he afterward followed farming on the old Brooks homestead. There he died July 24, 1873, at the age of eighty-two years, and his remains were interred in Cheshire cemetery, where a suitable monument has been erected to his memory. He was one of the leading and popular citizens of his community, and was widely and favorably known throughout his county, being held in high regard by all with whom he came in contact. He was married in Cheshire to Miss Linda Hull, a native of that town, and a daughter of Samuel Hull, who is mentioned below. She died at Brooks Vale April 30, 1865, and now sleeps by the side of her husband in Cheshire cemetery. To this worthy

couple came the following children: Alonzo, born in 1814, died in 1887; Clarissa L. married S. S. Cowles, and died in Farmington, Conn., in 1861; David, born Jan. 26, 1820, is mentioned below; Stella Law married William Seth Knowlton, of Bridgeport, and died in Cheshire July 14, 1884; Samuel Hull is a resident of New Haven; Elizabeth Brooks, born in 1829, married Henry W. Chatfield, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and died at Brooks Vale July 12, 1899; Edwin Micah, born in 1831, died in 1860; and Rosa, born Oct. 6, 1835, married Joseph H. Martin, of Grand Rapids, Mich., a native of Northampton, England.

(VI) David Brooks, son of (V) David, was a man of high attainments and ripe scholarship. He went to Philadelphia, and with S. F. B. Morse was engaged in constructing the first telegraph line in this country. He became widely known as an eminent electrician, and invented an underground cable for which the Western Union Telegraph Co. paid him a large sum. He met with excellent success in his undertakings, and was highly respected and esteemed for his sterling worth and many excellencies of character. His death occurred in Philadelphia May 30, 1891, and his remains were brought back to Cheshire for interment. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia A. Gilbert, was born in Hamden, Conn., Feb. 11, 1823, and died in Philadelphia Sept. 22, 1893. Their children were Laura Gilbert, wife of J. Lowrie Bell; David; Linda, wife of Edward Troth; Anna Le Conte, wife of Henry S. Snow; and Edwin M.

Linda Hull, the wife of (V) David Brooks, traced her ancestry to Richard Hull, a native of Derbyshire, England, who came to America with the first settlers, and was made a freeman in Dorchester, Mass., in 1634. About 1637 he removed to Boston, and from there came to New Haven, where he took the oath of fidelity. He was one of the founders of the New Haven Colony, and was a land owner in this county, and lived on what is now called Chapel street. He was a God-fearing man and a good citizen, but not a Puritan, and on that account came to New Haven, where he died in September, 1662. He had two sons—John and Joseph—and one daughter. From Joseph descended Gen. William Hull and Commodore Isaac Hull.

(II) John Hull, son of Richard, was born in 1640, in New Haven, and there grew to manhood. In 1661 he removed to Stratford, Conn., where he was numbered among the planters for seven years. In 1668 he went to Pawgasset, now Derby, Conn., and it is supposed that he was one of the first settlers of that town, which he named Derby for his father's old home in England. There he made his home until 1677, and built several dwelling houses for his sons. He also built the first corn-flour mill in Wallingford, to which town he removed in 1687, there buying 700 acres of land, which now forms a part of Cheshire. He was known as Dr. John Hull, and is supposed to have been a physician. His death



occurred in Wallingford Dec. 6, 1711, and he was buried there. He was three times married, and the name of his first wife is unknown. On Oct. 19, 1671, he wedded Mary Jones, and on Sept. 20, 1699, married Rebecca Turner. His children by the first marriage were: John, born March 14, 1661; Samuel, Feb. 4, 1663; Mary, Oct. 31, 1664; and Joseph, 1662 (who is mentioned below). By the second union there were five children: Benjamin, born Oct. 7, 1672, was married Dec. 14, 1695, to Elizabeth Andrews, and engaged in the practice of medicine; Ebenezer, born in 1673, was married March 4, 1706, to Lydia Mix, and died in 1709; Richard was born in 1674; Jeremiah, born in 1679, married Hannah Cook, of Wallingford, and was also a physician; and Archer completed the family.

(III) Capt. Joseph Hull, son of Dr. John Hull, was born in 1662 in Derby, and there spent his entire life, engaged in commercial and agricultural pursuits. He was a man of great influence in the community; represented his town in the General Assembly; was a worthy member of the Congregational Church; and a captain in the militia. He died in Derby in 1744, and was buried there. He was the great-grandfather of Commodore Isaac Hull, who commanded the celebrated frigate "Constitution." In 1691 he wedded Mary Nichols, a daughter of Isaac Nichols. She died in 1733, and two years later he married Hannah Botsford, widow of John Prindle. She died in Derby, and was buried there. In his family were children as follows: Samuel, born in 1692 (he made his home in Derby); Joseph, in 1694; Caleb, mentioned below; Abijah, born in 1697; Andrew, in 1698; Mary (Mrs. Russell, of Derby), in 1699; Sarah (Mrs. Beach, of Stamford), in 1701; and Nathan, in 1709.

(IV) Caleb Hull, son of Capt. Joseph Hull, was born in Derby Feb. 4, 1695, and at the age of fourteen went to live with his grandfather, Dr. John Hull, in Wallingford, at that gentleman's request. The Doctor gave him one hundred acres of land at Broad Swamp, now a part of Cheshire, where he built a house and made many other improvements. He died there in September, 1788, and was buried in Cheshire. A true patriot and loyal American, he answered to the first call for troops during the Revolution, although eighty years of age, and went to the defense of Boston. He also answered to the Lexington call, together with his son and grandson. He was a man of honor and integrity, and was one of the representative citizens of his community. On May 1, 1724, he married Mercy Benham, a native of Wallingford, who died April 19, 1766, and was laid to rest in Cheshire cemetery. They had twelve children, namely: Sarah, born April 25, 1725, married Reuben Atwater, of Cheshire; Andrew, born Aug. 23, 1726, died Sept. 21, 1774; Mary, born April 27, 1728, was married Oct. 3, 1745, to Jonathan Hitchcock; Samuel, born March 22, 1730, is mentioned below; Joseph, born Aug. 29, 1732,

died in infancy; Abijah, born Oct. 11, 1733, died Dec. 14, 1733; Joseph, born June 10, 1735, died Dec. 4, 1735; Caleb, born May 31, 1736, died Aug. 8, 1736; Submit, born Dec. 12, 1737, died Feb. 13, 1738; Patience, born Oct. 15, 1740, died in September, 1764; Joseph was born April 18, 1741; and Caleb, born Dec. 16, 1742, married Mary Street, and died June 4, 1767.

(V) Samuel Hull, son of Caleb, was a well-known and highly respected citizen of Cheshire, where he was born and reared, and later followed farming, owning land in that town. He was a member of the Congregational Church. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He died April 27, 1791, and was buried in Cheshire cemetery. In Wallingford he was married, Dec. 26, 1753, to Eunice Cook, who was born June 29, 1735, a daughter of Capt. Samuel and Hannah (Lewis) Cook, and granddaughter of Samuel and Hannah (Ives) Cook, and of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Merriam) Lewis, of Wallingford. The children of this union were as follows: A son, born Jan. 1, 1755, died in infancy; Jedediah was born Feb. 26, 1756; a son, born Feb. 2, 1758, died in infancy; Samuel, born May 27, 1759, is mentioned below; Zephaniah, born May 1, 1761, made his home in Wallingford, Vt., where he died Feb. 20, 1840; Epaphras, born April 9, 1763, also died in Wallingford, Vt., April 13, 1827; Eunice, born April 16, 1765, married Sheriff Whipple, of Cazenovia, N. Y., and died Dec. 18, 1820; Lois, born Feb. 1, 1767, died Oct. 20, 1777; Caleb, born Nov. 9, 1768, died in Wallingford, Vt., Aug. 9, 1816; Elizabeth, born Oct. 28, 1770, died Aug. 13, 1777; Josephus, born Aug. 24, 1772, died in Wallingford, Vt., March 18, 1813; and Hannah, born Oct. 11, 1775, married A. Meacham, of Wallingford, Vt., and died in 1850.

(VI) Samuel Hull, son of Samuel, Sr., and father of Mrs. David Brooks, was born on the old Hull homestead in Cheshire, and like his father and grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Throughout life he followed the occupation of farming in his native town, and was one of the most highly esteemed and honored citizens of his community. He died upon his farm Oct. 27, 1848, and was laid to rest in Cheshire cemetery. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Abigail Doolittle, was born May 26, 1766, and died Oct. 10, 1835; her remains were interred in the same cemetery. They had ten children, namely: Stella, born March 27, 1786, married Jonathan Law, and died Dec. 13, 1841; Jedediah was born in 1788; Anne was born Jan. 13, 1794; Linda, born Feb. 6, 1796, was the wife of David Brooks, our subject; Eunice, born Nov. 12, 1798, married Birdsey Booth, of Cuvahoga Falls, Ohio; Charlotte L., born Sept. 9, 1800, married John Olmsted, of Hartford, Conn.; Samuel Cook, born Aug. 4, 1802, died Aug. 26, 1804; Samuel, born Feb. 4, 1805, died in Morris, Grundy Co., Ill.; Julius, born July 1, 1807, married Lucy Ives, and



removed to Ohio; and Andrew Franklin, born Jan. 13, 1811, married Adeline Munson, and died Jan. 1, 1845.

HON. WILLIAM E. DOWNES, of New Haven, now retired, was, a generation ago, one of the leading manufacturers and prominent citizens of New Haven county, where his active career of lawyer, legislator and manufacturer for twenty-five years was passed.

Mr. Downes was born Aug. 22, 1824, in the town of Milford, Conn., and is strictly a New Englander, a product of Connecticut, for here his ancestors have figured from the very dawn of the Colonial period. He is the son of the late Horatio and Nancy (Smith) Downes, who had much of the Puritan in their character and aspect, and grandson of John and Hannah (Stone) Downes, the former a patriot of the Revolution, and in the family is a very interesting diary which was kept by him from 1764 to 1810, containing, with very few exceptions, an entry for every day during that long period. Among the ancestors of our subject through his grandmother, Hannah (Stone) Downes, was one of the founders of the church in Connecticut—Rev. Thomas Hooker, of Hartford; and through his mother he is in direct line from Gov. Robert Treat, Rev. Samuel Andrew, of Milford, one of the leading men in New England and one of the principal founders of Yale College, and for a dozen or more years from 1707 rector of it; and he is also through the same channel in direct line from Edmund Tapp, one of the first settlers of Milford, and one of the first five judges of that town.

In boyhood William E. Downes attended the district schools of his native town and afterward completed his studies, preparatory to entering college, with the Rev. Asa M. Train, of Milford. He entered Yale College in 1841, and four years later was graduated in the class of '45, the valedictorian being James G. Gould, a fine scholar and most gifted man. Mr. Downes chose the profession of the law as a life work, and in the preparation for it studied one year under the direction of the late distinguished lawyer, Hon. Alfred Blackman, of New Haven. He then entered the Yale Law School, and after the usual course of study was admitted to the Bar of the State of Connecticut in Danbury, in 1848. In December of the same year he opened an office in Birmingham, Conn., and began the practice of his profession, continuing therein until 1863, when he relinquished it and succeeded the late Dr. Howe, his father-in-law, in the management of the business of the Howe Manufacturing Co., of Birmingham, and remained in its active management until 1875, when the burden of the work was turned over to other hands. As a lawyer Mr. Downes gained and kept the confidence, respect and esteem of the community in which he lived, as well as that of his brethren at the Bar. His business surely and steadily increased as his worth and abil-

ity became known, and when he relinquished his practice, it was a source of sincere regret to a numerous clientage.

Since the retirement of Mr. Downes from the active management of the Howe Manufacturing Co. he has given his time to the management of his own affairs, and in the performance of the duties of the many positions of trust and responsibility which he has filled. For a decade or more he was president of the Derby Savings Bank. He is a director and member of the executive committee of the Ousatonic Water Co., and a director and valued counsellor and adviser in many other corporations in Derby and elsewhere. With the Ousatonic Water Co. he has been prominently identified from the beginning, having been employed as one of the counsel to obtain a charter for the company from the Legislature of Connecticut. As early as 1855 he was sent to the State Legislature from the town of Derby. He again represented that town in the same body in 1882, and for the third time in 1883. He took a prominent part in the establishment of the "Board of Pardons," and was chiefly instrumental in procuring the passage of the "Act Concerning Insane Persons," in the year 1889, and modestly says that such satisfaction as he has derived from his legislative experience arises from his connection with these two acts. For several years Mr. Downes, at some sacrifice, filled the office of justice of the peace in the town of Derby.

In referring to his make-up, a writer has said:

Mr. Downes is possessed of certain qualities rarely found, as in him, in harmonious combination. While a lover of books, and of reading and with the instincts and tastes of a scholar, he is at the same time a practical man of affairs, with an aptitude for business born of a thorough legal and business training, and of a large and varied experience. In the many corporations with which he is connected, his opinion carries much weight, and his counsel is rarely disregarded. While modest and retiring in disposition, and willing to yield to the judgment of others in matters of minor importance, he is steadfast in matters of principle and loyal to his convictions at all times, without regard to consequence. His conclusions are generally reached only after mature reflection and although they are held with firmness, the firmness never degenerates into obstinacy. He has an instinct for justice and a sense of honor "that feels a stain like a wound." His keen perception of the humorous side of human nature and conduct, coupled with a genial, kindly disposition, makes him a delightful companion, and relieves the "prosiness" of many a business meeting.

Politically Mr. Downes has generally acted with the Republican party. His religious faith is that of the Congregational Church.

In 1851 Mr. Downes was married to Jane M., only child of Dr. John I. Howe, of Birmingham, Conn., and their children are: Mrs. Helen G. Atwater, of New Haven, Conn.; William Howe, of Boston, Mass.; and Mrs. Catherine J. Whiting and John I. H., of New Haven. Since 1887 Mr. Downes has made his home in New Haven.

The late DR. JOHN I. HOWE, father of Mrs. Downes, was born in 1793, in Ridgefield, Conn., and was graduated from the Medical University of New York. He was married to Cornelia Ann, daughter





of George Ireland, of New York, and for many years practiced his profession with skill and success in that city. As early as 1828 he obtained a patent on rubber compounds. In 1832 and 1833 he devised a machine for making pins, and in 1835 the Howe Manufacturing Co. was organized in New York for the manufacturing of that article. For thirty years Dr. Howe had the sole management of the manufacturing department of the company. In 1838 the concern was removed to Birmingham, Connecticut.

Dr. Howe was in the lead as the first practical and successful pin manufacturer by means of automatic machinery, one of the most useful inventions of the country. His death occurred in 1876, when aged eighty-four years.

**DANIEL HUMISTON.** Only those lives are worthy of record that have been potential factors in the public progress, in promoting the general welfare, or advancing the educational or moral interests of the community. Daniel Humiston, of Cheshire, was ever faithful to his duties of citizenship, and by the successful conduct of his business interests not only promoted his individual success, but also advanced the general prosperity. In his life span of seventy-seven years he accomplished much, and left behind him an honorable record, well worthy of perpetuation. He was born in the town of Cheshire, Sept. 23, 1788, and died Oct. 22, 1865.

The Humiston family is one of the oldest and most respected in New Haven county, where it was founded about 1650 by Henry Humiston, who spent the remainder of his life in Wallingford, dying Jan. 16, 1663. He was married Aug. 28, 1651, to Joanna Walker, and they had four children, namely: Samuel, born Aug. 7, 1652; Nathaniel, Jan. 13, 1654; Thomas, Oct. 19, 1656; and Abigail, May 17, 1661.

James Humiston, grandson of the progenitor of the family in this country, was born in New Haven, and from there removed to Wallingford, where he died Aug. 17, 1747. On Jan. 7, 1719, he married Sarah Atwater, and in their family were six children: Daniel, born Nov. 16, 1721; Stephen, born Nov. 9, 1723; Noah, born March 1, 1729, died Sept. 3, 1729; James, born Oct. 28, 1734 (married Abiah Ives); Hannah; and Noah, born June 13, 1745.

Daniel Humiston, a son of James, and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Wallingford, and when a young man came to Cheshire, where he owned land and engaged in farming throughout his active business life. There he died July 27, 1767, and was buried in Cheshire cemetery. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Abigail Doolittle, died Jan. 1, 1809, at the age of eighty-three years. In their family were eight children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Sarah, Dec. 14, 1744; Hannah, March 2, 1747; Stephen, July 17, 1751; Lydia, March 17, 1754; Patience, Nov. 28, 1756; Daniel, April 10, 1759; John, June 30, 1761; and Jesse, March 12, 1764.

Jesse Humiston, just mentioned, was born and

reared on his father's farm in Cheshire, and after his marriage located on a farm in West Cheshire, where he spent the remainder of his life, devoting his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He was well known and highly respected. He died March 12, 1832, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery, in Cheshire. He married Lois Doolittle, a daughter of Amos Doolittle, and she departed this life Feb. 8, 1847, at the age of eighty-four years. Politically he was a Whig, and religiously a member of the Episcopal Church. His children were Daniel, our subject; Lois, who died at the age of twenty; Jesse A., who married Eliza Preston, daughter of Reuben Preston; Alma, who married Samuel Hull, of Cheshire; and John, who married Rhoda Nichols, of Wolcott, Connecticut.

At the age of three years Daniel Humiston received a physical injury which it was thought would unfit him for the active work of farm life, hence it was determined to prepare him for a profession. He pursued a thorough course in the Episcopal Academy of his native town, from which he graduated at the age of seventeen, his scholarship being highly commended by his teachers and classmates. His ailment having, meantime, been much alleviated, he resolved to engage in farming, to which occupation he was always partial. He industriously pursued that vocation as his life work, and was rewarded with a fair measure of success, owning and successfully operating a tract of 165 acres of land in the western part of Cheshire, upon which he made extensive improvements. He died upon his farm and was laid to rest in the Cheshire cemetery. He was an active and prominent member of St. Peter's Episcopal parish, served as vestryman of the church for some years and for many years previous and up to his death was parish clerk.

Politically Daniel Humiston was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was a modest, unobtrusive man, with no inclination for public life, but his townsmen, appreciating his good qualities, called him to serve in various offices, and in 1840 elected him as one of their representatives in the State Legislature. He also filled the office of selectman in Cheshire. Those who were most intimately associated with him speak in unqualified terms of his sterling integrity, his honor in business and his fidelity to all the duties of public and private life. He was faithful to his church, to his country and to his friends, and in his home was a most exemplary husband and father. His death occasioned deep regret throughout the community, and Cheshire thereby lost one of its most valued citizens.

On June 16, 1816, Daniel Humiston wedded Juliana Ives, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of Jared and Achsah (Doolittle) Ives. She was a lady of culture and refinement, an excellent wife and mother, and a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. She died Dec. 23, 1833, and was laid to rest in St. Peter's Church cemetery. In the family were three children: Chauncey Ives, who re-





*Daniel Humiston*



sided on the home farm until his death, Nov. 11, 1884; John D., who was engaged in business in New York, and there died Jan. 19, 1867; and Julia A., the only survivor. Miss Julia resides in West Cheshire, and is beloved and respected by all who know her. With a charity that knows no limit, she seems to find her greatest happiness in doing good to those around her. Even the dumb animals have received her attention, and for them she placed a watering tank in West Cheshire; she gave to the village the town clock; a receiving vault in Cheshire cemetery; and many other things. She takes a deep interest in educational affairs, is highly intellectual and cultured, and is quite popular with the public.

JOSEPH NOYES NICHOLS (deceased) was one of the leading citizens and successful agriculturists of Waterbury, where he was born Dec. 17, 1824. The Nichols family is one of the oldest in Connecticut. Sergt. Francis Nichols, the first of the name in New England, was a native of England, and one of the first settlers of Stratford, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he located in 1639. He is supposed to have been closely related to Sir Richard Nichols, the first English governor of New York. Before coming to this country he was a member of the Horse Guards of London. He owned property in Stratford, Conn., and Southland, Long Island, and spent his last days in the former place, where he died and was buried. For his second wife he married Barnabas Wines, who after his death wedded John Elton, of Southland, Long Island. By his first marriage he had four children: Isaac, Caleb and John, who were all born in England; and Mrs. Richard Mills. The only child of the second union was Ann, wife of Christopher Young.

Isaac Nichols, son of Francis, came with his parents to the New World and spent the remainder of his life in Stratford, Conn., where he owned and operated a farm. He died in 1695, and was buried there. By his wife, Margaret, he had the following children: Mary, who was born Feb. 2, 1648, and married Rev. Israel Chaney; Sarah, who was born Nov. 1, 1649, and married Stephen Burrett; Josiah, born Jan. 29, 1652; Isaac, March 12, 1654; Jonathan, Dec. 10, 1655; Ephraim, Dec. 15, 1657; Patience, Feb. 2, 1660; Temperance, May 17, 1662; Margery, Nov. 30, 1663; Benjamin, Feb. 2, 1666; and Elizabeth, who was born April 2, 1668, and was married July 9, 1601, to Rev. Joseph Webb.

Isaac Nichols, Jr., a son of Isaac, was also a life-long resident of Stratford, a farmer and land owner. There he died in 1690. By his wife, Mary, he had three children: Francis, June 3, 1676; Richard, Nov. 26, 1678; and Joseph, Nov. 1, 1680.

Joseph Nichols, a son of Isaac, Jr., was born and reared in Stratford, whence he removed to Long Island, and in 1728 came to Waterbury, where he owned property. Here he died March 10, 1733, and was buried in Waterbury cemetery. He married Elizabeth Wood, of Stratford, and they had a

family of eight children: James, born on Long Island June 27, 1712; George, born at the same place July 14, 1714; Elizabeth, who was married in 1740 to Ebenezer Waklee; Richard; Joseph, born in 1724; Maria; Isaac, who was born May 4, 1729, and died in the British army in 1776; and Benjamin, born May 14, 1731.

Joseph Nichols, Jr., son of Joseph, was born on Long Island, and came with his parents to Waterbury, where he subsequently owned and operated a farm until called from this life, Jan. 24, 1773. On Sept. 6, 1750, in Waterbury, he married Tamar Bronson, daughter of Lieut. John Bronson, and to them were born two children: Seymour, mentioned below; and Eunice, who was born Sept. 6, 1753, and married Michael Bronson. The mother of these children died Nov. 14, 1755, and on Dec. 15, 1757, the father married Annie Webster, by whom he had one child, Lucy, who was born Dec. 5, 1758, and married Luke Adams.

Seymour Nichols, son of Joseph, Jr., was born April 20, 1751, in Waterbury, where he spent his entire life as a farmer, land owner and highly respected citizen. On June 15, 1775, he married Martha Hotchkiss, and to them were born ten children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Joseph, April 21, 1776; Tamar (wife of James Chatfield), Dec. 25, 1778; Humphrey, Nov. 23, 1781; Abigail, March 2, 1784; Chloe, July 30, 1786; Amy, Nov. 25, 1788; William, August, 1791; Chauncey, February, 1794; Simon, 1796; and Philo, June, 1798.

Humphrey Nichols, son of Seymour, and the father of our subject, made his home throughout life in Waterbury, where he owned a farm, and like his ancestors he engaged in agricultural pursuits. His remains were interred in the old cemetery where the Bronson Library now stands. He married Esther Hotchkiss, also a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Stephen Hotchkiss. In their family were the following children: Harriet, born Feb. 3, 1810, married G. A. Hall; Emeline, born May 20, 1811, married David Terrell; Stephen H., was born April 25, 1813; Isaac, born Sept. 27, 1814, married Lydia Frisbee; William, born Jan. 27, 1817, married into the well-known Atwood family; Ann, born Feb. 8, 1819, died May 12, 1835; Nancy, born June 15, 1821, married Marvin Hills; Eli, born Sept. 15, 1822, married Jane Mann; Joseph N., our subject, and David complete the family.

Joseph N. Nichols grew to manhood in Waterbury, and became a prosperous farmer and land owner of that town. He owned the homestead farm at Simonville, and also the large Hill farm on Town Plot, Waterbury, upon which he made many improvements. It was the Garry Hull tract of eighty acres, and has since been divided into lots for building purposes. He was united in marriage with Miss Lucena Clark, of New Milford, a daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Hanes) Clark, and by this union were born seven children: (1) Daniel Humphrey, who



died in 1890, first married Mary C. Gladding, by whom he had two sons, Frank Bacon and Arthur W., both members of St. John's Church choir. For his second wife he married Albertha Lobdell, by whom he had one child, Harvey Humphrey. (2) Clark Holmes is mentioned below. (3) Joseph Hayden married first Nellie Jackson, by whom he had two children, Louis Hayden and Carl Humphrey, and for his second wife married Alice Palmer, by whom he had one child, Nellie Alice. (4) Lucy Esther resides on the old homestead. (5) Emma C. died in April, 1885. (6) Anna L. died Feb. 28, 1887. (7) William Francis, who is connected with the United States mail service and resides in Waterbury, married Annie O'Rourke, and they have three children, Gertrude E., Charles and William. Our subject died April 21, 1878, his wife Sept. 14, 1887, and both were laid to rest in Riverside cemetery. They were faithful members of St. John's Episcopal Church, and were highly respected and esteemed by all who knew them. In his political affiliations Mr. Nichols was a Democrat, and he ever took a commendable interest in those enterprises calculated to advance the moral, social or material welfare of his town and county. He was a kind father, a loving husband and true friend.

CLARK H. NICHOLS, son of Joseph N., was born on the home farm in Waterbury April 29, 1859, and was educated in the public schools of Town Plot. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, and then learned the trade of a brass caster, which he followed in Ansonia for nine years. At the end of that period he returned to Waterbury, and was employed as a caster in the Scovill foundry for eight years. He then purchased the David Blodgett place, where he has since made his home, and now gives his entire time and attention to dealing in and training horses, traveling in Canada and other sections of the country. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man, and is meeting with success in his business ventures. He is independent in politics, and a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. In Providence, R. I., Oct. 4, 1883, he married Miss Annie Wilson, of Bristol, Conn., who died May 22, 1895.

EDWIN YALE BULL, one of the highly respected and well-known citizens of Yalesville, has been a resident of this community for more than half a century, and he is known as one of the most widely read and thoroughly posted men of Wallingford. Mr. Bull was born in the town of Meriden, Feb. 19, 1823, a son of William Bull, also a native of Meriden. William Bull was a well-known citizen of Meriden, where he worked at his trade and cultivated his farm. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Universalist. Ruth Hall, his wife, was born Aug. 25, 1780, a daughter of Benajah and Ruth (Francis) Hall, and she died in Meriden.

Edwin Yale Bull was educated in the common schools of Meriden, and in the Connecticut Literary

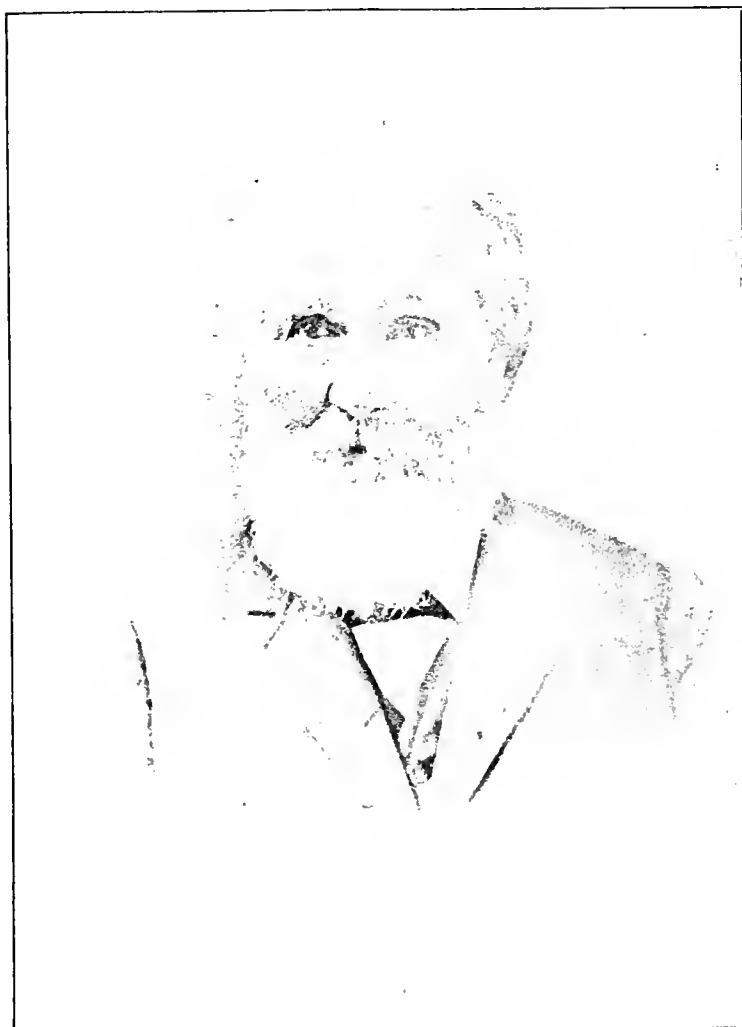
Institute of Suffield. He started life for himself at an early age, his first work being the burnishing of spoons at the munificent salary of forty-five cents per gross. When not employed in the shop he worked at home on the farm. After a time he was taken into the German-silver shop at Meriden as a buffer, and then was made a forger of fine wares. For some years he was employed in a Britannia spoon factory, and for three and a half years worked for Steadman & Clark, with whom he thoroughly learned the tin and sheet iron trade. For ten years he was a journeyman worker at this trade, and in 1853 came to Yalesville to take a place as a die sinker, a trade he mastered for himself, and one in which he takes a high standing. The following year he secured a similar position with Garry I. Mix, at \$2.00 per day, which was gradually increased to \$2,000 per year. In 1860 Mr. Bull entered the employ of R. Wallace & Co., where he remained for two years, and he was two years with Hall, Elton & Co., when he resumed his work with G. I. Mix. For twenty-five years he was steadily at work as die sinker, but for the last twelve years he has lived a retired life, spending his leisure hours in the making of violins, in which he seems to have the touch of a genius. Violins that come from his hands give forth the sweetest tones, and his name is familiar to all who love this kind of musical instruments.

Mr. Bull is a ripe scholar, and is a man of wide reading. Latin, French and other languages have been mastered by him, and he is familiar with classical lore. In politics he is a Republican, and was a member of the "Wide Awakes" in the first Lincoln campaign. Mr. Bull has been assessor of the town, and holds the unstinted confidence of his fellow citizens. He began life as a poor boy, and by industry, economy and forethought has become well-to-do. Mr. Bull has never married, and has lived a life of kindly deeds, finding delight and companionship, not only in the world of books, but in the great open world of nature around him.

ELISHA CHAPMAN BISHOP, a prominent citizen of Guilford, is a representative of one of the oldest New England families. Mr. Bishop is a descendant in the eighth generation from John Bishop, a native of England, who founded the family in America, and who was one of the original settlers of Guilford, Conn. He was the second person of the twenty-five who signed the Plantation Covenant, June 1, 1639, on the voyage from England, and was one of the four persons who had at first the sole direction of the affairs of the Colony until the formation of the church. He was married in England, but the family name of his wife Anne has not been ascertained. After his migration to America John Bishop remained permanently in Guilford, where he died in February, 1661. His wife died in Hartford in 1676. To John and Anne Bishop were born three children: John, who died in







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October, 1683; Stephen, who died in June, 1690; and Bethya, who married James Steel. The line of descent to our subject is through John.

(II) John Bishop, son of (I) John, married Dec. 13, 1650, Susanna Goldham, who died Nov. 1, 1703. Their children were as follows: (1) Mary, born Sept. 28, 1652, married John Hodgkin; (2) John, sketch of whom follows; (3) Susanna, born in 1657, married Moses Blatchley, and died in October, 1729; (4) Elizabeth, born in 1660, married John Scranton, and died in August, 1727; (5) Daniel, born in 1665, married Hannah Bradley, and died April 17, 1751; (6) Nathaniel, born in 1666, married Mary Hughes, and died May 1, 1714; (7) Samuel, born Oct. 28, 1670, married Abigail Witmore, and died Feb. 17, 1753; (8) Sarah, born Jan. 22, 1674, died May 12, 1712; (9) Abigail, born Jan. 26, 1681, married Samuel Lee, and died June 5, 1751.

(III) John Bishop, born in 1655, died Nov. 25, 1751. He married July 3, 1689, Elizabeth Hitchcock, who died March 14, 1712, and for his second wife he wedded March 8, 1713, May Johnson. His children were as follows: (1) Elizabeth, born Oct. 14, 1690, married Samuel Scranton; (2) John, born Aug. 12, 1692, married Abigail Spinning, and died Jan. 28, 1752; (3) Ann, born Feb. 15, 1695, married David Field, and died in 1731; (4) David, sketch of whom follows; (5) Jonathan, born Nov. 8, 1699, married Hannah Chittenden; (6) Mary, born in December, 1700, married Caleb Jones, and died June 23, 1724; (7) Deborah was born Feb. 19, 1702; (8) Nathaniel, born May 6, 1704, married Margaret Blinn, and died April 11, 1778; (9) Timothy, born in 1708, married Hannah Blinn, and died in 1794; (10) William was born Oct. 18, 1714; (11) Enos, born May 27, 1717, married Abigail Burgis, and died in April, 1802; (12) Esther was born Feb. 24, 1719; (13) Mercy, born May 7, 1722, married Abraham Dowd, and died Dec. 3, 1793.

(IV) David Bishop, born Jan. 6, 1697, died Aug. 20, 1773. He married May 17, 1724, Deborah Stanley, and their children were: (1) Deborah, born Jan. 17, 1725, married Jehiel Evarts; (2) Hulda was born Aug. 5, 1726; (3) David, sketch of whom follows; (4) Chloe, born July 15, 1733, married Handy Bushnell; (5) Sarah, born Aug. 18, 1736, married Miles Hall, and died April 8, 1792.

(V) David Bishop, born Sept. 20, 1728, died Jan. 25, 1792. He married April 17, 1755, Audrea Fowler, who was born Sept. 12, 1724, and died Jan. 24, 1815. Their children were: (1) Audrea, born Feb. 28, 1756, died March 28, 1757; (2) David, born July 29, 1757, married Deborah Fowler, and died April 19, 1833; (3) Huldah, born March 4, 1759, died Oct. 19, 1836; she married Eber Lee; (4) Margaret, born Nov. 10, 1760, died Sept. 21, 1764; (5) Jonathan, sketch of whom follows; (6) Jared, born Oct. 22, 1764, married Mary Mason, and died Nov. 26, 1839.

(VI) Jonathan Bishop (grandfather of Elisha C.), born Oct. 19, 1762, died Sept. 23, 1826. He married Feb. 21, 1787, Huldah Chapman, born Dec. 1, 1762, who died Sept. 17, 1828. Their two children were Jonathan, born Dec. 19, 1787, who died Dec. 22, 1787; and Jonathan (2), a sketch of whom follows. (VI) Jonathan Bishop was a lifelong farmer and land owner in the town of Guilford, where he was a well-known and highly-respected citizen. During the Revolutionary war he was a member of the Home Guard, for coast defense, keeping the Tories from supplying the English troops with produce, etc. In politics he was a Federalist, and in religious faith a member of the Congregational Church.

(VII) Jonathan Bishop (father of Elisha C.), born March 30, 1797, received his education in the schools of Guilford, and by close reading and observation of men and things he became well versed in the leading topics of the day. In his younger days he followed the sea, chiefly engaged in the coasting trade, and rose to the position of mate of a vessel plying in the cotton trade between Southern ports and New York. Later in life he settled down to farming on the homestead, where he passed the rest of his days, dying March 16, 1887, and he was laid to rest in the East cemetery. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist, in politics a Whig and Republican.

On June 18, 1821, Jonathan Bishop married Polly Maria Bishop, born Jan. 30, 1796, a daughter of Seth and Hannah (Parmelee) Bishop. She died in July, 1839, and for his second wife Mr. Bishop wedded, March 16, 1840, Fanny Maria Dennison, born March 1, 1803, who died March 15, 1865. For his third wife he married, March 15, 1866, Electa Maria Stone, born Oct. 30, 1810. The children of Jonathan Bishop were: (1) Ann Maria, born Jan. 22, 1822, died May 27, 1841; (2) Elisha Chapman, sketch of whom follows; (3) Richard L., born Dec. 29, 1825, married Mary G. Hand, and died Sept. 7, 1889; (4) Hulda J., born April 7, 1828, married George Hull, and died April 26, 1889; (5) Sophia Fowler, born May 13, 1835, married Thomas Griswold; (6) Allen, born July 2, 1837, died Jan. 13, 1861; (7) a son, born in July, 1839, died July 26, 1839; (8) Alfred Griswold was born Oct. 19, 1842; (9) William Edwin, born Nov. 3, 1855, married Ellen A. Stone.

(VIII) Elisha C. Bishop, our subject, was born April 10, 1824, attended the district schools of Guilford, and remained on the home farm until he was twenty years old. At that time he commenced to learn the trade of machinist, and worked at same in Guilford, on his own account. In 1861 he embarked in business in the oil fields, on his own speculation, at Titusville, Crawford Co., Pa., and after he had been so engaged some ten years, meeting with good success, he returned to Guilford, in 1870. He then settled down to general farming, and has been engaged in that occupation ever since.



In 1874 he built one of the finest dwellings in Guilford, commodious and comfortable, and fitted up with all modern improvements. In his political predilections Mr. Bishop was formerly a Republican, but is now a Prohibitionist in principle. In 1882 he represented the town of Guilford in the State Legislature; was selectman seven or eight years; member of the school committee; and was warden of the borough, also Burgess. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church.

On July 5, 1846, Elisha C. Bishop was married to Charlotte G. Fowler, and they had children as follows: (1) Frederick Chapman, born May 15, 1847 (died July 27, 1847); (2) Frederick C. (2), Dec. 23, 1848; (3) Robert D., June 14, 1850 (died Aug. 15, 1850); (4) Robert Allen, March 16, 1851; (5) Edward Fowler, March 11, 1852; (6) Mary Cornelia, Aug. 27, 1853; (7) Frank H., March 22, 1857; (8) Ida and (9) Eva S. (twins), April 19, 1859; (10) Richard Matthew, May 5, 1861 (died Sept. 22, 1861); (11) Marilla Canfield, Jan. 28, 1864; (12) Ernest Smith, Oct. 28, 1866 (is a physician in New York). The mother of these died Oct. 6, 1885, and for his second wife Elisha C. Bishop wedded Cornelia F. Fowler, sister to his first wife.

THE FOWLER FAMILY, of which Mrs. Elisha C. Bishop is a member, is descended from (I) Abraham Fowler, who was born at Guilford Aug. 29, 1652, and died Sept. 30, 1719. He married Aug. 29, 1677, Elizabeth Bartlett, daughter of George and Mary (Cruttenden) Bartlett, born in March, 1653, died Oct. 4, 1742. Children: (1) Abigail, born in 1679, married Pelatiah Leete, and died Oct. 22, 1769; (2) Mary, born in 1681, married Samuel Hopson, and died Oct. 17, 1717; (3) Abraham, born in 1683, married Elizabeth Hubbard, and died Oct. 11, 1754; (4) Ebenezer, sketch of whom follows; (5) Daniel, born in 1686, married Grace Baron, and died Dec. 20, 1776; (6) Josiah, born in 1688, married Hannah Baldwin, and died Sept. 7, 1757; (7) Caleb, born in 1690, died in January, 1724; (8) Elizabeth, born in 1694, died Feb. 26, 1794, married Andrew Ward.

(II) Ebenezer Fowler, born in 1684, in Guilford, died there Nov. 28, 1768. He married May 1, 1817, Elizabeth Starr, born Nov. 26, 1695, died March 26, 1765. Children: (1) Ebenezer, born Jan. 11, 1719, married Desire Bristol, and died Feb. 19, 1800; (2) Nathaniel, sketch of whom follows; (3) Huldah, born March 6, 1720, married Samuel Chittenden, and died Nov. 17, 1820; (4) Caleb, born Jan. 21, 1726, died March 17, 1726; (5) Caleb (2), born Jan. 21, 1727, died Sept. 22, 1753; (6) Elizabeth, born May 26, 1732, died Dec. 22, 1810; (7) Lucy, born Feb. 19, 1735, married Joseph Weld, and died Sept. 5, 1800; (8) William, born Aug. 6, 1738, died in December, 1739.

(III) Nathaniel Fowler, born March 21, 1721, died Nov. 12, 1764. He married Nov. 2, 1757, Lucy Chittenden, born March 12, 1735, died March 5,

1807. Children: (1) Nathaniel, sketch of whom follows; (2) Reuben, born June 11, 1760, married Adah Willard, and died Sept. 2, 1832; (3) Lucy, born Sept. 21, 1761, married Benjamin Chittenden, and died June 9, 1835; (4) Hannah, born May 8, 1765, died June 1, 1835, married Gilbert Cruttenden.

(IV) Nathaniel Fowler, born July 14, 1758, died Feb. 24, 1841. He was a private in the war of the Revolution (1776) under Col. Talcott, in Capt. Hand's Company. He married Ruth Evarts, born June 30, 1760, daughter of Timothy and Ann (Dudley) Evarts. Children: (1) Ruth, born Feb. 11, 1783, married Eber Cruttenden, and died May 13, 1866; (2) Ann, born Sept. 12, 1787, died May 25, 1868; (3) Nathaniel, born Nov. 24, 1788, married Sally Cruttenden, and died Nov. 28, 1857; (4) Elisha, born April 6, 1790, died Dec. 13, 1876, married Mary Parmelee; (5) Richard, born May 5, 1794, married Polly Hart, and died May 6, 1831; (6) Lyman, sketch of whom follows.

(V) Lyman Fowler, born Jan. 6, 1800, died Feb. 16, 1877. On Nov. 24, 1822, he married Mary Griffing, who was born July 27, 1802, daughter of Peter and Polly (Fairchild) Griffing, and died March 18, 1885. Children: (1) Charlotte G., born Dec. 15, 1823, married Elisha Chapman Bishop. (2) Cornelia F., born Oct. 7, 1826, is the wife of Elisha C. Bishop. (3) Alonzo, born Jan. 23, 1829, died Sept. 1, 1839. (4) Edwin A., born July 2, 1834, married Emeline B. Spencer. Peter Griffing, the father of the above named Peter, was a captain in the Revolutionary army, was taken prisoner, and died aboard the "Jersey" prison ship in New York harbor.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HAZARD, a prominent citizen of Cheshire, who is now successfully engaged in fruit growing, was born in Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., Dec. 3, 1828, and is a son of William and Lydia (Bills) Hazard, natives of Columbia, this State. The father was a farmer by occupation, and spent most of his life in his native town, where he died in 1847. He was a brother of Col. Hazard, the founder of the Hazard Powder Co., whom he educated. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Thomas Hazard, of Wapping, Conn., was a seafaring man in early life, and his maternal grandfather, Elizer Bills, was a farmer of Columbia.

At the age of five years our subject was taken by his parents to Columbia, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in its common schools. After serving a three years' apprenticeship to the cabinetmaker's trade, he worked at clock-making in Bristol for a time, and later engaged in business for himself as a manufacturer at Waterbury, where he owned a good home and where he continued to reside nineteen years. For twelve years he was in the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co., at Bridgeport, and for five years was a resident of Vineland, N. J., where he erected a dwelling for himself. In 1806 he came to Cheshire, New Haven county, and purchased the Hamock place,



upon which he has made many valuable improvements, including the erection of a pleasant residence and good barn. He has set out 300 peach trees and 250 grape vines, and is now devoting his attention to fruit culture.

In October, 1849, Mr. Hazard was united in marriage with Miss Sophronia Platt, a daughter of Enoch Platt, of Waterbury, and to them have been born two sons: Emerson W. and Adelbert E. During the dark days of the Civil war Mr. Hazard enlisted, in the fall of 1862, in the 2d Connecticut Light Battery, and participated in the battles of Gettysburg and Fort Blakely and the siege of Mobile, remaining in the service until hostilities ceased, when he was honorably discharged, in 1865. He is a member of the Grand Army Post at Vineland, N. J. In politics he is a staunch Republican. Although he is comparatively a recent arrival in Cheshire, he has already made many warm friends, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

GEORGE WELLINGTON PLANT, a very successful farmer and fruit grower of the town of Branford, was born March 12, 1834, on the farm where he is still to be found, alert and vigorous, son of John and Angeline (Beach) Plant.

Mr. Plant's father was born May 19, 1806, and died May 22, 1881. The mother was born Oct. 9, 1807, and died Jan. 13, 1883. To them were born the following children: Mary E., now Mrs. William T. Norton; Anderson W.; Sarah J.; George Wellington; John B.; Angelina B., deceased; Emily S.; Elizabeth R., Mrs. Edward A. Ankelette; John A.; and Angelina B. (2), Mrs. Henry F. Swift. Samuel Plant, the paternal grandfather of George W., was born April 1, 1772, married Sarah, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Rogers) Frisbee, and died Feb. 11, 1795. He lived at Branford, and acted as a coast guard during the war of 1812. Samuel Plant was a son of Benjamin and Lorain (Beckwith) Plant, the former born in Branford in 1732; he died Aug. 11, 1808. John Plant, his father, was born in Branford in 1678, and died Feb. 10, 1752; Hannah Plant, his wife, was a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Barnes) Wheadon, of Branford. This John Plant was the son of John Plant, the progenitor of the family in Connecticut, who settled in Branford in 1676, and was a soldier in the Narragansett war.

George Wellington Plant was educated in the public schools and remained on the paternal estate, where he has always followed farming and fruit growing. In these lines of agriculture his success has been marked, principally because he has studied the conditions of profitable operations, and has "mixed brains" with his labor in the tilling of the soil. Mr. Plant was married Oct. 7, 1857, to Eliza E. N. Lane, a daughter of Ebenezer Lane, of New Haven, and to this marriage came one son, John L.; he married Mary E., a daughter of Egbert and Grace (Bunnell) Bishop, of Branford, and they

have one child, Ethel E. Mr. Plant and his family are members of the First Congregational Church of Branford, and are highly esteemed for their good works and Christian character. In politics he is a Republican, but has taken little part in the manipulations of party machinery.

WILLET B. FORBES (deceased) was one of the most prosperous and successful farmers of East Haven, as well as one of its most highly esteemed citizens. He always faithfully performed his duties of citizenship and took a deep and commendable interest in the welfare of his town and county. Becoming widely and favorably known, he made many friends, and his death was a loss to the entire community.

Mr. Forbes was born in East Haven Nov. 23, 1830, a son of Henry and Almira Forbes, and was reared on a farm in his native town, acquiring his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained with his parents until his marriage, which was celebrated Sept. 26, 1872, Miss Marietta S. Bradley becoming his wife. She was also born at East Haven, Sept. 17, 1840, a daughter of Justin and Esther S. (Tyler) Bradley, both natives of East Haven. Her grandfather, Samuel Bradley, was also born there, and became a very prominent and influential man of the town, serving as selectman for several years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. By occupation he was a carpenter. His father, Azariah Bradley, was born in 1734. Justin Bradley, Mrs. Forbes father, was born in 1815, and was a very successful and prosperous farmer. He died in March, 1895. He also was quite prominently connected with public affairs; was a member of the State Legislature in 1885; and was an active worker in the Episcopal Church. His first wife, Esther S. (Tyler) Bradley, daughter of John S. and Eve E. (Smith) Tyler, died in 1882, and he subsequently married Frances E. Paddock, daughter of Charles L. Paddock, of Meriden, Conn. By the first marriage there were three children: Marietta S., now Mrs. Forbes; George W., who was born in 1845 and lives on the old homestead in East Haven, where his grandfather located and built in 1792; and Louise, born in April, 1849, who died in May, 1851. By the second marriage there were no children.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes began their domestic life upon his own farm, and to the cultivation and improvement of his property he devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his life. He was considered one of the hardest workers in East Haven, and also one of its most successful and skillful agriculturists, making a specialty of market gardening and dairy farming.

To our subject and his wife came two children: Louise Tyler, born Aug. 17, 1873, died Jan. 9, 1899. May Etta, born April 9, 1875, was educated at Vassar College, and was married Oct. 25, 1899, to Herbert C. Nickerson, of East Haven, who is





now engineer at the New Haven Water Works. Mr. Nickerson was born in New Canaan, Conn., March 5, 1874, son of Richard G. and Belle T. (Seymour) Nickerson. He is a Republican politically. Mr. Forbes died Dec. 3, 1887, and since his death his widow and her daughter have successfully managed the property. In 1898 they erected a beautiful modern residence, one of the finest homes in East Haven. Mrs. Forbes is an estimable lady, possessed of many sterling qualities, and has a large circle of friends in the community. She holds membership in the Congregational Church, which her husband also attended. In politics he was a Republican.

**DANIEL SEYMOUR BRINSMADE**, civil engineer of Shelton, stands prominent among the native-born business men of his county, and is one of the most honored and influential citizens of this region.

Mr. Brinsmade was born Feb. 17, 1845, in the town of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn., youngest son of Daniel Stiles and Catherine (Malette) Brinsmade. He is a direct descendant in the eighth generation from William Brinsmade, who came to this country from England in 1630, locating in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

John Brinsmade, the eldest son of William, settled in Charlestown, Mass., where on May 2, 1638, he was made a freeman, and the same year married Mary Carter. About 1642 he moved to the town of Stratford, Conn., which at that time comprised within its limits both Trumbull and Huntington; and it is interesting to note that John Brinsmade and his descendants have maintained a continuous residence within the limits of the original town of Stratford from the year 1642 to the present day—a period of over two hundred and fifty years.

Daniel Seymour Brinsmade, whose name introduces these lines, received his earlier education in the public schools of his native place and in the Gunnery, at Washington, Conn. In 1867 he matriculated in the Scientific Department of Yale College, and graduated in 1870, having taken the engineering course. Immediately thereafter he went to Huntington, locating in that part now known as Shelton, and became assistant engineer on the construction of the dam there (which is the largest in the State), at that time being constructed by the Ousatonic Water Co. In the fall of 1870 he was made chief engineer of the company, and the further development of the water-power and its surroundings, including the laying-out of the borough of Shelton, together with its system of sewers and water works, have since been under his charge. In 1891 the dam built by the Ousatonic Water Co. in 1870 was swept away by an immense freshet accompanied by large quantities of ice, and upon Mr. Brinsmade devolved the responsibility of designing and constructing a new dam, one containing such features as would make it safe beyond perad-

venture, and capable of meeting the conditions which resulted in the destruction of the original dam. The efficiency and general plan, as regards strength and engineering skill, of the present Ousatonic dam are due to Mr. Brinsmade's success in this important work.

The intimate connection which the Ousatonic Water Co. bears to the building up of both Shelton and Derby has naturally brought Mr. Brinsmade—as president and treasurer of that company—into close relations with the financial and manufacturing interests of the community. At present he is vice-president of the Home Trust Co. and a director in the Birmingham National Bank, also in several manufacturing companies.

Politically a Republican, our subject represented the town of Huntington in the Legislature of 1882, during which session he was largely instrumental in securing the charter for the borough of Shelton, and for much of the time since he has served that borough in some capacity. In religious faith he is a member of the Congregational Church of Derby.

**JOHN P. HUBBELL**, a well-to-do and influential farmer of Oxford, is a native of New Haven county, born Nov. 8, 1834, in Derby, where he remained until five years of age. The family then removed to Oxford, where our subject grew to manhood, upon a farm, and attended the common schools of the locality. At the age of fifteen he commenced work at the mason's trade, which he learned under his father's direction, and continued to work with him for four years. He followed his trade uninterruptedly until after the Civil war broke out, when, in 1862, he became a private in Company B, 20th Conn. V. I., and was mustered into service at New Haven. He first went to Washington, D. C., and from there to Sandy Hook, near Harper's Ferry, where he was injured while unloading army supplies from a train, a box of ammunition falling upon him. After several months spent in the field hospital he was discharged, in December, 1863, and returned to Oxford, but did not recover from the effects of the accident for two years.

On finally regaining his health Mr. Hubbell began taking contracts in mason work, and was engaged in that business at Naugatuck for fifteen years, also doing blacksmith and wagon work for four years. In 1887 he returned to Oxford and located on the farm where he now lives. Here he owns 110 acres of land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and upon which he has made many useful and valuable improvements. He is engaged in general farming and the dairy business, and in his labors is meeting with most gratifying success.

Mr. Hubbell was married Oct. 4, 1858, to Miss Celestia Whittlesev, and to them have been born six sons and one daughter, namely: Silas, George,





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Charles, Harold (deceased), Leslie, Edwin (deceased), and Frances Isbell (deceased). Mr. Hubbell is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and for over ten years he most capably filled the office of constable. Those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends, and no citizen in Oxford is more highly respected than John P. Hubbell.

DAVID B. HULL, one of the most progressive and enterprising business men in Waterbury, was born Feb. 21, 1833, on the farm in that town where his father, Garry Hull, was born, Jan. 10, 1803. His grandfather, John Hull, was born there Feb. 21, 1772, and was a son of Ezra Hull, so that our subject is of the fourth generation to make his home in Waterbury.

John Hull, grandfather of David B., was a farmer by calling. He married Sena Adams, and they had two children: Garry, the father of our subject; and Sarah, who died in Waterbury, unmarried.

Garry Hull, was reared a farmer, and agriculture was his life-long vocation. He resided in the town of Waterbury. On Feb. 15, 1825, he married Melissa Baldwin, who was born in the neighborhood of Waterbury—the street, or neighborhood, being named in honor of her family. Her father, David Baldwin, was a carpenter in early life, and later became a successful farmer in Waterbury, his native town. After their marriage Garry Hull and his wife settled on a farm in Waterbury and there reared a family of five children, born in the following order: Ellen L., now deceased, was first married to B. J. Bristol, and afterward to A. B. Potter; Harriet M. married B. H. Lewis, who came from Naugatuck (he is now deceased); Stiles D. died in infancy; David B. is the subject of this sketch; John L. died April 1, 1858, at the age of about twenty years. The mother died Aug. 5, 1887. In politics Garry Hull was originally a Whig, but upon the disintegration of that party became a staunch Republican.

David B. Hull assisted on the home farm, and attended the district school until eighteen years of age, when he came to the city of Waterbury and learned the carpenter's trade under Chester Curtis. After finishing his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman until 1865, when he began contracting and building on his own account, continuing thus until about 1890, during which period he realized a competence. He then quietly embarked in the real-estate business as being less onerous.

On Oct. 7, 1855, David B. Hull was joined in marriage with Miss Harriet A. Lines, who was born in Thomaston, Conn., daughter of Sherman Lines, a native of Oxford, and a son of Zebulon Lines. Sherman Lines married Harriet French, daughter of Asa French, of Oxford. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. David B. Hull, John B., who is still under the parental roof; he is a car-

penyer by trade. Politically Mr. Hull is a Republican, but he has never evinced any ambition for office. In religion the family are Congregationalists and fully live up to the teachings of that sect.

Noah Baldwin, the father of David Baldwin, after whom the subject of this sketch was named, was born Jan. 23, 1755, and married Elizabeth Ives. He died Jan. 9, 1813. Jonathan Baldwin, father of Noah, was a lieutenant colonel in the Revolutionary war; he married Mary Bronson, daughter of Ebenezer Bronson. The Colonel died April 2, 1802, and his widow May 17, 1821. They were the parents of the following named children: Eunice, Melicent, Benjamin, Noah, Jonathan, Hannah, David, Eunice and Mary. The father of Lieut. Col. Baldwin, also named Jonathan, was born Jan. 31, 1679-80, and married Mary Tibballs, who was born May 27, 1690. They had born to them the following named children: Mary, Martha, Abigail, Rachel, Jonathan, Eunice, Hannah, Esther and Eunice. The mother of this family passed away Nov. 10, 1759, and the father died Jan. 5, 1761.

THEODORE P. TERRY, a highly-esteemed resident of Ansonia, is the oldest merchant in that city, and during his long and successful business career he has seen the population increase from 1,500 to 13,000. When he first located there Derby and Birmingham were one town, and Shelton and other thriving villages of to-day were not in existence, the section being devoted almost exclusively to farming.

Mr. Terry was born Feb. 2, 1835, in Bristol, Hartford county, where his family is well-known. His grandfather, Samuel Terry, who lived to the age of 88 years, was a native and life-long resident of the town, and owned a large tract of land there, being engaged in farming throughout his active years. He was a wheelwright by trade, but became a clock maker and made the first clock ever placed in a town hall in America. A brother made the first house clock completed in this country.

Theodore Terry, our subject's father, was born and reared in Bristol, and learned the clock makers' trade, which he followed for a number of years in partnership with Franklyn Andrews. At one time he had all his brothers working for him, and later he had four factories in successful operation. Meeting Anson G. Phelps, he decided to engage in business with him at Ansonia, where they built a factory and carried on a large business for some years under the name of the Ansonia Clock Co. The building burned, and for a time Mr. Terry made clock movements, while later, in company with P. T. Barnum, he built a factory at East Bridgeport; Mr. Terry also built and conducted a factory at Terryville, and he built quite a number of houses in Ansonia for his employees. He then traveled extensively, giving his attention to oil speculations, but his last years were spent in New



Haven where he died at the age of seventy-two. As a man of sound judgment, his opinions were valued by his fellow-citizens, and while residing in Bristol he served as selectman. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist. His wife, Julietta Pierce, who lived to be over seventy years old, was born in Bristol, daughter of Philo Pierce, a farmer, who died at the age of eighty-eight years. Her mother, whose maiden name was Sally Norton, died aged eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Terry had one daughter and two sons, one of whom, Hubbell, is cashier of the Hadley Falls Bank at Holyoke, Mass.; Ellen, the daughter, died in Pennsylvania when nineteen.

Theodore P. Terry spent his early years in Bristol, but when fifteen years old went with his parents to Ansonia, and his education was gained mainly in the common schools of these towns, although he also attended a school at Troy, N. Y., and spent two years at a school at Sand Lake, N. Y. As a boy he learned the details of clockmaking, and after his marriage he worked for two years in a clock shop at Terryville. On returning to Ansonia he purchased a small gristmill which he conducted two years, and on disposing of the business he tried to enlist in the army. He was three times rejected, and finally he went to the front as a sutler with the 23d Conn. V. I., and carried on a large business. During this time he accompanied Banks' Division to Ship Island. Returning to Ansonia he bought a small stove and tinware store, at the site of the present fine establishment, where the business has now been continuously carried on for thirty-eight years. In the year 1883 his son, Frank T. Terry, was taken into the business, and in 1892, owing to ill-health, Mr. Terry turned the store over to his son, who owns the present building, which was erected in 1896, and is one of the finest of its kind in New England. The store is stocked with a full line of hardware, plumbers' materials, crockery, china, silverware, house furnishing goods, paints and oils, mill supplies and wooden ware, and the trade is constantly on the increase. Upon completing his handsome residence, Mr. Terry presented it to his wife, who for twenty years has made all the improvements in the place. In politics he is a Republican, of Whig antecedents, but he has never been willing to enter public life. He and his family are members of the Congregational church at Ansonia, and he is now deacon and chairman of the committee of that society, of which he is one of the oldest members; he first united with the church in Terryville. Mr. Terry is also a director in the Y. M. C. A.

In 1854 Mr. Terry married Miss Sophronia A. Bartholomew, who was born in Plainville, daughter of J. H. Bartholomew, for many years a leading resident of Ansonia. They have had four children, of whom three are living: (1) Addie L. married N. E. Barker, a native of New Haven, who is now president of the First National Bank at

Birmingham, Ala. They have had three sons, Terry E., Nelson and William C. (2) Frank, who now has charge of the business, is a director in the Business Men's Association, a member of the local Board of Trade and one of the Sinking Fund Commission, a director of the Ansonia Water Co., and is regarded as a leader among the younger business men of the town. He married Miss Jennie Montague, and has one son, Theodore M. (3) Another son died at the age of about two years. (4) Caroline married W. A. Sadd, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and has one child, Margaret T. Mr. Sadd was reared at Wapping, near Hartford, Conn., where his father was an influential citizen. He graduated from the civil engineering department of Yale College, and is now secretary of the Chattanooga Savings Bank.

Mrs. Terry is a member of the D. A. R., and took a prominent part in the organization of the chapter in Ansonia, of which she was first regent, filling that office for two years. She is a member of the Woman's Club of Ansonia and Derby, and an earnest worker in the Congregational church, of which she is a member—and of all of its different societies. Mr. Terry has been quite an extensive traveler, and has visited nearly every State in the Union, and has made trips to Cuba and Alaska.

JEROME COAN (deceased), a twin brother of Joseph Coan, was born in North Guilford June 19, 1834, and during his lifetime was one of the more prominent men of that section. He received a common school education, and began life for himself very early as clerk in a store in North Guilford. He was employed in the same capacity at Branford at the breaking out of the Civil war. He and his brother Joseph enlisted in Company E, 15th Conn. V. I., and our subject participated in many battles and skirmishes, discharging his duties with such intrepidity that he was made a corporal. During the latter part of his military career he was detailed for duty in the office of the provost marshal, and was so engaged when the war ended.

Jerome Coan returned to Guilford, engaged in farming for a time, eventually embarking in a mercantile career, in which he was highly successful. For more than thirty years he was one of the leading business men of the community, and until he died, Nov. 4, 1899, held the regard and confidence of the public to a marked degree. He was buried in the local cemetery. Mr. Coan was a leading and highly respected member of the Masonic fraternity, and affiliated with St. Alban's Lodge, of Guilford. He also belonged to Parmelee Post, G. A. R. As a member of the Congregational Church his life reflected no discredit upon his faith. In his early life he was a member of the Democratic party, but in his later years he became a Republican. For some years he served as justice of the peace.

Mr. Coan was twice married, his first wife being Frances D. Griswold, a daughter of Russell





Griswold, and a native of North Guilford, where she died. On Sept. 14, 1869, he was married to Mary Frances Judd, who was born in Bloomfield, Conn., daughter of Henry Green and Sarah Rebecca (Raymond) Judd. Mr. Coan's son, Joseph Franklin, is now engaged in a store at North Guilford, and has already displayed marked aptitude for a mercantile career. His youngest child and only daughter, Fannie Louise, a teacher of music, married Charles O. Bartlett, of North Guilford, Jan. 1, 1901.

Mrs. Coan is a lady of marked character and refinement, a devoted mother and a notable housewife. The family is one of the most respected in the community, and it is a comfort to the bereaved widow to feel that her children are beginning life on so high a plane of character and ambition.

JOHN BRADLEY YALE, who is drawing near his seventy-first birthday, is one of the best-known and most highly valued citizens of Naugatuck. Three generations of the family have been born in Litchfield county, his grandfather, Eber, his father, Charles, and himself, and both of his nearest lineal progenitors were farmers.

Thomas Yale, son of David and Ann (Morton) Yale, born in England or Wales about 1616, came to America in 1637 with his step-father, Gov. Theophilus Eaton, and others. After the death of David Yale, his widow, Ann, married Theophilus Eaton, then an opulent merchant of London. Mr. Eaton settled as a merchant in New Haven in 1638, with an estate of £300. Gov. Eaton died at New Haven in 1657, and in 1658 Thomas Yale accompanied his mother and Hannah Eaton, his half-sister, son Elihu and brother David, to England, from which country Mrs. Ann (Morton) Eaton never returned. In the following year, 1659, Thomas Yale returned to New Haven, and purchased lands in part of the town which is now North Haven, settling on them as early as 1660. He had married, in 1645, Mary, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Turner, of New Haven. Mr. Yale was one of the principal men in the colony, a signer of the Plantation Covenant of New Haven, and filled with honor many offices of trust with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his friends and fellow colonists. He died in 1683, leaving an estate of £479. His wife Mary died in 1704.

(II) Thomas Yale (2), son of Thomas the settler, born in New Haven about 1647, married (first) Dec. 11, 1667, Rebecca Gibbards, born Feb. 26, 1650, daughter of William Gibbards, of New Haven. Mr. Yale became one of the first settlers of Wallingford, removing thither in 1670, with a small band of other adventurers. By the records of that town it appears that he was one of the most active and energetic men among them. He assisted in the formation of the church, and in the call of the first and second ministers, Rev. Samuel Street and Rev. Samuel Whittelsey. Mr. Yale was a justice of the

peace, captain of the train-band and moderator of their meetings. He died in Wallingford, Jan. 26, 1736, and Rebecca, his first wife, and the mother of all his children, died in Wallingford.

(III) Theophilus Yale, son of Thomas (2), born Nov. 13, 1675, married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Samuel and Alma Street, of the same town (Wallingford). Mr. Yale was a magistrate from about 1724 to the date of his death, Sept. 13, 1760. He also filled many other offices, both civil and military. His widow, Sarah, passed away aged ninety-four years.

(IV) Elihu Yale, son of Theophilus, born May 25, 1703, married (second) Jan. 19, 1732, Judith Howe, and died at Cape Breton, Dec. 31, 1745, having gone there in the expedition against the French. He was a farmer of Wallingford.

(V) Elisha Yale, son of Elihu, born Aug. 29, 1742, married in 1771 Rebecca North, of Farmington. Mr. Yale was a farmer of Wallingford, and afterward in Canaan, Conn. He died April 1, 1825.

(VI) Eber Yale, son of Elisha, and grandfather of John B., was born Aug. 1, 1776, and settled in South Canaan, where he married Phebe Pendleton. He died there Nov. 25, 1816. He was the father of two daughters—Julia and Caroline—and four sons—Frederick, Roderick, Charles and Eber. Julia married Constant Southwick, a mechanic of Great Barrington, Mass., and Caroline became the wife of L. B. Miller, of the same place. Frederick (deceased) lived in South Canaan, and was the father of two sons—Henry, a joiner in that town, and John, who resides in Hartford. Roderick was a farmer in Canaan, Conn., and reared a family of five children, Grove Edward, Dexter, George, Elizabeth and Maria. Eber, the youngest child of Eber (I), was likewise a farmer in South Canaan; his children were three in number, Wells, Albert and Eliza.

(VII) Charles Yale, the father of John B., was the fifth of the family in order of birth. He was born April 25, 1800, grew to manhood upon his father's farm, and died in Litchfield county about 1851. In 1820 he married Laura Phelps, daughter of Samuel Phelps, also a South Canaan farmer. She survived her husband some twenty-eight years, dying about 1879. Charles Yale and his wife were the parents of six sons and three daughters, John B. being the fourth son and fifth child. The others were as follows: Caroline, born Nov. 30, 1822, died Dec. 7, 1847. William, born Nov. 16, 1824, married Nov. 7, 1848, Lucy Roberts, of Colebrook, and is now deceased; in company with his brother Pitkin he operated a tannery, having learned the trade, and he was also a farmer, conducted a hotel, and in later life practiced surgery. Pitkin, born Oct. 1, 1826, is deceased. Frederick, born Dec. 10, 1828, is a farmer living in East Hartford. Albert, born Nov. 15, 1832, died in 1897; he was a farmer. Lucy, born Nov. 10, 1834, became the wife of



Charles Meigs, and died in California. Charles, born Nov. 20, 1837, is the proprietor of a market in East Haven. Nettie Cebelia, born Sept. 27, 1840, is the wife of Philo B. Norton, a well-known liveryman of Waterbury. Charles Yale, the elder, was a Democrat in politics, and he and his family attended the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The boyhood of John B. Yale was spent after much the same fashion as that of the sons of other Connecticut farmers of his day and generation. He was born Nov. 8, 1830, and the first twenty-four years of his life were passed upon his father's farm. In 1854 he came to Naugatuck, to enter the employ of the Goodyear Rubber Shoe Co., with which corporation he was connected for forty years, retiring to private life in 1894, with a handsome fortune, accumulated through persistent perseverance, indomitable industry, sound judgment and quick foresight. His home is one of the most beautiful in Naugatuck, and there he dispenses generous hospitality to his friends. He is fond of horses, and in his stable may be found some of the finest specimens in New Haven county. Generous and genial in private life, he is never derelict to his obligations as a citizen, nor unmindful of other and more serious duties which have devolved upon him as a churchman. He is one of the town's most public-spirited residents, and an earnest and consistent member of the Episcopal Church in Naugatuck, which he was largely instrumental in founding, subscribing liberally to its establishment, and going about personally to solicit contributions for the cause. In personal appearance Mr. Yale is of fine physique, bearing his threescore and ten years with the same ease with which men of less vigor carry the weight of half a century. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

In 1860 Mr. Yale married Miss Frances E. Isbell, whose father, John Isbell, was an old and highly esteemed resident of Naugatuck. Her only brother, John, was a gallant soldier during the Civil war, and died from a fever contracted while in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Yale have but one child, a daughter Laura Yale, who became the wife of Charles H. Ensign, of Hartford. They had one child, Howard Yale Ensign.

NELSON JAMES WELTON, who was born Feb. 15, 1829, in Waterbury, at Buck's Hill, three miles north of the Center, is a descendant in direct line from John Welton. The latter was born in Wales, and came to America, settling in Saybrook, living for a time in Farmington, and finally, in 1679, moving to Waterbury, where he died June 18, 1726. Seven consecutive generations of the Weltons have lived in Waterbury, and six have died there.

Richard Welton, the first male child of European parentage born in Waterbury, was a son of John, the emigrant, and was born Sept. 27, 1679; he died in 1755. He was a builder, and erected the home

at Buck's Hill. There was a fort at Waterbury where the settlers would gather to sleep at night under protection from hostile Indians. Eliakim Welton, son of Richard, was born Jan. 21, 1715, and died Nov. 20, 1794.

Richard Welton, son of Eliakim, was born on the old home Oct. 10, 1743, and died Feb. 26, 1820.

Thomas Welton, son of Richard, was born Dec. 8, 1774, was baptized Jan. 5, 1775, and died April 18, 1856. He married Sybil Cook, of Wallingford, and had a family of six children, of whom the eldest was Lyman, the father of Nelson J.; Eveline, born Jan. 23, 1800; Minerva, born March 19, 1802; Sally D., deceased in infancy; Sally D. (2) was born June 14, 1810; and Nancy, born April 12, 1812. Eveline married Anson Downs, of Waterbury. Minerva married Burton Payne, of Bristol. Sally D. married Henry Bronson, of Middlebury, and Nancy became Mrs. Frederick A. Bradley, of Bridgeport.

Lyman Welton was born June 15, 1798, and died Nov. 18, 1882. He was a farmer all his life, residing on the old place at Buck's Hill. He married Minerva Judd, who was born in Watertown June 29, 1800, a daughter of Benjamin H. and Anna (Prindle) Judd, the latter of whom was a daughter of the Rev. Chauncey Prindle. Three children came to Lyman Welton and his wife: Henry A., born Dec. 2, 1823, is a retired mechanic, now living in Hartford. Franklin L., born Dec. 11, 1827, died Nov. 1, 1886; he was engaged in the fire insurance business in Waterbury, where he held the office of town clerk and selectman. Nelson J. is mentioned below.

Benjamin H. Judd, father of Mrs. Lyman Welton, was born Sept. 30, 1770, a son of Joel Judd, and died May 26, 1860. He was a mechanic and cabinetmaker of Watertown. The Judd family is descended from one Deacon Thomas Judd, who emigrated from England about 1633, and settled in Cambridge, Mass. In 1636 he moved to Hartford, and in 1644 to Farmington. He was one of the deputies to the General Court in 1647. His death occurred in 1688. Lieut. Thomas Judd, the representative of the second generation of the family in America, came to Waterbury, where he was one of the first planters, and represented the town in the General Sessions for eleven years. He died in 1703, aged about sixty-five. John Judd, son of Lieut. Thomas, was born in Farmington, married, and became the father of Benjamin Judd. He died in 1717. Benjamin Judd was born Aug. 28, 1710, became a physician of considerable ability, and married Abigail Adams, who bore him several children. Among them was Joel Judd, who was born in Waterbury, July 15, 1748, and became a soldier in the Revolutionary war, in which he was wounded by a bullet which he carried the remainder of his life. Joel Judd married Mercy Hickox, and became the father of Benjamin H., mentioned above as the father of Mrs. Lyman Welton.





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Nelson J. Welton spent his boyhood days on the farm at Buck's Hill. He was educated in the district school and the Waterbury Academy, where he studied surveying and civil engineering under Charles Fabrique. At the age of eighteen he began teaching a district school, and for five years taught school in the winters in Wolcott and Naugatuck, and spent his summers in surveying. In 1850, at the age of twenty-one, he was appointed county surveyor for New Haven county. For more than fifty years Mr. Welton has been a civil engineer and surveyor, and for many years was the only surveyor in this part of the county. He still has his office and is a consulting civil and hydraulic engineer. The building in which his office is located was built in 1856, and on its completion Mr. Welton took up his quarters there. In politics Mr. Welton is a Democrat, and has held many important offices in the gift of his party, although his personal popularity has gained him many votes outside of the strict party vote. From 1853 to 1885 he was city engineer; for five years from 1853 he was city clerk; from 1852 to 1856, grand juror; from 1856 to 1863, town clerk; for twenty-eight years justice of the peace; in 1859, judge of probate for the district of Waterbury; in 1861, representative from Waterbury to the General Assembly; in 1863 and 1864, recorder of the city court of Waterbury; in 1867, president of the board of water commissioners, a position he held until 1896, with the exception of a break of two years. He built the water works, and for more than thirty years was the general manager. He was engineer in charge of the construction of the city's system of sewerage, and in 1878 was appointed one of the State Board of Engineers for the inspection of reservoirs and dams, which position he still holds. From the formation of the Riverside Cemetery Association in 1853 Mr. Welton has been its secretary and superintendent, and since 1865 has served also as its treasurer. He has served several terms as alderman of the city, was acting mayor (in the absence of Mayor Spencer) and rendered valuable service in securing the bequest under the will of the late Silas Bronson, and in the establishment of the Bronson library in 1870. Mr. Welton has been identified with many of the progressive institutions of Waterbury, being one of the incorporators of the Waterbury Savings Bank, of which he is at present a director, and he is also a director in the Waterbury National Bank. He is greatly interested in the cause of education, and is a member of the corporation and the present treasurer of St. Margaret's School for Girls in Waterbury.

In religious connection Mr. Welton is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, where his kindred on both sides have been found. He is a member and senior warden of St. John's Church, is agent of the parish and vestry, and is active in all Church work. For fifty-two years he was connected with the Sunday-school as pupil and

teacher, and for thirty-two years was a vestryman. From 1877 to 1889 he was parish clerk. In the Masonic fraternity he has taken high rank. He took his first degree of Masonry in Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., Waterbury, Feb. 14, 1856, and was made a Master Mason March 20, same year. As Master of the lodge he did good work from 1865 to 1866, and on the formation of Continental Lodge, No. 76, he became one of its charter members. Mr. Welton was made a Royal Arch Mason in Eureka Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., March 10, 1858, and was High Priest of the chapter in 1863 and 1864. On October 13, 1865, he was knighted in New Haven Commandery, No. 2, and became a charter member of Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T., of which he was Eminent Commander in 1873 and 1874. In 1881 he received the Scottish Rite degrees in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, in Elm City Council, P. of J., and New Haven Chapter, Rose Croix. The next year he became a 32d degree Mason, receiving the consistory grade in Lafayette Consistory, Bridgeport, Conn. He also belongs to Pyramid Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Bridgeport, and is an honorary member of Mecca Temple, New York City. In the Grand Masonic bodies of Connecticut Sir Nelson J. Welton served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut in 1881 and 1882.

On Jan. 20, 1869, Mr. Welton was married to Mrs. Frances R. P. Lyon, who was born in Smyrna, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1832, and died Aug. 9, 1900. She was the daughter of John and Abbie (Chapin) Phillips.

GEORGE MARSHALL AVERILL, the genial proprietor of "The Ark" at Indian Neck, town of Branford, was born in that town Oct. 12, 1838, a son of John and Almira (Hemingway) Averill, and grandson of David Averill (a seafaring man of Branford) and his wife, Polly Morris.

John Averill made his home in Branford and followed the sea. He was a coaster speculator and captain of vessels for several years, and built several vessels. He was a native of Branford, in which town he ever made his home. He married Almira Hemingway, daughter of Stephen and Polly (Andrews) Hemingway of East Haven, and his children were: George M., Harriet J. (Mrs. Lewis Frisbie), Roland G., Asahel, Frank and Alvira (Mrs. Adrian Ely).

George M. Averill was educated in the common schools and Branford Academy, and for a number of years followed the coast, holding all possible positions from cook to captain. For twenty-two years he has been proprietor of "The Ark," a most popular resort on Indian Neck, famous for its shore dinners. The cheery welcome of the proprietor and the excellency of the entertainment have won the good will of the public.

On March 20, 1864, Mr. Averill was united in





marriage with Miss Harriet E., daughter of Russell Babcock, of North Lyme, Conn., and this union has been blessed with five children: Fred L., an attorney by profession, and the present clerk of the Court of Common Pleas; George Walter, John R., Louis S. and Ernest L. In politics Mr. Averill is a staunch Republican, and fraternally is identified with Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M.

HENRY WATSON FRENCH, the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Chicopee, Mass., July 23, 1837, son of Arasmus French, who was born in Wendell, Mass., in March, 1813, and died in New Haven, Conn., in June, 1890.

Samuel French, grandfather of Henry W., was born in Wendell, Mass., where he lived all his days and died at a good old age. He married Lucy Norcross, and a family of seven children was born to them: Allen, who died young; Arasmus, father of Henry W.; Arad, of whom little is known, as he was of a roving disposition, and after reaching manhood wandered away and was never heard from; Adaline, who was blind, and died unmarried; Elmira, now deceased, who married a Mr. Armstrong and lived in Montague, Mass.; Thankfull, who married Milton Sawyer and removed to Glens Falls, N. Y. (both are deceased); and Lucy, a school teacher in her younger days, who married a Mr. Upham and lived in Royalston, Mass., and now a resident of Athol, that State (she is now about eighty years of age). Samuel French was the "village blacksmith" of his town. He served in the war of the Revolution and in the war of 1812. His ancestry served in the French and Indian war.

Arasmus French, the father of Henry W., spent his boyhood days in his native town, Wendell, working with his father, the village blacksmith. It is said of him that at the age of twelve he could shoe horses. At the age of sixteen he walked to the town of Lowell, Mass., where he learned the trade of machinist with the Lowell Machine Co. From Lowell he moved to the town of Chicopee, Mass., and at the age of twenty-one married Lydia Morton, daughter of Dr. Joshua Morton, of Athol, Mass., where she was born in March, 1811. She died in September, 1892, in New Haven, Conn. Six children were born to this union: Lucy Jane married J. L. Hungerford, of New Haven, and died in that city; Henry Watson is the subject proper of these lines; Ellen Maria died in infancy; Carrie Ardelia died in Ravenswood, L. I., at the age of three years; William Arasmus is a machinist and lives in Ansonia, Conn.; Emma Morton married Charles L. Deming, and lives in New Haven.

Arasmus French was connected with the Ames Manufacturing Co. of Chicopee for over ten years, and while there conceived the idea of knitting stockings by machinery and invented the necessary apparatus. The machine was considered a great wonder at the time, and was on exhibition in Boston and later in Barrum's Museum, New York. The

patents covering the invention were first secured by Philadelphia parties, and later by a company in Waterbury, Conn., and it was the foundation of the American Hosiery Co., one of the industries of the latter city. About 1856 Mr. French removed to New Haven and became connected with the Winchester Arms Co. He was one of the early inventors of what is now known as the Winchester Repeating Rifle, and he had much to do with selecting the necessary ammunition therefor. He was connected with this company at different periods for nearly forty years. He was also the inventor of the process of making paper boxes from paper and other pulp, and of many other devices of value now in use. In politics Mr. French was a Whig and later a Republican. In religion he was first a Congregationalist, and later in life a free-thinker and spiritualist. Both the French and Morton families were of the old New England type, and were associated with the history and development of that part of Massachusetts to which they were native. Arasmus French and his wife are buried in the New Haven cemetery, New Haven, Connecticut.

Henry W. French, son of Arasmus, spent his early boyhood days in the town of Chicopee, Mass., where he was born, and at the age of six removed with his parents to Boston, Mass., and later to New York, where he attended the public schools of the city up to the age of twelve. It then became necessary for him to begin to do for himself. He worked in various offices and stores until, at about the age of fifteen, he went to the town of Ravenswood, L. I., where his father was engaged in the manufacture of ammunition. In 1852 the entire factory was destroyed by an explosion of powder, and twenty-eight people were killed. Upon this disaster the father gave up that dangerous business and removed to Waterbury, Conn. At this time—at the age of sixteen—Henry W. took up an unfinished order for a million cartridges for the use of the insurgents in Cuba, and completed the same in West Troy, N. Y. On the completion of this work he took a position with an uncle in New Bedford, Mass., who was a merchant. In 1854 he went to Waterbury and was with his father's family again, and here he learned the trade of machinist with the Blake & Johnson Co., by whom he was employed for about ten years. He then accepted a position as toolmaker with the Waterbury Button Co., with whom he remained two years. The manufacture of cloth buttons was then in its infancy in this country, and Mr. French made some valuable improvements in the manufacture. After leaving the last named concern he engaged with the Lane Manufacturing Co., taking charge of their tool department, and later advanced to the position of superintendent, which he held for twelve years. In 1891 he was placed in charge of the claim department of his city. In 1892 he became connected with the Waterbury Horse Railway Co. and had considerable to do with the amendment of their charter.



which changed the name to "Electric Co." and permitted them to extend the line to Naugatuck. After this work was finished Mr. French accepted a position with the Connecticut Indemnity Association and had charge of their renewal department in New York City, retaining his residence, however, in Waterbury. After four years with this company he engaged with the Monarch Manufacturing Co., of Waterbury, which later changed its name to the Consolidated Engine Stop Co., and has for several years been representative and salesman of this concern in the United States.

Mr. French in politics has always been a Republican, and he has taken an active part in the work of the party in his city. He represented his ward for twelve consecutive terms (twelve years) as councilman and alderman in the city government. In 1892 he was elected tax collector, and he has filled other positions of honor and trust in Waterbury. In 1860 he entered the military service, joining the Connecticut National Guard, and served continuously until his honorable discharge, in 1871. He is a past noble grand in the I. O. O. F., a member of the Grand Lodge, also of the Royal Arcanum and other lodges and societies.

On Oct. 28, 1857, Mr. French married Anna Maria Taylor, who was born in Waterbury March 13, 1838, and has always lived on Cherry street, in that city. Samuel Taylor, her father, was born in 1812 in Birmingham, England, and came to this country at the age of nineteen to assist in the manufacture of gilt buttons, his work being the burnishing or polishing. He was first employed in Attleboro, Mass., but in 1835 removed to Waterbury, and was almost continuously employed by the Scovill Manufacturing Co. for over fifty years, until his death, in 1893. Mr. Taylor married Harriet H. Price, daughter of Edward Price, of Attleboro, Mass., who came from England to engage in the manufacture of jewelry. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were life-long members of the Methodist Church, and were much respected.

Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. French: (1) Charles Henry, born Jan. 29, 1859; (2) George Taylor, born Jan. 1, 1865, who died March 25, 1870; (3) Edward Rutledge, born Feb. 8, 1871; and (4) Cherrie Morton, born April 8, 1876.

Charles Henry French commenced his education in the schools of Waterbury, and continued his studies at the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., Yale Medical College, New Haven, and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, where he graduated in the class of 1880. After two years of service on the medical staff of the Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, he commenced the practice of medicine in his native city, Waterbury, and three years later located in Pawtucket, R. I., where he now resides. He is a prominent citizen of that city, is president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, State medical director, on the brigade

staff of the Rhode Island National Guard (with the rank of lieutenant colonel), an associate member of the United States Military Association of Surgeons, trustee of the Providence County Savings Bank, director in the National Bank, a vestryman of St. Paul's Church, and a member of various lodges and clubs. In 1884 Dr. French married Florence S. Wells, daughter of Horace and Lydia Ann Wells, of Waterbury, and three children have been born to them, Horace Wells, Morton Taylor and Dorothy.

Edward Rutledge French attended the local schools and graduated from the Waterbury high school, class of 1888, receiving the highest honors, at the age of seventeen. Two months later he presented himself as candidate for admission to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass., and entered that institution the same year, graduating four years later, in the class of 1892, course of Electrical Engineering, receiving the degree of B. S. He at once accepted the position of assistant manager of the Suburban Electric Co., Elizabeth, N. J., and on the death of the manager was advanced to his position. After five years' service with this company he accepted a position with the American Electric Heating Corporation at their New York office, and later at the main office, Cambridge, Mass., where he now resides. In 1895 he married Miss Josephene W. Nelson, of Stamford, Conn., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nelson, of that city. They have had one child, Reba, born Nov. 28, 1898.

Cherrie Morton French attended the public schools of her native city, Waterbury, up to the age of fifteen, and continued her education at the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., St. Margaret's School, Waterbury, and graduated valedictorian of the class of 1896 from the Drew Ladies College, Carmel, N. Y., at the age of twenty, receiving the degree of A. M. She took a post-graduate course at the same college the year following, winning a scholarship for the Woman's College of Baltimore, and is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. At the breaking out of the Spanish-American war, having had previous experience at hospitals, she volunteered her services to the American National Red Cross Society. She was accepted, and went immediately on duty at the Red Cross Hospital, New York, and on July 4, 1898, with others, left New York to join Clara Barton in Cuba, entering the harbor of Santiago the day after its capitulation. Later on she sailed with Gen. Miles on his expedition to Porto Rico, and was present at the shelling and capture of the forts in Guanica harbor, by Lieut. Wainwright, of the "Glocester." She was one of the first ladies to accompany a fleet of war vessels in actual duty and service. She returned to the United States on the U. S. transport "Lampasses," with about one hundred and fifty sick and wounded soldiers of the army bound for the government hospital at Old Point Comfort, Va., and later



was detailed to duty at Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, L. I. Here she was stricken with Spanish malarial fever and taken to Bellevue Hospital, New York, and later to her home in Waterbury, Conn. She recovered from this illness, and is now on the staff of nurses at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

Miss French received much praise and honor for her heroic work during the war. She was presented with a valuable token by the ladies of Auxiliary No. 3, New York Red Cross Society, accompanied by a letter from Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, which read:

NEW YORK, Jan. 14, 1899.

DEAR MISS FRENCH:

I have been instructed by the ladies of the board of managers of Auxiliary No. 3 to send you the enclosed ring as a token of their appreciation of the faithful and most satisfactory work you have accomplished for the said Auxiliary this summer. The ladies also herewith tender you their thanks and feel they are much indebted to you for your aid in so worthily fulfilling the purpose for which this Auxiliary was formed.

I am yours very sincerely,  
[Signed] ELIZABETH MILLS REID,  
Secretary Auxiliary No. 3, New York.

Upon the return of Miss French to her home in Waterbury the citizens, through the mayor and board of aldermen, presented her with a very beautiful and valuable gold and diamond-studded badge of honor especially prepared for her. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and distributed many articles of comfort sent her by that society during her stay in Porto Rico.

PLINY HITCHCOCK (deceased) was one of the honored citizens and leading farmers of Cheshire, and a representative of one of the pioneer families of New Haven county.

The first to settle here was John Hitchcock, who took up his residence in the town of Wallingford about 1675. To him and his wife Abigail came nine children, namely: Mary, born Dec. 10, 1676; Nathaniel, born April 18, 1679, who died May 12, 1710; Margery, born Sept. 9, 1681; Elizabeth, born April 8, 1684; John, born Oct. 18, 1685, who was married Nov. 21, 1712, to Marlon Munson; Mathias, born May 26, 1688, who is mentioned below; Hannah, born Jan. 9, 1690; Damaris, born June 11, 1693; and Benjamin, born March 24, 1696, who married Elizabeth Ives.

Mathias Hitchcock, son of John, spent his entire life in Wallingford, and his remains were interred there. He was married in the year 1710 to Thankful Andrews, and they had thirteen children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Mathias, June 19, 1711 (who died April 7, 1726); Nathaniel, Oct. 15, 1712 (who died young); Valentine, Feb. 14, 1715; Oliver, Nov. 14, 1716; Jason, Aug. 16, 1718; William, Oct. 16, 1720; Thankful, March 29, 1725; Mathias, Feb. 11, 1727; Ebenezer, Sept. 14, 1728; Tabitha, Feb. 26, 1730; Nathaniel, May 7, 1733; and Enos and Hannah, twins, April 27, 1735.

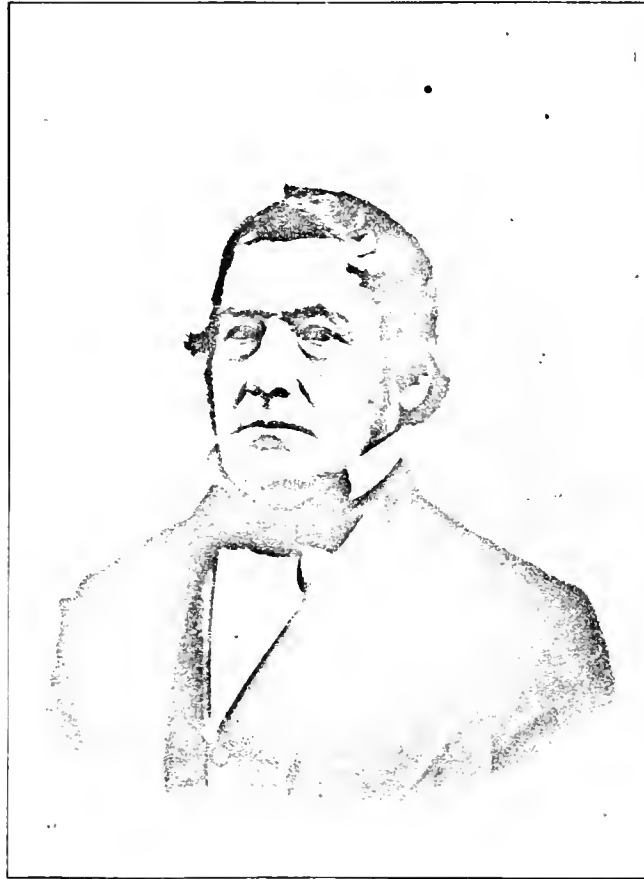
Jason Hitchcock, son of Mathias, was also a life long resident of Wallingford and a farmer by occupation. He married Lydia Cook, Sept. 20, 1743, and to them were born seven children: William, June 26, 1744; Thomas, Dec. 20, 1746; Lemuel, Dec. 20, 1749; Jason, July 12, 1752 (died in infancy); Jason (2), Oct. 10, 1755; Ichabod, Dec. 18, 1756; and Thankful, March 20, 1761.

Ichabod Hitchcock, son of Jason, and father of our subject, was born in Wallingford, and from there removed to Cheshire, where he spent his last days. During his entire life he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was twice married, his first wife being Lurinda Cook, by whom he had five children, namely: Pliny, our subject; Sarilla, wife of George Stevens, of Burton, Ohio; Jason; Hannah, wife of T. L. Gaylord; and Lucinda, wife of Richard Beach, of Burton, Ohio. By the second marriage there was one child, Abigail, who married and went South.

During his boyhood Pliny Hitchcock pursued his studies in the public schools of Cheshire and the Cheshire Academy, and also learned the stonemason's trade, which he followed during the greater part of his life. He was born June 30, 1791, and always made his home in Cheshire, where he owned two farms near Cheshire Centre, in the southern part of the town, aggregating 100 acres. To the improvement and cultivation of these he devoted a part of his time. He was a worthy member of the Congregational Church, and in politics was a supporter of the Whig and Republican parties. He was domestic in his tastes, temperate in his habits and a good Christian man, one who commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, in either business or social life. He died upon his farm March 13, 1864, and was buried in Cheshire cemetery.

Mr. Hitchcock married Miss Sally Bradley, a native of Cheshire, born Jan. 18, 1793, a daughter of Reuben and Roxanna (Frisbie) Bradley. She, too, was a member of the Congregational Church, and a most estimable lady. She died on the home farm, Jan. 13, 1874, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. In their family were the following children: (1) Jason Cook, the eldest, is deceased. (2) Lydia (deceased) engaged in school teaching and later married Levi Munson, by whom she had one child, Mary, now deceased. (3) Roxanna is one of the best-known women in Cheshire, where she was successfully engaged in dressmaking and the millinery business for a number of years. She is well-read and refined, and presides with gracious dignity over a beautiful home in Cheshire, planned by herself. (4) Sarah was also a school teacher, and is now the widow of Norman Steele, of Waterbury. (5) Lucinda married Samuel Cook, and both are now deceased. (6) Jason died in infancy. (7) John Augustus is engaged in mercantile business in Liverpool, England. (8) Ann





*Pliny Hitchcock*





Amelia, who in early life engaged in school teaching, and (9) Cornelia A. both reside with their sister Roxanna, in Cheshire. The family is well-known and very highly respected in the community where its members have so long made their home.

STILLMAN BASSETT DOOLITTLE, a successful farmer of Pond Hill, Wallingford, was born on the old family homestead on Pond Hill Nov. 15, 1841.

Abraham Doolittle, our subject's emigrant ancestor, was the progenitor of all who bear the name in this country. He and his brother John were in Massachusetts at a very early day. John died childless. Abraham Doolittle was in New Haven before 1642, and was the owner of a house. In 1644 he took the freeman's oath, and was made the chief executive officer (or sheriff) of the county. He was chosen by the people of New Haven as one of the committee to superintend the affairs of the new settlement, then (1669) just commenced at the village. The name of the village was changed to Wallingford, and it was incorporated May 12, 1670, by an act of the General Court, then sitting at Hartford. Abraham Doolittle was one of the first to settle in the place, and was there some two or three years before the incorporation. He died Aug. 11, 1690, aged seventy.

Abraham Doolittle (2), son of Abraham, was born Feb. 12, 1649, and died in 1732, aged eighty-three years.

Samuel Doolittle (1), son of Abraham (2), was born March 14, 1698.

Samuel Doolittle (2), son of Samuel (1), was born Feb. 28, 1725.

Samuel Doolittle (3), son of Samuel (2), was born April 11, 1749.

Chauncey Doolittle, Sr., son of Samuel (3), was born in 1777 in Wallingford, and died May 17, 1833, in his fifty-sixth year. He was a wagon-maker by trade, had a shop at Pond Hill, and supplied the surrounding country for a wide extent with his wares. His trade included joiner work, and he also farmed his estate, continuing in the active performance of his duties until his death. Mr. Doolittle was well known, and no man was more highly respected. His political convictions made him a Democrat, and he was one of the pillars of the M. E. Church in Wallingford.

Chauncey Doolittle, Jr., son of Chauncey, Sr., was born July 2, 1810, at Pond Hill, and lived out his exemplary life in this quiet village, dying Feb. 15, 1854. Like his father, he was a member of the Democratic party. He worked as an apprentice until he became of age (1831), and was subsequently employed at his trade by Jared Mansfield, in North Haven, until about the time of his marriage, when he returned to the old homestead. On Dec. 28, 1834, he married Betsey Bassett, of North Haven, daughter of Joel and Betsey Bassett, and they became the

parents of three children: Jannette, born Oct. 17, 1836, died Jan. 1, 1837. Stillman Bassett is our subject. Sophronia, born July 2, 1844, died July 11, 1860. Mrs. Doolittle made her home with her only son until her death, on June 1, 1894, when she was aged eighty years, eleven days.

As a loving and unselfish mother, as a Christian woman and a kind sympathizing friend, she set an example worthy of record. Her religious connection was with the Congregational Church.

Stillman Bassett Doolittle was educated in the common schools, and grew to manhood on the farm, to which he has devoted the greater portion of his time during many years. Agriculture interests him, and he has found a general line of farming quite profitable. He has also been quite successful in breeding good cattle from poor stock.

The death of his mother was a severe blow to Mr. Doolittle, as, beyond everything, he was a devoted son. Her last years were made comfortable through his loving care. Probably there is no more highly esteemed citizen in his part of Wallingford than Stillman Bassett Doolittle.

WALTER GOODRICH BISHOP, one of the honorable and meritorious citizens of the town of Guilford, where he has long conducted a fine farm, was born in Meriden, New Haven county, June 26, 1827, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families in the State. Benjamin Bishop, his grandfather, was a native of North Haven, where he lived and died. He owned a gristmill and was engaged in farming.

Martin Bishop, father of Walter G., was born in North Haven. He was very largely self-educated, and became a good mathematician. At the age of fourteen Mr. Bishop entered a factory in Meriden, and was employed by 'Squire Yale, learning the tinner's trade, at which he worked for a number of years, being for many years employed as a journeyman tinner. He made pocket lanterns, and was the first in this country to manufacture lanterns for policemen's use. Later in life he moved to Stony Creek, where he kept a boarding house and continued the manufacture of lanterns. There he died and was buried. He was a man of active spirit and progressive ideas. He contracted for and built one mile of the New Haven & Hartford Railroad. In religion he was a member of the Baptist Church, and in politics a Democrat. In Meriden he married Salvina E. Bradley, a daughter of James Bradley, and a native of Meriden. Their children were: Walter G.; Sarah H., who died young; Nathaniel H., a resident of Stony Creek; and Frances, who died in early womanhood. Mrs. Salvina E. Bishop died at Stony Creek. She had been a member of the Baptist Church at Meriden for many years.

Walter Goodrich Bishop attended the district school and later the high school. He remained on the farm with his father until he was fifteen years



old, and his first employment away from home was with Coles & Stephens, under whom he learned monument stonecutting. While still in his teens he entered the Parker foundry and learned the molder's trade thoroughly, working there sixteen years. After some months' employment in Hartford he returned to Meriden and worked two years for the Isabel Curtis Co. From Meriden he went to the town of Orange, where he bought a farm once owned by Deacon Pardee, and cultivated same for seven years, selling at the end of that time and coming to Guilford, where he bought the Charles Fowler farm. This place consisted of twenty-four acres, and Mr. Bishop has since purchased two other farms, aggregating in all 162 acres. He also bought 100 acres which he sold. He has made extensive improvements on his place, and is engaged in general and dairy farming, doing a very successful business. He is president of the Dexter L. Bishop Co., and by his energy and enterprise has won a good position in commercial circles.

Walter G. Bishop was married in Meriden to Dorcas J. Hungerford, by whom he had one child, Sarah H., now deceased. His first wife dying, Mr. Bishop married Nancy M. Leete, a daughter of the late Rufus N. Leete, and a native of Leete Island, and to this union came three children: Dexter L. is an ice and lumber dealer in Meriden; he married Esther Johnson. Burton W., a farmer in Guilford, married Lillian R. Remington. Grace S., a graduate of the Guilford high school, was a bookkeeper for her brother Dexter, but now resides at home. Mrs. Nancy M. Bishop died in 1886, and Mr. Bishop married her sister Ellen M.

In politics Mr. Bishop was originally a Democrat, but is now a Republican. He belongs to the Baptist Church at Meriden, but attends the First Congregational Church of Guilford. Socially he holds membership in Center Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., Meriden, of which he is past grand.

**WILLIAM M. TYLER** is one of the most successful and progressive agriculturists on Bucks Hill, Waterbury. He devotes considerable attention to fruit growing and dairy farming, and has made his special field of industry an eminent success.

A native of New Haven county, Mr. Tyler was born in the town of Middlebury Jan. 30, 1837, and is descended from one of its old and highly respected families, founded here by three brothers, James, Josiah and Daniel Tyler, who came from Branford, Conn., and located in what is now known as Tylers-town, Middlebury. There they married and reared families. They were land owners and farmers. Their remains were interred in the old cemetery of Middlebury.

Daniel Tyler, Jr., son of the Daniel previously mentioned, was a large land owner and farmer in Middlebury, as well as one of the leading citizens, taking quite a prominent part in public affairs. He

was a Whig in politics, represented the town in the State Legislature and held many local offices. He was a member of the church. His death occurred upon his farm in Middlebury, and his remains were interred in the old cemetery there. He married Miss Sally, daughter of Asahel Bronson, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and to them were born eight children, namely: Asahel, father of our subject; Daniel; Lucius; Mary, wife of Samuel Bloss; James; William O.; Eli; and Sally, who died at the age of three years.

Asahel Tyler was born on the old homestead at Tylers-town, where he grew to manhood, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. In 1843 he removed to Woodbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he engaged in farming and stock dealing until 1864, when he located in Oakville, same county. In 1871 he came to Bucks Hill, New Haven county, later removed to Plymouth, Conn., and from there to Lebanon, Mo., where he spent two years. At the end of that time he returned to Waterbury, Conn., and he passed the remaining years of his life on Bucks Hill, where he died; he was buried in Woodbury cemetery. Mr. Tyler was a well-to-do farmer, owning considerable property. He was liberal in his religious views, attended the Congregational Church, and in politics was first a Democrat and later a Republican. He married Amy Amalga Morris, of Woodbury, by whom he had two children: William M., our subject; and Jennette, wife of Nathan Burton. Mrs. Tyler died in her native town and was buried there. She was a consistent member of the Congregational Church. For his second wife Asahel Tyler married Virginia Shea, who was of French descent.

During his boyhood William M. Tyler attended the district schools of Woodbury and Roxbury, and completed his education in the high schools of Woodbury and Waterbury. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when he settled on Bunker Hill, Waterbury, and he was one of the first men of that section to engage in the dairy business. In 1869 he removed to Bucks Hill, locating on the Col. Welton farm, a tract of 140 acres, which he has greatly improved. He is still extensively engaged in the dairy business, and is one of the largest peach growers in the Naugatuck Valley, having over thirty-five acres of land devoted to peaches. He also buys and sells produce, and in all his undertakings has been remarkably successful. Besides his property in this county he owns land in Missouri and other parts of the West.

On Jan. 4, 1871, in Plymouth, Conn., Mr. Tyler was united in marriage with Miss Ida J. Painter, a native of that place, daughter of Capt. Edward and Clarinda (Palmer) Painter, and granddaughter of Thomas Painter and John Palmer. She was educated in the high school of East Hampton, Mass. Mrs. Tyler has many noble traits of character. She has been an invalid for several years, but bears her sufferings with patience and Christian fortitude.



Mr. and Mrs. Tyler have two children: Bessie Clarinda, who graduated from the Waterbury high school and has successfully engaged in teaching for four years; and Robert William, who is engaged in peach growing. He married Inza Gertrude Phillips. The father and daughter are members of Mad River Grange, in which he has served as master, and she as organist. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler hold membership in St. John's Episcopal Church of Waterbury. In politics he is an independent Democrat. As a public-spirited, progressive citizen, he takes a deep and commendable interest in all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit.

WILLIAM EDWIN WELD, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the town of Guilford, is a native of that locality, born Aug. 30, 1815, and is descended from one of the earliest and best families of New England.

Rev. Thomas Weld and his brother Joseph were the first of the name in America. The former came from England to these shores on the ship "William Francis," landing at Boston, June 5, 1632, his brother Joseph arriving a year later, and both resided in Roxbury, Mass., the former becoming minister of a church there.

Daniel Weld, supposed to be a son or grandson of one of the above brothers, was born in Roxbury, and there grew to manhood, afterward removing of Long Meadow, Mass., thence to Durham, Conn., where he passed the rest of his days. He married Mary Warren, a sister of Gen. Joseph Warren, who fell at the battle of Bunker Hill, and two children were born to them: Daniel, who married Elizabeth Starr; and Joseph.

(II) Joseph Weld, the first of the name in Guilford, was born in Durham, Conn., in 1727; was educated and served his apprenticeship in Boston, Mass., and was a weaver by occupation. Removing to Guilford, he there carried on an extensive business, and there died April 28, 1806, at a very advanced age, his remains being interred in Guilford cemetery. On Oct. 31, 1759, he married Lucy Fowler, who was born in Guilford Feb. 19, 1735, a daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Starr) Fowler, and died Sept. 5, 1800. Their children were as follows: Lucy, born July 29, 1760, died June 8, 1778; Beulah, born Sept. 6, 1762, died Sept. 12, 1847; Ann, born July 12, 1764, died Oct. 4, 1848, married Nathaniel Wilcox; Joseph, born July 26, 1766, married Sarah Parmelee; Edmund, a sketch of whom follows; William, born May 27, 1771, married Clarissa Gillet, and removed to Paris, N. Y.; Sarah, born April 7, 1773, died Jan. 12, 1857; and Daniel, born Sept. 23, 1776, died July 30, 1825, married Submit Rossiter.

(III) Edmund Weld, grandfather of William E., was born Dec. 11, 1768, in Guilford, where he passed his entire life, dying there Nov. 3, 1838, highly respected by all. He had considerable talent as a singer, and for many years, from the age of

seventeen, led the choir in the church at Guilford. On Dec. 1, 1790, in Guilford, he married Charlotte Stone, who was born in 1770, a daughter of Benjamin Stone, and died Jan. 20, 1810. For his second wife Edmund Weld wedded, June 1, 1812, Mercy Nettleton, born Dec. 3, 1781, who died July 8, 1864. Children by first wife: George, sketch of whom follows; Charlotte, born Jan. 22, 1793, died May 28, 1886, married Robert Fowler; Lucy Ann, born Nov. 15, 1794, died Aug. 16, 1797; Mary Adcock, born Sept. 20, 1795; James William, born June 17, 1798, married Eleanor B. Coates; Richard, born June 30, 1800, died Aug. 8, 1852, married Sarah Walker; Henry, born July 9, 1802, married Elizabeth Ward; Harvey Stone, born July 29, 1804, died March 20, 1885, married Elizabeth Greenleaf; Lucy Ann, born Aug. 23, 1806, died in June, 1852, married John Coats; Mary, born March 23, 1809, died Oct. 14, 1828. Children by second wife: John, born Sept. 25, 1813, died June 6, 1887; Betsey, born May 8, 1815, married Charles R. Wheden; Edmund, born Aug. 5, 1817, died Dec. 8, 1881, married Betsey Isabell; Samuel, born Sept. 30, 1818, died in 1850, in California; Lydia Maria, born Dec. 23, 1819, married Jared Buell; Alfred Washington, born March 3, 1823, married Sarah Morgan; and Daniel, born April 12, 1825, died Nov. 8, 1859, married Melinda C. Connor.

(IV) George Weld, father of William E., was born June 8, 1791, in North Guilford, where he received a district school education, and learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. Later in life he removed with his family to Sag Harbor, L. I., there continuing his trade several years, then returning to Guilford, where he passed his later years, dying in March, 1876; his remains were interred in Guilford western cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and of the choir, being a singer of no mean reputation. In politics he was a Democrat, though no office seeker. He was a temperate man, an industrious, loyal citizen, a kind husband and loving parent, and lived an industrious, upright life.

In Guilford, in 1813, George Weld married Mabel Fowler, who was born in that town May 9, 1791, a daughter of William and Olive (Cran) Fowler, and died Dec. 21, 1821. For his second wife he wedded Mabel Loper, born Sept. 5, 1788, who died Nov. 4, 1869. His children: George Leander, born March 12, 1814; William Edwin, a sketch of whom follows; Clarissa Olive, born June 5, 1818, died Dec. 1, 1886; and Frederick Alonzo, born Feb. 1, 1820. William E. is the only survivor.

(V) William Edwin Weld, whose name introduces these lines, received in the vicinity of his place of birth a common-school education, which was of necessity somewhat limited, as at the early age of ten years he had to commence supporting himself. Until he was fifteen years old he worked on a farm for his board and clothes, and then removed with his



father and rest of the family to Sag Harbor, where he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. During this time he made a whaling voyage to the South Atlantic and return; but not caring for a seafaring life he continued at his trade in Sag Harbor till once more making his home in Guilford, his birthplace. There he commenced business as a carpenter and joiner, and for over fifty years was engaged in building and dealing in lumber, becoming one of Guilford's self-made successful men. For the past few years he has, for the benefit of his health, been living on and cultivating a small farm. He still, however, makes his home in Guilford, where he built and owns a fine residence, equipped with all modern improvements. A lifelong Democrat, Mr. Weld cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson; for several years was selectman of Guilford, also Burgess of the borough; in religious faith he is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Weld is noted far and near for his honest and honorable dealing in both public and private life, and is justly classified among Guilford's best citizens.

On Sept. 23, 1838, in the town of Guilford, William E. Weld was married to Myrta M. Holcomb, born Dec. 29, 1820, a daughter of Medad Holcomb, and children as follows came to them: (1) Jane Clarissa ("Jennie"), born Aug. 21, 1841, married Charles W. Shelton, of Windsor, Conn., and later became the wife of Henry Merriam, who died in 1897. One child was born to the first marriage, Lillian Jennie, who married Frederick T. Dudley, and has two children, Shelton Weld and Mildred F. (2) William Edwin, born Aug. 23, 1843, is superintendent of the Boston Buckboard Carriage Co., New Haven; he married Imogene Dorman; they have no children. (3) Julia Augusta, born Sept. 19, 1860, died Oct. 28, 1860.

THE HOLCOMB FAMILY, of which Mrs. Weld is a member, is one of the oldest in America. Thomas Holcomb, the founder of the New England branch, came from England with the early settlers, and located first in Dorchester, Mass., later in Windsor, Conn., where he died. Nathaniel Holcomb, grandfather of Mrs. Weld, was a native of Granville, Mass., and there married Jennie Adkins; they had two children: Medad, sketch of whom follows; and Geneva, who married Walter Stevens, and died in August, 1862.

Medad Holcomb, father of Mrs. Weld, was born July 27, 1781, in Granville, Mass., whence he came to North Guilford, and here on Dec. 31, 1800, he married Betsey Stevens, who was born in 1777 and died Dec. 9, 1803. For his second wife he married, Dec. 10, 1804, Betsey Benton, born Oct. 25, 1781, died March 12, 1815. For his third wife he married, Aug. 10, 1815, Myrta M. Fowler, born June 26, 1798, who died Aug. 3, 1821. For his fourth wife he married, Dec. 6, 1821, Nancy Parnel Dudley, born April 29, 1797, who died Sept. 26, 1845. His fifth wife was Harriet Leete. Children

born to Medad Holcomb: Betsey, born May 9, 1802, married Asa Montgomery; Polly, born Nov. 29, 1803, married Larius Bartholomew; Elledini, born Sept. 18, 1805, married Thomas Evans; Frederick, born Jan. 31, 1807, married Mary Rogers, and died June 11, 1886; Louise, born Oct. 19, 1809, married Jesse Crane, and died June 3, 1843; Henry, born Oct. 18, 1811, died Feb. 25, 1842; Appollas, born in July, 1813, died July 22, 1813; Sophia, born Feb. 4, 1817, married William C. Dudley; William Ward, born Oct. 18, 1818, married Julia A. Wheadon; Myrta M., born Dec. 29, 1820, married William E. Weld; Lorenzo Dow, born Nov. 5, 1823, died Feb. 26, 1826; Mary Ann, born April 29, 1826, died Dec. 22, 1826; Medad, born Sept. 29, 1828, married Lavina Sherwood; Mary Barker, born Oct. 11, 1831, died Dec. 11, 1831; Helen, born Sept. 19, 1834, died March 13, 1836; Helen M., born July 18, 1838, married Samuel H. Cruttenden; and Cecelia, born May 12, 1842, married William Cornell. There were no children by the fifth marriage.

DANIEL L. CHIPMAN, now living in quiet retirement in Waterbury, was born in that town Nov. 10, 1821. Samuel Chipman, father of our subject, was born July 16, 1780, in Wallingford, this county, where his father was engaged as a tailor. The latter reared a family of four children, viz.: Samuel; John, who was a farmer and harness-maker in Cornwall, Conn., and lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years; Joseph, who lived in Fairhaven; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Grannis.

Samuel Chipman was reared to manhood on a farm in Wallingford. On Dec. 27, 1802, he married Nancy Potter, who was born in Hamden, New Haven Co., Conn., September 14, 1784. To this union came eleven children, in the following order: Samuel D., born Dec. 29, 1803, became a farmer and died in Waterbury, April 29, 1881; Sherman B., born June 13, 1806, died Jan. 16, 1860; Lyman, born Nov. 9, 1808, was a hatter in Newtown, and died June 27, 1874; William, born Aug. 13, 1811, was a farmer of Cheshire, where he died; George E., born Feb. 9, 1813, was a cabinetmaker, and died in New York State in February, 1898; Joseph, born July 6, 1815, was first a tailor, and later became a farmer, and died in Waterbury, Sept. 25, 1884; Timothy T., born April 3, 1818, died in South America; Ransom, born Nov. 13, 1819, was a tailor and mechanic in Waterbury, and died Oct. 31, 1884; Daniel L. (the subject of this sketch); Elizabeth M., born April 2, 1824, married John Whitney, and died in New Haven June 12, 1892; and Martha A., born Feb. 5, 1826, died March 4, 1831.

Daniel L. Chipman grew to maturity on a farm. In his earlier manhood, however, he for many years drove an omnibus through Waterbury, and on retiring from that calling, about twelve years ago, took up his home about half a mile from his birthplace, the place comprising about seventy acres just outside the city limits of Waterbury.







*Daniel L. Chipman*



On Oct. 1, 1876, Daniel L. Chipman wedded Laura A. Morehouse, who was born in Washington, Conn., and who died, after a pleasant companionship of nearly twenty years, June 24, 1895. On Oct. 12, 1896, Mr. Chipman chose for his second wife Sarah V. Worrall, who was born in Litchfield, this State, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Chipman) Worrall, the former a native of England, who became farmer of Litchfield; the latter was a native of Cornwall, Conn., and a daughter of John Chipman, uncle of the subject of this sketch.

Daniel L. Chipman, like his father before him, has been a life-long Democrat. In religious belief he was reared a Methodist. He is now passing the remaining years of his life in the companionship of his estimable wife, surrounded by friends innumerable, enjoying the fruits of his early labors, and at peace with all the world.

OSBORNE. Through all, saving the first decade and a half, of the century just closed, the name introducing this sketch has been one of prominence in mercantile and industrial life in the town of Derby and of Ansonia, as well as in the social and religious life of those communities. Here have figured a number of the immediate descendants of Capt. Stephen Osborne, among them his son, the late John White Osborne, and in turn his son, Major Wilbur F. Osborne, the latter for years the president of the Osborne & Cheeseman Co., and at this time president and assistant treasurer of the Union Fabric Co., both of Ansonia, as well as being interested in various enterprises.

Capt. Stephen Osborne, of New Haven, with his wife and family, the wife formerly being Apama Gorham, a granddaughter of Capt. George Gorham, came to Derby to live in 1817. Both Capt. Osborne and Capt. Gorham were patriots and saw active service in the war of the Revolution. A Capt. Stephen Osborne is referred to in the records of Connecticut men in the Revolution as being of Wallingford, and was commissioned a lieutenant on July 26, 1777, promoted captain May 1, 1778; while Capt. George Gorham is given as being, in 1779, in the company commanded by Abner Robinson, and in Samuel McClellan's regiment. Capt. Gorham was one of the men who assisted in stretching the famous iron chain across the Hudson to obstruct the British from going up the river.

Both long before and after the Revolution Derby was the scene of much shipbuilding which was the greatest industry of the town. One Thomas Wheeler, of Stratford, who settled on Birmingham Point in 1657, was probably the first engaged there in such industry. After some six years he was succeeded by Alexander Bryan, a merchant, and the latter later by the Hawkenses, and from 1712 to 1720 it was a prominent trading point. Another busy shipyard was, in early days, at the Cove where were built vessels called Boston Coasters. Some distance below figured the Leavenworths, who built

the old bridge in 1798. At what was styled the Red House were built by Capt. Edmund & Sons, Gideon and Edmund Leavenworth, many vessels, schooners and sloops. Gideon Leavenworth was another of the patriots of the Revolution. He was in command of a company of infantry in 1777, and was himself wounded in the battle of White Plains. Packets were built up the Naugatuck river earlier than 1797, opposite the "old Parsons place." Soon after that date Capt. George Gorham built and launched a schooner from near the present Naugatuck and Derby stations. Capt. Gorham built many vessels below the Point of Rocks now known as Hallock's old ship-yard. Sea-captains and sea-faring men, too, were numerous about Derby, some of whom sailed to all points of the world. One George Gorham was a sea captain.

Capt. Stephen Osborne, at his death, left an estate which in those days was considered quite valuable, but the trustee of the estate invested the money in the Derby Bank which failed, and the family were left without means. The son, John White Osborne, who was born June 26, 1810, in New Haven, came with the family to Derby in 1817, and early learned the shoemaker's trade, receiving for his services his board and \$25 per year. On the completion of his trade he accepted a position with George W. Blakeman, then a grocer and dry goods merchant on the east side of the river. He remained with Mr. Blakeman for a number of years when at the latter's suggestion and with his assistance young Osborne, in 1843, opened a grocery store, on the west side of the river in Birmingham, and at a point where now stand the buildings of the Ousatonic Water Co. (corner Main and Water streets). In about 1845 he formed a partnership with George W. Cheeseman and they moved into the "stone store," built by Daniel Judson in 1836. These gentlemen transacted a large business, operating two stores (the other in Waterbury) until 1859. In 1858 the firm also engaged in the manufacture of hoop skirts, and in the following year removed the business of this industry to Ansonia, still retaining for a time the Birmingham store. The formation of the business firm in the middle forties, of Osborne & Cheeseman, was the beginning of a business connection, which for so many years was a great factor in the manufacturing interests of Ansonia and Shelton.

In 1866 the Osborne & Cheeseman Co. was organized as a joint stock corporation, with a capital of \$120,000. Before its organization and under the original firm, in 1861, was built the main factory, on the site of the burned Ansonia Clock Works. Subsequently the building was enlarged, and the line of manufacture largely increased to include web goods, suspenders and wire woven tape for skirts. A shop for metallic goods was also run. On the organization of the company John W. Osborne was made president; Charles Durand, secretary, and George W. Cheeseman, treasurer. Mr. Osborne



remained the executive head of the company until his retirement from active business in the early seventies. He had led an active, busy and successful business life.

In his early life, prior to merchandising, Mr. Osborne had engaged to some extent in school-teaching in Derby Neck, which point later for many years was the home of the family, and where the son, Major Wilbur F. Osborne, continues his residence. Mr. Osborne had no taste for public life, and held but one political office in his life time. He was once elected a grand juror but refused to qualify until on a Sunday during divine services at Church, a man more or less intoxicated took from his pocket a bottle of whiskey, and began pouring the contents over the congregation. Mr. Osborne qualified to prosecute this man. When quite a young man Mr. Osborne was confirmed in the Episcopal Church, but soon thereafter became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and ever afterward remained a consistent and active Christian. His life was an example to all men—one ever upright and honest, free from malice and always full of kindness for everyone. His life was a tower of strength and a blessing to many who, upon turning from sin, found the new life seemingly hard and the cross heavy to bear. His disposition was such that care rested upon him lightly, and from the time he became a member of the church to the day of his death he gathered strength and courage from all vicissitudes. He was one of the leaders of the church, ever high in its councils. He at one time led the choir and for many years directed the music, was almost continually steward and a member of the official body, and for a long period was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He often discoursed to the congregation and his talks were full of light. All through his long life in the church he was the comforter and adviser of all—the one sought and the one turned to in time of need. The effect of his life in the church was the same on the outside upon all with whom he came in contact. He was a man among men. He had his opinions in temporal as well as in spiritual affairs, and when they differed from the opinions of others it had not the sting of malice and spite. His opinions were always respected. He died with friends innumerable and without an enemy. Always full of energy and life he was active to the end, his more than four score years falling lightly upon him. His death occurred March 6, 1895.

Mr. Osborne was married three times, first to Susan H. Durand, of Derby; second to Mary Douglas, of New York; and third to Miss Eliza Hill, of Reading, Penn. His children, all born of the first marriage, were Wilbur F.; Fannie W., born in 1836, married Isaac D. Drew, and died April 11, 1884; Harriet J., born in 1844, died in 1860; and Helen V., born Jan. 15, 1848, married E. H. Krehbiel, and died May 10, 1894.

Mrs. Susan H. (Durand) Osborne, the mother

of these children, born in 1816, and died in 1859, was the daughter of the late Samuel Durand, and a descendant in the fifth generation from Dr. John Durand, who was early at Stratford, Conn., marrying there Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Bryan, and granddaughter of Alexander Bryan. Dr. Durand settled in Derby about 1685. From this ancestor Mrs. Susan H. (Durand) Osborne's line of descent was through Joseph, Noah and Samuel Durand.

(II) Joseph Durand, son of Dr. John, born Dec. 20, 1709, married April 25, 1734, Ann Tomlinson. She died Feb. 14, 1778, and he passed away Aug. 6, 1792.

(III) Noah Durand, son of Joseph, born May 12, 1740, married Abigail, daughter of Caleb Tomlinson, and lived on Great Neck, and there died April 12, 1818. His widow died Nov. 2, 1831.

(IV) Samuel Durand, son of Noah, born July 13, 1783, married (first) Susan Hawkins, (second) her sister Sally Hawkins, and (third) Nancy Beers, of Trumbull, Conn., and (fourth) Nancy Brown, of New Bedford. Mr. Durand was a farmer on Bare Plains. He died in February, 1852. His children were: Charles, Sarah, Susan H. (Mrs. Osborne) and Samuel.

MAJOR WILBUR F. OSBORNE, son of John W., is a native of Derby, and has thus far in life made that town his home; his business life, however, since the formation of Ansonia, has been in the latter town. He has grown up in the business enterprises established by his father, and from boyhood taken an active and prominent part in planning and developing the business out of which since have come a number of branches, as well as having engaged in various other enterprises. A few years subsequent to his father's retirement from the presidency of the Osborne & Cheeseman Co. he became the executive head of the concern. In 1882, as an offshoot of the above named company, there was incorporated the S. O. & C. Co., which has since been engaged in manufacturing eyelets and eyeleting machinery, and also metal goods. Some years later, in 1887, the Union Fabric Company was incorporated, to cover steel and other wires for use in skirts, bustles, etc. Of this company, Major Osborne was made president, a position he still holds. He is also president of the Schneller Stay Works, of Ansonia, and treasurer of the Connecticut Clasp Co., of Bridgeport. The Major was one of the original incorporators of the S. O. & C. Co., of Ansonia, and of the Derby Silver Co., of Shelton, now a branch of the International Silver Co. He is one of the prominent manufacturers of the Naugatuck Valley, and is recognized as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, both in Ansonia and in Derby. He is president of the Derby Neck Free Library.

Major Osborne served three years and seven months in the Civil war, having enlisted in April, 1861, from the Wesleyan University, first, in the



three months service, and later in the first regiment that was sworn into the United States service for the entire Civil war. He received promotion to sergeant, second and first lieutenant, and captain of artillery; was artillery instructor of the 2d Connecticut Artillery; inspector general of defences at Washington, South of the Potomac; ordnance officer; acting quarter master, etc.

AUGUSTUS I. GOODRICH, who is now living in Waterbury, comes of an old and honored American family of English extraction.

Luther Goodrich, grandfather of our subject, born July 16, 1776, in East Haddam, Conn., was a sea captain. He was a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M., of East Haddam. He married Sarah Danforth (who died in 1861), and by her had a family of four children: Sarah and Miranda both died at the age of twenty-five years; George was the father of our subject; Hepsy P. married William Dorrance, lived in Andover, Conn., and died at the age of sixty-two years.

George Goodrich was born in East Haddam, Sept. 8, 1805, and died Dec. 29, 1879. He received his education in Rocky Hill, Conn. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker in Hartford, from there proceeding to Bristol, where he worked in a clock-case factory until 1878, at that time moving to Waterbury, where he passed the rest of his days. He married Charlotte L. Ives, who was born in Bristol, a daughter of Ira and Cynthia (Shaler) Ives; her father was a Captain in the Revolutionary war. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Goodrich, viz.: Miss Almira M., living in Waterbury; Augustus I., our subject; and George L. and Samuel R., mechanics, who reside in Bristol. The mother died in 1848. The father was a lifelong Whig and Republican, and in religious faith both he and his wife were Congregationalists.

Augustus I. Goodrich was born Sept. 16, 1833, in Bristol, and there attended the common school and academy. At the age of twenty-three, in the year 1856, he came to Waterbury, where he has resided ever since, having been continuously in the employ of the Waterbury Clock Co. until May, 1899, since when he has lived retired. For many years he was superintendent of the works, and during his long service of over forty years he proved himself honest, capable and industrious, leaving with a record second to none in the company's employ.

On Jan. 22, 1861, Mr. Goodrich married Helen I. Corbett, who was born in Rome, N. Y., daughter of Samuel and Rachel Corbett, the former a representative of an old Boston (Mass.) family, and the latter of an old Maine family. Two children have been born to this union: Frederic S. and Charles G., both very talented young men.

Frederic S. Goodrich, M. A., professor of Greek in Albion (Mich.) College, was born in Waterbury Sept. 9, 1865, and there received his early education, later attending Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham,

Mass., from which he graduated in the class of 1885, taking the commencement oratorical prize. For a year he was engaged in newspaper work, after which he continued his studies at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and was graduated in the class of 1890. During his course he took prizes in Latin, Greek and English literature, and led the class in general scholarship. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Upsilon fraternities. After graduation he spent a year abroad, studying in the University of Berlin, and in the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. He visited points of interest in Egypt, Palestine and Asia Minor, and on his return he taught Greek for a year in Wesleyan University, and in 1892 was appointed to the professorship of Greek in Albion College, where he has since remained. Prof. Goodrich is regarded as an authority in his chosen field, and is also well-known as a lecturer on various topics. In 1894, under his management, the students of the Greek department at Albion College gave a highly successful production of Sophocles' "Oedipus Tyrannus," and in 1900 "Iphigenia among the Taurians," both in the original Greek. Prof. Goodrich received the degree of M. A. from the University of Michigan in 1898. The Professor is an ordained minister of the M. E. Church, and is a member of the Detroit Conference. On Jan. 3, 1893, he married Mary M. Harrison, of Waterbury, an accomplished art student, and they have two children, Frederic H. and Helen R. Mr. Goodrich is a Freemason and Odd Fellow. In 1900 he was the nominee for governor of Michigan on the Prohibition ticket.

Charles G. Goodrich, Ph.B., was born Sept. 19, 1869, in Waterbury, received his early education in that city, and after attending the Waterbury high school went to Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., where he entered the College Preparatory and Music departments. Even thus early his merit was recognized by his appointment as organist of the Memorial M. E. Church, taking the place of the musical instructor of the Academy. He was graduated with honors in the class of 1889, of which class he was elected permanent president. In the fall of 1889 he entered Wesleyan University (Middletown, Conn.) and prepared himself for teaching modern languages, taking special honors in this department. He also won the Seney scholarship prize, given for general excellence of work. He was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, and was graduated in 1893 among the first in his class, being chosen to membership in Phi Beta Kappa in spite of the fact that much of his time had been devoted to the music of the First M. E. Church of Middletown, where he was organist and director of a large chorus choir. He was also organist of the University chapel. At the end of his course he was appointed assistant librarian of the University, and took a post-graduate course in his specialties. In the summer of 1894 he went to Germany and stud-





ied languages and music in Berlin. He returned to take charge of the Department of Modern Languages at Albion College (Albion, Mich.), during the year's leave of absence of the head of the department. At the end of this year he returned to Europe for further study at the celebrated University of Bonn, studying and traveling in France and Italy. On his return to America he was elected head of the Modern Language Department of Harry Hillman Academy, Wilkesbarre, Pa., a large college preparatory school with an enviable reputation for its high standard of scholarship. This position he held, as well as that of organist and choir leader of the First M. E. Church of the city, one of the most important musical appointments in the State, until Sept. 10, 1901, when he resigned to take the Professorship of Romance Languages at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, where he now resides. He is also a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., of Waterbury, Conn. On Aug. 25, 1897, he was married to Annie Y. Shortle, B. A., of Provincetown, Mass., a graduate of Wesleyan Academy (Wilbraham, Mass.) and of Wellesley College (Wellesley, Mass.), class of 1897, where she not only completed with high honor the course in Liberal Arts, but also the course in the Art of Painting.

Mrs. Augustus I. Goodrich, a graduate of the State Normal School at Framingham, Mass., and later a student at Allen's English and Classical School, at West Newton, Mass., was in 1859 and 1860 a teacher in the public schools of Waterbury. She has always been closely identified with church work, and for several years has been president of the King's Daughters of Waterbury. It may be truly added here that it was mainly through her efforts and teachings that her sons took up study so assiduously, and have thereby reached the enviable literary positions they now hold.

Augustus I. Goodrich is a Republican in his political proclivities, and for a number of years he served in the common council; represented the First Ward of the city in the aldermanic board six years; was police commissioner ten years; and was one of the commissioners when the police station was erected. In 1863 he joined the State militia, was elected lieutenant, later captain of Company A, 2d Regiment Conn. N. G., in which capacity he served seven years, when he was succeeded by Major F. A. Spencer. He was also elected lieutenant colonel, but declined the honor. For a number of years he was connected with the Center school district, was chairman of its committee in 1890, and re-elected to the office for two years in 1898. Socially he is affiliated with Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., at Waterbury, and is a past master and trustee. In religious faith he is a member of the M. E. Church. He is a man of high character, one whose well-spent life is worthy of emulation, is very popular, and wields considerable influence in his locality.

CHARLES JOSEPH PIERPONT (deceased) was a prominent and influential citizen of East Farms, Waterbury, and a worthy representative of an honored old family of New Haven county. Of French descent, he traced his ancestry back to Robert Ale Pierpont, or Robert of the Stone Bridge, who accompanied William the Conqueror to England. One of his descendants, who also bore the name of Robert, was created Earl of Kingstone in 1628. He had two brothers, one of whom was William, the father of James Pierpont, who was the first of the family to come to America, and who had two sons, John and Robert. The former located in Roxbury, Mass., and married Thankful Stowe, and among their children was James Pierpont, born Jan. 4, 1659, who was graduated at Harvard College in 1681, and on July 2, 1684, was ordained pastor of the Center Church of New Haven. On Oct. 27, 1691, James Pierpont married Abigail, daughter of Rev. John Davenport. She died Feb. 3, 1692, and on May 30, 1694, he was again married, his second union being with Sarah, granddaughter of Gov. Haynes. Her death occurred Oct. 27, 1696, and he married for his third wife, on July 6, 1698, Mary Hooker, granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Hooker, of Hartford.

Ezra Pierpont, grandfather of our subject, was the first of the family to locate in this section. He wedded Mary Blakeslee, a native of North Haven, and a daughter of Isaac Blakeslee. She died Sept. 28, 1827, and he departed this life Jan. 7, 1842. They had five children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Chloe, Aug. 15, 1783; Luther, Feb. 8, 1785; Seabury, March 13, 1787; Austin, May 19, 1791; and Lucy, July 26, 1793.

Austin Pierpont, our subject's father, was a land owner and farmer at East Farms, Waterbury, where he spent the greater part of his life, and is buried in the East Farms cemetery. He was killed by lightning. On Feb. 20, 1812, he married Sally Beecher, daughter of Enos Beecher, and to them came nine children: Enos Austin, born March 24, 1813, died Jan. 9, 1814; Enos Augustus was born Jan. 8, 1815; Ezra Alonzo was born Dec. 1, 1817; Sarah Minerva, born March 2, 1820, died Sept. 24, 1840; Nancy Jennette, born March 24, 1822, died Dec. 28, 1825; Charles Joseph, our subject, is next in order of birth; Emily Jennette, born June 15, 1830, married A. J. Beers; William Seabury was born June 23, 1833; Ellen Maria was born June 10, 1840.

Charles I. Pierpont was born at East Farms March 11, 1825, and was reared on the home farm, acquiring his education in the schools of Waterbury. On reaching manhood he engaged in farming on his own account, and also became a successful butcher and stock dealer. Upright and honorable in all things, he was widely and favorably known, and had the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact, either in business or in social life. He held membership in the Episcopal Church, and





*Charles J Pierpont*



was identified with the Democratic party, but never sought political preferment. He died on his farm March 27, 1884, and was buried in the East Farms cemetery, a part of which land he had given to the town for burial purposes.

In the town of Waterbury Mr. Pierpont was married, April 20, 1846, to Miss Mary A. Warner, and to them were born six children, namely: (1) Charles J. and (2) Austin B. are both represented elsewhere. (3) Ellen C. is the wife of George W. Conner, of Westside Hill. (4) Wilson L. is a dairy farmer of East Farms. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Annie E. Merrill, a daughter of Nathan Merrill, and she died in 1898, the mother of eight children, George, Edith, Albert, Richard (deceased), Joseph, Charles, Nathan and Harold. On April 9, 1901, he married Mrs. Anna E. Hall. (5) Elmer M. is a grocer of Waterbury. (6) Mary A. is the wife of Charles S. Miller, of Waterbury.

Like her husband, Mrs. Pierpont is held in high regard by all who know her. Her father, Jared Warner, a farmer by occupation, was born Oct. 16, 1785, son of Mark Warner, a Revolutionary soldier. In August, 1803, he wedded Mary Bronson, who was born May 3, 1785, a daughter of Levi Bronson. They had four children: Amanda, born Nov. 19, 1804, married Wesley Bronson; Levinus Bronson was born Aug. 12, 1808; Olive Caroline, born Nov. 1, 1810, married James Converse; and Mary Ann, born Dec. 8, 1828, married Charles J. Pierpont, our subject.

GEORGE LINSLEY, a retired carpenter and cabinet maker, is spending his last days in Branford in the peace and quiet to which his long and useful life well entitles him. Mr. Linsley was born in that borough May 29, 1829, son of Elias and Mary (Bradley) Linsley. Elias Linsley was born Aug. 28, 1803, in North Branford, a son of Daniel and Polly P. (Jones) Linsley, and became a cabinet maker and undertaker. For sixty years he was in business in Branford, where he left a good competence and the legacy of a good name. There were three children in his family: George, Henry David, and J. Atwood.

Daniel Linsley died Dec. 30, 1813, at the age of forty-eight. His wife died in September, 1847, at the age of seventy-four. To them were born the following children: Betsy, who married Samuel Page; Benjamin D., who married Elvira Whitney; Abigail; Harvey J., who first married Laura Clark and later Mary Somers; Jeremy, who married Phebe Page, and (second) Sarah Beach; Sylvia; Elias; Polly Parnell; Charles; Hezekiah, who married Mariam Gillette, and after her death, wedded Maria Doolittle; and Daniel. Israel Linsley, Jr., the father of Daniel, married Hannah Winthrop. He was a son of Israel and Priscilla (Wheaton) Linsley, and grandson of Jonathan and Dorcas

(Phipper or Phipenny) Linsley, and great grandson of John Linsley, who came from England and settled in Branford in 1646.

Mr. Linsley's maternal grandfather, Timothy Bradley, of Branford, married Irene Gordon, a daughter of Alexander Gordon, who was a sailor and came of a Scottish family. His great-grandparents were Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley. He lived in Branford where Seth Thomas Bradley now has his home.

George Linsley was reared in Branford, where he obtained a common-school education. Early in life he learned the cabinet maker's trade, under his father's instruction, and followed same for nine years. Desiring to see more of the world he went to sea as a common sailor, and for a year was engaged in visiting American and West Indian ports. On his return he worked at the carpenter's trade, in New Haven, and presently began contracting and building. For forty years he was one of the most reliable and aggressive business men of Branford, having the construction of the principal buildings, churches, private houses and store buildings as well. Time has tried his work, and his honest construction and the sound material employed are demonstrated in the passing of the years. Our subject was one of the incorporators of the Branford Savings Bank. He is actively interested in everything affecting the welfare of the town, and for eighteen months had charge of the Blackstone Library.

Mr. Linsley was married April 30, 1855, to Miss Ellen F., a daughter of Henry N. and Almira (Tuttle) DeWolf, of New Britain, and a granddaughter of John and Desire (Noyes) DeWolf, and a great-granddaughter of that Paul Noyes who furnished \$60,000 of leather equipments for the Revolutionary war, for which it is said he was never paid. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Linsley was Manning Tuttle, of North Haven, who married Beda Barnes. Mr. and Mrs. Linsley have one daughter, Isadora A. Mr. Linsley belongs to Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., and to Harmony Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican.

JACOB HENRY GARRIGUS, one of the prosperous and respected farmers and worthy citizens of the town of Wolcott, is a native of the State of New Jersey, born March 25, 1838, in Morristown, Morris county. He comes of an old Pennsylvania and New Jersey branch of the family, which is of French Huguenot origin.

The first of the family in this country was David Garrigus, who came to America as an exile from France during the religious persecutions in that country. He settled in Philadelphia, Pa., and died leaving a large family, most of whom had adopted the Quaker faith. Jacob Garrigus, son of David, settled in Hanover township, Morris Co., N. J., where he became a land owner and farmer. He had a family of nine children, four of whom—



David, Isaac, Jacob and John—participated in the Revolutionary war, John being present with Washington at the surrender of Cornwallis.

John Garrigus, son of Jacob, above mentioned, was born in Hanover township, Morris Co., N. J., and followed farming there. He married Elizabeth Shipman, of the same locality, and had children: John, Isaac, Samuel, Mary, Ruth and Lydia.

Isaac Garrigus, son of John and father of Jacob H., was born in 1798, in Hanover township, Morris Co., N. J., and was there reared and educated. His occupation was that of a smelter and charcoal burner, and he became a well-to-do man, dying in comparatively good circumstances. He passed away in August, 1865, in his native township, a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a Whig in politics. In 1822 Mr. Garrigus married Sarah Sheppard, daughter of John Sheppard, and they had a family of fourteen children, as follows: Mary Ann (deceased) married George Griswold; David, of Waterville, Conn., married Arminda L. Birch; Euphemia K. married John Mesler; Harriet died young; Phebe married John Totton; Isaac Newton (deceased) married Caroline M. Twiss; Lewis, of Waterbury, Conn., married (first) Lizzie Parsons, and (second) Eunice Welton; Cyrus (deceased) married Harriet M. Douglass; Jacob Henry is the subject of these lines; Elizabeth Sarah married Jacob Vanslike; Charlotte married James Johnson; Horace, of Waterville, Conn., married Maria Dailey; Ellen Janette married Homer H. Welton, of Waterville, Conn.; Aaron S. is a resident of Morristown, N. J. The mother of these died in 1883, at the home of her son, Jacob Henry; she was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Jacob Henry Garrigus, whose name introduces these lines, received a liberal education in the schools of his native township, and those at Greenwich, R. I., also attending Providence Conference Seminary, with the intention of studying for the ministry. The breaking out of the Civil war, however, interrupted his plan, and, in September, 1861, he enlisted in Company E (Capt. Martin B. Smith), 8th Conn. V. I. On July 1, 1862, he was promoted to corporal, and later to sergeant. On Feb. 9, 1864, he was veteranized, and served until December, 1865, when he was mustered out. He participated in several general engagements, besides minor battles, and skirmishes, and was also on detached service, recruiting and drafting. He was Military Post Master of Lynchburg, Va., for two months, also teacher in Freedman Schools at the same place for three months. Returning to the pursuits of peace, he settled in the town of Wolcott, where he has since resided, working at the joiner's trade, and also in agricultural pursuits. His home had previously been in Waterbury, and he has built several dwellings there.

On Dec. 24, 1865, Mr. Garrigus married Sophronia Elizabeth Upson, who was born in the town

of Wolcott, a daughter of Lucian and Lois A. (Johnson) Upson, and children as follows have been born to them: (1) Ella A. died in infancy.

(2) Walter H., salesman for the Waterbury Lumber Co., married Miss Flora J. Sears, of Waterbury. (3) Fanny Elizabeth married Edwin D. Manwaring. (4) William Leroy, who lives in Waterbury, married Fannie A. Hitchcock. (5) Harry L. married Bertha May Patterson. (6) Bessie B. married Arthur J. Pierpont. (7) Annie Belle and (8) Minnie Belle (twins) are students in the State Agricultural College. (9) Jessie Adele is attending high school in Waterbury. The mother of this interesting family is a lady of refinement and education, and prior to her marriage taught school several terms. Mr. Garrigus is a Republican in politics. He has served in various offices of honor and trust, in 1889 representing the town of Wolcott in the State Legislature; has been justice of the peace, health officer and registrar of voters. Socially he is a member of Wadhams Post, No. 49, G. A. R., and Mad River Grange, of which he was chaplain several terms. In religious faith he is identified with the M. E. Church of Waterbury.

The Upson family, of which Mrs. Garrigus is a worthy and highly esteemed member, was one of the early settled families of New Haven county, Conn. Thomas Upson, the first of the name in New England, located for a time in Hartford, thence removing to Farmington, becoming one of the early settlers there. In 1646 he married Elizabeth Fuller, and their children were: Thomas, who died at Saybrook; Stephen; Mary; Hannah; and Elizabeth, who died July 20, 1655. The father of these passed away July 19, 1655, and his widow married Edmund Scott. Of these children, Stephen, deceased in 1735, married Dec. 27, 1682, Mary, daughter of John Lee, of Farmington; she died Sept. 15, 1715, the mother of children as follows: Mary, born in 1683, married Richard Wilton; Stephen, born Sept. 30, 1686; Elizabeth, born Feb. 14, 1689, married Thomas Bronson; Thomas, a sketch of whom follows: Hannah, born March 16, 1695, married (first) Thomas Richards, and (second) John Bronson; Tabitha, born March 11, 1698, married John Scoville; John, born Dec. 13, 1702; and Thankful, born March 14, 1706, married James Blakeslee. The father of these removed to Waterbury, Dec. 29, 1679 (prior to his marriage), and it was there he reared his family. He served as surveyor, also on the school committee and as grand juror; was deputy to the General Court three times: May, 1710, October, 1712, and October, 1729, and was sergeant from 1715 to 1729; he had a seat among the veterans in the new meeting-house.

Thomas Upson, son of Stephen, was born March 1, 1692, in Waterbury, whence he moved, in 1732, to South Farmington, afterward to Southington (now a part of Wolcott), and there died Sept. 29, 1761, his wife passing away July 13, 1750. He





married Rachel Judd, daughter of Thomas Judd, and children as follows came to them: Thomas, born Dec. 20, 1719; John and Mary (twins), Jan. 21, 1721, (of whom John died in 1741, and Mary married Josiah Newell, of Southington); Josiah, Jan. 28, 1726; Asa, Nov. 30, 1728; Timothy, Oct. 8, 1731; Amos, March 17, 1734; Samuel, March 8, 1737; and Freeman, July 24, 1739 (died, 1750).

Capt. Samuel Upson, born March 8, 1737, married Ruth Cowles April 5, 1759, and settled in what is now the town of Wolcott, where he was interested in the turnpike. He died Feb. 25, 1816, the father of the following named children: May, born Feb. —, 1760, married Joseph Minor; Archibald, born April 26, 1761, who died in 1782; Isaac, born Dec. 22, 1763; Obed, born Jan. 2, 1767; Harvey, born Nov. 11, 1769; Samuel and Ruth (twins), born Aug. 16, 1772 (Ruth married Joseph Byington); Jerusha, born June 27, 1775, who died in 1779; Manly, born March 12, 1777; and Betsey, born Aug. 10, 1779, who married Lyman Higgins.

Deacon Harvey Upson, born Nov. 11, 1769, married Nov. 28, 1796, Rachel Wheeler, who was born Aug. 25, 1775. He was a deacon of the church for twenty-five years, and was a good man, faithful and sincere, in all the relations of life. He held the rank of captain in the State militia. The children born to him and his wife Rachel were: Samuel Wheeler, born Oct. 8, 1798; Herry, Nov. 16, 1800; Marshall, Feb. 22, 1803; Lois Melissa, Aug. 27, 1805 (married Lucas Sutliff); Marcus, Aug. 20, 1807; Harvey Woodward, Nov. 22, 1810; and Lucian and Lucius (twins), Feb. 13, 1815.

Lucian Upson, the father of Mrs. Jacob H. Garrigus, was engaged in farming all his life, on the family homestead situated in the southern part of the town of Wolcott. He served fourteen months during the Civil war in Company E, 8th Conn. V. I., and was discharged on account of disability. He married Lois A. Johnson, who was born in Wolcott, a daughter of Levi and Ruth (Judd) Johnson, the former of whom was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, although but a lad of fifteen summers at the time he enlisted. Mr. Upson died in 1895, and his widow died in August, 1900, at the age of eighty-two years, at the home of Mr. Garrigus. She was the only real "Daughter of the Revolution" in the Naugatuck Valley, and was the recipient of many handsome presents at the hands of the D. A. R. Children born to Lucian and Lois A. Upson as follows: Leroy, Jan. 14, 1840; Sophronia E., Jan. 30, 1842 (married Jacob Henry Garrigus); and Luella, Nov. 13, 1853. The last named was married Oct. 29, 1874, to James A. Todd, now of LaGrange, Ill., and died in Kansas.

CHARLES A. THOMPSON, for many years a leading and representative agriculturist of Woodbridge, belongs to quite an old and highly respected family of New Haven county. His great-grandfather, Timothy Thompson, was probably a native

of East Haven. On Aug. 1, 1750, he married Esther Perkins, who died April 23, 1803, and he departed this life Nov. 28, 1807. Their children were Sarah, Samuel, Desire, Esther, John, Hulda, Timothy and Abram. Of these, John Thompson, the grandfather of our subject, was born April 25, 1753, and became a successful farmer of East Haven, where he spent his entire life. He was married, in 1783, to Dorcas Andrus.

George Thompson, our subject's father, was born in East Haven, Feb. 15, 1786, and died Oct. 4, 1849. He was, for those early days, an extensive farmer of East Haven, where he passed his entire life. His political support was given the Whig party and he took quite an active and influential part in public affairs, serving as selectman, assessor and in various minor offices. He married Susan Bradley, a daughter of Leverett and Esther Bradley, both natives of East Haven. She was born Sept. 2, 1791, and died Dec. 12, 1862. Our subject is the youngest child, and the only one now living in a family of five children born of this union: Horace, born May 6, 1812, was a farmer and shoemaker, and died May 20, 1892; Grace Ann, born June 15, 1814, died June 22, 1873; Edward B., born Jan. 15, 1817, died Oct. 13, 1884; and Maria, born March 10, 1820, died Jan. 23, 1884.

Charles A. Thompson, whose name introduces this review, was born in East Haven, March 23, 1825, and was given good school privileges, attending the public schools and also the academy at Fair Haven. In Woodbridge he was united in marriage with Miss Grace A. Manville, a daughter of Col. Lyman and Hannah (Ball) Manville, the former a native of Middlebury, the latter of Woodbridge. She is one of a family of eight children, two sons and six daughters, all of whom are still living. The first members of the Manville family of whom we have record were born in France. Four brothers, John, Frank, Adarean and Simeon Manville, emigrated to America at an early day and located in Connecticut. Simeon, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Thompson, came in his advanced years to Westville, where he owned property, and where he died in 1825. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have three children: (1) George M., born March 25, 1850, is a farmer of New Haven; he married Emma L. Morris, who died Sept. 6, 1886, and has three children, Edward C., Louis W. and Emma. (2) Neva Elwood and (3) Bertha H., twins, were born Oct. 18, 1861; the former is now the wife of A. H. Buckingham, and has four children, Grace M., Dwight M., Marion and Gladys. Bertha H. is the wife of Newton J. Peck, a prosperous young farmer of Woodbridge, and has two children, Ralph M., and James B.

In his early life Mr. Thompson engaged in farming in East Haven, and from there moved to Woodbridge, locating on the old farm where his wife was born and reared. His entire active life



has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and in his labors he has met with well merited success. However, he has recently sold his farm, and now makes his home at Morris Cove, New Haven. Mr. Thompson attends the Congregational Church, of which his wife is a member, and at one time was a member of the Sons of Temperance, but has never united with any secret order. In politics he was originally a Whig, and on the dissolution of that party became a staunch Republican. While a resident of East Haven he served as assessor and selectman, but has never cared for the honors and emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his entire time to his business interests.

ALMON EDWIN CHANDLER, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a leading farmer of Prospect, was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1830. His father, John W. Chandler, was a native of Connecticut, but after his marriage removed to Canandaigua, N. Y., where he engaged in farming until 1832, and then came to New Haven county, Conn., locating in the town of Cheshire, where he followed the same pursuit for some time. Later he came to Prospect and purchased a small farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. During the Civil war, although past the age of those subject to military service, he enlisted in Company E, 6th Conn. V. I., and participated in several battles. While in South Carolina, he was taken with small-pox and confined in a hospital there for some time, after which he returned to his home in Prospect. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but was never an office seeker. In Cheshire, he married Miss Laura S. Doolittle, a native of that town and a daughter of Obed Doolittle, a carpenter and joiner by trade, and to them were born six children: Moses, a farmer of Prospect; Sidney, who died in Yalesville; Almon Edwin, our subject; Marcus, deceased; Betsey, wife of Frank Matthews; and one who died in infancy. The parents both died in Prospect and were buried in the cemetery there.

The district schools of Cheshire afforded Almon E. Chandler his only opportunity for obtaining an education, and his knowledge of farm work was obtained on the home place. On leaving the parental roof at the age of twenty years, he went to Yalesville, where he worked in the spoon factory for one year, and during the following five years he was employed in a similar establishment in Prospect, after which he worked in a ferrule shop for five years. At the end of that period he went to Geneva, Ohio, where he worked at ferrule making for six months, and then returned to Prospect, locating on the farm which has since been his home, and to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his energies.

During the dark days of the Civil war, Mr. Chandler offered his services to his country, enlisting at Cheshire, Aug. 8, 1862, in Co. A, 20th Conn.

V. I., under Capt. Gilford and Col. Ross. While at Pleasant Valley, he was sent with others to get timber with which to build huts for camp, and he was severely injured in his spine, so that afterward he was unfit for duty. After months in the hospital, he returned home, but has ever since been an invalid.

Mr. Chandler has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Julia Ann Matthews, of Prospect, where she died and was buried. She left one child, William, now a farmer of Prospect. In 1856, at Newtown, Conn., Mr. Chandler married Martha Morse, a native of Prospect, a daughter of Lent Morse and granddaughter of Lent Morse, Sr. Mortimer, the only child born of this union, is now deceased. Mr. Chandler has always affiliated with the Republican party, and both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Congregational Church, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

JOHN B. POPE has the distinction of having won the proud American title of a self-made man. Many of the leading enterprises and business interests of Oxford bear the impress of his individuality, and in all his undertakings he has been remarkably successful. His great determination and energy have enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path, and to work his way steadily upward to prosperity. He is known among his fellow townsmen for his reliability in all trade transactions, and he justly merits their confidence and regard.

Mr. Pope was born in the town of Roxbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., July 13, 1842, and is a great-grandson of Thomas Pope, who came from England and settled near Stratford, Conn. His son, John Pope, married a Loveland. He was a farmer by occupation, and he served as a soldier in the war of 1812. John Pope died when his son, Nehemiah, our subject's father, was but three years old, and the latter afterward lived with an uncle.

Nehemiah Pope was born in the town of Oxford. At an early age he went to Danbury, Conn., where he worked at the tailor's trade until sixteen, and from there went to Orange, this State, where he was employed on the farm of Benjamin Clark for five years. He next worked on a farm in Washington, Conn., and while there he married Miss Eliza A. Parker, a native of that place. He continued his residence in Washington, engaged in farming, until 1863, when he removed to Michigan, locating near Kalamazoo, where he purchased a tract of wild land. At the end of a year and a half, however, he returned to Washington, having met with business reverses and suffering from ill health. There he worked on a farm by the month, to secure the money necessary to bring his wife and six children back to Connecticut. Soon after their return he came to Oxford, where he died in 1883, aged seventy-nine years, his wife in 1885, aged eighty-two. In their





*John B. Pope*



family were the following children: Elizabeth, wife of William T. Bassett, of Hartford; Frederick B., a wagon manufacturer of Birmingham; Julius J., deceased; Clara, who married Stephen Gunn, of Milford, Conn., and died in 1898; George S., a farmer of Middlebury, Conn.; Benjamin C., a carpenter of Oxford; and John B., our subject.

John B. Pope was brought to Oxford the year of his birth, and on the home farm passed his boyhood and youth, and was provided with a good common-school education. He remained with his parents until his marriage, although at the age of nineteen years he commenced work as a farm hand. On Aug. 7, 1865, he married Jane M. Nichols, and to them have been born eleven children, all living, namely: Libbie, now the wife of Arthur D. Hubbell; John H., a farmer in Woodbury, who married Edith Tucker, and has four children, Russell, Albert, Elton and Ethel; William B.; Albert; Jennie L., wife of Charles H. Wheeler, who has had three children, John D., Florence and one that died in infancy; Alice May, who married Benwell Wilmont, clerk in the National Bank at Naugatuck, and has one child, Dayton; Lewis; Sadie; Edith; Charlie; and Abbie.

After his marriage Mr. Pope located on a farm which he had previously purchased, and resided there for two years. He then bought the Sheldon Bristol Farm, which he sold two years later, and next operated a farm on shares for ten years. At the end of that period he went to Naugatuck, Conn., where he was extensively engaged in the dairy business for two years, and then purchased what is known as the Robert Wheeler farm, a tract of 175 acres in the town of Oxford, upon which he has since made his home. In 1893 he also purchased another farm of 125 acres in the same town, and in 1897 bought a farm of 150 acres in the towns of Watertown and Woodbury. A few years after locating at his present home Mr. Pope again embarked in the dairy business, which he has since carried on in connection with his other business. He has always been interested in buying and selling horses and cattle, and there are few men in that business better known than he. For the past thirty years he has also engaged in the lumber business, and for six years has operated a steam sawmill and engaged in manufacturing charcoal. He is one of the most active and progressive business men of the town, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

The Democratic party finds in Mr. Pope a staunch supporter of its principles, though he is not strictly partisan, giving his support to the man he considers best qualified to advance the interests of the town, county or State. He has been honored with public office, having served as a member of the State Legislature in 1881 and 1882; selectman of Oxford—second selectman in 1879, 1887 and 1888; and in 1884, and again in 1889, was elected first selectman, in which office he is still retained, having been re-

elected in 1901. He has also been a member of the board of relief. Fraternally he holds membership in the A. O. U. W.

MICHAEL DWYER was one of Ansonia's leading business men, and the best known Irish-American resident of that city. He located there in the fall of 1853, and at the time of his death had been in active business there longer than any other man with one exception. From a village of a few frame houses he saw the place grow to a city of 13,000 inhabitants, and he could recall the time when a one-horse team supplied the families with coal. In the material development of the city his own enterprise and sagacity have been recognized factors, he having erected a number of houses for sale or rent, and as a member of the board of burgesses he did much toward shaping municipal policies for several years.

Mr. Dwyer was born in 1837 in the parish of Glenroe, County Limerick, Ireland, son of Patrick and Hanora (Lenihan) Dwyer. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Ireland at an advanced age, and the mother died in August, 1877. This worthy couple had a large family of children, as follows, six surviving: Catherine, Mrs. David Lenihan; Mary, Mrs. Houlihan, who made her home with our subject since the death of her husband in 1880; Michael, our subject; John, a resident of New Haven, where he is engaged in business; Patrick, in the employ of J. B. Gardner's Sons; Thomas, who lived with our subject; and Hanora, widow of Edward Maum. All of these children came to America in 1853.

Michael Dwyer's education was begun in the National Schools of Ireland. After coming to this country he made his home in Ansonia, with the exception of one year, which he passed in Westport, working in a cotton mill. After one year's employment in the cotton mill, in the shop now occupied by the Phelps & Bartholomew Clock Co., he apprenticed himself to learn the brass molding trade in the Carter foundry, which is now the shop of F. L. Gavlord Co. Being ambitious and thrifty he saved his money, and at the end of thirteen years' hard work there, he purchased, in 1862, a lot at the corner of Main and Central streets, where he took up his residence and established the liquor business which he carried on up to the time of his death. He was a model of integrity in all his dealings. From 1862 he bought and sold real estate extensively, and at his demise he owned six houses on the "Square" (four of which he built), besides property in other parts of the city. He also owned a business block at the corner of Main and Railroad streets, with stores below and offices above, and was one of the largest individual tax payers of the city. He was a charter member of the Board of Trade, and one of its directors, and was re-elected at the annual meeting in December, 1900, for a term of three years.





In politics Mr. Dwyer was a Democrat, but he voted for the best man in local politics. He was honored repeatedly by his fellow citizens with election to office. In 1893, when Ansonia became a city, he was appointed a member of the board of assessors, in which he served until his death. For years he was one of the jurymen selected from the city, being first chosen in 1881. Under the old borough government he was for several years a member of the board of burgesses. He was much interested in educational matters, and was always present at the graduation exercises of the high school. In religious faith he was a Catholic, and his family is prominently identified with the Church in Ansonia. In his death, which occurred April 4, 1901, the city lost a man widely known and respected for his sterling qualities, and one to whom a needy man never went in vain. He was much beloved by people of all classes, being a man of good judgment, whose opinions always carried much weight.

In 1872 Mr. Dwyer married Miss Mary Splann, a native of Ireland, and daughter of Cornelius Splann. Of eleven children born to them, seven are living, as follows: Patrick J., M. D., is a physician in Waterbury; John C., M. D., is now house surgeon at the Maternity Hospital at Baltimore; Michael Francis attended school at Fordham, N. Y., South Orange, N. J., and later at New Haven, and is now in Brown University, Providence; Margaret and Elsie are attending the high school in Ansonia; Edward Thomas is in grammar school; and Josephine in the primary public school.

Michael Francis Dwyer, mentioned above, served during the Spanish-American war as a private in "Yale Battery" A. This battery was so called because of its being made up almost entirely of Yale graduates; a few outsiders were admitted at the last in order to recruit its full strength. This was a mounted light battery, armed with six 12-pounders; six horses to a gun. The following speaks for itself:

Michael F. Dwyer, private of Battery A, First Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, was enrolled on the eighteenth day of May, 1898 (May 18, 1898) to serve two years (2 years) or during the war. Was discharged by reason of muster out of organization at New Haven, Connecticut, October 25, 1898.

BARLOW S. HONCE.

Capt. 1st Conn. Vol. Artillery, Commanding the Battery.  
Countersigned:

M. W. CROFTON,

1st Lieut., 1st Infy., Mustering Officer.

EARL SMITH was born in Oxford, New Haven county, Aug. 8, 1829, and is a son of Abraham Smith, who is supposed to have been born at the same place as his son, and died in the city of New York. Concerning Moses Smith, the grandfather of Earl, nothing definite is now known by the family.

Abraham Smith spent his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, and learned the tanning and shoe-

making trades, which he carried on in conjunction with farming. He married Emily Candee, who was born in Oxford, and was a daughter of Moses Candee, a farmer. She died in June, 1833. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born four children: Burrirt A., Charlotte M., Earl and Jerome C. Burrirt A. was a graduate of Yale, and became a Congregational minister, holding pastorates in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Illinois; he died in Worcester, Mass. Charlotte M. married William Baldwin, of New Haven, where she died. Jerome C. became a physician, had a fine practice in the city of New York, and died in Germantown, Pa. Abraham Smith was a Whig, and on the dissolution of that party joined the ranks of the Republicans. In religion both Mr. Smith and his wife were members of the Congregational Church.

Earl Smith attended an academy in Massachusetts, and finished his schooling at the age of nineteen. He began life for himself as a worker in a factory, and held positions in Woodbury, Naugatuck and West Haven. In 1855 he came to Waterbury, and entered the employ of the Waterbury Buckle Co., and in 1865 was put in charge of the business; in 1895 he was elected president and is still acting in that capacity.

In 1850 Earl Smith married Ellen Scott, daughter of Jonathan Scott, and they became the parents of four children, Alice L., Archer J., Nellie G. and Mabel. Nellie and Mabel are deceased. Alice married George L. Swift, of Waterbury. Archer J. is secretary and treasurer of the American Mills Co., of which Mr. Smith is president, as he is of the Smith & Griggs Co., of Waterbury. Archer J. Smith married Miss Susan Maltby, a daughter of Douglass J. Maltby, of Waterbury. Earl Smith is a man of character and standing. In religion he is a member of the First Church.

A. BRENNAN. The career of Mr. Brennan is full of interest, and the story of his life is replete with instruction and encouragement for younger generations. He has seen the sun rise and set on the sixty-eighth anniversary of his birth, and while clear in mind and vigorous in body he awaits the close of life in the calm confidence which is born of an earnest religious faith and the memory of long years well spent.

Mr. Brennan is a son of William and Mary (Lackey) Brennan, and was born Dec. 15, 1833, in County Kildare, Ireland, of which his parents were also natives, and where his father was a peasant farmer. William Brennan was born Dec. 15, 1801. Our subject crossed the water in 1854, and his father came to Naugatuck, Conn., in 1864, working for two years as a foundryman, and dying there April 18, 1866. Eight years afterward, in 1874, his widow passed away. Andrew was one of a family of ten children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being Margaret, who married James McDermott, of Naugatuck; Julia, the wife of John



Brennan, of the same town; William, a journeyman molder of recognized skill; Patrick, a foreman in the Malleable Iron Works, of Naugatuck; and Bartholomew, a valued member of the police force of Springfield, Ohio.

The first year after coming to America Andrew Brennan spent in Stanhope, N. J., working upon a railroad, and in 1855 he came to Hamden, Conn., where he entered upon an apprenticeship to the iron molder's trade in the works at that time known as the Hamden Foundry. On June 7, 1857, he began work as a journeyman in Union City, and for exactly twenty years continued in the employ of the same concern, quitting the establishment June 7, 1877. On Jan. 1, 1880, he organized the Union City Coal Co., with Peter Scadden, of Waterbury, and the City Lumber & Coal Co., of Waterbury. About six months afterward he bought out Mr. Scadden, and in 1888 he bought out the City Lumber & Coal Co. In 1888 he reorganized the company with the following officers: Andrew Brennan, president; Thomas W. Ahern, treasurer and secretary. In 1894 his son William was made treasurer and general manager, and held that position until his death, Aug. 16, 1900, when Andrew C. Brennan was made general manager and treasurer of the company. Mr. Brennan also deals largely in real estate, and owns much valuable property in Waterbury. In politics he is independent of parties. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and he and his family attend St. Frances Church of Naugatuck.

Mr. Brennan married, May 16, 1858, Elizabeth Martin, who was born in Kings County, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan have been blessed with ten children: William (deceased), Ellen, Andrew C., Mary, Elizabeth (1), Elizabeth (2), Catherine, Margaret, Francis and Florence. Three of the daughters married residents of Naugatuck, Ellen being the wife of Thomas W. Ahern, and Mary the wife of Patrick Daly; Elizabeth (2) is the widow of Edward P. Noonan, a merchant, who died Dec. 7, 1901. Andrew C. is general manager and treasurer of the City Lumber & Coal Co. The four younger children live at home. Francis is the manager of a bottling works in Naugatuck.

**CHARLES ELLSWORTH EVARTS.** Prominently identified with the horticultural and agricultural interests of New Haven county is the firm of C. E. Evarts & Son, of which Charles E. Evarts is the senior partner. He is a man of standing in the community, and one of its most respected citizens.

Charles E. Evarts was born in Guilford, this county, Aug. 27, 1839, and his ancestors were among the oldest settlers of that historic town. Abraham Evarts, his grandfather, was a native of Guilford, where he became a large land owner and well-known farmer, in the Nut Plains District, and there he lived a busy and useful life, and reared a family which has reflected

credit upon the name. Jason Evarts, his son, was born in the Nut Plains District, where he grew to manhood on a farm, and he also spent the greater part of his life in his native place, removing in advanced age to the town of Branford. He spent his last days, in Yalesville, at the home of our subject. His death occurred in 1888, and his remains lie in the old Branford cemetery. During early life he had been a pronounced Whig, later adopting Republican principles. He was a leading member of the Congregational Church. Jason Evarts married in Killingworth Rosette Hull, the daughter of Aaron Hull, one of the old settlers of Killingworth, and to this union were born: Charles E., subject of this sketch; Horatio; Joel; Sarah, who married Edwin Clark; Reuben, deceased; and Frances, who married Stephen Terhune. The beloved mother of this family died at her home in Branford.

Charles E. Evarts grew up in the village of Guilford, and attended the district school. While still a lad he removed to Killingworth and worked with his uncle, Ellsworth Hull, for eight years. He then returned to Guilford, and occupied the succeeding year upon the farm. His next employment was teaming, in the town of Madison, and from there he made a trip to Illinois and farmed for himself two years in Cook county. On his return East he took up his residence in Clinton, Conn., for a brief season, going from there to Meriden, where he found profitable employment in the sash and blind factory, and later with Stephen Parker, at coffee mill manufacturing.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Evarts was one of the gallant men who immediately responded to the call for help, and enlisted in April, 1861, in Meriden, joining Company E. (Capt. Bixbee) 1st Regiment, and served through the three months' term of that enlistment, taking part in the battle of Bull Run and other engagements. In October, 1861, he testified to his patriotism by re-enlisting, joining the 1st Connecticut Light Battery, under Capt. Rockwell, and for two years served faithfully in the Department of the South. The third enlistment of this brave and loyal soldier was in the 1st Connecticut Light Battery, and he continued to serve to the close of the war, being mustered out at its termination at Richmond, Va. He returned home after four years and three months given to the service of his country.

One among the many defenders of his country, bearing the marks of war and exposure, Mr. Evarts returned to Connecticut and turned again to peaceful pursuits. Until 1866 no suitable opening presented itself, but in that year he removed to the town of Branford and started in the butcher business, which was a successful venture. He was thus occupied six years, and in 1872, desiring a larger field, he removed to New Haven, and there conducted the same business for two years more. For two years after leaving New Haven he was in Meri-



den, employed as carpenter and joiner. Thence going to Branford, he remained six months, and then went to Mt. Carmel, in the town of Hamden, as foreman of the annealing department of the carriage works of the Woodruff Co. This position he held two and one-half years, and remained in Mt. Carmel six years, the latter part of that period engaged at his trade of carpenter and joiner. Removing to Seymour, Conn., he worked there for a short time at his trade, but in 1887 he came to the town of Wallingford and located near Yalesville, determined to return to agricultural life. Here he purchased a valuable tract of land, consisting of 160 acres, known as the Watson farm, and immediately entered the business of market gardening and fruit growing, becoming so prosperous in this line that his name is already known all over the county and wherever horticultural or agricultural topics are discussed. In his son Wesley Mr. Evarts has a most efficient assistant, and he is now a partner in the firm. In 1891 this firm engaged in peach culture, and they now own seventeen acres in peach trees, which yield enormously, and in which Mr. Evarts sees a reward for his labor and scientific study of this branch of horticulture.

In 1863 Mr. Evarts was married in Guilford, to Miss Emma J. Resing, who died June 17, 1874, in New Haven, leaving four children: Sarah, who married Elmer E. Holmes; Nellie, of Massachusetts; Alice Gertrude; and Charles, of Meriden. The second marriage of Mr. Evarts was to Mary E. Rhodes, a native of Indiana, who passed out of life in 1895, a good and worthy woman. Her children number four, three of whom survive: Wesley, Ruby and Effie. The first named is a partner in the firm of C. E. Evarts & Son, proprietors of the Highland Farm, fruit growers and market gardeners, and is one of the enterprising and progressive young men of this community, possessing natural mechanical talent which he has displayed in the construction of several wagons, and bids fair to give him future prominence.

In politics Mr. Evarts is a Republican, but no office seeker. His business interests and his domestic life have engrossed his time, leaving little leisure for public life, and no doubt he feels that enough of his life has already been given to public service. As a man and as a citizen he enjoys the esteem of the community.

WALTER HAMLIN HOLMES, M. D., whose death at Waterbury, Nov. 27, 1898, removed one of the city's most useful professional men and ripe scholars, was born June 23, 1854, in Calais, Maine, son of Job Holmes, M. D., a physician of creditable standing in the eastern part of that state.

Dr. Holmes was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1875, ranking third in his class, and being rated as one of the most able men in college. He devoted a great part of his time to literature, and educated himself to such a degree that he was able

to repeat long quotations from Greek and Latin authors, and from famous authors in other tongues. After leaving college he spent one year in Calais with Dr. C. E. Swan, who had been a partner of his father. Young Holmes was so well fitted for the study of medicine that he entered the second-year class of the Harvard Medical School, from which he was graduated in 1879. From 1878 to 1880 he was connected with the Boston City Hospital, for six months as "medical externe," and for one year as "surgical interne" and house surgeon. He was one of the leading men in his class at the Harvard Medical School, and was graduated with distinguished honors, securing coveted prizes and displaying ability far beyond his years. He came to Waterbury in March, 1880, and in November of the same year formed a partnership with Dr. Gideon L. Platt, whose daughter he subsequently married. Dr. Holmes at once assumed a high place in the community, at first having much to do with the practice of Dr. Platt, but gradually acquiring a large clientele of his own, and becoming one of the leading physicians of Waterbury.

The Doctor's interest in literature did not become absorbed in his professional work, as the following little anecdote will show: He had secured a valuable copy of a work by Lucian, a celebrated Greek satirist and humorist who flourished about 120 to 200 A. D. He was an ardent Greek and Latin scholar, reading the latter language as easily as English, and as his beloved Lucian was printed with alternate pages of Latin and Greek, he used to cover the Latin pages with a paper, in order that he would study it out for himself in the Greek rather than have recourse to the easier Latin. Once, when reading this Lucian, he came across a passage so ambiguous in form that he felt he was unable to translate it satisfactorily. He consulted a local scholar, who was obliged to admit his inability to help him, but referred him to a prominent Greek instructor at Yale. Dr. Holmes wrote to the latter, and received a reply stating that the passage referred to was rendered obscure by a typographical error, and at the same time giving the correct reading, which was identical with that of the Doctor's, before he had sought assistance. His elation at the explanation may be easily imagined. Later the same Yale instructor made inquiries concerning his correspondent to find whether he was a young man in search of an instructorship, and was very much astonished to find that he was a very busy physician, who found his recreation in the study of dead languages. Intellectually he was one of the ablest of men, and in addition to his phenomenal memory he possessed to a remarkable degree the ability to grasp instantly and to solve accurately difficult problems. To these qualities was added a wealth of imaginative power which would have enabled him, had he devoted himself to literature, to have created a name which would have been known wherever the English language is read.





*Walter H. Holmes*





On April 6, 1881, Dr. Holmes was married to Medora Caroline, only daughter of the late Dr. Gideon L. Platt, of Waterbury, who survives him. Dr. Holmes' health began to fail in 1892, and in 1894 he was compelled to give up his practice. He died Nov. 27, 1898, a sacrifice to his profession, his death resulting from blood poisoning by inoculation through a pricked finger during an operation on a patient. Dr. Holmes' charities were many and unobtrusive. He freely gave his services and very often substantial offerings to the poor, and many a Waterbury family can testify as to his goodness in this respect. It is related of him that he kept in his office a supply of just the things that poor people might need in time of illness. He knew in such cases that every penny counted, and he often loaned the necessities of the needy. Occasionally his faith in human nature was rudely shocked, and, at such times his distress was acute. He was honest to a fault, and expected others to be. While in college he was a member of the D. K. E. Greek Letter Society. He was a member of the Waterbury Club, and of various medical societies. On philosophical and theological subjects he was an independent thinker, but throughout all intellectual vicissitudes remained faithful to the Unitarian faith—the faith of his childhood.

In the course of his remarks in the payment of the last sad rites to his friend and parishioner, Dr. Anderson said:

Dr. Holmes was a man worth knowing, a man whose friendship was well worth cultivating. To those who met him casually, or in the range of his practice as a physician, he may not have seemed so, but he was an exceptional man. His commanding stature represented a man towering above the average in regard to mental characteristics and moral qualities. A man who is large physically challenges the admiration of the best people, provided he is large in other ways, and all who knew Dr. Holmes recognized this quality of largeness in him. Here was a man of broad and rich nature, through whom the bounty of God and the world flowed easily for nourishment and comfort. He was especially interesting to us as a man of intellect! In these days the successful pursuit of a profession necessitates almost exclusive devotion to professional routine, and this involves a narrowing process—so that the average lawyer is simply a lawyer, the clergyman, simply a clergyman, and the physician, simply a physician. To be a thorough-going and busy practitioner and at the same time a broad and rounded and cultured man is by no means easy. It indicates early training on a broad basis; it indicates dominating tastes larger than the limits of a profession; it indicates fullness of manhood. It indicated all this in Dr. Holmes. There is nothing to suggest that he was not in love with the profession of medicine; but he seemed to view that profession in its relations to science as a whole, yes, and in its relations to scholarship as a whole. He certainly possessed a scientific cast of mind, but he was not in the least conscious of that conflict between science and letters of which some have had so much to say. If he had the mind of a scientist, he had the tastes of a scholar. And so, for a few bright years, we had before us (not very common in this busy community) the spectacle of a man who combined in himself the utilitarian and the scholarly qualities, and showed us that it is possible, even yet, to do one's daily work well and earn an honest living, and at the same time be loyal to the intellectual and artistic

ideals of earlier days. In thinking of Dr. Holmes I find that the mental qualities merge into the spiritual, that his tastes were closely allied to virtues. In attempting an estimate of him, it would be more difficult than in most cases to confine one's self to any one department of his life. I shrink from processes of analysis on such occasions as this—even as I shrink from being analyzed myself—but I do wish to say a word concerning these deeper and more central qualities of our friend's nature. I wish to say that he seemed to me a very genuine and sincere person, that he was exceptionally free from affectation and pretence, that his honesty was not simply commercial, but spiritual. It is not always that a man impresses you with being precisely what he seems to be; but that was true of him. This was not, however, the result of any blunt frankness on his part, such as some men take pride in; it was the product, rather, of a certain transparency of nature, the entire absence of duplicity. The impression of sincerity was not secured by the sacrifice of geniality and sweetness; his kindness, on the contrary, was a constant and pervasive quality.

I have seldom met with a layman more ready to talk upon religious themes than he was, and his outspoken sincerity did not allow a moment's doubt in regard to the position he occupied. He came to us representing a type of Christian belief which is not common in Connecticut, and when, in an early interview, he told me that he was a Unitarian, he evidently feared that he might grieve me. But he could not think of holding anything back, and we were at once on terms of mutual consideration and amity. He was proud of his faith, as all Unitarians are, and could not hide his contempt for "obscure dogmas," but his attitude was not by any means merely critical; it was receptive and friendly. His was a deeply religious nature, and whatever nourished his deeper life he welcomed, no matter from what source it came, or in what form it was offered him.

After speaking at length in regard to the Doctor's last illness, that tragedy of death in life, Dr. Anderson adds:

To those who were called to look on, whether day by day or at intervals, it must seem a mysterious thing that this noble man—this man of sweetness and charity—should have been led down, as he was, into a "valley of the shadow of death" more dreadful than Bunyan ever saw in vision, and held captive there so many years in fierce conflicts with spirits of evil; and it must seem all the more mysterious when we consider that his life-long training had been such as to leave no place in his normal mental processes for any thought of evil spirits, but rather to bring him face to face with divine benevolence. Let us think of him as swiftly emerging, on that tempestuous Sunday, from all the gloom and discord of these inappreciable years, into the calmness and peace and felicity of those elect souls who "after life's fitful fever" sleep well, and then awake with God.

At the close of his remarks Dr. Anderson repeated Edwin Arnold's beautiful poem, "After Death," a favorite of Dr. Holmes':

He who died at Azan sends  
This to comfort faithful friends:

Faithful friends! It lies I know,  
Pale and white as cold as snow,  
And ye say, "Abdallah's dead!"  
Weeping at my feet and head.  
I can see your falling tears,  
I can hear your cries and prayers,  
Yet I smile and whisper this:  
"I am not that thing you kiss;  
Cease your tears and let it lie;  
It was mine; it is not I."



'Tis a tent which I am quitting,  
'Tis a garment no more fitting,  
'Tis a cage from which at last,  
Like a hawk my soul has passed.  
Love the inmate, not the room:  
The wearer, not the garb; the plume  
Of the falcon, not the bars  
Which kept him from the splendid stars.

Loving friends! be wise and dry  
Straightway every weeping eye;  
What ye lift upon the bier  
Is not worth a wistful tear.  
'Tis an empty seashell, one  
Out of which the pearl is gone.  
The shell is broken, it lies there;  
The pearl, the all, the soul is here.  
'Tis an earthen jar whose lid  
Allah sealed, the while it hid  
That treasure of His treasury.  
A mind which loved him; let it lie!  
Let the shard be earth's once more,  
Since the gold shines in His store!

Farewell friends, yet not farewell,  
Where I am ye too shall dwell.  
I am gone before your face  
A heart-beat's time, a gray ant's pace.  
When ye come where I have stepped  
Ye will marvel why ye wept;  
Ye will know, by true love taught,  
That here is all, and there is naught.

Weep awhile, if ye are fain—  
Sunshine still must follow rain!  
Only, not at death, for death  
(Now I see) is that first breath  
Which our souls draw when we enter  
Life that is of all life center.

Know ye Allah's love is law,  
Viewed from Allah's throne above.  
Be ye firm of trust, and come  
Faithful onward to your home!

He who died at Azan gave  
This to those who made his grave.

LEVI ODELL CHITTENDEN traces his ancestry from William Chittenden, who came from England to New England in 1639, thence in the same year to Guilford, Conn. He was born in Kent, England, and married Joanna, daughter of Dr. Edmund Shaeffer, of Cranbrook, in Kent. A man of ability, he filled many important offices in the Colony.

Thomas Chittenden, son of William, was born in England, married Joanna Jordan, daughter of John Jordan, of Guilford, and died in 1683.

William Chittenden, son of Thomas, was married twice. He died in 1738.

William Chittenden, son of William, born in 1706, married (first) Rachel White, of Middletown, and (second), Sarah Stevens. He died in 1786.

Jared Chittenden, son of William, born in 1734, married (first) Deborah Stone, of Guilford, and (second) Elizabeth Ward, daughter of Samuel Dudley, of Guilford. He lived in North Guilford,

and died there in 1824. His children were all born to his first marriage.

Deacon Levi Chittenden, son of Jared, born May 21, 1762, married Hannah Johnson, of Wallingford. They resided in North Guilford, where he died Nov. 11, 1835, at the age of seventy-three, his wife surviving ten years.

Jared Chauncey Chittenden, son of Deacon Levi, born Aug. 27, 1799, in 1825 married Rowena Barnes, of North Haven, born Nov. 27, 1806. They had six children. Mr. Chittenden resided in North Guilford, and died April 13, 1854, aged fifty-four. He engaged in cabinetmaking all his life, and was considered one of the most capable workmen in his locality. In politics he was a Whig. He was known as an honest and upright man, and although he died in the prime of life had exerted much influence for good in his neighborhood, and was sincerely lamented.

Levi Odell Chittenden, son of Jared Chauncey, was born Sept. 28, 1844, and was but nine years of age when left to face the world deprived of a father's protection. His school days ended when he was ten years old, for at that time he endeavored to provide for himself by working on a farm, and then obtained a situation as clerk in the store of E. M. Fuld, in North Haven, where he remained until he was seventeen. In July, 1862, he came to Guilford and enlisted in Company I, 14th Regiment, under Col. Morris and Capt. I. R. Bronson, and served in the 2d Army Corps until March, 1863, participating in many engagements during that time. The exposure and deprivations of army life brought on troubles which caused his discharge for disability, after a serious illness in hospital at Harper's Ferry and later at Frederick City, Md. Following his return from the war, where he had done his duty as a soldier bravely, Mr. Chittenden entered the employ of R. S. Chittenden, of East River, as clerk in his store, and remained until 1877. Coming back to Guilford he entered a shop, and remained in that position for the succeeding ten years. He then took up the trade of carpenter and joiner, in which he became skillful, and for several years he was considered one of the most reliable men in his line in the neighborhood. His work in this line was put aside when he entered the real estate office of William Sewarts. Later he accepted a position on the Consolidated Railroad, as brakeman on passenger trains on the Shore Line, and continued thus until 1890, when he accepted a position as engineer in the Spencer foundry, where for the past eleven years he has filled with efficiency this position of responsibility. His natural bent has been in this direction, and in such work ability like his is almost indispensable.

On Jan. 20, 1870, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Chittenden to Jeannette E. Hull, daughter of William A. and Mary (Parmelee) Hull, of Guilford. She died in 1888. On March 12, 1890, our subject contracted a second marriage, with Miss



Elizabeth Burr, who was born in Haddam, a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Ladd) Burr, natives of Haddam, and both of old and prominent families of Middlesex county. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden. Their home is the abode of hospitality and sociability. Mrs. Chittenden is a lady of many accomplishments and high culture, and is highly esteemed in Guilford. Mr. Chittenden is a member of the G. A. R., and past commander of the post in Guilford, and has held all the offices in that organization. In politics he is a Republican. He is assessor of the town and a member of the board of relief, and has taken an important part in all public undertakings. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Chittenden owns much valuable property here, and the finest bowling alley in Guilford belongs to him.

As a soldier our subject won the respect and esteem of his comrades, as an employe of his employers, and as a public official of his fellow citizens, and in every relation of life he has done well his part. Thrown upon his own resources at so tender an age, his success in life only emphasizes what honesty, persistent effort and courage will accomplish.

WILLIAM J. FRANCIS (deceased) was born Oct. 11, 1832, a son of William and Emily (Blakeslee) Francis, and attended the schools in Wallingford, his native town. Growing up on the old homestead, he remained at home until 1866, when he went to Meriden and entered the office of the Adams Express Co. At Meriden he was also employed by the Britannia Co., and he remained in that city until 1875, in which year he came back to North Farms, Wallingford, settling on the farm where his father was born, adjoining the family homestead on which he was reared. There he spent the remainder of his industrious and honorable life, making many substantial improvements on the place, and, investing over \$9,000 in bringing the farm up to modern ideas, soon had one of the most attractive country homes in the town. A general farmer and dairyman, he was a successful manager and a good business man. Simple and unostentatious in his habits, he was devoted to his home and upright in his life. He was a member of the Grange, and much interested in everything that pertained to the progress of farming, and was an enterprising and thoughtful citizen. Mr. Francis died on his farm Dec. 4, 1895, and was buried in the Wallingford cemetery. He was a half brother of John Hall Francis.

LYMAN H. FRANCIS, son of William J., was born Feb. 1, 1865, on the same farm as his father. In due time he attended the local district school. In 1884 he was graduated from the Yale Business College, and began his life work by assisting his father on the farm. A little later he went on the road as a traveling salesman for the Reed Fertil-

izer Co., of New York, and after his father's death he took charge of the family homestead, which consists of 110 acres. He has devoted the land very largely to market gardening, making many improvements to fit the changed line of work. In August, 1898, a great loss befell him in the destruction by fire of six farm buildings and a large crop of hay. Since that time he has built a fine barn, adapted to his business.

Mr. Francis was married, in Glastonbury, Conn., April 11, 1894, to Miss Lucy A. Talcott, a daughter of George and Lucy Ann Talcott, who are both deceased. They have had two children, Walter Lyman and Mildred Lucy. Mr. Francis belongs to Compass Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and with his wife belongs to the Grange; he was instrumental in the organization of the Grange at Kensington. In religion Mrs. Francis is an Episcopalian, and he is not connected with any church, though a man of strong feeling and deep convictions as to the right and the true in daily living. A more complete history of the Francis family appears in connection with the sketch of John Francis, elsewhere.

GEORGE T. BUSHNELL (deceased). The family of Bushnell, whose name is well known throughout the State of Connecticut, is of English descent, and a majority of the members of the branch to which Mr. George T. Bushnell belonged have been agriculturists. Both his parents were born and both lived and died in Saybrook, where he himself was born March 4, 1815.

Taylor P. Bushnell, his father, was a farmer, as well as a tanner and shoemaker. He served with courage and gallantry during the War of 1812, and prior to the formation of the Republican party was a staunch Whig in politics. From 1856 until his death however, he acted with the party of Fremont and Lincoln. He married Fannie Bull, a daughter of John Bull, a prosperous and highly respected farmer of Saybrook, and at once settled upon a farm in the same town. Three children were born of this union—Frederick, Electa A., and George T. The first born son, Frederick, has reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years, and after a life of hard work spent in farming, has ceased active labor to pass the remainder of his years in well-earned, richly-merited rest. Electa A., the only daughter, married Asa H. Rose, a joiner of Saybrook, and died in 1897. Both Taylor P. Bushnell and his wife were devout and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

George T. Bushnell passed his youth very much as did other Connecticut farmers' sons in the first third of the nineteenth century. Work upon the farm alternated with attendance at the district school, and so the years passed until he reached the age of eighteen. He then learned the trade of a turner and wood carver, and in 1836—being then twenty-one years old—removed from Saybrook to Derby. That city was his home for sixty-four



years, and during his long and useful life after reaching his majority, he carried on his business as a turner, and added thereto that of a dealer in real estate. He accumulated a handsome competence and retired from business, devoting himself to the loaning and investment of his capital. Though long passed the limit of three-score years and ten, which was allotted to man by the Psalmist "through reason of strength," he was hale and well preserved up to the time of his death, Sept. 14, 1900. Like his father, he was a Whig in early life and later a Republican. After 1838 he was actively and prominently identified with the growth and work of the Congregational Church in Derby. He held various offices in the First Church of that city, and was a deacon for more than a quarter of a century. In recognition of his long and faithful service in that capacity, no less than in acknowledgment of his self-sacrificing labor in and liberal contributions to the cause of Evangelical religion, he was made an honorary member of the Board of Deacons, a distinction all the more valuable because so rarely conferred. Deacon Bushnell attributed his long life and the fact that his mental faculties remained unimpaired, to his regular, abstemious mode of life. He always championed the cause of temperance in the highest and most comprehensive sense of that term, and he himself was a living illustration of the soundness of his plea. The closing years of his life were passed in that serene peace befitting an octogenarian who looked back upon the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

In 1838 Deacon Bushnell was married to Mary, daughter of Truman Gilbert, of Derby. The wife of his youth remained by his side to the last, to comfort, to cheer and to sustain. Hand-in-hand they had descended the western slope of life's hill, with pleasant memories and unflinching faith. One child blessed their union: George F., who is engaged in the real estate business in Bridgeport.

CHANCY W. JUDD, now retired, is almost a life-long resident of Waterbury, where he was born June 27, 1824, of good old Connecticut stock, and he is a highly respected citizen.

Stephen Judd, grandfather of our subject, was born in Wallingford, Conn., and died in Waterbury, in 1820. He served in the Revolutionary army, and was wounded in the knee. William R., his son and the father of our subject, was born in Waterbury, May 9, 1802, and died Dec. 30, 1875. He learned the trade of shoemaker, but never followed it, preferring that of stone mason, which very nearly was his life vocation. On Dec. 2, 1821, he married Anna Brown, who was born in Waterbury, Aug. 8, 1804, a daughter of Curtis Brown, a farmer of Waterbury. She died in New Haven, Conn., Feb. 24, 1878, the mother of two children: Chancy W. and Miss Henrietta, the latter of whom was born Dec. 12, 1832, in New York State, and is making her home with her brother in Waterbury.

The father was first a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife were Baptists.

Chancy W. Judd, our subject, was two years old when his parents removed to Montgomery county, N. Y., and was twelve when he returned with them to Waterbury, and consequently received his education in both cities. At the age of fifteen he commenced work in the Scovill Rolling Mills, Waterbury, learning the trade of brass roller, and was employed there the greater part of the time for the long period of forty-seven years, or until 1885, since when he has lived retired. He has lived on Hill street for four or five years more than half a century, and has not married. In politics he is a Republican, and for four years he served his city on the police force. He and his sister attend the services of the Congregational Church.

CHARLES COUPLAND, whose death occurred at his home in Seymour April 25, 1901, was for twenty years one of the leading citizens of that town, identified with the Tingué Manufacturing Co., and for fifteen years its treasurer and the manager of the company's works at this point. He was one of the most ingenious and practical manufacturers in the Naugatuck Valley.

Mr. Coupland was born at Huddersfield, in Yorkshire, England, April 11, 1841, son of Robert and Mary Coupland, and was the second of a family of nine children. His father was a small woolen manufacturer, but thoroughly skilled in his occupation, and was considered an ingenious man. He soon needed the services of his son, and when Charles was but seven years of age he was placed at work in the factory, where he labored in the daytime, acquiring what education he received by attendance at night schools. But he learned in the twelve years that included his apprenticeship in his father's factory what proved of immense practical benefit to him, every detail and all the intricacies and fine points pertaining to the manufacture of woolen goods. Having obtained his mechanical knowledge he became, at the age of nineteen years, dissatisfied with the prospects in life, and in 1860 resolved to cast his lot in America. With others he emigrated to this country, and soon found work in the Windemere mills, at Rockville, Conn. After working a short time as a second man in the carding room he was given charge of the department, and from that time all his service was in supervisory positions. In 1865 he went to Philadelphia, Pa., where he was given charge of the carding and spinning of the Baltic Mills. He thence went to Union Village, Conn., where he owned and operated a custom woolen mill for several years. A year later he removed to Burrville, Conn., where he also engaged in business on his own account, in the manufacture of woolen flocks, using a machine invented by himself, which very successfully performed that operation, doing as much work as five of the ma-







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chines previously used. In 1869 he sold out and went to Templeton, Mass.; to take charge of the well-known Otter River blanket mills, and went from there to the woolen mills of Berry & Stanton, at Woodville, R. I., each move bringing an advance in position and salary, and increasing his knowledge of manufacturing.

In 1871 Mr. Coupland became the manager and part owner of the mill at Thomaston, Conn., operated by the Plymouth Woolen Co., where he remained until the mill was burned down, in the fall of 1873. The corporation now determined to build a worsted mill, and Mr. Coupland was urged to prepare himself to take charge of it. His experience had been confined to woolen goods, whose manufacture differed from worsted goods, and this necessitated new instruction, which was difficult to obtain, as every mill kept a close guard of its secret process. Determined to find an entrance into some mill, even if he would have to do ordinary labor, Mr. Coupland came to Seymour, where he applied for a place in the Kalmia Mills, at that time run for the manufacture of worsted yarns by Scheppers Brothers, of Philadelphia, with Emil Martines as superintendent. He was told the only place vacant was that of engineer, and if he was competent he could take that. He knew but little of the work of an engineer, but accepted the place at \$3 per day, and by diligent attention to his work soon succeeded in giving good satisfaction. He remained nine months, and in that period learned all he wanted to know about worsted. In the meantime the death of Lucius P. Porter, of the Plymouth Co., had disarranged the plans of the corporation, which decided not to rebuild. Mr. Coupland now sought a new field of labor, and applied to A. T. Stewart for the position of general superintendent of his numerous woolen mills, receiving the appointment, at a very large salary, in the fall of 1874. He entered upon his new duty to the great surprise of his acquaintances at Seymour, who could not imagine how a man who had been so recently a workman in an engine room in their midst could possibly fill that place. When Mr. Coupland took charge of the Stewart interests but four of the thirteen woolen mills in four different States were running, but soon every mill was profitably operated, giving employment to over 10,000 people. In this service he remained six years.

In 1880, while still in the employ of A. T. Stewart, Mr. Coupland invented a new and exceedingly speedy way to weave mohair pile goods, which he determined to utilize in a factory of his own, with the aid of interested capital. At this time he was introduced to John H. Tingue, a wealthy dry-goods merchant of New York, who consented to embark with him in this new enterprise, Mr. Coupland agreeing to devise, construct and place in operation all the necessary machinery, Mr. Tingue to see that there was no lack of capital. Looking about for a suitable site for the factory, they came to Seymour

and bought the Kalmia, or old Eagle Silk Mill, in 1880, and the work of building the machinery was begun by Mr. Coupland. From that time until his death he was the genius which inspired and successfully directed the Tingue Manufacturing Co. at Seymour. The corporation was formed in 1881, and the same year the work of manufacturing plush goods was begun. The process was a radical departure from all former methods, and not only was this the pioneer mill in America in this line of industry, but for five years the sole occupant of this especial field.

Of this mill and its operations the *American Machinist* said in 1885:

I had the pleasure, a few weeks ago, of looking through the plush manufactory at Seymour, Connecticut, through the courtesy of the president of the company, Mr. J. H. Tingue, and under the guidance of Mr. Coupland, the superintendent, whose inventive turn of mind, backed up by his indomitable perseverance and exceptional executive ability, has accomplished wonders in the last four years. Indeed, to pass through the different departments, as I did, and listen to the explanations of differences between the methods and machinery employed by the Tingue Company, and those employed by manufacturers of similar goods, both here and in foreign countries, with the advantages claimed both in quantity and quality of production, and be told that the machinery had been invented, designed and built by themselves, while to the question, "How long has it taken?" came the answer, "Four years," was to me a genuine surprise. To the enterprise, perseverance, inventive and mechanical ability which have left their imprint all through this truly model establishment I feel that I have no words in which to pay a fitting tribute. Through the successful establishment of this industry—the manufacture of mohair plush—is opened up a new and profitable industry in the raising of the Angora goat, which has already been found to be a sure source of profit in some parts of the Southern States, where sheep raising has proved a failure. The beautiful silky fleeces of these animals, with a fiber of six or seven to nine or ten inches long—and in extreme cases, I am told, it is found eighteen inches in length—are by the ingenious machinery of the Tingue Company carried from one stage of manufacture to another till two sheets of plush in one, joined by the pile of each, await the services of the ingenious splitting machine of Mr. Coupland, who, with the inspiration of American air for the past score of years, could not be satisfied with the old way in use abroad of weaving over wires, which, by withdrawing, cut the pile and separate the two sheets, but has invented a machine the office of which is to split in the most accurate manner, and in an entirely automatic way, any width or length of plush goods. Not only is the operation of splitting performed automatically, but the knives which do the work are automatically ground while working, and so kept sharp. Enough might be said of this place to fill a volume, but, wishing to be careful not to violate any confidence, I have simply to say I am truly grateful, while I feel—and I think every American citizen should—that many thanks are due to these pioneers in an industry which promises to become one of the greatest importance, not simply in a manufacturing sense, but to the landowner in a large section of the country.

Subsequently much other labor-saving machinery was added by Mr. Coupland, much of which he invented, and he had thirty patents awarded him for machinery to be used in the manufacture of plush goods. The mill and entire plant superintended by



him was a model of neatness, order, and the adaptation of the best means to obtain the best results, showing that Mr. Coupland also had fine administrative ability as well as inventive talent, which gave him a place among the foremost mill men of the country.

Mr. Coupland was a public-spirited citizen and responded generously to appeals for contributions for the advancement of local enterprises. He especially gave liberally for the public library, and only a couple of weeks before his death, when the editor of the *Record* asked him what would be the charge for the use of the opera house two evenings, for an entertainment for the benefit of the public library, immediately replied, "Nothing if it is for the benefit of the library." He was especially interested in the proposed electric road to Ansonia, which he believed would be for the good of the public. He was the leader in the formation of the Tingue Manufacturing Co., which for twenty years has carried on the manufacture of plush goods here, one of the leading industries of the place. The political affiliations of Mr. Coupland were with the Democratic party, but in no sense was he a partisan. He was a prominent Freemason and belonged to the Order of Elks.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Tingue Manufacturing Co., held in Seymour on Saturday, April 27, 1901, the following minute concerning the death of Mr. Coupland was adopted and passed:

The directors of this company have learned with deep regret and sorrow of the death of their fellow director, Charles Coupland, which occurred at his home in Seymour on the 25th day of April, 1901.

Mr. Coupland has been connected with this company since its organization in 1881. From its beginning he has been one of its directors and the superintendent of its manufacturing business. Since 1885 he has been its treasurer and the general manager of its affairs in Seymour. He from the first, has given to its service his time and his talents unstintedly, and his experience and technical skill and ability in all that pertained to the business of manufacturing have been of great value to the corporation. In his death the corporation loses a valuable and faithful servant whom it can ill spare at this time; and we, his fellow directors, have lost a friend and trusted adviser whose genial presence at our meetings we shall greatly miss.

We tender to his family our warmest sympathy in their sorrow over this sudden and sad bereavement.

We direct that this minute shall be entered upon our records as a brief memorial of our sense of loss in the death of Mr. Coupland; and that a copy thereof be published in the newspapers and sent to his family.

On July 14, 1890, Mr. Coupland was married to Mrs. Ada M. Jewett, daughter of George and Eunice (West) Gates, of Norwich, Conn., and widow of Dr. Thomas B. Jewett, of Derby. By her first marriage Mrs. Coupland had one child, Thomas E. Mr. Coupland had one daughter, Isabelle M., now the wife of Dr. G. Wilmot, of New Haven, by a previous marriage. Mr. Coupland's greatest pleasure was in fine horses, of which he owned several.

DELOS HOTCHKISS (deceased), who during life was one of the most prominent agriculturists and highly respected citizens of Cheshire, was born on a farm in that town in 1802, and was descended from one of the oldest and best families of New Haven county.

Josephus Hotchkiss, his father, was a native of the town of Prospect, and when a young man came to Cheshire, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. His remains were interred in Cheshire cemetery. He married Sarah Benham, and to them were born the following children: Benona, who died in Kentucky; Lois, wife of Alfred Blakeslee; Sarah, wife of Willis Larabee; Delos, our subject; Mary, wife of William Hotchkiss; and Emma, wife of Joseph Doolittle. All are now deceased.

During his boyhood Delos Hotchkiss attended the district schools and learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed for many years. During the winter season he would travel through the South, making shoes, going with a number of others employed by a Mr. Hall, of Winsted. Subsequently he purchased a farm of 100 acres in Cheshire, near the Southington line, and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. He made many useful and valuable improvements upon his place, including the erection of a fine residence and good barn and other outbuildings. Upon his place was the largest apple tree in the state. It was very old, and during a storm a few years ago was blown down.

In September, 1827, Mr. Hotchkiss was married, in Cheshire, to Miss Philocia Moss, their wedding taking place at the residence of the bride's parents. She was born in Cheshire Dec. 24, 1807, a daughter of Thomas Doolittle and Ruth (Hale) Moss, and belongs to old and honored families of this county, including the Moss, Doolittle and Hale families. She is a very intelligent woman, and although the second oldest lady in Cheshire still possesses all her faculties, and is an interesting conversationalist. She is very charitable and benevolent, giving liberally of her means to the poor and needy; she has also contributed largely to the children's home in Mt. Carmel, to the high school in Cheshire, and to similar enterprises. She is a good Christian, a member of the Congregational Church, a kind neighbor and a loving wife and mother. Mary Philocia, the only child of our subject and his wife, makes her home with her mother in Cheshire, and is caring for her in her declining years.

Mr. Hotchkiss was an industrious, hard-working man, upright and honorable in his dealings, and temperate in his habits. The only society with which he was ever connected was a temperance organization. He was a God-fearing man, and an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in early life. Later he joined the Wesleyan Methodists, because of their Abolition sentiments. In his last years he was an Adventist. He was a



stanch Abolitionist, much opposed to slavery, and supported first the Whig and later the Republican parties. He possessed all the requirements which go to the making of a good citizen, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its best and most useful members. He died upon his farm Oct. 16, 1890, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was laid to rest in the Cheshire cemetery.

WILLIAM BRYAN, for many years owner and manager of the "Montowese House," a popular summer resort at Indian Neck, was born in Branford July 16, 1826, a son of William and Irene (Bradley) Bryan.

Our subject's father was born in 1796, on board an English man-o'-war the "Diana," and was a son of James Bryan, who was an officer in the English navy, and was at the battle of Trafalgar; he was a lieutenant under Lord Beresford. For bravery in that engagement he was made a captain, and he was subsequently appointed governor of Santa Cruz, West Indies. William Bryan, Sr., at the age of twelve years came to Bath, Maine. Serving in the War of 1812, he took part in the battle of Lundy's Lane, and was under Perry when he won the remarkable victory on Lake Erie. At the close of the war he settled in New Haven, where he was later an officer on the first steamboat plying between that city and New York. He was pilot for a number of years, and in 1819 settled in Branford. From that point Mr. Bryan engaged in coastwise trading along the Atlantic shore. He married Irene Bradley, a daughter of Timothy and Irene (Gordon) Bradley, and a granddaughter of Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley. Her mother's parents were Capt. Alexander and Irene Gordon. The children of William and Irene (Bradley) Bryan were: Nancy, who was twice married, first to John Morton, second to Malachi Linsley; James; William; Harriet, who married Charles Barker; Bradley; Alden P.; and William. William Bryan, Sr., died in 1887.

William Bryan, whose name introduces this article, was born in Branford, where he has always resided. In 1851 he went to California, where he was engaged in mining for two years. Returning to Connecticut he bought a vessel and engaged in the coast trade between New York and Branford from 1854 to 1860. In 1863 he became proprietor of the "Totoket House," in Branford, where he continued for three years. In 1866 Mr. Bryan put up the "Montowese House," at Indian Neck, one of the most pleasantly situated summer hotels on the Connecticut coast, and one of the best patronized along the coast. In the management of this he has been very successful, and has built up a name for himself as a landlord that does him credit.

Mr. Bryan was married in 1848 to Miss Lydia A., daughter of Timothy Wells Palmer, of North Branford, and they have three children, Scott M.,

Nancy E. and William A. William A. Bryan is the manager of the "Kenilworth Inn," at Biltmore, Asheville, N. C., and of his father's hotel, "The Montowese," at Indian Neck.

Mr. Bryan belongs to the Masonic Fraternity, being a charter member of Widows Sons Lodge, F. & A. M., at Branford. In religion he is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat, but holds strongly to the gold standard. With a wide experience in the world, he has made a multitude of friends, all over the country, who have pleasant memories of the hospitality he has so cordially extended to them.

DWIGHT L. SMITH, for over thirty years superintendent of the factory of the Waterbury Buckle Co., is one of the most respected residents of Waterbury, where he has been especially active in religious and benevolent enterprises.

Mr. Smith was born in Waterbury March 4, 1839, son of Lyman P. Smith, who was born in the town of Prospect, and died in 1846, at the age of thirty-five. When a young man Lyman P. Smith worked in Waterbury, and later in the cotton mill at Quassebaug Lake, in Middlebury. Marilla Sanford, his wife, was born in Wolcott, Conn., daughter of Truman and Anna (Curtis) Sanford, also of Wolcott, the former of whom was a cooper by trade. Mrs. Smith died in Waterbury, where she and her husband reared their family of three children: Dwight L., our subject; Rhoda A., who married Wallace E. Peck, and lives in Waterbury; and Sarah J., who married Franklin H. Wheeler, of Middlebury.

Dwight L. Smith was reared in Waterbury, where he attended the district school on East Main street. For three years subsequently he studied at Middlebury, and he finished his literary training at the academy at Waterbury Center, when he was sixteen years old. The first work he did for himself was in the factory of the Hotchkiss & Merriman Manufacturing Co., where he was engaged at making suspender buckles. Upon the formation of the Waterbury Buckle Co., in 1855, he entered the employ of the new firm, and has practically never left them. For more than thirty years he has been superintendent of the factory. During his connection with the Buckle Co. he has seen it grow from a small industry, giving employment to less than fifty hands, to one of the leading concerns in this line in the country, employing over five hundred people. He has taken out numerous patents, most of them in connection with his line of business, and his inventions have had an important part in the success which has been attained by the Buckle Co., under the wise and conservative management of Earl Smith, who has been for so many years general manager of the concern.

On Dec. 24, 1862, Mr. Smith married Miss Helen M. Latta, who was born in Thompsonville, Conn., daughter of James and Jane (Kenyon)





Latta; her father was from Scotland. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born three children: Howard, Albert D. and Idella M., of whom Howard died when only two years old. Albert D. is secretary of the Springfield Knitting Co., at Springfield, Mass.; he married Minnie J. Baker, daughter of Augustus and Susan Baker. Idella M. is single.

Mr. Smith is a Republican politically. In church affairs he is a pronounced Baptist, and for many years has acted as superintendent of the Sunday-school and as a deacon of that church. Albert D. Smith is superintendent of a Sunday-school in Springfield. Dwight L. Smith is actively associated with the Y. M. C. A., and has been since its establishment in Waterbury; he was its president for three years. Mr. Smith organized a mission at Hopeville, and was superintendent of its Sunday-school for many years. Through his zeal and wisdom many country missions have been founded. He is vice-president of the Boys' Club of Waterbury.

SAMUEL ROOT, of Waterbury, although born in Susquehanna county, Pa., April 11, 1833, descends from one of the oldest of Connecticut's Puritan families, and traces his pedigree in the State to 1640, when John Root came from England and made Farmington his place of settlement. He married Frances Kilbourne, and died in 1684, while his wife survived until 1697. Their children were named as follows: John, Samuel, Thomas, Mary, Stephen, Susannah, Joseph and Caleb. Thomas Root, a brother of John, had come to America in 1637, and settled at Hartford; another Thomas Root settled in Salem, Mass., about the same time, but the relationship between them is not known.

Caleb Root, son of John, married Elizabeth Salmon for his first wife, and a Miss Gillette for his second, and died in 1712. His children were Mary, Caleb, Thomas, Elizabeth and Samuel.

Samuel Root, son of Caleb, married Elizabeth Prindle, and came to Waterbury, where he died in 1778. His children were named Mercy, Samuel, Enos, Joseph, Elijah and Solomon.

Enos Root, son of Samuel, was born in Waterbury March 26, 1753. He married Martha Roberts, lived in Waterbury, then in Bristol, but returned to Waterbury, where he died in August, 1820, and his wife on Oct. 24, 1824. Their children were Moses, Samuel, Levi, Chauncey, Elias and Enos P.

Enos P. Root, son of Enos, was born in Waterbury Nov. 30, 1792. In 1816 he married Maria Downs, a daughter of John Downs, of Waterbury, and they became the parents of seven children, viz.: Charlotte, Albert A., Anson A., Mary M., Samuel, Willard E. and Jane. Of this, the immediate family, Charlotte (now deceased) became the wife of The-ron Beech, and for her second husband married Rev. Mr. Baldwin; Albert A. went to Pennsylvania, followed his trade of carpenter and joiner, and there passed the remainder of his life; Anson A. is a re-

tired merchant of Woodbury; Mary M. is the deceased wife of Rev. W. P. Gibson, of the Congregational Church; Samuel is mentioned below; Willard E., a mechanic, died young; and Jane (deceased) was married to Rev. Richard Crittenden, a Congregational clergyman. Enos P. Root, the father of this family, who was a contractor and builder, passed many years in the Keystone State, closing his days in Springville, Susquehanna Co., Pa., dying Nov. 7, 1852. In politics he was first a Whig, and on the disintegration of that party became a Republican.

Samuel Root, whose pedigree has been given in the foregoing, lived in Springville, Pa., until sixteen years of age, and there received his education. He then came to Waterville, a suburb of Waterbury, and worked in a cutlery factory until 1853, when he went to California, via the Isthmus, with \$600 in his pocket. After one year he returned with \$1, and felt himself fortunate in securing work in a cutlery factory in Naugatuck, where he remained two years. He was next employed for three years by the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., at Bridgeport; and then, after six months in a woolen factory in Norfolk, Conn., he went to work on his own account, selling cutlery and plated ware on the road for eight years. He then purchased a cutlery shop on the outskirts of Middlebury, and manufactured cutlery, including pocket ware, for twenty-one years, but has now practically retired, employing his time in looking after his real-estate interests.

Mr. Root has been twice married. On Dec. 2, 1863, he wedded H. Vienna Fenn, a daughter of Harris and Jane E. Fenn. One son blessed this union, Linford F., born Nov. 22, 1868, who is now a lawyer of considerable prominence, and the present clerk of the district court. The wife and mother passed away Nov. 7, 1887. On Jan. 8, 1889, Mr. Root married Mrs. Mary Root, widow of Frank Root, a son of Anson A. Root, brother of our subject. By her first marriage Mrs. Root is the mother of one son, Clifford Anson, born Jan. 19, 1884, and now a student in the Military Academy at Peekskill, N. Y. By his second marriage Samuel Root has become the father of three children, viz.: Herbert S., born Oct. 17, 1889; Barbara S., born Sept. 19, 1890; and James H., born April 1, 1893, all of whom are in school.

Mrs. Mary Root is a daughter of James and Caroline (Capewell) Stone, the former a native of Woodbury, Conn., and the latter of New York City. Sheldon Stone, father of James, was a carpenter, and of English extraction, and George Capewell, father of Mrs. Caroline Stone, was one of three brothers—Mark, George and Joseph—who came from Birmingham, England.

In politics Samuel Root is a Republican, and has served one year as a member of the common council, and for some time on the board of compensation. Fraternally he is a Freemason, affiliating with Harmony Lodge, No. 44, Waterbury, and he is also a





*Samuel Root*



member of the Waterbury Club. Mrs. Root is a member of the Episcopal Church, which Mr. Root also attends. No family in Waterbury is more highly esteemed for personal merits.

JOSEPH E. AND ELI T. DUDLEY, of Guilford, are lineal descendants of (V) Nathaniel Dudley, a farmer of Clapboard Hill District, Guilford, who was the fourth son of (IV) Caleb Dudley ((III) Caleb, (II) Joseph, (I) William) and Hannah (Stone), as set forth in the genealogy of the Dudley family, given elsewhere.

(V) Nathaniel Dudley was born Oct. 3, 1745, and died Feb. 21, 1826. He married, March 12, 1777, Mary Hart, born Aug. 17, 1751, and died Feb. 6, 1841, aged eighty-nine, the daughter of Thomas Hart (Rev. John, Thomas, Stephen) and Concurrency Bartlett (Ebenezer, Daniel, George). He lived with his father in a house built by his grandfather, Caleb Dudley, probably about 1700. He had four children: (1) Nathaniel, born Nov. 15, 1777, died Sept. 7, 1795, unmarried. (2) Lois, born July 11, 1779, died Sept. 9, 1860, unmarried. (3) John, a sketch of whom follows. (4) Eunice, born Feb. 26, 1784, married May 25, 1807, George Bushnell, of Saybrook, and died Dec. 15, 1825.

(VI) John Dudley, a farmer of Clapboard Hill District, son of Nathaniel and Mary (Hart) Dudley, lived in the house with his father. He was born Jan. 25, 1782, married Jan. 24, 1805, Sarah Lee, born Dec. 30, 1780, died Dec. 27, 1849, daughter of Elon and Deborah (Johnson) Lee. They had five children: (1) Hooker, born Oct. 1, 1806, died Aug. 21, 1879; on Oct. 16, 1831, he married Mary Evarts, who was born May 22, 1806, daughter of Nathaniel Evarts and Julia (Parmelee), of Nutplains District, and died Feb. 20, 1895. (2) Elon, born May 1, 1808, died April 8, 1883, at Angelica, New York; married Dec. 21, 1831, Fanny S. Latham, born June 1, 1812. (3) John (father of Joseph E. and Eli T.), sketch of whom appears later. (4) Horace, born March 16, 1812, died June 12, 1885; married April 30, 1837, Hannah Amanda Dudley, born April 10, 1816, died Oct. 4, 1899, daughter of Timothy Dudley and Hannah (Bartlett). (5) Ruth, born June 4, 1814, died May 5, 1895; married Nov. 28, 1838, John Norton, born Sept. 10, 1802, died Oct. 17, 1839, son of Eber Norton and Mabel (Evarts). They had one son, Deacon John William, born Oct. 19, 1839.

AMOS DUDLEY, born Nov. 3, 1747, was the youngest son of Caleb and Hannah (Stone) Dudley. He was a farmer, and lived at Clapboard Hill in a house which stood just east of the home of Joseph E. Dudley. He married Feb. 27, 1771, Mary Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John) and Hannah (Scranton). She died Aug. 23, 1797. They had six children. He married (second) July 15, 1799, Deborah (Johnson), widow of Elon Lee. They had one child.

Children of Amos and Mary (Evarts) Dudley:

(1) Amos, sketch of whom follows. (2) Timothy, sketch of whom follows. (3) Mary, born Oct. 16, 1778, died Oct. 1, 1840, unmarried. (4) William, born Sept. 17, 1780, died July 16, 1845; married Feb. 8, 1808, Deborah Lee, daughter of Elon Lee and Deborah (Johnson). (5) Russell, born Oct. 24, 1787, died in 1854; he went to Richmond, Va.; married Jan. 18, 1813, Mary Baldwin. (6) Daniel, born in 1792, died Dec. 31, 1846, unmarried. By his second wife, Deborah, Amos Dudley had one child, (7) Betsey, born in December, 1800, who married Jan. 1, 1821, William Chittenden, born May 5, 1797, died Aug. 1, 1880, son of Amos Chittenden and Jerusha (Graves). They had five children—Betsey Eliza, born March 2, 1822, married Sidney A. Dowd, Amos, born Aug. 4, 1824, married Harriet Case, Mary, born July 9, 1827, married David D. Carter, Lydia, born Jan. 30, 1831, died Dec. 7, 1854, unmarried. Catherine, born Aug. 1, 1835, married Joseph L. Scranton.

(VI) Amos Dudley, born Dec. 31, 1771, son of Amos and Mary (Evarts) Dudley, married (first) April 18, 1798, Anna Shelley, who died July 16, 1801, aged thirty-one. They had two children: (1) Henry, sketch of whom follows. (2) Jonathan, born Nov. 8, 1800, died Jan. 27, 1860; married Feb. 13, 1823, Eliza Holmes, who died Feb. 18, 1856.

(VII) Henry Dudley, born March 9, 1799, died Nov. 12, 1862. He was the eldest son of Amos Dudley (Amos, Caleb, Caleb, Joseph, William) and his first wife, Anna (Shelley). He built and lived in the house east of Charles A. Dudley's, now the home of Joseph Grosvenour. He married May 14, 1823, Vesta Bradley, who died Jan. 18, 1882. They had four children: (1) Anna M., born April 15, 1824, married George Shelley, who was killed by lightning Sept. 20, 1856. (2) Deborah, born Sept. 1, 1831, died April 7, 1840. (3) Henry Bradley, born March 9, 1834, married June 29, 1864, Clarissa Evarts. (4) Louisa Deborah, born June 6, 1843, died Nov. 22, 1879; she married April 9, 1862, Edmund J. Field, born Jan. 9, 1840, who fell at Antietam, Sept. 18, 1862.

(VI) Timothy Dudley, born Dec. 16, 1775, died Aug. 27, 1819. He married April 24, 1809, Hannah Bartlett, daughter of Joseph Bartlett (Joseph, Abraham, George) and Sarah (Cruttenden). They had four children: (1) Justin, born April 2, 1810, died April 3, 1888, unmarried. (2) Mary Ann, born Feb. 7, 1813, died April 1, 1900, unmarried. (3) Hannah Amanda, born April 10, 1816, died Oct. 4, 1899; married April 30, 1837, Horace Dudley (John, Nathaniel). (4) Sarah, born April 17, 1819, married Dec. 9, 1840, John Dudley (John, Nathaniel).

(VII) John Dudley, son of (VI) John and Sarah (Lee) Dudley, born Dec. 20, 1809, received a liberal education, and was a prosperous agriculturist following general farming all his life on the homestead. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and served in several local offices, such as



selectman, assessor, etc. In religious faith he was a member of the Congregational Church of Guilford. He died July 1, 1893, and was interred in Alderbrook cemetery, Guilford.

On Dec. 9, 1840, in Guilford, John Dudley married Sarah Dudley, born April 17, 1819, daughter of Timothy Dudley and Hannah (Bartlett). Mrs. Dudley is yet living, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, and is much respected and beloved for her many Christian virtues. She is the mother of children as follows: Eunice Amelia, born June 6, 1842, who died Oct. 20, 1842; Joseph Edward and Eli Timothy, sketches of whom follow: Fanny Amelia, born Nov. 26, 1848, living at home; Lewis Richard, born Nov. 19, 1854, who married Aug. 24, 1880, Nora Serviss, and lives in West Salem, La-Crosse Co., Wisconsin.

(VIII) JOSEPH E. DUDLEY was born Dec. 30, 1843, at Dudleytown, Guilford, received a liberal district-school education, and since his father's death has been operating the homestead. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith a Congregationalist. He is unmarried, filially caring for his mother in her old age.

(VIII) ELI TIMOTHY DUDLEY, born on the old homestead April 17, 1846, received a good common school education, and took up the occupation of his forefathers. At the age of twenty-three years he commenced farming on the L. Dudley place, at Guilford, near the homestead, where he made many improvements, remaining there twenty-five years. In 1864 he removed to the George Dudley place, on Clapboard Hill, and has since been engaged in farming there. He still owns the property at Guilford. Like all the Dudley family he is a pronounced Republican. In religious connection he is a member of the First Congregational Church.

On May 5, 1869, in Guilford, Eli T. Dudley married Caroline M. Wilcox, who was born Feb. 27, 1847, daughter of Alfred Nelson and Caroline A. (Munger) Wilcox, the former of whom was a carpenter and builder by occupation: during the Civil war he served as sergeant of Company G, 14th Conn. V. I. A brief record of the two children of Eli T. and Caroline M. (Wilcox) Dudley is as follows: (1) William Alfred, born Sept. 13, 1874, is farming near his father's homestead. He married Louva Redfield, of Madison, and has one child, Carrie Redfield. (2) Amy Louisa, born Jan. 23, 1878, resides at home. The entire Dudley family rank among the most prominent and progressive of New Haven county, and well merit the esteem and respect of the community.

JOHN R. PLATT, a prominent and successful agriculturist of Prospect, is a veteran of the Civil war, and bears an honorable record for brave service in the cause of freedom and union. In the paths of peace he has also won an enviable reputation because of the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen.

Mr. Platt was born, March 13, 1824, in the town where he still lives, and belongs to one of the best-known and oldest families of New Haven county. Richard Platt, the first of the name to come to the New World, was born in Hertfordshire, England, and was a son of Joseph Platt, who spent his entire life in that country. On his emigration to America, in 1639, Richard Platt located in Milford, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there in 1684. His son, Josiah Platt, was born and baptized in Milford, Nov. 15, 1645, and on reaching manhood engaged in farming there until his death, which occurred Jan. 1, 1724. On Dec. 2, 1669, in Milford, he married Sarah Canfield, who lived and died in that town. Their son, Joseph Platt, was baptized June 15, 1693, and passed his entire life in Milford. He was married, Jan. 16, 1720, to Mehitable Fenn, who also died in Milford. Their son, Joseph, was born in Milford Nov. 3, 1724, and died there Aug. 30, 1806. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Hannah Buckingham, a relative of Governor Buckingham. Benjamin Platt, son of Joseph, Jr., and grandfather of our subject, was born in 1756, and married Abigail Green. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war under Capt. Charles Smith, in Gen. Waterbury's brigade, and participated in the battle of Danbury. He was made lame for life during his service.

Benjamin Platt, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in 1782, and when a young man came to Prospect, where he continued to make his home throughout life, spending his last years with his children. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Clark, of East Hampton, Mass., and was buried in Prospect cemetery. He was a successful man, an earnest member of the Congregational Church, and quite prominent and influential. For three terms he represented his town in the State Legislature, also served as selectman and assessor, and filled other local offices. On Jan. 22, 1800, he married Miss Nancy Bristol, a daughter of Nathan and Anna (Lambert) Bristol. She died in 1862, and was also laid to rest in Prospect cemetery. To them were born twelve children, namely: Mark, deceased; Mary Ann, wife of Jason Clark, of East Hampton, Mass.; Benjamin, deceased; Nancy, deceased wife of Hugh Kilso; Henry, who died in infancy; Adelia, wife of Luther Morse; Henry, Harris and William, all deceased; Jane; John R., our subject; and Augusta, wife of Henry Stephens.

Reared upon the home farm, John R. Platt acquired his education in the district schools of that locality, and on leaving the parental roof, at the age of seventeen, he worked in a clock shop at Plymouth for a short time, after which he took up the carpenter's trade and followed it until after the Civil war broke out. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in August, 1862, for three years, in Company A, 20th Conn. V. I., under Col. Ross and Capt.





Timothy Gilford. His command was assigned to the 12th Army Corps. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg, and was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea and all through the Atlanta campaign, taking part in various battles. For meritorious service on field of battle he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, and when the war ended and his services were no longer needed he was honorably discharged. He was in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and was mustered out in New Haven. Returning to Prospect, he purchased the Hughes farm of eighty-seven acres, upon which he has made many substantial improvements, and where he has since successfully engaged in general farming and fruit growing.

In 1852 Mr. Platt was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Carrington, of Baltimore, Md., a daughter of Nehemiah Carrington, a West India merchant, and to them were born two children: Arthur, who died at the age of three and a half years; and Charles, who died at the age of eight years. The wife and mother died in Prospect, and was laid to rest in the cemetery there. On March 29, 1893, Mr. Platt married Elizabeth Hotchkiss, a native of Prospect, a daughter of Harry and Sarah (Hoppin) Hotchkiss, and a granddaughter of Gideon Hotchkiss. Mr. and Mrs. Platt are members of the Congregational Church, and are highly esteemed by all who know them. He is a prominent member of Prospect Grange, and politically has always affiliated with the Republican party. In 1884 he represented the town in the State Legislature, was selectman a number of years, and also filled the office of assessor, and of constable forty years. His official duties were always discharged in a most commendable and satisfactory manner.

**JONAH C. PLATT.** An honorable ambition, sustained by practical ability and unyielding energy, is a passport to success and the biographies of our leading citizens furnish many interesting illustrations of the rule. It is a pleasure to present to our readers such a forceful example as is conveyed in the following sketch of one of the well-known residents of Ansonia.

Mr. Platt was born Nov. 30, 1832, in Milford, this county, and comes of good New England stock. Fiske Platt, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Milford, Conn., and the greater portion of his life was spent there, engaged in farming. Through his grandmother, whose maiden name was Sarah Newton, our subject is descended from the Newton family.

Newton Platt, our subject's father, was born and reared in Milford, and engaged in farming there. His death occurred at his homestead at the age of seventy years. He was prominent in local affairs, holding various offices, and he and his wife were active members of the first Congregational Church. His wife, Anna Clark, who died at the

age of sixty-four, was born in Milford, the daughter of Abraham Clark, a well-known agriculturist, and her mother, Melitable Peck, was also a native of Milford. Newton and Anna Platt had the following children: Sarah, Mrs. Clark, a widow residing in Orange, this county; Henry N. a resident of Milford; Adelia C., who married John C. Merwin, of Orange (both deceased); Charlotte Ann, who married David N. Clark, of Milford, and died Oct. 10, 1866 (he afterward married her sister Leonora); Jonah C., our subject; George F.; Abram C.; and Leonora, Mrs. Clark.

At the age of sixteen Jonah C. Platt left home to learn the carpenters' trade at Ansonia, and on completing his apprenticeship he followed the trade as a journeyman for about four years. Later he was employed for some time as foreman in the same shop in which he had learned the business, but he then became interested in raising garden seeds, continuing about eight years. The next three years were spent as foreman for his old employer, and for four years he was engaged in mercantile business in a store near his present home, but he then formed a partnership with Frederick Lines in the carpenters' trade, under the firm name of F. A. Lines & Co. They carried on a large business for a number of years, keeping several workmen employed, and they built many of the important buildings in Ansonia and vicinity. Mr. Platt finally sold his interest but did not retire from business entirely, his extensive real estate holdings requiring his attention. He and his wife formerly owned a large tract of land which was sold in building lots, and they still own six houses and a store, all in one block. In the development of other business interests of the city Mr. Platt has taken an active part and he has been a director in the Ansonia Savings Bank since its incorporation, and is now vice-president; he was one of the incorporators of that institution. At the present time he is the only incorporator who is still on the board of directors. Mr. Platt is also a member of George Washington Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M. at Ansonia. Politically he is a Republican, and his fellow townsmen have called him to numerous official positions. In 1884-5 he was in the Legislature, and he has served ten years, 1889-1898 on the board of selectmen. For two years he was first selectman, and from 1894 to the present time he has served as assessor of Ansonia, under four mayors. In 1884 and 1885 he was tax collector of the town, then a portion of the town of Derby, and in 1886, 1887 and 1888 he was again appointed to that office.

In 1856 Mr. Platt married Miss Ellen L. Hodge, who was born in the house adjoining their present residence. She was one of three children of Benjamin Hodge, and is now the only survivor of the family. Her father was a highly respected citizen of the town and was engaged for many years in raising garden seeds. Mr. and Mrs. Platt have had five children, of whom three are living: (1) An-



nie married Edward T. Vance, a druggist of Ansonia, and has two children, Clyde (who has attended Worcester Academy, and is now a student of Yale College) and Helen. (2) Frederick Newton died when two years old. (3) Alfred C., a druggist, who died at the age of twenty-four, married Miss Frances P. Lambert, and had one daughter, Allie C. (4) Ellen C. married Rev. William H. I. Houghton, an Episcopalian clergyman, now deceased. They had two children, Edna P. and William H. (5) Franklin B. is secretary of the Ansonia Electrical Co. He married Miss Carrie Nettleton, and has one son, Franklin Newton. Mrs. Platt is a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and one of the active workers in the vicinity.

SERENO BARTHOLOMEW, one of the prominent citizens of Wallingford and an active and useful member of the Congregational Church, is the subject of this biography. Mr. Bartholomew was born in the old family homestead on Oct. 27, 1818, a son of Samuel and Sylvia (Howd) Bartholomew. Samuel Bartholomew had but a primitive education and followed agricultural pursuits all his days. Owning a farm of fifty acres, he continued to improve it, and he was noted for his industry and energy, and as an example of temperate Christian living was worthy of emulation.

Deacon Sereno Bartholomew attended school in East Farms and North Durham, worked on his father's farm, and also assisted on other farms, until he was eighteen years old, at which time he took charge of the homestead, where he has remained, with the exception of two years, which were spent in the factory of Hall & Elton, learning the trade of silver plating. Mr. Bartholomew was one of the first in this section to experiment successfully in tobacco raising, but now he devotes a small part of his 200 acres to the growing of fine peaches.

Perhaps Mr. Bartholomew is better known within the Congregational Church than in any other place in the community, as, for thirty-one years, he has held the office of deacon in that body, with dignity and efficiency. At the age of twenty-two, when in the strength of young manhood, he joined the church to which he has been devoted during a long and useful life.

On Sept. 27, 1847, in Middlebury, Conn., Sereno Bartholomew was united in marriage with Sarah A. Benham, who died in 1886. The children born of this union were: Catherine, born in 1848, died in 1865; and Franklyn M., born in 1855, married Harriet E. Tibbals (who was born in Durham, daughter of David and Nancy (Strong) Tibbals), and died in 1897. Franklyn M. Bartholomew grew up on the farm, was educated at a district school until, at the age of seventeen, he spent two school years at a private school. He was well known throughout Connecticut as being prominent in Grange circles, and he was instrumental in procuring the Grange storehouse located

at the Air Line depot; and in 1886 he was chosen purchasing agent for the Wallingford Grange, holding the office until he resigned in 1892. The winter of 1892 he spent in the employ of a well-known Boston house, introducing feeds of various kinds, after which he traveled for Mr. Lucien Sanderson, of New Haven, Conn., manufacturer of chemicals and fertilizers, and in 1895 he was appointed by the Governor of Connecticut treasurer of the State Board of Agriculture, which office he held at the time of his death. The death of the son left his aged father to the care of his daughter-in-law, who now ministers to him.

Deacon Sereno Bartholomew can look back over many years of a well-spent life. He has always been interested in public affairs, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party. His high character has won for him the esteem and respect of the entire community.

WILLIAM S. BISHOP, a worthy citizen and representative well-to-do farmer of the town of Madison, comes of a family which has for generations been respected as contributing many useful and substantial citizens to this section. John Bishop, the first of the name of whom we have record, had a son John, who married Susan Goldham.

John Bishop, son of John and Susan (Goldham), born in 1655 in Guilford, Conn., died there Nov. 25, 1731. He was a life-long farmer, and a man of influence in the community. On July 3, 1689, he married Elizabeth Hitchcock, who died March 14, 1712, and on Nov. 18, 1713, he married Mary Johnson, by whom he had thirteen children.

John Bishop, eldest son of John, by the first marriage, was born Aug. 12, 1692, in Guilford, where he grew to manhood. He removed to East Guilford, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 28, 1752. On July 1, 1719, he married Abigail Spinning, born May 7, 1699, died Feb. 22, 1751, and they became the parents of five children: Prudence, born July 28, 1722, died Aug. 2, 1740; Elizabeth, born Dec. 20, 1725, died Sept. 19, 1754; Rachel, born Feb. 23, 1727, died Dec. 1, 1750; John is mentioned below; Abigail, born Oct. 8, 1731, married Dr. Nathaniel Welden.

John Bishop, born April 10, 1729, in East Guilford (now the town of Madison), died there April 3, 1807, and was buried in Madison cemetery. He was well known and highly respected in the community, and was a devout member of the Congregational Church. On Nov. 1, 1753, he married Hannah Hodgkins, born Feb. 16, 1733, died June 9, 1820, and they had a family of five children: Prudence, born Aug. 4, 1754, died Feb. 25, 1834, married Samuel Foster; John, born Sept. 3, 1756, died Sept. 24, 1848, married Irene Bartlett; Lois born in July, 1759, died April 12, 1836, married Molly Judd; Rachel, born 1761, married William Baily; William is mentioned below.

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June 28, 1848, and was laid to rest in the East cemetery in that town. He was a large land owner, and engaged successfully in general farming; was a Whig in politics, and held various local offices; was liberal in religious matters, and an active member of the Ecclesiastical Society. He married Lucy Kelsey, who was born in 1778 in Killingworth, Conn., and died Aug. 31, 1806, and two children came to this union: William Hull, born in 1801, who married Chloe Lee, and died Aug. 20, 1841; and Levi, father of our subject, who is mentioned below. Mr. Bishop married for his second wife Mabel Murray, a native of Guilford, born in 1776, who passed away Dec. 30, 1868, and to this marriage were also born two children: John M., born in 1821, who married Cynthia Hull, and died March 6, 1881; and Lucy Ann, who married Frederick Field, and died Oct. 25, 1881. All this family are buried in the East cemetery in Madison.

Levi Bishop was born in 1802 in the town of Madison, and died there Nov. 25, 1887, his remains being laid to rest in the East cemetery. In his younger days he followed the water, becoming master of a vessel, and also for some time engaged in the produce business, but he finally settled down to the calling of his forefathers, and met with substantial success in his agricultural pursuits. His adaptability to any line of business or circumstances stood him in good stead, and in every capacity, whether public or private, he displayed marked intelligence and ability, as well as integrity and a high sense of duty. Having early received a good practical education, he broadened his views and his knowledge by continued reading, and was well informed on subjects of general interest. He was quite active in public life in his locality. Originally a Whig in political sentiment, he became a Republican on the organization of that party and was quite active in its councils. In religion he was liberal, striving always to live up to the Golden Rule in his relations with his fellow men, and his temperate habits and industrious life won him universal respect.

On Feb. 14, 1828, Mr. Bishop married Miss Polly M. Coe, who was born Oct. 23, 1802, daughter of Thomas and Submit (Griswold) Coe, and four children blessed this union: William S., whose name introduces this sketch; Harriet E., born in 1836; Catherine E., born in October, 1845, died Jan. 27, 1849; and Lucy, wife of John Spencer. Mrs. Bishop died Dec. 6, 1888, at the home of her son, and was laid to rest in the East cemetery.

William S. Bishop was born Dec. 25, 1829, in the town of Madison, grew to manhood on the farm, and acquired his education in the district schools. All his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, for he remained on the home place, caring for his parents in their old age. His tract of seventy acres is well improved and valuable, and in addition to general farming he follows stock-raising and cattle dealing to some extent, by energetic industry win-

ning success in his chosen calling. He is widely and favorably known in his town as an honest, upright citizen, and, like his father, he endeavors to make his daily life, in his intercourse with all, the exemplification of his religious views. A Republican in politics, he is no office seeker, and his influence is given rather to the support of good men than to party.

On Nov. 9, 1851, Mr. Bishop married Miss Rosetta M. Cook, who was born in 1830, daughter of Henry Cook, of Madison, and by her had three children: (1) William L., born July 26, 1859, died in infancy. (2) Catherine A., born Sept. 5, 1861, married James H. Bradley, and they had one child, Cora May; for her second husband she married Almon Johnson, and they have two children, Olive M. and Wealthy R. (3) Lucy Rosetta, born Aug. 14, 1866, was married July 12, 1884, to James McCann, and they have four children, Josephine, LeRoy, William and Raymond. On March 26, 1896, Mr. Bishop wedded for his second wife Mrs. Henrietta (Thomas) Van Wart, widow of Frank Van Wart, of an old Revolutionary family.

**JOHN BEATTIE.** This in his lifetime well-known quarryman and contractor, late of Leete Island, Guilford, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, June 18, 1820. John Beattie, his father, was a freeman of that city, and a direct descendant of that noted Beattie family of Eskdale Moor, in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, whose ancestry has been traced back more than six centuries, and whose valor and exploits in peace and war have been celebrated in the story and song of that country by Sir Walter Scott and others. On the paternal side his grandmother was Nancy Armstrong, a descendant of the Johnson family, of Dumfriesshire, also prominent in the affairs of Scotland. The mother of John Beattie was Ann Richardson, a daughter of John and Catherine (Tate) Richardson, both of families belonging to Haddington, Scotland.

In 1830, when John Beattie was ten years old, his parents came to America and settled in Nova Scotia, Canada, where the father carried on his trade of stonemason and contractor. He was contractor in the construction of the masonry work on a canal from Halifax to Pictou. In that locality, on a small farm, the paternal home in this country was established, and there the son was sent to school for a short time; but, his robust nature rebelling against the restraint imposed by sedentary life, he preferred to labor in the fields of his father's farm. In Nova Scotia he attended with profit a few terms the school of an excellent man, Rev. Mr. Morrison, and to these brief periods his school days were limited.

After a few years' residence in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and when John would no longer attend school, his father proposed to indenture him to learn the trade of a shoemaker, and had selected a master for him, whereupon the independent lad gave so emphatic a demonstration against the step that





the plan was summarily abandoned. This opposition was probably the act in life which led him into the vocation in which he for so many years was most successfully engaged. Being now thirteen years old, strong and healthy, with a love for outdoor occupation, his father was persuaded to allow him to learn the trade of stonecutting, which work John took up with great spirit. In the course of a few years the failure of the canal company induced the Beatties to make their home at Newport, R. I., whence the father and John went to New York to work at their trade. A year later they proceeded to Boston, and not long after to Newport, where the father died when John was sixteen years of age. The care of the family, consisting of his mother and four children, the next eldest being ten years of age, now devolved upon John, who, deeply feeling the responsibility placed upon him, entered upon his life work with an earnestness of application that was bound to bring success. In his trade he became very skillful, and was a rapid and thorough workman. During the next four years he was employed at Fort Adams, R. I., having, when he was eighteen years old, his first contract to do work for the United States Government. At the age of twenty years he was appointed foreman mason of the bridge builders on a section of the Boston & Troy railroad, and there for the following two years he had his first experience in overseeing large numbers of men. In 1846 he returned to Fort Adams, where he was appointed master stonecutter by Gen. W. S. Rosecrans, and superintended the preparation of the material used in that fortification until work was suspended by order of Jefferson Davis, at that time Secretary of War. Again, for a year, Mr. Beattie was with the Boston & Troy Railroad Co., in his old capacity. He then went to California as a gold miner, and for two years and two months had the experience of an argonaut without realizing any of the rewards sometimes associated therewith. Returning to the East, poor in purse and with impaired health, his next work was building the stone towers for the suspension bridge across the Kentucky river at Pleasant Valley. His health continuing poor, however, he and his brother William next opened a stonecutter's yard at Newport, in which he worked a year with beneficial results to his health.

In 1855 Mr. Beattie was engaged in building the towers for the great bridge across the Ohio, between Cincinnati and Covington, after which he had an interest in the construction of Section One, of the Brooklyn Water Works, at Jamaica, N. Y. That work being completed, at a loss to him, he spent some time building bridges on the Wabash railroad in Indiana, after which he returned to Jamaica, N. Y., and contracted for the construction of another section of the water works. This job he personally superintended, and to such great advantages that he and his partner cleared \$20,000 in eighteen months. After this he executed many contracts for mason work, in bridges, on railroads, warehouse docks and

lighthouses; built bridges on the Worcester & Nashua railroad, on the Old Colony line, and on the Warren & Fall River railroad; constructed the piers for the bridge at Warehouse Point (using sand bags for coffer dams for the first time in bridge construction in this country) and for the Old Colony dock at Newport, all large public works.

In 1865 Mr. Beattie purchased the Harrison quarry, at Fall River, but after operating it one year left it in charge of his brother William and son John, and opened another quarry at Niantic, Conn. In a few years he disposed of that interest, and in February, 1869, he came to Guilford, where he bought sixteen acres of land at Hoadley's Point, upon which were very fine ledges of excellent granite. During the following season he built several houses upon this tract, doing at the same time the mason work for the Newport & Wickford railroad. On Aug. 22, 1870, he removed permanently to Leete Island, where he continued to make his home until his death, Nov. 18, 1899. Here he developed the large quarry interests until the industry became one of the largest of the kind in the state. His granite lands and real-estate holdings at Leete Island increased to more than 400 acres, and employment was given to from 125 to 600 men, their operations being conducted in a systematic manner, aided by modern appliances. The products were readily transported to many localities by the Shore Line railroad, running through his lands, and by a fleet of vessels owned by him and laden at his docks at Hoadley's Point. The granite of these quarries is of several qualities; blue, pink and white—which are here cut, carved and polished into any desired forms; and a coarse-grained gray, having a carrying capacity of 18,000 pounds to the square inch, which is much used for building purposes. A large quantity was thus supplied for the construction of the roadway of the New York & Harlem railroad, from the river to the Grand Central depot, in New York City. Much of the stone in the Brooklyn suspension bridge in New York was furnished from these quarries.

Mr. Beattie had a thorough, practical knowledge of every department of work carried on by him, and, being possessed of great industry, pluck and executive ability, he prospered in his affairs and earned the distinction of being one of the foremost business men in the eastern part of the country. Of a strong physique, and liberally endowed with many of the distinguished characteristics of the Scottish race, he was a typical son of the "land of the mountain and the flood."

John Beattie was three times married, first, in 1839, to Ann Kelly, a native of Longford, Ireland, who died in 1859, at Newport, R. I. By her he had six children, viz.: Ann, born in 1840, deceased; John, Jr., a sketch of whom follows; Catherine, wife of Robert Evans (both deceased); Francis, a sketch of whom follows; George, deceased in 1887; and Isabella, wife of George Sanborn, of Leete Island. For his second wife our subject



married Mary Harrington, of Fall River, Mass., and three children, yet living, were born of this union: Emma, David H. and Charles, David H. being spoken of more fully elsewhere. For his third wife Mr. Beattie wedded, in 1870, Mary Gay, of Guilford, and three children were born of this union: Elizabeth, who died in 1878; and Peter and Thomas, residing at Hoadley's Point, Leete Island.

JOHN BEATTIE, JR., was born Aug. 29, 1841, at Newport, R. I., and there received a liberal public-school education. At the age of sixteen he became an apprentice to the stonecutter's trade under his father and uncle (William Beattie), and completed his apprenticeship in 1860. In the year 1865 he became foreman of the firm. In the following year he was received into partnership, the firm name being changed to John and William Beattie & Co., and until 1867 he managed the business of the concern. He then bought out the interest of his father, the style of the firm becoming William & John (Jr.) Beattie, which continued until 1869, in which year the partnership was dissolved, the interests being equally divided between William and John, Jr. The latter then conducted his portion of the business until the financial depression of 1873 caused him to abandon it (not being able to realize on his assets) and move to his farm in Westport, with the honorable resolution of paying his creditors "one hundred cents on the dollar" as soon as he was able. At farming he engaged until 1887, during which time he succeeded in accomplishing his desire with his creditors, paying them in full, and also took up the study of electricity. He is the inventor of what is known as "Beattie's battery zinc," which is now in general use, and used entirely on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; he also manufactured "X ray" machines, and invented other electrical devices. In 1890 he was appointed by his father to manage his business for him—both personal property and real-estate—which position of trust he filled with characteristic fidelity and precision, making his home in Fall River until the death of his father, since when, as one of the executors, he has been managing the estate.

In politics Mr. Beattie is a staunch Republican, and has held various offices of honor and trust; in 1879, while a resident of Fall River, Mass., he filled the position of alderman; in 1892 he was elected president of the board of aldermen, and served three years, during which incumbency he had the honor of being the originator and introducer of the Police Commission Bill, and he is known as the "father" of that popular ordinance. Socially he is a Knight Templar, being a member of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, Fall River; is also affiliated with the I. O. O. F., at Fall River, and one of the first members of the K. of P. in that city.

In 1864, at Somerset, Mass., John Beattie, Jr., married Ellen N. Powers, a native of Bedford county, Va., and a daughter of Thomas and Delia Powers. To this union have come three children: John,

a gold and silver plater at Fall River, Mass., who married Lucinda Courtney; Grace, wife of John D. Monroe, of Fall River; and Ernest J., mechanical engineer, married to Elizabeth Tripp.

FRANCIS BEATTIE ("Frank"), superintendent of the Beattie Quarry Co., Leete Island, was born June 26, 1845, in Newport, R. I., and there received his education. At the age of sixteen he commenced to learn the trade of machinist in Providence, R. I., where after three years he enlisted, in 1863, becoming a member of Company E, 2d R. I. V. I. He served until the end of the war, receiving an honorable discharge in 1865. Mr. Beattie took part in several engagements, serving under Gen. Sheridan at Winchester, Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run and Five Forks, and at the battle of Sailor's Creek, on Lee's retreat from Petersburg, he was wounded by a minie ball. He was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, Va., and from there went on the pursuit after Johnston, making a march of 110 miles in forty-four hours on short rations.

In Niantic Mr. Beattie learned the trade of a stonecutter and mason. In 1870 he came to Leete Island, Guilford, and for thirty years was superintendent of his father's business there, giving the trust reposed in him the best of care and attention.

In Providence, R. I., in 1868, Francis Beattie was united in marriage with Merriam Caroline McCall, born at Fall River, Mass., daughter of John and Jane McCall, and seven children have graced their union: Annie C., who was educated at the Notre Dame Convent, Waterbury, and is now the wife of Thomas T. Noel, telegraph operator, Leete Island; Carrie Isabelle, educated in the Guilford high school, who was assistant postmaster at Leete Island; Rosie Frances, Marv Elizabeth and John Richard, all of whom were educated in the Guilford high school; and Frank Kelley and Roy Hamilton.

Mr. Beattie is a member of Parmelee Post, No. 42, G. A. R., Guilford, in which he has held all the offices, including that of commander; is affiliated with the F. & A. M., St. Alban's Lodge, Guilford; also with Hallock Chapter, and the Order of the Eastern Star, of which latter his wife and daughter Carrie are also members. In politics he is a Republican, and under Harrison's administration served as postmaster at Leete Island. His wife and daughters are members of the Episcopal Church.

GEORGE ISAAC WILLIAMS, a prosperous and successful fruit farmer, dairyman and general farmer of Wallingford, was born in the Pond Hill District of that town Oct. 12, 1838. He is a grandson of Herman Williams, who was a brother of Willoughby Williams, grandfather of Street Williams, of Wallingford. The family history and important data of the Williams ancestry are given in the biography of that gentleman, elsewhere.

Herman Williams was a farmer and land owner of Pond Hill, where he died; he was buried in Center Street cemetery. He married a Miss Hoadley,



and their children were Samuel, Hoadley, William, Elizabeth, Edwin, Isaac, Mary (who married a Mr. Maltby, of Northford), Caroline (who married Harry Fowler, of Guilford), Julia (who married John Bassett, of North Haven), and Elijah. All are now deceased.

William Williams, the father of George Isaac, was born on the farm where he grew to manhood. Farming was his business all his life, and he was a stock dealer as well, his judgment as to the fine points of cattle being regarded as that of an expert. A fine tract of land in Pond Hill passed into his possession, and there he settled, devoting his life to its improvement, and prospering in an active and honorable career. The land where the Wallingford race track is now laid out belonged to him at one time. Mr. Williams died in the home of his son William H., and was buried in the Main Street cemetery. He was a Whig, and later a Republican, and in religion an Episcopalian. He married Abigail Preston, a native of Wallingford, and a daughter of Almon Preston. She died in Northford in 1897, and was buried in the Main Street cemetery. To this union were born the following children: Cornelia Anna, who married Henderson Ives, of North Branford; George Isaac; and William H.

George Isaac Williams was a student in the Pond Hill District school, and grew to manhood on the family homestead. Soon after his marriage he bought the "Munson Farm," which then consisted of 153 acres. It has been enlarged by subsequent purchases until it now comprises 400 acres, in a high state of cultivation, showing the touch of a practical farmer at every point. Mr. Williams carries on both general and stock farming, and operates quite a large dairy; there is also a feed and saw mill on his farm. He is a man awake to every turn, and anxious to keep abreast with the times.

Mr. Williams was married at Northford, to Miss Eveline Munson, whose father, Julius Munson, was crushed to death by a stampede of cattle. To this marriage came three children: Arthur M., a dairy farmer, who married Emma Harrison; George and Fannie, both at home. Mr. Williams is a Republican, and belongs to the Wallingford Grange and the Agricultural Society. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, which he has served as a vestryman. A good all-round business man, an honorable and upright citizen, he has many friends, and is regarded as one of the leading farmers in Wallingford.

**THOMAS A. NELSON**, one of the wealthy citizens of New Haven county, who died Jan. 16, 1901, was a native of Scotland, born June 1, 1834, at Perth, on the banks of the Tay.

James Nelson, his father, was a linen manufacturer in Scotland, later carrying on the business more extensively in Belfast, Ireland, where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1810. He and

his wife Susan had a family of eight children—three sons and five daughters—named respectively: Margaret J., Thomas A., Mary A., George, William, Letitia, Ellen E., and Jennie. Of these, George, who was a soldier in the United States regular army before the Civil war, is now living retired in Chicago, Ill.; William is in the real estate business in the same city; the daughters also survive.

Thomas A. Nelson, the subject of proper of these lines, was seven years old when he moved to the North of Ireland with his parents, and there received his earlier education. At the age of fifteen years (1849) he came to the United States, locating at Georgetown, Fairfield Co., Conn., where he attended school for some time; thence removed, in 1851, to Birmingham, where he commenced to learn the trade of tool-making, though he did not follow it. From Birmingham he proceeded to Charlotteville, Schoharie Co., N. Y., and there prepared for college, but did not enter any college. Returning to Birmingham, he engaged with the Downs & Bassett Mfg. Co., manufacturers of corsets and importers of kid gloves, and continued with that firm for a period of over a quarter of a century, from 1859 to 1884, after which he did not engage in any active business.

In 1865 Thomas A. Nelson married Clara M., youngest daughter of Abram Hubbell, of Ansonia. Mr. Hubbell was born in Fairfield county, Conn., and followed farming as well as carpentry; came to Ansonia in 1855, and associated himself with Anson G. Phelps in the Ansonia Land & Water Co., of which he was general manager up to his death in 1884. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Nelson: Clara H., Susan L. and William A., the last named being secretary and treasurer of the Derby Paper Mill, with which he has been connected some ten years, and of which his father was president three years.

In politics our subject was a staunch Republican, though not active in the workings of the party. Socially he was a member of the F. & A. M., King Hiram Lodge, No. 12, of Derby; was president of the Y. M. C. A. for years; and with his family attended the services of the Congregational Church. They have a beautiful home in Ansonia, called "Forestdale," the residence being one of the most elegant in this section, surrounded as it is with spacious grounds, lawns and winding paths.

**SHERMAN B. CHIPMAN**, in his lifetime a well-known merchant of Waterbury, was born on the west side of what is now known as the city, June 13, 1806, a son of Samuel Chipman, and a descendant of one of the oldest of New England families. The emigrant ancestor, John Chipman, came from England in 1630, and settled in Massachusetts, where he married a Miss Howland, who was a granddaughter of Gov. Carver.

Samuel Chipman, father of Sherman B., married





*S. B. Chipman*





Nancy Potter, to which union were born eleven children, as follows: Samuel D., Sherman B., Lyman, William, George E., Joseph, Timothy T., Ransom, Daniel L. (whose biography is given in full on another page); Elizabeth N. and Martha.

Sherman B. Chipman remained on the home farm at Waterbury until old enough to be apprenticed to the cooper's trade, at which he served his full time, and then followed that trade as a journeyman for a number of years. He first married Amy Todd, of Wolcott, Conn., who died leaving no children. For his second wife Mr. Chipman, in 1833, wedded Mary A. Granniss, who was born in Meriden, Conn., Sept. 6, 1816, but who was reared in South Glastonbury. The marriage took place in New Haven, when the fair young bride was but seventeen years of age. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chipman settled in Waterbury, where he conducted a successful grocery business until his death, which occurred Jan. 16, 1860. Their only child, Harriet E., was born April 28, 1838, and died Feb. 16, 1840.

In politics Mr. Chipman was a Democrat, but was not a man to fritter away his time and energies in party affairs. He preferred to devote his attention to his business, and to the comfort of his home, and at his death he left his wife in well-to-do circumstances. She continues to reside in Waterbury, where she holds a high social position, honored and esteemed by all who know her.

Enos Granniss, father of Mrs. Mary A. Chipman, was born in New Haven county, near the city of that name, a son of Lieut. Enos Granniss, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, whose three children were named Enos, Horace and Palmer. The eldest of these Enos, married Elizabeth Chipman, who was a sister of Samuel Chipman, the father of Sherman B. Chipman. To Enos Granniss and his wife were born six children, in the following order: Enos, who was a clothier in Meriden, in Middletown and later in Wethersfield, but who died in Waterbury; Elizabeth, who was married to David Scranton, of Glastonbury, and died in New Haven; Anna C., deceased wife of Edward Kilbourn; William E., who was an engineer for the New Haven Machine Co., in New Haven, but is now deceased; Mary A., the present Mrs. Chipman; and Eunice M., deceased wife of Rev. Joseph T. Benton.

SMITH A. ABBOTT comes of ancestors who were for many years engaged in mechanical manufacture of various sorts, and he himself has not been without experience in the same general line. At present he is a prosperous hardware merchant in the city of Derby, where he deservedly enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He was born in Middlebury, this county, Aug. 6, 1831, the sixth child of Daniel and Sally (Sherman) Abbott. His mother was a daughter of Elijah Sherman, of Woodbury, who belonged to the same branch of the Sherman family as did Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.

Daniel Abbott, who was also born in Middlebury, cultivated a farm, and in addition to agricultural pursuits manufactured pumps and pipes, as well as edge-tools and hammers. In later life he also engaged in the manufacture of paper at Southbury and Southford. His brain was as tireless as his energy, and he achieved a fair success through pertinacity and courage which would not admit the possibility of failure. He was a Whig in politics, and died in the communion of the Methodist Church. He was the father of a family of eight children, only two of whom were daughters. Margaret S., the elder, was twice married, first to E. T. Abbott (he was not a member of the same branch of the family as herself); after his death she married S. Smith, who is also deceased. Nancy M., the younger daughter and fifth child, became the wife of Charles Warner, of Shelton. The sons of Daniel Abbott were Daniel S., Samuel P., Elijah E., Smith A., Charles K. and John B. Of these Daniel, Samuel and Charles are deceased, the latter having met death through accident when ten years old. Daniel was the successful proprietor of an iron foundry and machine shop at Gananoque, Canada. Elijah and John, who were associated with him in business, still reside there. Samuel P. was an expert rubber manufacturer, and as such was called to England, where he took charge of an extensive plant. Subsequently he went to Scotland, where he died, meeting with an accident in the shop where he was employed.

Smith A. Abbott was a boy of six years when his parents took up their residence in Southford. His school days over, he assisted his father for a time, and then entered the employ of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., before that concern removed its works to Bridgeport. He next formed a partnership with Louis Downs, under the firm name of Downs & Abbott, and engaged in the manufacture of buttons and buckles. After a few years this co-partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Abbott, going to Beacon Falls, secured work as a machinist. Returning to Southford, he filled the same position in his father's employ, and about two years after the latter's death took charge of his business, including the management of the paper-mill, which was then turning out straw paper. In 1866 he disposed of the plant and removed to Derby, in which city he has since resided. To employ his own words, he "took life easy" for a time, but in 1870 bought the hardware and tinware business of Gould Curtis, forming a co-partnership with David Curtis, the brother of Gould. Their relation as partners extended over a period of seventeen years, when Mr. Curtis disposed of his interest in the business and Mr. Abbott admitted his son, Frank D., as a partner, the style of the firm being changed to Abbott & Co.

Mr. Abbott was married in 1853 to Julia B. Downs, who died April 21, 1884. Four children were born to them—Mary C., Frank D., Fannie L.



and Jessie M. The son, as has been said, is his father's partner; he married Lilly Ogden, of Ansonia, Sept. 16, 1884. Mary, the eldest daughter, now deceased, married Alfred Anderson, of Derby. Fannie married George S. Curtis, of the same city, and is deceased. Jessie M. became Mrs. Burton Woodbridge, of the same place. After the death of his first wife Mr. Abbott married Miss Sarah L. Downs, her first cousin; to this union were born no children. He is a Republican in politics, and both himself and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

CHARLES FROST (deceased) was a leading citizen of Mill Plain, Waterbury, and a worthy representative of an old Connecticut family.

Samuel Frost, the first of the name in America, was born in England about 1704, and on coming to this country located in the town of Wallingford, New Haven Co., Conn. He served as a soldier in the French and Indian war. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years, dying at the home of his son David, on Wolcott Mountain, Nov. 14, 1800. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church, and at his funeral four ministers of different denominations—Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal—participated in the services. On March 21, 1733, in Wallingford, he married Naomi Fenn, who was born May 10, 1714, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Thorp) Fenn. They had three children: Moses, born Jan. 6, 1734; Naomi, born March 31, 1735, wife of David Coggsell; and David, born Sept. 15, 1743.

David Frost, son of Samuel, was a farmer and land owner on Wolcott Mountain, where he spent his entire life. In religious faith he was a Baptist. He was married Nov. 5, 1762, to Mary Beach, who was born in Wallingford Dec. 20, 1740, a daughter of Joseph and Experience Beach. Mr. Frost died Dec. 15, 1812, his wife on Feb. 5, 1819. In their family were the following children: Jesse, born Oct. 18, 1763, is mentioned below; Enoch, born Jan. 8, 1765, married Anna Culver; David, born March 1, 1767, married Mary Ann Hitchcock; Naomi was born July 1, 1770; Mary, born March 24, 1775, died Sept. 14, 1778; Mary (2), born March 11, 1780, married Ezekiel Smith; Elizabeth married Nathan Barnes.

Jesse Frost, son of David, was drafted at the age of sixteen years for service in the Revolutionary war, and was in the service two years and nine months, being under the immediate command of Gen. Washington for nine months as one of the teamsters carrying the baggage of the general and his staff. After the war he was converted, and became an active and prominent member of the Baptist Church of Waterbury. Feeling himself called upon to preach, he studied for the ministry, and was ordained in 1815. He served as joint pastor of the Baptist Church at Waterbury with Rev. Samuel Porter for many years, and died at that place Oct.

12, 1827. For a time he preached in Southington, Conn., but he never located there. He was married in 1783 to Abigail Culver, daughter of Lieut. Stephen Culver. She died March 7, 1842. They had ten children, namely: James was born March 21, 1784; Esther, born Aug. 29, 1786, married John Smith; Leva, born April 14, 1789, married Benjamin Farrell; Alpheus, born Oct. 3, 1791, was the father of our subject; Jesse Beecher was born March 3, 1794; Electa, born Nov. 16, 1796, died Oct. 16, 1803; Van Julius was born March 3, 1798; Sylvester, born Nov. 19, 1801, died in September, 1803; Electa, born Jan. 9, 1805, married Edmond Tompkins; Abigail, born March 9, 1808, married John Mitchell.

Alpheus Frost, father of our subject, was a farmer and land owner at Mill Plain, and was one of the highly respected and esteemed citizens of that locality. On June 17, 1816, he married Jerusha Williams, daughter of Timothy Williams, and to them were born seven children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Mark Augustus, April 16, 1818; Lydia Maria (wife of Hiram Williams), Feb. 1, 1820; Melissa (wife of T. H. Patton), Jan. 6, 1822; Electa Ann, Feb. 28, 1824; Charles, June 16, 1826; George, June 10, 1829; and Styles, Nov. 7, 1831. The father died in 1834, and was buried in the East Farms cemetery. Four years later his widow married Martin Cook, of Southington, Connecticut.

Charles Frost, our subject, attended the district schools near his boyhood home. He was only eight or nine years of age when his father died, and he started out to make his own way in the world at that early age, working as a farm hand. Subsequently he learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for a number of years, and later engaged in the novelty business as a member of the firm of Frost & Gaylord until their property was destroyed by fire, after which he settled down to farming at Mill Plain, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in general farming and the dairy business.

On July 13, 1851, Mr. Frost was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ulissa Sperry, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of Luther and Mary Verona (Holt) Sperry. Her paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Merah (Hall) Sperry, of Cheshire, and her maternal grandparents were Philemon and Abby (Barnes) Holt. To Mr. and Mrs. Frost were born three children, one of whom died in infancy, and the youngest, Ella A., at the age of twelve years. The only survivor is Mary U. They had an adopted daughter, Helen L., now the wife of Warren B. Hitchcock.

Mr. Frost died in Mill Plain May 9, 1897, and was laid to rest in Pine Grove cemetery, Waterbury. He was an earnest member of the Episcopal Church, and highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. Politically he was identified with the Republican party. Fraternally he was a prom-



inent member of Mad River Grange, of which he was treasurer for ten years, and of which his widow is also a member. Mrs. Frost is a most estimable lady.

HENRY HOBART FOWLER, a prominent retired farmer of Branford, is a native of that town, born Sept. 24, 1826, and is descended from a very old New England family.

(I) William Fowler, a native of Birmingham, England, lived in New Haven and Milford, from which latter town he moved to Guilford, and died there Jan. 25, 1660. He and his wife Sarah had four children, William, Sarah, Ambrose and John.

(II) Deacon John Fowler, son of William, married Mary Hubbard, born in 1635. He died Sept. 14, 1676, she on April 13, 1713. Their children were: Abigail, May, Abraham, John, Mehitabel and Elizabeth.

(III) Abraham Fowler, son of Deacon John, was born Aug. 29, 1652, and married Aug. 29, 1677, Elizabeth Bartlett, born in March, 1653. He died Sept. 30, 1719, she on Oct. 4, 1742. Their children: Abigail, Mary, Abraham, Ebenezer, Daniel, Josiah, Caleb and Elizabeth.

(IV) Ebenezer Fowler, son of Abraham, was born in Guilford in 1684, and followed farming, being a large land owner in North Guilford. On May 1, 1718, he married Elizabeth Starr, who was born in Guilford, Nov. 26, 1695. He died Nov. 28, 1768, she on March 26, 1765. Their children: Ebenezer, Nathaniel, Hulda, Caleb, Caleb (2), Elizabeth, Lucy and William.

(V) Ebenezer Fowler, son of Ebenezer, was born in January, 1719, in Guilford, and died Feb. 9, 1800. He was a minute man in the Revolution, and in response to the alarm call went to Boston. On Oct. 19, 1743, he married Desire Bristol, who was born Feb. 6, 1719, and died Oct. 13, 1800. Their children were: Beulah, Ebenezer, William, Nathan, Thomas, Ruth, Caleb, Isaac, James and Oliver.

(VI) Ebenezer Fowler, son of Ebenezer, and grandfather of Henry Hobart, was born in North Guilford April 17, 1747, and followed farming. He was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, and enjoyed a pension. On Nov. 18, 1778, he married (first) Lois Rossiter, born July 13, 1759, who died June 17, 1791. They had children as follows: Benjamin R., Fanny (Mrs. Benton), Ruth (Mrs. Erastus Dudley), James H. and Ebenezer. On Feb. 18, 1795, he married (second) Mercy Adkins, born in 1764, who died in 1825. She bore him two sons, Ammi and Isaac. Ebenezer Fowler died Jan. 1, 1833.

(VII) Benjamin Rossiter Fowler, son of Ebenezer and Lois (Rossiter) Fowler, and father of Henry Hobart Fowler, was born in North Guilford Sept. 14, 1779. In early manhood he was for six years (1812-1818) keeper of the County House and Jail, New Haven, which was located where the city hall now stands. In 1818 he removed to Branford,

where he engaged in agricultural pursuits during the rest of his days, dying Dec. 23, 1839. He transacted much public business, holding the office of justice of the peace, and various minor positions, and served as pension agent, securing pensions for Revolutionary soldiers. At one time he was deputy sheriff. His political allegiance was given to the Federalist party. Benjamin R. Fowler was twice married, first time, Nov. 28, 1805, to Rachel Fowler, daughter of Stephen and Temperance (Stevens) Fowler. To this union were born two children that grew to maturity, George R. and Randolph. Mr. Fowler married (second) June 6, 1816, Peggy daughter of Mason and Hannah (Harrison) Hobart, of Branford, and two children, James H. and Henry H., came of this marriage. The mother of these was born Dec. 12, 1781, and died March 24, 1881.

(VIII) James H. Fowler, retired carriage maker, was born in Branford, Conn., May 3, 1820 and attended the common schools and academy of the place. At the age of sixteen he commenced an apprenticeship at the carriage making business in New Haven, serving five years, and then for ten years conducted a wagon shop of his own in Branford. Later, also for ten years, he ran a sloop between Branford and Long Island, since when he has been living retired. He has been twice married, first time, in 1842, to Sophia, daughter of William and Esther Church, of Middletown, Conn., and four children were born to them: Louisa (Mrs. N. Newell), William H., Herbert and Charles. He married (second) Emily, daughter of George W. and Marie (Cook) Johnson, of Wallingford, Conn. His children are all now deceased except William H., who lives in Denver Colo. William H. married Ellen Smith, and has five children: Mary S., Clara, William H., Jr., Fred and Charles. James H. Fowler and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

(VIII) Henry H. Fowler, the subject proper of this memoir, received a liberal education at the common schools of Branford. He made farming his life work up to 1895, when he retired from that occupation. An active Republican politically, he has held various municipal offices, all of which he has filled, or is filling, with his well-known ability and judgment. He has in his possession a family heirloom in the shape of a writing desk or escritoire, which is said to have been made some time in the fourteenth century, and which has been handed down from generation to generation.

Mason Hobart, maternal grandfather of our subject, was born Nov. 1, 1752, at Stonington, Conn., a son of Abijah (of New London) and Mary (Bartholomew) Hobart, the former of whom was born in Stonington, Conn., in 1703, and died in 1791; the latter, who was born in Branford, died at the age of eighty-eight years. Mason Hobart, a Revolutionary pensioner, was a merchant, shipbuilder and owner of vessels, and possessed a large tract



of land in Branford. He served in the Revolution, and received a pension for his services. On Nov. 28, 1776, he married Hannah Harrison, who was born in 1757, a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Harrison, of Branford. Mason Hobart died March 27, 1841, and his wife passed away in 1794.

ALFRED HUGHES. New Haven county has been the home and scene of labor of many men who have not only led lives that should serve as an example to those who come after them, but who have also been of important service to their town and county through various avenues of usefulness. Among them may be named Alfred Hughes, who passed away Oct. 18, 1899, after a life of industry, and rich in those rare possessions which only a high character can give.

Mr. Hughes was born Nov. 14, 1822, in what is now the town of New Haven, but at that time formed a part of East Haven. The Hughes family of East Haven is descended from Henry Freeman Hughes, whose posterity have been substantial men and women and useful citizens in this and other communities in which their lots have been cast. He had a brother, Bodwell Hughes, who, however, has no descendants in East Haven; his only son died in 1815. Our subject was in the fourth generation from Henry Freeman Hughes, who was born in 1723 in Wales, and was impressed as a seaman in the English navy. On account of his dislike for the service he deserted his ship, and about 1748 appeared in East Haven, Conn., under the name of Henry Freeman; he was reported to have come from Newburyport. His name was Henry Hughes, but to avoid detection and capture he assumed that of Freeman in remembrance of his escape, and Freeman has ever since been a common name in the family. On July 19, 1749, Mr. Hughes married Lydia Tuttle, who was born in 1722, daughter of Noah and Rachel (Hoadley) Tuttle, and a member of one of the oldest and most influential families in Connecticut. Mr. Tuttle was a large land owner in East Haven, and Mr. Hughes by his marriage came into possession of considerable property. He was industrious and prosperous, but finally was overcome with misfortune. He was a farmer and ferryman, and though his house was not a tavern he always afforded entertainment for those who desired accommodations. He also kept staple groceries and provisions on hand for his own use and for those who did not want to go to New Haven for them. He was a strict Episcopalian, very firm and settled in his belief. At that time, just preceding and during the Revolution, when the ground which separated Puritan and Churchman was contested inch by inch, it took courage and decision to be a Churchman. His wife was a Puritan, but she united with his church, and their children were all brought up in that faith. Mr. Hughes died in 1791, and Mrs. Hughes in 1794.

(II) Daniel Hughes, son of Henry Freeman, the

settler, was born June 17, 1759, in East Haven, and married (first) Lucy Grannis, born in 1761, in New Haven. She died June 25, 1791, and on Dec. 25, 1795, he married (second) Sarah Atwater, who was born April 26, 1756, in Cheshire, Conn., and died Jan. 14, 1817. On April 5, 1818, he married (third), in East Haven, Rachel Shailor, born in Bristol, Conn., in 1773, who died March 20, 1844. Daniel Hughes received a practical education in the common schools, and took up farming, in which he met with marked success; occasionally he engaged in other lines of business. He was a remarkable man in many respects, and a type of the primitive New Englander. Throughout life he continued to reside in the neighborhood of his birth. He possessed good common sense and was a strong practical reasoner, and clung to his belief with firmness. He was an acute observer and a man of quick perception. Simple in his tastes and habits, he was very active in both body and mind, and until his death kept up the habit of rising between three and four o'clock in the morning and retiring at sunset. He never would ride and never would have a horse on his farm, believing in walking. He never used spectacles, and read without them with perfect ease. Mr. Hughes was dignified in his personal appearance. Always kind, generous and hospitable, his home was open to all, and those who came were welcome. Blessed with abundance, he cheerfully gave to the deserving who had less than he, and he was widely known and beloved. In politics he was a Whig, but had not much taste for party affairs. He early united with the Episcopal Church, and was strongly attached to its teachings, being a very prominent member to the day of his death. Nov. 8, 1842.

(III) Aaron Atwater Hughes, son of Daniel, born Jan. 20, 1797, in East Haven, was a lifelong resident of that town, where he died July 14, 1833. On Jan. 20, 1822, he married Lydia Caroline Tuttle, who was born Oct. 25, 1798, and died May 30, 1892. She was a daughter of Josiah Tuttle, and granddaughter of Joseph Tuttle, who was a volunteer minute-man in the Revolutionary war, and did coast patrol duty at old Black Rock Fort, now Fort Hale. He and his son Josiah, who joined the Revolutionary army at the age of sixteen, were both taken prisoners by the English at that place, July 5, 1779. The British officers took possession of his house, which they destroyed with considerable other property. Aaron A. Hughes inherited the prominent family traits of character to a marked degree, having been warm hearted and open handed, genial, kind and hospitable to all. He was gifted with a high order of ability. Mrs. Hughes was a woman educated in advance of her time, and her mental store was constantly enriched by continual reading, with keen perception, clear and strong reasoning. Hers were those sterling qualities of mind and heart which enabled her to guide her children in all the essentials of usefulness and integrity, a duty which







*Alfred Hughes,*



devolved upon her by her early widowhood. She always kept abreast of the times, in all current events, and retained her faculties in a remarkable degree to the last. Her birthday Scriptural proverb was truly fulfilled: "Strength and honor are her clothing. She shall rejoice in time to come." Alfred Hughes, our subject, was the older in a family of two children, the other being Sarah Eva.

Miss Sarah E. Hughes was educated in the schools of New Haven and the Academy at Westfield, Mass., and in 1853 commenced teaching in a school which she attended. Later she taught in private boarding schools for a few years, and then became connected with the public schools of New Haven, being principal's assistant at the Wooster school two years, and principal of the Dixwell avenue school for nineteen consecutive years, making twenty-one years of continued service in New Haven. Miss Hughes was a very popular and thorough educator, and met with most excellent success. She is now living with our subject's widow on the old home farm. One writer speaks thus of her life and work: "Miss Hughes has not only maintained herself by a successful prosecution of a business to which she has devoted her energies, but has surrounded herself with the comforts of a home which it is her delight also to make, in her generous and hospitable way, the home of those whom she loves and respects. Her childhood was characterized by the early development of a bright and inquiring intellect which instinctively thirsted for knowledge. This literary turn of mind, together with an ardent love of study, ultimately led her to resolve to qualify herself for the honorable position of a teacher. With this view, after spending several years in the best schools in New Haven, she entered the academy at Westfield, Mass., under the charge of William C. Goldwaite, where she spent two years in the study of the higher branches of education. Upon her graduation from this institution, she commenced her career as a teacher in the same, and remained as pupil and teacher three years and a half. At the expiration of this period a flattering offer was extended to her to become a teacher in a boarding school in Louisa Court House, Va., which after mature consideration she concluded to accept. This position she continued to fill, with the entire acceptance of her employers, from September, 1854, until July, 1857, when, upon the failure of her health, she was compelled to resign and return to her friends in Connecticut. Here, in consequence of ill health, she remained until 1860, when an offer was made her of another position in a boarding school in Saratoga, N. Y., where she remained for one year, when, finding that the climate did not agree with her, she was obliged to relinquish the engagement and return to her home. After an interval of rest, she next accepted the position of principal's assistant in the Wooster public school in New Haven, which she retained for the period of two years. Her next field of labor was the Dixwell school—another of the

public schools of New Haven—which she entered in 1864. After the faithful and energetic discharge of the duties of the subordinate positions in this institution she was ultimately promoted to become the principal, which position she held, to her credit, as well as to the entire satisfaction of the board of education, until 1883.

"In 1851 the attention of Miss Hughes was drawn to the subject of religion, and at a subsequent period, in the rite of confirmation, she made a profession of her faith in Christ, and was admitted to the Holy Communion in St. James Church, Fair Haven, of which parish she has continued to be a faithful and exemplary member ever since. In manners and address Miss Hughes is courteous and agreeable; and as a teacher she has been eminently successful."

At the age of seventeen years Alfred Hughes began life for himself, taking charge of the farm where his widow now resides—the homestead of his father, located about a half mile east of Tomlinson's bridge. To its cultivation and improvement he devoted his time and energies throughout life, and was numbered among the best and most successful agriculturists of the community, at the time of his death owning quite a large and valuable estate. He was a man of decided preferences and strong prejudices, but full of forbearance and considerate charity for those who held opposite views. Although tenacious of his opinions and firm in his purposes, he was a "man of strict integrity, sound judgment and good business capacity. He was a man of tender sympathies, which were easily aroused, and led him to the performance of kindly acts to neighbors, friends and strangers. Plain and unpretending in his habits and address, he commended himself to all as the friend of the unfortunate and helpless, but was the enemy of idleness and vagrancy. A faithful advocate and liberal patron of all practical improvements for the moral and intellectual benefit of the community, he enjoyed in a high degree the confidence of his neighbors and townsmen, among whom his sound judgment and faithful execution of all projects which commended themselves to his favor is proverbial. An industrious, honest and substantial man, as a son, brother, husband and father, he was faithful, considerate, affectionate, indulgent and tender."

Alfred Hughes was married in New Haven, Nov. 4, 1861, to Miss Mary Ann Rowe, who was born in East Haven, Dec. 20, 1839, a daughter of Robert and Abbie Rowe; her father was a native of Falmouth, England; her mother was born in Norwich, Conn., a descendant of a Story who was one of the very early settlers of Massachusetts, and soon after moved to Norwich, Conn. To Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were born three children, namely: Caroline Tuttle graduated from the New Haven high school and the State Normal, and for a number of years taught in the New Haven public schools; she is at present teaching in a young la-



dies' seminary at Springfield, Mass. Normand Atwater married Clara L. Pierce, and has one child, Marion. Alfred Burdette is a graduate of Yale College, class of 1895, and Yale Law School, 1897, and is a practicing lawyer of New Haven.

Socially Mr. Hughes was a member of Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New Haven, for forty-three years. He always took an active and commendable interest in public affairs; served as selectman of East Haven in 1857 and other years; and in various other offices. After his section of the town was set aside and added to New Haven he was elected selectman of the latter, in 1888. He was public-spirited and enterprising, and was also very charitable, the poor and the needy always finding in him a friend. During the winter he would load his wagon with vegetables and produce of all kinds, which he would distribute among the poor of his vicinity. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness his duties were performed with the greatest care, and during a long life his personal honor and integrity were without blemish.

**SHELTON TRUMAN HITCHCOCK.** The Hitchcock family of which the gentleman, whose name here appears, is an honored member, is an old settled one in New Milford.

In the spring of 1635, when twenty-five years old, Mathias Hitchcock came from England to Boston on the bark "Susan and Ellen," and from there removed to Watertown, Conn., where in July, 1636, he secured twenty-three acres of land in the Great dividends, which he afterward sold to D. Patrick. In 1639 his name appears on the records of New Haven as one of the signers of the fundamental agreement made on the fourth day of the fourth month (then called June), 1639. According to "Hitchcock Genealogy" he had a brother, Edward, who also was one of the five purchasers of "South End Neck" (now East Haven), where they dwelt after 1651. He (Mathias) died in the New Haven Colony Nov. 14, 1669, his widow in 1676. Their children were: Eliakim married March 4, 1666, Sarah Merrick, daughter of Thomas Merrick; Nathaniel married Jan. 18, 1670, Elizabeth Morse, a daughter of John; John; a sketch of whom follows; Elizabeth, born June 4, 1651, in New Haven, married January, 1672, Anthony Howel, of Branford, Conn. (for her second husband she wedded John Nash).

John Hitchcock, son of Mathias, was born in the New Haven Colony, there grew to manhood, and removed thence to what is now Wallingford, Conn., where he was one of the original proprietors, and owned a large tract of land. He died there July 6, 1716. He was twice married, first on Jan. 18, 1670, to Abigail Merriman, who was born April 18, 1654, a daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Merriman; for his second wife he married April 18, 1677, a daughter of Samuel Cook. John Hitchcock's children were as follows: A daughter, born Oct. 1, 1672,

died young; Abigail, born April 10, 1694, married Jacob Johnson; Mary, born Dec. 10, 1676, married Benjamin Beach; Nathaniel, born April 18, 1679, married Sarah Jennings; Margery, born Sept. 9, 1681, married Joseph Munson; Elizabeth, born April 18, 1684, supposed to have married Daniel Lines; John, born Oct. 18, 1685, married Marlow Munson; Mathias, born May 26, 1688, married Thankful Andrews; Hannah, Jan. 9, 1690, is supposed to have married John Lines; Damaris, born July 11, 1693, married Sylvanus Clark; Benjamin, a sketch of whom follows.

Capt. Benjamin Hitchcock, son of John, was born March 24, 1696, in Wallingford. When in manhood he moved to what is now Cheshire, Conn., and there owned land and farmed; he also owned land in the parish of Southington. He died in Cheshire, Feb. 12, 1767. By his wife, Elizabeth Ives, who was born Sept. 6, 1700, and died Aug. 8, 1762, a daughter of Joseph and Esther Ives, he had children as follows: Bela, born Oct. 27, 1719, married Sarah Atwater; Hannah, born Sept. 12, 1721, married May 26, 1740, Elnathan Andrews; Benjamin, a sketch of whom follows; Elizabeth, born Feb. 23, 1726; Abigail, born May 10, 1728, married Dec. 9, 1747, Daniel Bradley, of New Haven; Samuel, born April, 1730; Nathaniel, born June 30, 1732, died March 12, 1734; Enos, baptized April, 1734; Joseph, born July 12, 1737, died Nov. 1, 1760; Nathaniel, born Sept. 20, 1739, married May 4, 1763, Lydia Dutton, and died May 30, 1770; David, born June 29, 1742, married Hannah Doolittle; Damaris, born Sept. 3, 1745, died Nov. 25, 1756.

Benjamin Hitchcock, son of Capt. Benjamin, was born in the town of Wallingford Feb. 23, 1724, passed the most of his life in Cheshire, and died there Oct. 4, 1792. He married Feb. 27, 1745, Rhoda Cook, born Oct. 22, 1724, in Cheshire, and died May 16, 1808. Their children: Thaddeus, born Dec. 13, 1745, died Aug. 8, 1752; Hannah, born March 9, 1748, married a Mr. Ward; Benjamin, sketch of whom follows; Rhoda, born Nov. 24, 1752, married April 5, 1755, Obed Doolittle; Lucy, born March 24, 1755; Damaris, born Dec. 5, 1756; Thaddeus, born March 10, 1760, married Abigail Arnold.

Benjamin Hitchcock, a son of Benjamin above, was born Nov. 24, 1752, in Cheshire, then a part of Wallingford, whence he removed to Waterbury, where he became a land owner and farmer, a highly respected and prominent citizen. He died there in 1809. By his wife, Eunice (Hotchkiss), who was born Jan. 8, 1755, and died in 1799, a daughter of Daniel Hotchkiss, he had children as follows: Anna, born April 19, 1775; Saly, born in 1778, married J. G. Tyrrell; Reuben married Leda Plant, daughter of James Plant; Jared married Dec. 1, 1808, Lillie Bunnell; Manly, born Dec. 23, 1783; Samuel, born March 3, 1787, married Amelia Osborn; George, born June 27, 1789, lived in Water-



town, N. Y.; Benjamin Truman, a sketch of whom follows; and Eunice, born Feb. 19, 1793, married Heman Tyrrell.

Benjamin Truman Hitchcock, son of Benjamin above, and the father of the subject proper of this sketch, was born Aug. 9, 1791, at Waterbury, Conn. He was a farmer and land owner at East Farms, town of Waterbury, died there, and was buried in East Farms cemetery; a member of the Congregational Church, he was a devout Christian, a good and worthy man, in politics he was an old-line Whig.

On Feb. 22, 1815, Benjamin T. Hitchcock married Julia Frisbie, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Daniel Frisbie, sketch of whom appears elsewhere, and the names and dates of the birth of their children are as follows: Eliza Finette, July 18, 1816, married J. C. Beach, and is still living; Edward M.; Shelton Truman, sketch of whom follows; Juliette, born July 4, 1828, died in 1831; Elmore William, May 13, 1833; and George Benjamin, a sketch of whom follows.

Sheldon Truman Hitchcock, son of Benjamin Truman, and the subject of this memoir, was born Dec. 13, 1822, at the homestead in town of Waterbury, and received his education in part at the district schools, and in part at a private school. Until he was thirty-three years old he worked for his father, and then bought the Maple Lake farm, on the old turnpike near Judge Hill, town of Wolcott, known first as the Lewis farms; it is a tract of 400 acres, and the house was formerly a hotel owned by Reuben Lewis. Here Mr. Hitchcock has lived for forty-five years, during which time he has made vast improvements and has added 300 acres to the original place, so that the farm lies in the towns of Cheshire and Wolcott. Besides general farming, including dairying and stock raising, he deals largely in wood, and he is noted for honesty and integrity in all his transactions.

On Oct. 26, 1855, Shelton T. Hitchcock was married to Cornelia C. Andrews, who was born in the town of Wolcott, Aug. 22, 1833, a daughter of Chester and Olive L. (Bassett) Andrews, and granddaughter of Luther and Martha (Thomas) Andrews. She is a lady of refinement, a good mother, wife and helpmeet in every sense of the word. Children were born to this honored couple as follows: Jennie J., born March 25, 1857, married William R. Steele, of Waterbury; Nettie C., born Aug. 22, 1860, married George J. Alexander; Eva, born Sept. 1, 1862, died Sept. 8, 1862; and Elbert, born Nov. 7, 1867, died Jan. 1, 1888. The last named was a young man of excellent repute, highly educated and clever, and his taking away so early in life was a sad bereavement to his parents and friends. Mrs. Martha (Thomas) Andrews, grandmother of Mrs. Hitchcock, was a sister of Seth Thomas, the noted clock manufacturer of Thomaston, Conn., while the wife of Seth Thomas was Laura Andrews, a sister of Luther

Andrews, and daughter of William Andrews, a captain in the Revolutionary army. Albert A. Andrews, brother of Mrs. Hitchcock, served three years in the Civil war, and now lives in Brooklyn, New York.

In politics Mr. Hitchcock is a staunch Democrat, and has filled several positions of honor and trust in the gift of his party, but at all times represented the people, regardless of politics. He was elected to the State Legislature six terms, namely: 1859, 1871, 1872, 1874, 1878 and 1879, and sat in the old house at Hartford the last time, and at the first session in the new house, also the last session in the old New Haven house. For twelve years he served as a member of the board of selectmen for the town of Wolcott, during several of which years he was its chairman; was a member of the board of relief; has served as assessor; and was elected grand juror and justice of the peace, but declined these offices. He is very domestic in his life and habits, and temperate in all things. In business matters he is conceded to be the most successful farmer in Wolcott, and by hard work, judicious management and sound judgment he has earned a comfortable competence.

George Benjamin Hitchcock, brother of Shelton T., was born Sept. 16, 1838, on the home farm, in the town of Waterbury, and all his life has engaged in agricultural pursuits on the Meriden road. He married Helen Alexander, daughter of John Alexander, and sister to George J. Alexander, of Waterbury, and three children have come to their union: Irving, born in 1869, died in 1881; Warren B., born in 1872, was married in 1892 to Helen S. Frost, adopted daughter of Mrs. Charles Frost; and Fannie, born in 1882, is living at home. Mrs. Hitchcock is a member of the Congregational Church at Waterbury.

HENRY B. GRISWOLD, retired, who during his active years was one of the best known business men of Guilford, was born in that town Nov. 25, 1824, son of Joel and Polly (Bartlett) Griswold.

Mr. Griswold commenced his studies in the home district, and completed his studies with two terms in a select school. As he was the eldest son, he had to help his father in the work, and remained at home until he reached his majority, when he married and removed to Clinton, where he was a farmer for some years. Returning to Guilford he became employed on a tract of land near the old homestead, on which he made extensive improvements and also took up the lumbering business. At first he cut and furnished ties and timber for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Shore Line. He cut and shipped timber for the construction of the largest sailing vessel built in America, and in all furnished timber for more than thirty shins. Later he branched out more extensively, organizing the Griswold Lumber Co., with headquarters at Chicago, of which he was president and his son H. W. secretary and treas-





urer. The company did a business of more than \$100,000 a year, furnishing more than ten million feet of white oak timber for the Michigan Central railroad; considerable for the Grand Trunk railroad; and also supplying the World's Fair with a large quantity of timber. They thoroughly investigated the lumber resources of the West, from Winnipeg to Texas, and had altogether twenty-five mills in different parts of the country, their mill products going to all parts of the world. Our subject furnished piles for a number of docks in New York, and timber for many of the elevators of that city. During the time he was in business he dealt with many railroad men in the United States and Canada, and has met many of the leading men of the country. He refused an offer of the Canadian Pacific railroad to look after their lumber interests, at a salary of \$3,000 a year. He spent one winter and part of several summers in the Adirondacks, in the interest of Thomas C. Durant, the builder of the Union Pacific railroad, locating an old survey for a railroad from Saratoga to Sacket's Harbor, on Lake Ontario, stocking his mills, and looking over timber lands, of which he had six hundred thousand acres. During the Civil war Mr. Griswold furnished the government with timber for war vessels then building, as well as for docks. Mr. Griswold is a reader of character, and a keen judge of men and events. He worked hard at whatever he had in hand, and commanded the respect of his fellow men in every walk of life.

Mr. Griswold married, Nov. 25, 1845, Miss Polly E. Wilcox, who was born Oct. 21, 1825, daughter of Selah Wilcox, of Clinton. She died Aug. 19, 1866, and was buried in the Alderhood cemetery. To this union came two children: (1) Emelyn, born Sept. 26, 1847, is the widow of James A. Dudley, who died in 1897, and was buried in Alderhood cemetery. They had five children—Lillian E., born Oct. 21, 1871; Harry C., born July 31, 1878, now a student at Harvard; Ernest Griswold, born in August, 1880, now at Leland Stanford University; Alice Griswold, born June 22, 1883; and Laura Eliot, born Feb. 14, 1886. (2) Henry Wilcox, born Feb. 21, 1850, received a good business education, and was engaged in the lumber business with his father as partner. He is now the general manager of three cold storage warehouses—located respectively in Jersey City, Springfield, Mass., and Albany—of the Eastern States Refrigerating Co., whose home office is in New York City. He is a thorough business man and has been very successful. He married Mettie M. Morrison, who had more than a local reputation in music and art, and to this union came one child, Ruth, who is now in the Guilford high school. Mrs. Henry Wilcox Griswold died April 18, 1896, in Chicago.

Henry B. Griswold married for his second wife, Oct. 17, 1867, Eugenia Maria Scranton, who was born in New Haven, daughter of Hamilton W.

and Ann Maria (Rowe) Scranton. Abraham Scranton, her grandfather, was one of the best-known citizens of Madison, Conn. To this union came one child, Herbert H., who was born Jan. 2, 1876, and died May 6, 1882.

Mr. Griswold is a Republican, with strong independent proclivities. He was selectman for two terms, and has been justice of the peace and grand juror of the United States Court. In religion he has allied himself with the First Congregational Church. He is a good, whole-souled man, and is well liked in his community.

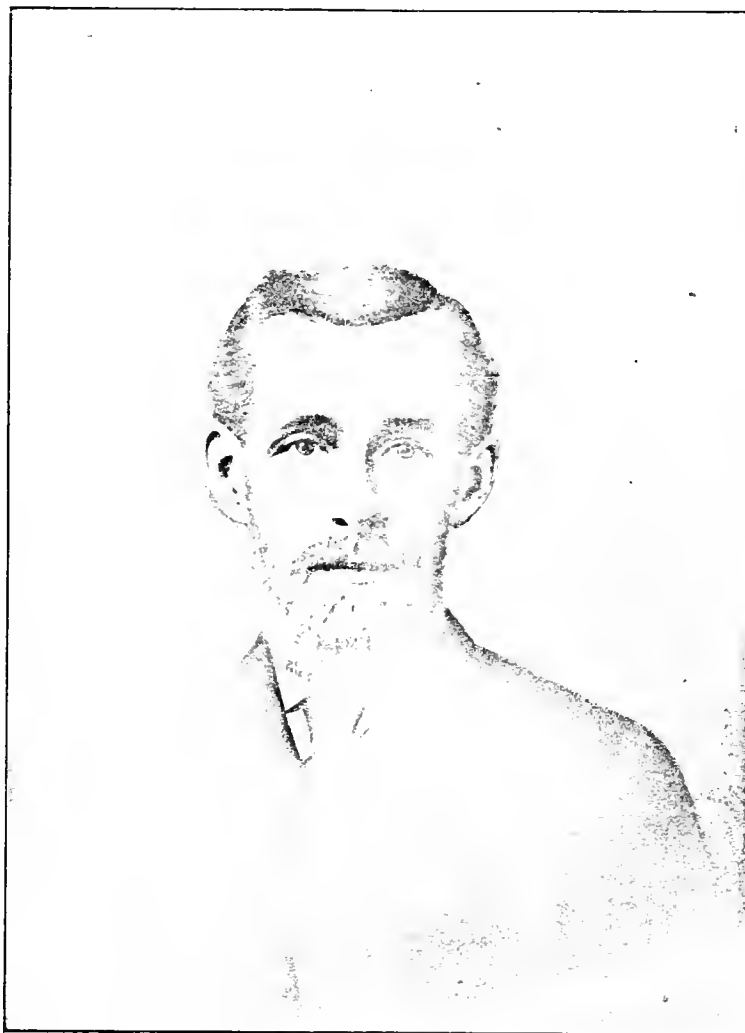
RANSOM BENJAMIN HALL (deceased) was through life one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Wolcott, New Haven county, where he was born July 12, 1852. His father, Heman Wilsey Hall, was a native of the same town, born in 1824, a son of Deacon Orrin Hall, and a brother of Mrs. Harriet J. Gladding, who still occupies the old homestead, and in whose sketch more extended mention is made of the family. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Betsey Ann Sperry, was descended from one of the oldest families of the State, being a daughter of Joseph and Abigail Sperry, of Wolcott.

Ransom B. Hall acquired his literary education in the district schools of Wolcott, and upon the home farm gained an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He lived with his grandparents until reaching manhood, his parents having died when he was young. On starting out in life for himself he chose the occupation to which he had been reared, and in his labors met with most excellent success, becoming one of the largest land owners and most extensive farmers of his section of the town. He was also interested in stock raising.

In 1874, in Woodtick, town of Wolcott, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Anna E. Root, a native of that town, a daughter of Timothy and Mary (Goodwin) Root, and a granddaughter of Mark Root and Virgil C. Goodwin. She is a lady of education and refinement, and successfully engaged in teaching in the district schools for several years. Since her husband's death she has moved to Mill Plain, in the town of Waterbury, where she has erected an elegant residence. She is an active member of Mad River Grange, of which she is now secretary. In religious belief she is an Episcopalian. Her children are Nettie J., George R., Daisy M. and Robert R., all at home. The older son is now engaged as a traveling salesman for the Cycle Supply Co., of Hartford.

Mr. Hall died on his farm in Wolcott Oct. 3, 1889, and was laid to rest in Woodtick cemetery. He was a Republican in politics, and always took quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, being specially interested in educational matters. He was serving as tax collector of his town at the time of his death. Religiously he was a leading member of the Congregational Church, and always





*Ransom B Hall*



took a deep interest in its work. In his home he was an indulgent father, a kind and devoted husband, and his genuine worth and manly virtues were widely recognized. He never acted except from honest motives, and in all his varied relations, in business affairs and social life, he maintained a character and standing that impressed all with his sincere and manly purpose to do by others as he would have others do by him.

EDWIN JESSE CLINTON, a member of the carriage wood-work firm of E. J. Clinton & Son, Clintonville, Conn., was born in the town of Wallingford, Sept. 4, 1836, and belongs to a family long located in this part of the world.

The Clintons are said to be of Scotch descent, and are supposed to have come to Massachusetts to Connecticut in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Laurence Clinton, the first of the name in New Haven, settled in what is now North Haven in 1702. He became a member of Center Church, New Haven, in 1704, and was one of six men who united in forming an Episcopal Society in North Haven in 1723. By occupation he was a mason. Records show that he was born in 1679 and died 1757-8, and that he was married about the year 1700 to Mary — (probably Brockett), and became the father of seven daughters, viz.: Elizabeth, who married James Bishop Jan. 20, 1725-6; Abigail; Mary, who married Isaac Griggs, Oct. 21, 1725; Lydia; Sarah; Anne; and Phebe. He married (second) Elizabeth Barnes (?), and had sons, Laurence and John.

(II) John Clinton, second son of Laurence, was born April 9, 1740, and on June 7, 1764, married Ann Thorpe. A daughter, Anna, was born April 9, 1766. This family all died in the fall of 1777, probably of smallpox—Anna, the daughter, on Sept. 29; Ann, the mother, on Oct. 10, and John soon after in North Haven.

(II) Capt. Laurence Clinton, eldest son of Laurence, was born Jan. 1, 1737, and died Sept. 9, 1804. He was appointed captain of the Ninth Company, or Train Band, Connecticut Militia, in 1781, and he served in the Revolutionary war. He bought the "Clinton Homestead" in the town of Wallingford in 1776. It has been the home of three generations of the Clintons, and is now the residence of Elizur Z. Clinton. Capt. Laurence Clinton was a wealthy farmer and extensive land holder. His wife, to whom he was married Nov. 15, 1759, was Elizabeth Todd, born Sept. 29, 1736, died April 30, 1803. She was a daughter of Gershom Todd and Hannah (Mansfield) Todd, granddaughter of Michael Todd, great-granddaughter of Christopher Todd, one of the first New Haven Colonists. Their children were Esther, Jesse, David (born Aug. 27, 1765, died April 21, 1783), Eunetia and Hannah. He married (second) widow Lucretia De Witt, who afterward married Nathaniel Johnson, and died in 1844.

(III) Esther Clinton, oldest child of Capt. Laurence Clinton, was born Aug. 5, 1760, and married Solomon Jacobs, who was born July 1, 1759, and died Nov. 7, 1799. The children born of this were as follows: David, born Jan. 6, 1781; Clinton, Aug. 13, 1782; Solomon, Sept. 9, 1787; Hannah, April 6, 1789, and died Dec. 30, 1794; Linus, Sept. 1, 1791; Anson, Sept. 27, 1793; Silas, March 22, 1796; and Esther, May 2, 1800.

(III) Eunetia Clinton, born Dec. 13, 1768, fourth child of Capt. Laurence Clinton, married Thomas Beach and removed to Vermont. She had three children—twin daughters, and a son, Laurence.

(III) Hannah Clinton, fifth child of Capt. Laurence Clinton, was born in 1772, and died Jan. 15, 1861. She married Joel Pierpont, and became the mother of two children: Louis, who married Rosette Jacobs, and had no children; and Lewey, born April 5, 1795, and died March 10, 1887, aged ninety-two. Lewey Pierpont married John Todd, who was born Feb. 4, 1791, a son of Gideon, and grandson of Christopher Todd. Gideon Todd was the father of Caleb Todd, from whom was descended the wife of Abraham Lincoln. John Todd died April 9, 1861, the father of three children: George Clinton Todd, born Dec. 1, 1816, died Oct. 31, 1825; Laurence Pierpont Todd, born July 7, 1822, married (first) Marie Antoinette Baldwin (born in 1836), and (second) Mary Wiley (no children by either marriage); and George Henry Todd, born Jan. 24, 1828, married May 11, 1858, Lydia C. Chapman, who was born Oct. 4, 1842, and they reside on the Gideon Todd homestead in North Haven, the ancestral home of Mrs. Lincoln.

(III) Jesse Eton Clinton, second child of Capt. Laurence Clinton, and the only son who lived to mature years, was born Aug. 9, 1762, and died Dec. 12, 1836. He married Patience Todd (born June 9, 1768, died Aug. 23, 1845), a daughter of Enos and Sarah (Blakeslee) Todd, and granddaughter of Gershom and Hannah (Mansfield) Todd. When a young man, Jesse Clinton taught school, and was afterward a successful farmer. He was the first of the family to live in the town of Wallingford. This couple had ten children, namely: Eunetia, David, Lyman, Sally, Hannah, Elizabeth, Bemon, Cynthia, Aurelia and Jesse.

(IV) Eunetia Clinton, eldest child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born June 25, 1788, and married Eli Sackett, by whom she had two children, Eunetia, who died Sept. 24, 1882; and Milo. Eunetia (Clinton) Sackett died Nov. 21, 1824.

(IV) David Clinton, second child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born June 20, 1790, and died Dec. 30, 1879. He married Lucy L. Smith, daughter of Jude Smith, and she died Aug. 29, 1883, aged eighty-eight years. They had six children: Salina, Lyman, Lavinia L., Eunetia O., Celia C. and Delia M. David Clinton founded the Clintonville Agricultural works prior to 1830. It was for a long time



the most successful business concern in North Haven, and he was at one time considered the wealthiest man in the town. Corn shellers, horse rakes, and other agricultural machines were coming into use, and on these he made many improvements. Clinton's implements became renowned, and were found wherever farming was carried on. In 1850 he associated with him, his son, Lyman, under the firm name of D. Clinton & Son, and thus the business was carried on successfully until 1875.

(V) Salina Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, married Benjamin Johnson, and had four children, as follows: (1) Henrietta, who was twice married. By her first husband, John Bartholomew, she had a son, John. On Sept. 21, 1869, she married Henry Plumley, and by this union became the mother of three children—William, who married and has two children; Lucy, who married Charles Barber, and has one child; and Benjamin, who died at the age of seventeen. (2) Julia married Elias Potter, and resides in Massachusetts. Her children are, Dolly, Nellie, William, Florence, Charles and Ernest. (3) Lucy died unmarried. (4) William went West.

(V) Lyman Clinton, second child of David Clinton, was born March 21, 1817, and died Jan. 30, 1888. He was married Nov. 24, 1841, to Lavinia Blakeslee, who was born May 7, 1822, and died May 10, 1892. Their children are: Margaret Lavinia, Julia Josephine, David Laurence, Lyman Frederick, Anson Blakeslee and Delia Eunetia. Lyman Clinton engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements with his father.

(VI) Margaret Lavinia Clinton, daughter of Lyman Clinton, was born March 10, 1843, and on Oct. 25, 1866, married George Spencer Vibbert, who was born May 10, 1843, a son of Nelson and Lucy A. (Hosmer) Vibbert. He is engaged in the card printing business. The children born of this union are: (1) Edith, born Feb. 8, 1868, married Nov. 17, 1896, William Smith, son of Alonzo and Sarah (Neal) Smith, and has one child, Winford Spencer, born Aug. 13, 1898. (2) Freddie, born May 1, 1870, died young. (3) Grace Lavinia, born June 28, 1872, married Sept. 13, 1893, Clarence B. Sherwood, son of Charles Sherwood, and has two children, Roland and Stirling. (4) Stephen Spencer, born Sept. 2, 1876, married Nov. 18, 1897, Louise Smith, born April 28, 1874, daughter of Hubbard and Emily (Barker) Smith, of Guilford, and has two children, Esther Emily, born in June, 1899; and a son born in June, 1901.

(VI) Julia Josephine Clinton, daughter of Lyman Clinton, was born June 14, 1844, and married Oct. 10, 1867, Edward S. Miner, son of Darius Miner, of Torrington, Conn. They had children as follows: Stiles, who died young; Nellie, who married John Bader; a daughter deceased; Anson; and Stiles (2).

(VI) David Laurence Clinton, son of Lyman Clinton, was born June 11, 1849, and married Sept. 14, 1869, to Fannie M. Vibbert, born July 8, 1850,

daughter of Nelson and Lucy A. (Hosmer) Vibbert. This union was blessed with a daughter, Gertrude, born Jan. 5, 1879, who married May 16, 1900, Edwin B. Stevens, born April 30, 1870 (a son of Hiram and Marietta (Richards) Stevens, formerly of Danbury (Conn.), and they have a daughter, Helen Clinton, born April 16, 1901. Mr. Clinton is serving a second term as postmaster of Clintonville, and he has also served as deputy sheriff.

(VI) Lyman Frederick Clinton, son of Lyman, was born Aug. 18, 1854, and married March 31, 1876, to Ida A. Marks, born April 6, 1854, daughter of George B. and Julia A. (Eaton) Marks. Three children have been born of this marriage: (1) Blanche L., born Oct. 23, 1876, married May 16, 1900, William W. Stevens, born July 8, 1867, son of Hiram and Marietta (Richards) Stevens. (2) Inez J., born Sept. 13, 1878, married June 30, 1897, Alfred W. Brooker, born Jan. 3, 1873, son of Warren and Aurelia (Blakeslee) Brooker, of Torrington, Conn. (3) George Raymond, born April 24, 1887.

(VI) Anson Blakeslee Clinton, son of Lyman Clinton, was born Jan. 24, 1857, and married in December, 1879, to Mary Stiles, daughter of Hobart Stiles. He resides in North Haven, but is the proprietor of a music store in New Haven. He has taken a prominent part in public affairs and represented his town in the State Legislature in 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton have three children, Wilson, who was married in October, 1901, to Miss Anna Bannell; Stiles De Witt and Mildred.

(VI) Delia Eunetia Clinton, daughter of Lyman Clinton, was born Jan. 25, 1859, and married Oct. 6, 1888, Willoughby Ely Fowler, born Oct. 6, 1860, at Guilford, Conn., son of Sereno and Elizabeth (Ely) Fowler. They have two children, Ruth Ernestine, born Sept. 20, 1894; and Earl Clinton, born Nov. 8, 1898.

(V) Lavinia L. Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, was born in 1820, and died Sept. 8, 1849. She married Ezra Munson, born in 1816, died Dec. 18, 1882. Their only child, George S., born in 1840, died April 13, 1861.

(V) Eunetia O. Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, was born Oct. 23, 1824, and died Sept. 20, 1848. She married Nov. 25, 1846, Sereno O. Todd, born March 8, 1819. No children were born of this marriage.

(V) Delia M. Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, was born Sept. 15, 1829, and died July 20, 1855. She married Jan. 14, 1851, Sereno O. Todd, as his second wife. No children.

(V) Celia C. Clinton, daughter of David Clinton, was born Feb. 23, 1827, and died May 23, 1872. She married Lyman Basset, and had one child, Irving L. Basset (deceased), who married May 1, 1883, Catherine E. Tuttle, and had two sons.

(IV) Lyman Clinton, son of Jesse Eton Clinton,





was born Sept. 21, 1791, and drowned at Branford, June 6, 1811.

(IV) Sally Clinton, fourth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born July 29, 1793, and she married Edward Tuttle, who was born in New Haven, and died at Tooele, Utah, in July, 1867. Four children were born of this union, as follows: (1) Eliza A., who was married May 16, 1838, to Joseph A. Granmis, of Hamden, by whom she had six children—Alexander Cook, born May 29, 1841, died Sept. 22, 1846; Susan Adelia, born April 14, 1843, married May 3, 1864, Albert M. Ives, of Mt. Carmel; Charles Wallace, born Aug. 25, 1844, died Feb. 4, 1845; Elmira Foote, born Jan. 1, 1846, married Nov. 9, 1870, Dana H. Cooper, of Mt. Carmel; Anna Eliza, born Sept. 17, 1847, married April 23, 1867, James Duckworth, of Pittsfield, Mass.; and Charles Edwin, born March 27, 1862. (2) Sarah married Joseph Meacham, and resided in Toole City (or Tooele), Utah. She had five children. (3) Angeline married William B. Adams, of Tooele, Utah, and has three children. (4) Norton married about 1850, Elizabeth Utley, and has two sons and three daughters. They reside in Tooele, Utah.

(IV) Hannah Clinton, fifth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born June 10, 1795, and died Aug. 11, 1878. She married Harvey Todd, who was born in December, 1790, a son of Joel Todd, and died July 15, 1867. There were the parents of three children, as follows: (1) Grace, born June 15, 1816, married (first) on Thanksgiving Day, 1836, Charles Pierpont, born in March, 1813, and by this union was born a daughter, Josephine Amelia, June 28, 1841, who died in February, 1873. Grace married (second) Jude B. Smith, who was born March 23, 1808, a son of Jude Smith, and died March 18, 1887. (2) William, born in December, 1821, married (first) Emeline Brooks, by whom he had five children—Martha, Mary, Hattie (married first, Carl Grainger, and second, Charles Foote), Emma (wife of Alfred Allen, of Wallingford) and Jennie (wife of Reuben Harrison). For his second wife, William married Lydia Lord, who bore him four children—Carrie, Rose, and William and Arthur (both deceased). (3) Charlotte, born in November, 1823, is now deceased; she married Warren Cooper, and had two children, both of whom are now dead.

(IV) Elizabeth Clinton, sixth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born Sept. 20, 1796, and died Nov. 28, 1886. She married June 17, 1816, Josiah Todd, born Dec. 18, 1794, died Oct. 22, 1869, a son of Dan Todd and his wife Lucy Frost. Dan Todd was a son of Christopher, son of Samuel (2), son of Samuel (1), son of Christopher and Grace (Middlebrook) Todd. Josiah Todd and his wife, Elizabeth Clinton, resided at New Connecticut, Newark Valley, N. Y., and were both buried in Newark Valley. They were the parents of seven children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Samuel, born Aug. 22, 1817, in North Haven, died at

Manchester, Conn., Jan. 5, 1900. He married Jan. 7, 1851, Emily Rich (daughter of Harvey and Nancy (Johnson) Rich), of Owego, N. Y., born Dec. 10, 1825, died at Newark Valley, Dec. 26, 1868. Samuel married (second) June 15, 1870, Jane M. Button, of North Haven, Conn., who was born Jan. 15, 1848, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Goodale) Button, and two children were born of this union—Clarence J., March 12, 1874; and Jennie A., Aug. 16, 1876. (2) Frederick Handel, born Feb. 26, 1819, was drowned in March, 1865. He married Sept. 17, 1850, Phebe Elizabeth Slosson, who was born March 9, 1830. (3) Aurelia Juliet, born June 7, 1823, at North Haven, Conn., married March 25, 1847, William B. Bushnell, born April 12, 1823, and they now make their home in Berkshire, Tioga Co., N. Y. (4) Henrietta Wallace, born April 21, 1827, in Newark Valley, died in Brooklyn, Jan. 10, 1893, and was buried in Wellsboro, Penn. (5) Robert Burns, born March 5, 1829, died Sept. 28, 1831. (6) Mary Josephine, born Feb. 6, 1833, married May 23, 1861, Charles Grosvenor Osgood, born March 22, 1820, and has three children—Harry Winthrop, born Feb. 23, 1862; Mary Helen, born Oct. 24, 1863, married Sept. 20, 1894, Dr. Clarence W. Webb, and has a son, Charles Grosvenor Osgood Webb, born March 23, 1899; and Charles Grosvenor, born May 4, 1871, a teacher in Yale University, New Haven. The entire family have homes in Wellsboro, Penn. (7) Fidelia, born Dec. 4, 1838, married Feb. 14, 1860, Mandelbert Newton Chapman, of Newark Valley, N. Y., born July 5, 1837, died Feb. 11, 1868; Fidelia married, second, Edward Beason, of Kansas.

(IV) Bemon Clinton, seventh child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born Oct. 1, 1798, and married Lavinia Tuttle, who bore him five children, as follows: (1) Harriet T., born in 1830, married Aug. 17, 1851, in New Haven, to Louis W. Gunn, and has one child, Frank. (2) Burton, born Oct. 14, 1831, at Blandford, Mass. (3) Sarah B. (deceased), married at New Haven, Aug. 21, 1853, to Washington C. Cunningham, of Middletown, Conn., and had one child. (4) Mary married William Cook (both deceased), and had one child, George. (5) Jane married George Auger, and had a son Seymour. For his second wife, Bemon Clinton wedded Sarah Frisbie, and for his third, Julia Wells.

(IV) Cynthia Clinton, eighth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born Jan. 27, 1801, and married Deacon Lewis Bates, by whom she had one child, Angelette, who married Ellsworth Robinson, and had two daughters, Emma and Jennie.

(IV) Aurelia Clinton, ninth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born July 14, 1803, and died May 4, 1892. She married Oct. 30, 1823, Orrin Todd, born Feb. 26, 1800, died Dec. 8, 1888, son of Joel Todd. Joel Todd was a son of Hezekiah, son of Caleb, son of Samuel (2), son of Samuel (1), son of Christopher and Grace (Middlebrook) Todd. To Orrin Todd and his wife Aurelia were born four



children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Francis Hayden, born Aug. 8, 1827, died Oct. 9, 1899. He was an enterprising and successful farmer, and made an honorable record as a citizen in public affairs. In 1864 he was elected a grand juror, and held that office until his death—a period of thirty-five years. In October, 1899, he was elected treasurer of North Haven for the twenty-fourth time. In 1883 he was elected representative to the State Legislature; he also served as selectman several terms. On Jan. 1, 1855, he married Elizabeth M. Gill, of North Haven, daughter of John Henry and Louisa (Tuttle) Gill, and three children were born of this union—George Henry, born Oct. 31, 1861, married Jennie Maginness, now deceased; John Hayden, born Nov. 14, 1866, married Dec. 18, 1890, Josephine Cheney, and has two children; and William Handel, born March 5, 1871. (2) Grace Angeline, born Aug. 9, 1830, married Samuel Hale, and resides in California. (3) Henry Dennis, born Sept. 2, 1832, is a farmer. He has served as selectman in North Haven. During the Civil war he served as a soldier from September, 1862, to July, 1863. His wife was Grace A. Hartley, daughter of Bernard and Sarah A. (Bishop) Hartley. (4) Mary Aurelia, born Nov. 25, 1836, died Nov. 28, 1886. She married Eli J. Brackett, Nov. 25, 1856, and had one child, Frederick H., who married Charlotte T. Bishop, daughter of Erus and Charlotte (Thorpe) Bishop, and has three children—Myron, Horace and Nelson.

(IV) Jesse Clinton, Jr., tenth child of Jesse Eton Clinton, was born May 13, 1805, and died Feb. 20, 1875. On Nov. 16, 1825, he married Rosanna Bassett, who was born Oct. 30, 1803, and died May 23, 1886. They were the parents of six children, namely: Merritt Julius, George William, John Henry, Isaac Bassett, Edwin Jesse, and Elizur Zerah.

(V) Merritt Julius Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., was born June 23, 1826, and died April 11, 1879. He was married April 24, 1850, to Emily Blakeslee, born Aug. 9, 1831, and became the father of three children: Origen C., born Aug. 26, 1851, died July 13, 1897; Milo C., born Sept. 22, 1853, married May 3, 1877, Hattie M. Smith (born Nov. 23, 1857, died April 12, 1897) and had three children—Flora B. (born Sept. 23, 1878, died June 14, 1883), Lina B. (born Oct. 29, 1881, died May 20, 1894) and Clarence M. (born April 19, 1887, died in August, 1901); and Frank R., born July 15, 1855.

(V) George William Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., was born Oct. 12, 1828, and married May 18, 1856, to Frances A. Allen, who was born Sept. 12, 1835, a daughter of Hiram and Nancy (Button) Allen, and one child, Celia A., born March 2, 1861, has blessed this union. Celia A. Clinton married Sept. 21, 1887, Wallace H. Mansfield, who was born Oct. 26, 1859.

(V) John Henry Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton,

Jr., was born March 2, 1832, and died unmarried Dec. 23, 1859.

(V) Isaac Bassett Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., was born July 2, 1834, and married May 12, 1858, Grace A. Allen, who was born July 18, 1839, a daughter of Hiram and Nancy (Button) Allen. The children born of this union are as follows: Evelyn B., born May 7, 1859, married Feb. 14, 1888, Florence A. Redfield (born July 16, 1863, a daughter of Charles and Laura (Bassett) Redfield), and has one son, Leroy W., born Nov. 24, 1889; Friend, born June 20, 1862, married Aug. 2, 1888, Helen G. Clark, born in Middletown, Conn., Jan. 17, 1866; and Elbert, born June 15, 1872, married April 6, 1898, Clara G. Sanford, of Hamden, and has one child, Helen Priscilla.

(V) Elizur Zerah Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., was born Sept. 18, 1847, and married Nov. 10, 1869, Julia A. Bishop (daughter of Erus and Charlotte (Thorpe) Bishop) born May 1, 1850, died April 10, 1873. On Dec. 3, 1873, Elizur Z. Clinton married for his second wife, Ella J. Palmer, who was born June 25, 1849, a daughter of Timothy and Sybill (Barnes) Palmer. The children born of this union are as follows: Robert J., born Feb. 6, 1875, married April 21, 1898, Hilda Matilda Olsen, and has two children, Charlotte Ella and Ruth; Bessie, born March 28, 1878; Lovell E., born June 5, 1883; Dora P., born March 17, 1889; Jennie F., born April 16, 1891. Mr. Clinton resides with his family on the old Clinton homestead, and is successfully engaged in farming.

(V) Edwin Jesse Clinton, son of Jesse Clinton, Jr., and fifth in the family in the order of birth, was born Sept. 4, 1836, and married April 11, 1859, to Cornelia Tuttle, who was born Aug. 14, 1842, a daughter of Amos and Harriet (Bassett) Tuttle, and died March 24, 1885. Two children were born of this union: Andrew D., born Sept. 7, 1862, married May 21, 1885, Lucy A. Bishop, born July 10, 1861, a daughter of Erus and Charlotte (Thorpe) Bishop and has a son Charles, born March 15, 1901; and Ida L., born Aug. 30, 1871, married Heinrich Vollhardt, born in Frankfort, Germany, July 21, 1870, and has had five children—Frieda A. (born Sept. 9, 1895), Philip H. (born Aug. 24, 1896), Edwin Clinton (born Dec. 13, 1897), Cornelia (born Dec. 31, 1899, died in February, 1901), and Alfred (born July 24, 1901). For his second wife, Edwin Jesse Clinton married Jan. 20, 1886, Eliza J. Arthur, who was born in Kingston, Jamaica, W. I., Dec. 18, 1853, a daughter of Joseph Arthur (a native of Cornwall, England) and his wife Elizabeth (Haling) Arthur (daughter of William and Abigail (Hall) Haling), of Chatham, Conn. One child, Joseph Arthur, born June 12, 1888, has blessed this union.

Edwin Jesse Clinton was reared on the old Clinton homestead, and received his education in the district schools. For four years after leaving the school room, he was employed in the Clintonville



Agricultural Works, and then became foreman for J. F. Barnes, of North Haven. During these eight years he had carefully studied business methods, and had thoroughly acquired that practical training for the business world, that cannot be obtained by years of study in the class room. He then entered the business world for himself, building a mill and factory near the home in Clintonville, and here for thirty-five years he has been engaged in the manufacture of carriage wood work. For a part of this time he had as his partner, his brother Isaac B., and lately his son, Andrew D., has been associated with him. He built a fine dwelling house and has made many improvements upon his home place, making it one of the ideal homes in this vicinity. Mr. Clinton has a fine reputation as an honorable business man, and counts his friends as an army in the village and surrounding country. For many years he has kept a diary, and his notes of passing events are sometimes very valuable for reference. Socially Mr. Clinton belongs to the O. U. A. M., and both he and his wife are members of the Grange. Mrs. Clinton is a lady of cultured literary tastes, and has made a specialty of the study of genealogy, spending much time in its investigation.

CALEB T. MERWIN, for many years a prominent agriculturist of the town of Milford, was a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of that locality. The first of the name to settle in this section was Miles Merwin, and the line of descent is traced as follows: Miles (2), Miles (3), Miles (4), and Anson, our subject's father, all natives of Milford.

Miles Merwin (4) married Miss Abigail Beach, of Milford, and settled on the present homestead in the southern part of the town on Long Island Sound. They had eight children: Mary, who married Rev. Mr. Atwater, of Branford; Anna, who married Richard Hepburn, of Milford; Daniel, a farmer in the town of Orange; Samuel, a clergyman, who preached many years in New Haven, Conn., and later in Wilton, Conn., where he died; Anson, our subject's father; Nathan, a farmer in Oxford, Conn., and later a hotel-keeper in Milford, where he died some years ago; Benedict, who was a farmer in Milford; and Miles (5), formerly a butcher in Milford.

Anson Merwin, the father of our subject, was born in Milford March 24, 1787, and followed farming at the old homestead throughout his life. He died July 7, 1867. His wife, Calena (Tomlinson) who died March 4, 1866, was a native of Milford, and a daughter of Caleb Tomlinson, a seafaring man. Of their five children the eldest, Anson W., engaged in the carriage business in Louisville, Kv., where he died April 20, 1854; Caleb T. is mentioned more fully below; Samuel M. was a coal dealer in Louisville and died in 1898; Louisa is the widow of Andrew Lincoln, of Massachusetts, who engaged in the furniture business in

Louisville, but afterward became a farmer in Hancock county, Ill. (his remains are buried in Milford); Mary E. died Dec. 14, 1877, unmarried.

Caleb T. Merwin was born Jan. 11, 1823, at Pond Point, and grew to manhood upon the farm, receiving his education in a district school. He taught school for about eight seasons in Milford and Orange townships, afterward giving his whole attention to agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of raising garden seeds. His farm contained about 125 acres, and is situated on a high elevation overlooking Long Island Sound.

On April 20, 1852, Mr. Merwin married Miss Maria A. Wheeler, daughter of Ezra Wheeler, a well-known farmer in Bridgeport. Seven children blessed this union: Mary L., who died Sept. 3, 1856, at the age of three years; Ida M., who died July 12, 1889; Mary C.; Jane W.; Walter L.; Laura H.; and Sherman T. In 1839 Mr. Merwin united with the First Congregational Church of Milford, and for many years was one of the leading members, holding most of the offices, including that of deacon for fifteen years. The family are also identified with that church. In politics Mr. Merwin was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in 1860 and 1861 he represented his town in the State Legislature. He passed away Dec. 23, 1899.

HARRY WOODING (deceased), a representative farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Cheshire, was born in Woodbridge, Nov. 12, 1829, and was a great-grandson of John Wooding, a native of New Haven, who, about 1750, removed from North Haven to Woodbridge, and was the first of the family to locate in the latter town.

Elijah Wooding, son of John, was born in Woodbridge. He was twice married, his first wife being Thirza Hotchkiss, of Cheshire, by whom he had two sons, Levi and Stephen. For his second wife he married Emma Bradley, and to them were born four children, namely: Eunice, Olive, Thirza and Uriah.

Stephen Wooding, son of Elijah, and father of our subject, was born, reared and educated in Woodbridge, now Bethany, and throughout his active business life engaged in farming in that section of the county. He married Miss Deborah Bradley, also a native of Woodbridge, who died in Bethany in 1832, and he died in Woodbridge, in 1859. They had four children: Henry, who was born in 1818; Milo, who went to California; Mrs. Eliza Tuttle, who died in Naugatuck, Conn.; and Harry.

Reared in Bethany, Harry Wooding obtained his education in the common schools of that town, and later learned the machinist's trade, at which he worked in different places in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Coming to Cheshire in 1857, he purchased a farm, and in connection with its operation continued to work at his trade for some years.

Mr. Wooding was married in Cheshire, in 1865,



to Miss Irene J. Watson, a native of Torrington, Conn., and a daughter of George and Jane (Belden) Watson. He father died in Roseville, Ill., and her mother, a daughter of Jeremiah and Love (Dean) Belden, of Canaan (now Falls Village), Conn., died in Norfolk, Conn. To our subject and wife were born two children: Ida, widow of Benjamin Chatfield has two children, Gladys W., and Lorin, and lives in New Haven; and Waldo, a machinist residing in Cheshire. Religiously, Mr. Wooding was a member of the Episcopal Church, of which his wife is also a communicant. Politically he was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. In all the relations of life he was found true to every trust reposed in him, and he commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact. Brave and patient under the sufferings of his last illness, he was ever considerate of those about him, and when the end came, Nov. 9, 1900, a dearly beloved father and husband entered into rest, leaving behind him a vacant chair to be filled only in that last Grand Reunion.

**ALFRED BARNETT.** Among the worthy men whose histories add interest to this volume, none stand higher in public esteem than this well-known resident of Ansonia, who is passing in retirement the evening of a long and useful life. He was born Aug. 22, 1823, in Birmingham, England, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Withington) Barnett. Joseph Barnett, who was born in London, England, became a shoemaker by trade and for many years conducted a store in London, amassing a handsome competence. He then retired and spent the remainder of his life in Birmingham, where he died at the advanced age of eighty years. Catherine (Withington) Barnett was born in Shiffnal, Shropshire, England, and lived to be eighty years old. Joseph Barnett and his wife had a family of four children, two of whom are still living: David, a resident of Kansas; and Alfred, our subject. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were highly esteemed in the community.

Alfred Barnett passed the earlier years of his life in Birmingham, England, and at the age of fourteen began to learn the trade of fine wire drawing, which required an apprenticeship of seven years. He continued in this business as a journeyman, and at the age of twenty-five removed to New York, where however he remained only a short time. In 1849 he went to Greenwich, Conn., but soon afterward removed to Birmingham, now Derby, and entered the employ of Wallace & Sons, where he remained until 1851. During that year he visited England, and on returning he resumed his work for Wallace & Sons in their new mill in Ansonia. In 1861 a desire to try the life of a farmer tempted him to Wisconsin, where he remained four years, but he then returned to his former position with Wallace & Sons. Two years later, in 1867, he was given the position of superintendent, or con-

tractor, for the fine wire department, being the overseer of a number of men. He continued in this work for many years, and only left it in 1887 to go into complete retirement from business. His present dwelling house was built in 1874. During his long residence in the city it has grown from a farming community of only a few houses, to a city of 13,000 inhabitants.

In 1851 Mr. Barnett married his first wife, Mary A. Robinson, of Birmingham, England, daughter of John Robinson, who died in 1865, in the West. His second wife, Mary Selby, was born in Ireland, a daughter of William Selby, a farmer, and died at the age of sixty years. Both were members of the Episcopal Church of which Mr. Barnett is a regular attendant. By his first marriage he had three children: Mary married Henry Miner (deceased) and had two children—Hattie (who married and has one child) and Edward; John; Alfred T. (deceased) married and had two children—Mabel and Ethel. There were two children by the second marriage, viz.: Maria, who married M. P. Fillingham, a draughtsman, and has one child, Alfred Barnett; Melvina, who married P. K. Leng, a merchant in New York, and has had two children, Alfred Steeles and Mary. Mr. Barnett is a Republican in politics, has been a burgess of the borough for three years, and has served a number of times on the jury.

**SMITH S. CLARK** (deceased) passed his last years in the enjoyment of a rest which he truly earned and richly deserved by reason of his industrious efforts of former years. Accomplishment and progress ever imply labor, energy and diligence, and it was those qualities that enabled our subject to rise from the ranks of the many and to stand among the successful few.

A native of New Haven county, Mr. Clark was born in the town of Milford (now Orange) Feb. 14, 1822, a son of Celah and Hannah Stone (Smith) Clark, whose sketch is given in connection with that of Horatio N. Clark, elsewhere. During his childhood our subject removed with his parents to Prospect, where he obtained his education in the district schools. He remained under the parental roof until he reached manhood, and then learned the painter's trade, which he continued to follow to some extent for a number of years, in Cheshire and in other places. Later in life he turned his attention to farming in Prospect, near the old homestead, where at the time of his death he owned a valuable farm of 200 acres, upon which he had made many improvements. He carried on general farming and stock raising, also engaging in the wood business, and during the spring and fall continued to work at his trade. He was noted for his industrious and thrifty habits, and prospered in his undertakings, becoming one of the substantial citizens of the community.

In Prospect, Mr. Clark married Miss Abigail Williams, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of





Albert Williams. She died leaving no children, and was buried in Prospect cemetery. In 1859 he was again married, his second union being with Miss Sarah E. Thomas, a native of Woodbridge, daughter of Noyes H. and Emma (Baldwin) Thomas, and granddaughter of Abner Baldwin. To this union were born two children: Welleford Selden, a painter of Straitsville, Conn., who married Alta Dickerman, and has four children, Percy, Florence, Leon and Hazel; and Adelbert Smith, who operates the home farm.

Mr. Clark was a member of the Congregational Church, to which his widow belongs. He ever took an active and prominent part in church work, was a member of the society committee for a quarter of a century, and was also clerk and treasurer of the church. All the family have been well-known and highly respected throughout the community in which they live. Politically Mr. Clark was identified with the Republican party, served as tax collector, and was selectman of his town for twelve years. He was always enterprising in promoting agricultural interests, and was a member of the Grange, as are his widow and son, Adelbert. Mr. Clark's upright and honorable life won for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact, and he well deserved the high regard in which he was uniformly held.

JOHN VAIL, a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Waterbury, residing on Washington avenue, was born in Riverhead, Long Island, Aug. 4, 1832, son of Capt. Jasper Vail, also a native of Long Island, and owner and master of a coasting vessel engaged in local trade. The father was a Whig in politics, and was liberal in his religious views. He married Sophrona Edwards, and they continued to make their home throughout life on Long Island. Their children were Halsie, now deceased; Griffin; Charles, who was a resident of New London, Conn., was engaged in the coasting trade, and was drowned during the seventies, his vessel having capsized; Peter; Francis; John; George; David; Andrew; Fanny; and Mehitable.

Our subject obtained his education in the district schools of Long Island. At the age of eight years he commenced working for his board and clothes, and was thus employed until he was sixteen years of age. He then accepted a position as cabin boy on a coasting vessel, continuing thus for two years, and on leaving the water, in 1850, came to Connecticut. After spending two years in Bristol and adjoining towns, he took up his residence in Waterbury, where he has since made his home. He was successfully engaged in house painting until 1888, and also carried on farming to some extent, having for half a century owned and operated a farm on Town Plot, Washington avenue. Since his retirement from the painting business he has devoted much of his time to dairying, and in that undertaking has met with good success.

In 1855 Mr. Vail was united in marriage with Miss Mary Adams, who was born in Watertown, Litchfield Co., Conn., a daughter of Seymour Adams. They have become the parents of four children, namely: Ella Rossette, now the wife of Charles Dikeman, of Torrington, Conn.; Jessie Rosalyn, wife of Dwight Robinson; Charles, who married Susie Wilson; and George, who married Miss Ada Hunter.

Mr. Vail was a member of the school committee of Town Plot during seven of its most progressive years. He was one of the first in Waterbury to join the Republican party, voted for Fremont in 1856, and has since been one of its stalwart supporters, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has always been found true to every trust reposed in him, and receives and merits the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens.

ISAAC BASSETT CLINTON, one of the best-known citizens and successful general farmers and dairymen of the town of Wallingford, was born July 2, 1834, on the old homestead, near where he now resides.

Jesse Clinton, the grandfather of our subject, was a large land owner near Clintonville, where he spent his life, and added to his income very considerably by cattle raising. His son, Jesse, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead, and was the youngest of the family. His early days were spent in school, and he became interested in farming, which he continued all his life. During his management of the farm, consisting of 150 acres, he made many improvements, and became well known as a raiser of fine stock. He married, in North Haven, Rosanna Bassett, a daughter of Isaac Bassett, and six children were born of this union: Merritt, George, John, Isaac, Edwin and Elizur. Mr. Clinton's connection with the Congregational Church of North Haven began in his youth, and he lived an honest and upright life.

During his early youth our subject was a pupil in the district school, and later attended the North Haven Academy. He remained at home until he was eighteen, at which time he entered the factory at Clintonville, and later, with his brother, formed the partnership of Clinton Bros. in the manufacturing of carriage woodwork, prosecuting this successfully for twenty-five years, at which time Mr. Clinton's health failed and he gave it up. A life on the farm seemed to promise a return to good health, and he then went into the dairy and fruit growing business on a tract of sixty acres of the original homestead farm. That his hopes were realized his present excellent health attests, the only medicine he needed being fresh air, sunshine and contact with Nature. Mr. Clinton has proved that the Biblical assertion that man shall eat his bread in the sweat of his face is sometimes the greatest of blessings.

On May 12, 1858, Mr. Clinton was married, in



Wallingford, to Grace Ann Allen, who was born in that town. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton: Evelyn B., born May 7, 1859, is a dairyman and peach grower; he was married Feb. 14, 1888, to Florence A. Redfield, who was born July 10, 1863, and they have one child, Leroy W., born Nov. 25, 1889. Friend is a manufacturer of witch hazel at Higganum, Conn.; he married Helen G. Clark, of that place. Elbert married Clara G. Sanford, of Hamden, where they reside. Both Mr. Clinton and wife are members of the North Haven Grange, where their social qualities are much appreciated; they are connected with the North Haven Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Clinton is descended from an old and prominent family. Roger Allen came to New England in 1638. The parents of Mrs. Clinton were Hiram and Nancy (Button) Allen, the former born in 1806, and the latter in 1805; she died in 1885. Children as follows came to Mr. and Mrs. Allen: Franklin, born in 1832; Frances Augusta, born in 1836; Hiram; Grace Ann, born July 18, 1839; and Elenora Melvina, born in 1842. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Clinton, Newberry Button, was a native of North Haven; he was a fifer during the Revolutionary war, and was at Fort Griswold. Later he became a seafaring man. He married a daughter of James Pierpont, of North Haven.

**WILLIAM H. PERKINS**, an enterprising and progressive gentleman farmer of Bucks Hill, has spent his entire life in Waterbury, where he was born Nov. 3, 1848. He is a worthy descendant of an old and highly respected New York family.

William Perkins, his father, was born in Butternuts, now Gilbertsville, Otsego Co., N. Y., a son of Benonia Perkins. When nine months old he was brought by his parents to Bethany, New Haven Co., Conn., where his father engaged in farming and died. William Perkins was educated in the schools of Bethany, and was fifteen years of age on coming to Waterbury, which town was then in its infancy. Here and in Prospect he learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, and in time became the best-known contractor and builder in the Naugatuck Valley. When he was twenty-one years of age he formed a partnership with Archibald and Elisha Rice. He erected several of the public buildings in Waterbury, including the "Scovill House," the First Congregational church, and the Scovill factory. His work was done with great dispatch, and he put up nine houses in ten days in Waterbury. For several years he also engaged in the manufacture of sash and blinds at his factory at City Mills. He was a large land owner, having property at Lake Wood, now known as Perkins avenue, and also at Waterville. He was quite prominent in politics, and was a recognized leader of the Democratic party in Waterbury, taking a deep interest in all public matters. He served thirteen years as selectman, to which office he was nominated and elected by both

the Democratic and Republican parties, and in the discharge of his duties gave eminent satisfaction to all concerned. He was first selectman five years. He was public spirited and progressive, and gave his support to all measures calculated to advance the educational, moral or material welfare of his town and county. He was a man of independent thought, and had the courage of his convictions, doing ever what he deemed best for the general good. Mr. Perkins died at his home on North Main street, Waterbury, in 1875, and was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery. He attended the Episcopal Church, and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For his first wife Mr. Perkins married Mary Tuttle, who was born on North Main street, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Judd) Tuttle, and his second wife was Almira Jerome, of Waterbury; she is buried in Riverside cemetery. He had four children: (1) Elizabeth, who was educated at the Waterbury Academy and Miss Draper's boarding-school, is now the widow of John H. Smith, a son of Hon. Nathan Smith, a Congressman from New Haven, and makes her home in Waterbury. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She had two children—Mary Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and William Easton, a merchant of Waterbury. (2) William H. is our subject. The other two children died in infancy.

During his boyhood and youth William H. Perkins was given excellent educational advantages, attending the public and select schools of Waterbury; the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire; and the New Haven Military Institute, under Gen. Russell. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade with D. H. Meloy, a well-known architect and builder of Waterbury, with much success, and followed that occupation for several years. In 1887 he removed to what is now known as Perkins avenue, on Bucks Hill, and turned his attention to the operation of the Holt farm, upon which he has made extensive improvements, including the erection of a fine residence, beautifully located, and supplied with all modern conveniences. He has built an artificial lake which is well stocked with fine fish, and on which he has a pleasure boat. He keeps about twenty head of cattle, to supply the family wants. Fancy dogs and game chickens are bred here with much success, and Mr. Perkins' Great Dane "Gover" is one of the best dogs in New England. At the present time Mr. Perkins is erecting, regardless of expense, extensive chicken barns, completely furnished with numerous incubators and all the latest appliances, with the intention of supplying Waterbury with chickens. This business is managed by his son Harry, who has familiarized himself with the culture of chickens, and the enterprise is expected to prove a big success.

As a hunter and fisherman Mr. Perkins has few equals in Connecticut. All his life he has been a sportsman, and in his younger days was a noted ath-





WILLIAM PERKINS.





*Mrs Ella L. Perkins*







*William H. Perkins*



lete. He was one of the originators of the Monitor Base Ball Club, which was organized in the Gothic Hall building, Waterbury, and of which he was catcher. Later he held the same position in the Waterbury Base Ball Club, and it was largely due to his remarkable ability that each club held the State championship during his association therewith. His active participation in the great National game is a thing of the past, but his interest in it is undiminished, and he is held as an authority on the game by many of the noted players of to-day.

Mr. Perkins was married, in Waterbury, to Miss Ella L. Grilley, a native of that town, and a daughter of Albert Grilley. They have three children: Alice M., now the wife of William R. Johnson, of Wolcott; Harry W.; and Mary E., who is attending a boarding-school in Lyme, Connecticut.

Religiously Mr. Perkins is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Waterbury; fraternally he belongs to Mad River Grange. He casts his ballot for the men and measures of the Democratic party, but has never cared for the honor or emoluments of political office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. He is a thorough and systematic farmer, and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is widely and favorably known, and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

**HENRY WARD CHITTENDEN** (deceased) was a worthy member of an honored old Connecticut family, one of the best in the State.

William Chittenden, the first of the name in Connecticut, was a native of England, and was one of a company of seventy-five—gathered chiefly from the Counties of Kent, Surrey and Sussex, in the South of England—who determined to leave the mother country and seek a new home in the wilderness of the Western World. This company sailed from England for America about May 20, 1639, in a ship of 350 tons burden, and arrived in New Haven July 10, after a passage of seven weeks. William Chittenden came from the parish of Cranbrook, in Kent, some thirty-five miles southeast of London. He was prominent among the original settlers of Guilford, and as a man of ability and influence held many important offices in the Plantation during his active life. He was one of the six persons selected to purchase the land in Guilford from the native owners, and was also one of four—Robert Kitchell, William Chittenden, John Bishop and William Leete—who received, according to the record, full power and authority to act, order and dispatch all matters respecting the public weal and civil government of the Plantation "until a church is gathered among us." It is supposed that he was a soldier in the English army, and served in the Netherlands in the Thirty Years war, as he was the principal military man of the Plantation, and bore the title of lieutenant. He was

a magistrate of the Plantation, and deputy to the General Court until his death, in February, 1660, at the age of sixty-seven years. William Chittenden was married in England to Joanna Sheaffe, daughter of Dr. Edmund and Joanna Sheaffe, of Cranbrook, Kent. Her sister Dorothy was the wife of Rev. Henry Whitfield, who was the first minister of the Guilford Colony, and one of its leading men. Ten children were born to William and Joanna Chittenden, viz.: Thomas, who married Joanna Jordan; Elizabeth, who married Thomas Wright; Nathaniel; John, mentioned below; Mary, who married John Leete; Hannah, born Nov. 15, 1649, who died in 1650; Joseph and Hannah (twins), born April 14, 1652, the former of whom died June 22, 1652, the latter Sept. 13, 1674; Deborah, born Dec. 12, 1653, who died Sept. 16, 1674; and Joanna. The mother of these remarried, her second husband being Abraham Cruttenden, of Guilford, who had also been previously married. She died in Guilford Aug. 16, 1668. Her mother, widow of Dr. Edmund Sheaffe, came with the family from England, and died in Guilford Aug. 1, 1659.

Sergt. John Chittenden, son of William, was married Dec. 12, 1665, to Hannah Fletcher, of Milford. He died in Guilford in April, 1716, aged seventy-three years. Children: John, born Oct. 17, 1666, married Sarah Clay; Elizabeth, born Jan. 26, 1670, married Thomas Cruttenden; Joseph is referred to below; Gideon, born Sept. 23, 1678, died in 1679; Abel, born May 14, 1681, married Deborah Scranton; Lydia, born March 30, 1684, married William Hall.

Joseph Chittenden, born March 26, 1672, in Guilford, spent his entire life there, and died Sept. 11, 1727. On Aug. 26, 1692, he married Mary Kimberly, born in April, 1671, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Kimberly, of New Haven. She died Jan. 14, 1742. Children: Deborah, born Jan. 28, 1693, married John Spinning; Patience, born Jan. 19, 1696, married John Hubbard; Gideon, sketch of whom follows; Daniel, born March 15, 1700, married Abigail Downes; Joseph, born Jan. 25, 1702, married Patience Stone; Thankful, born Jan. 27, 1704, married Timothy Bartlett.

Gideon Chittenden, son of Joseph, born Feb. 3, 1698, in Guilford, passed the greater part of his life in his native town, and in 1762 removed to New Milford, Conn., where he and his wife both ended their days. On March 21, 1721, he married Abigail Bishop, born April 19, 1701, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Wetmore) Bishop, of Guilford, and they had children: Abraham, sketch of whom follows; Millicent, born April 5, 1725, married John Hopson; Abigail, born March 17, 1727, married Samuel Stone; Prudence, born Oct. 14, 1729, married Nathaniel Johnson; Giles, born Dec. 8, 1731, married Temperance Bishop; Miles, born June 15, 1734, died Dec. 15, 1755; Ruth, born May 15, 1737, married Ebenezer Evarts; Stephen, born May 9, 1739,



married Lucy Bardsley; Catherine, born May 9, 1747, married Ebenezer Gaylord.

Abraham Chittenden, born Feb. 16, 1723, passed his entire life in Guilford, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and died there July 19, 1810. On March 15, 1749, he married Mercy Burgis, who was born Sept. 26, 1719, daughter of Thomas and Mercy (Wright) Burgis, and died Feb. 24, 1801. Children; Abraham, sketch of whom follows; Eliab, born March 26, 1754, died Aug. 29, 1756; Mercy, born April 17, 1756, married Nathaniel Parmelee; Sarah, born May 13, 1760, died Aug. 30, 1769.

Abraham Chittenden, born Aug. 10, 1751, lived to the ripe age of over ninety-six years, passing away March 4, 1848, and his remains rest in Guilford cemetery. He became deacon of the First Church in Guilford in 1799. On Nov. 17, 1774, he married Diana Ward, born Sept. 24, 1752, daughter of Gen. Andrew and Diana (Hubbard) Ward, of Guilford. She died April 24, 1784, and on May 25, 1785, he married Lydia Baldwin, daughter of Israel Baldwin, of North Branford, and widow of Simeon Rose. She passed away Oct. 17, 1819. By his first marriage Abraham Chittenden had three children: Sarah, born Oct. 13, 1775, married Dr. Jared Redfield; Betsey, born July 23, 1777, married Benjamin Baldwin; Abraham I., born Nov. 17, 1781, married Deborah Fowler. By the second marriage there were four: Diana, born April 13, 1786, married David Parmelee; John Baldwin, born Jan. 16, 1790, married Eliza Robinson; Henry Ward, sketch of whom follows; Lydia, twin of Henry W., married Samuel Robinson.

Henry Ward Chittenden, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Dec. 7, 1794. He received a good practical education, and in his younger years engaged in mercantile business in Guilford, later in life taking up farming, in which connection he also managed the Griffing farm, known as the "Stone House farm." His entire life was spent in Guilford, where he died Oct. 30, 1867, and his remains rest in Guilford cemetery. Being a man of social, genial temperament, and of unblemished integrity, Mr. Chittenden was a well-known and highly respected citizen, and quite popular. In political faith he was a Whig, and later a Republican, and he held various local offices, including that of town clerk. He held membership in the First Congregational Church, and was a good Christian man. On May 17, 1820, Mr. Chittenden was married, in Guilford, to Charlotte Griffing, born Jan. 28, 1800, daughter of Joel and Sarah (Fairchild) Griffing; she died May 5, 1822, and was buried in Guilford cemetery. On March 10, 1824, Mr. Chittenden married, for his second wife, in Guilford, Mary Griffing, born in Guilford Feb. 6, 1801, daughter of Hon. Nathaniel and Sarah (Brown) Griffing, and a cousin of his first wife; she died March 21, 1876, and is buried in Guilford cemetery. Mrs. Chitten-

den was a lady of means, and gave liberally to the poor and to the church, and was quite active in every good cause. She was a member of the First Church, to which she gave an excellent organ and a fund for the salary of the organist. To Henry W. and Mary (Griffing) Chittenden came one child, Sarah Brown, born June 18, 1835, who was married Sept. 14, 1859, to Edward H. Owen, of Stockbridge, Mass. He died May 28, 1864, and on March 20, 1867, she married Henry D. Cone, a paper manufacturer in Housatonic, Mass., who died Nov. 16, 1896. Mr. Chittenden adopted the daughter of his sister, Mrs. Parmelee, Lydia D., who is a lady of culture and refinement. She makes her home in Guilford, where she is well known and highly respected.

THE PARMELEE FAMILY, of which Miss Lydia D. Chittenden, the adopted daughter of Henry W. Chittenden, is a descendant, is one of the oldest families in Guilford. The first of that name in New Haven Colony was John Parmelee, who came from England and was one of the first settlers of New Haven, where he spent the balance of his life, dying there in November, 1659. He is buried there. He married Elizabeth Bradley, a widow, and three children were born to them: John, sketch of whom follows; Hannah, who married John Johnson; and Mary, who married Denis Carpenter, and died March 16, 1668.

John Parmelee spent his life in the New Haven Colony, and died in January, 1689. His first wife, Rebecca, died Sept. 29, 1651, and in 1652 he married Ann Plane, a widow, who died March 30, 1658. In 1659 he again married, his third wife being named Hannah. Children: Nathaniel, born in 1645, married Sarah French; John, born Nov. 25, 1659, married Mary Mason, and died Jan. 3, 1749; Isaac, sketch of whom follows; Hannah, born Nov. 5, 1667, married T. Hill; Stephen, born Dec. 6, 1669, married Elizabeth Baldwin, and died Jan. 3, 1749; Job, born July 31, 1673, married Betsey Edwards, and died Nov. 16, 1765; Caleb married Abigail Johnson; Priscilla, born May 8, 1678, died Dec. 10, 1692; Joel, born in 1679, married Abigail Andrews, and died in July, 1748.

Isaac Parmelee, born Nov. 21, 1665, made his home in Guilford, where he died Jan. 3, 1749. On Dec. 30, 1689, he married Elizabeth Hillard, born June 18, 1666, died June 3, 1746, and they had children: Ebenezer, born Nov. 22, 1690, died Sept. 27, 1777, married Ann Cruttenden; Abraham, born May 28, 1692, died Sept. 29, 1752, married Mary Bishop; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Elizabeth, born Jan. 30, 1697, died March 14, 1780, married Nathaniel Baldwin; Sarah, born Aug. 11, 1699, died May 4, 1730, married Michael Hill; Isaac, born May 20, 1702, died July 13, 1752; married Elizabeth Evarts; Andrew, born June 20, 1704, died Aug. 1, 1795; Rachel, born Nov. 18, 1707, died



Nov. 9, 1793, married Samuel Evarts; Josiah, born in December, 1709, died Aug. 10, 1739, married Sarah Evarts.

Joseph Parmelee, born in Guilford Sept. 14, 1694, died April 21, 1751. On Sept. 19, 1716, he married Abigail Kimberly, born July 22, 1696, died Nov. 28, 1763. Children: Abigail, born Jan. 31, 1719, died Feb. 8, 1780, married Caleb Bishop; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; William, born in 1724, died March 13, 1799; Elizabeth, born Nov. 21, 1728, married Ebenezer Chittenden; Beulah, born Aug. 30, 1732, died Sept. 16, 1818, married Nathaniel Elliot; Samuel, born July 27, 1737, died June 2, 1807, married Sarah Bishop.

Joseph Parmelee, born Aug. 3, 1721, in Guilford, died July 3, 1804. On Nov. 30, 1742, he married Obedience Spencer, born Sept. 6, 1725, died June 9, 1750. On April 12, 1752, he married Abigail Cruttenden, born Aug. 20, 1727, died June 23, 1788. On Oct. 12, 1788, he married Mary Denning, died Oct. 2, 1795. Children: Obedience, born Aug. 13, 1743, married Jesse Evarts; Catherine, born Aug. 23, 1744; Luther, born Jan. 25, 1750, died Aug. 7, 1750; Joseph, born March 19, 1755, died Feb. 19, 1785; David, sketch of whom follows.

David Parmelee, born Sept. 6, 1759, died Aug. 26, 1814. On Oct. 17, 1781, he married Asentha Kirkham, who died Nov. 2, 1782, and on Oct. 2, 1783, he married Parnel Handy, who survived him, dying March 21, 1839; she married for her second husband Seth Cruttenden. Children: David, sketch of whom follows; Benjamin, born March 11, 1786, died in 1805; Parnel, born July 1, 1788, died in 816, married Sylvester Camp; Jonathan Handy, born July 1, 1790, died at sea in 1806; Clarissa, born Sept. 19, 1795, died Jan. 25, 1875, married George Hart.

David Parmelee, father of Miss Lydia D. Chittenden, born in Guilford Oct. 3, 1784, died Aug. 6, 1870. By occupation he was a blacksmith, and he spent all his life in his native town, where he was highly respected. Originally a Whig in politics, he eventually joined the Democratic party, and he held several local offices. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. On March 2, 1807, Mr. Parmelee married Arta Leete, who was born Aug. 27, 1787, daughter of Amos Leete, and died Oct. 19, 1816. On Dec. 13, 1818, he married Diana Chittenden, who was born April 13, 1786, daughter of Abraham and Lydia (Baldwin) Chittenden, and died Feb. 7, 1826. On April 11, 1827, Mr. Parmelee married for his third wife Clarissa B. Parmelee, born Feb. 15, 1795, died Nov. 8, 1831. There were three children by the first marriage: Benjamin, born Aug. 19, 1808, was drowned; Samuel, born Aug. 22, 1810, died May 15, 1877, married Catherine Rooke; David Kirkland, born Sept. 4, 1812, is still living in Guilford. Two children came to the second union: Henry Baldwin, born in June, 1821, died Oct. 3, 1822; Lydia Diana, born Oct. 3, 1824,

is the adopted daughter of Henry Ward Chittenden. One child was born to the third union, Clarissa E., born in 1836, who married Horace Redford, of Meriden.

AUGUSTUS STREET, deceased. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of this honored gentleman, from the fact that he attained a position of distinction in his native town of East Haven, where he retained his residence until his death.

Mr. Street was born in East Haven May 30, 1819, on the place now occupied by the widow of his brother Dwight, and was a representative of one of the most distinguished and prominent families of New Haven county. He traced his ancestry back to Rev. Nicholas Street, of Bridgewater, England, who was born Jan. 29, 1603, and was educated at Oxford College, where he received the degree of B. A. He came to America some time between 1630 and 1638, and first located in Taunton, Mass., but later removed to New Haven and was assistant to Rev. John Davenport, pastor of the Center Church of that place, and one of the founders of the New Haven Colony.

Rev. Samuel Street, son of Nicholas, was one of the seven who graduated at Harvard College in 1664. He was afterward ordained pastor of the Congregational Church at Wallingford, in 1674, being its first pastor, and remained in charge there for forty-five years. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-two.

Lieut. Samuel Street, son of Rev. Samuel, was born July 27, 1667.

Rev. Nicholas Street, son of Lieut. Samuel, and grandfather of our subject, was born in Wallingford, New Haven county, Feb. 21, 1730, and died in October, 1806. He was graduated from Yale College in 1751, and in 1755 was ordained pastor of the East Haven Congregational Church, over which he presided for the long period of fifty-one years, honored and beloved by all who knew him. He was twice married, his first wife being Desire Thompson, his second Hannah Austin, who died at the age of sixty-one.

Elnathan Street, our subject's father, was born in East Haven Feb. 16, 1774, and died Nov. 13, 1849. He was a farmer by occupation, and a worthy member of the community, highly respected by all for his many sterling qualities and unassuming manner. He was a devout member of the Congregational Church, and a staunch Whig in politics. On Nov. 2, 1802, Mr. Street married Clarissa Morris, who was born July 6, 1783, and died March 2, 1861. Ten children were born to this union: Jane Caroline, Harriet, Lucy M., Mary A., Nicholas, Benjamin, Augustus, Thaddeus, Cornelia and Elnathan Dwight. Benjamin was a soldier in the 15th Conn. V. I. during the Civil war.

The subject of this sketch spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native town, and then





went to New Haven, where he clerked in the dry-goods store of James D. Salter for two years. He then entered the employ of Stephen A. Street, in a similar capacity, and in 1835 accompanied this gentleman on his removal to New Orleans, La., clerking in his store there until the employer's death, in 1838. Returning North to New York, Mr. Street engaged in the dry-goods business until 1851, and then moved to Mount Carmel, Conn., where he was manager of the store of James Ives until 1855. He next went to New Haven, and was bookkeeper for Beecher & Winship until 1862, after which he engaged in mercantile business for himself at that place for two years.

On Sept. 11, 1850, Mr. Street was united in marriage with Miss Maria S. Elwell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was born Feb. 1, 1826, and died Dec. 31, 1898. They had five children, viz.: Augustus and Alexander, twins, died in infancy; Frank died at the age of ten months; Lucy Elwell died when two years of age; the only survivor being Lottie E. The last named is a graduate of the private school conducted by Miss Abbott, daughter of John S. C. Abbott, the historian, and has been a successful school teacher. She is now a member of the board of education and school visitor, having served in that position for several years past. Prior to her father's decease she was appointed assistant town clerk. Miss Street is a lady of considerable literary ability, and is the authoress of the book entitled "A Knot of Blue," and published by the Pilgrim Press, of Boston.

Shortly after his marriage Mr. Street returned to East Haven, where he ever afterward made his home, though he was engaged in business elsewhere. His political support was given to the men and measures of the Republican party. He served as town treasurer of East Haven for several years, and was town clerk from 1893 until his death, April 30, 1901, being elected without serious opposition from any party: the last time his name was on both party tickets. He was one of the oldest and most influential members of the East Haven Congregational Church, and was treasurer of that society. Mr. Street was ever found true to the trusts reposed in him by his fellow citizens, and merited and received their esteem and respect.

**JOHN THOMAS SLINEY**, one of the most prominent contractors on stone work, track work, teaming and trucking in Branford, where he has extensive livery stables, is a son of David and Elizabeth (Dickson) Sliney, natives of Ireland.

David Sliney and his wife came to this country about 1850, and located in Branford, where the father engaged in farming. After a time he entered the employ of the M. I. F. Company, and later in his life became a farmer, dying Nov. 11, 1897, at the age of seventy-one years. During the Civil war he served in the Union army as a member of Company G, 27th Conn. V. I., under Capt. Ely, and was taken

prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg. After a brief incarceration in southern prison pens he was exchanged, and honorably discharged from the hospital at New Haven. Of the children born to David Sliney and wife, we have the following record: Catherine, who married Hugh McErnerney; Bessie, who married M. F. Kelly; Margaret, who is Mrs. M. F. O'Brien; David; John T.; Lucy, who married Thomas Gibbons; William R.; and Ella.

John Thomas Sliney was reared in Branford, where he was educated in the public schools, and at the age of seventeen went into the milk business, in which he was engaged for the next eleven years. Mr. Sliney began his present business in 1892, and the next year entered into a partnership with M. P. Rice, which continued two years. Since that time he has conducted his business without a partner, and is doing a large work, not only in Branford, but in New Haven and adjacent territory.

On Jan. 25, 1893, Mr. Sliney was married to Hannah Agnes, a daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Murphy) Buckley. To this union were born five children: Mary, Elizabeth, John, Lawrence and Leo. Mr. Sliney and his family are members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, at Branford. In his politics he is a Democrat, and for two years he served as a member of the board of education, and for two terms as a selectman of the town.

**JOHN HOOKER DUDLEY**. The Dudley family, of which the subject of this sketch is a worthy member, originated in England, and became one of the earliest families in Connecticut.

(1) William Dudley, one of the original settlers of Guilford, and signer of the Plantation Covenant, was born at Richmond, County of Surrey, England. He was a member of Rev. Henry Whitfield's Church and parish at Ockley, in Surrey, where he married Aug. 24, 1636, Miss Jane Lutman. They came with Mr. Whitfield's company to America in 1639, and their eldest child, William, was born at sea during their voyage. On their arrival at Guilford they established their home on the east side of what is now Fair street, where Dr. R. B. West now lives. William Dudley's home-lot contained three and one-quarter acres and he had also considerable outlying land. He was a farmer, as appears by his will and inventory. He died March 16, 1683-84, and his wife on May 1, 1674. They had five children: (1) Deacon William, born at sea, June 8, 1639, died May, 1701, married Nov. 4, 1661, Mary Stow. He removed in 1670 to Saybrook, Conn. (2) Joseph, sketch of whom follows. (3) Ruth, born April 20, 1645, married June 20, 1664, John Whittlesey, of Saybrook. (4) Deborah, born Sept. 20, 1647, died October, 1681; married (first) June, 1671, Ebenezer Thompson, who died May, 1674. They had two children: Jabez, born Oct. 16, 1672; and John, born November, 1674. She married (second) Thomas Scranton, who died February, 1711; they had two children—Samuel, married Elizabeth Bishop; and





*John T. Sliver*



Hannah, married Joseph Evarts. (5) Another child, whose name is not known.

(II) Joseph Dudley, second son of William Dudley and Jane (Lutman), was born at Guilford April 24, 1643, and died there June 3, 1712. He married Oct. 6, 1670, Ann Robinson, daughter of Thomas Robinson and wife, Mary. He was a cooper by trade, also a farmer. He owned part of a sawmill which he bequeathed to his son Caleb. He lived, probably, on the homestead of his father on Fair street. His father mentions him in his will as follows: "I give and bequeathe to my son Joseph Dudley, all my housings and lands and rights of lands in Guilford, etc." In 1691 he was chosen by the town "for the making of coffins on all occasions of death." At the time of his death the inventory of land, distributed to his six sons as designated by his will, amounted to £751: 10s: 6d. Movables—£166: 15s: 6d. Joseph Dudley had nine children: (1) Joseph, born June 11, 1671, died Feb. 22, 1726; married July 27, 1704, Abigail Hubbard. (2) Benjamin (twin of Joseph), died Feb. 23, 1720; married Jan. 5, 1703, Tabitha Avered. (3) Caleb, sketch of whom follows. (4) Joshua, born Dec. 17, 1674, died Jan. 29, 1750; married Oct. 20, 1712, Sarah Perry, of Stratford. (5) Miles, born Dec. 17, 1676, died Aug. 10, 1753; married Jan. 23, 1706, Rachel Strong, daughter of Thomas Strong, of Northampton, Mass. She died Jan. 4, 1769, aged ninety-three. (6) William, born Oct. 18, 1684, died Feb. 28, 1761; married (first) Ruth Strong (who died Sept. 18, 1743), daughter of Thomas of Lyme; married (second) Rebecca Fisk, daughter of Joseph Elliott. (7) Anna, born 1687, died April 27, 1687. (8) Mary married Joseph Wright, of Colchester, Conn. (9) Mercy married Josiah Bartlett, of Northampton, Massachusetts.

(III) Caleb Dudley, the third son of Joseph Dudley and Ann (Robinson), was born in Guilford in June, 1673, and died March 20, 1730. He married June 23, 1700, Elizabeth Buck, of Wethersfield, born June 4, 1676 (died April 14, 1738), daughter of Emanuel Buck and Mary (Kirby), and granddaughter of John Kirby, one of the first settlers of Middletown, Conn. Caleb Dudley was a farmer, and the first one of the Dudley name who made his home on "Clapboard Hill," the neighborhood afterward called "Dudleytown." His father, in his will, gave him the portion of his real estate lying in that vicinity. Caleb Dudley built his house on what is now (1900) the home-lot of Joseph E. Dudley (the old house stood a little west of Joseph E. Dudley's present home). It was afterward successively the home of his son Caleb; his grandson Nathaniel; great-grandson John; and the birthplace of his great-great-grandchildren: Hooker, Elon, John, Horace, Dudley and Ruth (Dudley) Norton, the mother of Deacon J. W. Norton. The value of his estate, as inventoried after his death, was £2,108. Caleb Dudley had eight children: (1) Thomas, born April 23, 1701, died May 22, 1776; married June 11, 1733,

Abigail Seward, of Durham. (2) Caleb, sketch of whom follows. (3) Ruth, born Dec. 28, 1704, died April 13, 1736; married March 9, 1732, Samuel Evarts (Daniel, Daniel, John). (4) Daniel, born April 3, 1707. He removed to Bethlehem, Conn., married Jan. 20, 1732, Joanna Rose, of Branford. (5) Josiah, born Aug. 30, 1709, died Oct. 20, 1755; married, 1738, Silence Dows. He lived at East Guilford. (6) Samuel, born Dec. 4, 1711, died Nov. 10, 1789; married May 3, 1738, Jane Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Talman and Ann (Morrison). Samuel Dudley had but one son, Samuel, born Nov. 27, 1747, died Dec. 17, 1819; married Hannah Evarts (Jonathan, Jonathan, James, James, John). Their only son, Deacon Asher Dudley, born April 2, 1770, died Oct. 27, 1862, was the father of Maria Dudley, born April 30, 1802, who married Oct. 13, 1819, Jonathan Parmelee. Samuel Dudley lived in (and probably built) the old house now occupied by his great-great-grandson, Charles E. Parmelee, west of the residence of Herbert E. Parmelee, in Clapboard Hill District. (7) Noah, born Aug. 15, 1716, removed to Roxbury, Conn.; married May 28, 1752, Submit Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer (Dr. Peter, Peter) Talman. (8) David, born Nov. 27, 1718, died Feb. 17, 1807; married Mary Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Talman (Dr. Peter, Peter). They had one son who died young, and five daughters, one of whom, Anna, born April 13, 1752, married Timothy Field. They were the parents of Rev. David Dudley Field, D. D., born May 20, 1781.

(IV) Caleb Dudley, son of Caleb Dudley and Elizabeth (Buck), was born in Clapboard Hill district, Guilford, Nov. 20, 1702, and died Oct. 10, 1793. He married May 31, 1739, Hannah Stone, daughter of Nathaniel Stone and Hannah (Graves). He was a farmer, and lived upon the homestead of his father. Caleb Dudley had five children, all sons, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The four remaining sons settled near their parents at Clapboard Hill. (1) Caleb, born Feb. 24, 1740, died March, 1740. (2) Caleb, born July 24, 1741, died Sept. 14, 1802; married (first) Nov. 28, 1764, Hannah Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John). She died Sept. 6, 1765, aged twenty-one, leaving one child, Caleb (born Aug. 28, 1765, died June 30, 1815). He married (second) Jan. 18, 1769, Anna Munger, daughter of Ebenezer, by whom he had five children: Hannah, born Oct. 31, 1769, married Jan. 13, 1790, John Griswold, and died Feb. 17, 1828; Ruth, born July 19, 1777, married Peter Talman, and died June 30, 1849; Anna, born May 11, 1773, married Amos Bartlett, and died Aug. 20, 1866 (their daughter Ruth, born April 15, 1802, married Capt. George Bartlett); Abel, born Sept. 3, 1781, married Betsey Minor, and died March 11, 1821; Huldah, born Oct. 29, 1784, married Timothy Terryl, of Woodbury, Conn. (3) Abraham was next in the family. (4) Nathaniel, born Oct. 3, 1745, died Feb. 21, 1826; married



March 12, 1777, Mary Hart, daughter of Thomas Hart and Concurrence (Bartlett). (5) Amos, born Nov. 3, 1747, married (first) Feb. 7, 1771, Mary Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John). She died Aug. 23, 1797, aged forty-seven; he married (second) July 15, 1799, Deborah (Johnson), widow of Elon Lee.

(V) Nathaniel Dudley, born Oct. 3, 1745, in Guilford, passed all his life there, dying Feb. 21, 1826. In Guilford, March 12, 1777, he married Mary Hart, born Aug. 17, 1751 (died Feb. 6, 1841), daughter of Thomas and Concurrence (Bartlett) Hart. Four children came to this union, viz.: (1) Nathaniel, born Nov. 15, 1777, died Sept. 7, 1795; (2) Lois, born July 15, 1779, died Sept. 7, 1863; (3) John, sketch of whom follows; (4) Eunice, born Feb. 20, 1784, married May 23, 1806, George Bushnell, of Saybrook, Connecticut.

(VI) John Dudley, son of (V) Nathaniel, and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born Jan. 25, 1782, on the old homestead in Guilford, and died Jan. 19, 1816, his remains being interred in East cemetery. He was a member of the Congregational Church. He was a lifelong farmer and landowner. On Jan. 24, 1805, he married Sarah Lee, born Dec. 30, 1780, and died Dec. 27, 1849. Their children: (1) Hooker, sketch of whom follows; (2) Elon, born May 1, 1808, died April 8, 1883; (3) John, born Dec. 30, 1809, married Sarah Dudley; (4) Horace, born March 16, 1812, and died June 12, 1885, married Amanda Dudley; (5) Ruth, born June 4, 1814, married John Norton.

(VII) Hooker Dudley, son of (VI) John, and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Oct. 1 1806, was educated in the Clapboard Hill District school, and remained upon the old homestead until removing in 1831 to the farm now owned by his son John H. There during the rest of his days he engaged in farming and stock raising, dying Aug. 21, 1879, and his remains were interred in East cemetery. In religious faith he was a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics he was a Democrat, but never aspired to political preferments. On Oct. 16, 1831, Hooker Dudley was married to Mary Evarts, born May 22, 1806, daughter of (V) Nathaniel Evarts, and died Feb. 20, 1895 (see Genealogy of the Evarts Family further on). Three children came of this union: (1) Elizabeth Mary, born July 10, 1833, died single April 26, 1874. (2) Andrew Jackson, born Aug. 15, 1835, living at No. 1157 North Chapel street, New Haven; and (3) John Hooker, a sketch of whom follows.

(VIII) John Hooker Dudley, son of (VII) Hooker, was born on the old family homestead April 5, 1837, and received a liberal education in the Clapboard Hill district school. Like his forefathers, he has made agricultural pursuits his life work, and since his father's death has operated the homestead of seventy-five acres of land. In politics he is independent, and in religious connection he is a member of the Episcopal Church. A well-read man, he takes

much interest in the current events of the day, while, at the same time, he is something of an archaeologist and mineralogist, having in his possession an interesting collection of Indian relics, mineral ore and other curiosities. Mr. Dudley has not enlisted in the noble army of Benedict.

EVARTS FAMILY. (I) John Evarts came from England and settled first at Concord, Mass., where he was made a freeman in March, 1638; was afterward at Windsor, Conn. He came to Guilford in 1651, and purchased John Mephams allotment on July 29, 1651. His home-lot was situated next south of Henry Dudes, on the west side of what is now State street, near where the dwelling-house of Mrs. James Monroe now stands. The name of his first wife, the mother of his children, does not appear on "Guilford Records." He married (second) May 22, 1663, Elizabeth, widow of John Parmelee, Sr. (who died 1659). Before her marriage to John Parmelee she was widow Elizabeth Bradley, of New Haven. John Evarts died May 9, 1669. He had five children: Elizabeth, who married Peter Abbel; James, who was married to Lydia Goodrich, daughter of Richard and Dinah Goodrich, and died in 1684; Daniel, who married (first) Mary (surname unknown), and (second) Rebecca Dowd, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Doudi (or Dowd), and died Dec. 5, 1692; John, born Feb. 29, 1640, who married Mary French, daughter of Thomas French; and Judah, a sketch of whom follows.

(II) Judah Evarts, the youngest son of (I) John Evarts, was born Oct. 27, 1642, and died in Guilford in 1696. He married Aug. 3, 1670, Mary Hayden, born in Windsor, Conn., June 6, 1648, daughter of William Hayden, of Windsor, who afterward removed to Killingworth. They had four children: (1) Mary, born Jan. 28, 1675, died October, 1678. (2) Samuel, born Oct. 4, 1678, died Jan. 24, 1740; married (first) March 1, 1711, Elizabeth Benton, who died June 30, 1734; she was a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Rolf) Benton. He married (second) Dec. 28, 1736, Mary Stone, daughter of Joseph Stone and Mary (Scranton). (3) Mary, born May 16, 1682, died May 2, 1688. (4) Eleazer, born June 16, 1688, died young.

(III) Samuel Evarts, the eldest son of (II) Judah Evarts and Mary (Hayden), was born in Guilford, Conn., Oct. 4, 1678, and died there Jan. 24, 1740. He married (first) March 1, 1711, Elizabeth Benton, daughter of Andrew Benton and Elizabeth (Rolf). She died June 30, 1734. They had three children: (1) Elizabeth, born Dec. 25, 1711, died Dec. 16, 1734, unmarried. (2) Mary, born July 16, 1713, died Jan. 8, 1736, unmarried. (3) Eleazer, born June 26, 1716, died Dec. 28, 1804, married Jan. 29, 1740, Hannah Scranton (died Sept. 6, 1765), daughter of Samuel Scranton and Elizabeth (Bishop). Samuel Evarts married (second) Dec. 28, 1736, Mary Stone, daughter of Joseph Stone and Mary (Scranton). They had one child, (4) Samuel, sketch of whom follows.





(IV) Samuel Evarts, the only child of Samuel Evarts and his second wife, Mary (Stone), of Guilford, was born Nov. 27, 1737, and died Dec. 1, 1812. He lived in Nutplains District in the house now occupied by Alvan Eldredge, whose wife is his great-granddaughter. He married April 19, 1761, Sarah Nettleton, of Killingworth, and they had eight children: (1) Sarah, born May 8, 1762. (2) Samuel, born Feb. 20, 1764. (3) Josiah, born in 1767. (4) Nathaniel, sketch of whom follows. (5) Mary, born in 1771, died Dec. 16, 1829; married Oct. 31, 1790, Ambrose Benton, who died March 1, 1847. (6) Nathan, born in 1773. (7) Jared, born in 1774, married Mina Parmelee. (8) William, born in 1782, died Jan. 7, 1841, married Sally Bristol (he removed to Wayne county, Pennsylvania).

(V) Nathaniel Evarts, son of (IV) Samuel Evarts and Sarah (Nettleton), was born in Guilford (Nutplains District) Jan. 13, 1769, and died there Nov. 3, 1854, aged eighty-five. He was a farmer, and lived in the house now owned by John Bristol. He married Nov. 15, 1801, Julia Parmelee (John, John, John, John, John). She was born Feb. 18, 1778, and died Sept. 10, 1849. They had seven children: (1) Julia, born Oct. 12, 1802, died in June, 1877, unmarried. (2) Joel, sketch of whom follows. (3) Mary, born May 22, 1806, died Feb. 20, 1895; married Oct. 16, 1831, Hooker Dudley, son of John Dudley and Sarah (Lee). (4) Lucy, born May 31, 1809, died Jan. 6, 1888; married May 3, 1832, George Dudley, son of Deacon Abraham Dudley and Mary (Bassett). (5) Lewis, sketch of whom appears farther on. (6) Anna, born Oct. 7, 1814, died April 22, 1867 (removed to Kansas); married April 18, 1842, George Dibble, died April 12, 1867. (7) John Samuel, sketch of whom appears farther on.

(VI) Joel Evarts, a farmer of Nutplains district, Guilford, and the oldest son of (V) Nathaniel Evarts and Julia (Parmelee), was born June 25, 1804, and died Nov. 23, 1882. He lived in the house now owned by Asahel White. He married Oct. 22, 1834, Clarissa Dudley, born Dec. 23, 1804, died Dec. 10, 1873, daughter of Deacon Abraham Dudley and Mary (Bassett). They had two children: (1) Eliza Jane, born April 5, 1840, married April 5, 1865, Samuel Milton Bullard. (2) Emily Clarissa, born Sept. 8, 1845, married Nov. 16, 1864, Sylvester Russell Snow.

(VI) Lewis Evarts, a farmer of Nutplains district, Guilford, was the second son of (V) Nathaniel Evarts and Julia (Parmelee). He was born Aug. 15, 1811, and died Nov. 29, 1892. He lived in the house of his grandfather, Samuel Evarts, now the home of his son-in-law, Alvan Eldredge. He married May 11, 1840, Mary Minerva Parker, born April 18, 1824, died March 15, 1887, and they had eight children: (1) Catherine Mary, born Sept. 17, 1841, died March 2, 1890; married (first) Nov. 1, 1865, Charles Samuel Bartlett, born Nov. 11, 1832, died Dec. 22, 1872, son of Capt. George and

Ruth Bartlett; married (second) Nov. 3, 1876, Edgar Lee Fowler, born Jan. 8, 1830, died Sept. 3, 1893. (2) Julia Amelia, born Feb. 12, 1844, married Nov. 27, 1873, Alvan Eldredge, born Jan. 19, 1848. (3) Samuel Lewis, born March 16, 1846, died March 16, 1849. (4) George Albert, born March 8, 1848, died April 3, 1848. (5) Samuel Lewis, born April 7, 1851, married Dec. 14, 1880, Lizzie Woodworth, of Middletown; they had one child, Clarence Gardiner, born Nov. 4, 1889. (6) Georgiana Parker, born Feb. 12, 1853, married Nov. 1, 1884, Henry W. Banks, of Southport, Conn. (7) Alice Maria, born Feb. 5, 1856, died Oct. 3, 1874. (8) Frank Albert, born Sept. 24, 1858 (of New Haven), married June 4, 1886, Anna Wood.

(VI) John Samuel Evarts, a farmer of Nutplains district, Guilford, is the youngest son of Nathaniel Evarts and Julia (Parmelee). He was born June 18, 1817, and married (first) April 26, 1847, Hannah McComb, born 1818, died Jan. 24, 1848, leaving a son, John E., born Jan. 19, 1848, who died May 26, 1848. He married (second) Nov. 17, 1853, Harriet Hotchkiss, born June 9, 1815, died July 4, 1889, daughter of Launcelot Hotchkiss and Lucretia (Cook), of Branford. They had two children: (1) Lucy Maria, born Sept. 3, 1854, married Sept. 29, 1885, Walter W. Wilcox, born Dec. 16, 1851, son of Almon O. Wilcox and Ruth (Kennedy). (2) Harriet Lucretia, born Feb. 24, 1859.

LEMUEL J. CURTIS. In the death, on Jan. 10, 1888, of Lemuel J. Curtis, there passed away not only one of the wealthiest men of Meriden, but one of her noblest citizens, a good man, a philanthropist.

Mr. Curtis was born Jan. 15, 1814, in Meriden, son of Elisha Curtis, and was a descendant of John Curtis, who came from England and was one among the first settlers at Stratford, Conn., in 1639. Thomas Curtis, a son of John, was one of the original settlers in Wallingford, Conn., in 1670.

Lemuel J. Curtis when sixteen years of age began to earn his own living by learning the britannia business from Ira Yale, of Wallingford, and he was so successful that he finally bought Mr. Yale out. Before he was twenty-five he went west with the late Isaac C. Lewis, intending to go into business there, but gave up the idea and returned to Meriden, beginning the making of britannia ware. He was associated at various times with Edwin Curtis, W. W. Lyman and others. He was one of the heavy stockholders of the Meriden Britannia Co., and always took a particular interest in that concern. He was president of the Miller Brothers' Co., and either a director or stockholder in about every incorporated concern in Meriden. He amassed a fortune of probably a million dollars, acquired by untiring industry, careful investments and economical though not parsimonious living.

Mr. Curtis was senior warden of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Meriden and one of its stanch-



est supporters. He was the founder of the Curtis Home for Aged and Indigent Women, and that most worthy establishment will stand as a fitting monument to Mr. Curtis' strong Christian character. He was deeply interested in the Home, personally looking after many details of the management. Besides the building, which cost \$50,000, he endowed the institution with about \$750,000, and this gift of three-quarters of a million showed the sincerity of his desire to do something for the benefit of Meriden and the honor of the church to which he was so devoted. He was thoroughly reliable as a man and citizen in every way, and his acts of charity were none the less because not heralded. He was a true friend and an upright man in all respects, and his death was a great loss to the city, which he helped materially to build up.

On Dec. 24, 1835, Mr. Curtis was married to Bedotha P. Button, and to them were born two children.

Mr. Curtis' pastor, the Rev. A. T. Randall, thus wrote of his life: "In the midst of a sore affliction, which weighs heavily upon me in a personal as well as an official capacity, I have been asked by the editor of the *Journal* to write a few words concerning Mr. Lemuel J. Curtis, who last evening was so suddenly called to his rest in Paradise. As a citizen of unimpeachable integrity and uprightness he stood in the highest rank. Few men in all the relations of life were so alive to the dictates of conscience. Advantage, policy, gain and affection were unhesitatingly set aside at the bidding of conscience, and no sacrifice was deemed too great when demanded by this guiding power of his life. He has thus been a model of integrity to all with whom he has been thrown in contact, and especially to those with whom he had business relations. A man who had known Mr. Curtis intimately for nearly forty years once said in my hearing, 'Whatever Lemuel J. Curtis attempts to accomplish, his first thought is to do right.'

"Such a characteristic cannot in these days be too highly eulogized. But it is especially my duty and pleasure to speak well of Mr. Curtis as a religious man. For forty-five years he has been a faithful and regular communicant at St. Andrew's Church, and for more than half this long period he has been honored with the office of warden of the parish. It was only during the last year of his life, when he felt his infirmities growing upon him, that inclement weather could keep him from his accustomed seat in the House of God. He was always alive to every need of the church he so loved. Whenever he realized that the need was pressing, when there was a special offering at the church for religious or charitable purposes, and he through necessity was absent, it was his invariable custom to forward his offering to the writer within the next twenty-four hours. Such a habit is only formed under the conviction that a stated portion of a man's wealth must be given back to God, and this conviction

was the source of a generosity too modest and unassuming to be fully appreciated.

"Besides founding the only charitable institution of which Meriden can boast, Mr. Curtis was not unmindful of the smaller charities, and on his last Christmas eve he left many a substantial gift at the doors of those who were in affliction and distress.

"He was an exceptional example of that character which is animated by the spirit of a pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father, and whose habit it is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep himself unspotted from the world."

JAMES WARD BEECHER PORTER, now living retired, is looked upon as one of the most worthy citizens of Waterbury, of which city he is a native, having been born there June 12, 1853.

James Porter, father of our subject, was born in Waterbury March 26, 1818, a son of Elias Porter, also of Waterbury nativity. James Porter has been a lifelong resident of the city, where for years he was a "caster" in several of the brass rolling mills, but he is now living retired. He married Sophia Beecher, who also is yet living, and five children were born to them: Emily is the wife of James Elliott, of Elmira, N. Y.; Sarah lives in Waterbury; our subject comes next in the order of birth; Fannie and Mary (twins) are unmarried.

James Ward Beecher Porter received his education at the common schools and high school of Waterbury, and at the age of fifteen years entered the hook and eye shops in order to learn the brass-molding trade. With the then proprietors he worked about one and one-half years, or until the shops were purchased by Barnard, Son & Co., and he continued with the new firm several months. He then went to the Scovill Manufacturing Co., and was in their employ from 1871 to 1898, a period of twenty-seven years, for a long time having the entire contract of the casting department. He is now living retired, having by honest labor and perseverance amassed a comfortable competence.

On Jan. 18, 1876, Mr. Porter married Elizabeth Collins, who was born in Cambridge, Mass., daughter of John Collins, also of Massachusetts birth, and six children have been born to them, as follows: John B., Oct. 28, 1876; Fannie E., July 9, 1878; Nellie F., March 25, 1880; James W., June 16, 1881; Bessie S., Aug. 11, 1882 (died in infancy); Harry C., March 13, 1885. The family attend the services of Trinity Episcopal church. Mr. Porter is a Republican in politics. He is very prominent in fraternal circles as a member of several secret societies, and his Masonic record is as follows: Entered Apprentice, April 21, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892; passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, April 28, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892; raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, June 2, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892; installed Worshipful Master, Dec. 6, 1894; Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., Waterbury, Conn.





*J. W. B. Porter*



Received the Degree of Mark Master, Sept. 28, 1892; Past Master, Oct. 12, 1892; M. E. Master, Nov. 9, 1892; Royal Arch Mason, Nov. 23, 1892; Eureka Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., Waterbury. Admitted to the Rewards and Honors of a Royal Master, Jan. 19, 1893; Select Master, Jan. 19, 1893; Superior E. Master, March 15, 1893; Waterbury Council, No. 21, R. & S. M., Waterbury. Was constituted and created a member of The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Sept. 5, A. D. 1894; constituted, created and dubbed a Knight Templar, Oct. 3, A. D. 1894; and finally constituted a Knight of Malta, Nov. 7, A. D. 1894; installed Eminent Commander, Feb. 1, 1899; Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T., Waterbury. Constituted Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Pyramid Temple of Bridgeport, Nov. 26, 1894. Received the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, from the 4th-14th inclusive, in E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, January, 1895, New Haven, Conn.; received the degrees 15th and 16th, in Elm City Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Feb. 14, 1895, New Haven; received the degrees, 17th and 18th, in New Haven Chapter, Rose Croix, Feb. 14, 1895, New Haven; dimitted from the above Scottish Rite bodies to become a charter member of The Doric Lodge of Perfection: the Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem (Past M. E. Sov. P. Gr. Master); and Corinthian Chapter, Rose Croix, all in Waterbury. Received the degrees, 19th-32d, inclusive, April 26, 1895, in Lafayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., of Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Porter is also a member of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F.; Speedwell Lodge, No. 10, K. of P.; Tunxis Tribe, No. 10, I. O. R. M.; and of the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which latter he joined Feb. 8, 1897.

ROBERT ROBSON WOOD, who passed from earth Aug. 20, 1890, was for many years a resident of Ansonia, and by his excellent qualities of character won in a high degree the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. His life, which extended beyond the allotted limit of man's years, was free from ambitious strivings for public notice, yet in its quiet usefulness it made an impression upon the community which will remain as an inspiration toward right doing among all who knew him.

Mr. Wood was born April 4, 1816, in Littleboro, Lancashire, England, son of James and Isabella Wood. James Wood was for some years superintendent of a cloth factory at Littleboro, and came to America in 1828, to take a similar position in a mill at Amesbury, Mass., where he died in 1832. His wife died July 7, 1822. This worthy couple had three sons and one daughter: the last named, Mrs. Joshua Miriam, of Ashburnham, Mass., was the last surviving member of the family, and died in March, 1883. Of the sons, Lineus, who died in 1863 in New Bedford, Mass., was a prominent Mason, holding the rank of Sir Knight. Pliny, formerly a Methodist minister of Cam-

bridge, Mass., and at one time chaplain of the State Senate, died in 1876 in Munich, having been sent to the Vienna Exposition by his State.

As a boy our subject became thoroughly familiar with all branches of the cloth manufacturer's art, and before leaving England was engaged as a flannel finisher for the Amesbury Mills. On May 12, 1828, he arrived in this country, landing in Boston, and although a mere boy he proved so competent in his work that he was appointed in 1832 to act as superintendent of the mills during the remainder of the year of his father's decease. Later he was employed in Andover, Lowell and Taunton, and on April 1, 1839, he removed to Derby, Conn., having been engaged by Plumb & Beach, cloth manufacturers, whose mill was located opposite the old Somers building, in Main street, Birmingham. The written contract, which was for the term of two years, is now in the possession of the family. For seventeen years he remained in that locality, and at one time he was connected with the wire drawing business conducted by the Howe Pin Co., at Birmingham. In 1848 he went to Ansonia with D. W. Plumb, and in 1855 he became superintendent of the mills of Wallace & Sons, then newly organized. During the thirty-three years which he spent with them he had the satisfaction of seeing constant growth and development in the business, in which his advice and masterly management were of recognized value. It was during the memorable blizzard week of March, 1888, that he first found his health impaired, and from that time he took no active part in business affairs. An attack of the grip in the following winter left him very feeble, and a brief illness in August terminated his life. After a last visit to the mill he remained at home, realizing that the end was near, and some of his brethren of the I. O. O. F. were, at his request, constantly at his bedside during his last days.

In politics Mr. Wood was a Republican, and although he never sought public office his keen interest in local affairs was shown in many ways. To all progressive movements he gave liberally, according to his judgment, and for many years he attended the Episcopal Church at Ansonia. Public affairs had not for him an absorbing interest, however, coming second to the cares of his business and the welfare of the workingmen under his control, over 600 in number during the last years of his stay. His manner was kind, and his cheery "Good morning, young man," was like a ray of sunshine. In 1877, in his sixty-first year, he and his wife went to Europe, visiting all the cities of note, and making a pleasant stay at his birthplace, where among other old acquaintances he found the man who had taken his father's old position in the mills half a century before.

On June 20, 1847, Mr. Wood was married in Birmingham to Miss Elizabeth Wallace, a native of Manchester, England, and a daughter of the late Thomas Wallace. She passed away Feb. 19, 1900,





at the age of seventy-seven, while residing with her son, Thomas J. Wood, in the home built by our subject. Of two other sons, John W. died in Ansonia in 1898, aged forty-three years; and W. R. died a number of years ago.

Mr. Wood's funeral was largely attended, his great popularity bringing crowds of people to watch the solemn procession through Main street, from his residence on North Cliff street. Wallace & Sons had ordered their mills closed for the entire day in memory of his long and faithful services. The workmen, many of whom had known him for a score of years, assembled at the Episcopal Church to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had always been their friend and benefactor, and there was many a moist eye among them as the hearse bore the remains to their last resting-place. Naugatuck Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F., marched in a body in the procession, accompanied by the grand officers of the State and ten members of the Veteran Odd Fellows Association, of which Mr. Wood was vice-president; among the floral tributes was a cross four feet in height given by the Veterans Association. The pall-bearers were chosen from Naugatuck Lodge and Ousatonic Lodge, of Birmingham. Rev. Mr. Woodcock, rector of the Episcopal Church, read prayers at the house and the funeral services at the church, and the procession then went to Birmingham, where the remains were interred. At the grave the ritual of the I. O. O. F. was read by John Naukervis, N. G. of Naugatuck Lodge, assisted by G. E. Church, Chaplain, and Grand Master F. S. Hunt made a short address in which he eulogized the deceased, telling of his work in the society and his standing as a citizen. In this connection it is appropriate to review Mr. Wood's long service in the I. O. O. F., as he was one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Order in this State. For nearly half a century he had been an earnest worker in the society, and was looked up to as the pillar around which they grew, and at the yearly meeting of the Veterans' Association he was always present. At the time of his residence in Derby he was the oldest Odd Fellow there, and he was instrumental in founding Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, of Birmingham, of which he remained a member until the organization of Naugatuck lodge, of Ansonia, in 1849. In 1841 there were five lodges in Connecticut, and Mr. Wood, in order to re-organize the local lodge, became a member of Quinipiac Lodge, New Haven. The curiosity caused by the local establishment was so great that the trunk containing the paraphernalia had to be hidden in the cellar over night. Mr. Wood successively passed all the chairs, and became past noble grand. He was a conservative Odd Fellow, and proved a capable and efficient officer, discharging the duties devolving upon him with care and skill, and ruling with a tact that avoided all signs of unjust discrimination.

THOMAS J. WOOD, the only surviving son of our

subject, was born June 8, 1848, in Ansonia, soon after the place was given its name. His education was secured in the common schools of the city and at Cheshire Academy, and at the age of sixteen he entered Wallace & Sons mills, and gained a practical knowledge of the business under his father's direction. He was promoted at the latter's death to the position of superintendent, which he has since held—although the firm of Wallace & Sons has been superseded by the Coe Brass Mfg. Co.—making about thirty-five years of continuous service with the establishment. He is a staunch Republican and is prominent in municipal affairs, having been a member of the board of burgesses and alderman from the First ward during the first two years of city government. During his term he served as chairman of the Police committee and the committee on Claims, and his work was characterized by ability and rare fidelity. He has also been active in military affairs, serving five years as a member of Company H, 2d C. N. G., in which he was promoted first to the post of orderly sergeant and then to that of second lieutenant, with which rank he was discharged. He is a charter member of the local Board of Trade, and of the Eagle Hook and Ladder Company of Ansonia, of which he was foreman and treasurer for some years. Mr. Wood attends the Episcopal Church, and socially is identified with various organizations, including the F. & A. M., George Washington Lodge, No. 83; the Ansonia Club, of which he is a charter member; and the I. O. O. F., Naugatuck Lodge.

In March, 1869, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Marie C. Clemens, daughter of A. B. and Catherine (Girard) Clemens, the former a prominent retired citizen of Ansonia, and a well-known expert in machinery, for many years the superintendent of the Farrell Foundry. Mrs. Wood is a member of the D. A. R., being of Revolutionary descent through her mother, who was a Girard. The only son of this union, Robert A. Wood, learned the brass business with his father, and is now foreman of several departments with the Manhattan Brass Co., of New York, where he resides. He married Miss Eva M. Perkins, of Ansonia, and they have two children: Robert Thomas, born Nov. 14, 1899; and Ethel May, born May 10, 1901.

GIDEON LUCIAN PLATT, M. D., late of Waterbury, where for fifty-three years he was actively engaged in the practice of medicine, was one of the city's useful and prominent citizens. He descended from an ancestry among the oldest and most prominent of Connecticut.

Richard Platt, the progenitor of many of the Platts of New England, came to this country in 1638, landing at New Haven. He was enrolled among the first settlers of Milford, Nov. 20, 1639, having four in family. In August, 1889, at the interesting and noteworthy commemoration of the settlement of Milford two hundred and fifty years



before, the name of Richard Platt was mentioned with honor, and among the coping stones of the beautiful memorial bridge erected over the Wapawaug to perpetuate the memory of the early settlers was one placed with this inscription:

DEACON

RICHARD PLATT,  
OBIT 1684.

MARY HIS WIFE.

Dr. Platt was a descendant in the sixth generation from Richard Platt, of Milford, the line of his descent being through Lieut. Joseph Platt and three consecutive Gideon Platts, our subject being fifth in the line bearing the name of Gideon.

Gideon Platt (2), son of Gideon Platt, married March 17, 1783, Hannah Clark, daughter of Joseph Clark, all of Milford, Conn., and their children were Gideon, Joseph and Merrit.

Gideon Platt (3), son of Gideon (2), and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Dec. 19, 1784, and married Nov. 8, 1807, Lydia Sperry, daughter of Capt. Jacob Sperry. They became residents of Middlebury, Conn. Mr. Platt was a deacon, as was his father before him, in the Congregational Church of Milford, where they were highly respected and esteemed citizens.

Dr. Gideon Lucian Platt, son of Gideon (3), was born July 20, 1813, in the (what is now) town of Middlebury, Conn., and in addition to attending the schools of the town he was a pupil in the celebrated classical school of Simeon Hart, of Farmington, Conn. He was prepared for the medical profession under the direction of Dr. Henry Bronson, of Waterbury, and under Dr. William Tully, then of New Haven, and a professor in the Yale Medical School, where young Platt pursued a regular course of study and received the degree of M. D. in 1838. He immediately established himself in professional work at Waterbury, where he continued same with success and rare usefulness for over fifty years. Soon after settling in Waterbury he became associated in the practice with his former preceptor, Dr. Bronson, which partnership continued until Dr. Bronson's removal to New Haven, in 1842. In 1849 Dr. Platt bought what is known as the Apothecaries' Hall property, of Benedict & Coe, and along with Dr. Fish opened a drug store which since 1852 has borne the name of Apothecaries' Hall. At one time Dr. Platt was associated with Dr. Philo G. Rockwell. In 1880 he took into partnership with him the late Walter Hamlin Holmes, who afterward became his son-in-law, a partnership which lasted until the death of Dr. Platt. Dr. Platt accumulated considerable real estate in Waterbury that later became very valuable. He was president of the New Haven County Medical Society in 1880 and the following year president of the State Medical Society. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Waterbury, and became one of the incorporators of the Second Church there.

On Dec. 18, 1844, Dr. Platt was married to Caroline Tudor, a lineal descendant in the seventh generation from Elder William Brewster, of the Plymouth Colony, also of Owen Tudor, of Windsor, Conn., and of Rev. Samuel and son, Dr. Elihu Tudor, the eminent surgeon, who was one of the founders of the Connecticut Medical Society. To this marriage were born four children: (1) Dr. Lucian Tudor, born in 1846, received the degree of M. D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1869. On Sept. 15, 1871, he married Rebecca Hurlbut, of Winsted, Conn., and has one daughter, Medora H. (2) Medora Caroline is the widow of Dr. Walter H. Holmes. (3) Dr. Walter Brewster, born Dec. 20, 1853, was graduated from Harvard Medical College, and received the degree of F. R. C. S. at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, England. On Dec. 20, 1889, he married Mary Perine, daughter of E. Glynn Perine, of Baltimore, Md., and has three sons, Washington, Lucian and David. (4) Charles Easton died at the age of thirty-seven. The mother of these died August 10, 1896. Dr. Gideon L. Platt died Nov. 11, 1889, and a writer in the *Waterbury American*, who knew him well, said:

Dr. Platt early in his professional life attained a high reputation both as a physician and surgeon, but it was in the practice of his profession in that very close and peculiar relation of a family physician, and which especially exists in a country practice, that the strong points of his character were most clearly seen and his highest usefulness developed. In the modern style of city medical practice, where each organ has its special expert, in which it is the organ rather than the man of which the case and condition are considered, that peculiar relation of the family physician, whose constant watchfulness continued from birth to death, and included usually not only the relation of physician but that of confidant, adviser and sympathetic counselor and friend, is almost unknown. It may be that modern scientific pathology has rendered unnecessary that intimate knowledge of heredity, predisposition and environment on which the success of the old-line physician was based, but whatever it may do for the physical man, it can never be to the spiritual, to the moral, to the intellectual nature—in short to the man himself—what the close and intimate relation of the family physician made him. This was pre-eminently the style of Dr. Platt's practice. He knew his patients, their lives, circumstances and surroundings, their parentage and history, their constitutional predispositions and hereditary tendencies, all these consciously or unconsciously went to make up his diagnosis of a case and to indicate to his mind the treatment it demanded. His patience was unwearyed. Calm and equable by temperament, he was still more so by long training and culture, and by a noble self-command that never deserted him. He brought into the sick room an invigorating presence, a sense of rest, peace and comfort. One of his patients says of him, "I felt, as a child, when sick, that as soon as I saw Dr. Platt I should be better. I can feel now his cool hand, with a touch that always seemed to bring relief."

In figure he was tall, erect, striking and dignified, but in measure so kindly sympathetic that he won his way at once to the confidence of his patients. He was not satisfied with the diagnosis of the case and a prescription of remedies, but he took into account all the merits of nursing and the limitations of the situation, and, with much ingenuity and no chemical skill, he would improvise means from surrounding material, and buy comfort and convenience out of circumstances that were often unfavorable. While he kept up well with the progress of the profession, he still retained a knowledge and liking for many of those



domestic remedies which were dear to the hearts of past generations. His knowledge of Medical Botany was much beyond what is considered necessary for the modern practitioner. To relieve, and so far as possible, to prevent human suffering, was his brief summing up of the physician's calling, and he justly regarded it as a public one, requiring all a man's devotion, and in which success brought its own abundant reward, in the consciousness of well doing. His moral standard was a very high one, but he was broad in his sympathies and not severe in his judgment of others. His religious faith was well formed, calm and serene, and shone forth as a ruling power of his life. His work afforded a clear and steady delineation of the character and purpose of a line of men like himself of Puritan life and lineage. It may be said, without the slightest disparagement to present or future practitioners of the art of healing, that this honored and beloved physician was the last example of the departing line that Waterbury will know, for the time that made such a man and such a life possible has gone forever. Probably since the death of Rev. Dr. Clark no man in this community has passed away whose loss will be keenly felt as a personal grief in so many hearts and homes as that of Dr. Platt.

JUDD. For upward of two hundred and sixty years the Judds have been known to New England—i. e., since the arrival at Cambridge, Mass., in 1634, of Thomas Judd, the emigrant ancestor of the New Britain and Wallingford branch of the family, of which it is the purpose of this article to treat. For two hundred or more years the posterity of Deacon Anthony Judd have figured in the history of New Britain, where through the first half of the last century John Judd, and his sons and his grandsons, in turn, have been prominent in mechanical and manufacturing lines; and the son Morton, and his sons, through the latter half of the century, in New Haven and Wallingford, respectively. Notable among the Judds thus engaged at these several points have been John, the blacksmith; his sons, Morton and Oliver S., and Morton's sons, Hubert L., Albert D. and Edward M. Of these, Hubert L. Judd was for one and a half decades president of the extensive manufacturing plant of H. L. Judd & Co., at Wallingford, where until his death, on Dec. 11, 1899, he was one of the prominent citizens and leading business men. President Judd was a descendant in the sixth generation from Deacon Anthony Judd, who was descended from Thomas Judd, the emigrant ancestor, of Farmington, Conn. Anthony Judd married Susannah Woodford, and became the first deacon in the Great Swamp Church. The line of descent of President Judd is through John, John (2), John (3) and Morton Judd.

(II) John Judd, son of Deacon Anthony, born in 1718, married Mary Burnham, daughter of Rev. William Burnham, first pastor of the Great Swamp Church. Mr. Judd was one of the first settlers of the central part of the town of New Britain, having his home and farm on the north side of West Main street. He was a lieutenant in the local militia, and also held some civil offices. He was a member of the Ecclesiastical Society in Farmington in 1752, and was there mentioned by Dr. Smiley as from

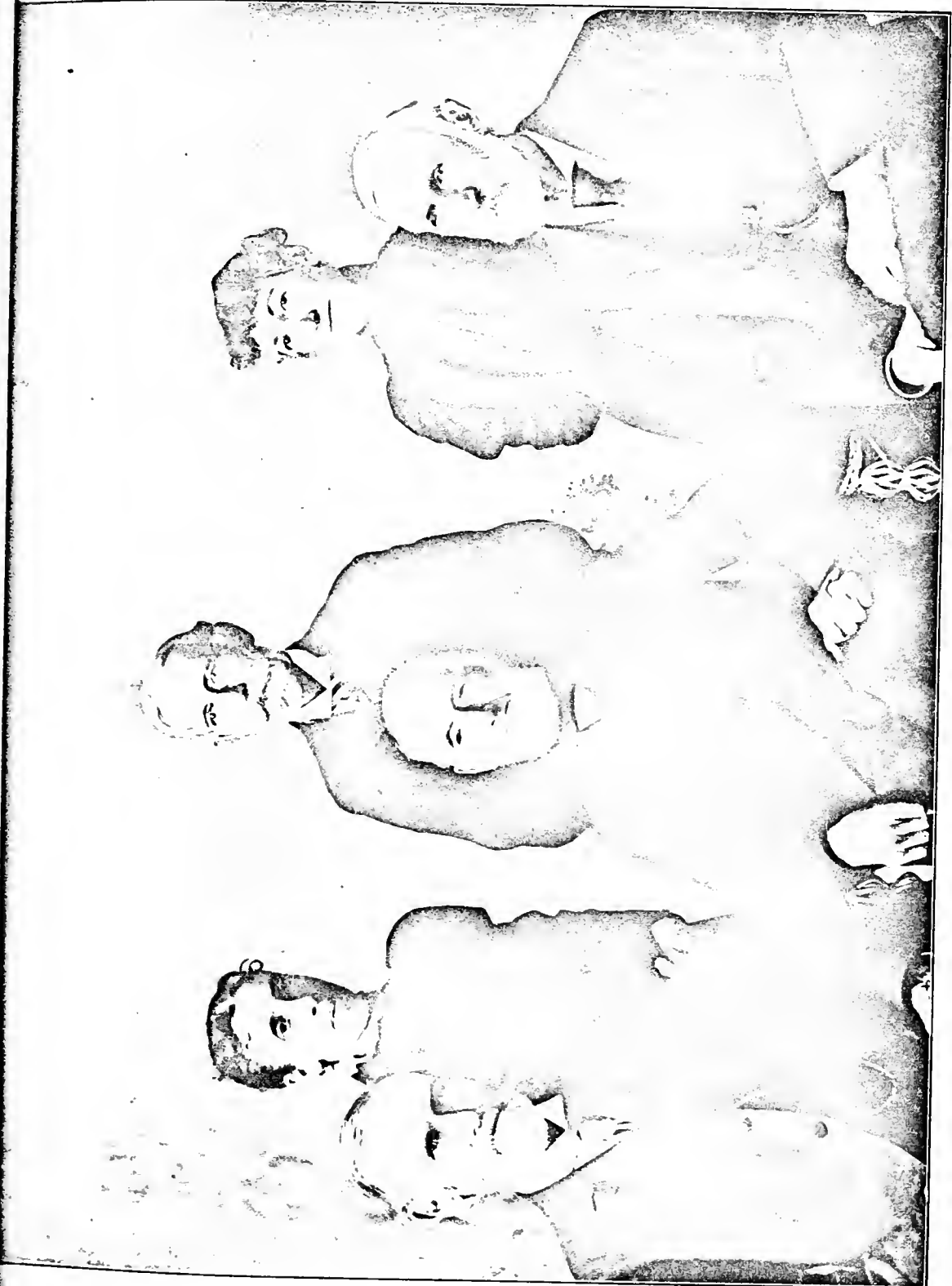
the church in Kensington. His death occurred Oct. 16, 1781.

(III) John Judd (2), son of John, born in 1746, married, in 1769, Lydia Mather, and resided on West Main street, in New Britain, west of his father. He died Jan. 6, 1796.

(IV) John Judd (3), son of John (2), was born May 8, 1772, and married in 1792 Ursula Stanley. He resided on West Main street, New Britain, on the site where his son Morton later built. Mr. Judd was a blacksmith by occupation, having learned the trade with his uncle, James North. His shop was opposite his house, and on the site where his sons afterward engaged in the manufacturing business. Mr. Judd died July 18, 1822. His children were: Nancy, born Sept. 17, 1793, married in 1813 Austin Woodford, and died in Vermont; Aurora was born March 20, 1795; John B., born March 25, 1796, married in 1822 Betsey Hart; Polly, born Sept. 14, 1797, married in 1816 Pliny Slater; Marilla, born May 7, 1799, married in 1820 Rollin Dickinson, and (second) in 1852 Gilman Hinsdale; Minerva, born in 1801, died in infancy; Marinda, born in 1802, died young; Harry, born Nov. 2, 1804, married in 1828 Julia A. Lewis; Anna, born Nov. 4, 1807, married in 1826 Lawrence Richards, and (second) in 1840 Gilman Hinsdale; Morton, born Nov. 5, 1808, married in 1828 Lucina Dunham, and (second) in 1855 Julia A. Blinn; Lydia was born Feb. 9, 1810; Oliver S., born Nov. 30, 1816, married in 1838 Emily A. Lewis, and (second) in 1860 Eveline Atkins.

(V) Deacon Morton Judd, son of John (3), and the father of the late President Hubert L. Judd, of Wallingford, was born Nov. 5, 1808, in New Britain, where he attended the neighborhood school until his thirteenth year. His boyhood was accompanied with no special advantages. It was a time when the originators of the industrial prosperity of New Britain were struggling to lay the foundation of its greatness, and young Judd felt the influence of the life about him, and at thirteen years of age went into a brass foundry to learn the trade of casting brass. Later, after working for a time in Southington, and in the shops of Seth J. North and Ira Stanley, in New Britain, he engaged in business for himself on West Main street, adjoining his father's shop on the east. In about 1833 he went into partnership with his brother Oliver S. Judd, the style of the firm being M. & O. S. Judd. They soon afterward established their business at another point in the town, and the product of their shops was plated harness hames. In 1846 this part of their business was sold to Henry North, and they commenced the manufacture of other goods. By 1847 Morton Judd had succeeded in gaining a firm foothold in the manufacturing world. He invented a sash fastener (the first ever made in America), patented Sept. 4, 1847, which, together with window springs, etc., the brothers manufactured extensively.





MARY B. JUDD.  
ALBERT D. JUDD.

EDWARD M. JUDD.  
MORTON JUDD.

MARTHA L. (JUDD) MARTIN.  
HUBERT L. JUDD.





In 1853 Albert D. Judd became a partner under the firm name of M. Judd & Co. They continued to do business until 1863, when Albert D. Judd purchased the establishment from his father and uncle, Oliver S. However, he conducted the same but a few weeks, when he resold it to his uncle, Oliver S. Judd, of late years the manufacturer of builders' and saddlers' hardware in the old original factory on West Main street, New Britain.

In 1864 Morton Judd's sons, Hubert L., Albert D. and Edward M., entered into partnership in New Haven for the manufacture of upholstery hardware. Two years later Morton Judd moved to New Haven and entered into partnership with his son Albert D., for the manufacture of builders' hardware, and out of this investment grew the Judd Manufacturing Co. Albert D. Judd became president, and the business of the company was greatly enlarged. It was continued in New Haven until 1877, and then removed to Wallingford, where the company erected a large plant on the west side of the railroad, and began the manufacture, on a large scale, of stationers' and druggists' hardware. The principal stockholders were Morton Judd and his sons, Albert D., Hubert L. and Edward M.. Hubert L. acting as the company's agent for the sale of their goods in New York. In 1886 H. L. Judd & Co., who had been engaged in the manufacture of upholsterers' hardware in Brooklyn, bought out the business and plant of the Judd Manufacturing Co. in Wallingford. In 1887 they moved a part of their Brooklyn plant to the Wallingford factories, and the remainder in 1897. In 1890 a large building was added to the Wallingford factories for the making of brass bedsteads and a line of artistic brass goods. In 1892 another building was added to meet the demand for a general enlargement of their business, and especially the manufacture of iron bedsteads. In 1896 a still larger building was erected to accommodate the rest of the Brooklyn plant, which was now moved to Wallingford. At this time the company ordinarily employs about five hundred and fifty hands. They have a store in New York and offices in Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago. The capital stock is \$350,000, and there is considerable surplus. The company have also in Chattanooga, Tenn., a large factory, built in 1890, for the manufacture of wooden curtain poles and trimmings. The principal products of the concern are fancy art goods, upholsterers', stationers', and druggists' hardware, brass and iron bedsteads, and bright wire goods.

For many years before his demise, Morton Judd's business connections were ornamental and without labor, rather than active. His name and association gave character to the enterprises, rather than demanded of him personal attention. He lived at ease in the town, on its main street, and in the course of years his children gathered about him and built magnificent residences, highly ornamental to the town. Among the many enterprises fostered in

their infancy by Mr. Judd was the Dime Savings Bank, of which he was one of the original incorporators, and of which he served as vice-president until his resignation on account of advancing years.

Mr. Judd lived to the eve of his ninety-third birthday, passing away Nov. 4, 1901, and retained to a remarkable degree a good physique and the full possession of all his faculties. He was erect in stature, his eye bright and manner animated, and full of sunshine for those about him. His visits among his children and neighbors spread the light of a happy, humorous nature wherever he went. He was a Christian gentleman, who hesitated not to declare his reverence for things sacred and his faith in God. In New Britain and in the Center Congregational Church, which enrolls so much of his family history, he was known as "Deacon," and so in general called "Deacon Morton Judd." He was most highly esteemed and greatly appreciated in the communities in which he lived during his long life. His charitable efforts relieved the poor in many a struggle, and the unfortunate have risen again by reason of this "Good Samaritan's" hand. He bore a willing part in the social activities for good ends, which contribute in every live community to the general welfare, and by example and precept he was a distinct builder of social and religious worth in society. Mr. Judd was one of the very few who remembered Gen. LaFayette when he visited Hartford in 1823, and was always a hearty admirer of the noble Frenchman, to whom we owe so much. When Deacon Morton Judd was but fourteen years of age he planted the large elm tree that stands in front of his late home in New Britain, and now bears a plate giving his name and the date of planting. In politics Mr. Judd was rather retiring, yet under pressure he held some of the highest town offices, serving two terms in the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut.

On Jan. 26, 1828, Mr. Judd was married to Miss Lucina Dunham, of Southington, Conn., daughter of Samuel Dunham. She was a Christian that might serve as the impersonation of Solomon's description of the good wife and mother, who looked well to the training of her children until her death, March 21, 1853. In 1855 Mr. Judd married (second) Miss Julia A. Blinn, daughter of Horace Blinn, of Wethersfield, Conn. She died Nov. 19, 1887. To the first marriage were born four children, namely: Hubert L., Albert D., Edward M. and Martha L. To the second marriage was born one daughter, Mary Burnham, who now makes her home in Wallingford. So fully did the second Mrs. Judd succeed to the mother's place in the family that her step-children learned to regard her with filial love and strong affection.

HUBERT LLEWELLYN JUDD, eldest son of Deacon Morton Judd, was born April 1, 1829. In the midst of his busy life he found time to look after the interests and the comfort of those he loved. Of



kindly nature, he was wont to relieve the unfortunate, and with the true charity that works in silence and in the night. Many stories are told of his good deeds, but his dearest friends and confidants cannot recall a single instance when his charity "vaunted itself." He was a liberal supporter of the First Congregational Church, and faithfully and consistently followed the tenets of that faith. In politics he was a Republican, but his active life did not allow him time for office-seeking, even had he so desired. A deep thinker and a student of human nature, he associated with himself in business only such men as he could rely upon for ability and integrity, and those who proved eminently worthy were rapidly promoted. The beautiful home he built on South Main street is one of the most delightful residences of the town, and will stand a monument to his good taste and judgment.

On Aug. 14, 1851, Hubert Llewellyn Judd was united in marriage with Miss Julia Ellis, daughter of William Ellis, of New Britain. She died Oct. 10, 1885. Their children, seven in number, were as follows: (1) Julia Ellis, deceased in infancy; (2) Morton, Jr., deceased in infancy; (3) Florence B., who died at the age of forty years; (4) Edward Henry, deceased in infancy; (5) Emma Julia; (6) Morton Ellis, born March 10, 1864, in New Britain, who married, Dec. 23, 1885, Lenna Gertrude Clark, of Brownville, N. Y., daughter of George Alexander Clark, and has one child—Morton Hubert, born Oct. 14, 1886; and (7) Hubert Dexter, deceased in infancy. The father of these children, beloved and respected by old and young, entered into his last rest Dec. 11, 1899.

ALBERT DUNHAM JUDD, second son of Deacon Morton Judd, was born Dec. 4, 1830, in New Britain, Conn. He took advantage of such opportunities for an education as were offered him, and after some attendance at the common schools was for some time a student in the Easthampton (Mass.) school. It was not an age of luxury and ease—such a life does not make men strong enough to found such enterprises, such nations, as the sons of New England have given to America. On leaving the school room Albert D. Judd went at once to work, assisting his father and uncle, M. & O. S. Judd, on harness hames. He remained with them until the firm sold out to Henry North, when he turned his attention to the manufacture of the sash fastener invented by his father. At the end of four or five years he was admitted into partnership, and twelve years later purchased the business, retaining it, however, but a few weeks, when he resold it to his uncle, Oliver S. Judd. Idleness was not attractive to him, and in 1864 Albert D. Judd removed to New Haven, purchasing the buildings of Beech Burwell, a contractor and builder, and the firm of M. & A. D. Judd, manufacturers of upholstery hardware, was launched. Two years later E. M. Judd & Co. consolidated with the Turner &

Clark Manufacturing Co., and the Seymour Manufacturing Co., both of Torrington. The factory was removed to the western part of town, and the manufacture of builders' hardware was added. In 1870 the firm became the Judd Manufacturing Co., and all of the Judds held interests in it. They continued to run the factory in New Haven until 1877, when it was removed to Wallingford. Albert D. Judd became president of the company and so continued until 1888, when he sold his interest to H. L. Judd & Co. He is still a large stockholder in the company, which on the death of its president, H. L. Judd, in 1899, was sold to his New York partner, and at present he (Albert D.) is the only stockholder bearing the name of Judd. He was one of the original incorporators of the Wallingford National Bank, and has since served as director. He is also a director in the Dime Savings Bank, and one of the appraisers of the Savings Bank, and he also served a short time as vice-president of the First National Bank, but was obliged to resign on account of ill health. In all the large enterprises of the community Albert D. Judd has left his impress—in nearly all he has taken an active part, but it has left him little time for himself. In his political affiliations he has been a strong Republican, and has served on the board of burgesses and held other offices, giving to the affairs of the people the same care and consideration ever given to his private affairs, and throughout his entire life, public and private, he has kept his honored name free from blemish. Mr. Judd has also been a faithful worker in the religious world. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Wallingford, of which he has served as deacon since his residence there. He held the same office in the Center Congregational Church in New Britain, and while in New Haven he was instrumental in the building of the Dwight Place Congregational Church, being one of a committee of three who selected the site, and was also one of the building committee during the construction of the church edifice. Later he became a member of the Society's committee, and of the church committee, and also served the church as deacon.

On April 25, 1855, Albert D. Judd wedded Miss Lucelia Wells, who was born Oct. 27, 1828, a daughter of Horace and Pamela (Sedgwick) Wells, the former a native of New Britain and the latter of West Hartford. Mrs. Judd died Aug. 5, 1900. They had the following named children: (1) Katherine Wells, at home. (2) George Morton has, since 1885, been connected with H. L. Judd & Co. He married Miss Nellie Martin, daughter of Henry Martin, and they have three children—Alice, Katherine and Philip Sedgwick. (3) Alice May died at the age of two years. (4) Albert Lemuel, bookkeeper for H. L. Judd & Co., married Ethel Gardiner, of Green Bay, Wis., and their children were Gardiner Wells, who died aged three years, and Howard Stanley. Albert L. Judd



has been a deacon in the Congregational Church since 1898.

EDWARD MORTON JUDD, third son of Deacon Morton Judd, was born Nov. 11, 1837, in New Britain, Conn., and has proved himself a worthy member of the honorable family to which he belongs. He attended the schools of New Britain and spent three years in the high school there. At the age of eighteen he, too, entered the manufacturing world. In 1856 he began the manufacture of the first metal curtain fixtures (of which he was also the patentee), and in 1861 removed to New Haven, the firm becoming E. M. Judd & Co. Upon his location in New Haven he added a general line of upholstery hardware. Later the firm was consolidated with the Turner & Clark Manufacturing Co. and the Seymour Manufacturing Co., of Torrington, and Edward M. Judd became the general manager of the Torrington plants. The firm was known as the Turner, Seymour & Judd Co. In 1870 he sold out his interest in the company and assisted in the formation of the Judd Manufacturing Co. at New Haven. The new company engaged in the manufacture of general hardware, as well as upholstery hardware. Under his management these various companies prospered beyond all expectations, and in 1874 Mr. Judd went to Brooklyn, and, while still retaining his interest in the Judd Manufacturing Co., started the firm of H. L. Judd & Co. After three years he located in Wallingford, where the Judd interests have since been centered. For thirty years Mr. Judd was actively engaged in the large manufacturing interests of the family, and in 1887 he retired to pass the latter half of his life in the rest and enjoyment his early labors would warrant. He is the inventor of a number of curtain fixtures, and his last venture was a stamp cancelling machine, which he considers his best work. This machine, which completely destroys the stamp, has been patented in this country, and it is the intention of the patentee to have his rights protected in foreign countries as well. During his busy life Mr. Judd did not fail to find time to attend to his civic duties. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. While he is not an office-seeker, he has not sought to evade the responsibilities of citizenship. He has served on the board of burgesses and on the school committee, while in 1897 he was elected judge of the borough court, and is now serving his second term. In every way that he can he has worked for the welfare of his town and State, and gives his aid, financial and moral, to the support of any enterprise that will in any way benefit the community. He was one of the original incorporators of the First National Bank. In his religious faith he is a Congregationalist, and a member of the First Church, in which he has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and as chairman of the Society's committee. Of generous disposition, he gives largely to charity, but car-

ries on the custom of his family in that he does his good deeds quietly.

On March 27, 1860, occurred the marriage of Edward Morton Judd and Jane A. Peck, daughter of Joel and Charlotte (Scoville) Peck, and to this union have come children as follows: William Theodore, born March 1, 1866, died Feb. 24, 1867. Jennie Susan, born March 8, 1872, married on Oct. 1, 1895, Charles G. Phelps, of Wallingford, secretary to Orville H. Platt, senator from Connecticut, and clerk to the committee on Cuban Affairs. Edward Peck, born Aug. 3, 1877, is at home; for three years he was a student in Yale Law School.

MARTHA LOUISE JUDD, born July 9, 1847, was married Oct. 14, 1880, to Henry Hall Martin, of Wallingford, who died Feb. 26, 1896. Their children were Louise Ariel and Oliver Wadsworth.

MARY BURNHAM JUDD, born April 8, 1857, is unmarried, and kept house for her father.

WILLIAM CHANDLER POTTER was one of the brave defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Rebellion, and is now an honored and highly respected citizen of Cheshire, New Haven county, where he has made his home since 1891.

Mr. Potter was born in New Haven Sept. 25, 1829, and traces his ancestry to John Potter, the first of the name to cross the Atlantic, a native of England, who came to this county about 1640, and located in Hamden. The father of our subject, who also bore the name of John Potter, was born in Hamden in 1805, and was reared in that town. By trade he was a chairmaker. He married Clarissa Parkiss, who was born in Branford, New Haven county, a daughter of Chandler Parkiss, and both died in Burlington, this State, in 1894. Of their ten children, only two are still living: William C., our subject; and Austin, of Waterbury.

William Chandler Potter acquired his literary education in the schools of Hamden, and there grew to manhood. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted, at Hartford, Conn., in 1861, in Company E, 10th Conn. V. I., for three years. With the Army of the Potomac he participated in the battles of Roanoke Island, Newbern, Tarboro, Little Washington and Goldsboro, N. C., and he also took part in the celebrated march to the sea. He was mustered out of the United States service at Alexandria, Va., and honorably discharged at Hartford, Conn., in 1865. On the maternal side he is of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather having been a soldier in the war for independence.

In 1855, at Burlington, Conn., Mr. Potter married Miss Emily Baldwin, a native of Watertown, and a daughter of Joel Baldwin. Four children have been born to them, namely: Frederick, who is now in the West; Melissa, who died in her eighteenth year; Louis, who was killed by the cars; and Clara, Mrs. Arthur Smith, a resident of Birmingham, Connecticut.



Since coming to Cheshire, in 1891, Mr. Potter has been engaged in market gardening. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and an earnest advocate of temperance. Socially he is a member of Grand Army Post No. 8, at Meriden, and religiously adheres to the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member. Both are well known and highly respected for their sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

ALVERD E. WINCHELL, M. D., one of the leading physicians and substantial men of New Haven, which city has been his field of labor for thirty-five years, is a representative of one of the first families to settle in Connecticut.

Born June 21, 1831, in Egremont, Berkshire Co., Mass., son of Ezra and Lucinda (Newman) Winchell, our subject is a descendant in the eighth generation from Robert Winchell, the first American ancestor of this branch of the Winchell family. From the genealogy of the family prepared in 1869, by Alexander Winchell, LL. D., a professor in the University of Michigan, it is learned that the name is probably of early Saxon or Jutish origin, and was known in the time of Hengist and Horsa, in 449.

Robert Winchell, born probably in Wales, was at Dorchester, Mass., in 1634, and at Windsor, Conn., as early as 1637, appearing to have emigrated from one of the lower Saxon shires in the south of England. The line of Dr. Winchell's descent from Robert is through Jonathan, Benjamin, Azariah, Azariah (2), and Ezra.

Jonathan Winchell, son of Robert, was born probably in Dorchester, Mass., prior to 1635. On May 16, 1666, he married Abigail Bruson, daughter of Richard Bruson, sometimes written Brownson. She was born about 1644, and died in Suffield March 27, 1710.

Benjamin Winchell, son of Jonathan, was born at Windsor, Conn., June 28, 1674, and married Sarah Winchell July 18, 1700, in Suffield.

Azariah Winchell, son of Benjamin, and the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Suffield, Conn., April 3, 1710.

Azariah Winchell (2), son of Azariah, was born in Suffield.

Ezra Winchell, father of our subject, son of Azariah (2), was born in Hillsdale, Columbia Co., N. Y., Sept. 8, 1800, and married Lucinda Newman, who was born in Egremont, June 3, 1804.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native town, and was prepared for college at the academy in Great Barrington, Mass., entering Wesleyan College, at Middletown, in 1853. He was graduated with honors in the class of 1857, receiving from that institution three years later the degree of A. M. Following his graduation he was for three years principal of the Owosso (Mich.) Union Seminary, where his work was very successful and

satisfactory, so much so that those in charge were loath to give him up and urged his remaining, but desiring to enter another profession, he severed his connection with this institution and for a period studied law under the direction of a prominent attorney of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., the well-known jurist, Judge John P. H. Tallman. His tastes, however, were in still another direction, so returning to Great Barrington, Mass., he there began the study of medicine under Dr. Clarkson T. Collins, a man of distinction in the profession and of extended acquaintance. As time passed the young pupil, through the kindness of Dr. Collins, became acquainted with the noted physicians Alfred C. Post and Valentine Mott, of New York City, an acquaintance that was greatly appreciated and proved beneficial for the encouragement and inspiration it gave.

After attending a course of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, from which institution he was graduated in 1865, Dr. Winchell in that city had the benefit of most valuable clinical observations in the various hospitals, including Bellevue, the New York Hospital and others, and after finishing his course there he located for practice in New Haven, where his professional life has been spent. His career there, both professional and as a citizen, has been one of success and usefulness. Through unselfish devotion to his useful calling he has reached a position of prominence in the profession, ranking among the most able physicians in the State. His preference in his earlier career was for surgery, and in that line he has performed a number of difficult and delicate operations, yet he has devoted himself to the general practice of medicine. His reputation as a superior obstetrician is well known. A natural student, the Doctor has advanced in his profession along with the progress made in the science of medicine, and has kept pace with the general great progress and advancement during the years of his practice.

Dr. Winchell is a member of the State Medical Society, which he has served as fellow; of the New Haven County Medical Society; and of the New Haven City Medical Society, of which for years he served as president. Also, he is connected by membership with the American Medical and American Public Health Associations; the American Academy of Political and Social Science; and the Masonic fraternity.

Dr. Winchell has long been interested in the subject of sanitation. Immediately following the Civil war he made a series of visits through different sections of the South, and his attention was especially directed to this subject by observations. Following with investigations and study of the subject, he was well fitted for the office he subsequently filled so efficiently and satisfactorily for many years—that of member of the board of health, of New Haven, having been appointed such in 1879







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and repeatedly thereafter for fourteen years. For a succession of terms he was president of the board, during which time much progress was made in improving the sanitary condition of the city.

Dr. Winchell has been deeply interested in Christian and philanthropic work, and is actively concerned in the progress of New Haven. In his practice he has been exceedingly charitable to the poor and unfortunate, and he has the esteem and the confidence both of his colleagues and of the public. The city is largely indebted to his energy, foresight and pecuniary outlay for the erection of the Hyperion Theatre, pronounced by artists and public speakers to be almost unequalled for its acoustic properties and general appointments.

On February 9, 1860, Dr. Winchell was married to Helen E., daughter of Capt. Charles E. Hinman, of Southbury. She died in February, 1863, and in October, 1865, he married Mary, daughter of Elizur Mitchell, of South Britain, Conn. She died in 1874, leaving one daughter, Mary Helen, who is now the wife of Dr. William A. Brooks, of Boston, Mass., a prominent young physician and surgeon, who has performed some remarkable operations, and is well known throughout the State. On Oct. 14, 1876, Dr. Winchell was married to his present wife, formerly Catherine Worthington Shepard, daughter of Rev. Samuel N. Shepard, who for thirty years was pastor of the Congregational Church in Madison, Conn., and granddaughter of Rev. Samuel Shepard, D. D., who for fifty years was a preacher in Lenox, Mass., and a niece of the distinguished John Todd, D. D.

**TERRELL.** The Terrells of New Haven county, with the earlier families to which they are allied by marriage, were among the earliest settlers of this locality.

Roger Terrell, from whom most of the names of Terrell, Terrel, Tyrrel, etc., of New Haven county are descended, was among the first settlers of Milford, Conn. His name appears among the first two lists of inhabitants of the town living there in the spring of 1640. Most of the pioneer settlers of Milford came from the counties of Essex, Hereford and York, England, and rendezvoused in New Haven in 1638 and 1639. Roger Terrell married a daughter of Thomas Nefford, and his death occurred in 1682. From this Roger Terrell, the emigrant settler, Wales Terrell, of Ansonia, is a descendant in the eighth generation, his line being through ———, Samuel, Phineas, Phineas (2), Eliakim and Truman. One branch of the Tyrrell family spells the name Tyrrell.

(III) Samuel Terrell, probably a grandson of Roger Terrell, lived in Milford, and by his will, made in 1751, left his estate, which was distributed in that same year, to his widow Mary and children Samuel, Abraham, Jesse, Phineas, Mary (Tibbals) and Rebecca (Mrs. Jacob Baldwin).

(IV) Phineas Terrell, son of Samuel, born about

1725, died Oct. 13, 1791, when aged sixty-six years. His wife, Phebe, survived him, married Andrew Baldwin, and died Jan. 15, 1803, when aged seventy-six. In his will the children of Phineas named were: Phineas, Eliakim, John, Anne, Phebe and Susanna.

(V) Phineas Terrell (2), son of Phineas, married and had a number of children, among them Eli and Sarah, the latter marrying Russel Chatfield. A number of the children of Phineas are buried in the Sperry burying-ground, in Bethany, Connecticut.

(VI) Capt. Eliakim Terrell, son of Phineas (2), born about Feb. 10, 1760, married Elizabeth, also born Feb. 10, 1760, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Twitchell, and the children who survived the father were Philo, Josiah, Truman, Elizabeth, Nehemiah, Anne, Eliakim, Phineas, Solomon, Isaac, Andrew and Julia. All settled in Connecticut. Capt. Terrell was a soldier in the Revolution, and was known by that title. He served as selectman of Woodbridge in 1800, and died March 15, 1807, when aged forty-seven years.

(VII) Truman Terrell, son of Capt. Eliakim, baptized in the town of Derby (probably in that part now Oxford) Feb. 29, 1784, married Hannah Lines, daughter of Eber Lines, of Bethany. Eber Lines married Hannah, daughter of Lieut. Dan Welton, of Waterbury, she being a lineal descendant of Elder William Brewster, of the "Mayflower." Truman Terrell died May 20, 1852, aged sixty-eight years. His widow married Ansel Peck, and died Nov. 19, 1866, aged seventy-six years. The children of Truman and his wife were: Louisa, Almira, Grace, Lauren, Elizabeth, Smith, Wales, Calvin and Henry; the two last named died young. Two of the children are now living, Almira and Wales.

(VIII) Wales Terrell at the age of seventeen (1843) was apprenticed to one Burr Nash, of New Haven, to learn the blacksmith's trade, and in the year 1849 located at Derby, where in co-partnership with Silas Baldwin, and later with Hobart Sperry, he pursued the business, in a general line, of blacksmithing and carriage building. On Oct. 25, 1851, he married Julia Irene Barbour, daughter of Luke Barbour, of Simsbury, Conn. Five children were born to this union: May Elizabeth (who died in infancy), Arthur Wales, Florence Elizabeth, Lucius Barbour and Alton Truman.

On Aug. 6, 1862, Wales Terrell enlisted in Company B, 20th Conn. V. I., and on the 8th of the same month was mustered into the United States service as private and promoted to corporal. The 20th was a three years' regiment, recruited under the call of June, 1862, of the President for 300,000 men, and went out under Col. Ross, Lieut. William B. Wooster and Major Buckingham. They soon formed a part of the 12th Corps, Army of the Potomac, and were under Gen. Hooker and later under Gen. Meade. The regiment participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, the 12th Corps in the latter engagement occupying the ex-



treme right of the Federal line at Culp's Hill, Gen. Williams in command. The Corps held Ewell's Corps at bay for seven hours, finally driving them back with heavy loss. In the fall of 1863 the 12th Corps joined the Army of the Cumberland, at Chattanooga, and that winter was mainly in Tennessee. A year later, in the fall of 1864, the 11th and 12th Corps were formed into the 20th Corps, and in it the 20th Regiment remained until the close of the war, forming a part of Gen. Sherman's army. It is not the intention to give in detail the history of the regiment, but only to mention some features in general and refer to others especially. The 20th distinguished itself at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, and was at the siege of Atlanta. It later moved through Atlanta, Ga., to Savannah and South Carolina, and to and from there to North Carolina, finally participating in the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out of the service June 13, 1865, at Fort Lincoln, on the Bladensburg road. The engagements in which the 20th participated were: Chancellorsville, Va., May 3, 1863; Gettysburg, Pa., July 3, 1863; Tracy City, Tenn., May 9, 1864; Peach Tree Creek, Ga., July 20, 1864; siege of Atlanta, Ga., July 21 to Aug. 7, 1864; Silver Run, N. C., March 15, 1865; Bentonville, N. C., March 19, 1865; and Raleigh, N. C., April 13, 1865. Young Terrell bore an honorable part from start to finish with his company, and returned home at the close of the war with an honorable record. On May 4, 1864, he was promoted to sergeant, and was mustered out with his company and regiment June 13, 1865. Since his return from the service he has made his home in the town of Derby, and more recently in Ansonia, where he has had an honorable business career and been a useful citizen.

On returning to civil life Mr. Terrell entered into co-partnership with Darius Wilcox, engaging in the carriage hardware and file business for several years, under the firm name of Terrell & Wilcox, and later as Wales Terrell. Later he was associated with E. Frank Sperry, under the name of Terrell & Sperry, they continuing some years together, when Mr. Terrell withdrew and engaged with his son, Lucius B. Terrell, in the insurance and real-estate business, under the firm name of Wales Terrell & Son, handling all kinds of insurance and real-estate transactions.

(IX) Alton T. Terrell, secretary and general manager of the Ansonia O. & C. Co., of Ansonia, was born in Ansonia Oct. 3, 1872. He was educated in the common and high schools of his native town, and when a boy entered the office of the Osborne & Cheesman Co., which concern was in 1891 succeeded by the Ansonia O. & C. Co. He rose to the position of order clerk, which he held for some years, and was then promoted to purchasing agent, which position he held up to the time of Mr. Schneller's (the head of the institution) death, when he was promoted to his present position. They manufacture suspender webbing, and employ some three hundred

hands. The building is 50 feet wide, 250 feet long, and three stories high. [For a further account of this business, from its origin, see sketch of Mrs. Schneller, elsewhere.] Under the management of Mr. Terrell the business has steadily increased, and they send goods all over the United States and Europe. They have recently had completed a magnificent office, planned by Mr. Terrell, which is 40 feet square, two stories high, and is beautifully finished in quarter-sawed oak and brown ash, and furnished with oak furniture. It is one of the finest office buildings in the Naugatuck Valley.

Although a young man, Mr. Terrell has seen many changes during the years that he has been with the company, and with two exceptions is the oldest in point of service now here. The number of men has been increased from two hundred to three hundred and fifty, and the output of the goods has more than doubled; much of the machinery has been changed to the latest improved in their line. Throughout the building many improvements have been made for the benefit of the help, all of whom hold Mr. Terrell in high esteem, and since he has taken his present position no dissatisfaction has been expressed by the employes, each and all of whom are at liberty to personally lay before him any grievance which they may have, with the positive assurance that they will be listened to and treated wisely. By the introduction of the latest improved machinery this concern can at present manufacture goods which place them in successful competition with any other concern in the business.

Mr. Terrell married, Nov. 30, 1898, Lillian Whitlock, a daughter of Senator Sturges Whitlock, of Shelton, a prominent manufacturer of the celebrated Whitlock printing presses. Sturges Whitlock is one of the most prominent men in this section of the State and is widely known. His wife was Mary O. Singer, a daughter of Isaac Singer, the inventor of the Singer sewing machine.

Alton Terrell is a member of the Board of Trade of Ansonia, director of the A. O. & C. Co., and member of the Ansonia Club.

EDWIN DOOLITTLE, one of the prominent, well-known citizens of Branford, is a native of Connecticut, born Dec. 3, 1838, in Wallingford, New Haven county.

The founder of the Doolittle family in the New England States came from England, and is said to have been the first settler north of Watenbrook, in what is now the town of Wallingford. Jonathan Doolittle, grandfather of Edwin, was born in Wallingford, was a farmer by occupation, and served in the war of the Revolution. He had four sons: Enos, the father of our subject; John, who cast his lot with the Mormons, and became an apostle and elder in that church; Roswell, a farmer of Wallingford; and Johnson, who was a farmer and grain dealer. One daughter, Betsy, married Samuel Morse, and after her death he married her sister Delight.



Enos Doolittle was born Feb. 2, 1796, in Wallingford, where he was a lifelong agriculturist, and died March 30, 1869. He married Charritta Davis, and by her had five children, viz.: (1) Andrew, born Nov. 8, 1826, married Lucy Hall, and had two sons, Charles D. and Frederick. Andrew was a contractor in Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co.'s factory. He was accidentally shot while out hunting, Nov. 8, 1854. (2) Albert, born Nov. 10, 1827, married Mary Bassett. He died Aug. 22, 1877, leaving no children. (3) Julius, born July 3, 1830, never married, and died Dec. 18, 1886. (4) Clarissa, born Nov. 11, 1835, died Sept. 9, 1842. (5) Edwin is our subject. The father of this family was a Democrat politically.

Edwin Doolittle received his education in the common schools of Wallingford, and began his business life in the old "Farmers Exchange Variety Store," New Haven. There he remained some six years, and in 1862 he commenced in the butcher business at Wallingford, which he continued three years, after which for seven years he was engaged in farming in Wallingford. For one year thereafter he was located at Windsor Locks, Hartford county, engaged in the manufacture of manilla paper, and in the fall of 1874 he came to Branford, where for eighteen years he conducted the popular summer resort known as the "Weybossett House." Selling out in 1893, he managed the hotel for another until May, 1894, since when he has been living retired. Mr. Doolittle is independent in politics, and at present is serving in Branford as chairman of the Citizens party.

On Oct. 10, 1865, Mr. Doolittle was married to Miss Matilda I. Todd, daughter of Thelus and Antoinette (Harrison) Todd, of Northford, New Haven county. The father was born Sept. 19, 1802, and died Aug. 29, 1875. The mother, born May 9, 1809, died March 9, 1848. They were married June 1, 1828, and had seven children, Apollos E., Milo A., Venelia H., Matilda I. (Mrs. Doolittle), Miranda J., Delia A. and Bertha S. By his second wife, Correlia Auger, Mr. Todd had one daughter, Maria A. Mr. Todd was a butcher, drover and farmer by occupation. He took an active part in the affairs of his day, and served two terms in the State Legislature, having been elected on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle had two children: Antoinette Todd, born May 9, 1867, died March 2, 1868; the other died in infancy. They are members of the Episcopal Church.

**JAMES PEMBERTON.** a highly esteemed resident of Ansonia, is now living in retirement at his pleasant home, at No. 286 Wakelee avenue, but his interest in all that concerns the welfare of the community remains as keen as during his years of active work in the business world.

Mr. Pemberton was born Nov. 18, 1828, in Birmingham, England, son of Maj. William Pemberton and his wife, Mary Hall, both natives of

Birmingham, and both born in 1800. Maj. Pemberton came to America in 1829, with his family, and after two years' residence at Bloomfield, N. J., located in Waterbury, Conn., entering the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co. While there he introduced a process for plating with gold and silver, which he had learned and worked at before leaving England, and this proved very successful, giving him an important place in the firm. They made a specialty of plate for photographing, and gold plate for officers' buttons for the army and navy. In 1852 Mr. Pemberton went to Newark, N. J., and engaged in business for himself, and his death occurred there in 1880. He was a man of strong character, an expert in his line of work, and was active in politics as an old-line Whig. At one time he served as major on the staff of Gen. Collins, of Newark, and his saddle and other articles of equipment are now preserved as a relic by a brother of our subject. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, and he gave \$500 toward the new stone edifice, erected in 1846, in Waterbury. His estimable wife died in 1886, and of their eight children only three are living: Amelia is deceased; James is mentioned more fully below; William is deceased; Thomas was killed while serving with the 14th Kansas Volunteer Cavalry; Alfred is deceased; Samuel H., who served in the Army of the Potomac throughout the Civil war, married Miss Jennie A. Root, of Waterbury, and resides in Newark, N. J., where he held office as city clerk for a number of years; Catherine is deceased; and Frederick, now a resident of Newark, N. J., served in both army and navy during the Civil war.

James Pemberton spent much of his boyhood at Waterbury, and was educated in the common schools of that town and at Cheshire Academy. He learned his father's business in the shops of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., and later was employed by Holmes, Booth & Hayden, to establish it for them. For a number of years he had charge of the department, and for a time he was with a clock company of Chicago, but in 1866 he located in Ansonia, taking a position with the O. & C. Co., as caster. Soon afterward he entered the employ of the A. B. C. Co., as caster in the Brass mills, and this work he continued until his retirement from business in 1881. As he owns a number of houses in the town, his real-estate interests require much of his time and attention. Politically he is a Republican, and he was a member of the first common council of Ansonia. In religious work he was for years an active worker in the Episcopal Church, of which he was a member, and for a number of years he served either as warden or vestryman, and for some time was superintendent of the Sunday-school. For more than forty years he has been an active Freemason, and is now a member of George Washington Lodge, and Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M., in Ansonia, and of Waterbury Council, No. 21, at Waterbury.





In 1850 Mr. Pemberton married Miss Mary J. Riggs, daughter of Garry Riggs, a hatter in Oxford, and a prominent citizen of that town. She was born in 1831, and died in 1895, and of her four sons, three are living: James R., a machinist by trade, married Jessie F. Beers, and is settled on a farm in Orange; William M., a clerk in a clothing store in New Haven, has been married twice, and has had six children: Bessie M., Lillie S., Elsie A., Allie M., William M. and Ernest L.; Edward L., the youngest, was employed for a number of years in the office of the Farrell Foundry Co., but is now in Boston, as agent for V. W. Mason, Jr., of New York.

ELI H. WAKELEE, a venerable and highly esteemed resident of Ansonia, is the oldest man now living who was born in that vicinity, and his reminiscences cover a most interesting period of the history of the section. Within his memory the city of Ansonia has been founded and developed, and when he was a boy the site of Derby, formerly Birmingham, gave no sign of its present commercial importance.

Mr. Wakelee was born July 11, 1829, in West Ansonia, and comes of good pioneer stock. Free-gift Wakelee, his grandfather, was born in Ansonia, and became a farmer and shoemaker by occupation. He died at the age of fifty. He married Mary Smith, who was born in Derby, and who attained the advanced age of eighty-four. They had seven sons and one daughter, all now deceased.

Watrous C. Wakelee, our subject's father, was born in West Ansonia, and learned the shoemaker's trade, but his attention was devoted chiefly to farming at the homestead in West Ansonia, now No. 220 Wakelee avenue. He was a successful farmer, owning about 200 acres of land, and as a citizen he was held in high esteem for his sound judgment and his public spirit. Politically he was a Democrat, and he served as assessor and collector, and was a candidate for other offices at various times. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian. He died in 1878, at the age of seventy-eight, and his wife, Caroline (Hawkins), a native of Ansonia, died aged eighty-two. The Hawkins family were early settlers in this county, and Lewis Hawkins, father of Mrs. Wakelee, was a well-known farmer. Our subject is one of a family of four sons, of whom two are still living, his brother Charles (aged sixty-three) being now in the West. Albert died in Ansonia, Jan. 14, 1901. David, the youngest, died in the West Sept. 26, 1889.

Until he reached the age of seventeen our subject remained at the homestead, the common schools affording him an education, and he then learned the mason's trade with Isaac P. Davis, of Seymour. He followed that trade twenty-five years, doing a profitable contract business, and then built the store now occupied by E. A. Curtiss, corner of Wakelee avenue and Jackson street. For ten years he was

engaged in mercantile business there, but since selling out, in 1895, he has been looking after his real-estate interests exclusively. He bought fifty acres of the old homestead, from which he has sold a number of building lots, and he has also put up a number of houses, some of which he still owns and rents. Mr. Wakelee attends the Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, having been identified with the party since he was twenty-one years old. For more than twenty-five years he served as assessor, and held that office while Derby was still a part of the town; he served as chairman of the board of assessors longer than any other man now living in Ansonia. He also served a term as collector and one year as selectman; and for a number of years was a member of the town committee and the local board of relief.

On Jan. 12, 1853, Mr. Wakelee married Miss Amanda Chatfield, a native of Bethany. They have had one son, Frank W., a carpenter and joiner in Ansonia, who married Miss Fannie Platt and has had two children, Cora A. and Harry W., the latter of whom died when five years old. Mrs. Wakelee is a member of a well-known family, her grandfather, Phineas Terrell, having been one of the first settlers in Bethany, where he engaged in farming. Her father, Russell Chatfield, a native of Oxford, was a farmer and mason in that town, and lived to the age of ninety-one years. He married Sarah Terrell, who died at the age of eighty-four, in the same house in which she was born and married. Russell and Sarah Chatfield had five daughters, of whom three are living: Mrs. Mary M. Beecher; Mrs. Ruth M. Warner, who still resides in Ansonia with a daughter; and Mrs. Wakelee. Of the others, Mrs. Sarah A. Beecher died aged thirty-two, and Mrs. Pamela J. Todd died aged thirty. The family is much esteemed socially and has been identified with the Episcopal Church for generations.

GEORGE LEANDER WELD ranked among the substantial and most highly respected citizens of the town of Guilford, where the greater part of his useful and active life was passed. He was a native of the town, born March 12, 1814, son of George and Mabel (Fowler) Weld, and was the eldest brother of the late Capt. Frederick A. and William E. Weld, of Guilford.

Our subject received his education in the common schools, attending first in the North Guilford District, and later at Sag Harbor, L. I., whither he removed with his parents. Early in life he was engaged in farm work, later learning the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for some time, and he also engaged in carpentering and building. He finally took up his home at East River, New Haven county, settling on the old Bartlett homestead, where he passed the remainder of his days, engaging in ship carpentering in addition to agricultural pur-





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suits. By energetic industry and good management he became quite well-to-do, and he gained the respect of his neighbors and friends by a life of integrity. In religious connection he was a member of the Episcopal Church of Guilford, and active in its work, serving as warden and vestryman in the church. His political support was given to the Democratic party. He never sought office, preferring to give his attention to his private affairs, but he took an intelligent interest in the welfare of his locality, and was well read.

On Sept. 16, 1849, Mr. Weld was married, in Guilford, to Miss Sarah Judson Bartlett, who was born Feb. 20, 1828, daughter of Joseph Bartlett, and survives him, still making her home in East River. She is an intelligent woman, well preserved, and enjoys the highest esteem of the community in which her life has been passed. Three children blessed this union: Mary Bartlett, born Oct. 27, 1855, died Nov. 9, 1865; George M. and Joseph, twins, were born Jan. 3, 1863, and the latter died Oct. 12, 1865. Mr. Weld was a kind-hearted husband and loving father, and his death, on Oct. 22, 1891, at East River, was deeply mourned. His remains rest in the East cemetery, in Guilford.

George M. Weld was born Jan. 3, 1863, received his education in the local district schools, and is employed in a shop in the town of Madison. He married Miss Lottie M. Rogers, and they have had four children: Ruth M., Mabel R., George Leon and Elsie Bartlett, all living.

THE BARTLETT FAMILY, from which Mrs. Weld is descended, is one of the oldest in Guilford, and Joseph Bartlett, the first of the name here, was a native of England. He was one of the first settlers of Guilford, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Aug. 3, 1669. He was a deacon in the church. On Sept. 14, 1650, he married Mary Cruttenden, daughter of Abraham Cruttenden, and she survived him but a few weeks, dying Sept. 11, 1669. Children: Elizabeth, born in March, 1653, died Oct. 4, 1742, married Abraham Fowler; Mary, born Feb. 1, 1655, died Nov. 5, 1724, married Nathaniel Stone; John, born Nov. 9, 1656, died Aug. 16, 1669; Hannah, born Nov. 6, 1658, married Stephen Bishop; Deborah, born in 1660, died Dec. 4, 1692, married John Spinning; Daniel, born Dec. 14, 1665, died Nov. 14, 1747, married Sarah Meggs; Abraham, sketch of whom follows.

Abraham Bartlett, born Feb. 19, 1667, in Guilford, died Feb. 20, 1731. On June 11, 1693, he married Mary Warner, born in April, 1664, who died May 25, 1738, and they had children: Mary, born May 18, 1694, died June 9, 1755; Abraham, born March 4, 1698, died Jan. 13, 1764; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Timothy, born March 15, 1702, died Dec. 1, 1773, married Susanna Cruttenden; Ebenezer, born Nov. 6, 1704, died Oct. 19, 1777.

Capt. Joseph Bartlett, born in Guilford Oct. 24, 1699, died Aug. 29, 1769. On June 9, 1726, he

married Mindwell Cruttenden, born in 1706, died Sept. 24, 1769. Children: Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Mindwell, born May 17, 1730, died Nov. 3, 1808, married Samuel Chittenden; Abraham, born Jan. 12, 1734, married Submit Everts; Ruth, born in October, 1735, died Dec. 21, 1831, married Miles Griswold; Samuel, born Feb. 10, 1742, married Abigail Ingraham.

Joseph Bartlett, born Sept. 8, 1727, died July 23, 1812, in Guilford. On Dec. 30, 1756, he married Sarah Cruttenden, born Feb. 2, 1735, died June 13, 1818. Children: Joseph, born Nov. 8, 1757, died Aug. 23, 1787; Sarah, born Oct. 21, 1762, died Feb. 5, 1773; Amos, born June 23, 1764, died July 12, 1836, married Anna Dudley; Noah, sketch of whom follows; Hannah, born Sept. 4, 1778, died March 14, 1858, married Timothy Dudley.

Noah Bartlett, born Aug. 27, 1766, died Jan. 17, 1837. On June 23, 1796, he married Sally Judson, born Nov. 27, 1775, died Jan. 25, 1867. Children: Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Sally, born Nov. 20, 1799, died July 21, 1866, married Horace Munger; Polly, born Nov. 20, 1801, died Nov. 14, 1876, married Joel Griswold, of Guilford.

Joseph Bartlett, father of Mrs. Weld, born July 24, 1797, was one of the leading business men of Guilford in his day, keeping store at East River, and also conducting a hotel at that place, where he spent his life. He owned vessels, in which he shipped his produce to New York and other markets, and was also a large land owner and dealer in stock. In the management of his various interests he became widely known, and his reputation was untarnished by any doubts as to his uprightness and integrity. During his busy career he accumulated a comfortable competence, and he was regarded as one of the substantial men of his locality. Mr. Bartlett passed away Jan. 5, 1864, at East River, and his remains rest in the East cemetery. He attended the Congregational Church, and in politics was first a Whig, later a Republican.

On March 15, 1827, Mr. Bartlett married Mary Ann Cruttenden, who was born May 21, 1798, daughter of Bela Cruttenden, and died Aug. 15, 1876. One child blessed their union, Sarah Judson, who is now the widow of George L. Weld.

HON. SAMUEL H. CHITTENDEN, at present serving in the Connecticut State Senate from the Sixth District, is a native of New Haven county, born Nov. 18, 1845, on the old Chittenden homestead at East River, in the town of Madison. He is a descendant of (1) William Chittenden, one of the original settlers of Guilford, who came to the town in 1639, and was prominent in public affairs, serving as magistrate of the Plantation and deputy to the General Court until his death.

(II) Sergt. John Chittenden, fourth child of William, was born in 1643, and died in Guilford in April, 1716. On Dec. 12, 1665, he married Hannah Fletcher, daughter of John Fletcher, and they had



six children: John, born Oct. 19, 1666; Elizabeth, Jan. 26, 1670 (she married Thomas Cruttenden); Joseph, March 26, 1672 (married Mary Kimberly); Gideon, Sept. 23, 1678, died 1679; Abel, May 14, 1681 (married Deborah Scrauton); Lydia, March 30, 1684 (married William Hall).

(III) John Chittenden, son of Sergt. John, born Oct. 19, 1666, died in February, 1710. On March 13, 1701, he married Sarah Clay, who was born March 5, 1674, and died April 5, 1717. Her parents, Joseph and Mary (Lord) Clay, were of Guilford and Saybrook, Conn., respectively. Two children were born of this union: John, June 8, 1702 (married Bathsheba Cruttenden); and Samuel, Aug. 16, 1704.

(IV) Samuel Chittenden, son of John, born Aug. 16, 1704, married Nov. 7, 1726, Susanna Bishop, who was born Jan. 12, 1704, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Wetmore) Bishop, and died Nov. 8, 1747. On Sept. 8, 1748, he married Mrs. Phyllis (Burgis) Johnson, widow of Nathaniel Johnson, and daughter of Thomas and Mercy (Wright) Burgis. She was born March 1, 1716, and died Oct. 12, 1760, and on Jan. 13, 1762, Mr. Chittenden married Hulda Fowler, who was born March 6, 1723, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Starr) Fowler, and died Nov. 17, 1820, at the ripe age of nearly ninety-eight years. The children of Samuel Chittenden were: Samuel, born Nov. 2, 1727 (married Mindwell Bartlett); Nathaniel, Aug. 1, 1730 (died 1730); Nathaniel (2), June 2, 1732; Susannah, June 2, 1832 (married John Crampton); Noah, July 31, 1734 (married Elizabeth Crampton); Sarah, July 9, 1739 (married Miles Griswold); Benjamin, mentioned below.

(V) Benjamin Chittenden, son of Samuel, born Nov. 23, 1749, spent his life in Guilford, and died Sept. 1, 1820. On Jan. 16, 1777, he married Mabel Dudley, who was born Nov. 22, 1751, daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Seward) Dudley, and died Feb. 11, 1795. They had two children: Samuel, born Nov. 12, 1777; and Joel, born Nov. 13, 1785, who married Sally Carter. For his second wife Benjamin Chittenden married, Feb. 10, 1796, Lucy Fowler, who died June 9, 1835, aged seventy-three years.

(VI) Samuel Chittenden, son of Benjamin, born Nov. 12, 1777, was a farmer and land owner, and spent his life in the town of Madison, dying Feb. 23, 1846. On March 31, 1803, he married Lauranda Collins, born Dec. 22, 1774, daughter of Joel and Bethya (Hall) Collins, the former of Guilford, the latter of Wallingford, Conn. This wife died July 3, 1805, and in 1808 he married Amanda Kelsey, who was a daughter of Preston and Clarissa (Graves) Kelsey, of East Guilford, and passed away Oct. 22, 1811, at the early age of twenty-four years. In April, 1813, Mr. Chittenden wedded Sally Warner, who was born July 14, 1790, daughter of Chapman Warner, of Hadlyme, Conn., and died Feb. 9, 1864. He was the father of seven children: Lau-

randa C., born May 19, 1809, married Timothy H. Lee; Samuel Conklin, born Sept. 22, 1811, is mentioned below; Henry A., born May 31, 1814, died Dec. 25, 1834; Hosmer Ely, born Feb. 10, 1816, was lost at sea Oct. 6, 1844, on the brig "Ocean;" Chapman W., born Dec. 27, 1818, died Dec. 28, 1880; William F. was born Aug. 1, 1825; and John Newton, born Dec. 25, 1827, married Elizabeth Cruttenden.

(VII) Samuel Conklin Chittenden, father of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, was born Sept. 22, 1811, on the homestead, and was for many years extensively engaged in the lumber business at East River, embarking in that industry before the building of the New Haven & New London railroad, of which he was one of the original projectors and stockholders. During the early years his lumber was brought in sailing vessels from Maine and Albany. He also engaged in the manufacture of sash and blinds, in which line he was quite successful, and he was ever regarded as one of the prosperous, substantial citizens of his town, continuing to reside on the old family homestead at East River, where his widow still makes her home. On Feb. 8, 1843, Mr. Chittenden married Miss Amanda A. Munger, born Nov. 27, 1813, daughter of George and Parnel (Kelsey) Munger, and children were born to this union as follows: Samuel H., Nov. 18, 1845; Clarissa, March 1, 1848 (died March 3, 1848); George Benjamin, Dec. 25, 1849. The last named was married Dec. 25, 1876, to Miss Ella Spencer Delano, who was born in 1857 in Washington, D. C., and they have had three children: Myra D., born Feb. 2, 1879; Horace W., born Aug. 25, 1880; and Marjorie L. Samuel C. Chittenden passed away Dec. 3, 1886, at his home in East River. Originally a Whig in politics, he finally united with the Republican party, but he was never an office seeker. In religious connection he was a Congregationalist, and his widow is also a member of that church, being a devout Christian. She is a lady of culture and intelligence, and enjoys the unbounded esteem of all who know her.

Samuel H. Chittenden was reared in the town of his birth, and after acquiring his rudimentary education in the public schools fitted for college at Guilford Institute and Lee's Academy, Madison. In 1867 he graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, and a few years later took an additional course, receiving the second degree of C. E. In February, 1868, under the patronage of Cornelius S. Bushnell, then a director of the Union Pacific railroad, he was given an opportunity to commence work at his profession, becoming a civil engineer on that road. At that time the end of their track was only a few miles west of Cheyenne. Mr. Chittenden, joining the field party of Maj. Lawrence, traveled from the end of the track with freight wagons through the Indian country, the party having an escort of United States cavalry, and commenced work on location through the Bitter





Creek section, later moving west to Echo Canon and the location over the Wahsatch Summit. During 1868 and 1869 the road was built and running to a connection with the Central Pacific road west of Salt Lake City, and some unprecedentedly rapid work was done, especially in grading and track laying. Mr. Chittenden continued with the road, doing general engineer work, until 1876, after which, for about a year, he was engaged on the Quinmpiac bridge, at Fair Haven, Conn. His next work was in Alabama, on the Mussel Shoals improvement of the Tennessee river and Coosa river, in Georgia, as assistant engineer under Maj. W. R. Ring, of the United States Engineers. Between 1880 and 1890 he was engaged with his brother, George B. Chittenden, in mining in Arizona and New Mexico, and in general engineering and contracting in Washington, D. C., and among other undertakings we may mention the enlarged dam across the Potomac river, at Great Falls, to increase the water supply of the city, which he built.

In 1890 Mr. Chittenden retired from his profession, and he has since lived in comparative retirement at his old home in New Haven county, where he has taken an active part in local interests. The year of his return he was elected clerk of the town of Madison, in which office he has ever since served, and he is also judge of probate, discharging the duties of both offices with a satisfaction which has fully warranted the confidence placed in him by his fellow citizens. In 1898 he was further honored by election to the State Senate, on the Republican ticket, and he has since served in that responsible incumbency with becoming dignity, displaying a high sense of duty in the performance of the duties connected therewith. He has been the efficient chairman of the committees on Humane Institutions and New Counties and County Seats, and has won the universal respect of his colleagues by his integrity and uprightness. Mr. Chittenden's call to public service from the time of his return to his native place is sufficient evidence of the affectionate esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens, and he is a worthy representative of one of the oldest families in the State, one whose members have ever been loyal to the best interests of the Commonwealth. Senator Chittenden is unmarried. He has been a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers since 1876.

EDWARD A. THOMSON, justice of the peace and postmaster at Brooksvale, has for several years been prominently identified with the business and agricultural interests of Cheshire, as well as the political affairs of that town. In connection with the operation of his farm he is engaged in merchandising, and in all his undertakings has met with a fair degree of success.

Mr. Thomson was born in Stockbridge, Mass., Aug. 22, 1836, a son of Henry Williams and Lydia Witter (Button) Thomson. The father was also

a native of Massachusetts, born Dec. 4, 1805, and was a tanner by trade. He also taught music. He died in Stockbridge Nov. 15, 1840, and his wife subsequently came to New Haven, Conn., where she died May 6, 1873. In their family were six children: Henry W., who was a merchant, died in New Haven; he was a deacon in the United Church on the Green. Sarah Eliza became the wife of Robert Bird, of Atlanta, Ga. David W., a member of the firm of Thomson & Co., safe manufacturers, died in New Haven. Jeannie died in the same city. Edward A. is our subject. Giles G. was a partner with his brother David in the safe manufacturing company of New Haven; he went to the war as a member of the New Haven Grays.

At the age of six years Edward Augustus Thomson accompanied his mother on her removal to New Haven, where he attended the public schools for a time. From the age of eight until he was seventeen he lived in the town of Morris, Litchfield county. He began his business career as a clerk with the firm of Thomson Brothers, grocers and dealers in flour, in State street, New Haven, and in 1873 opened a feed store in Grand avenue, where he continued in business alone until 1880. In 1884 he removed to Cheshire, and on disposing of his store in New Haven purchased a part of the Charles Brooks farm, which he now cultivates. He is an enterprising and progressive business man, of known reliability, and the success that has come to him has been worthily achieved.

On Feb. 22, 1869, in New Haven, Mr. Thomson married Miss Elizabeth Lawton, a native of that city, and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Goodwin) Lawton. Her father, who was also born in New Haven, was editor of the *New Haven Morning News*, and he also owned a brass foundry in State street, and an iron foundry in Grand avenue, manufacturing car wheels. He died in New Haven and his wife is still living. By this union Mr. Thomson had four children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of John Seymour Dolph, a resident of North Guilford; Jane B., wife of Cornell Green, of South Willington, Conn.; Edward A., deceased; and George W., a resident of Hamden, New Haven county. For his second wife Mr. Thomson married Miss Mary Eliza Allen, also a native of New Haven, by whom he has one son, Edward Allen. Mrs. Thomson's parents were Ebenezer and Martha (Bunnell) Allen, the former born in Vermont March 17, 1805, the latter in New Haven March 1, 1806. They were married in Fair Haven, this county, April 19, 1826, and made their home in New Haven, where the mother died June 5, 1887, the father June 5, 1893, in Pierpont street. By occupation he was a joiner and ship carpenter. He was one of the oldest and best known Freemasons in the State, being a charter member of Pulaski Chapter and Crawford Council, and generalissimo of New Haven Commandery, K. T. To him and his wife were born eleven children, namely: Henry,



born Feb. 11, 1827, was in the United States navy, and died Jan. 1, 1869; Lavina died in infancy; Sherman, born Sept. 8, 1830, died Sept. 13, 1830; Sarah, born May 1, 1832, died May 7, 1832; Noah L., born Aug. 14, 1833, was also in the navy, and now resides in New Haven; Oliver B., born Jan. 8, 1837, enlisted at New Haven in the 9th Conn. V. I. during the Civil war, remained in the service until its close, and died Sept. 24, 1887; Ebenezer G., born Feb. 27, 1840, was a lieutenant of Company K, 10th Conn. V. I., during the Civil war, and died March 18, 1865, from disease contracted in the service; Martha, born Aug. 31, 1843, is now Mrs. Starkweather, of Mansfield, Conn.; George B., born Jan. 1, 1847, lives in Boston; Ellen J., born Nov. 21, 1849, makes her home in New Haven; and Mary E., born Aug. 5, 1853, is the wife of Mr. Thomson.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thomson are members of the Episcopal Church of New Haven. They are quite prominent socially in the town where they now reside. As a Republican he has always taken an active interest in political affairs, and is now serving his second term as a justice of the peace, and his sixth year as postmaster at Brooksvale. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, and has proved a most trustworthy and capable official.

**JAMES AVERY DAVIS.** The Davis family of Hamden, New Haven county, at the head of which was the late Edward Davis, whose two sons, William E. and James A., constitute the extensive brick manufacturing firm of W. E. Davis & Co., of New Haven, is a branch of the old Davis family, of Willington, Connecticut.

From Avery Davis, a prosperous farmer of Stafford, a native of the town of Willington, Tolland county, and a son of Avery Davis, came the members of that family in Stafford, Hamden and New Haven. Avery Davis married Hannah Tyler, a daughter of Deacon Samuel Lyon, of the same town, and their children were: Charles, Eliza, Mary, Edward, William, Samuel (sketch of whom appears elsewhere) and John. Avery Davis passed his life in agricultural pursuits in Stafford, and there died at the age of seventy-eight years. His youngest son, John, was born in 1826, and married Amelia, daughter of Joseph Allen, of Ellington. He settled in Rockville, where he became a large holder of real estate, over which that city later spread, making him wealthy. Davis avenue there was named for him. The old Davis homestead at Stafford finally fell into his hands, and he long occupied it, engaged in farming. He died in January, 1899, in Rockville, where he lived the most of his life.

Edward Davis, son of Avery, and the father of William E., James A. and Burton A., was born in 1818 in Stafford, and in 1837 established himself on a farm in Hamden, coming to that town with his brother, Samuel. By his upright life and exemplary habits he won the profound respect of the com-

munity. He was selectman of the town and assessor, and also filled other positions of trust and responsibility. In 1841 he was married to Betsy M. Augur, daughter of James and Almyra (Ford) Augur, and a member of an old New England family. She was born in Whitneyville, and spent her life in that part of Hamden. She early identified herself with the Whitneyville Congregational Church, and always took a deep interest in its welfare, and lived a busy, useful life, but one which always seemed serene and peaceful. In her later years she became, indeed, "a mother in Israel." She was a constant reader and deep thinker, the subject of temperance and missions being of special interest to her. Thoroughly good and lovable, she left to her children a legacy of precious memories. Her death occurred Aug. 16, 1889, and she was buried in the Whitneyville cemetery by the side of her husband. Children as follows were born to their union: (1) James A., born June 6, 1844, in the town of Hamden, is mentioned farther on. (2) Betsy Maria, born April 12, 1846, is the wife of George W. Ives, of Hamden, by whom she had two children, Alfred and Lucy, the latter deceased. (3) William E., born in 1848, married Sophia Tamblingson, and has three children, William Edward, Jr., Jessie and Harold M. (4) Carrie M., born in 1860, died at the age of sixteen years; she was attending the New Haven high school at the time of her decease. (5) Burton A., born Sept. 15, 1862, married Martha E. Augur, and has one daughter, Marjorie, and one son, Minett. (6) Myra L., born in 1865, married William T. Burton, of Hamden, and died Feb. 1, 1901. She was the mother of John Edward, Ralph William and Donald Hepburn.

After his marriage Edward Davis located on the farm where his son, Burton A., now lives. Although he began life a poor boy, with only a common-school education, he prospered in his undertakings, as he was industrious, enterprising and energetic, and he became a large land owner and extensive farmer. In fact, he was one of the successful men of Hamden in his day. During the latter years of his life he devoted his attention to the dairy business. He was a man of good common sense and sound judgment. When he began life his capital consisted only of energy and business tact, which latter trait was apparent from his youth. He was a disciplinarian, and his management of his affairs, public or private, was such as to secure the best results, for though stern in some respects, he could be indulgent, and was a good judge of human nature. Mr. Davis was well known and his acquaintance included many of the prominent men in the business and financial circles of New Haven. He reared an excellent family, to whom he left not only a comfortable competence, but a name which can be pointed to with pride. His tastes were domestic, and his heart always in his home and family, and he never sought or





*James A Davis*



cared for political preferment, taking an interest in politics solely as a public-spirited citizen. He contributed liberally to the support of the Whitneyville Congregational Church, of which he was a leading member.

James A. Davis was reared on the farm, and spent his boyhood and early youth after the fashion of the times, helping in the farm work during the season, and attending school during the winter. His schooling was terminated by a course of study in the private school kept by Prof. Edwin Robbins, in State street, New Haven. In 1872 he became a resident of New Haven, and engaged in contract work for private parties as well as for the improvement of the city. After a very few years, in company with his brother, William E., and William J. Atwater, he established the New Haven Concrete Co., and for some years pressed the business vigorously. In 1882 the two brothers established the business of the present firm of William E. Davis & Co., beginning the manufacture of brick in the town of Hamden, with an office in Orange street, New Haven. Since that time these gentlemen, through their energy, industry and ability, have secured an extensive patronage throughout this part of the State. They have a large and modern plant, where they make building, face and moulded brick.

For ten years, beginning with 1877, James A. Davis leased and operated the Whitney avenue horse car line. When he took charge he found that it had, in four years of operation, run behind \$7,200, but under his management it was soon put upon a paying basis and soon yielded handsome returns. For a period in the eighties he was a member of the firm of C. B. & J. A. Davis, of Holyoke, which had a general contracting business. He is also one of the proprietors of the large horse boarding and sales stables, in Holyoke, Mass., of which C. B. Davis is the manager, and the active member of the firm.

Mr. Davis in his political views is a loyal Republican, but in local matters he selects the best men. He has never sought office. He is a member of the Union League Club, of New Haven. Mr. Davis has many of the characteristics of his honored father, with whom he was very closely associated. He is a plain-going, out-spoken man, easily understood, detesting deception of any kind. He attends closely to business, yet has enjoyed many pleasure trips to the South and elsewhere with his wife, and has not lived a life of self denial. In disposition jovial and self-reliant, he is one of the best known men in and around New Haven.

Mr. Davis was married, Jan. 6, 1875, to Sarah Emma Parks, of Bridgeport, Conn., and four children were born to them: James E. (who died in infancy), Emma, Helen and Howard. Mrs. Davis died Nov. 26, 1896, and Mr. Davis was married, Dec. 29, 1898, to Mrs. Lizzie G. (Dickerman) Dutton, a native of Hamden, and daughter of Al-

bert and Jeanette (Andrews) Dickerman, coming from one of the oldest and most numerous families of Hamden. Mr. Davis has a most comfortable home in Orange street, New Haven. In religion he is a Congregationalist, holding membership in the Whitneyville Church.

CHARLES H. BRONSON is a native of Waterbury, born Oct. 5, 1835, a son of Julius G. and Julia (Newton) Bronson.

Ebenezer Bronson, the great-grandfather of our subject, located in Waterbury, in pioneer times, and became the owner of a large tract of land in what is now the city itself. He was a life-long farmer. Amasa Bronson, the grandfather of Charles H., was born in Waterbury in 1765, and died in 1866 at the age of 101 years, never having had a sick day. At the time of his death he was the oldest man in the State. He was a wealthy farmer and owned a large amount of real estate in Waterbury, comprising practically all of the western portion of the town. During the Revolutionary war he enlisted in the army, but peace was declared before he had an opportunity for active service. He and his wife, Sarah (Frost) Bronson, who lived to the age of ninety-four years, were members of the Episcopal Church, and very regular attendants. They had a family of seven children, all now deceased.

Julius G. Bronson was born and reared in Waterbury, and engaged in farming upon a part of the old homestead. In public affairs he was also prominent, holding various offices, and he died at the comparatively early age of fifty-seven. He was a selectman of the town at one time, and was a lieutenant in the State Militia. For many years he was a leading member of St. John's Church. His wife, Julia Newton, was born in Waterbury, and died in 1841, aged thirty-five. She was one of five children of Nathan Newton, who died at forty-three, and his wife, who died at ninety-two years of age. Charles H. Bronson is one of a family of four children, the others being as follows: Henry and Durand both died young; Samuel M. lives in Hartford, and mention of him will be found elsewhere.

Charles H. Bronson received his education in country schools near Waterbury, and when fifteen years old went to Woodbury, Conn., where he entered the employ of the American Shear Co., with whom he remained some six years; then returned to Waterbury, and worked for the Wheeler & Wilson Co., one year, after which he was engaged as follows: For two years, along with his brother Samuel M., he operated a gristmill at Oakville, Conn.; next was with the Adams Express Co. (Waterbury) three years; then three years with J. S. Castle, manufacturer of soda water, etc.; after this he was in the employ of the Holmes Booth & Haydens Mfg. Co. sixteen years; then was proprietor of a meat market about eighteen months; after which, along with his son Frank M., he was engaged in the feed business seven years. In 1893 Mr. Bronson became con-





nected with the Waterbury Hospital as superintendent of the grounds, which position he now holds.

On June 4, 1857, Mr. Bronson married Helen M. Ovicette, of New Milford, who died March 25, 1858, aged twenty-one years, the mother of one child that died in infancy. On Oct. 12, 1859, Mr. Bronson wedded Mary E. Roberts, who was born in Wakefield, N. H., a daughter of Simon and Esther (Nason) Roberts, also natives of New Hampshire. Mrs. Bronson was eleven years old when she came to Connecticut. To our subject and his wife were born six children, as follows: Ellen, Frank M., Carrie, George, Arthur and May. Of these, Ellen died in infancy, George when aged three years; Frank M. and Arthur are mechanics in Waterbury; Carrie is the wife of Reuben T. Brewer, of Waterbury; May is the wife of Benjamin M. Beebe, engaged in the drug business in Bridgeport, Conn. In religious faith the Bronsons have always been Baptists. Fraternaly Mr. Bronson is a member of the F. & A. M.; in politics he is a Republican.

JUDGE JOHN B. QUILLINAN, late one of Ansonia's leading citizens, was born Dec. 25, 1831, in County Tipperary, Ireland, where his family has resided for generations. They were people of culture, and our subject's grandfather, John Quillinan, was educated in Spain before settling down to life as a farmer at the old home, where he died at the age of sixty-six. Our subject's grandmother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Dwyer, was born in the same locality and died at the advanced age of ninety-four, leaving a large family of children.

John Quillinan (2), our subject's father, was born at the old home in Ireland and was educated in France. His death occurred at his native place at the age of thirty-six. He married Miss Johanna Buckley, a native of Ireland, and one of the four children of James Buckley, a well known merchant. She lived to the age of seventy-six and of their four children one is still living: Elizabeth, who married James Reilly. The family have always been connected with the Catholic Church.

The Judge's education was begun in private schools in Ireland with the intention, it is said, of preparing him for the priesthood. When sixteen years old he ran away and came to America, locating in Connecticut in November, 1847. For some time he worked on a farm in Oxford, and in August, 1849, he came to Ansonia to work in a brick yard. At the end of the season he returned to Oxford, and for several years he followed farming and brickmaking, alternately, according to the demand for labor. In the fall of 1851 he went to New Orleans, and during the following winter he set type in the office of the Point Coupee *Echo*, published in Point Coupee Parish, La. After his return to Connecticut, in May, 1852, he resumed the work of farming and brickmaking, but his strong desire for better education led him to enter, in October, 1854, the New

York Conference Seminary, at Charlotteville, Schoharie county, N. Y., a celebrated school which was well patronized by the people of Connecticut. There he had as classmates many of the noted men of today, governors, senators, and judges, but he maintained a high standing among them. At the end of a year he was obliged to return to the farm to replenish his funds, and in April, 1856, he entered Fairfield Seminary, in Herkimer county, N. Y. where he remained three years, supporting himself by working in the hay fields during the summer vacations and teaching in winter. In April, 1860, he went to Hamden, Conn., to engage in brickmaking, and in the spring of 1864 he returned to Ansonia, where he rebuilt an old and disused brick yard in Beaver street. In October of that year he went to Demerara, British Guiana, to construct a brick yard for other parties, but he returned in the following spring to his interests in Ansonia and Derby, which afterward occupied his attention. On retiring from brickmaking in 1867 he engaged in dairy farming and in the wood business, and about 1870 he built the first ice house on the site now occupied by the Ansonia Ice Co. He saw the growth of the town from a population of 1,300 to 13,000, being one of the oldest residents and when he built his residence on Beaver street near the present ice house there was but one house near. In the work of the organization and development of the town he took an active and influential part. From 1867 he was almost continuously in office, and he served thirteen years as clerk of the 4th school district, known as the North End, seven years as Burgess of the borough, three years as warden, four years as collector of taxes, and at different times has been a grand juror. In 1868 he was elected one of the assessors of the town of Derby, Sturges Whitlock and the late Watrous Wakelee being the others. In 1876 he was elected judge of probate for the district of Derby for the term of two years, and in 1887 he was elected first selectman and town agent for the old town of Derby. He had a legal turn of mind and studied law, although he never applied for admission at the Bar, and for a great many years he held the office of justice of the peace, having at one time tried most of the cases arising in Ansonia, both civil and criminal. In the settlement of estates, and work of a similar nature, he also won a high reputation. He took keen interest in educational affairs, and was chairman of the committee that built the present high school building, one of the finest in the State. The Judge was a Democrat until 1882, when he found that he could no longer act with a party advocating a tariff that he considered practically free trade. In 1884 he stumped the State for James G. Blaine speaking thirty-one times during the campaign, and he was ever after a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

In 1858 the Judge married Miss Betsy Leek, a



native of Hamden, where her ancestors were pioneer settlers. Her father, Michael Leek, who lived to the age of ninety, was a farmer by occupation and spent his life in New Haven county with the exception of four years' residence in Michigan. Her mother, whose maiden name was Amanda Sperry, was born in Bethany, and lived to the age of sixty-four. Mrs. Quillinan was one of a family of three children, but she is now the only survivor. Three children were born to her marriage with our subject, but all died in infancy. Socially the Judge was highly esteemed, and he was for many years an active member of the Episcopal Church of which his widow is also a communicant. His death occurred Sept. 13, 1900.

HENRY COTE, of Mixville, is an important factor in the business circles of his locality, and his popularity in Cheshire is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated industry and energy that never flags. He is engaged in the manufacture of light hardware, and is at the head of one of the leading industries of the town.

Mr. Cote was born in St. Hyacinthe, Canada, in 1833, a son of John and Cecelia (Vincent) Cote, also natives of that country. The father, who was a joiner by trade, was accidentally killed in his native land Nov. 20, 1880. Of their eleven children only five are now living. At the age of four years Henry Cote was taken to Vermont, where he made his home until coming to Cheshire, at the age of sixteen years, arriving here in September, 1849. The same year Mr. Cote entered the employ of John W. Mix, for whom he worked until 1876, when he became a member of the firm of J. W. Mix & Co. The building which formerly occupied the site of our subject's present factory, was erected by Mr. Mix in 1849, and the following year the John Mix Manufacturing Co. was organized. In 1876 the name was changed to the J. W. Mix & Co. Edge Tool Co., the members of the firm being J. W. Mix, William Bailey and Henry Cote, our subject, who carried on business until 1884, when the machinery was sold to the Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co., and moved to Southington, Conn. Mr. Cote continued to own the building, and in 1891 he re-opened the shop and resumed business, but finally, in 1893 leased the property to A. T. Bishop, of Southington. The old building was burned Nov. 16, 1893, and the following year he erected the one he now occupies, a good frame structure, 22x60 feet in dimensions. The plant is equipped with good new machinery, and employment is given to from five to seven men, manufacturing all kinds of light hardware, ferrules, bicycle attachments, knife sharpeners, etc. During his residence here Mr. Cote has steadily prospered, and besides his business property, he owns a good farm of forty acres in Cheshire, devoting a part of his time to agriculture.

On Jan. 3, 1853, Mr. Cote married Miss Maria

S. Talmadge, a daughter of James and Sylvia (Russell) Talmadge, who were born in Cheshire, of English and Irish ancestry. The father died there in 1855, the mother in 1897. The other children of their family were Hannah, who married Reuben Benham, and died in Birmingham, Conn., in 1881; and Justus and Jesse, twins, both of whom died in 1853, the former Aug. 16, and the latter July 17. Mr. and Mrs. Cote have had four children, three of whom are still living: Eddie, who is married and resides in Waterbury, Conn.; Emma, Mrs. Culver, who makes her home in New Haven; and Frederick, married and living in Pittsburg, Penn., where he is superintendent of some department in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. For some time he was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. work in New Haven; later at different places in North Carolina; and was then secretary at Bellefonte, Pa., from which place he went to Pittsburg, to enter upon his present duties.

SILAS NOEL EDMONDS, now living a retired life in Wallingford, was during his active years one of the best known men in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and faithfully served the company for forty years as station agent in Wallingford. Belonging to old Southern stock, he possesses the genial and hospitable spirit to be expected from such notable ancestry. Mr. Edmonds was born in the town of Westmoreland, Westmoreland Co., Va., Feb. 23, 1828. The Edmonds family is of English origin, and in the mother country its various members were prominent people, and held important positions under the Crown.

Amos Edmonds, the first of the name in America, was a native of Manchester, England, where he was high sheriff under the king. Coming to America, he located in Westmoreland county, Va., and became a large landed proprietor and an extensive slave owner.

Vincent Edmonds, the grandfather of Silas N., was a planter of extensive means, and was overseer of the plantation of Gen. Washington, their land adjoining. Vincent Edmonds fought in the Revolution in the regiment which was under command of Gen. Langdon, and was an officer in the army. When peace returned he resumed his tranquil life on the Westmoreland plantation, where he lived and died. In politics he was a Federalist, and in religion a Baptist. Twice married, he was the father of five children: Meredith, New Year, Julia, Frances and John, all of whom died in Virginia.

Meredith Edmonds, father of Silas N., was born on the Edmonds plantation in Westmoreland county, and was reared and educated on the paternal homestead. For a number of years he followed the sea, and, locating at Alexandria, Va., was captain and part owner of a vessel which was engaged in the West Indies trade. A slave owner by inheritance,



he never sold or bought slaves, and gave them all their freedom when of age. Taking a deep interest in the cause of education, he was himself one of the finest mathematicians in the State of Virginia. He died in 1843, in Alexandria, where he was buried. He held Democratic convictions, but had no aspirations for political honors or emoluments of official station. Meredith Edmonds married in Westmoreland county Mary Cauthern, a native of that county, and to their union were born eight children: (1) Roberta married Charles B. Miller, and is now living in Palo Alto, Cal.; (2) Frances (now deceased) married Capt. John Kendrick, who preceded her to the grave; (3) Jane A. married John H. Parr, and both died in Baltimore; (4) Silas Noel is mentioned below; (5) Albert died in Ohio; (6) Henry died in Baltimore; (7) James is in the United States navy, and was in the late Spanish war; (8) Milton died in the Civil war while serving under Gen. McClellan. Mrs. Edmonds died in Washington in December, 1845. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and a woman of the most estimable character.

Silas Noel Edmonds attended the city schools of Alexandria, and was only fifteen years old when his father died. The following year he removed to Baltimore, where he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade with Charles Webb, a contract builder of that city, remaining with him until he came of age. Young Edmonds had nothing with which to face the world except his trade. In 1849 he came to Wallingford, and worked at his trade for five years, building in that time several of the more pretentious homes of the town. In 1855 he went to Georgetown, S. C., and built one of the largest and stateliest homes in that part of the State. In 1856 he came back to Wallingford, and was appointed station agent of the Hartford & New Haven Railroad, and at the same time was made agent of the Adams Express Co. For over forty years he filled these positions of trust and responsibility with satisfaction to the company and the public, as well as with credit to himself. During these years he witnessed the growth of a small railroad to the great corporation now known as the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. In the beginning only one man was employed about the depot, now there are fifteen. Mr. Edmonds superintended the construction of his own depot, freight house and other buildings, and during forty years took only one vacation. He was retired by the company at his own request, in consideration of his long and devoted services.

Mr. Edmonds was married in 1852 to Miss Seraphina Reynolds, who was born in Wallingford, daughter of Judge John D. and Lydia (Scarrett) Reynolds. Her father was a judge of probate in the towns of Wallingford, Branford and Cheshire, and was the son of Hezekiah Reynolds, well known to the last generation.

Mr. Edmonds belongs to the Blue lodge, hold-

ing membership in Compass Lodge, F. & A. M. He attends the Episcopal Church, in which he has served as vestryman. He is one of the oldest Democrats of Wallingford, and has served on the school board for five years. He was a member of the building committee when the high school was erected, and did valuable service in that connection. For two years he was a member of the court of burgesses.

LOREN RUSSELL CARTER, prominent in real estate business, fire insurance, loans, etc., Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born Oct. 16, 1854, in Warren, Litchfield county.

Russell Carter, his father, was of the same nativity, born in 1792, a son of Buel Carter, who was born in 1766 in Warren, Conn., a son of Samuel (born in Hebron, Conn.), a son of Thomas Sr. (born in 1684, in Woburn, Mass.), a son of Thomas (born in England.) Of these, Samuel (great-grandfather of Loren R.) and his two brothers, Thomas and Joseph, all served in the Revolutionary war. This same Samuel Carter married on May 4, 1759, Martha Buel, of Litchfield, Conn., and settled on a farm in Warren, where they reared a family of eleven children; he represented Warren in the State Legislature in 1788 and 1797.

Buel Carter, grandfather of Loren R., was reared on the home farm in Warren, Conn., and died there in 1856. He married Eunice Peck, and by her had three children: (1) Martha (now deceased) married Burton Gilbert, a merchant, who accumulated considerable means. (2) Loraine married George Starr, a son of Rev. Peter Starr, who for fifty years was a minister of the Congregational Church in Warren; George Starr was a farmer and died in Warren. (3) Russell was the youngest.

Russell Carter, father of our subject, was a farmer in Warren, Conn., thence moving to Waterbury in 1856, where he died in 1870. He was twice married, first to Rebecca Stone, by whom he had two children, Buel and Harriet, of whom Buel died in May, 1900, in Warren, on the old homestead—the dwelling having been built about one hundred years ago; and Harriet (now deceased) married Charles V. Molthrop. Russell Carter married (second) Laura Hills, a daughter of John Hills (who was born in Glastonbury, Conn., and was a farmer by occupation) and his wife, Esther Hale (also of Glastonbury, and a collateral relative of Nathan Hale, of Revolutionary fame). Three children were born to this union, viz.: Rebecca, who died at the age of sixteen years; Loren R., our subject; Eleanor, who died when five years old. The mother is still living, now aged seventy-seven years, and makes her home in Waterbury, with her son, Loren R. Russell Carter was in politics a Democrat, and he represented the town of Warren in the State Legislature several times; was also a selectman—in fact held most of the town offices, being prominently identified with the place.

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memoir, was about eighteen months old when his parents came to Waterbury, and here he attended the public schools, Wesleyan Academy and Eastman Business College. Laying aside his books, he was with F. L. Allen, hardware merchant, Waterbury, for some time, and then commenced building houses in the western part of the city, in 1892 taking up the business of real-estate, fire insurance, loans, etc. He is owner of considerable improved real estate in the town and city of Waterbury.

On Sept. 20, 1879, Lo en R. Carter married Irene E. Hendrick, of Waterbury, a daughter of Joseph Hendrick, a native of New York city, whose father was born in England. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter: L. Russell, who is attending Yale College, Academic department; Earl Buel and Ethel L. In religious faith our subject and his wife are Baptists; in politics he is a Republican; and socially, he is affiliated with Townsend Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F.

GEORGE W. DIVINE (deceased). In every community there dwell men who rise by their own inherent ability to a recognized position as leaders in the social, intellectual and political life of the people. In the town of Seymour, the estimable business man whose name appears above, for many years took an active part in public affairs, wielding a wide influence for the general welfare, shaping and directing opinion by his clear insight into events and by his unflinching devotion to those causes which he believed essential to the public weal.

Mr. Divine was born in Newburgh, Orange Co., N. Y., Feb. 5, 1822, a son of Henry and Phoebe (Tilton) Divine, and grandson of Samuel Divine, who reared a large family and passed the declining years of his life in Sullivan county, N. Y. Henry Divine, the father of our subject, was born in Newburgh, N. Y., and acquired the blacksmith trade which he followed until his death at the age of thirty-eight years. His wife, Phoebe Tilton, was an aunt of Theodore Tilton, and was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., a daughter of Joseph Tilton, who served through the Revolutionary war on the staff of Gen. Washington. Like her husband, she died in middle life, at the age of thirty-nine years. They were members of the Baptist Church. To Henry and Phoebe Divine were born seven children, two of whom, Mrs. G. Leavenworth, of Seymour, and Mrs. Phoebe Blake, of North Haven, are yet living.

George W. Divine was reared at Newburgh. At the age of eighteen years he enlisted in the 2nd United States Infantry, and served five years, participating in the Seminole war. He followed brick making at North Haven, Conn., for a time, then engaged in the manufacture of bits at Hamden and later at Humphreysville, now Seymour. About 1853 he removed to Millville, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., where he lived four years. During that time he was actively engaged in politics, and was elected

justice of the peace. Returning to Seymour he continued bit making, and also the manufacture of edge tools until his death, April 18, 1887, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a skilled mechanic and was especially expert in operating the trip hammer, with which he manufactured bits. Mr. Divine possessed a judicial turn of mind, and for twelve years served as justice of the peace. He also transacted a large amount of legal business. He was a thoroughly informed man and was active in public affairs. He was elected in 1879 a member of the State Legislature, serving with credit to himself and to the complete satisfaction of his constituents. Among the local offices which he filled were selectman and grand juror. He was an eloquent speaker, convincing in argument, and conducted at one time in Westville a series of debates, which lasted fourteen weeks. In religious faith he was a zealous member of the Disciple Church. For six years he was captain of the Humphreysville Grays, and during the Civil war he raised two companies; one under Capt. William Wyant, became a part of the 5th regiment, and the other under Capt. W. Smith, a part of the 20th regiment. He also drilled many companies, preparatory to their active service in the field.

On Nov. 28, 1847, Mr. Divine married Miss Martha G. Bassett, a native of Humphreysville, now Seymour, daughter of Abel and Martha (Peck) Bassett and granddaughter of Abraham Bassett, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Abel Bassett was a carpenter and millwright by trade, and spent his entire life at Seymour. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. To himself and wife were born nine children, of whom two are living, Julia A. (Clark), and the widow of our subject, who is the youngest of the family. Abel and Martha Peck were members of the Episcopal Church. He died March 23, 1864, aged seventy-seven years, and his wife Sept. 6, 1850, aged fifty-seven years. To our subject and his wife were born two children. Julia A. married Willard G. Mitchell, who was a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company A, 52d Mass. V. I., and who died Aug. 22, 1876. His widow now makes her home with her mother.

George A. Divine, the other child of George W. and Martha Divine, was born Sept. 6, 1850, in Seymour, where he was reared and educated, and where he spent most of his years. He is a skillful musician and in that profession he has traveled quite extensively. He was with P. T. Barnum one summer, and has played with Washburn and a number of other noted persons. He is a leader of the band and is a skillful player of the cornet, bass viol and the violin. He transposes music rapidly, and is a member of the Concordia Singing Society, and has played with the Second Regiment Band. In politics George A. Divine is a Republican, and in October, 1898, he was elected selectman, acting as first selectman; he is now serving his third term, having been re-elected in October, 1900, and again in 1901.



He is a member of Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., at Seymour, and a charter member of the Non-nawank Lodge, Red Men. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, of which he is treasurer, and is a member of the Citizens Hook & Ladder Co. He married, Jan. 13, 1873, Jennie E. Short, who was born in Derby, daughter of Ephraim Short, a blacksmith of that town.

Both Mrs. Martha Divine and her daughter, Mrs. Mitchell, have been active and prominent members of the Eastern Star for twenty-seven years. They are also members of the Amaranth Society, and of the Bassett Family Association. They are members of the Disciple Church, and among the leading social families of Seymour.

Jason Bassett, a brother of Mrs. Divine, was a builder and architect of rare ability. He erected the Episcopal churches at Hartford, Naugatuck and Huntington before he was twenty-one years old. He followed his profession at New York and later at Rochester, where he made the specifications for the handsome court house in that city. He removed to Buffalo, and had there designed and constructed some of its more elegant structures when his useful and brilliant career was cut short in 1850, at the age of forty-four years. Another brother, David Bassett, settled at Racine, Wis., where he bought land, cleared it, erected the first water wheel there, and became one of its most prominent citizens. He died in California in 1853.

**JUDGE GEORGE DEFOREST BISSELL**, who is now living a retired life in Naugatuck, was born in Torrington, this State, April 24, 1828, and is a representative of a good old Colonial family. His grandfather, Elisha Bissell, was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1743, and died in 1808 in Torrington. He married Roxy Bissell, and located at Windsor Hill, Conn., where they reared a family of five children, namely: Seth, born in 1782, lived in Windsor, and died in 1798; Elisha, born in 1787, died in 1811; Roxy, born in 1788, married Richard Bristol, a farmer of Harwinton, Conn., and died in 1846; George, the father of our subject, was next in order of birth; and Sila, born in 1793, married Erastus Hodges, of Torrington, and (second) Rufus Pickett, of Morris, and died in 1869.

George Bissell, our subject's father, was born in Windsor Hill, in 1790, and there grew to manhood. He married Sarah Woodruff, of Torrington. Her father, John Woodruff, was a native of Oxford, and was a farmer by occupation; he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and saw Major Andre executed. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bissell located in Torrington, where the father was first engaged in farming and later in tanning, so continuing until his death, April 19, 1835. His wife, who long survived him, passed away Sept. 4, 1894. They had but two children, the older being Sarah A., who was born July 7,

1824, and died unmarried, Sept. 8, 1898. In politics the father was a Whig, and in religious belief both he and his wife were Congregationalists.

George DeForest Bissell was seven years of age when, with his mother, he removed to Litchfield, Conn., where he was reared and educated. In early life he engaged in farming and school teaching, and then went to Rock Island, Ill., where he clerked in a commission house for three years. Returning to Litchfield, Conn., in 1859, he was engaged in clerking there until 1863, when he went to New Haven and was employed as clerk in the "Tremont House" for three years. At the end of that time he entered the office of the probate judge at Hartford, and remained there for three years. In 1869 he came to Naugatuck, where he served as bookkeeper and secretary of the Tuttle Manufacturing Co., for about seventeen years, or until appointed postmaster at that place. He assumed the duties of that office April 1, 1887, and capably discharged the same for two years and a half, since which time he has lived retired.

On June 5, 1870, Judge Bissell married Miss Lillian Adella Clarke, of Prospect, Conn., a daughter of Sela Clarke, and they have one son, George De Forest, Jr. They attend the Congregational Church, and are held in high regard by all who know them. Fraternally the Judge is a member of Shepherd's Lodge, No. 78, A. F. & A. M., of Naugatuck; and politically, he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He was the first warden of Naugatuck; has served as selectman; was town clerk for about six years; and judge of probate four years. He has been found true to every trust reposed in him, and has made a most efficient and popular officer.

**ENSIGN NORTHROP**, an honored veteran of the Civil war, has been for many years a resident of Waterbury, where he has established an enviable reputation for himself both as a man of unquestioned probity and as a skilled worker, connected with one of the largest industrial establishments of that busy city.

Mr. Northrop was born in Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., March 13, 1834, son of Miles Northrop, who was born in Cornwall, Conn., July 20, 1805, and died in Orleans county, N. Y., in 1891. Miles Northrop left home at the age of sixteen, and what knowledge is now obtainable of his parentage and ancestry is very obscure. He went into Genesee county, N. Y., at that time far from the old home, not only in distance but in the time necessary to cover it. There was little communication, and the young man drifted away from all intimate touch with his family. He learned the cooper's trade, and worked at same in Genesee, Monroe and Orleans counties, N. Y. He married Eliza Ensign, who was born in Sheffield, Mass., a daughter of Freeman Ensign, and died in Orleans county, N. Y., in 1890;



she was about a year older than her husband. The Ensigns were long settled in Massachusetts, and were of French extraction. Miles Northrop was the father of nine children: George was a farmer in New York, and later removed to Florida where he died. Emeline married Edwin Hinche, a cooper in Chautauqua county, N. Y., and is now deceased. Sarah is the wife of George Phillips, a Genesee county farmer. Warren is a farmer in Orleans county. Ensign is our subject. Betsy married Henry Pierce (who died in the Civil war), and is now deceased. Mary married George Oswell, and they are living in Cherry Creek, N. Y. Ellen married Henry Hale, and they live in Michigan. Esther died unmarried.

Ensign Northrop lived in Genesee county, N. Y., until he was twenty-two years of age, and then engaged in farming in Chautauqua county. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, 112th N. Y. V. I., serving three years, and seeing much active duty. He was a faithful soldier, and made a record of which he may be justly proud. In 1869 he went into Virginia to try northern farming in the South, but the result of the experiment was not encouraging, and in the spring of 1870, returning North, he located at Waterbury, where his home has been to the present time. Mr. Northrop entered the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co. in 1870, and is still with them. For twenty-seven years he has been engaged in sawing brass on the same machine.

Mr. Northrop and Miss Eunice Hinche were married Sept. 20, 1855. Mrs. Northrop was born in Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., daughter of Joseph Hinche, a farmer, and is of French extraction. To this union were born three children: Miles, who died at the age of fourteen; Charles, a foreman in the White Dental Works, at Princess Bay, Staten Island; and Anna, wife of Edward Smith, of Naugatuck, Conn., a contractor and builder of more than local standing. Mr. Northrop is a Republican, and is a member of Wadhams Post, G. A. R. Since early youth he has been a member of the Baptist Church.

JOHN M. REDSHAW, the father of Samuel G. Redshaw, was born in Leeds, England, and remained in his native country, following the business of a cloth manufacturer, until after his marriage. When he came to this country he settled in Derby, where he resumed his trade, and followed it for some years in connection with the firm of Plumb & Beach. Mr. Plumb finally came to Ansonia, and started a business in this city under the name of Plumb & Co., John M. Redshaw being the "company." When the establishment passed into the hands of a stock company, Mr. Redshaw remained as a stockholder and superintendent of a department as long as the business was continued. He lived retired from active labor for a time before his death, on Feb. 3, 1899, at the age of seventy-nine

years. He married Sarah Gaunt, who was born in the same town as her husband, a daughter of Samuel Gaunt, and they had five children, three of whom are living: Moses W. living in Bridgeport, Conn. Samuel G. is mentioned below; and Joseph, who lives in West Haven. The father was a well-known and active member of the community in his time. He came to Ansonia about 1844, and saw it change from a farming community to a great industrial center. Fraternally he was a Mason, and was enrolled in George Washington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Mt. Vernon Chapter, R. A. M., and other Masonic organizations. He belonged to the Congregational Church. John M. Redshaw's only brother, Thomas M., served in the Union army during the Civil war, and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, and Thomas M. Redshaw Post, G. A. R., at Ansonia, commemorates his name.

Samuel G. Redshaw was born in Ansonia, Conn., July 27, 1849, and there he spent his early life in attendance upon the local schools. On reaching manhood he entered the woolen mill, and after a time bought out the box factory of A. B. Hendricks, carrying on the business in a small way, without the aid of machinery, and employing only three girls. By close attention and the constant effort to please his patrons he has steadily increased his trade. On July 1, 1896, he became the owner of the factory in Derby, and working the two together he doubled his output, but he sold the latter in November, 1899, removing part of the machinery to his plant in Ansonia. His trade is strictly local, and the demand crowds the productive power of his business to the utmost.

Mr. Redshaw was married in 1877 to Amelia Lawton, a daughter of Lewis Lawton, who lived in Winsted, and was a spinner by trade. Mrs. Redshaw is one of a family of four children. Her parents are both deceased, both passing away at the age of sixty-nine years, and within a month of one another. They were members of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Redshaw have two sons: John Lewis, the elder, is a stenographer and book-keeper for his father. Charles Joseph, the younger boy, is fitting himself for college.

Mr. Redshaw is a Republican in politics, but has refused all propositions to accept local offices. Long ago he united with the Masonic fraternity, being now a veteran Mason, and holding membership in Washington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., the chapter, R. A. M., New Haven Commandery, and Pyramid Temple of the Mystic Shrine, having progressed as far as the 32d degree. He has held all the offices in the Blue Lodge, and those up to master in the chapter. He is also a member of the Eastern Star, of which he was grand patron of the State in 1898, in that year making more than forty official visits, calling on every chapter in the State. Mr. Redshaw is also a veteran Odd Fellow, being enrolled in



Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, where he has filled all the offices; in Hope Encampment, No. 26, of which he is past chief patriarch; and in the Grand Encampment. He is connected with the A. O. U. W. and the Improved Order of Heptasophs. For twenty-five years Mr. Redshaw has been a member of Eagle Hose Co., No. 6. He and all his family are members of Christ Church.

**FREDERICK WILLIAM BROCKSIEPER** (deceased). The country that has produced a Bismarck and a Schiller, a Von Moltke and a Goethe, has contributed in no small way to the best development of America, for the habits of industry, the stern self-denial, the sterling integrity and the faculty of true enjoyment and cheerful living are characteristic of the German race, and this combination forms a citizen of value to any country. A native of the Fatherland, Frederick William Brocksieper was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of North Haven, Connecticut.

Frederick W. Brocksieper, Sr., his father, was born in Iserlohn, in the northern part of Westphalia, Germany, where he engaged in the manufacture of hardware very extensively, being the first manufacturer of screws in that country. A thrifty and industrious man, he never gave up labor until within three days of his demise, which occurred when he was eighty years old. He married Anna Maria Grueber, a native of Westphalia, the daughter of a learned man of that country, and the family born to this union consisted of five children: Helena married in Germany, and came to America, her husband locating in Posey county, Ind.; Theodore, a scholarly man, speaking and writing six languages, died in Germany from over-study; Elizabeth married and lives in Germany; Frederick W. is mentioned below; Moritz remained in Germany, where he is a skilled mechanic and engraver.

Frederick W. Brocksieper was born July 25, 1826, in Iserlohn, Westphalia, Germany, and was given excellent educational advantages. At the age of eighteen years he was apprenticed to an engraver and modeler, where he was taught mechanical drawing, remaining in the employ of the same engraver for a number of years. However, he began to feel a desire to see more of the world, and the land across the Atlantic seemed to possess untold attractions, hence the year 1849 found him on a sailing-vessel from Bremen, on his way to the United States. This vessel was a new one, requiring some work upon it when the time set for starting arrived, but the passengers were not willing to wait longer and volunteered to make the finishing touches themselves, in order to get under way. Our subject so impressed his companions with his superior knowledge of mechanics that he was unanimously elected leader, and the tedium of the long voyage was relieved for him by painting the vessel as it ploughed the water. It required much stamina to

land in a strange country, with limited means and the necessity of facing a new language and new customs, but the courage that made him finish the "Elbe," when already floated, finally brought him employment, and he went to work making dies and patterns in the iron foundry of James Beebe & Co., on the corner of Central and Reed streets, New York City. This concern afterward became a very wealthy one, and they were the first range makers in the United States, the Beebe range being the most successful attempt in that kind of modern stoves. Going to New Britain, Mr. Brocksieper there engaged as a contractor with Peck & Walter, manufacturers of house and builders' hardware. The establishment passed into the hands of J. B. Sargent, still later to J. B. Sargent & Co., and at present Sargent & Co., and is now one of the largest manufactories in the country, the line of manufacture now including locks, builders' and harness hardware, in connection with former lines. When the business was removed to New Haven Mr. Brocksieper remained with them, and until September, 1899, he so continued in their factory, but at that time he concluded that a faithful service of fifty-one years entitled him to take the remainder of his life at ease, and with regret parted with his employers, who had also been personal friends. He passed away at his home in Montowese, April 27, 1900.

When Mr. Brocksieper retired from the factory he was the oldest employe, having been a witness of its growth from infancy to sturdy maturity. The first firm consisted of Mr. Sargent as president and treasurer, and Mrs. Sargent as secretary, with Mr. Brocksieper as superintendent. That the long and faithful connection was appreciated by Mr. Sargent has been shown in many ways, perhaps in none more happily than in the presentation of a unique, valuable and beautiful work of art which now adorns the late home of our subject. While traveling in China, in 1887, Mr. Sargent purchased a beautiful painting, on rice paper, representing the native insects and butterflies of China, a work of art exquisite in design and workmanship. While this gift was valued for its beauty, Mr. Brocksieper attached still more value to the inscription which was placed upon it by Mr. Sargent, viz.: "Canton, China, Oct. 1st, 1887, Annual Moon-day. To show that my long-time and true friend is in my memory forever, I purchase these four pictures of Chinese insect life for F. W. Brocksieper. J. B. Sargent."

In 1869 Mr. Brocksieper came with his family to Montowese, Conn., making their summer home at that place, spending their winters in the city. In the beautiful family lot is erected a monument in memory of the wife and mother who made a home wherever she was, but who passed away Dec. 10, 1898. In New York Mr. Brocksieper married Antoinette Hoelscher, a native of Elberfeld, Rhineland, Germany, born Nov. 2, 1828, and to her he







*P. W. Broekner*



attributed much of his success in life, and her devoted family will ever feel the value of her life of kindness, sympathy and encouragement. The following named children were born to this union: Antoinette, who married Francis T. Busse, is now deceased; Adrienne, born in 1851, died in the same year; Frederick W. married Adella J. Moulthrop, and now lives in Los Angeles, Cal., engaged in the fruit-growing business; John H. married Lucy Corcoran, and is a farmer in North Branford; Theodore died young; Carl Moritz, who married Mrs. Jennie Buckley, is now lessee and manager of the Lyric Hall, New London, and was assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; Anna Maria; Emma L.; Adele; Charles died when seven months old; Joseph Bradford, who graduated at Yale Medical School in 1897, is a leading physician of New Britain.

In 1895 Mr. Brocksieper erected a home which is the largest and most complete and attractive in North Haven. For many years he had been a collector of butterflies, minerals and semi-precious stones, and had a large collection, gathered from all parts of the globe, some specimens of great rarity. He was the owner of considerable real estate, some of which he rented for farming purposes, and also the property which is occupied by the Montowese Brick Co., from which he received royalties for the fine quality of clay used in the manufacture of its brick. Originally Mr. Brocksieper was a Democrat, but later became a Republican, and fraternally he had attained the 32d degree of Freemasonry, affiliating with Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Franklin Chapter, R. A. M.; he was also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and Order of Chosen Friends. Brought up in the Lutheran Church, he was always an attendant of the same, although he gave liberally to every religious denomination.

GEORGE W. NETTLETON, a representative and prominent citizen of Naugatuck, is a native of New Haven county, born Sept. 5, 1828, in what was then called Osborne Hollow, as there were many Osbornes living in that locality at the time. His father, Caleb Nettleton, was born in Old Milford, and was a son of Caleb and Anna (Stone) Nettleton, farming people, who lived and died in Old Milford. They had three children: Jehiel, a farmer of Goshen, Litchfield Co., Conn.; Elijah, a Baptist minister, who lived and died in Goshen; and Caleb, our subject's father. The grandfather was twice married, and by his second wife, Louise Clark, who was likewise a native of Old Milford, also had three children, Alfred, David and Amy.

Caleb Nettleton was a young man when he removed to Middlebury, and there he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy A. Clark, a native of that town, and a daughter of Andrew Clark, who was born in Old Milford. After their marriage they located on a farm in Middlebury, where they reared their family. They were consistent and faithful

members of the Congregational Church, and the father was a Whig in politics. Their children were: Clark, a farmer, who is now deceased; Sarah A., who married E. G. Stone, a farmer of Middlebury, both now deceased; Julia A., who married Chester C. Hitchcock, a wheelmaker of New Haven, both also deceased; Mariette, who married Charles C. Woodruff, a farmer of Watertown, Conn., both deceased; Emmerett L., wife of Henry W. Sperry, a carpenter of New Haven; Alma C., who married Walter Lake, a farmer of Bethany, both deceased; Royal O., who married Louise Sperry, of Bethany, and has been a carpenter of New Haven for half a century; and George W., our subject.

George W. Nettleton is indebted to the district schools near his boyhood home for his educational advantages. On leaving the parental roof, at the age of sixteen years, he went to New Haven to learn the carpenter's trade with his brother Royal O., and remained there until twenty-five. During the following six months he worked at his trade in Cheshire, this county, and then followed that occupation in Waterbury for some time. While there Mr. Nettleton was married, April 8, 1855, to Miss Eunice Morris, who was born in that town Aug. 26, 1832, and died Sept. 2, 1896. Her father, Amos Morris, a cooper by trade, was also born in Waterbury, in 1790. Our subject and his wife had two children: Mary, now the wife of Charles A. Smith, a laborer of Naugatuck; and Charles L., a carpenter of Middlebury.

Shortly after his marriage Mr. Nettleton removed to the farm in the town of Naugatuck, which has since been his home. It consists of sixty-two acres of well-improved and highly-cultivated land, pleasantly located two and a half miles from Naugatuck borough. Mr. Nettleton has devoted his time and attention principally to his trade, leaving his farm to be operated by hired help. He is an earnest member of the Congregational Church and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN SMITH TYLER, a popular and influential citizen of East Haven, was born in the house where he now resides, on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1834. His father, William Tyler, was born June 26, 1799, in the same dwelling.

John Tyler, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Branford—near a well-known sea-side resort, Short Beach—and by occupation a shoemaker. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. After residing in East Haven a short time he married Mabel Bradley, who was also born on the farm now owned and occupied by the subject of this notice. Simeon Bradley, her father, built the house about one hundred and fifty years ago, and it is still in excellent repair. He died July 22, 1802, aged seventy-one years; his wife, Abigail, passed away May 18, 1810, aged sixty-eight. To John and Mabel



(Bradley) Tyler came six children: Ammi, born Feb. 20, 1789; John, June 29, 1792; twins, June, 1796; William, June 26, 1799; Jerusha Louisa, May 2, 1805.

Upon the farm mentioned, the ownership of which has descended down through many generations, and a portion of which is in the center of the town and very valuable, William Tyler spent his entire life. He was a shoemaker by trade, an active worker in and a prominent member of the Congregational Church, and widely known as a useful and respected citizen. He married Julia A. Thompson, who was born in 1799, a daughter of Abraham Thompson, and they had two children: Harriet A., born Feb. 6, 1838, who died at the early age of fourteen years; and John Smith, the only son. The father died at the age of sixty-four years, and the mother was fifty-six years old when she entered into rest, both of them honored and esteemed.

John Smith Tyler passed his youth upon the ancestral farm, and acquired a good practical education in the public schools and in the select or academic institute at the town hall, Messrs. Potter and Wolcott, instructors and principals. Although he was born within a few miles of the third largest city of New England he never at any time left the parental roof, and has always devoted his energies and time—except when called to official positions of trust and responsibility—to the management of his farm. He is a thorough agriculturist and skilled in all the details of general farming.

On June 3, 1866, Mr. Tyler married Miss Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Lovisa Thompson. Two children were born to them: William Joseph and John Alexis Dibble. The first named was born May 12, 1867, and died Nov. 18, 1873, aged six years, six months and six days. The second, who was born Nov. 11, 1875, died July 16, 1879, when three years and eight months old.

Mr. Tyler is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, but the usual narrow confines of partisanship have not prevented him in his official life from acting for the good of all concerned. His manners are most gracious and pleasing, and marked by an affability not possessed by every person. In the Eastern States the office of selectman—like that of the town clerk—ranks as first in importance and one of the most difficult to administer in a satisfactory manner. Notwithstanding this, Mr. Tyler has held the office continuously—elected annually—since 1886. No official in this town (nor probably in any other) has such an enviable and remarkable record. The laying out of the suburban electric road, the erection of a new town hall, a magnificent new school house, and the building of a new State highway, with new roads on the north shore of Long Island Sound, also an engine house for a recently organized fire department, have all taken place during his term of office. Mr. Tyler ranks deservedly among the most prominent and

public-spirited citizens of his town. He and his wife are members of the Grange, No. 106, and are active officials in this fraternal association.

DAVID BOUGHTON HAMILTON (deceased) was born in Danbury, Conn., Oct. 19, 1824. He was in the sixth generation from Sir William Hamilton, who was born in Scotland in 1643, and died in Danbury in 1746, aged one hundred three years.

(I) Sir William Hamilton was the son of Galatin Hamilton, of Glasgow, Scotland, and he settled with his family first on Cape Cod, where he was so fortunate as to capture a whale, which had been driven on the beach during a storm, and for this he was accused of witchcraft and of being in league with the Devil. In consequence he fled to Rhode Island, and later moved to Danbury, Conn. There, on the verge of civilization, he established his home at "Bear Mountain," where remains of the old house could be found as late as 1835. William had six children, all of whom lived to remarkable ages, and died in Danbury: Joseph, aged eighty-six; David, aged seventy-nine; Benjamin, aged ninety; Ezra, aged ninety-three; Thankful (spinster), aged one hundred two; Mercy, aged fifty-two.

(II) Joseph Hamilton, son of Sir William, had three sons, all of whom were born at Bear Mountain, and died in Danbury: Silas, Benjamin and Joseph, Jr.

(III) Silas Hamilton, son of Joseph, had five sons: Silas, Jr., Paul, James, John, and Orpha.

(IV) Paul Hamilton, son of Silas, was born Nov. 19, 1752, and died May 31, 1830. He married Anna Stevens (born 1757, died 1829), who was the daughter of Lieut. Ezra Stevens, an officer in the American Revolution. Lieut. Stevens' mother, Abigail Barnum, was a daughter of Thomas Barnum, and the first white child born in Danbury. Paul had six sons and four daughters, all born at Bullet Hill, Pembroke District, Danbury: Anna, born 1775, married Jesse Hoyt, and died in Danbury in 1848; Hannah, born 1776, married Elias Boughton, and died in Danbury, in 1843; Betsy, born 1779 (spinster), died in Danbury in 1859; Elizabeth, born 1781, married John Knapp, and died in Danbury in 1862; James, born 1783, married Waity Budlong, and died in Danbury in 1865; Daniel, born 1785, married Miss Aiken, and died in New Haven in 1823; Paul S., born 1789, married Reiney Wood, and died in Hartford in 1841; David, born 1791, married Deborah Knapp Boughton, and died in Hartford in 1834; Silas, born 1793, married Isabel Williken, and died in Albany in 1861; and Ezra, born 1801, married Sybil Prichard, of Waterbury, and died in Hartford in 1879.

(V) David Hamilton, son of Paul, born 1791, died 1834. He married Deborah Knapp Boughton, born in 1790, and died in 1864. They reared the following children: Julia Ann, born 1812, mar-



ried William G. Ellis, died in Hartford in 1850; Clarissa Mariette, born in 1815, married Hiram Wildman, died in Hartford in 1889; Lorenzo, born in 1818, married Lavinia Delliber, died in California in 1869; Orville, born in 1821, married Elizabeth Lyon, died in Texas in 1888; David Boughton, born in 1824; Elizabeth, born 1827, married Henry Champlin, and is still living, a widow, in Hartford.

David Boughton Hamilton spent his boyhood days in Danbury, and received his education in his native town, and at a select school in Hartford. In early youth he had a desire for the ministry, and began preparation for a life work in the pulpit, but the bent of his mind was neither in that direction nor in the legal profession, to which he turned his attention for a time. His was a distinctively business nature, and, by a process of natural selection, he became a business man of high standing. In early youth he taught school for two years, and in 1851 became a clerk in the postoffice at Hartford. Two years later when the Rogers' Brothers organized for the manufacture of silver-plated ware, he became a salesman for the new firm. In 1858 he joined the firm of Rogers & Bros., and his connection with the silver plating industry was interrupted during forty-two years only on two occasions, once when he visited California in 1856 for the benefit of his health, and again during his service in the Union army in the Civil war.

Mr. Hamilton entered the service in 1861, almost immediately on the breaking out of the Rebellion. On that memorable April 19, 1861, he was in Baltimore, just after the attack upon the Union soldiers. The next day he was in Washington, and joined a company of volunteers raised by Col. Cassius M. Clay for the defense of the capitol. In a few days he returned to Connecticut, and enlisted for regular service in the 5th Conn. V. I., where he received a commission as first lieutenant. He was promoted to be captain in 1862, and was honorably discharged for serious disabilities Jan. 10, 1863. Capt. Hamilton made a fine record as a soldier, and was highly esteemed by all his old comrades.

Mr. Hamilton was secretary of Rogers & Bros. from the incorporation of the firm until 1868, when he was elected treasurer. In 1878 he became president also, filling both positions to the eminent satisfaction of all interested in the enterprise. Capt. Hamilton was president of the Manufacturers' National Bank from its incorporation in 1881, of the Waterbury Lumber and Coal Co. from its reorganization in 1883, and of the Connecticut Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. from 1891 to 1894. He was also extensively interested in various important business enterprises throughout the State, more especially in the William Rogers Manufacturing Co. of Hartford, the Meriden Britannia Co. and the Bridgeport Brass Co., being a director in each.

Politically Capt. Hamilton was a Republican, and in his time filled many important official positions, which were chiefly municipal and business in their character. In 1881 he was elected to fill the State Senatorial vacancy created by the death of Senator Brown. He served the city as councilman and alderman, and was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners from 1885 to 1893. He had been selectman of the town, and chairman of the Board of School Visitors. As a member of a committee of three, appointed by the Wadhams post, G. A. R., to raise money for a soldiers' monument, he rendered material assistance to that commendable enterprise. Capt. Hamilton belonged to the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion, the I. O. O. F., and the Masonic fraternity, where he was also a Knight Templar. Capt. Hamilton was a man of much ambition and business energy, and, in his business character, had visited every State of the Union. He was an independent thinker, much interested in philosophical and social problems, and deeply devoted to the progress of the world.

On May 6, 1847, Capt. Hamilton married Mary Rogers, daughter of S. Rogers, of Hartford, and she died May 22, 1859, leaving one son, Charles Alfred, born May 3, 1849. On June 9, 1863, Capt. Hamilton was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth, daughter of William Birely, of Frederick, Md. He became acquainted with Miss Birely while doing detached duty under Gen. Banks. She died Aug. 27, 1870, leaving two children, Lewis Birely and Katherine, of whom the former, born in 1864, is a graduate of Yale, class of 1886, and is a civil engineer by profession. Capt. Hamilton was married, Sept. 1, 1871, to Isabel L., daughter of John Griswold Ely, of Lyme. This union was blessed by the birth of one child, Paul, who was born Sept. 1, 1873, and is a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, class of 1894. Capt. Hamilton's last illness resulted from the lodging of a small fish-bone in the larynx, where it caused ulceration, and ultimately resulted in death. Eminent specialists were employed, but without avail, and Capt. Hamilton died Sunday morning, Aug. 14, 1898.

Mrs. Hamilton, the widow of this gallant soldier, distinguished leader in the business world, and old-school gentleman, still survives. She is eighth in line from Richard, "the settler." This Richard Ely, first of the Ely family in America, came from Plymouth, England, in 1660, and settled in Boston. His grandfather, Leonard Ely, Elder of Wouston, who died in 1615, was the grandson of John Ely, born about 1492, and who was Warden of the palace of the Bishops of Winchester in 1540.

When Richard Ely came to this country he was a widower with two sons, William and Richard. A carved oak chest which he brought with him is in a state of perfect preservation to-day, in the family of one of his descendants. In 1664 he married





Widow Cullick, sister of Col. Fenwick, and settled at Lyme, on the Connecticut river, where he and his sons, in a few years, owned 4,000 acres of land. He died in 1690, and a few years later a stone was erected to his memory, in the Ely burying ground at Lyme, on which is recorded the following: "His descendants besides peopling these mansions of the dead, are greatly multiplied in the land."

(II) William Ely, son of Richard, born 1647, died 1717. He married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Simon Smith, who with twenty-eight others took up all the land between Haddam and Saybrook, except Six-Mile Island; the latter was the home of William. To William and Elizabeth were born the following children: Ann, Elizabeth, Richard, Mary, Daniel (had four wives), William, Jr., Deborah and Johanna.

(III) William Ely, Jr., son of William, married, first, in 1715, Hannah Thompson, of Ipswich, Mass., and, second, Mary Noyes. He had ten children, seven of whom were born of his first marriage, namely: Jacob, James, Martha, Deborah, Mary Ann, Samuel and Ammi; by his second marriage: Hannah, Mary and Ann. The first six were baptized by the first minister of Lyme.

(IV) James Ely, son of William, Jr., born 1718, died 1766. He married Dorcas Andrews, of Ipswich, in 1742. They had ten children: Elizabeth, James, Ruhama, Jacob, Dorcas, Tabitha, Aaron, Andrew, John and Gad. Of these, all six of the sons served in the Revolution, and Aaron was killed at the battle of Kings Bridge in 1776.

(V) James Ely, son of James Ely and Dorcas Andrews, born in 1743, married Catherine Hays, in 1768, and afterward Prudence Hewitt. By his first wife he had nine children: Richard, James, Dorcas, Phœbe, Aaron, John, Kate, William and Calvin.

(VI) John Ely, son of James and Catherine Hayes, born 1781, died 1817, married Lucy Miller (died 1859, aged eighty-two). They had six children: Horace, William, John Griswold, Rodney, Ansel and Calvin.

(VII) John Griswold Ely, son of John and Lucy (Miller) Ely, born in 1810, died 1863, was the father of Mrs. Hamilton. In 1830 he married Sally Pratt Williams, who was born in 1812, and died in May, 1901, in Lyme. They had eleven children: John Heber, Elizabeth, Oscar, Ellen, Patterson, Isabel L. (Mrs. Hamilton), Ernest, Emma, Lewis, Edna J. and Edward W.

CAPT. ELBERT L. FORD, an influential citizen of Milford, was born in that town Feb. 21, 1847, son of Samuel A. Ford, and grandson of Samuel Ford. The family has been well known in the town for several generations, our subject's line of descent being as follows: Thomas Ford, Jr., Thaddeus, Samuel, Samuel A. and Capt. Elbert. The Fords are a very long-lived people, some living to be over one hundred years of age, and many to be over ninety.

Samuel Ford, the grandfather of Capt. Elbert, was a native of the locality, and passed his life there as a farmer. He married Polly Smith, of Milford, and had the following children: David S., who was a farmer and shoemaker in Milford; Lewis, a carriage-maker, who was last heard from while serving as a soldier in the Civil war; Samuel A., our subject's father; James, a carriagemaker, now residing in New York State; and Catherine, who married Everett Smith, a shoemaker in Milford, where she now resides.

Samuel A. Ford was born and reared in Milford and became a farmer there. Politically he was a Republican, and in religious faith both he and his wife were Congregationalists. He died March 7, 1882. He married Sarah E. Smith, a native of Stratford, Conn., and a daughter of John Smith, of that town. Mrs. Ford passed away Dec. 28, 1898. Our subject was the eldest in the family, the others being: Elizabeth M., wife of Alonzo W. Burns, of Milford; Emily E., wife of Merritt C. Ford, of Milford; Lauren A., a mason of the same town; and Edwin E., who died in infancy.

Elbert L. Ford attended the district schools near his home and the high school in Milford village. On leaving school he chose a seafaring life, and when only twenty-two years old was master of a vessel, and his skill as a master and pilot won him a high reputation. In November, 1881, he passed a successful examination and received a United States master's license for steam vessels, upon the Atlantic coast, its scunds, bays and harbors. In 1883 he became captain of William M. Merwin & Sons' oyster steamer, which position he held for twelve years. In 1869 Capt. Ford married Miss Elva W. Whittlesey, daughter of Samuel and Wealthy Whittlesey, of Stratford, Conn. She died in 1872, leaving one child, Bertha E. In 1875 Mr. Ford married Miss Carrie W. Sherwood, daughter of Capt. Joseph Wakeman Sherwood, of Southport, Conn., and by this marriage there are nine children: Lillian W., Grace S., Ethel S., Samuel E., Ada F., William A., E. Lewis, Cecil and Arthur S.

Capt. Ford is deservedly popular in his town. He was elected selectman in 1893-94-95-96-99-00-01, and for five years was first selectman and town agent. He is one of the oldest members of the Milford Fire Department, of which he served many years as foreman. Fraternally he is identified with Ansantawae Lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M.; Solomon Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, of New Haven; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Bridgeport; Lucia Chapter, No. 25, O. E. S.; and Wopowage Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., Milford. Capt. Ford and family attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Milford.

RUFUS NORTON LEETE (deceased) is remembered as one of the prominent and influential members of the Leete family, one of the oldest and





Albert L. Ford



best known in Guilford. He was born at Leete's Island, near Guilford, Aug. 17, 1812, the second son of Miner and Lucinda (Norton) Leete, and a descendant of Gov. William Leete, the progenitor of most of the Leetes in America. He was prominent in the Menuncatuc plantation and in the town of Guilford, and in his official relations to the Colony of New Haven, and later the United Connecticut Colonies.

Gov. Leete came to America in the Rev. Henry Whitfield Company, and was one of the signers of the Plantation Covenant, on shipboard, Jan. 1, 1639. He was born in Dodington, Huntingdonshire, England, in 1612 or 1613, and was a grandson of Thomas Lecte, of Ockington, Cambridgeshire, England, who married Maria Slade, of Rushton, Northamptonshire, daughter of Edward Slade. To Thomas Leete were born four children: John, of Dodington (the elder); John, of Islington; Jane, who married Richard Dale; and Rebecca, who married Thomas Fowler. John Leete, of Dodington, son of Thomas of Ockington, married Ann Shute, daughter of Robert Shute, one of the Justices of the King's Bench. To this union three children were born: William; John, of Medlow Grange, Huntingdonshire, England; and Ann, who married Robert Ruly.

William Leete, son of John, of Dodington, was bred in the law, and served for a considerable time as clerk in the Bishops' Court, at Cambridge, where, observing the oppressions and cruelties then practiced on the conscientious and virtuous Puritans, he was led to examine more thoroughly their doctrines and practices, and eventually to become a Puritan himself and to give up his office. Coming to America as noted above, he arrived at New Haven about July 10, 1639. When they had agreed upon Guilford as a place of settlement, he was one of the six selected to purchase the land from the native Indians in trust for the plantation until their organization. He selected for himself about 250 acres of land three miles west of Guilford, now known as Leete's Island. He filled many public offices in the New Colony, and was clerk of the plantation from 1639 to 1662. He was also one of four to whom was intrusted the full civil power of the plantation, without limitation, until a church was formed. He was selected one of the "seven pillars" of the foundation work. He was deputy from Guilford to the General Court in New Haven from 1643 to 1650 and from 1651 to 1658 he was magistrate of the town. In 1658 he was chosen deputy governor of the Colony, and continued in that office until 1661, when he was elected governor, an office which he held until the union with Connecticut, in 1664. After the union he was an assistant until 1669, when he was elected deputy governor of the Connecticut Colony, holding that office until 1676, when he was chosen governor. He retained the office by continuous re-elections until his death,

April 16, 1683. Upon being elected governor he removed to Hartford, where he lived continuously until his death, and was buried there.

William Leete married first in England, about 1638, Anna Payne, daughter of Rev. John Payne, of Southoe. She died Sept. 1, 1668. For his second wife he married April 7, 1670, Sarah, widow of Henry Rutherford; she died Feb. 10, 1673. He married for his third wife, Mrs. Mary Street, who had been twice married before, first to Gov. Francis Newman, and later to Rev. Nicholas Street; she died Dec. 13, 1683. His children were: John, born in 1639, is mentioned below; Andrew, born in 1643, married Elizabeth Jordan; William married Mary Fenn; Abigail married Rev. J. Woodbridge; Caleb, born Aug. 24, 1651, died Jan. 13, 1673; Gratiana was born Dec. 22, 1653; Peregrine, born Jan. 12, 1658, died young; Joshua, born in 1659, died Feb. 22, 1660; Anna, born March 10, 1661, married John Trowbridge.

(II) John Leete, son of Gov. William, was born in 1639 in Guilford, and is said to have been the first white child born in the town. He married, Oct. 4, 1670, Mary, daughter of William and Joanna (Sheafe) Chittenden. She was born in 1647, and died March 9, 1712. John Leete died Nov. 25, 1692. Children: Ann, born Aug. 5, 1671, married John Collins; John, born Jan. 4, 1674, married Sarah Allen; Joshua, born July 7, 1676, married Mary Munger; Sarah, born Dec. 16, 1677, married Eliakim Marshall; Pelatiah, born March 26, 1681, is mentioned below; Mehitabel, born Dec. 10, 1683, married Dr. Anthony Labore; Benjamin, born Dec. 26, 1686, married Rachel Champion; Daniel, born Dec. 23, 1689, died young.

(III) Pelatiah Leete, the fifth child of John Leete, was married July 1, 1705, to Abigail, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Fowler, and they soon after removed to Leete's Island, where no settlement had before been made. The land had been allotted to his grandfather, Gov. Leete, after proper purchase from the Indians, and the title to the greater part of this soil has never been out of the family name. Upon these ancestral acres seven generations of Leetes have resided as farmers, members of each generation being content to remain and follow the occupation of their forefathers, most of them with success and profit. Originally the soil was very fertile, and it is said of Deacon Pelatiah Leete that he farmed so successfully that he did not consider a hundred bushels of shelled corn to the acre more than an average yield. He also had a herd of one hundred head of neat cattle. In 1735 he erected a large house on a commanding spot on his farm, overlooking the waters of the Sound, in which he lived until his death, Oct. 13, 1768, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven. This house was later occupied by descendants in several generations. Pelatiah was deacon of the Fourth Church of Guilford. He was also a representative



of the town in the General Court. His wife died Oct. 22, 1769, aged ninety years. Their children were: Abigail, born Sept. 13, 1707, died June 2, 1792; Daniel, born Oct. 14, 1709, is mentioned below; Mehitabel, born Sept. 28, 1711, died Oct. 21, 1711; Pelatiah, born March 7, 1713, married Lydia Crittenden; Mehitabel, born in 1714, married John Brewster.

(IV) Deacon Daniel Leete, eldest son of Deacon Pelatiah, was also a deacon of the Fourth Congregational Church of Guilford. He was engaged in farming and stockraising at Leete's Island and built a house near the residence of his father, which became noted in the Revolution. In 1874 it was demolished and upon its site was erected the present residence of Calvin M. Leete. Deacon Daniel Leete died Oct. 1, 1772. He married, June 14, 1738, Rhoda, daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Meigs) Stone, of Guilford, born Nov. 2, 1719, died Dec. 23, 1769. Both are buried in the Guilford cemetery. Children: Rhoda, born April 14, 1739, married Noah Rogers; Daniel, born April 17, 1742, married Charity Norton; Ambrose, born Jan. 19, 1748, is mentioned below; Abraham, born Sept. 25, 1753, died Oct. 26, 1753; Abraham (2), born April 5, 1755; died Nov. 5, 1757.

(V) Deacon Ambrose Leete, son of Deacon Daniel, was born on the homestead at Leete's Island, Jan. 19, 1748. Like his father and grandfather he was a deacon of the Fourth Congregational Church, chosen to that office in 1786, and to the same office in the First Church in 1807. He married, Nov. 10, 1773, Miranda, daughter of William and Rachel (White) Chittenden, and died Feb. 14, 1809; his widow survived until Sept. 16, 1838, reaching the age of ninety-one years and six months. Children: Ambrose, born Nov. 10, 1774, married Catherine Ward; Miranda, born Jan. 8, 1777, died Dec. 21, 1822; Miner, born June 30, 1779, is mentioned below; Abraham, born Jan. 1, 1784, died Feb. 26, 1848; Wealthy, born Oct. 27, 1785, died March 23, 1870.

(VI) Miner Leete was born on the Leete's Island farm, where he spent his life in agricultural pursuits, a well-known citizen. He died comparatively young in life, Nov. 7, 1826, aged forty-seven years, and was buried in the Leete cemetery. He married, Nov. 17, 1807, Lucinda Norton, born Nov. 18, 1780, in Guilford, daughter of Col. Rufus and Hannah (Cook) Norton. She died Aug. 28, 1848, and was buried in the family cemetery. Their five children were as follows: (1) Edward Lorenzo, born June 28, 1810, resided through life at Leete's Island, was a deacon in the church, and died May 3, 1884. He married Sylvia Fowler, and had two children, Edward Walter and Lucy Louisa. He compiled the Leete genealogy. (2) Rufus Norton, born Aug. 17, 1812, is mentioned below. (3) Theodore Adgate, born May 18, 1814, married Mary C. White, and died April 28, 1886, leaving three chil-

dren, Ella Louisa, Rev. William White, and Theodore Woolsey. He graduated from Yale College in 1839, subsequently from Yale Theological Seminary, and filled several pastorates. (4) Calvin Miner born Oct. 18, 1816, married Lucy Maria Leete. (5) Louisa Maria, born Aug. 20, 1822, died unmarried, July 29, 1855.

(VII) Rufus Norton Leete passed his entire life in the locality of his birth, revered by the associations of six generations of ancestors. He was reared on his father's farm, and upon reaching manhood adopted agricultural pursuits as his life vocation, following same with merited and signal success all his days. In 1848 he erected a residence at Leete's Island, which he occupied until his death, which occurred Dec. 28, 1894, when he was aged eighty-two years. His remains were interred in Leete's Island cemetery. Mr. Leete was of a retiring disposition, and was known to be a man of unflinching honor and unimpeachable integrity, steadfast in his convictions and principles. In politics he was an earnest and consistent Democrat, in religious faith an active member and liberal supporter of the Baptist Church in Guilford during its existence. He was largely interested in the industrial development of his native town, aside from his farm pursuits; was a large stockholder in the Guilford Manufacturing Co., and for a number of years was an efficient member of the Guilford Savings Bank.

On Oct. 23, 1833, Rufus N. Leete married Sarah Bishop, daughter of Ezra S. and Abigail (Norton) Bishop, who survives him. Mrs. Leete is a descendant of an old New England family. She is of the seventh generation from (I) John Bishop, the founder of the family in Guilford. (II) John Bishop, his son, married Susannah Goldenham, and to them were born nine children, of whom (III) Nathaniel Bishop, the fourth child, was born in 1666, and died May 16, 1714. He married, Feb. 9, 1693, Mercy Hughes, who was born May 20, 1676, and died Dec. 7, 1760. Their children were as follows: Nathaniel, born Nov. 17, 1693, married Abigail Stone, and died Sept. 24, 1769; Samuel, born July 20, 1695, married Hannah Hull, and died Feb. 24, 1771; Mary, born Nov. 29, 1697, died young; Ebenezer, sketch of whom follows; Experience, born April 2, 1705; Temperance, born April 27, 1709, married Nathaniel Lee, and died March 29, 1751.

(IV) Ebenezer Bishop, youngest son of Nathaniel, was born Sept. 22, 1701, in North Guilford, where he engaged in farming. In 1729 he married Mehitabel Chittenden, who was born Sept. 30, 1712. Their fourteen children were as follows: Aliah, born March 26, 1730, married Ruth Snow, and died Nov. 30, 1765; Temperance, born March 1, 1732, married Giles Chittenden; Mabel was born Dec. 17, 1733; Amos, born May 5, 1735, died young; Ezra, born Nov. 27, 1736, died young; Ebenezer, born March 1, 1738, died young; Eber.





born Sept. 1, 1740, resided in New Milford; Beulah, born Dec. 10, 1742, married Thomas Fowler; James, born June 3, 1745, married Eliza Wetmore, and died June 16, 1832; Nathaniel was born May 6, 1747; Olive, born June 6, 1749, married Noah Griswold, and died Nov. 28, 1817; Neriah, sketch of whom follows; Jared was born Aug. 17, 1753; Luther was born Aug. 20, 1755.

(V) Neriah Bishop, born Aug. 28, 1751, in North Guilford, died April 22, 1796. He married, May 10, 1781, Rachel Stone, who was born July 30, 1757. Their three children were: Rachel, born Feb. 13, 1782; Neriah, born May 16, 1783 (married Harriet Handy); and Ezra Stone, sketch of whom follows.

(VI) Ezra Stone Bishop, born June 13, 1786, in Guilford, died June 29, 1873. He married, April 23, 1809, Abigail Norton, born Feb. 11, 1791, daughter of Jared and Sarah (Brockett) Norton. She died Nov. 5, 1829. Their seven children were: Eliza, born Sept. 9, 1810; Sarah, born Sept. 18, 1812, widow of Rufus N. Leete, our subject; Margaret, born Sept. 11, 1815, who died Sept. 7, 1879; William H., born March 23, 1819, who married Sarah Griffing; Charles, born Dec. 12, 1823, who married Emily Cochrane; George, born Sept. 12, 1825, married to Florilla C. Fowler; and Abigail, born in October, 1829, who died Dec. 13, 1882.

To Rufus N. and Sarah (Bishop) Leete, were born six children: (1) Nancy, born Oct. 23, 1834, married, Feb. 12, 1862, Walter G. Bishop, of Meriden, and died in Guilford, April 4, 1886. (2) Richard Miner, sketch of whom follows. (3) Roger Calvin, sketch of whom follows. (4) Ellen Lucretia, born Aug. 20, 1840, married, Feb. 22, 1887, W. G. Bishop. (5) Rufus Burton, born June 22, 1843. (6) Margaret Elizabeth, born March 11, 1846.

RICHARD MINER LEETE, eldest son of Rufus N., was born on the homestead Nov. 20, 1836, and received his education at the district schools and the Guilford academy. Until his marriage he remained at home with his parents, working on the farm during the summers and teaching school in the winter seasons. After his marriage he commenced farming on his own account on a farm owned by his father in the Leete's Island District, and also kept store for seven years, though agricultural pursuits have practically been his life vocation. In religious faith he is a member of the Third Congregational Church, as are also his wife and the several members of his family. In his political predilections he was originally an ardent Democrat, but is now an equally zealous Prohibitionist, and for a term of years has faithfully served his town as justice of the peace.

On Nov. 14, 1861, Richard M. Leete was married to Mary E. Norton, a daughter of Anson and Fanny Norton, the former of whom descended from an old Guilford family, whose genealogy is given below. A brief record of the seven children born

to Richard and Mary Leete is as follows: (1) Anson Miner, born Jan. 19, 1863, married Nellie Snow. (2) Arthur Bishop, born Jan. 13, 1864, married Eunice Stannard; he is station agent at East Haven for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. (3) Ellsworth Norton, born June 26, 1866, married, Oct. 30, 1889, Annie B. Fowler, who died June 3, 1896, leaving two sons, Richard F. (born Feb. 14, 1891) and Edgar R. (born April 30, 1893). He married second, Oct. 17, 1900, Elizabeth Dudley. He is a bookkeeper in New Haven. (4) Jennie Elizabeth, born June 27, 1868, married Nathan S. Rose, of North Branford. (5) Fanny Helen was born Feb. 2, 1870. (6) Sarah Ellen was born April 19, 1872. (7) Carrie May, born March 20, 1875, died March 29, 1875.

NORTON FAMILY. John Norton, son of Thomas and Grace Norton, the first of the name in Guilford, was a native of England, born in 1628 in Ockley, County of Surrey. He came with his parents to America, locating in Guilford, where in 1664 he married Hannah Stone, born in 1644. For his second wife he wedded Elizabeth Hubbard, born in 1638. He died March 5, 1704. His son John, who was the second of that name born to him, first saw the light in East Guilford, Conn., May 29, 1668. On Nov. 14, 1694, he married Hannah Buck, born April 12, 1671, in Wethersfield, Hartford county; he died March 15, 1712, in Guilford and was buried there; she died Oct. 22, 1739. For her second husband she married John Fowler. To John and Hannah Norton were born ten children.

John Norton, third in order of birth in the family of John, was born Dec. 13, 1699. He married Elizabeth Robinson, and died Jan. 9, 1797.

John Norton, son of John, was born in December, 1734, and died in Guilford Aug. 17, 1804. He married, Dec. 27, 1758, Lucy Lee, born in 1740, who died in March, 1802, the mother of eight children: (1) Ambrose, born Feb. 15, 1760, married Hannah Hall, and died in March, 1813. (2) Sarah, born in May, 1761, married Caleb J. Hall, and died Aug. 24, 1843. (3) William, born in 1762, served in the Revolutionary war, and died in 1782. (4) John, born in 1763, died Aug. 27, 1773. (5) Ruth, born in 1765, married Jehiel Strong. (6) Silas, sketch of whom follows. (7) James, born in July, 1774, married Huldah Chittenden, and died Sept. 1, 1850. (8) Andrew, born Sept. 13, 1776, married Ruth Chittenden, and died July 9, 1859.

Silas Norton, born Feb. 20, 1769, died Nov. 20, 1821. He married, Feb. 18, 1792, Lucy Chittenden, born Feb. 9, 1774, died July 22, 1859. Their children: (1) Alatheia, born Jan. 12, 1795, died July 22, 1811. (2) Harriet, born March 16, 1797, died Oct. 14, 1875. (3) Huldah was born June 18, 1798. (4) Polly, born Oct. 26, 1800, married Martin Hoadley. (5) John Ward, born Feb. 26, 1802, married Jane Nichols. (6) Anson, sketch of whom follows. (7) Silas, born Aug. 28, 1805, married Eliza Everts, and died Aug. 17, 1848. (8)



Lucyette, born Jan. 31, 1807, married George Stannard. (9) Augustus Dennison, born Dec. 1, 1810, married Julia Perow. (10) James Austin, born Dec. 22, 1814, married Ann Gale.

Anson Norton, father of Mrs. Richard M. Leete, was born Dec. 7, 1803, and died Sept. 3, 1859. He married, Oct. 7, 1838, Mrs. Fanny Bishop, who was born Sept. 2, 1804, and died Nov. 10, 1871. Their children: Mary Emma, born Jan. 3, 1840, wife of Richard M. Leete; and James Lewis, born May 14, 1842, who married Minnie A. Hotchkiss.

ROGER CALVIN LEETE, second son of Rufus N., was born at Leete's Island, Guilford, Aug. 30, 1838, and received a good education, in part at the district schools, in part at the high school at Guilford. Until he was thirty-one years of age he remained on the homestead, and then removed to his present farm, which was part of the homestead, and where he has since followed agricultural pursuits.

In October, 1869, Mr. Leete married Miss Helen A. Park, who was born in Sheshequin, Pa., a daughter of Amos and Arlette M. (Griffen) Park, and two children came to them, viz.: Irving P., born Jan. 22, 1875, attended the district school of his neighborhood, also the Guilford high school, and entered the third year of a course at Yale University; he died Aug. 2, 1896. R. Wayne, the second son, born Aug. 9, 1876, received a similar education at the district schools, and had just entered Yale when he, too, was called from earth, Dec. 8, 1896. The mother died May 3, 1898. She and her sons were highly respected in the community, and their taking away—the sons within a brief period of a few months—the mother following so soon afterward, was a terrible blow to the bereaved father, who still finds in the genuine sympathy of the community some little solace to his sorrow. He is a quiet unostentatious citizen, and a useful member of society, one who lives up to the "golden rule." In politics he is a Democrat, and at the present time is serving as selectman of Guilford.

WALTER A. MAIN, one of the most influential and esteemed citizens of Orange, was born in that town Aug. 6, 1854. His grandfather, Bradley Main, was a farmer of Coventry, Tolland county, Conn., where he passed his life, and where he died at an advanced age.

Elias T. Main, father of Walter A., was one of a family of six children, only one of whom is yet living, Abbie, wife of Elijah F. West, of Hartford, whose son Fred A. is a member of the board of aldermen of that city. Elias T. Main was a man of high personal character and great public spirit, and was universally respected and beloved by his fellow townsmen, who repeatedly evinced their admiration for, and confidence in, him by electing him to offices of grave responsibility and high trust. He was born in New Haven in 1819. In early life he was a carriage maker, and while yet a young man

took an active part in public affairs, being foreman of a (hand) fire engine company and captain of the military organization known as the Governor's Foot Guards. In 1852 he disposed of his business in New Haven and removed to Orange, where he purchased a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1858 he was elected town clerk, which office he held, through successive re-elections, for thirty years, or until his death, Sept. 20, 1888, at the age of sixty-nine years. In 1873, the location of the town offices being moved to the borough of West Haven, he abandoned farming and devoted himself wholly to his public duties. In addition to the office of town clerk he held that of registrar of vital statistics. His acquaintance was co-extensive with the limits of the town, and his incorruptible probity, joined to a keen business sagacity, commanded universal respect. He was an ardent Republican in politics, and was for many years chairman of the town committee and a delegate to numerous conventions. In 1872 he was elected a member of the Lower House of the General Assembly. He was of a genial disposition and fond of social pleasure. A charter member of New Haven City Lodge, I. O. O. F., he filled all the chairs in that body, including that of past noble grand, and was for forty years a member of the Grand Encampment. He was an earnest and consistent member of the Baptist Church of New Haven, as was also his wife, who preceded him to the grave, dying at the age of forty-three. Her maiden name was Jane E. Smith, and she was the only child of William A. Smith, a prosperous farmer of Orange, of which town her family were early settlers, and where she herself was born. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Elias T. Main, five are yet living, Walter A. being the fourth. Martha is the wife of William M. Russell, of Tyler City, in the town of Orange; William D. is a resident of Hartford; Mary E. resides in West Haven; Arthur L. is manager of the Spring Lake Co. of West Haven. Clifford L., who was in the employ of the Electric railway, died during the summer of 1901, leaving a wife and four children, who reside in West Haven.

Walter A. Main passed his boyhood upon his father's farm in Orange, and his early education was received at the common schools and academy of that town. After graduating from the latter institution he entered his father's office, as assistant. Here under the care of a wise and loving father, he received his first business training, readily mastering all details and proving himself a capable and efficient clerk. In fact, he continued to render more or less aid to his father in the discharge of the duties of the office until the latter's demise, when he became his successor. Meanwhile he was made the incumbent of various other important offices. From 1874 until 1883 he was deputy postmaster at West Haven, the actual supervision of the office devolving almost wholly upon him. In addition thereto he was chosen tax collector for the town and





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borough in 1877, and was annually re-elected until 1885. In 1887 he was elected first selectman, but resigned that office to accept the post of town clerk, which, as has been said, was offered him upon his father's death. In 1891, however, failing health compelled him to seek recuperation in the more salubrious climate of California, where he remained until June, 1893. During his sojourn on the coast he was connected with various local companies for irrigation, besides being interested in orange culture. The following year, upon his return to Orange, he was again elected first selectman, and has been annually re-elected, holding the office at the present time. Like his father, Mr. Main is an earnest Republican, and a valued man in the councils of his party, having been for many years chairman of the town committee, and a frequent delegate to county and state conventions. In 1900 he was elected a member of the General Assembly to represent the town of Orange, and has served as clerk of the committee on Cities and Boroughs, which was one of the important committees of the session.

In 1883 Mr. Main embarked in the real estate and insurance business, which he resumed on his return from the West, and represents some of the oldest and soundest companies in the country, among them the German American, Aetna, London and Commercial Union. He is treasurer of the Spring Lake Ice Co., in which concern he is a large stockholder. Mr. Main's business career has been exceptionally successful, having been molded upon the principles of sound judgment and unwavering integrity.

Mr. Main is a member of the Royal Arcanum and a Mason of high rank, having passed through all the degrees of the fraternity up to the 32d, and affiliates with Annawan Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of West Haven; Franklin Chapter, R. A. M., and Harmony Council, of New Haven; New Haven Commandery, K. T.; La Fayette Consistory; and Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Second Company of Governor's Foot Guards, of New Haven.

In November, 1879, Mr. Main was married to Carrie E., daughter of Sidney Smith, a shoe dealer in West Haven, and his wife, Sarah (Goodell), of Westville. Mrs. Main is one of a family of four children, of whom only she and a brother, Edward E., survive; her parents are also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Main have been born three children, Mildred L., Florence S. and W. Raymond. In religious faith Mr. Main is a Congregationalist, and attends the services of that denomination.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS WILCOX was born in Madison, New Haven county, Sept. 30, 1830, and makes his summer home in his native town. He comes of one of the oldest families of New England and is seventh in line of direct descent from John Wilcox, the first of the family

in America, who settled in Hartford prior to 1639, was one of the original proprietors and held several responsible offices; he had his home on the present site of the Park, near the State House, and had a good estate. He died in 1651 and left one son, John, who came with him from England, and two daughters.

George Augustus Wilcox is a son of the late Jonathan S. Wilcox and Chloe (Hand), a sister of Daniel Hand. He was graduated from Yale College in 1852, and after spending a year at the South, went to Detroit, Mich., where he entered the law office of his uncle, Judge George E. Hand, and was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1854. Mr. Wilcox began the practice of his chosen profession, and continued it until 1880, when he returned East, and has since spent his summers in Madison, and his winters in the city of New York. Mr. Wilcox is a gentleman of genial character and much culture. He has traveled quite extensively both in this country and abroad, and has occasionally contributed literary articles for publication. Independent in politics and religion, he holds his own views and does not hesitate to express them on occasion clearly and positively.

Mr. Wilcox was married, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Mary H. Grenelle, a daughter of William H. Grenelle, and has one child, Constance.

MARTIN KELLOGG NORTHAM, a progressive and prominent farmer of the town of Branford, was born in Chatham, Middlesex Co., Conn., Oct. 16, 1818, son of John Cone and Rachel (Kellogg) Northam.

Jonathan Northam, the paternal grandfather of Martin K., was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and received a pension on account of his service in the Continental army. He was a farmer, and died at Marlboro at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

John Cone Northam was born in Marlboro, Conn. He was reared to farming, but became a quarryman, and was employed for many years in the quarries at Haddam Neck. He died at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Northam first married Rachel Kellogg, a native of Chatham, and daughter of Martin and Rachel (Hosford) Kellogg, the former of whom was a farmer in the town of Chatham. To this union were born children as follows: John M., Martin K., Lucy A. (wife of Hubbard Fuller), Joel K. and William B., of whom Martin and Lucy survive. By his second wife, Anna Brainerd, daughter of Frederick Brainerd, Mr. Northam became the father of two children: Laura B., who married William Bishop; and Frederick B., a farmer, who married Ellen Lee.

Martin Kellogg Northam was reared in his native town, where he received a common school education, and at the age of sixteen years started out in life for himself as a driver in the quarries, in





which employment he acquitted himself creditably, and won the good opinion of his employers. When he had become somewhat older he worked at stone cutting, beginning at this trade in 1836, and continuing in same until 1867. In 1859 Mr. Northam located in Branford, and there followed the stone cutter's trade up to 1867, when he turned his attention to farming, which has been his occupation ever since. He owns and cultivates a fine tract of eighty acres. Our subject is active in local affairs, especially in the advancement of educational interests, having been a member of the school board for twelve consecutive years, during which period he has given his time and influence with such good effect that three new school houses have been erected in Branford and Stony Creek. He has also acted as selectman of the town, and in his public service, as in his private life, his duties are ably and promptly performed. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party.

Mr. Northam was married July 2, 1863, to Ellen L. Palmer, who was born May 24, 1843, only child of Hezekiah and Mary (Beach) Palmer, of Branford. Both her parents died in 1892, within two weeks. Mr. Palmer was a sailor, as was also his father, James Palmer, who was drowned off the coast of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Northam have had two children, John H. and Calvin K. John H. Northam was born Feb. 15, 1865, married Cora Bishop, who was born June 19, 1868, and has four children—Robert H., born Nov. 22, 1889; Adeline E., born May 12, 1891; Frederick R., born July 25, 1892; and Martin P., born Sept. 22, 1896. John H. Northam is an engineer in the Norcross Quarry, Stony Creek. Calvin K. Northam was born June 17, 1866, married Jennie Botsford, Nov. 16, 1897, and has one child, Eva May. He is a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Northam both belong to the Stony Creek Congregational Church, and their long career of honorable industry and fine character are known and recognized in the community.

CHARLES THERON HOTCHKISS, a prominent and influential citizen of Cheshire, was born in the town of Bethany, July 9, 1834, and traces his ancestry back to Samuel and Elizabeth (Cleverly) Hotchkiss, natives of Essex, England, who came to New Haven, Conn., in 1641, and were married there the following year. Samuel Hotchkiss was a tiller of the soil, and was the founder of the settlement in Wallingford, where he died. His children were John, who was born in 1643, and died in 1682; Samuel, born in 1645; James, born in 1647; Joshua, born in 1651; Thomas, born in 1654; and David, born in 1657. Of this family, Joshua Hotchkiss was born in Wallingford, and wedded Mary Hotchkiss, of New Haven, by whom he had twelve children, namely: Mary, Stephen, Martha, Priscilla, Abraham, Desire, Isaac, Jacob, John, Elizabeth, Mary (2), and Mary (3). Jabez Hotchkiss,

a son of one of these, was born in Bethany, New Haven county, and there spent his entire life. His children were Stephen, the grandfather of Charles T.; Mary, born June 3, 1763; Timothy, born Jan. 22, 1766; Lydia, born April 1, 1768, died in 1773; Eleazer, born June 4, 1770; Lydia (2), born June 7, 1774.

Stephen Hotchkiss was also a life-long resident of Bethany, where he was born Oct. 31, 1761, and he died in 1847, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Brown, passed away at the age of eighty. In their family were the following children: Harley, father of Charles T.; Rebecca, wife of Minott Collins; Wealthy, who died young; Eber, who married Thurza Driver; Stephen, who married Abigail Hotchkiss; Hannah, wife of John Russell; Jared, who married Amy French, still a resident of Bethany; Jesse, who married Caroline Lounsbury; and George, who married Laura Sperry, who died in New Haven. All lived in Bethany and are now deceased.

Harley Hotchkiss was born Sept. 12, 1791, and reared in Bethany, where he married Harriet Collins, also a native of that town and a daughter of Benjamin Collins. (Her mother's maiden name was Ford.) They continued to make their home there throughout life, the father devoting his time and attention to agriculture. He died March 29, 1860, and his wife was burned to death by the destruction of a house two years later, when she was aged seventy years. To them were born four children: (1) Wealthy Ann married William Gilyard, of Seymour, and died in 1892, leaving three children, Mary, Thomas F. and Sarah L. (2) Andrew T. married Belinda Buckingham, and died in Bethany in 1877, leaving four children: Ernest Z., Isa A., Harley D., and Andrew T., now of New Haven. (3) Harris died young. (4) Charles T. completes the family.

Charles T. Hotchkiss was reared in his native town and obtained a good practical education, which enabled him to successfully engage in teaching for a period of thirty-six winters. As a teacher he came to Cheshire in early life, and here he purchased a farm in April, 1861. While following his profession during the winter season until recently he has engaged in farming, with marked success, through the summer months. He also gives considerable time to work at the mason's trade.

In 1861 Mr. Hotchkiss was married, in South Canaan, to Miss Emma Victoria Watson, a native of Torrington, Conn., and a daughter of George and Jane (Belden) Watson, the former of whom died in Roseville, Illinois, the latter in Norfolk, Conn. By this union were born three children, namely: Mary Claribel, Mrs. Warren Andrews, of Cheshire; Clarence H., who died at the age of six and one-half years; and Harriet I., wife of Everett Pardee, of New Haven. Both of the daughters have been teachers. Fraternaly Mr. Hotchkiss is a member of the Patrons of Hus-



bandry, and politically is a stanch Democrat. He is now serving as justice of the peace, and is the present chairman of the board of education. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Hotchkiss reunions, which held their twentieth annual meeting in 1900, when 175 representatives of the family were present. He is regarded as one of the leading and most highly respected citizens of Cheshire, and it is, therefore, consistent that he be represented in a work whose province is the portrayal of the lives of the prominent men of New Haven county.

ALBERT PHELPS is the president of the Phelps & Bartholomew Co., well known as manufacturers of clocks of all grades, and is prominent among the business men whose enterprise and energy have created the thriving city of Ansonia. The product of their factory is in demand in all parts of the United States, and the reputation of the firm for excellent workmanship is constantly increasing their trade. The business, which was established nineteen years ago under the firm name of Phelps & Bartholomew, was reorganized in 1886 as a stock company, with a capital of \$15,000, and our subject has been at its head ever since. At present the other officers are A. H. Bartholomew, treasurer, and Howard D. Phelps, secretary. They started with twelve hands and a small shop, the Gardner building, and now employ over a hundred hands, and have a factory 125 feet long, 45 feet wide and four stories high, with a wing 30x25 feet in size. The firm has had some difficulties to overcome on account of persecution by larger firms on the question of patent rights, but they have fortunately been free from labor troubles and in the regular receipt of good orders.

Albert Phelps was born July 13, 1839, in Marlboro, Conn., where his ancestors were early settlers. Oliver Phelps, his grandfather, was a leading farmer of that locality and an active supporter of the work of the Methodist Church. He died at the age of sixty-seven, and his wife, Mary (Hills), who was born in that vicinity, died at the age of seventy-four. Their family consisted of six children, all of whom are deceased. David Phelps, our subject's father, was born in 1810, and reared at Marlboro, and learned the trade of stonemason. Later he went to Bristol and worked in a clock factory for a time, and for twenty years he was similarly employed in Hartford, but he retired a few years previous to his death, which occurred July 10, 1873. Politically he was a Republican, and he took an active interest in local affairs, serving on the board of relief and as justice of the peace. He was prominent in religious work as a member of the Methodist Church and for a number of years he led the choir, his voice being unusually fine. He married Hannah Freeman, a native of Hebron, Conn., who is now living in Bristol. Of their five children four are living, viz.: Jane, wife

of William Garlick, of Bristol; Albert, our subject; Mary, wife of George Lewis, of Bristol; and George, who is employed in our subject's factory at Ansonia.

At the age of fourteen Albert Phelps accompanied the family to Bristol, and his education was secured in the common schools. At eighteen he began work in the Bristol clock shop, where he remained a number of years, and in 1871 he located in Ansonia, taking the contract to make movements for the Ansonia Clock Co. After a time he was made superintendent of the movement department, but on the removal of the company to Brooklyn he engaged in business for himself, in partnership with Arthur H. Bartholomew, as stated above. In politics Mr. Phelps is a Democrat, and he has served on the board of relief. Socially the family is prominent, and he is a member of Franklin Lodge, F. & A. M., of Bristol. He is identified with the Episcopal Church, his family being active workers in that organization.

In 1864 Mr. Phelps married Miss Nellie Oakley, a native of New York City, and they have two children: (1) Howard D., who is connected with our subject's factory, married Miss Annie Tuttle, and has two children, Helen and Albert. (2) Miss Maud is at home.

HON. DANA BARTHOLOMEW, whose active, busy and useful life closed Sept. 1, 1900, while he was staying temporarily with his family at Saratoga, N. Y., was for many years one of the leading citizens and business men of Ansonia, and a representative of one of the State's early families.

The branch of the Bartholomew family to which our subject belonged traces its ancestry into the sixteenth century to John Bartholomew, of Warborough, England, who was married there in 1551. William Bartholomew, a great-grandson of this John, grandson of John, and son of William, all of England, born there in 1602-03, married Anna Lord, and came to Boston in the ship "Griffin" in 1634. In 1635 he was chosen a deputy to the General Court of Ipswich, Mass. From this first American ancestor the subject of this sketch was a descendant in the eighth generation, his line being through William (2), Isaac, Abraham, Abraham (2), Jonathan and Jeremiah H. Bartholomew.

Hon. Jeremiah Hotchkiss Bartholomew, the father of our subject, was born April 18, 1814, in that part of Farmington, Conn., now Plainville. He received a limited education only, attending the district school until fifteen years of age, and then learned the tanner's trade. Subsequently he clerked for a time for Adna Whiting, of Plainville, and followed various occupations, always with application, intelligence and perseverance, characteristics which afterward brought him power and influence. He was employed in the Wolcottville Brass Kettle Factory, became superintendent and ultimately general agent of a large business of the same character in



Ansonia, for which Anson G. Phelps, of New York, furnished the capital. Here Mr. Bartholomew's business capacity was given a field, and the Battery Mills, Brass & Copper, and Brass, Copper & Iron Wire Mills, with their numerous branches—which were built, started and operated most successfully for some twenty-five and more years by him as agent, superintendent, etc., of the very extensive manufacturing firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co.—are evidences of his ability. Mr. Bartholomew held such position until ill health, in 1876, compelled him to retire.

By the personal efforts of Mr. Bartholomew the New Haven & Derby railroad was built to Birmingham and Ansonia. He became its president in 1874, and continued as such until the time of his death, in 1884. In all matters of public interest Mr. Bartholomew was foremost in action, liberal in aid, and completed all his undertakings successfully. He represented his town and district in the House and Senate. His political affiliations were with the Republican party. He was a member of the Congregational Church from 1843 until his death.

On Sept. 15, 1834, Mr. Bartholomew was married to Polly H., daughter of Truman Root, of Bristol, Conn., and to the union were born children as follows: Sophronia, Adele (who died when ten years old), Dana, Frances, Arthur H. and Emma.

Dana Bartholomew, our subject proper, was born April 8, 1847, in what was formerly Wolcottville, now Torrington, Conn., where he attended the district school until he was sixteen years old, and he was also a student at the Eastman Business College. Then, in keeping with his father's opinion that the best school for a business life is the business life itself, he entered the employ of the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co. For fourteen years he familiarized himself with all the process of brass manufacture, and became a stockholder of the company. In 1877 he severed his managerial connection with the company and entered into partnership with A. B. Hendryx for the manufacture of wire bird-cages. This business venture was very prosperous, and when the business was moved to New Haven, Mr. Bartholomew's many interests at home requiring his attention, he severed his connection with this company and formed another for the manufacture, under patent, of bits, augers, screw-drivers and braces; but in 1884 the floods swept the entire plant away by the breaking of the dam of the Ansonia Water Co., in which he was a large owner. From that time until his death Mr. Bartholomew was occupied in caring for his many invested interests. He served as secretary, manager, then as president of the Ansonia Water Co.; also as president, treasurer and agent of the Ansonia Hall Co., owning the principal building in the town for offices and hall. He was a director of the Ansonia Savings Bank, the Ansonia Ice Co. and the Naugatuck Valley Ice Co., of Bridgeport, a di-

rector and treasurer of the Meriden Ice Co., and vice-president of the Mallett Cattle Co. of Texas. At the time of his death he was president of the Ansonia Novelty Co. and the Ansonia Telephone Co. He was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and held at various times a number of the town offices. In 1880 he was a representative in the General Assembly from Derby.

Throughout life Mr. Bartholomew was closely identified with the Christian forces of the town. For years he was deacon in the Congregational Church and also church clerk. He was a Sabbath-school worker and teacher of great popularity. Like his father, too, he was for years one of the foremost supporters of the Young Men's Christian Association of the town, and whenever the general Christian enterprises of the section were in need of special help their appeals to him were not unheeded.

Mr. Bartholomew was twice married. On Sept. 17, 1867, he married Miss Lanette Wightman, of Southington, who died July 21, 1886, and on March 17, 1888, he married Miss Isabel H. Warner, of Springfield, Mass., a daughter of one of the old and honored families of Enfield, Conn. To the first union were born four children, namely: Ellen E., Dana W., Jeremiah Hotchkiss, and Valentine (who died in infancy). To the second marriage came Pauline, who died in infancy; and Helen Gertrude, born Nov. 25, 1890. The family home on South Cliff street is one where wealth has set its adornments and one from which its occupants have dispensed a generous hospitality.

ALLING. The New Haven branch of the Alling family to which the late Truman Alling and sons, Francis A. and John T. Alling, belonged, were descended from the first settlers of the Colony of New Haven.

Roger Alling, the first American ancestor of the New Haven branch of the family under consideration, was born in England, son of James, and came to New England, about 1638; he settled in the Colony of New Haven, then called Quinnipiac. About 1642 he married Mary, eldest daughter of Thomas Nash, of Bendley, England.

From this first settler the late Francis A. and John T. Alling, of New Haven, were in the eighth generation, their line being through John, Capt. Jonathan, John (2), Ebenezer, Jonathan (2), and Truman Alling.

John Alling, son of Roger, was born October 2, 1647, married at New Haven, in 1671, Susannah Coe, born in 1653. Mr. Alling died in 1717, and his widow in 1746.

Capt. Jonathan Alling, son of John, was born in 1683, and married in 1713, Sarah, born in 1693, daughter of John Sacket. Capt. Alling died in 1755 and his widow in 1766. His life had been a successful one, he became a prominent citizen, and was captain of a militia company. For twenty-three times he served in the Legislature, after 1730.



John Alling (2), son of Capt. Jonathan, was born in 1714, and married, in 1738, Abiah Hitchcock, born in 1715. They resided in Allingtown, where he died in 1761, and his widow in 1783.

Ebenezer Alling, son of John (2), was born in 1741 and married Lydia Punderson, born in 1745, and they resided in Allingtown, where he died in 1800, and she in 1832.

Jonathan Alling (2), son of Ebenezer, was born July 15, 1775, and Nov. 20, 1798, married Susannah Platt, born Jan. 3, 1780. By trade he was a carpenter, and his last days were spent in New Haven, where he died in 1861, and his wife passed away in 1854.

Truman Alling, son of Jonathan (2), was born on Feb. 7, 1800, and was married Aug. 20, 1820, to Clarissa Hendrick, born in 1801. He died June 15, 1892, and his wife Jan. 9, 1871. By trade Truman Alling was a carpenter, his principal work being the making of boats and suitably fitting them for the carriage of horses to the West Indies. A part of his time was occupied in farming. His children were: Mary, who married M. Armstrong, a skilled carriage builder; William, deceased, left two sons, Burton and Leonard, of New Haven; Francis A.; Robert; Julia, who is Mrs. Patrick, of Norwalk, Conn.; Amelia, who died at the age of eleven years; John Truman; and Harriet.

FRANCIS A. ALLING, son of Truman, was born Sept. 8, 1825, and married Dec. 29, 1853, Mary J. Briggs, born Dec. 13, 1829. Their children were: Charles F. Alling, born Dec. 29, 1854, married Oct. 31, 1888, Carlie A. Sweet, born Oct. 9, 1867, and the tenth generation came in with the birth of Gladys H., born Jan. 17, 1892; Truman F., born March 8, 1894; Hazel Z., born Nov. 14, 1896; and Olive A., born Dec. 27, 1897.

Francis A. Alling spent his early school days in New Haven, attending the public schools. His first important work in building was on the railroad on the first bridge across the meadows on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., and he was foreman at the time the second track and bridge were put in. Early in his business career, he went into partnership with Charles Waterhouse, as bridge builders, pile drivers, joiners, etc., later continued in the business alone, and then the partnership of Case & Alling was formed about 1866, but this business was dissolved by the death of Mr. Case. A partnership was then formed between F. A. and D. R. Alling, cousins, this association still continuing.

John T. Alling, son of Truman, was born July 23, 1833, in New Haven, and in December, 1857, married Editha E. Baldwin, who died April 16, 1895. One daughter, Eva E., was born of this union, Nov. 23, 1863.

The early school days of John T. Alling were spent in New Haven, and he also worked on his father's farm, which was located where Spring street and vicinity make a thoroughfare through the city. When he began to learn the trade of

builder, he was under the instruction of M. Weaver, and continued in active life until his retirement, in 1893. Mr. Alling was well known in the building and contracting business where he possessed the esteem of his associates. His residence is at No. 203 Spring street. Mr. Alling has always been opposed to secret societies and also to insurance.

David Alling, son of Jonathan (2), was born in New Haven May 26, 1802, and died May 4, 1883. His education was obtained in New Haven and later he engaged in farming in this city, in Orange and in Westville. As a matter of interest, it is related that Mr. Alling was a winner in a plowing contest, which was held on the New Haven Green, many years ago, and he was considered one of the best judges of cattle in New Haven county. For many years he had been a member of Trinity Church. David Alling married Anna, daughter of Philo Beers, of Trumbull, Conn., and their children were: Jane, deceased; Phebe Ann, who married Eli Page, and has a daughter, Mrs. B. G. Skilton; Emily, deceased; Eliza, who married D. O. Camp; Jonathan B., deceased; David Royal and Augusta Jane, twins, of whom the latter married C. G. Smith, and has one daughter, Lillian J.

DAVID ROYAL ALLING was born Sept. 15, 1845, in New Haven, where his youth has been spent. After leaving the public school, he entered the Charles Fabrique school, later the Stevens & Wells Business College in New Haven. Then he became clerk, and later bookkeeper for Case & Alling, and in 1873 bought the interest of F. A. Alling. In 1876, upon the death of Mr. Case, F. A. Alling purchased his interest, and the firm became F. A. & D. R. Alling, and this house is now one of the leading business firms of New Haven.

David R. Alling is a member of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Past Noble Grand; Sassacus Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Past Chief Patriarch; Grand Grand Canton Sassacus, No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, Past Commandant; Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge; Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. In Masonic circles he is also prominent. Raised in Hiram Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; affiliated with Wooster Lodge, No. 79, Past Master; Franklin Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.; Harmony Council, No. 8, R. & S. M., Past Thrice Illustrious Master; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T., Past Eminent Commander; E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R., Valorous Junior Grand Warden; Elm City Council, P. of J., A. & A. S. R., Most Excellent Senior Grand Warden; New Haven Chapter Rose Croix, A. & A. S. R., Most Wise and Perfect Master; Lafayette Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, A. & A. S. R., Second Lieutenant Commander; Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors—General of the thirty-third and last degree of A. & A. S. R. For some time he has been auditor in the Grand Lodge of Masons of Connecti-





cut, and is one of the managers of the Masonic and Odd Fellows Home. In his religious belief he is an Episcopalian, and is now serving as a vestryman in Trinity Church.

ALONZO GRANNISS was born March 27, 1820, in Waterbury, where he still resides, at his home on Prospect street, honored and respected by all who know him, and hale and hearty at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Simeon Grannis, grandfather of Alonzo, was a native of New Haven county, Conn., and on marrying settled in Naugatuck, New Haven county, where he reared a family of five children, who were born in the following order: Emerilla married Leverett Benham; Polly married Lemuel Austin; Estella became the wife of Friend Sanford; Caleb was the father of Alonzo, our subject; Simeon settled in New York State, and was a farmer by occupation.

Caleb Grannis was doubtless born in Naugatuck, and was reared to blacksmithing and shoemaking. He married Miss Ruth Arnst, a native of Naugatuck, and a daughter of John Arnst, who came from France as captain's mate, and was the first professional tailor to settle at Salem Bridge, in that town. To Caleb Grannis and his wife were born children as follows: Edward was a carpenter and joiner in New York State, where his death took place (he served gallantly throughout the Civil war); Marshall was a mechanic in Waterbury, Conn., where he passed his life; James M. was a mechanic in Waterbury; Sarah became the wife of Frank Curtiss, and later married a Mr. Basford, and is still living; Alonzo is our subject. After the death of Caleb Grannis, the father of this family, his widow was united in marriage with Joseph Cook, to whom she bore two children: An infant that died unnamed and Sarah. She passed the remainder of her life in Waterbury.

Alonzo Grannis migrated back and forth with his parents between Waterbury and Salem Bridge (Naugatuck), and was a child when they last removed to the latter town. There he had his home for four years, when with his mother he returned to Waterbury, his father having died in the meantime. Here he has since resided. Mr. Grannis did not enjoy to any great extent the advantages of early education. At the early age of twelve years, or in 1832, he went to work in the factory of Benedict & Burnham, was shrewd and showed marked ability, and when sixteen years of age was made foreman of the rolling department, which position he held until 1893, making a continuous service of fifty-nine years—an unprecedented length of time in one employ in Waterbury.

In 1837 Mr. Grannis was married to Miss Esther D. Payne, who lived in the village of Prospect, New Haven Co., Conn., but was born in Ohio, a daughter of Silas Payne. This marriage was crowned with four children, viz.: Margaret, who

died at the age of nine years; Frederick A., who survives; and two that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Grannis have been united in matrimony for sixty-five years, and together have attended the Episcopal Church that long period of time. In politics he was a Democrat in his early days, but of late he has affiliated with the Republican party. He has served his fellow townsmen six or seven years as a member of the council and as a member of the board of relief, as street commissioner, and was one of the organizers of the Mattatuck Engine Company, in 1839. He has never belonged to any of the fraternities. He has always relied on his own sterling integrity, and no man in Waterbury has ever been more respected for this than himself.

Hon. Frederick A. Grannis, only surviving child of Alonzo Grannis, was born Oct. 18, 1851, attended school in New Haven, in Litchfield, the Gunn School of Washington, Conn., the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire (Military Academy), and also a commercial college in Hartford, being better prepared in this respect, for the activities of business, than his father had been. He was educated practically in politics, and early became an adherent of the Republican party. In 1884 he was the Republican representative of the town of Cheshire in the State Legislature, but since then he has been attending to his father's and his own real-estate matters, being the owner of considerable real estate. Fraternally Hon. Frederick A. Grannis is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 16, F. & A. M., of Cheshire, and also of the Waterbury Club.

On May 3, 1873, occurred the marriage of Frederick A. Grannis and Fannie Charlotte McIntire, of Ottawa, Canada, a daughter of Thomas McIntire, and of Scottish descent. This union has been blessed with one child, Margaret McIntire, who is a musician of marked ability. She has been presented by her grandfather, Alonzo Grannis, with a Steiner violin over 200 years old, which was selected by Prof. Hermann, of New York City, from the collection of Dr. Von Derhor, of Europe. The summer home of Hon. Frederick A. Grannis is at Pine Orchard, Connecticut.

WALTER H. ZINK, M. D. (deceased), one of the oldest and most prominent physicians of Branford, New Haven county, was a man whose intellectual acquirements, professional character and enthusiasm, and open, candid countenance won the confidence and retained the respect of the public. His was a genial spirit, and he was very companionable, mingling freely in society, and taking an active and helpful interest in local affairs.

Dr. Zink was born in Nuremberg, Germany, March 21, 1841, son of Charles Frederick and Anna Maria (Ernst) Zink, the father a government forest master in the Province of Nuremberg. He was a son of Philip Zink, also a government forest master. Walter Zink was thoroughly educated in his



native country, passing through the preparatory schools with credit, and in 1858 entering the University at Wurzburg, from the Medical Department of which he was graduated in 1862, with honor. In the fall of 1863 young Zink came to America, locating in New York, where he took a post-graduate course in Columbia College and practiced until interested in the Civil war. The cause of the Union aroused his enthusiasm for liberty and progress, and he was almost immediately given the post of surgeon and attached to the 5th Army Corps, then under the command of Gen. Warner, of Virginia. He continued to discharge the trying duties of that position for some two years, gaining a valuable knowledge of surgery and the practical application of medicine. During one of the fierce fights, while he was caring for a wounded soldier, a spent bullet struck him in the eye. Dr. Zink did not stop, but continued his work on the patient before him until the leg was properly set, and then discovered that for the rest of his life he would be deprived of the sight of one eye. The Doctor was very popular with the soldiers, as might be expected on account of his self-forgetfulness and devotion to his work. When the war was ended Dr. Zink returned to peaceful life and settled in New York, where he married, in the fall of 1865, and made his home in Newtown, L. I. After eleven years and seven months he went to Trenton, where he lived one year, and then moved to Branford. For over eleven years of his residence in Newtown he acted as the local health officer. Upon the death of Dr. Hall he came to Branford, in 1878, and until his death, Aug. 26, 1900, at the age of fifty-nine years, was a familiar and beloved presence in the homes of the people, and by the bedside of the sick. A kindly heart and a sympathetic spirit animated all his work, and he brought to the healing of the sick all the resources of his great profession. He enjoyed a patronage highly complimentary to his medical skill.

In Branford Dr. Zink was actively interested in public affairs and filled many positions of honor and trust, having been at different times justice of the peace (ten years in all), member of the school board, acting school visitor and health officer. The Doctor belonged to numerous social orders in the city, and his funeral was conducted by Widows' Sons' Lodge, F. & A. M. He was an honored member of the I. O. O. F.; of Woodland Lodge, No. 39, K. P., in which he was first commander of the castle; and of Mason Rogers Post, G. A. R., in which he held the office of post surgeon from the time of organization; he was post surgeon of the State for twelve years prior to his decease. Professionally the Doctor held membership with the New Haven Medical Society and the Connecticut State Medical Society. In religion he united with the Lutheran Church. The Doctor's death was caused by a cancer of the stomach, with which he had been afflicted some two

years. The indomitable strength and courage of the man is manifest in the fact that he continued his active practice until about six weeks before his death.

Dr. Zink was married, Sept. 25, 1864, to Caroline A. Milling, daughter of Philip and Katherine (daughter of Lord Sminke) Milling, natives of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, and residents of the city of New York. To this union were born five children, three of whom survive: (1) Charles E., who graduated from the University of Vermont, and from the Medical Department of Baltimore University, in 1900; (2) Louisa A., who married Benjamin F. Hosley, warden of the borough; and (3) Walter R.

**HARVEY G. DENNISTON.** The family of Denniston is of Scotch-Irish descent. The progenitors of the American branch emigrated from Scotland and from County Longford, Ireland.

Abraham Denniston, the grandfather of Harvey G., was a farmer in Orange county, New York, where he was born, as was also his wife, Bathsheba Goldsmith. There they died, and there, too, they reared their three children, Harvey, Lydia and Goldsmith. The eldest son, Harvey, was a farmer, like his father, and passed his life in the county where he was born. Lydia married Aaron P. Johnes, an importer of, and wholesale dealer in, dry goods in New York City.

Goldsmith Denniston, the father of Harvey G., was born at Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y., in 1801. He was educated at Union and Princeton Colleges. After a short time spent at farming, he removed to Newburgh, N. Y., and later to Steuben county, that State. He passed away in 1878, while on a visit to his son, Harvey G. Denniston. He was a man of prominence, and served many years as county judge of Orange county. A staunch Whig, he was active in the affairs of his party, was for a long time chairman of the New York State Central Committee, and was a personal friend of Henry Clay, with whom he was in frequent correspondence, as well as with Webster, Calhoun and other leading statesmen and politicians of the day. About 1825 he married a second cousin, Fanny Denniston, of Orange county, who died in 1865. To their marriage were born three sons, of whom Abraham, the eldest, was a soldier in the Union army, during the war of the Rebellion, and lost his life in the service, in 1863. Aaron, born in Newburgh, N. Y., in 1840, is a farmer and justice of the peace in Steuben county, New York.

Harvey G. Denniston was born at Blooming Grove, Aug. 23, 1829. He passed his youth in Newburgh, N. Y., and received a collegiate education, graduating from Union College in 1846. The eight years following his graduation he passed in the employ of the wholesale dry-goods house of Johnes, Otis & Co., of New York City, the head of



which firm was his uncle. His preference, however, was for a professional life, and in 1854 he commenced the study of law in Hammondsport, Steuben Co., N. Y. He was admitted to the Bar in Poughkeepsie, and began practice at Branchport, Yates Co., N. Y. The outbreak of the Rebellion stirred his patriotism to its depths, and his impassioned oratory was constantly brought to bear in scathing and effective denunciation of slavery and secession. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in Co. H, 107th N. Y. V. I., and was mustered into the service in August following. While serving with this regiment he took part in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Falling Waters and Lookout Mountain. In 1864 he resigned his lieutenantancy in the 107th, having received a captain's commission in the 188th, which regiment he joined on October 7 of that year. After the first battle, at Hatcher's Run, he was made assistant adjutant general of the Second Brigade, First Division, 5th Army Corps. Later he was appointed to the same position for the Fifth Corps, and was successively brevetted lieutenant colonel, colonel and brigadier general. He participated in the second engagement at Hatcher's Run and in the raid on the Weldon Railroad; was under fire at Lewis Farm, Boydton Plank Road, Gravelly Run and Five Forks; and was present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox.

General Denniston was a soldier of magnificent qualities. Naturally impulsive and of doubtless courage, in action he was cool, determined, resolute and always ready to lead where his command was threatened with danger. In a work published in Hartford, and entitled "The Battle Flag," the following description of his conduct in battle is given: "Major H. G. Denniston has a gold badge which was presented to him on the field of battle. At the close of the fight at Five Forks, Va., a short time before the end of the war, Major General Charles Griffin commanded. It was supposed that the contest was over, when the enemy opened a sharp musketry fire on the right. General Griffin turned to Major Denniston, who was then assistant adjutant general of the Second Brigade, and said, 'Stop that little firing.' A detail from the First and Second Brigades was assigned for the duty, and Major Denniston and his command advanced upon the Confederate forces. The conflict was short, but exceedingly sharp. About four hundred Federal soldiers fell. In the end, however, the enemy was driven back and four guns and a number of prisoners fell into Major Denniston's hands. On his return he simply reported, with characteristic modesty, 'General, we have stopped that little firing.' Instantly the commanding officer unpinned from his breast the red and gold badge of the First Division, and presented it to the brave officer in recognition of his intrepid service. The badge bears the inscription: 'Capt. H. G. Denniston, A. A. General; presented by Major General Charles

Griffin, at Five Forks.'" General Denniston also enjoys the distinction of being one of the fifty officers to whom the New York Legislature awarded richly-painted diplomas, in testimonial of gallant, devoted service.

At the end of the war General Denniston returned to New York and resumed the practice of law, settling in Steuben county. In 1872 he married Miss Emogene A. Tuttle, a daughter of Philemon Tuttle, of Naugatuck. Thereupon he removed to that town, and, abandoning the law, for some time devoted his time to civil and electrical engineering. He has, however, retired from active pursuits, and in a serene old age is enjoying a well-earned rest. He is an independent in politics, while his religious affiliation is with the Congregational Church. He is an influential member of the G. A. R., but is connected with no other fraternal organization. Himself intelligent and well educated, he takes a lively interest in educational matters, and has been prominently identified therewith. In private life he is genial and warm-hearted, courteous and affable.

General and Mrs. Denniston have one son, Franklin T., who was born in 1882.

HOMER HEBER WELTON, one of Waterville's best-known citizens, is the possessor of a handsome property, and is enabled to spend his declining years in the pleasurable enjoyment of his accumulations. The record of his early life is that of an active, enterprising, methodical and sagacious business man, who bent his energies to the honorable acquirement of a comfortable competence for himself and family.

Mr. Welton was born at the old family homestead on Bunker Hill, Waterbury, Feb. 22, 1837. The progenitor of this family in America was John Welton, who came to this country from England or Wales about 1667, and was married while crossing the Atlantic to Miss Mary Upson, a native of England. They located first in Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn., and about 1679 came to Waterbury, New Haven county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Welton dying here June 18, 1726, his wife Oct. 18, 1716. Their remains were interred in Hartford. In their family were ten children, namely: Abigail married Cornelius Bronson; Mary married John Richards; Elizabeth married Thomas Griffin, of Simsbury, Conn.; John married a Miss Buck, of Wethersfield, Conn., a daughter of Ezekiel Buck; Stephen married Mary Gaylord, daughter of Joseph Gaylord; Richard, the next in order of birth, is mentioned below; Hannah, born April 1, 1683, married Thomas Squires; Thomas, born Feb. 4, 1684, married Hannah Gaylord, a daughter of Joseph Gaylord; George, born Feb. 3, 1686, married Elizabeth Mailory, of Stratford; and Elsie, born Aug. 16, 1698, married a Mr. Griffin, of Simsbury. The first five were born in Farmington, the others in Waterbury.





*Joseph M. Welton*



MRS. MARY S. WELTON.



*Homer H. Welton*



*Mrs H. H. Welton*





Richard Welton, son of John, was born in Waterbury Sept. 27, 1679, the first male child of European parentage born in Waterbury, and there spent his entire life, engaged in farming, dying in 1755. He married, Mary Upson, who was born March 5, 1683, a daughter of Stephen and Mary (Lee) Upson, and granddaughter of John Lee, of Farmington. Nine children came to this union: Richard, born Jan. 5, 1701 (married Anna, daughter of Jonathan Fenton); John, born July 13, 1703; Stephen, born March 12, 1706; Mary, born June 1, 1708 (married Ebenezer Warner); Thomas, born Oct. 25, 1710; Keziah, born Dec. 1, 1713 (married A. Warner); Eliakim, born Jan. 21, 1715 (mentioned below); Tabitha, born Feb. 17, 1721 (married Edward Neal); and Ede, born April 24, 1729 (married a Mr. Lewis).

Eliakim Welton, son of Richard, spent his entire life in Waterbury, and owned and operated a large tract of land on Bucks Hill, making farming his principal occupation. He died Nov. 20, 1794, and was buried on Bucks Hill. He married Eunice, daughter of Moses and Jane (Wiah) Bronson, and to this union came the following children: Eliakim, born Sept. 22, 1736, married Amy Baldwin; Eunice, born Oct. 19, 1738, married David Roberts; Avis, born Aug. 13, 1740, married Thaddeus Barnes; Richard, born Oct. 10, 1743, is mentioned below; Eli, born Oct. 10, 1746, married Ann Baldwin; Moses was born June 25, 1749; Aaron, born Feb. 19, 1752, married Zerah Bronson; Benoni died unmarried; and Benjamin Lewis, born Feb. 18, 1756, died in infancy.

Richard Welton, son of Eliakim, was a life-long resident of Waterbury, where he died Feb. 26, 1820. He was married April 27, 1766, to Margaret Warner, and they had two children: Noah, born Feb. 15, 1767; and Richard Warner, born Oct. 10, 1768, who died Dec. 14, 1768. The wife and mother died Oct. 19, 1768, and subsequently Richard Welton married Hannah Davis, who died Dec. 11, 1839, aged ninety-four years. By the second union there were seven children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Richard, May 10, 1770 (married Sarah Sunn); Margaret, July 2, 1772 (wife of Daniel Steel); Thomas, Dec. 8, 1774; Lydia, April 1, 1777 (married David Roberts and died Aug. 31, 1828); Hannah, Oct. 10, 1779 (wife of David Warner); Joseph Davis, April 15, 1783; Bela, Sept. 9, 1787.

Joseph Davis Welton, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Waterbury, was ordained a deacon Dec. 18, 1802, and priest of the Episcopal Church Dec. 23, 1810. He had charge of churches in Woodbury and Easton, but in 1819, on account of ill health, was obliged to give up the work of the ministry. He then returned to Waterbury and located upon his father-in-law's farm, which was formerly the Zara Warden place, where he spent the remainder of his life, conducting a private school, where he fitted many young men for college.

He died Jan. 16, 1825, and in St. John's Episcopal church, Waterbury, there has been erected to his memory a baptismal font of carved marble, presented by Hobert V. Welton. He married Eunice Tomlinson, a daughter of Victory Tomlinson. She was born April 27, 1788, and died Feb. 20, 1832.

Joseph Welton, father of our subject, was born May 15, 1814, and was the third in order of birth in a family of four children. He received an excellent education, and at the age of fourteen years, while still in school, made a careful survey and prepared an outline map of the Green, in Waterbury Center, which is still preserved, and has furnished useful information for the history of Waterbury. He spent his entire life in that town, where he owned a large tract of land. After residing at his birthplace on the Wolcott road until 1836, he removed to the west side of the Naugatuck River, to Bunker Hill, where he made his home throughout the remainder of his life, devoting his time to agricultural pursuits. As a business venture he and Leonard Platt imported a large number of Norway spruce trees, some of which are still growing upon his farm. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and religiously he was a member of the Episcopal Church. He died May 1, 1894, honored and respected by all who knew him, and was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery. He was married Jan. 20, 1836, to Miss Mary S. Pierpont, a daughter of Seabury Pierpont, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of Waterbury. Of the three children born of this union our subject is the eldest; Eunice C., born Oct. 7, 1839, married Orrin Scott, and for her second husband, Lewis Garrigus; Lucy A., born Nov. 14, 1841, married A. B. Pierpont.

Homer Heber Welton, the subject proper of this review, was educated in the district schools of Waterbury, and also attended the Waterbury Academy and high school. While very young he was in the field with his father one day. When he started for home he lost his way in the woods, and kept traveling all night. When his parents discovered the loss the church bells of Waterbury were rung as an alarm, and many searching parties were sent out. He was finally found, early the next morning, near Oakville, by Charles D. Kingsbury, father of Frederick J. Kingsbury, of Waterbury. He was at that time only four years old, and although he never saw his rescuer again for thirty-two years he remembered him at once as the man who had found him in the woods, Mr. Kingsbury being very tall. During his minority Mr. Welton aided his father in the work of the farm, and also taught school during the winter months at Bunker Hill, and East Side, Watertown. He worked in Wheeler & Wilson's sewing machine factory one and a half years. At the age of twenty-four he went to Hartford, where he worked in the Sharps rifle factory during the Civil war, and later was employed in the pin factory at Oakville for one year. He then came to



Waterville, where he embarked in the cutlery business in partnership with Messrs. Sprague and Boyden, continuing thus for ten years, and when he retired from the firm, in 1876, he became a contractor for a portion of their work and was so engaged for sixteen years. He is now practically living a retired life, though managing his father's estate on Bunker Hill and other property. Mr. Welton learned no trade, but worked as a machinist, tool-maker, and clock and watch repairer from boyhood. He spent his evenings at taxidermy (being the only one in the town engaged in that work), though he has never seen anyone else stuff a bird or other animal. In his collection are three scarlet tanagers that he shot on Lincoln's fast day; a night heron shot in front of the residence of Harriet Beecher Stowe, in Hartford, while it was in process of erection; a pair of the first pine grosbeaks seen in Waterbury; and the first mealy redpole on record in the State. He has made his greatest success doing his work in an original way, accomplishing more and better work with less outlay.

In 1868, in New York, Mr. Welton was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Jennette Garrigus, a native of Morristown, N. J., and a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Sheppard) Garrigus. To this union have been born three children: (1) Julia A. is now the wife of Walter Warner, a minister of the Adventist Church of Portland, Oregon, and they have three children, Ethel M., Harold and Millard. (2) Joseph Dennison is a resident of Waterville, and a member of Goodwill Lodge, K. of P. He married Martha Leapean, and they have two children, Clifford and Edith. (3) Edith J., the youngest child of our subject, died at the age of eight years.

Mr. Welton is a member of Mad River Grange, the Sons of Temperance, and St. John's Episcopal Church. His estimable wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Waterbury. They are people of prominence in the community where they reside, and are held in high regard by all who know them. In political sentiment Mr. Welton is a Republican.

**ELLIS BENJAMIN BAKER**, general superintendent of the Southern New England Telephone Co., now residing in New Haven, has taken prominent place among the business men of that city. He is a representative man of Connecticut, descended from two of the most respected families in the State, and was born Sept. 24, 1854, at Winsted, son of John F. and Clarissa (Benjamin) Baker.

(I) Anthony Baker, the first of his paternal ancestors of whom we have record, was born about 1740. He was a Tory, and he and three of his sons—Jesse, Simon and Anthony, Jr.—fought in the Revolution on the British side. After the close of the war many Tories were given grants of land in the British possessions, and it is said that Anthony and his family, with the exception of Scott, who

ran away and settled in Bridgeport, left the States and went to Nova Scotia. Anthony Baker had eight children: Jesse, Simeon, Anthony, Jr., Scott, Samuel, Lizzie, Sarah and Hannah.

(II) Scott Baker, born in 1768, died Sept. 19, 1852. He was a tanner and shoemaker by occupation. In 1790 he married Sarah Loveland, who was born in Glastonbury, Conn., and they had two children: Asa, born in 1791; and Jesse, born Sept. 18, 1794. Mrs. Baker's father, also a native of Glastonbury, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and died while in the army, at Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 24, 1775. For his second wife Mr. Baker married Mary Beush (or Beach). About 1810 Scott Baker and his family moved to Bakersville, Conn., where he died.

(III) Asa Baker followed farming. He was married, at South Salem, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1813, to Deborah Keeler, who was born in December, 1789, and died in New Hartford, Conn., Dec. 24, 1871. He died in Granville, Mass., Sept. 30, 1833. Their children were: William Swayze, born Nov. 28, 1814; Sarah, in September, 1816; John Fletcher, in October, 1817; Scott, March 2, 1819; Charles Linus, July 4, 1824; and Emily.

(IV) John F. Baker, born in Hartford, passed the greater part of his life in Winsted. He was married, in Salisbury, Conn., April 18, 1847, to Clarissa Benjamin, who was born in Sheffield, Mass., July 29, 1824. She died at New Haven, Conn., Oct. 16, 1890, and he died at Bristol, Conn., March 11, 1895. Three children blessed their union: Emerson John, born Feb. 18, 1848, who died Oct. 8, 1849; Emma Clarissa, born Sept. 25, 1850, who died Sept. 8, 1851; and Ellis Benjamin, born Sept. 24, 1854.

Through his mother Ellis B. Baker is descended from the ancient family of Benjamin, whose pedigree is traced back to the time of William the Conqueror. (1) John Benjamin, the first of the name in America, born in 1598, came over from England to Boston in the ship "Lion," Capt. Mason, on Sept. 16, 1632, with his wife, Abigail Eddy, two children and his brother Richard. Richard, in 1663, moved to Southold, Long Island, with his wife and daughter Ann, who was born Sept. 1, 1643. He was made a Connecticut freeman in 1664, and his descendants are influential in Queens county (N. Y.) politics at the present time. John and his wife, Abigail, and their children, John and Abigail, soon moved to Cambridge, where they owned considerable real estate. John was made a freeman Nov. 6, 1632, and was appointed constable by the General Court on May 20, 1633. Of him the history of Stratford, Conn., says: "John Benjamin, Esquire, Gentleman, was the first of that name who came to America. His ancestors were Welsh, and were among the first of the landed gentry of England. He came in company with Gov. Winthrop to the Massachusetts Colony and settled in Watertown, adjoining the present Cam-



bridge, where he died in 1645. His house, accidentally destroyed by fire, was unsurpassed in elegance and comfort by any in the vicinity. It was a mansion of intelligence, refinement, religion and hospitality, visited by the clergy of all denominations from far and near." In 1637 he removed to Watertown, where he died June 14, 1645, it is supposed at an advanced age, as he was excused from military duty eleven years before. His will is abstracted in the Geneal. Register III, 177. Abigail, his wife, died May 20, 1687, at the age of eighty-seven. Children: John, born about 1620, died Dec. 22, 1706; Abigail was born about 1624; Samuel, born about 1628, died in 1669; Mary died April 10, 1646; Joseph was born Sept. 16, 1633; Joshua, born about 1642, died in 1684; Abel.

(II) Joseph Benjamin, son of John and Abigail Benjamin, born at Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 16, 1633, married, at Barnstable, Mass., June 10, 1661, Jenima Lambert, daughter of Thomas Lambert. She died there, and he removed to Yarmouth, where, previous to Dec. 7, 1668, he married (second) Sarah Clark. He removed to New London, Conn., where he died in 1704. Children: Abigail; Hannah, born in February, 1668; Mary, born in April, 1670; Joseph, born in 1673; Mercy, born March 12, 1674; Elizabeth, born Jan. 14, 1680; John, born in 1682, who died Aug. 2, 1716; Jenima; Sarah; Kezia.

(III) Joseph Benjamin, son of Joseph and Sarah Benjamin, born at Yarmouth, Mass., or New London, Conn., about 1673, married, Aug. 25, 1698, Elizabeth Cook. Children: Obed, born Aug. 15, 1701; Elizabeth, November, 1703; Joseph, 1705; Sarah, Jan. 17, 1707; Grace, Jan. 10, 1709; Jedediah, July 15, 1711; Daniel, Sept. 7, 1714; John; Abiel, Dec. 17, 1716.

(IV) Joseph Benjamin, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Benjamin, born at Preston, Conn., in 1705, was married, at Preston, Conn., April 3, 1722, to Deborah Clark. He died about 1803. She died at Mount Washington, or Egremont, Mass., at the home of her son Nathan. Children: Joseph, born Dec. 17, 1723; Elizabeth, June 8, 1725; James, April 3, 1727; Barzillai, March 28, 1730; Deborah, March 26, 1732; Josiah, March 13, 1734; Nathan, April 19, 1737; Mary, June 22, 1739; Isaac, April 15, 1742.

(V) Joseph Benjamin, son of Joseph and Deborah Benjamin, born at Preston, Conn., Dec. 17, 1723, married, at Preston, Abigail Dibble. He settled at Hampton, Conn. Some of his children removed to Mount Washington, Mass. Children: William, born June 18, 1748; Samuel, in December, 1749; Peleg, March 5, 1752; Judah, July 8, 1755; Mary, about 1757. The last four were baptized at Hampton, Conn., Sept. 3, 1758.

(VI) Judah Benjamin, son of Joseph and Abigail Benjamin, born at Hampton, Conn., July 8, 1755, removed to Mount Washington, Mass., about 1760, with his brothers William, Samuel and Peleg,

and his sister Mary. He served as a private in the Connecticut militia in the Revolutionary war, from July 10, 1778, to July 14, 1779. He was married, about 1782, and had at least two children. In 1819 he resided in Hamilton, Madison Co., N. Y. He died Aug. 16, 1834, in Pike township, Bradford Co., Pa., leaving a widow, Susan, who might have been his second wife. Children: Orange, born Jan. 26, 1784; and Lavinia, who married a Wooden. The following letters explain themselves:

State of Connecticut,  
Adjutant General's Office,  
Hartford, Feb. 16, 1898.

MR. E. B. BAKER,  
New Haven, Conn.

Sir—This is to certify that Judah Benjamin served in the Revolutionary war, and the following is said service, according to the records of this office.

On page 378. Conn. Men in the Revolution:  
Judah Benjamin, a private, enlisted July 10, 1778. Term of service, one year; from town of Milford; occupation, shoemaker; stature, 5 feet, seven in.; complexion, dark; eyes, grey; hair, dark; discharged in 5th Troop, Col. Elisha Sheldon's Light Dragoons, 177. —83.

Its field of service during war generally the East side of the Hudson, along the Westchester front. Occasionally its companies served at different points. In the spring of 1777 Major Tallmadge joined Washington in New Jersey with two troops and fought at Germantown, October 4th. At the same time, Captain Seymour with his troop was serving under Gates against Burgoyne. The other troops were under Putnam's command at Peekskill. In the spring of 1778, the regiment was on the Hudson, and in the fall formed part of Gen. Charles Scott's Light Corps, on the lines in Winchester.

On page 535, same book, appears the following:  
Judah Benjamin; a private in Captain Caleb Mix's Company. Arrived in camp July 17, 1778, in Colonel Moseley's Regiment.

Two militia regiments were ordered to the Hudson soon after the battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778, and were stationed at different points, such as Fort Clinton, West Point. They were commanded by Colonel Moseley and Colonel Enos.

On page 641, same book, the name of Judah Benjamin appears as a Connecticut pensioner, Act of 1818, and as residing in New York.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed hereto the seal of this office.

[Signed]  
WM. E. F. LANDERS,  
Col. and Asst. Adjutant General.

Record and Pension Office,  
War Department,  
Washington, April 4, 1898.

MR. E. B. BAKER,  
New Haven, Conn.

Sir—The records of this office show that one Judah Benjamin served as a private in Captain Caleb Mix's detachment of Connecticut militia, commanded by Colonel Increase Moseley, Revolutionary war. He enlisted July 10, 1778, to serve two months; re-enlisted July 17, 1778, in Captain John Shethar's troop, 2d Regiment of Light Dragoons, Continental troops, commanded by Colonel Elisha Sheldon, to serve one year, and he was discharged July 14, 1779.

The following remarks appear on the records: "State of Connecticut;" "Town of Milford;" "trade, shoemaker;" "stature, 5 ft. 7 in.;" "complex., dark; eyes, grey; hair, dark." No further information relative to his service has been found on record.

In view of the statement that the soldier was a pensioner, it is suggested as a possibility that additional in-



formation may be obtained from the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., who is the custodian of the pension records of all wars, and whose office is separate and distinct from the Record and Pension Office of the War Department.

By authority of the Secretary of War,  
[Signed] F. C. AINSWORTH,  
Colonel U. S. Army, Chief of Office.

Department of the Interior,  
Bureau of Pensions,  
Washington, April 15, 1898.

MR. E. B. BAKER,  
New Haven, Conn.

Sir—Replying to your recent communication, you are advised that Judah Benjamin made an application for pension on Oct. 11, 1819, at which time he was sixty-five years of age, and residing at Hamilton, N. Y., and his pension was allowed for one year's actual service as a private in the Connecticut troops, Revolutionary War; a part of the time he served under Col. Sheldon. He enlisted at Claremont, N. H.

Very respectfully,  
[Signed] H. CLAY EVANS,  
Commissioner.

Treasury Department,  
Office of the Auditor for the Interior Department,  
Washington, May 5, 1898.

MR. E. B. BAKER,  
New Haven, Conn.

Sir—In reply to your letter of May 3rd, in case of Judah Benjamin, Certificate 15762. New York and Penna. Agencies, Revolutionary roll, you are informed that the records of this office show payment to have been made at \$8.00 per month in September, 1834, to August 16, 1834, date of death.

The pensioner died on the above date at Pike township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, leaving a widow Susan Benjamin, to whom the accrued pension was paid as above stated.

In July, 1820, pensioner resided at Hamilton, Madison County, New York.

Respectfully, yours,  
[Signed] WM. YOUNGBLOOD,  
Auditor.

(VII) Orange Benjamin, son of Judah Benjamin, born at Mount Washington, Mass., Jan. 26, 1784, married, at Sheffield, Mass., March 10, 1811, Clarissa Thorp. He died at Dover, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1846. She died at Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1852. Children: Joseph Seymour, born Dec. 3, 1811, died June 20, 1870; Hiram, born July 26, 1813, died Nov. 11, 1850; Mary, born July 15, 1815; Laura, born June 4, 1817, died June 20, 1859; Harriet Whipple, born July 8, 1819, died May 20, 1834; Jane, born July 20, 1822; Clarissa, born July 29, 1824, died Oct. 16, 1890 (the mother of Ellis B. Baker); Orange, born March 8, 1828; John Peck, born Oct. 10, 1830; Richard Graham, born Dec. 14, 1833.

The following in regard to Ellis B. Baker appeared in "Telegraphers of To-day": "Like most boys who have achieved success in business, he left home at an early age. His first employment was in the job room of the Winsted *Herald*, where he acquired a thorough knowledge of the trade. At the age of fifteen years he entered the employ of Beardsley & Alvord, a firm engaged in general

business in West Winsted, where he served three years as a clerk. In 1872 he entered the employ of Edward Miller & Co., of Meriden, holding the position of paymaster, and also acting as telegraph operator on the firm's New York wire.

"In the early part of 1878 Mr. Baker introduced the first set of telephones into Meriden. He soon saw the possibilities of the telephone, and on January 31st of that year he opened the Meriden District Telephone Exchange, which is said to be the second exchange opened in the world.

"Upon the consolidation of the Western Union and the Bell Telephone interests, in 1881, he was offered the position of general superintendent of the Connecticut Telephone Co., with headquarters at New Haven, which position he has held for the past seventeen years, during which time the corporation became the Southern New England Telephone Company, with the State of Connecticut as its territory.

"Mr. Baker is also the superintendent of the Connecticut Telegraph Company, a corporation operating several hundred miles of telegraph wires throughout the State of Connecticut. He was, for several years before his removal to New Haven, the superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, at Meriden."

On Sept. 21, 1876, Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Mary Gorham Frost, who was born at Bristol, Conn., Nov. 11, 1856, and two children have been born to them: Ellis Benjamin, July 24, 1877; and Carroll Frost, Jan. 2, 1880. The former is at Meriden, Conn., the latter at Springfield, Mass. Mr. Baker is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Hiram Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M., Franklin Chapter, Harmony Council, New Haven Commandery, and E. G. Storer Lodge of Perfection, A. & A. S. R. He is a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards, being a member of Major Clark's staff; of the Old Guard of New York; of Putnam Phalanx, Hartford; of the Pequot Association, New Haven; and of the Connecticut Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

FRANK POTTER, a successful farmer and market gardener of Waterbury, is a native of that town, born on the old Potter homestead in what is now Hopeville, Nov. 19, 1826.

Rev. Samuel Potter, his father, was born Sept. 23, 1778, a son of Lenuel and Rachel (Perkins) Potter; he was a prominent Baptist minister of his day, and was pastor of the Salem Church in the town of Waterbury, and also ministered to the spiritual wants of the people at Woodbridge, Conn., but made his home near Pearl Lake, Waterbury, where our subject now resides, and there he died Dec. 5, 1833, being laid to rest in Brockett cemetery. In 1799 he married Leva Judd, daughter of Roswell Judd, and to them were born two children: Samuel Darius, born Dec. 15, 1799, died in June,





1803; and Leva Maria, born July 25, 1801, married M. Baldwin. The mother of these died, and for his second wife Rev. Samuel Potter married Chloe Brockett, March 14, 1803. Our subject was the youngest child born of this union. The oldest, a son, was born in May, 1804, and died same month; Roxana, born June 23, 1805, married M. D. Root; Samuel, born April 25, 1807, died March 7, 1894; Zenas, born Aug. 8, 1809, wedded Mary Hotchkiss, and died Jan. 11, 1856; Thomas Perkins, born Nov. 12, 1811, died May 22, 1822; Miller, born July 27, 1813; Isaac Fuller, born July 23, 1815; Wilson, born June 19, 1817; Dr. Gano, born July 19, 1819; Chloe, born Sept. 13, 1821, married W. G. Chase; and Thomas Perkins, born June 2, 1824, died March 8, 1848.

On the maternal side Frank Potter is descended from John Brockett, a native of England, who was one of the early settlers of New England, and removed from New Haven to Wallingford in 1667 with John Moss. He was chosen by the people of New Haven as one of the committee to manage the affairs of the settlement. He filled many public positions in the village, and represented it in the General Court after its incorporation. He died in Wallingford, March 12, 1689, aged eighty years. His children were John B., who was born in England, and became a physician at Muddy River, North Haven; Benjamin, born in 1648, who married Lydia Elcock, and died May 22, 1679; Abigail, born March 10, 1649; Samuel, born Jan. 14, 1650; Jabez, born Oct. 24, 1654, who was married Nov. 20, 1691, to Dorothy Lyman; Silence, wife of Joseph Bradley; and Mary, wife of William Pennington, of New Jersey.

Samuel Brockett, son of John, was married, Nov. 21, 1680, to Sarah Bradley, and they had seven children, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Samuel, Feb. 15, 1682; Daniel, Sept. 30, 1684; John, Nov. 8, 1685; Joseph, Oct. 25, 1688; Josiah, July 25, 1691; Alice, April 23, 1693; and Josiah, July 25, 1698. The last named married Deborah Abbott, and John married Huldah Ells.

Samuel Brockett (2nd), son of Samuel, was married, April 15, 1699, to Rachel Brown, who died Jan. 24, 1718, and on Aug. 5, 1718, he married Elizabeth Howe. In his family were the following children: Titus, who was born June 28, 1700, and wedded Mary Turnhand; Sarah, born Aug. 26, 1702; Isaac, who was born Sept. 3, 1705, and was married, June 16, 1733, to Mary Sedgwick; Rachel, born March 20, 1708; Abigail, born Feb. 11, 1711; and Samuel, born June 21, 1714.

Samuel Brockett (3rd), son of Samuel (2nd), married and by his wife, Ruth, became the father of six children, namely: Eunice, born Jan. 15, 1744; Zuer, born March 24, 1746; Joel, born June 14, 1749, died in infancy; Joel, born July 28, 1750, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war; Zenas,

born July 12, 1752; and Benjamin, born Oct. 1, 1760.

Zenas Brockett, son of Samuel (3rd), was born and reared in Wallingford, and when a young man came to Waterbury, locating on what is now known as Brockett Hill, near Pearl Lake, where he purchased a large tract of land from the Indians for a small consideration. He was a farmer by occupation, and was well known and highly respected as a man of sterling integrity, upright and true in all his dealings, and he was beloved by all who knew him. He was one of the first members of the Baptist Church in the town of Waterbury, in which he served as deacon. Before the Baptist Church in Waterbury was organized, there being no church of that denomination nearer than Wallingford, he would go sixteen miles to that town to worship, in the absence of roads finding his way through the thick forest by marked trees. He would transact no business on Sunday. He gave a small piece of land for the cemetery now known as the Brockett cemetery, and the first bodies buried there were those of his grandchildren of the Potter family. He died on his farm on Brockett Hill, and was also laid to rest there by the side of his wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Abigail Johnson, of Wallingford. They had eight children: Chloe, born July 15, 1781, was the mother of our subject; Anna, born June 3, 1783, married Benjamin Farrell; Peter, born Sept. 17, 1784; Abigail, born Jan. 21, 1787, died Sept. 16, 1787; Abigail (2nd), born July 1, 1788; Rebecca, born April 30, 1790, married Loveland Judd in 1812; Rhoda, born Sept. 24, 1792, married Jesse Wooster; and Zenas, born April 28, 1794, died May 14, 1794.

Frank Potter, whose name introduces this review, received a district school education, and at the age of fifteen years began his business career as a buttonmaker, working in the ivory button shops of Union City, Waterbury and Bridgeport, Conn., for over a quarter of a century. Since then he has given his entire time and attention to farming and market gardening on the old homestead at Pearl Lake, where he has made many useful and valuable improvements.

In Waterbury, Feb. 20, 1850, Mr. Potter was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Chase, a native of New Preston, and a daughter of Chauncey and Clarissa (Clemens) Chase. She died of heart trouble Aug. 6, 1898, and was laid to rest in the Brockett cemetery. To them were born three children: (1) Edna C. married William Snagg, of Waterbury, and they have four children, Gertrude, a stenographer and typewriter; Anna, a school teacher; Burton; and Adella. (2) Adella married John Buchanan, of Simonsville, and they have one child, Frank, who is studying dentistry in Philadelphia. (3) Frank, the youngest child of our subject, died at the age of two years and a half. Mr. Potter also had an adopted son, Frederick, now



deceased, who married Fanny Lum; for her second husband she wedded Samuel Clark, and they make their home with our subject. Their children are Helen and Marion M.

In early life Mr. Potter affiliated with the Democratic party, but since the Civil war has been a staunch Republican. He is a temperance man and active member of the Second Baptist Church of Waterbury, in which he has served as deacon for the past five years. He has been a member of the school committee, and has always given his support to those enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his town or county. He is therefore numbered among the valued and useful citizens of his community, and by all who know him he is held in high regard.

**JOHN JUSTUS WARNER**, a well-known farmer and highly-esteemed citizen of Cheshire, New Haven county, was born in the town of Hamden, this county, Sept. 8, 1840, son of Alonzo and Ruth Ann (Chatfield) Warner, and grandson of Simeon T. and Cynthia T. (Tuttle) Warner. The grandfather was also a native of Hamden and a farmer by occupation. His children were Alonzo; Emma; James, a sea captain; Truxon; Vina; and Justus.

Alonzo Warner, father of our subject, was born in 1812 in Hamden, and there passed his boyhood and youth. He was married in Bethany, this county, but continued to make his home throughout life in Hamden, where he died in 1892. His widow is still living, and resides in Birmingham, Conn. In their family were seven children, namely: Charles, who was a member of the 10th Conn. V. I. during the Civil war, and now resides on the old home farm in Hamden; John Justus, our subject; Sarah, wife of Wales Chatfield, of Oxford; George William, of New Haven, now deceased; Emma, Mrs. Daniel Holbrook, of Ansonia; Frank, a resident of Florida; and Birdsey, a resident of Ansonia.

In the town of his nativity John Justus Warner grew to manhood and attended school. Later he engaged in farming there until after the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted, in September, 1861, in Company K, 6th Conn. V. I., for three years, as a teamster. He was appointed wagonmaster under Gen. Sherman's command at Port Royal, S. C.; was at City Point, Va.; and later was under Gen. Grant at Bermuda Hundred, Fort Fisher and Raleigh, N. C. On the expiration of his three years term of enlistment he was honorably discharged in Virginia, in September, 1864, and later served in the government employ as a civilian wagonmaster until the close of the war, looking after teams, having wagons painted, and keeping everything in order. When hostilities ceased and his services were no longer needed he returned to Hamden and resumed farming. For some time he made his home in Bethany, where he still owns a good farm, but in 1896 he came to Cheshire and purchased the

Daniel Humiston farm, upon which he has since successfully engaged in agriculture.

In 1866, in Hamden, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary E. Smith (widow of Edgar Smith), who was born in Bethany, a daughter of Kneeland and Ann (Andrews) Downs, natives of Wolcott and Bethany, respectively. Mr. Warner and his wife have four children: John, who is married and lives in New Haven; Minnie, now Mrs. Harry Munson, of Cheshire; Burton; and Marshall. Socially Mr. Warner is a member of Admiral Foote Post, No. 1, G. A. R., of New Haven, and politically he is identified with the Republican party. He served as assessor in the town of Bethany, and his duties of citizenship have always been most faithfully and conscientiously discharged.

**HENRY BEVERLY HALL** was born May 31, 1835, in South Main street, Wallingford, a son of John Parsons Hall, whose birth occurred Nov. 18, 1808, in Wallingford, where he died June 4, 1894.

The father of our subject was a farmer, and at one time in his life manufactured razor strops and combs. A Whig in early life, he became a Republican on the formation of the party, and served on the school committee. A member of the Congregational Church, he stood well in the community. A home man in every sense of the word, the domestic virtues strongly prevailed in his character, and to his family he was all a husband and a father should be. Mr. Hall and Miss Eunice Hotchkiss were married Oct. 20, 1833. Mrs. Hall was born July 9, 1812, a daughter of Timothy Hotchkiss, of Wolcott. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall were born the following children: (1) Henry Beverly is mentioned below. (2) John Randolph, born in 1837, died in Chicago June 4, 1893, while in attendance upon the World's Fair, representing the William Rogers Mfg. Co. For many years he was a wholesale dealer in notions and hosiery in New York. (3) Frederick Hotchkiss, born July 28, 1849, lives in New York City, where he is connected with the wholesale house of Porter Brothers. He married Miss Agnes Hall, daughter of Joel Hall. (4) Charles S. is mentioned below.

Dr. Rice Hall, the grandfather of the above named children, was born in Wallingford May 8, 1784, and followed farming. He was also extensively engaged in teaming, before the era of railroads, running an express between Wallingford and New Haven. A man of strong convictions, he was a staunch Whig, and a devout member of the Congregational Church. It is said that he only missed one service in fifty years, and that was caused by an accident which compelled him to stay at home.

Henry Beverly Hall was born in Wallingford, where he received his education in the common school. For one year he was a student in Rus-



seil's Military School, New Haven. Leaving school when nineteen years of age, he helped his father on the farm for about two years, when he went to the city of New York to take a position as entry clerk with the jobbing house of John L. Hinchman & Co., later on becoming a partner in the concern. In 1874 he returned to Wallingford to clerk for Leonard B. Bishop, the proprietor of an agricultural implement store in New Haven, Conn. After a year with that gentleman Mr. Hall secured a position as traveling salesman for the R. Wallace & Sons Manufacturing Co., being the first representative of that company to go on the road. For ten years he remained with them, covering the territory from Maine to Kansas City, and from Canada to Kentucky. Mr. Hall's next engagement was with Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., and he was their representative in New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore. After one year spent with that house, Mr. Hall went on the road in the interest of the Bristol Brass & Clock Co., continuing with them for four years. At the present time he is devoting all his thought and care to his extensive real estate interests. In 1893 Mr. Hall was one of the originators of the Biggins-Rodgers Co., manufacturers of all kinds of hollow ware, and employing about fifty hands. Mr. Hall is secretary of that corporation. Our subject is a strong Republican, and active in political affairs. He was elected warden in 1896, again in 1897, and a third time in 1899. An attendant of the First Congregational Church, he takes a deep interest in the welfare of the church, and is a liberal supporter of its principles.

Mr. Hall and Miss Susan Parker were married Oct. 17, 1866. They had no children. Mrs. Hall was born May 25, 1835, daughter of Dr. Lyman Parker, who practiced medicine in Wallingford. She died July 19, 1892.

CHARLES STORRS HALL was born Nov. 13, 1852, in Wallingford, obtained his early education in the public schools of that city, and supplemented same by a year in Hopkins Preparatory School, and another year in French's Private School. At the age of nineteen he left school and secured a clerkship in New York with the firm of Tooker, Waring & Co., dealers and jobbers in Yankee notions and hosiery, in which concern his brother Henry B. was a partner. He remained there about seven years, and for the last year and a half that he was in New York clerked for Hall & Co., dealers and jobbers in the same line. About 1880 he came to Wallingford, and took a place in the postoffice under Judge Hubbard, which position he held for a year and a half. For the next three years he was connected with Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co. as order filling and stock clerk. Mr. Hall was then connected with the Domestic Manufacturing Co. for about three years, as order filling clerk, and had charge of the stock department. In 1890 he entered the postoffice as assistant to Postmaster W. Burr Hall. When Mr.

Hall retired and Mr. Jones assumed the duties of the office Mr. Hall was still continued as assistant postmaster. On Feb. 1, 1898, he was appointed postmaster, entering upon the duties of the position the 1st of the following month. Mr. Hall was instrumental in securing free delivery in Wallingford while assistant to Postmaster George T. Jones. As postmaster Mr. Hall is very efficient. In September, 1900, he succeeded in introducing free delivery throughout the town of Wallingford. Charles S. Hall is a staunch Republican, and has never hesitated at any labor in behalf of the party organization. From 1880 to 1894 he was on the Republican town committee, and for nine years served as its chairman. In religion Mr. Hall is a Congregationalist, while his wife attends the Baptist Church.

On June 14, 1894, Mr. Hall married Miss Flora A. Fordham, of Essex, Conn., a daughter of Theodore P. Fordham, a prominent surveyor and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of two children: Randolph Fordham, born Nov. 7, 1896, and Theodore Parsons, born Dec. 18, 1898. Mr. Hall belongs to the N. E. O. P., the Masonic fraternity and the Pilgrim Fathers. He was a charter member of the local lodge of the last named order, as he was of Robert Wallace Court, No. 123.

JAMES CALLAN, the efficient superintendent of the tube department of the Holmes, Booth & Hayden Manufacturing Co.'s extensive works in Waterbury, was born April 12, 1841, in Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland, son of John and Jane (Fleming) Callan, who were born in the same place.

John Callan, the son of a farmer, was a weaver by trade. He and his wife had eleven children, of whom all save two reached mature years, and of the other nine three—Adam, William and James—came to Connecticut. Adam is now a machinist in Waterbury. William died in New Haven.

James Callan attended school in his native town until ten years old, at which age he lost his father. His mother having a large family to care for, he was obliged to exercise his best activities in providing for himself and in aiding in the support of his mother and the little ones at home. He labored on the farm until twenty years of age, when he went to Glasgow, where he found employment in a store for some time, and then, in 1871, came to America and to Waterbury, where he has ever since been employed by the Holmes, Booth & Hayden Co., with the exception of two and a half years passed with the Randolph & Clows Co.

In 1866 Mr. Callan married Elizabeth Harriott, who was born near Edinburgh, Scotland, a daughter of William and Alice Stratton, and to this union six children have been born, viz.: John, William H., Adam, James A., Alice H. and George S., all still living. John and William H. are married.

In politics Mr. Callan was a Liberal in the old country, and since coming to America has been a



Republican. He is very popular with his party, and has represented the Third ward of Waterbury in the common council two terms, while a member of this body serving on the committee on Lights and Lamps at the time the first electric lights were placed in the city. He has just concluded a term of two years in the board of aldermen, has been re-elected for a similar term, and is now vice-president of the board.

As a Freemason Mr. Callan stands very high. He was "made" a Mason in Scotland in 1859, and has attained to the Mystic Shrine. He affiliates with Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., of Waterbury, of which he was three years master; with Eureka Chapter, of which he has been high priest three years, and at the present time is grand high priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Connecticut; he also holds membership in Clark Commandery. He is a charter member of the Third Congregational Church, which his family also attend. Socially they all are held in the highest estimation by their neighbors and acquaintances, and they have made hosts of friends during their residence in Waterbury.

**WILLIAM COOK WILLIAMS, M. D.**, deceased, who was for many years a leading physician of Cheshire, was born Aug. 21, 1828, in Roxbury, Conn., the eldest son of William Chauncey Williams, M. D., and his wife, Julia White Cook. Through his father he was descended from Robert Williams, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., in 1637, and on his mother's side from Major Aaron Cook, who located at Dorchester, Mass., in 1630.

Robert Williams was born in England about the year 1593, perhaps in Norwich, County of Norfolk, and was married before coming to America to Elizabeth Stratton. He disembarked at Boston, with his wife and several children, in the year 1637. Before the close of that year he had joined the neighboring settlement at Roxbury, and, this early, his name and that of his wife are found upon the records of Roxbury Church, to which the Rev. John Eliot then ministered. He was there made a freeman, May 2 of the following year. That he was a staunch and typical Puritan, whose scruples forbade his conformity with the tenets of the Established Church in England, during the intolerant reign of the first Charles, and encouraged his departure thence for Massachusetts Bay, where he could the more freely exercise his individual rights of conscience, may readily be believed from the single glimpse had of him, as signer of the petition to the governor of the Colony, in 1672, in censure of Harvard College. He was one of the five townsmen or selectmen in 1647 and 1653, and was interested in the early founding of schools in Roxbury. Ellis speaks of him as "one of the most influential men in the town affairs," and Farmer calls him "the common ancestor of the divines, civilians and warriors of the name who have honored the country

of their birth." His wife, Elizabeth, died July 28, 1674, aged eighty years. He married Nov. 3, 1675, for his second wife, Margaret, widow of John Fearing, and upon her death he married, according to tradition, a Martha Strong, who died Dec. 22, 1707, aged ninety-two. His last will and testament is dated Nov. 26, 1685, and was probated Sept. 29, 1693. He died at Roxbury, Sept. 1, 1693, aged one hundred years.

Capt. Isaac Williams, born Sept. 1, 1638, baptized in September, 1638, in Roxbury, Mass., married in 1660, for his first wife, Martha Park, born March 2, baptized March 13, 1643, the third daughter of Deacon William and Martha (Holgrave) Park, of Roxbury. In 1661 he settled in Cambridge village, now Newton, Mass., and was there made freeman in 1685. He and his wife were among the earliest members of the first church instituted at Cambridge village, and he was afterward deacon therein. He served as captain of a military company and was selectman, 1691-93, and deputy to the General Court, 1692, 1695, 1697, 1699, 1701 and 1705. In 1706 he was chosen with two others on the first school committee. His wife died Oct. 24, about the year 1676, aged thirty-four. He married, Nov. 13, 1677, for his second wife, Judith Cooper, of Taunton, Mass., who died in 1724, aged seventy-six. He died Feb. 11, 1707, aged sixty-eight, and was buried under arms by the Company of Foot, at Newton, Feb. 14, 1707. His last will and testament bears date Jan. 31, 1704, but was set aside by the court for undue influence, July 27, 1708, on petition of disaffected heirs.

Isaac Williams, born Dec. 11, 1661, baptized March 11, 1662, in Cambridge village, Mass., married, about 1685, for his first wife, Elizabeth Hyde, born Sept. 4, 1659, the eldest daughter of Jonathan and Mary (French) Hyde, of Cambridge village. They were both early members of the church in Cambridge village, in which settlement he continued to reside until within a few years of his decease. He was captain of the military company at Newton and selectman for that town, 1734. His wife, Elizabeth, died June 26, 1699, aged thirty-nine years. He married, in 1709, for his second wife, Mary, widow of Nathaniel Hammond, Jr., and, upon her death, a third wife, Hannah. He soon afterward removed to Roxbury, where he died June 27, 1739, aged seventy-seven. His last will and testament is dated Dec. 12, 1738.

Ebenezer Williams was born Oct. 16, 1691, in Newton, whence he early removed to settle in Lebanon, Conn., soon after its organization as a town. The deed for his first purchase of land is dated Nov. 17, 1718. He was married there on July 27, 1721, to Mary, eldest daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Veach, of Lebanon. His name is found on the records of Lebanon (Goshen) Church as a member thereof, April 2, 1732, and upon the records of the town as a lieutenant and selectman, 1736 and 1738. His last will and testament is dated March







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5, 1740, and he died Aug. 6, 1740, aged forty-eight years. His widow died prior to March 25, 1782, at which date letters of administration were granted upon her estate to Jonathan, the eldest son.

Veach Williams, born April 23, 1727, baptized April 29, 1727, in Lebanon, was married Oct. 12, 1753, to Lucy Walsworth, born Dec. 3, 1732, fourth daughter of William and Mary (Avery) Walsworth, of Groton, Conn. He resided in Lebanon from birth until death, and the names of both himself and wife appear on the records of the Third (or Goshen) Church as admitted to membership Nov. 24, 1776. He was captain of a company of Connecticut Colonial militia, and for the fourteen consecutive years from 1765 to 1778, inclusive, was townsman or selectman, together with Jonathan Trumbull, governor of the Colony, William Williams, signer of the Declaration of Independence, Hon. Joshua West, Capt. Seth Wright, and one or two others, who constituted the remaining members of that board during the greater part of this period. Here, at the home of the governor of the Colony and of the speaker of the Colonial House of Representatives, at a time when all was busy preparation in anticipation of an eventful war, it may be presumed those called into the service of the town were its most patriotic and representative citizens. He was deputy to the General Court of Connecticut in 1785. His last will and testament bears date of Oct. 27, 1795, and his death occurred Sept. 11, 1804, at the age of seventy-seven. His wife Lucy died Aug. 10, 1795, aged sixty-two years.

William Williams, born Aug. 2, baptized Aug. 8, 1762, in Lebanon, married May 20, 1784, for his first wife, Lydia, daughter of Samuel Williams, of Lebanon. She died June 22, 1790, aged twenty-six. He married, in 1793, for his second wife, Lydia, daughter of Joseph Loomis, of Lebanon. William Williams was a farmer in Lebanon, and served as a member of the House of Representatives in the Connecticut Legislature, session of 1813. He died Nov. 5, 1818, aged fifty-six. His widow, Lydia, died in Lebanon, Nov. 5, 1861, aged ninety years.

Dr. William Chauncey Williams, born Oct. 23, 1800, was baptized Jan. 25, 1801, in Lebanon. He married, June 7, 1827, Julia White Cook, daughter of Aaron Cook, of Ashford, Conn. He was a physician, and was entered as a student of medicine, about 1820, with Dr. Stephen Hubbard, of Pomfret, Conn. He was an undergraduate in the Medical Department of Yale College in 1821-22, and removed in 1829 to Manchester, Conn., where he remained in active practice until his death. He received the degree of M. D. from Yale College in 1841. He died Oct. 6, 1857, aged fifty-six years, and his widow died July 19, 1875, aged sixty-seven.

Dr. William Cook Williams, the subject of this sketch, received his preparatory education at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., and was graduated from the Yale Medical School in 1850. On June 19, 1850, he married Lucinda, daughter of

Beman Fairchild, of Brookfield, Conn., a descendant of Thomas Fairchild, one of the first settlers of Stratford, Conn. Their children were William Edward, who died at the age of twenty-one years; George Clinton Fairchild and Elizabeth Julia, both of whom are living.

Immediately after his graduation Dr. Williams began the practice of medicine in New Hartford, Conn. In 1851 he removed to New Milford and thence, in 1854, to Cheshire, where he remained in active practice through the remainder of his life. The following remarks concerning his professional career are quoted from the "Obituary Record of Graduates of Yale University," published in June, 1894: "He had by far the most extensive practice of all physicians ever located in that place (Cheshire), including a large clientele in all the surrounding towns. His success in his profession was phenomenal, and he left the remarkable record of having never lost an obstetrical case in all his long career. He was gifted with the faculty of inspiring patients with confidence in his skill, while his geniality and cheerfulness made him welcome in the sick room as a friend as well as a physician." In his method of practice he was liberal, and did not limit his resources for the treatment of disease by allegiance to any of the "schools" of medicine.

In other respects he was equally broad-minded and progressive. He never interested himself in politics and would not accept political office, but was among the foremost in supporting and encouraging all measures for the public welfare and for the benefit of his town. In the early years of his residence in Cheshire he took a lively interest in public matters. He was active in the religious work of the Congregational Church, of which he was a member, and he bore a prominent part in the organization and maintenance of a Young Men's Christian Association under the auspices of which courses of lectures were delivered—an organization which made, in many ways, a marked beneficial impress upon the young men of that time. He delivered lectures on anatomy and physiology at the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, and contributed articles to the public press. He was the means also of securing to Temple Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., the restoration of its charter, which was surrendered during the dark days of free-masonry in this country, and he was the first master of that lodge after the charter was restored. During his later years, as the demands of an extensive practice absorbed his time and bore heavily upon him, he withdrew from other affairs and devoted his energies exclusively to his professional work. His devotion to duty was absolute. He rarely took a vacation. With him the interests of his patients were first and personal welfare a secondary consideration. Despite the wearing effects of much continuous work, he was always cheery and jovial, never failing in sympathy for the suffering, and ever ready with jest or anecdote to cheer the dispirited



and to brighten the irksome days of convalescence. He was a trustee of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association of Connecticut, a director in various business enterprises, and, to the time of his death, post surgeon and medical examiner of his district. On May 18, 1894, he died of septicæmia, contracted in the course of professional work. He was a "beloved physician," and he will be long remembered as an able and conscientious physician, a wise and trusted counselor, a firm friend, a genial companion, and a moral and upright man.

**RANSOM CHIPMAN** (deceased) was in his day one of the most progressive and highly respected residents of Waterbury. He traced his descent from one of the earliest of the New England Colonists.

Thomas Chipman, the first of this family to come to America, was born in Dorchester, England, in 1570. John Chipman, his son, was born in the same place, and came to America in 1630. In 1646 he here married Hope, daughter of John Howland, and granddaughter of Gov. John Carver, the two last named passengers on board the famous "Mayflower." Twelve children were born to this union. John Chipman was an elder in the church at Barnstable, Mass., and was a deputy, or representative, to the General Assembly of the Colonies. Deacon Samuel Chipman, of Barnstable, son of John and Hope (Howland), was born in 1661, and died in 1723. His son, Samuel Chipman, also called "Deacon," of Barnstable, was born in 1680, and died in 1780. John Chipman, of Stratford, Conn., was born in 1728, son of Deacon Samuel (2), and his son, Joseph Chipman, was the father of Samuel Chipman. Samuel Chipman became the father of eleven children, including Sherman B. and Daniel L. Chipman, of Waterbury (whose sketches are given in full elsewhere), and Ransom Chipman, whose name stands at the opening of this memoir, and who, it will be seen, was of the eighth generation of the Chipman family in America.

Ransom Chipman was born in 1819, in what is now called Town Plot, and passed his early days on the home farm. He began the active business of life by making regular trips to New Haven with his father, Samuel Chipman, who was then a stage driver to that city. Many thousands of dollars were in this manner transferred to New Haven, there being at that time no bank in Waterbury. When he was about thirty-five Mr. Chipman entered the employ of Holmes, Booth & Hayden, manufacturers, and for twenty-five years was foreman of the rolling department of their immense concern, a reliable indication of his steady-going habits and executive ability.

Ransom Chipman was twice married. By his first wife, Charlotte Hurd, of Newtown, Conn., he had three children, viz.: Harriet R., who married George Speer, of Bridgeport; Edgar H., foreman in Holmes, Booth & Hayden's factory, Waterbury; and

Charlotte M., who married Hollis D. Segur, of Waterbury, a native of Suffield, and a representative of one of the oldest families in New England, the Segurs having been among the early settlers of Hartford. Mrs. Charlotte (Hurd) Chipman died, and in 1857 Ransom Chipman wedded, for his second wife, Martha Beach, who was born in Hartland, Conn., a daughter of Elias and Betsie (Hayden) Beach, both also natives of Hartland. Col. Nathaniel Hayden, father of Mrs. Betsie Beach, was colonel of his training district, and was quite a prominent agriculturist. He married Sallie Ransom. The Beach family descended from William Beach, who settled in America in 1640; Elias Beach was a son of Zopher, who was born in Goshen, Conn. To the second marriage of Mr. Chipman no children were born.

Mr. Chipman was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years was a trustee of the society. He died in this faith Oct. 31, 1884, and no citizen's decease was ever more deeply deplored by the residents of Waterbury. Possibly no more fitting tribute can be paid to his memory than the following obituary notice, published in the *Waterbury American* immediately after his demise:

"In the death of Ransom Chipman his wife loses a good husband, his children a kind and faithful father, and the community at large a generous and faithful citizen. Ever ready to give in a good cause, hundreds have reason most substantial for blessing his memory. In the beautiful Riverside cemetery we have laid away all that remains of our loved friend—the friend of the poor, and the man whose life will in many respects serve as a worthy model for the youths of to-day. Peace to his ashes, blessed be his memory."

The honored widow of Mr. Chipman still makes her residence in Waterbury, and is passing her days in retirement, surrounded by a host of loving friends, and devoting her time to acts of kindly charity.

**RICHARD WOODWARD** (deceased), for many years a highly respected citizen of East Haven, was a native of that town, born Jan. 17, 1815, in the house now occupied by his daughter.

Hezekiah Woodward, his father, was born on the same farm Jan. 13, 1763, it being the home of the grandfather, who was born in 1742. The latter was a grandson of Rev. John Woodward, who was graduated from Cambridge College in 1693, and was ordained a minister Dec. 6, 1699. Both the father and grandfather of our subject took up arms against the mother country and aided the Colonies in achieving their independence during the Revolutionary war. Hezekiah Woodward married Asenath Bradley, who died in the fall of 1854, and his death occurred May 21, 1815.

Throughout his active business life Richard Woodward engaged in farming upon the old homestead in East Haven, and he was numbered among the leading and prominent citizens of that town. He married Miss Annie M. Potter, who was born June



17, 1815, a daughter of James Potter. She died in August, 1855, and Mr. Woodward departed this life Aug. 25, 1855. To them were born three children: Mary A., who is mentioned below; George R., who served for three years as a member of the 10th Conn. V. I. during the war of the Rebellion, and died in 1867; and James, who died at the age of two years.

On May 9, 1860, Miss Mary A. Woodward was united in marriage with Collis B. Granniss, who was born Nov. 13, 1830, on the farm in East Haven where his brother Lyman now lives, and is now successfully engaged in dairy farming on the old Woodward homestead. He has served as school treasurer for several years, and for fifteen years has been a deacon in the Congregational Church, of which he and his wife are active and prominent members. They have one child, Mary W., who was born Aug. 19, 1867, and was married Oct. 27, 1891, to Andrew P. Allen, who was born Sept. 24, 1861. This union has been blessed by one daughter, Estelle M., born June 18, 1893, in New Haven. Mr. Allen resides with Mr. and Mrs. Granniss, aiding in the operation of the farm. The family are widely and favorably known, and are quite prominent in the community where they make their home.

**DUDLEY FAMILY.** (I) William Dudley, one of the original settlers of Guilford, and a signer of the Plantation Covenant, was born at Richmond, County of Surrey, England. He was a member of Rev. Henry Whitfield's Church and parish at Ockley, in Surrey, where he married Aug. 24, 1636, Miss Jane Lutman. They came with Mr. Whitfield's company to America in 1639, and their eldest child, William, was born at sea, during the voyage. On their arrival at Guilford they established their home on the east side of what is now Fair street, where Dr. R. B. West now lives. William Dudley's homelot contained three and one-fourth acres, and he had also considerable outlying land. He was a farmer as appears by his will and inventory. He died March 16, 1683-84, and his wife on May 1, 1674. They had five children: (1) Deacon William, born at sea June 8, 1639, died in May, 1701; he married Nov. 4, 1661, Mary Stow. He removed in 1670 to Saybrook, Conn. (2) Joseph, sketch of whom follows. (3) Ruth, born April 20, 1645, married June 20, 1664, John Whittlesey, of Saybrook. (4) Deborah, born Sept. 20, 1647, died in October, 1681. In June, 1671, she married Ebenezer Thompson, who died in May, 1674. They had two children—Jabez, born Oct. 16, 1672; and John, born in November, 1674. She married for her second husband Thomas Scranton, who died Nov. 10, 1711, and they had two children—Samuel, who married Elizabeth Bishop, and Hannah, who married Joseph Everts. (5) There was another child, whose name is not known.

(II) Joseph Dudley, second son of William and

Jane (Lutman) Dudley, was born at Guilford April 24, 1643, and died there June 3, 1712. He married Oct. 6, 1670, Ann Robinson, daughter of Thomas and Mary Robinson. He was a cooper by trade, also a farmer, and owned part of a sawmill which he bequeathed to his son Caleb. He lived, probably, on the homestead of his father on Fair street. His father mentions him in his will as follows: "I give and bequeathe to my son Joseph Dudley, all my housings and lands and rights of lands in Guilford, etc." In 1691 he was chosen by the town "for the making of coffins on all occasions of death." At the time of his death the inventory of land, distributed to his six sons as designated by his will, amounted to £751, 10s, 6d. Movables, £166, 15s, 6d. Joseph Dudley had nine children: (1) Joseph, born June 11, 1671, died Feb. 22, 1726. He married July 27, 1704, Abigail Hubbard. (2) Benjamin, twin of Joseph, died Feb. 23, 1720; he married Jan. 5, 1703, Tabitha Avered. (3) Caleb, sketch of whom follows. (4) Joshua, born Dec. 17, 1674, died Jan. 29, 1750; he married Oct. 20, 1712, Sarah Perry, of Stratford. (5) Miles, born Dec. 17, 1676, died Aug. 10, 1753; he married Jan. 23, 1706, Rachel Strong, daughter of Thomas Strong, of Northampton, Mass. She died Jan. 4, 1769, aged ninety-three. (6) William, born Oct. 18, 1684, died Feb. 28, 1761; he married Ruth Strong, daughter of Thomas Strong, of Lyme; she died Sept. 18, 1743; and he married (second) Widow Rebecca Fisk, daughter of Joseph Elliot. (7) Anna, born in 1687, died April 27, 1687. (8) Mary married Joseph Wright, of Colchester, Conn. (9) Mercy married Josiah Bartlett, of Northampton, Massachusetts.

(III) Caleb Dudley, the third son of Joseph and Ann (Robinson) Dudley, was born in Guilford in June, 1673, and died March 20, 1730. He married June 23, 1700, Elizabeth Buck, of Wethersfield, who was born June 4, 1676, and died April 14, 1738. She was a daughter of Emanuel Buck and Mary (Kirby), and granddaughter of John Kirby, one of the first settlers of Middletown, Conn. Caleb Dudley was a farmer, and the first one of the Dudley name who made his home on "Clapboard Hill," the neighborhood afterward called "Dudleytown." His father, in his will, gave him the portion of his real estate lying in that vicinity. Caleb Dudley built his house on what is now (1902) the home-lot of Joseph E. Dudley (the old house stood a little west of Joseph E. Dudley's present home). It was afterward successively the home of his son Caleb; grandson Nathaniel; great-grandson John; and the birthplace of his great-great-grandchildren Hooker, Elon, John, Horace Dudley and Ruth (Dudley) Norton, the mother of Deacon J. W. Norton. The value of (III) Caleb Dudley's estate, as inventoried after his death, was £2,108. He had eight children, seven sons and one daughter: (1) Thomas, born April 23, 1701, died May 22, 1776; he married June 11, 1733, Abigail Seward, of Durham. (2) Caleb,





sketch of whom follows. (3) Ruth, born Dec. 28, 1704, died April 13, 1736; she married March 9, 1732, Samuel Evarts (Daniel, Daniel, John). (4) Daniel, born April 3, 1707, removed to Bethlehem, Conn.; he married Jan. 20, 1732, Joanna Rose, of Branford. (5) Josiah, born Aug. 30, 1709, died Oct. 20, 1755; married in 1738 Silence Dowd. He lived at East Guilford. (6) Samuel, born Dec. 4, 1711, died Nov. 10, 1789. He married May 3, 1738, Jane Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer and Ann (Morrison) Talman, and they had but one son, Samuel, born Nov. 27, 1747, who died Dec. 17, 1819, he married Hannah Evarts (Jonathan, Jonathan, James, James, John). Their only son Deacon Asher Dudley, born April 2, 1770, who died Oct. 27, 1862, was the father of Maria Dudley, born April 30, 1802, who married Oct. 13, 1819, Jonathan Parmelee. Samuel Dudley lived in (and probably built) the old house now occupied by his great-great-grandson, Charles E. Parmelee, west of the residence of Herbert E. Parmelee, in the Clapboard Hill District. (7) Noah, born Aug. 15, 1716, removed to Roxbury, Conn.; he married May 28, 1752, Submit Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Talman (Dr. Peter, Peter). (8) David, born Nov. 27, 1718, died Feb. 17, 1807; he married Feb. 17, 1742, Mary Talman, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Talman (Dr. Peter, Peter). They had one son who died young, and five daughters, one of whom, Anna, born April 13, 1752, married Timothy Field. They were the parents of Rev. David Dudley Field, D. D., born May 20, 1781.

(IV) Caleb Dudley, son of Caleb and Elizabeth (Buck) Dudley, was born in the Clapboard Hill District, Guilford, Nov. 20, 1702, and died Oct. 10, 1793. He married May 31, 1739, Hannah Stone, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Graves) Stone. He was a farmer, and lived upon the homestead of his father. Caleb Dudley had five children, all sons. The eldest died in infancy, and the others settled near their parents at Clapboard Hill. (1) Caleb, born Feb. 24, 1740, died in March, 1740. (2) Caleb (2), born July 24, 1741, died Sept. 14, 1802. (3) Abraham, sketch of whom follows. (4) Nathaniel, born Oct. 3, 1745, died Feb. 21, 1826; he married March 12, 1777, Mary Hart, daughter of Thomas and Concurrency (Bartlett) Hart. (5) Amos, born Nov. 3, 1747, married Feb. 27, 1771, Mary Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John). She died Aug. 23, 1797, aged forty-seven, and on July 15, 1799, he married (second) Deborah (Johnson), widow of Elon Lee. Of this family

(V) Caleb Dudley married Nov. 28, 1764, Hannah Evarts, daughter of Eleazer Evarts (Samuel, Judah, John). She died Sept. 6, 1765, aged twenty-one, leaving one child. (1) Caleb, born Aug. 28, 1765, who died June 30, 1815. Caleb Dudley married (second) Jan. 18, 1769, Anna Munger, daughter of Ebenezer, and they had five children: (2) Hannah, born Oct. 31, 1769, died Feb. 17, 1828

(married Jan. 13, 1790, John Griswold). (3) Anna, born May 11, 1773, died Aug. 20, 1866 (married Amos Bartlett; their daughter Ruth, born April 15, 1802, married Capt. George Bartlett). (4) Ruth, born July 19, 1777, died June 30, 1847 (married Peter Talman). (5) Abel, born Sept. 3, 1781, died March 11, 1821 (married Betsey Minor). (6) Huldah, born Oct. 29, 1784, married Timothy Terry, of Woodbury, Connecticut.

(V) Abraham Dudley, son of Caleb and Hannah (Stone) Dudley, was born March 2, 1743, and died July 24, 1818. He married Jan. 28, 1773, Deborah Cruttenden, daughter of Joseph Cruttenden (Joseph, Abraham, Abraham) and Lucy (Spencer). For some years after his marriage he lived in the "Sabbath Day House," on the west side of Guilford Green, near the present home of Rev. G. W. Banks; but some time between 1785 and 1790 he built and removed to the house nearly opposite his father's, now the home of his great-grandson, Charles A. Dudley. He was a farmer and weaver.

Abraham Dudley had three children: (1) Lucy, born August 3, 1775, died April 13, 1837; she married June 11, 1796, Deacon Asher Dudley (Samuel, Samuel, Caleb, Joseph, William). They had two children—Horace, born Nov. 10, 1798, was drowned July 9, 1810; Maria, born April 30, 1802, who died April 25, 1893, married Oct. 13, 1819, Jonathan Parmelee (see sketch of Parmelee family). (2) Deacon Abraham, born Feb. 2, 1779, died July 18, 1852. (3) Joel, born July 13, 1788, died Nov. 14, 1869. He married Dec. 8, 1814, Harriet Griswold, daughter of John Griswold and Hannah (Dudley) (Caleb, Caleb, Caleb, Joseph, William). She died Feb. 26, 1849, aged fifty-eight. They had four children—Hon. Lewis Joel, born Nov. 11, 1815, graduated Yale College in 1838; lived in Northampton, Mass. Henry Nelson, born Nov. 9, 1818, died Aug. 1, 1894; he married Maryette Minor, of Woodbury, and had two children, Katherine Minor and Harriet Griswold. Mary, born Dec. 29, 1820, died July 31, 1892, unmarried. Emily was born Sept. 17, 1825.

(VI) Deacon Abraham Dudley, the eldest son of Abraham and Deborah (Cruttenden) Dudley, was born Feb. 2, 1779, and died July 18, 1852. He married Dec. 8, 1802, Mary Bassett, who was born March 10, 1781 (died June 23, 1863), daughter of Elisha Bassett and Hannah (Stone) (Deacon Thomas, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, John), of East Guilford (now Madison). Abraham Dudley lived in the house built by his father, at Clapboard Hill, and like him was a weaver and farmer. In 1808 he and his wife united with the First Congregational Church, of which he was chosen a deacon Aug. 20, 1827; this office he held until his death, almost twenty-five years later. Deacon Abraham Dudley had three children: (1) Clarissa, born Dec. 23, 1804, died Dec. 10, 1873; she married Oct. 22, 1834, Joel Evarts, son of Nathaniel and Julia (Parmelee)



Evarts, of the Nutplains District. (2) George, sketch of whom follows. (3) Eliza, born March 2, 1810, died May 10, 1894, unmarried.

(VII) George Dudley, only son of Deacon Abraham and Mary (Bassett) Dudley, was born Nov. 30, 1807, and died Dec. 8, 1869. He married May 3, 1832, Lucy Evarts, who was born May 31, 1809, daughter of Nathaniel and Julia (Parmelee) Evarts, of the Nutplains District, and died Jan. 6, 1888. George Dudley lived in the house with his father till 1840, when he built and removed to the house on the opposite side of the street, now the home of Eli T. Dudley. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, with which he united in 1831, and his wife in 1827. He died at the age of sixty-two, after a week's illness with erysipelas, which developed in an injured limb. George Dudley had six children: (1) Lydia Clarissa, born Sept. 9, 1833, died Dec. 15, 1889, unmarried. (2) George Edwin, born Dec. 10, 1836, died July 16, 1847. He was drowned in East river while bathing. (3) Lucy Jennette, born Nov. 7, 1839, died Feb. 20, 1842. (4) Charles Ellsworth, born Feb. 11, 1842, died April 28, 1844. (5) Eliza Jennette was born Sept. 8, 1845. (6) Charles Abraham, sketch of whom follows.

(VIII) CHARLES ABRAHAM DUDLEY, born Aug. 14, 1849, became a farmer of the Clapboard Hill District, Guilford. He married April 10, 1872, Lucy E. Auger, born May 26, 1849, daughter of the late Deacon Phineas M. Augur, of Middlefield, Conn., who married May 7, 1846, Lucy Eliza Parmelee, daughter of the late Jonathan Parmelee, of Guilford (see sketch of Hon. Phineas M. Augur). Mr. Dudley lives in the house built by his great-grandfather, Abraham Dudley, between 1785 and 1790. He is a member of the First Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have had six children: (1) George Edwin, born July 12, 1873, died June 23, 1888; he was drowned in a vain attempt to save his brother. (2) Alice Lucy was born June 27, 1875. (3) Charles Parmelee, born May 19, 1877, died June 23, 1888; he was drowned in East river, while bathing. (4) Susan Marilla was born Dec. 11, 1878. (5) Arthur Augur was born Nov. 4, 1881. (6) Ruth Christine was born Oct. 9, 1891.

PARMELEE FAMILY. (1) John Parmelee, Sr., one of the original settlers of Guilford, Conn., and a signer of the Plantation Covenant, was one of the older men who came from England in Rev. Henry Whitfield's company, in 1639. His home-lot, consisting of one and one-half acres, embraced the land now occupied by the First Congregational Church and the buildings in the rear. Hannah, his first wife, was the mother of his children. He married (second) Widow Elizabeth Bradley, of New Haven, who after his death married, May 22, 1663, John Evarts, of Guilford. John Parmelee died in 1659 [Steiner's History of Guilford gives the date of his death as Nov. 8, 1659, but another record

says that his will was proved on that date]. His children were probably all born in England, and dates of birth are not known. The only ones of whom we find record are: (1) John, sketch of whom follows; (2) Hannah, who married Sept. 3, 1651, John Johnson, of New Haven, afterward of Guilford; and (3) Mary, who married Sept. 16, 1660, Dennis Crampton, and died March 16, 1667. Widow Elizabeth Bradley, second wife of John Parmelee, Sr., was the mother of Stephen and Nathan Bradley, who afterwards settled in Guilford.

(II) John Parmelee, Jr., born in England, son of John and Hannah Parmelee, came to Guilford in 1639. He had a home-lot on the east side of what is now State street, his house standing on or near the site of the house of the late J. Seymour Benton. He was the "town drummer," serving in that capacity on "training days," and from a very early period he beat the drum to call the people to church on Sabbath-days, and to summon them to town-meetings. He died in January, 1869. The first wife of John Parmelee, Jr., Rebecca, died Sept. 29, 1651, leaving one son, Nathaniel, born in 1645, who died in the Indian war; he married Sarah French, daughter of Thomas French. John Parmelee, Jr., married (second) in 1651 Widow Ann Plane, who died March 30, 1658. He and his third wife, Hannah, were married in February, 1659 (the maiden names of his first and third wives do not appear on any Guilford records). They had nine children: (2) John, born Nov. 25, 1659, died March 21, 1725; he married June 29, 1681, Mary Mason. (3) Joshua, born in 1664, died June 7, 1729. (4) Isaac, sketch of whom follows. (5) Hannah, born Nov. 5, 1667, married in November, 1688, Tappan Hill. (6) Stephen was born Dec. 6, 1669. (7) Job, born July 31, 1673, died March 6, 1765; he married Elizabeth Edwards. (8) Caleb was born in 1675. (9) Priscilla was born May 8, 1678. (10) Joel, born in 1679, died in July, 1748; he married June 30, 1706, Abigail Andrews, and lived in Durham.

(III) Isaac Parmelee, son of John Parmelee, Jr., and his third wife, Hannah, was born in Guilford Nov. 21, 1665, and died Jan. 23, 1749. He married Dec. 30, 1689, Elizabeth Hiland (or Highland), who was born June 18, 1666, daughter of George and Hannah (Cruttenden) Hiland, and died Jan. 3, 1746. They had nine children: (1) Ebenezer, born Nov. 28, 1690, died Sept. 27, 1777; he married July 24, 1718, Hannah Cruttenden, daughter of Abraham and Susannah (Kirby) Cruttenden. (2) Abraham, born May 18, 1692, died Sept. 19, 1752. (3) Joseph, sketch of whom follows. (4) Elizabeth, born Jan. 20, 1696, married April 8, 1718, Nathaniel Baldwin. (5) Sarah, born Aug. 11, 1699, died May 6, 1780; she married Oct. 17, 1720, Michael Hill. (6) Isaac, born May 20, 1702, died July 13, 1752; he married May 20, 1725, Elizabeth Evarts, daughter of Sergt. James Evarts.



(Daniel, John) and Anna (Bow). (7) Andrew, born July 20, 1704, died Aug. 7, 1794; he married Anna Craughton. (8) Rachel, born Nov. 18, 1707, died Nov. 9, 1793; she married June 27, 1739, Samuel Evarts, son of Daniel Evarts (Daniel, John) and Mary (West). (9) Josiah, born in December, 1709, died in August, 1739.

(IV) Joseph Parmelee, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hiland) Parmelee, was born at Guilford Sept. 14, 1694, and died April 14, 1750. He married Sept. 19, 1716, Abigail Kimberly, who was born July 28, 1696, daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah (Downs) Kimberly, of West Haven, Conn. Mrs. Parmelee died Nov. 28, 1763. They had six children: (1) Abigail, born Jan. 21, 1719, died Feb. 8, 1780; she married Caleb Bishop. (2) Joseph, born April 3, 1721, died in July, 1804. (3) William, sketch of whom follows. (4) Elizabeth, born Nov. 21, 1728, married Ebenezer Chittenden. (5) Beulah, born Aug. 30, 1732, died Sept. 16, 1818; she married Jan. 3, 1754, Nathaniel Elliott. (6) Samuel, born July 27, 1737, died Jan. 2, 1807.

(V) William Parmelee, son of Joseph and Abigail (Kimberly) Parmelee, was born in 1724, and died March 13, 1799. He united with the First Congregational Church in 1749. On June 6, 1749, he married Mary Rossiter, and they had five children: (1) Jerusha was born Feb. 27, 1750. (2) Eunice, born March 27, 1751, married Ebenezer Hopson. (3) William, born Dec. 12, 1752, died Dec. 31, 1835. (4) Nathaniel, born Oct. 6, 1754, died Nov. 17, 1828. (5) Amos, born Nov. 19, 1756, died Dec. 8, 1820. William Parmelee married (second) Dec. 17, 1764, Widow Mary (Kirby) Johnson, daughter of John and Hannah (Stow) Kirby, of Middletown, Conn. She was born in December, 1727, and married (first) Nov. 8, 1753, Amos Johnson, of Middletown, who died in camp at Lake George, in September, 1758, while serving in the French and Indian war. She died Feb. 13, 1813. William Parmelee and his second wife had three children: (1) Jonathan, sketch of whom follows. (2) Mary, born March 1, 1767, died March 7, 1854; she married Oct. 8, 1787, Thomas Hart, son of Thomas and Concurrence (Bartlett) Hart. (3) Eli, born May 28, 1772, died Jan. 27, 1805, unmarried; he was a sailor.

(VI) Jonathan Parmelee, son of William Parmelee by his second marriage, with Widow Mary (Kirby) Johnson, was born in Guilford Oct. 4, 1765, and died Dec. 7, 1835, aged seventy. He was a shoe-maker by trade, and lived in a house which stood just west of the residence of Isaac Kelsey, on Boston street. He married Feb. 15, 1792, Elizabeth Hart, who was born July 17, 1765, daughter of Thomas and Concurrence (Bartlett) Hart, of Guilford, and died Dec. 21, 1846. The graves of Jonathan and Elizabeth Parmelee are in one of the front lots of the west or oldest part of Alderbrook cemetery. They had seven children: (1) Jerusha, born Sept. 8, 1793, died Sept. 2, 1795. (2) Elisha,

born May 21, 1795, died July 21, 1821; he married Clarissa B. Elliot, daughter of Reuben and Grace (Fairechild) Elliot. (3) Sarah, born Feb. 28, 1797, died Oct. 31, 1884; she married (as third wife) April 30, 1851, Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D., of Bradford, Vt. (4) Jonathan, sketch of whom follows. (5) Mary, born Sept. 18, 1801, died Aug. 18, 1882; she married (as second wife) Charles E. Fowler. (6) Charles S., born Oct. 11, 1804, was a sailor, and was drowned at sea. (7) Eli, born June 7, 1808, died Aug. 28, 1882; he married Betsey Ann Benton, who was born May 8, 1808, daughter of Dan Lindley and Betsey (Seward) Benton, and died Nov. 10, 1891.

(VII) Jonathan Parmelee, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hart) Parmelee, was born Sept. 3, 1798, and died June 18, 1880, aged eighty-one years and nine months. He married Oct. 13, 1819, Maria Dudley, who was born April 30, 1802, and died April 25, 1893, being only five days less than ninety-one years of age. She was a daughter of Asher Dudley (Samuel, Samuel, Caleb, Joseph, William) and Lucy (Dudley) (Abraham, Caleb, Caleb, Joseph, William). They lived together sixty-one years and eight months. The fiftieth anniversary of their marriage (Oct. 13, 1869) was celebrated by a Golden Wedding, at which nearly one hundred guests were present, including all their children; all their grandchildren, except one; and a great-grandchild.

In his youth Jonathan Parmelee learned the shoemaker's trade with his father, but after his marriage was engaged as a farmer, and lived in the house built by his father-in-law, now the home of his grandson, Herbert E. Parmelee. In 1821 he and his wife united with the First Congregational Church, from which they were dismissed in 1843, with those who left to form the Third Congregational Church, of which they continued active members until their death. Two weeks after the organization of that church Jonathan Parmelee was chosen superintendent of the Sunday-school, and served faithfully in that relation for many years. After the marriage of his youngest son, Henry E., he left to him the care of the farm and removed to the borough, where he built a house south of the "Old Stone House," on Whitfield street. This house was destroyed by fire in 1898. There he was for many years connected with a fishing company, until obliged to give up work because of the infirmities of age. He was a genial, upright, Christian gentleman, universally respected and beloved. He died suddenly, of heart disease, having been in the street an hour or two before his death.

Jonathan and Maria (Dudley) Parmelee had a family of five children: (1) Horace Dudley Parmelee, born March 22, 1821, died Dec. 10, 1901. He married Oct. 20, 1842, Clarissa Chapman Seward, who was born Feb. 24, 1824, daughter of Samuel Lee Seward (Timothy, David, Deacon William, John, William) and Sarah (Bartlett), of



Guilford. Their children—(a) Charles Edward, born Oct. 28, 1844, a farmer of Guilford, married May 15, 1868, Ann E. Grosvenor, who was born May 15, 1849, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Oakley) Grosvenor; they had one child, Frank Ernest, born April 17, 1869, who died May 20, 1870. (b) William Henry, born Jan. 1, 1858, a merchant of South Norwalk, married Dec. 31, 1885, Mary E. Monroe, who was born Sept. 2, 1857, daughter of Beverly and Elizabeth (Fowler) Monroe; no children. (c) George Head, born Sept. 26, 1868, a lawyer of Johnstown, Pa., married April 22, 1891, Mary E. Bishop, who was born April 22, 1871, daughter of William C. and Abigail L. (Davis) Bishop; they have three children—Harry Bishop, born Jan. 23, 1892; Earle Lindley, Jan. 18, 1894; and William Horace, Jan. 21, 1897.

(2) Mary Maria Parmelec, born May 18, 1823, died Dec. 3, 1887. She married Sept. 11, 1845, Alfred G. Hull, who was born May 10, 1822, and died Jan. 31, 1894. He was a son of Joseph and Fanny (Chittenden) Hull, of Clinton, Connecticut.

(3) Lucy Eliza Parmelee, born July 15, 1825, died Jan. 4, 1895. She married May 7, 1846, Phineas Miller Augur, who was born Feb. 8, 1826, son of Phineas and Esther (Kirby) Augur, of Middlefield, Connecticut.

(4) Sarah Marilla Parmelee, born April 30, 1828, died Sept. 9, 1892. She married Dec. 3, 1858 (as his third wife), Josiah Pierson, son of Rev. Josiah Pierson, of Bergen, New York.

(5) Henry Elisha Parmelee, born Jan. 1, 1830, died Sept. 7, 1896. He married May 27, 1851, Georgiana Elvira Rossiter, who was born April 21, 1829, daughter of Theophilus and Eliza A. (Chittenden) Rossiter, of North Guilford. The former traced his line through William, Theophilus, Josiah, Dr. Bryan. Mrs. Eliza A. (Chittenden) Rossiter is descended from Amos, Jared, William, William, Thomas, William. Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Parmelee had three children: (1) Herbert Eugene, born Nov. 27, 1853, farmer and sawyer, married Oct. 31, 1888, Mary Potter, of North Guilford, who was born Nov. 6, 1862, daughter of Russell and Polly A. (Hull) Potter; they have one child, Sarah Elvira, born Oct. 29, 1889. (2) Ella Louisa, born June 23, 1855, died Sept. 12, 1857. (3) Edgar Pierson, born Oct. 16, 1859, farmer and sawyer, of Guilford, married Oct. 16, 1884, Helen Hill, of North Guilford, who was born July 17, 1863, daughter of George and Mary (Kimberly) Hill; they have three children—Mabel Maria, born Sept. 30, 1885; Ernest Eugene, born March 14, 1890; and Ella Hill, born Jan. 29, 1892.

HON. PHINEAS M. AUGUR (deceased), who in his lifetime was prominent in agricultural affairs of the State, and especially active in the Prohibition movement, being that party's candidate for governor at the last election before his death, was born Feb. 8, 1826, in the town of Middletown, Middlefield Society. Mr. Augur was in the sixth generation from

(I) Robert Augur, his first American ancestor, who came to the New Haven Colony from England. He was the son of John and Ann Augur, of London, England, and nephew (as shown by Nicholas Augur's will) of Nicholas Augur, a physician and trader at New Haven. Robert Augur was married Nov. 20, 1673, to Mary Gilbert, born June 11, 1651, daughter of Deputy Gov. Matthew Gilbert.

(II) John Augur, son of Robert, born Nov. 16, 1686, married July 1, 1710, Elizabeth Bradley, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Bradley, of East Haven, Connecticut.

(III) Isaac Augur, son of John and Elizabeth (Bradley) Augur, born about 1718, died July 2, 1808. On Oct. 25, 1748, he married Eunice Tyler, born Oct. 6, 1729, died Feb. 3, 1812; she was a daughter of Abraham and Eunice (Arnold) Tyler, of Haddam, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Augur lived in Haddam, and had twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom married and had children. One son, Felix, was the grandfather of the late Gen. C. C. Augur, of Washington, D. C. Prosper Augur, a sketch of whom follows, was the fourth child.

(IV) Prosper Augur, son of Isaac, born Jan. 18, 1756, married May 30, 1781, Thankful Miller, born Oct. 16, 1755, died Sept. 16, 1825. She was a daughter of Deacon Giles Miller, of Middlefield, Conn., who was a prominent man of that community, a descendant of Thomas Miller (through Joseph), who came from Massachusetts to Middletown, Conn., soon after its settlement, and located at South Farms. The children of Prosper Augur and his wife were: Elizabeth, who married Comfort Johnson; Sally, who married Luman Wetmore; Polly; and Phineas. The parents settled in Middlefield. Prosper Augur was self-educated, a man of sound mind, much stability of character, sterling integrity and great usefulness. He was for many years a deacon in the Congregational Church of Middlefield. He died Dec. 16, 1836.

(V) Phineas Augur, only son of Prosper, born Aug. 11, 1788, settled in the neighborhood of his father. On Oct. 29, 1821, he married Esther Kirby, of Upper Houses, Middletown (now the town of Cromwell), who was born June 24, 1790, and died April 16, 1872. At the age of sixteen years Mr. Augur commenced teaching school; at the close of his first examination, before Dr. David Dudley Field, of Haddam, the Doctor quoted Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth." After teaching very successfully for several years he died, Nov. 18, 1825, in early manhood. His only child (posthumous), Phineas Miller, was born Feb. 8, 1826.

(VI) Phineas M. Augur received a common-school education and later attended an academy. During his early life he was appointed surveyor for the county, and later deputy surveyor-general of Middlesex county. He made the first survey and maps of Middlefield, with the necessary post route,





which was used successfully in Washington, D. C., in obtaining a post office at Middlefield, by the late David Lyman. When the town of Middlefield was set off from Middletown, in 1866, Mr. Augur was chosen assessor, and made out the first assessment list of the town. At the same time he was chosen a member of the board of education, and held the place continually until his death, which occurred July 14, 1891. He served one term on the State board of education in 1869, and declined re-election. In 1869 he was elected to the General Assembly, serving on the committee on Incorporations, and several bills that he introduced now form part of the general statutes. When the Middlefield Farmers' Club was organized Mr. Augur became one of its leading lights. In 1872 he was elected pomologist by the State board of agriculture, and continued to serve in that capacity until his death; he made a collection of Connecticut products for the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. Mr. Augur was always an independent thinker, anti-slavery in old times. He believed in economy in government, and that good teaching should be given in the public schools and to children at home. He was faithful to Temperance reform, became an ardent Prohibitionist, was prominent in their gatherings, and was nominated for the highest office in the State by that party at the State convention some time prior to his death. He was for more than thirty years a deacon in the Congregational Church of Middlefield.

At the age of twenty Mr. Augur was married to Miss Lucy Eliza, daughter of the late Jonathan Parmelee, of Guilford. To them came children as follows: (1) Edwin Prosper, born Jan. 31, 1847, surveyor and civil engineer of the town of Middletown, Conn., was for twenty-nine years, from 1872 to 1901, city surveyor of Middletown. On May 20, 1869, he married Susan Buell Case, who was born April 16, 1848. (2) Lucy Elizabeth, born May 26, 1849, married April 10, 1872, Charles Abraham Dudley, born Aug. 14, 1849, of Guilford Conn. (3) Mary Eliza, born April 27, 1852, married Oct. 13, 1874, Horace Francis Dudley, born March 9, 1846, of Guilford, Conn. (4) Alfred Henry, born Feb. 5, 1855, married May 25, 1880, Anna Elizabeth Camp, born Oct. 18, 1855, daughter of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Hart) Camp, of Durham, Conn. He has been for several years town clerk of Middlefield. (5) Charles Parmelee, born Feb. 17, 1857, resides in Middlefield and is a florist, in business with his brother Alfred. He married Nov. 18, 1880, Ida Eulalie Bradley, who was born March 29, 1857, and died April 4, 1901. She was a daughter of Edward J. and Harriet (Wilcox) Bradley, of Westfield Society, Middletown.

LEWELLYN BEAUMONT, a prosperous farmer and stockman of the town of Wallingford, where his industrious habits and upright character have made him many friends, was born in that town Nov. 12, 1839; a son of John and Ann (Tyler)

Beaumont, well and favorably known in the early part of the last century in that locality. Mr. Beaumont received his education in the district school, and remained at home helping with the farm work until the outbreak of the Civil war. The appeal of his country for help in her hour of need found in him a ready response, and he enlisted in Company K, 15th Conn. V. I., serving throughout the war, and participating in numerous battles and engagements. He passed through all the scenes and experiences of that great struggle safely, and returned home to resume the occupations of peaceful life, thankful that the war had not been in vain, and that the Republic still lived. He settled down to farming on the place where he now lives, and has seventy acres of good land under cultivation, the intervening years having brought him the prosperity that is the reward of honest effort.

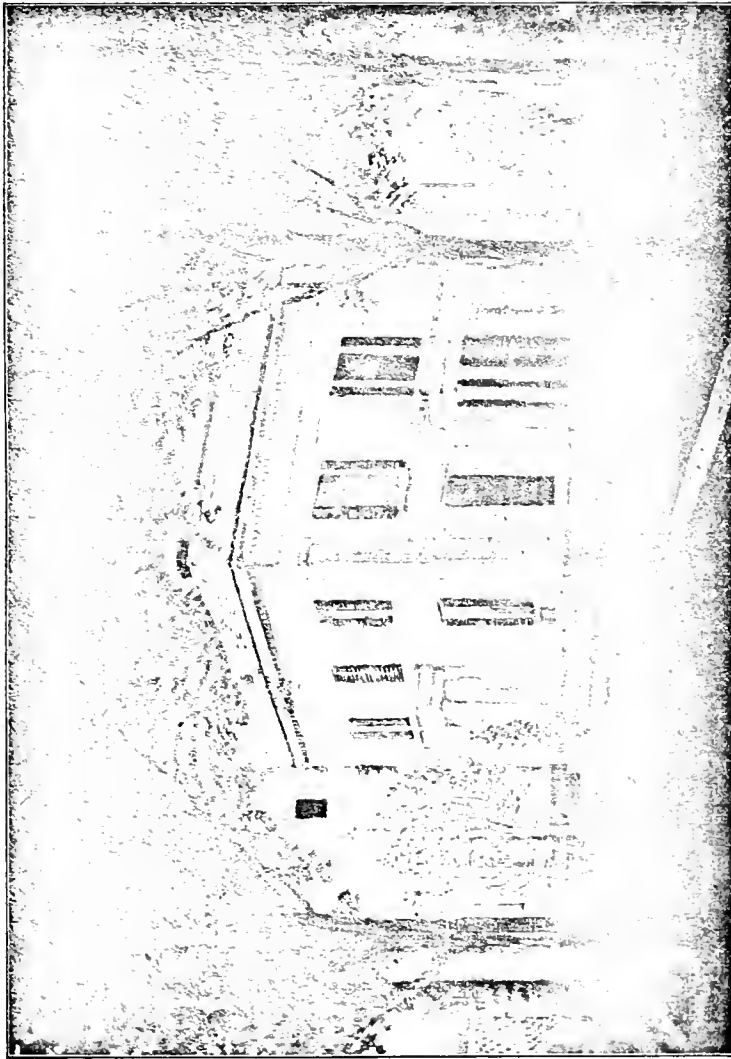
Mr. Beaumont has never married, and is a happy and contented gentleman, with a genial spirit. Well read on all questions of the day, he is a Republican with independent habits of thought. A hard-working man, he practices the strictest economy, and has a horror of debt. A good all-around man, with industrious habits and an honest spirit, is the judgment of all who know him.

ELIZUR EDWIN PRICHARD (deceased) was born in Waterbury, New Haven county, Sept. 19, 1804, of English descent, and was a member of one of the oldest families in New England, the genealogy of which may be traced to the Old World, as follows:

David Prichard, father of Elizur, was born in Waterbury, Oct. 24, 1775, and died Dec. 22, 1838. David Prichard, father of David, was born here also, April 7, 1737, and died Dec. 22, 1838. James Prichard, father of David (1), was born in Milford, Conn., was there baptized in 1698, and died Sept. 3, 1749. Benjamin Prichard, father of James, was born in Milford Jan. 31, 1657, and died April 9, 1743. Roger Prichard, father of Benjamin, was born in England (perhaps Wales), and lived in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1640, in Springfield in 1643, and in Milford in 1653. At the latter place he married Elizabeth, daughter of James Prudden, one of the original settlers of Guilford. He died in New Haven Jan. 26, 1670. All the family were agriculturists, but many of the members also followed some trade in connection with farming, and all were conspicuous as members of the Church of New England.

James Prichard, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to Waterbury in 1733, and settled where the old rink now stands, at the corner of Bank and Grand streets. He married, Dec. 25, 1721, Elizabeth Johnson, who was born in Stratford, Conn., Aug. 28, 1701, and died Dec. 10, 1797, the mother of seven children: James, George, Elizabeth, Isaac, John, David and Hannah. The family lived in the village of Waterbury, but the





PRICHARD HOMESTEAD.



father conducted a farm on the opposite side of the river. He was a man of wealth for his time and acquired much land. He died in the "great sickness" of 1749.

David Prichard, youngest son of James, was a farmer, cabinet-maker, carpenter and joiner. On Dec. 20, 1757, he married Ruth Smith, to which marriage were born ten children, viz.: Archibald, Ruth, Mariana, Philo, Sylvia, Mollie, Mollie (2), David, Damon and Sally. The father of this family lived to be over 101 years of age. When he heard that his favorite son, David, had died, he never spoke again. The remains of both were interred at one time.

David Prichard, Jr., son of David, married Nov. 9, 1797, Anna Hitchcock, a daughter of Benjamin Hitchcock. She died Feb. 17, 1860. David Prichard, Jr., was a cabinet-maker, which business he followed some forty years. He was also largely engaged in the manufacture of clocks, in which he did an extensive trade in the Southern States and Canada. He reared a family of nine children, born in the following order: Minerva, William, Julius S., Elizur E., Anna, Sally H., David, Samuel H. and Charlotte L. Of these, William and Julius S. went to Ohio. David graduated from Yale Medical School in 1832, practiced medicine in Madison, Conn., also in Ohio and New Jersey, and was in practice in Norwalk, Conn., at the time of his death, Oct. 30, 1868; he was a manufacturer of German silver spoons in Waterbury, Conn., and the first to make them in Waterbury; was also associated with Julius Hotchkiss, under the firm name of Hotchkiss & Prichard, in the manufacture of webbing, cotton, etc., and held other interests.

Elizur E. Prichard, the subject of this biography, grew to manhood in Waterbury. He married Betsey Cooper, who was born in Derby, this county, Oct. 25, 1805, a daughter of Asa and Hannah (Botsford) Cooper. The Botsfords trace their descent from Henry Botsford, one of the original settlers of Milford. The Coopers were also among the original settlers of New Haven, Mrs. Prichard tracing her line through John, John, John, Caleb, Caleb and Asa. To Elizur E. Prichard and his wife were born five children, as follows: Elizabeth Ann, Sarah J., one that died in infancy unnamed, Katherine A., and Florence C. Of these, Elizabeth Ann died in 1854. The surviving daughters remain at the old home unmarried.

Elizur E. Prichard was about twenty-four years of age when he began to take part in manufacturing in Waterbury by making iron and brass castings. In 1829 he engaged in making gilt buttons, and in 1833 in the manufacture of umbrella, parasol and cane trimmings of fine quality, occasionally of gold. He enjoyed the confidence of the solid men of Waterbury, by whom he was implicitly trusted, and on one occasion, when making a trip to Boston, he carried with him to the bank in that city \$30,000, to accommodate a New Haven Bank. In 1840 he

erected a residence on the corner of Bank and Grand streets, in the center of Waterbury. In 1843 he was engaged in the manufacture of cloth buttons, as in that year there was a diploma granted to him by the American Institute (of New York) for "superior specimens of silk buttons." For a number of years he was also engaged in Norwalk, Conn., in making door knobs, etc. In Waterbury and in New Haven, in partnership with his brother, Dr. David Prichard, he was engaged in the manufacture of elastic webbing; from this partnership sprang the American Suspender Co.

In 1852 Mr. Prichard retired from active business, but in 1855 his interests in the Wolcottville Knitting Co. obliged him to assume the management of that business, which he controlled until the time of his death, Nov. 29, 1860. He was possessed of a spirit of tireless activity, was progressive, public-spirited and benevolent. It is believed that no suppliant for aid ever appealed to him without receiving instant and substantial relief. Much he lost by lending—in his kindness of heart—the use of his name to his friends in their business difficulties, and, in fact, his kindness was his overpowering weakness. He never filled a public office, but devoted his energies and time to the industrial and social elevation of his fellow men. He died a member of the First Church, in which faith his widow also passed away, May 29, 1887.

HON. CHARLES STODDARD SPAULDING, prominent farmer and ex-member of the State Legislature from Cheshire, New Haven county, is a native of this State, born in Norfolk, Litchfield county, May 9, 1837, son of Frederick A. and Mary (Goodwin) Spaulding. The father was born in New Marlboro, Mass., June 13, 1810, a son of Austin and Betsey (Clark) Spaulding, the former also a native of that State, the latter of Connecticut. Austin Spaulding lived and died in Massachusetts, but at an early age Frederick, his son, removed to Litchfield county, Conn., where he made his home with an uncle, and where he followed farming throughout his active business life. He died there Aug. 30, 1892, and his wife, whom he had married in Litchfield county, died in Norfolk Dec. 8, 1881. In their family were eight children of whom Charles Stoddard is the eldest: Jane P., Mrs. Booth, died in New Marlboro, Mass., in 1876; Mary A. is the wife of John A. Stevens, of Atlantic, Iowa; Ellen K., widow of Byron J. Perkins, lives in Winsted, Conn.; Almira, wife of Erastus Burr, lives in Norfolk; Alice, Mrs. Johnson, is a resident of Goshen, Litchfield county; Abbie K., Mrs. Norton, died in Bristol, Conn., in 1890; and John lives on the old homestead in Norfolk.

Charles S. Spaulding was reared in Litchfield county, and was educated in the schools of Norfolk. In early life he engaged in business as a contractor and builder throughout his native county. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted there, in 1861,



in Company E, 11th Conn. V. I., which was assigned to the 9th Army Corps, and later to Gen. Burnside's command. He participated in the battles of Newbern, N. C., Roanoke, Fredericksburg, Antietam, South Mountain, the siege of Suffolk, Va. (which lasted twenty-three days), and in various skirmishes. At Drury's Bluff Mr. Spaulding received a gun shot wound, which confined him to the hospital at Richmond, Va., for six months. He was honorably discharged at Annapolis, Md., in June, 1865, and returned to his home in Litchfield county, where he continued to reside until coming to Cheshire, in 1886. Here he purchased one of the old and valuable farms, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, with good results.

In Litchfield county, in 1875, Mr. Spaulding was united in marriage with Miss Grace Merrill, a daughter of Augustus and Adaline (Wooding) Merrill, all natives of that county, as were the grandparents, Norman and Annie (Marsh) Merrill. Her maternal grandparents, Edmund Anson and Lu Anna (Pond) Wooding, were born in New Haven and Hartford counties, respectively. Mr. Spaulding and his wife have three children: Jessie G., who has successfully engaged in teaching school in Falls Village, and is now attending College in Holyoke, Mass.; Annie M., also a teacher of New Haven county; and Ethel, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding are both members of the Episcopal Church. Fraternaly he is an honored member of E. A. Doolittle Post, No. 5, G. A. R.; Temple Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M.; and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. As a Republican he takes an active and prominent part in political affairs, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his ability and worth, have called him to public office. He has been a member of the board of selectmen of Cheshire, and in November, 1898, was elected to the State Legislature, in which body he served in a most creditable and acceptable manner.

THOMAS FRENCH, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a worthy citizen of Town Plot, Waterbury, was born in Nealsworth, Gloucestershire, England, Sept. 11, 1826, a son of Thomas and Anna French, also natives of that shire, where the former worked as a millwright until his emigration to the United States in 1846, making the voyage on a sailing vessel. In 1851 he located in Naugatuck, Conn., where he was first employed as a carder in the mills, and later as a machinist. He was a member of the Church of England, and died in that faith in 1861. In his family were nine children.

Thomas French was educated in the schools of his native land, and was eighteen years of age when he took passage on a sailing vessel at Liverpool bound for the New World. After two months spent upon the water he landed in New York, in June, 1844, and proceeded at once to South Hadley, Mass., where he was employed in a woolen mill at \$15 per month for one year. He then went to Rockville,

Tolland Co., Conn., where he worked as a carder and spinner in the woolen mills until 1850, and later was employed in the latter capacity in the woolen mills at Naugatuck, New Haven county, until 1854. During the following two years he worked as a farm hand at one dollar per day, and then engaged in the butcher business with J. E. Gunn and Samuel Osborne, buying cattle in Canada. In 1861 Mr. French enlisted in Company E, 8th Conn. V. I., at Naugatuck, under Capt. Martin B. Smith, and was in several engagements, including the battles of Roanoke and Newbern, N. C. He was discharged May 12, 1862, on account of disability, and returned to Naugatuck, where he was employed in the rubber works until 1872. He then came to Town Plot, Waterbury, and took up his residence on the Chatfield farm, where for the past twenty-eight years he has carried on general farming with fair success.

In 1849, in New York State, Mr. French was united in marriage with Miss Martha, daughter of William Culverhouse, and to them was born one son, Aaron W., now a resident of Naugatuck, who married Nellie Primrose, and has two children, Harry and William. Mrs. French died in Naugatuck, in 1863, and for his second wife our subject married Miss Polly Ann Chatfield, a native of Southington, Conn., and a daughter of David and Polly (Hitchcock) Chatfield. By this union were born four children, but all died in infancy. Mr. French is a member of Wadhams Post, No. 49, G. A. R., of Waterbury. In religious connection Mr. French holds membership with the Episcopal Church, while his wife belonged to the Congregational Church, and in that faith died June 13, 1901. Mr. French is widely and favorably known, and his circle of friends in Waterbury is extensive.

The Chatfield family, to which Mrs. French belonged, is one of the oldest of New Haven county. Three brothers, Francis, Thomas and George Chatfield, came to this country from England in 1639, and located in Guilford, Conn., where they engaged in farming. Francis died unmarried in 1647. Thomas moved to New Haven, where he married Ann Higginson, a daughter of Rev. Naness Higginson, and later went to Long Island, where he became a magistrate. George, the third brother, located in Killingworth, Conn., where he died Jan. 9, 1671. On Sept. 30, 1651, he married Sarah Bishop, and for his second wife married Isabelle Nettleton, daughter of Samuel Nettleton. He had three children: John, born April 8, 1661; George, born Aug. 18, 1668; and Mary, born April 20, 1671.

Lieut. Daniel Chatfield, the great-grandfather of Mrs. French, was a native of Oxford. He spent the greater part of his life in Waterbury, where he owned property. He was a member of the early militia, being commissioned second lieutenant of the 3d Company in March, 1761, and later first lieutenant. In 1771 he removed to Derby. He joined the Continental Army in May, 1778, and on Jan. 10, 1781, was commissioned captain of the 13th Com-





pany, 2nd Regiment, serving with distinction throughout the Revolutionary war. He married Prudence Baldwin, who died in March, 1828, aged ninety-two years, and he died July 11, 1818, aged eighty-three. They had four children: Esther, who was born in 1770, and died October 21, 1776; Daniel; Reuben; and James.

Daniel Chatfield, son of Lieut. Daniel, was a farmer and land owner of Waterbury, where his death occurred. He married Esther Lonsbury, who died May 6, 1848, at the age of seventy-six years. Their children were: David, father of Mrs. French; Leonard; Enos; Esther; Polly, wife of J. N. Morris; and Anna Maria, wife of Zenas Bronson.

David Chatfield, Mrs. French's father, was born Sept. 9, 1794, and was married, June 5, 1820, to Polly Hitchcock who was born June 17, 1795, a daughter of Caleb Hitchcock, of Southington. They had five children: Jane, born Aug. 22, 1822, married M. E. Judd; Polly Ann, born Sept. 5, 1824, became Mrs. French; Cyrus, born May 16, 1826, was married in April, 1848, to Philena Martin, of Prospect, Conn.; Fidelia, born Feb. 16, 1828; and Emaline, born March 3, 1833.

On the maternal side Mrs. French is descended from Matthias Hitchcock, who came from London, England, to Boston on the bark "Susan and Ellen," in the spring of 1635. His third son, John Hitchcock, was born in New Haven, where he grew to manhood, but later became one of the first settlers of Wallingford. He was quite an extensive land owner and farmer, and a prominent citizen of that town, where he died July 6, 1716. On Jan. 18, 1670, he married Abigail Merriman, who was born April 18, 1654, a daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Merriman, one of the first settlers of Wallingford. After his death, his second wife, Mary Hitchcock, married Samuel Clark. John Hitchcock had twelve children. The oldest, a daughter, born in New Haven, Oct. 1, 1671, died in infancy; Samuel, born in 1672, died young; Abigail, born April 10, 1674, married Jacob Johnson; Mary, born Dec. 10, 1676, married Benjamin Beach; Nathaniel, born April 10, 1679, married Sarah Jennings; Margery, born Sept. 6, 1681, married Joseph Munson; Elizabeth, born April 8, 1684, married Daniel Lines; John, born Oct. 18, 1685, married Marlow Munson; Matthias, born May 26, 1688, married Thankful Andrews; Hannah, born Jan. 9, 1690, married John Lines; Damaris, born July 11, 1693, married Sylvanus Clark; and Benjamin, born March 24, 1696, married Elizabeth Ives.

Capt. Benjamin Hitchcock, just mentioned, was born and reared in Wallingford, and from there removed to Cheshire, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there Feb. 12, 1767. He owned land in that town and also in Southington, Hartford county. On Oct. 1, 1718, he married Elizabeth Ives, a daughter of Joseph and Esther Ives. She was born Sept. 6, 1700, and died Aug. 8, 1762. They had twelve children: Bela, born Oct. 27, 1719,

married Sarah Atwater; Hannah, born Sept. 12, 1721, was married, May 26, 1740, to Elnathan Andrews; Benjamin, born Feb. 23, 1724, married Rhoda Cook; Elizabeth, born Feb. 23, 1726; Abigail, born May 10, 1728, was married, Dec. 9, 1747, to Daniel Bradley; Samuel, born April 1, 1730, is mentioned below; Nathaniel, born June 30, 1732, died March 12, 1734; Enos was born in 1734; Joseph, born July 12, 1737, died Nov. 1, 1760; Nathaniel, born in Sept., 1739, was married, May 4, 1763, to Lydia Dutton, and died May 30, 1770; David, born June 29, 1742, married Hannah Doolittle; and Damaris, born Sept. 3, 1745, died Nov. 25, 1756.

Samuel Hitchcock, son of Capt. Benjamin, was born in Cheshire, New Haven county, and became a resident of the town of Southington, where he owned and operated a farm. He died May 8, 1798, and his wife, Tamar, died Dec. 7, 1816, at the age of eighty years. They had five children: Samuel, born Feb. 27, 1757, married Mary Munson; Caleb, born May 17, 1760, married Ada Malory; Elizabeth, born Dec. 29, 1763, married Lewis Thorp; Tamar, baptized in August, 1765, married Thomas Cowles; and Esther was married Nov. 11, 1798, to Barnabus Powers, and died Sept. 20, 1802.

Caleb Hitchcock, a son of Samuel, and the grandfather of Mrs. French, was born in Southington, and was a sea captain throughout life. He died March 17, 1826. On Dec. 28, 1784, he married Ada Malory, who died Aug. 22, 1808, and on April 10, 1809, he married Julia Thorpe, daughter of John Thorpe, of Southington. She died May 2, 1851. The following children were born to Caleb Hitchcock. (1) Harmon, born Oct. 15, 1785, was a sailor in the war of 1812, during which conflict he had an ear cut off and was sent as a captive to England. He died Sept. 24, 1817. (2) Solomon was born Nov. 24, 1786. (3) Ada, born May 6, 1788, was married, Nov. 7, 1811, to Benjamin Rich, and died Oct. 25, 1862. (4) Esther, born Sept. 4, 1789, married A. Rupert, and died May 21, 1860. (5) Phila, born April 17, 1791, was married, Aug. 22, 1815, to Sidney Brockett, of East Haven, and died Oct. 26, 1869. (6) Caleb, born Sept. 21, 1793, went to New Orleans as a soldier of the war of 1812, and is supposed to have died of yellow fever at that place. (7) Polly, born June 17, 1795, married David Chatfield, the father of Mrs. French. (8) Cyrus, born July 25, 1798, was married, Aug. 10, 1820, to Elizabeth Howe, and died March 4, 1826. (9) Huldah, born March 26, 1800, married Jesse Matthews, and died Feb. 2, 1875. (10) Leusania, born Feb. 19, 1802, married a Mr. Seeley. (11) Alvah, born Feb. 15, 1807, was married, March 30, 1828, to Emily Neal. (12) John, born Feb. 18, 1810, died Dec. 22, 1811. (13) Albert, born Sept. 24, 1812, completes the family.

JOHN R. TYLER, whose name is familiar to all who are acquainted with the region known as Stony Hill, at Indian Neck, where he has long been



a fisherman, was born in Branford Oct. 27, 1835, and is a son of John and Eunice (Averill) Tyler. John Tyler, his paternal grandfather, was a Revolutionary soldier, and one of the participants in the "tea party" in Boston Harbor, which may be said to have ushered in the Revolution. Daniel Averill, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Tyler, was a sailor, and had his home in Branford. John Tyler was a joiner by trade, and lived and died in Branford. To him and his wife Eunice were born the following named children: Betsy, Mary, John R., Samuel and William A.

John R. Tyler passed his boyhood and youth in Branford, where he attended the public school, and at the age of seventeen years began life for himself, becoming a sailor, and following that vocation fifteen years. Leaving the ocean at the expiration of that time, he put in twelve years at the joiner's trade, and has since followed the calling of a fisherman.

Mr. Tyler has been twice married, the first time to Mary, daughter of Thomas C. Mather, a descendant of Cotton Mather. Elmer S. Tyler is the only living child of this marriage. The second wife of John R. Tyler was Emma, daughter of Capt. John and Desire F. (Thompson) Faren, of East Haven. There were three children born to this union: Leonard F., Eugene and Lillian M. Mr. Tyler in politics is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church, and they are all highly respected members of the community. Our subject is regarded as one of the most upright and trustworthy citizens of the town.

**MONSON.** That branch of the family of this name at New Haven, several members of which are yet actively engaged in business, among them Capt. David C. and Charles Monson, sons of the late venerable William Monson, of Litchfield and Morris, Conn., and men of prominence in business circles and social life, is one of the oldest of Connecticut's families, its history reaching back to the Colonial period, covering a time of 260 or more years.

The late William Monson, of Litchfield and Morris, was descended in the seventh generation from Thomas Monson, who was first known in this country as a resident of Hartford, Conn., in 1637, performing military service in the Pequot war. Soon thereafter he became a resident of New Haven, where he continued to live until his death. His birth occurred about 1612, and his death in 1685. He was a carpenter by trade, was of the faith of the Congregational Church, and made a good citizen. His wife's Christian name was Joanna, and she died in 1678. From this Thomas Monson, the settler, the late William Monson's line of descent was through Samuel, Samuel (2), William, William (2) and William (3).

Samuel Monson, son of Thomas, the settler, was baptized in 1643, and in 1665 married Martha, a daughter of William and Alice (Pritchard)

Bradley. Mr. Monson was a tanner and also made shoes, and resided first in New Haven, then in Wallingford, and again New Haven. His death occurred in 1693.

Samuel Monson (2), son of Samuel, born in 1669, married first, in 1707, Martha, and second, in 1708, Mary, born in 1674, the widow of Caleb Merriman, and a daughter of Deacon Eliasaph Preston, and resided in Wallingford, where he had served as town clerk. His death occurred in 1741 and that of his widow in 1755.

William Monson, son of Samuel (2), was born in 1695, married Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Curtis, of Wallingford, and resided in that part of that town which is now Cheshire. His death occurred in 1733.

William Monson (2), son of William, was born in 1731. He married in 1753, Sarah, born in 1734, a daughter of Isaac Griggs, of Wallingford and resided in what was then the town of Waterbury, but later, Wolcott. Mrs. Monson died in 1806, and her husband in 1815.

William Monson (3), son of William (2) was born in 1769, and he married first, in 1790, Olive Dayton, and second, in 1835, Elizabeth Ford. He resided in Plymouth and Litchfield, Conn., and Meredith, N. Y.

William Monson (4), son of William (3), and the father of David C. and Charles Monson, of New Haven, was born Jan. 10, 1793, in the town of Plymouth, Conn., and became a currier and tanner, by occupation, residing in Litchfield, in that part of the town which, in 1859, was set off as the town of Morris. His religious connections were with the Congregational Church, and his political affiliations with the Whig and later with the Republican party. Mr. Monson was twice married, first, Sept. 4, 1815, to Alice Emmons, who was born May 3, 1791, and died May 6, 1821. He married second March 19, 1822, Polly Benton, born in March, 1792, and died Sept. 30, 1875. Mr. Monson survived until Aug. 5, 1887, when in the ninety-sixth year of his age. His children were: William H., born Aug. 1, 1816, a tanner, settled at Cheraw, S. C., where his death occurred in 1887 (he served in the Confederate army as adjutant of the Home Guards); Julius, born in 1818, died in 1819; Charles B., born in 1821, died in 1825; Phebe A., born April 5, 1823, married May 8, 1845, Elias C. Woodruff, and resides in Westville, Conn.; Cornelia A., born March 22, 1825, married twice, and died in Hamden, in 1877; Elizabeth L., born Nov. 3, 1827, resided in Westville, and died, unmarried, at an advanced age, in 1895; David C., born Aug. 7, 1832; Charles, born Feb. 14, 1834, is a merchant of New Haven; and Homer G., born April 11, 1837, is an orange grower and investor, residing at Sanford, Florida.

Captain David C. Monson, son of the late William Monson, was born Aug. 7, 1832, in the town of Litchfield, Conn., where his school days and youth were passed. Learning the trade and business





David C. Monson.



of tanner from his father, he followed that during his earlier life. On Aug. 4, 1862, during the progress of the Civil war, in response to the call of President Lincoln for 300,000 men, in July of that year, Mr. Monson enlisted, as a private, in Company C, 19th Conn. V. I., which later became Company C, 2d Conn. Heavy Artillery. The engagements in which this regiment participated were: Spottsylvania, Va., May 22 to 24, 1864; Talopotomy, Va., May 28, 1864; Cold Harbor, Va., June 1, 1864; Petersburg, Va., June 20 to 26, 1864; Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864; Fisher's Hill, Va., Sept. 22, 1864; Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864; Hatcher's Run, Va., Feb. 6, 1865; Petersburg, Va., March 25 and April 2, 1865; and Little Sailor's Creek, Va., April 6, 1865. Captain Monson shared the fortunes of his regiment from start to finish, and returned to his home with an honorable war record, being promoted from sergeant on Dec. 26, 1864, to second lieutenant, and April 18, 1865, to first lieutenant of his company, and was mustered out with his regiment Aug. 18, 1865.

Captain Monson has resided in Litchfield, Morris, Wolcottville, now Torrington, and Westville, and for many years was foreman in the Diamond Match Co., of Westville. His political affiliations have been with the Republican party, in which he has been active and influential. Since a resident of Westville he has served as constable, fence viewer and registrar of the Thirteenth ward, and is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen and commands the respect of his fellow townsmen.

On April 27, 1856, Capt. Monson was married to Sarah A. Holcomb, of Torrington, Conn., born Nov. 2, 1837, and to this union have come children as follows: Alice Elizabeth, born March 13, 1859, in Morris, Conn., married Homer L. Cooper, formerly of Westville, now of New Haven, and they have had four children, Gertrude and Roland surviving; Mary Eliza, born Nov. 18, 1860, in Morris, Conn., is a resident of Westville; William Holcomb, who died in January, 1899, was born Dec. 10, 1862, in Torrington, Conn., married Oct. 23, 1889, Annie Wright Page, and had three children, Marjorie Fuller, Ruth and Mary; and Clifford Benton, born Nov. 13, 1875, in New Haven, died Feb. 6, 1892. Capt. and Mrs. Monson are members of the Congregational Church.

When the town of Morris was set off from Litchfield, Capt. Monson went to Hartford to represent his section of the town before the committee for this purpose. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order, Olive Branch, No. 55, having entered in 1860, through Seneca Lodge, in Torrington; American Mechanics; and Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., of which he is past commander. His connection with the Diamond Match Co. ended when it went into a trust, in 1895. In 1897 he was made postmaster of Westville, and when this office was consolidated with the New Haven office, he was made superintendent, and as

such has since efficiently served the Government. His home on Central Avenue, Westville, Conn., was erected by himself, and there he is passing his declining years in peace and comfort, surrounded by many friends.

WILLIAM N. HOUGHTALING, builder of concrete walks and floors, Ansonia, is a native of New York State, born Jan. 22, 1838, at Sandlake, Rensselaer county.

Tunis Houghtaling, his great-grandfather, a farmer by occupation, was born in Holland, whence he came to this country, settling near Sandlake, N. Y., where he died at the age of eighty years, the father of ten children. His son Christopher Houghtaling, grandfather of William N., was born at Coeymans, N. Y., and passed his entire life on a farm there, dying when seventy-eight years old. He married Nancy Mixter, who died at the age of fifty-six, the mother of a large family.

William M. Houghtaling, the father of William N., was born at Sandlake in 1813, and received his education at the common schools. After following agricultural pursuits for some years at the place of his birth he removed to Canaan, N. Y., then, after a couple of years, making his home in West Stockbridge, Mass., later, for six years, in Lenox, Mass. Following this he resided in North Adams two years; Colerain ten years; Windsor, Vt., for a time; finally in Holyoke, Mass., where he died at the age of eighty-one years. He married Cynthia P. Gardner, of Stephentown, N. Y. (one of ten children born to her parents), and they had ten children, six of whom survive: William N., Martha, Christopher, Charles, George and David, all living in Holyoke except William N., in Ansonia, and Charles, in Seymour. The mother, born April 13, 1813, is yet living, at the patriarchal age of eighty-nine.

William N. Houghtaling, our subject, received a liberal education at the public schools, and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-two years old, at which time he went to Goshen, Mass., thence to Colerain. From there he proceeded to Shelburne Falls, where he engaged as a mechanic, in 1866 removing to Seymour, Conn., being there employed as a bit and auger maker up to 1884, when he commenced the business of making concrete walks and floors. He remained in Seymour until November, 1891, in that year coming to Ansonia, where he has since remained, his house and office being at No. 33 Pleasant street. He is the only one in his special line in the city, and does a large amount of work, employing a considerable number of men. What he does is of the finest quality, and he has achieved an enviable reputation, not only as a thorough master of his business, but also as a citizen of the community, in which he is highly respected by all who know him. In politics he is independent.

In 1860 William N. Houghtaling married Miss Lucy L. Loomis, who was born Feb. 3, 1841, in





Goshen, Mass., a daughter of Almon B. Loomis, a native of Becket, Mass., and a granddaughter of Calvin Loomis, who was born in Springfield, Mass., Dec. 13, 1779. Her great-grandfather, Jonathan Loomis, first saw the light in Feeding Hills, Mass., where he followed farming during his early life, then removed to Becket, Mass.; he died at the age of ninety years. He served in the war of the Revolution.

Calvin Loomis left Becket when a young man, and journeyed to what is now Painesville, Ohio, but which was then a part of the great unknown West. After seven years he returned to Becket, and on July 10, 1810, he married Anna Freeland, daughter of Joseph and Mollie (Mann) Freeland, of Blandford, Mass. She died Jan. 7, 1876, at the age of ninety-five, after sixty-six years of happy wedded life. Mr. Loomis survived until Dec. 14, 1878, when he passed away at the advanced age of ninety-nine years. He could well remember his great-grandmother, at the great age of 103 years, as she laid her hands in blessings on his head. Six children blessed the union of Calvin and Anna Loomis, of whom Almon B. was the third son, and was of the sixth generation in descent from Joseph Loomis, who came from Braintree, England, in 1638, and settled in Windsor, Conn., in 1639; he was born about 1590, and died in 1658.

Almon B. Loomis, father of Mrs. William Houghtaling, was born Dec. 11, 1816, and passed his early years in Becket, Mass., later removing to Washington, Mass., then living in Peru, Windsor and Savoy, Mass., each for a short time, and finally settling in Goshen, Mass.; he purchased the old homestead, conducting same, also quarrying the finest flagstone in Massachusetts, until retiring from active life; he has since made his home with our subject. He married Hester Willcutt, a daughter of Rev. William Willcutt, a minister of some renown, who was born in 1796, and died at the age of seventy-three years. Rev. William Willcutt was a son of Zebulon and Mercy (Litchfield) Willcutt, the former a soldier of the Revolution, who received a life pension; he died at the age of ninety-six years. Rev. William Willcutt's wife, Betsy (Daniels), was born in Plainfield, Mass., May 1, 1796, and died Nov. 3, 1875, aged seventy-nine years and six months. She was one of eight children, and had a family of eight children. Her mother died at the age of eighty-nine. Mrs. Houghtaling's parents reared a family of four children, two of whom are yet living, viz.: Mrs. Houghtaling and Mrs. Addison D. Blanchard, the latter residing in Goshen. The mother died Dec. 14, 1803, at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Loomis is a Republican in politics, and a man of rare intelligence, now eighty-five years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Houghtaling have been born three children, a brief record of whom follows: (1) Lucy, born May 24, 1862, died at the age of two years. (2) Idella G., born Aug. 7, 1869, died April

27, 1899; she married Henry W. Phelps, a mason by trade, at present working for Mr. Houghtaling. (3) Lillian L., born Feb. 3, 1872, was educated in the Seymour schools, and later commenced the study of medicine, but on account of ill health had to abandon it. When the eldest daughter Lucy was born she had living four grandparents and five great-grandparents—a most unusual record.

In January, 1900, Mr. Houghtaling purchased land at No. 10 Arch street, West Ansonia. His daughter Lillian at once designed and drew plans for a fine residence, which was built accordingly, and in November the place was ready for occupancy, and is now the family home. The house is well elevated, large and well lighted, and is furnished with all modern improvements, including gas and electric lights.

CHARLES H. PULFORD, M. D., so widely and favorably known in the town of Seymour, is a man of sterling quality and broad, sound education, which he has manifested most liberally in his life and work. He was born in Stafford Springs, Conn., Dec. 18, 1859, and spent his early life under the guidance of his father, obtaining his primary education in the public schools of Connecticut. Later he took the Collegiate Institute Course at Hacketts-town, N. J., and then went to New York City to enter the college at the corner of 23d Street and Third Avenue, and in 1888 he was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago. He practiced with his father until the latter's death, after which he continued in general practice by himself, continuing to occupy the same office. Dr. Pulford is the oldest practitioner in the town, and has a large clientele both in this and surrounding towns.

A glance into the ancestral life and history of our subject may here be of interest. His grandfather, William C. Pulford, was born in Leeds, England, and there he spent his life. He married a Miss Bannister, who was also of English birth and lived to the age of sixty years. Six children were born to them; one resides in Delaware, Ohio; one in Bradford, England; Elizabeth and Charlotte, both married, reside in Worcester, Mass., and two are deceased.

Frederick W. Pulford, the father of our subject, and the oldest son of William C., was also born in Leeds, England, where he lived until twelve years of age, when he sailed for this country, taking up his abode in Ohio. His early education was that afforded by the public schools. He was engaged in the woolen business until 1865, in which year he began the study of medicine. He commenced practicing in Royalston, Mass., continuing there until 1876, when he removed to Seymour, where he resided until his demise in June, 1803, at the age of sixty-six years. He was the oldest practitioner in the town and had a larger practice than any other physician there. In politics he was a Republican.



fraternally he was a member of Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., of Seymour, and professionally, belonged to the State Medical Society. He married Sarah A., daughter of Chester Leonard, a lumber dealer of Dunkirk, who lost his life on Lake Erie. Two daughters and seven sons were born to them of whom the following are now living: (1) Rufus A., superintendent of a department of the Scoville Mfg. Co., resides in Waterbury; (2) Charles H. is our subject; (3) William E. resides in Prospect, Conn.; (4) Arabella E. married Andrew J. Miles, of the firm of Baldwin & Miles, meat dealers. Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Pulford were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They possessed considerable musical talent and ability, and were active in all local musical entertainments. In addition to his vocal accomplishments Dr. Pulford was a violinist and cornetist and played in a band and orchestra at one time. Mrs. Pulford died in 1892, aged sixty-three years.

Born and reared in an environment of culture and refinement, the early inclinations of Dr. Charles H. Pulford received that recognition and training which developed the ability displayed in his daily life. He has lived very largely among the people, and is deservedly popular. As a vocalist he is active in all musical entertainments, and he also plays the piano. His religious views are liberal. In his fraternal relations, he is identified with Morning Star Lodge, No. 47, F. & A. M., of which he is the musical director; and he also belongs to Evening Star Lodge, R. A. M. Professionally, he is a member of the State Medical Society. In politics he is a Republican. His office and residence is at No. 26 Maple Street.

JUDGE ALEXANDER DANA McLEAN is a worthy and notable descendant of the McLean family of Wallingford, one of the most respectable and noted names in New England history.

Dr. Neil McLean, the first of the family in America, was born in the Island of Coll, in Scotland, about 1702, and, according to tradition, came to this country in 1736, with the celebrated Dr. Morrison, with whom he was associated in several difficult cases. On Jan. 5, 1737, he settled in Hartford, Conn., where he was highly esteemed as a successful physician and as a man of much intelligence and of high character. He had a beautiful country seat at Bloomfield, Conn., which was approached through an avenue of white pine trees, but these trees were cut down soon after his death because "they shaded the soil." Dr. McLean died in Hartford, Jan. 15, 1784, while on a visit to his friend, Dr. Nichols. He had been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded in Hartford, was Mrs. Hannah (Stillman) Cadwill, daughter of Geo. Stillman, who came from London, England, about 1680, and married Rebecca, daughter of Lieut. Philip Smith, and granddaughter of Nathaniel Foote, of Wethersfield, Conn. Mrs. McLean was

the great aunt of General Warren and James Otis, of Revolutionary fame. She died April 22, 1755, at the age of fifty-two years. In 1757 Dr. McLean married Mrs. Knowles, who died in 1766. By his first marriage Dr. McLean became the father of the following children: Allen, baptized Oct. 2, 1737, died Sept. 19, 1741; Lachlan, born Nov. 4, 1739, married Sarah Humphrey, and lived in White-stone, N. Y., until his death Sept. 19, 1813; Allen (2), born Dec. 13, 1741, graduated at Yale College in 1762, became a physician, and died in March, 1829 (he married Marv Sloan, of New Haven); John, baptized Jan. 29, 1744, is mentioned below; Neil, born Feb. 9, 1746, died in August, 1793; and Catherine, baptized Sept. 23, 1748.

John McLean, fourth in the family of Dr. McLean, became a farmer in Windsor, Conn., where he spent his life, dying Sept. 2, 1822. Sarah Goodwin, his wife, was a daughter of Daniel Goodwin, of one of the best-known families of Hartford, and died May 5, 1817, at the age of seventy years. She was a woman of good character, kind heart and ardent piety. To John McLean and his wife Sarah were born the following children: (1) Dolly Goodwin, born May 18, 1771, married William Williston, of Suffield, and died May 1, 1861. (2) John, born in 1776, was a sailor, and died in 1805. (3) James, born May 6, 1779, was a sea captain, and was one of the impressed seamen that caused the war with England in 1812, and spent seventeen years on board a British man of war; he died Jan. 2, 1865, at Sailors Snug Harbor, Staten Island. (4) Harry is mentioned farther on. (5) Sally, born in 1784, married Edward Vining, of Simsbury, and died in 1815. (6) Betsy, born Aug. 9, 1787, died Nov. 15, 1810.

Harry McLean, the father of Judge McLean, was born in Windsor, which is now the town of Bloomfield, April 30, 1782, and died in 1844, and his remains were buried in the old Bloomfield cemetery. He was a farmer by occupation, and was one of the best known men of Bloomfield. A staunch Democrat, he worked hard for the party, and was a man of influence in political matters, and served as selectman many years. He attended the Episcopal Church, and was a good Christian man and upright citizen. On Dec. 22, 1807, Mr. McLean married Miss Susanna Gillette, a daughter of Jonathan Gillette, of Windsor. This union was blessed with eight children: (1) Betsy, born April 25, 1810, married Eliczur Latimer, and removed to Ohio, where she died Oct. 15, 1886. (2) Polly, born April 30, 1812, died May 10, 1817. (3) Henry, born April 17, 1814, died May 25, 1815. (4) Henry (2), born May 26, 1816, married Jan. 9, 1846, Abigail Allyn, and died Oct. 26, 1863. (5) John, born April 25, 1818, married Elizabeth Allyn in 1842, and died Feb. 16, 1897. (6) Daniel Goodwin, born Sept. 3, 1820, married Maria Dana, of Wilkesbarre, Penn., and removed to Enterprise, Fla., where he died March 30, 1895. (7) Susanna



married Watson Dewey, of Granby, and died in 1854. (8) Alexander Dana, born May 24, 1829.

Alexander Dana McLean was still young when he lost his father. He had his education at the public schools, the Connecticut Institute at Suffield, and at a private school in Bloomfield. Growing up on the farm, he took up the study of surveying and civil engineering, and engaged in the practice of that calling in his native town, and was also a carpenter. He remained in the town of Bloomfield until 1860, when he went to Edgerton, Wis., and engaged in tobacco culture and general farming for nine years. He took up the study and practice of law, becoming quite successful, and was judge of the city court of Edgerton four terms, and justice of the peace, filling other offices as well. In 1878 he removed to Chester, Virginia, where he carried on extensive building operations, the Presbyterian church of that place being one of his principal constructions. He was one of the organizers of this church, and became an elder. After spending four years in that country he returned to Wallingford, Conn., settling at North Farms, and engaging in tobacco and general farming for six years; and while he has been in the tobacco business for twenty-five years, he never uses the article in any form. In 1887 he removed to Wallingford, where he settled in the city, and followed his profession as surveyor, for four years being surveyor for the borough of Wallingford. For a number of years his wife was engaged in the florist business, and this business has grown so much that it now takes the most of Mr. McLean's time as well. He is a man well-known and highly respected. He was elected Borough Judge of Wallingford in 1895, and has served two years, filling the position with dignity and honor. The Judge is a life-long Democrat, and has held many positions of trust. In 1863 he was elected to the State Legislature from Wallingford, and served on the committee on civil engineering. He was selectman, tax collector and assessor. All his life he has been known as a thoroughly honorable and upright man, of the most unswerving integrity, and wherever he has lived has had a host of friends. He is a prominent and active member of the Wallingford Agricultural Society, and is deeply interested in everything that touches the local welfare. He belongs to the Congregational Church, and is a devoted worker in the Sunday School, having been a superintendent of different Sunday-schools for ten years.

Judge McLean has been twice married. On March 30, 1851, Ellen A. Dana, daughter of Francis Dana, and a sister of the wife of Daniel Goodwin McLean, became his wife; she died in July, 1863, leaving two children: (1) Harry Francis, who married Nancy Stewart, and settled in Michigan City, Ind., where he is a railroad engineer. (2) Nellie Edith, who married Pitman Angel, of Manchester, Va. Judge McLean, for his second wife, married Mrs. Mary J. Churchill. She was born in

Wethersfield, and is the mother of one child, Charles Levi, who is in the express business between Wallingford and Meriden; he married Emma Tooth, and has two children, Harry E. and Russell J. Mrs. Mary J. McLean was the widow of Levi Churchill, and a daughter of Elisha Blinn, of Wethersfield.

CALVIN MINER LEETE, late of the town of Guilford, was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of New Haven county, and his industry, thrift and intelligent application to agricultural pursuits won him a marked degree of success in that vocation.

Mr. Leete was born Oct. 18, 1816, on the old Leete homestead in the town of Guilford, the youngest son of Miner and Lucinda (Norton) Leete, and received his education at the common schools of the neighborhood. He worked on his father's farm up to the age of nineteen years, at which time, impaired health demanding a change of residence, he removed to Meriden and made his home there for several years. Returning to Guilford greatly improved in health, he began his life vocation on Leete's Island, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his retirement from active life. Mr. Leete died Feb. 17, 1899. His estimable virtues made him one of the foremost citizens of the community, and his many sterling qualities won for him the high regard and respect of all. Though averse to holding office he was elected a representative of Guilford in the State Legislature in 1856, again in 1862, and, for a third time, in 1878. He also served the town in various other capacities, and was always deeply interested in the local welfare and progress. Early in life he espoused the cause of abolition, and he cast his presidential vote for Birney and Hale. He voted for Van Buren in the Free-Soil movement, and after the formation of the Republican party supported its principles and candidates. In 1849 Mr. Leete became a member of the Congregational Church in Meriden, from which he transferred his membership to the Third Church at Guilford, of which, for a long time, he was a leading member and for many years a deacon.

Deacon Leete married, Feb. 7, 1866, Lucy M., daughter of Morris A. and Clarinda (Graves) Leete. Of this union there is one son, CALVIN MORRIS LEETE, born Jan. 11, 1867, and now living at the ancestral home.

(III) Pelatiah Leete (1681-1768), the great-great-grandfather of Deacon Calvin M. Leete, was the great-great-great-grandfather of his wife, Lucy M. She is of the eighth generation from William Leete, the founder of the family in Connecticut. From Pelatiah (III) the line of descent to Mrs. Leete is as follows:

(IV) Pelatiah Leete, born March 7, 1713, married, March 26, 1740, Lydia Crittenden, who was born in Guilford March 14, 1719, daughter of Deacon Samuel and Mindwell (Meigs) Crittenden.





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She died Aug. 13, 1772, and he survived until May 28, 1783. He was a deacon of the Fourth Congregational Church. The children of Pelatiah and Lydia Leete were: Pelatiah, born March 4, 1741, died April 20, 1741; Pelatiah, sketch of whom follows; Lydia and Noah (twins) were born Oct. 24, 1749 (Lydia married John Leete); Eber, born March 25, 1752, died Oct. 22, 1769; Simeon, born April 14, 1753, married Zerviah Norton; Amos, born April 25, 1758, married Hannah Ward; Nathan, born in 1762, died Nov. 1, 1769.

(V) Pelatiah Leete, son of Deacon Pelatiah, was born Aug. 22, 1744. He married, June 17, 1766, Bethiah Norton, daughter of Thomas and Bethiah Norton, of Guilford. She died June 30, 1793, aged fifty-six years. For his second wife Pelatiah Leete married, Nov. 10, 1794, Mary Frisbie, of North Branford, who died Jan. 14, 1852. He died March 2, 1806, at Leete's Island. His children were: Joel, sketch of whom follows; Noah, born Feb. 22, 1770, married Hulda Ward; Pelatiah, born July 3, 1773, married Betsy Ramy; Mary, born Feb. 15, 1798, married Jude Ludington.

(VI) Joel Leete, born April 15, 1768, married, May 27, 1790, Molly Crittenden, who was born Aug. 25, 1765, daughter of Noah and Naomi (Atwell) Crittenden. They lived at Leete's Island, where he died Jan. 28, 1842, his wife surviving to Nov. 24, 1843. Their four children were: Alvan, born Aug. 24, 1791, married Rebecca Butler; Polly Maria, born March 7, 1794, died Jan. 3, 1795; Morris Atwell, sketch of whom follows; Frederick William, born July 6, 1803, married Sarah Jane Fowler.

(VII) Morris Atwell Leete, son of Joel, was born at Leete's Island Nov. 10, 1795. He married, Oct. 25, 1820, Clarinda Graves, who was born Aug. 27, 1795, daughter of Milton and Lucy (Buel) Graves. They had children as follows: Joel Morris, born Dec. 25, 1821, died Oct. 7, 1858; George Augustus, born May 4, 1824, died Nov. 27, 1825; Lucy Maria, born June 2, 1827, became the wife of Calvin M. Leete, our subject; George Cornelius, born Sept. 17, 1829, married Harriet Stebbins; Henry Walter, born Nov. 9, 1832, died Feb. 26, 1853; Harvey Ward, born Nov. 9, 1832, married Miss Christiana Faulkner; Joseph Alvan, born Aug. 19, 1836, married Orpliana Hill.

JOHN W. OSBORNE (deceased) was for many years prominently identified with the industrial and business interests of Derby and Ansonia, New Haven county, and was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community. He was a native of New Haven, and a son of Stephen Osborne, who was engaged in business in that city for some years.

Our subject, who was one of a large family of children, came to Derby with his parents during childhood, and was there reared and educated. When a young man in 1842, he formed a copartnership with his brother-in-law, George W. Cheese-

man, and embarked in general merchandising, which business they carried on until 1858, when they turned their attention to the manufacture of hoop-skirts. The following year they moved their plant to Ansonia and were engaged in business there for many years, meeting with marked success in their undertakings and becoming quite well-to-do.

In 1864 Mr. Osborne married Mrs. Eliza Hill Baker, of Redding, Conn. Our subject died March 6, 1895, at the age of eighty-four years. Politically he was a Republican, and he gave his support to every enterprise which he believed would prove of public benefit, or would advance the moral or material welfare of his town and county. He was one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Derby, and took a very active and prominent part in all church work, contributing liberally to its support. He commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, either in business or in social life, and in his death the community lost one of its best citizens.

DEACON SAMUEL WILLIAM DUDLEY, late of North Guilford, was a lineal descendant of (III) Capt. William Dudley (born Oct. 18, 1684, died Feb. 28, 1761), youngest son of (II) Joseph, who was the second son of (I) William, one of the original settlers of Guilford, as set forth in the Dudley genealogy.

(III) Capt. William Dudley was a prominent man in North Guilford in his day. Early records show that in 1725 he was a justice of the peace, captain of militia, and a deacon in the church in that place. The latter office he held until his death, in 1761. He married Ruth Strong, daughter of Thomas Strong, of Lyme. She died Sept. 18, 1743, and he married (second) Rebecca Fisk, of New Milford, daughter of Joseph Elliott. His children, all by the first wife, were: (1) Submit, born Oct. 1, 1713, died April 16, 1733. (2) William, born Dec. 28, 1715, died Oct. 23, 1717. (3) William (2) was born Dec. 28, 1717. (4) Asahel, born June 17, 1719, died in 1809; he removed to Middletown; he married Jan. 25, 1742, Betsey Hatch. (5) Lucy, born March 29, 1721, married Michael Baldwin, son of Timothy Baldwin. (6) Lois, born Feb. 14, 1723, died Oct. 7, 1743. (7) Medad, born Feb. 23, 1726, is mentioned below. (8) Jared, born Nov. 17, 1727, died June 14, 1811; he married Dec. 25, 1754, Mary Chittenden, daughter of Daniel C. (9) Sarah, born July 14, 1730, died Oct. 7, 1743. (10) Mabel (twin of Sarah) married April 30, 1754, Ebenezer Russell. (11) Ruth, born June 9, 1733, died June 20, 1745.

(IV) Medad Dudley (son of (III) Capt. William), born Feb. 23, 1726, died Feb. 10, 1804. On June 10, 1756, he married Mary Fowler, daughter of Daniel Fowler. She died July 14, 1810, aged eighty-one. They had nine children: (1) Ambrose, sketch of whom follows. (2) Lucy, born Jan. 18, 1759, died Dec. 23, 1834; she married



March 3, 1790, Oliver Fowler, son of Ebenezer and Desire (Bristol) Fowler. (3) William, born Feb. 19, 1761, lived at Litchfield, Conn.; he married May 18, 1785, Abigail Baldwin. (4) Rebecca, born Dec. 8, 1762, died Feb. 10, 1846, unmarried. (5) Medad, born Dec. 16, 1764, died Jan. 13, 1854; in 1797 he married Phebe Conklin, of East Hampton, L. I. (6) Charles, born Dec. 6, 1766, lived at Litchfield; he married Ruth Hart and (second) Rhoda Baldwin. (7) Submit, born Nov. 26, 1768, married Jan. 2, 1797, Jonathan Bishop. (8) Paul, born Oct. 19, 1771, died Oct. 10, 1847; he married Anne Moulthrop, of East Haven, Conn. (9) Molly, born Feb. 20, 1774, died Aug. 11, 1810, unmarried.

(V) Ambrose Dudley, the eldest son of (IV) Medad and Mary (Fowler) Dudley, was born April 1, 1757, was a farmer of North Guilford, and died Jan. 10, 1826. He married April 29, 1783, Elizabeth Russell, born Nov. 23, 1758, died July 15, 1834, daughter of Samuel Russell. Ambrose Dudley served in the Revolutionary war, being in 1776 a private in Capt. Hand's Company, Col. Talcott's Regiment. He had three children: (1) Russell, born Jan. 19, 1784, died at sea Dec. 1, 1806, unmarried. (2) Abigail, born Oct. 21, 1788, died Nov. 19, 1872; on Oct. 27, 1816, she married Daniel Fowler; and she subsequently married (second) Benjamin Rossiter. (3) Samuel William, sketch of whom follows.

(VI) Deacon Samuel William Dudley, son of (V) Ambrose and Elizabeth (Russell) Dudley, of North Guilford, was born July 16, 1800, and died Dec. 11, 1881. He was a farmer, and lived all his days on the homestead. He was a prominent and influential member of the Congregational Church of North Guilford, which he served in various capacities. He was chosen a deacon in the same in May, 1856, and held that office until his death, or over twenty-five years. He was a justice of the peace as early as 1832; a representative to the General Assembly in 1844, 1853, 1857, 1863 and 1865; and state senator in 1869. Physically, he was a man of large proportions and commanding personal appearance. His manner was courteous and cordial, his integrity unswerving. A faithful friend and a wise counselor, he was universally respected and loved. He received a liberal education at the district schools, also North Guilford Academy, and for several years taught school in the town of Guilford. He was a large land owner in both North Guilford and North Branford, and in addition to general farming, stock raising, etc., he shipped away considerable quantities of timber.

On Jan. 2, 1833, Deacon Samuel W. Dudley married Lucy Ann Chittenden, daughter of David and Lucy (Fowler) Chittenden, and they had six children: (1) Charles Samuel, born May 24, 1834, is an insurance agent at New Haven, Conn. He married, in 1871, Mary Austin, of Westville, Conn., a teacher. He was a soldier in the Civil war, serving as a private in the 14th Conn. V. I. (2) Henry

Chittenden, born May 9, 1836, died while in the army, Jan. 17, 1863; he was sergeant in the 14th Regiment, Conn. V. I.; he married Oct. 16, 1861, Anna E. Parmelee, daughter of Deacon Eli Parmelee, of Guilford. She subsequently married (second) Lieut. Edward Griswold. (3) Elizabeth Russell, born June 25, 1838, married Jan. 3, 1876, Deacon John W. Norton, of Guilford. (4) James Ambrose, born Aug. 21, 1840, married Oct. 13, 1870, Emelyn M. Griswold, of Guilford. He is deceased. (5) George Chittenden, a sketch of whom follows. (6) William Russell, born March 1, 1849, was a professor at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., afterwards professor at Leland Stanford University, San Francisco, California.

(VII) GEORGE CHITTENDEN DUDLEY, son of (VI) Deacon Samuel W., was born Sept. 1, 1842, on the homestead, and has always lived there, having operated same since the death of his father. His education he obtained in part at the district schools of the neighborhood of his home, in part at North Guilford Academy, and he is otherwise a well-read and well-informed man. In politics he is a Republican, but has never aspired to political preferment, though he has served as tax collector and in some minor town offices. In religious faith he is a member of and deacon in the Congregational Church, and is a member of the choir. Socially he is affiliated with the Good Templars and with the Grange. Mr. Dudley's industry, integrity and sound common sense have secured for him, in an unusual degree, the uniform respect of the community in which he lives.

JAMES H. BARTLETT, a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Oxford, New Haven county, who is now successfully engaged in general farming and tobacco growing, was born on a farm near Millbrook, Dutchess county, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1829, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Swift) Bartlett, and grandson of Littlefield Bartlett, all natives of Dutchess county. Our subject is the eldest in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: Deborah, wife of Lucius Osbourne, a farmer of Dutchess county; Susan, wife of Dewitt Benson, of Clinton, Iowa; Sarah E., wife of Edwin Chapin, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Phebe J., wife of Davis White, of Dutchess county, N. Y.; George L., a carpenter of Ansonia, Conn.; Maria J., wife of Clarence Vail, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Charles T., a farmer of Jackson county, Iowa; and Annie, wife of Edwin Dunham, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In the county of his nativity James H. Bartlett grew to manhood, and in its public schools he acquired his literary education. On leaving the parental roof, at the age of twenty years, he went to New York City, where he clerked in the wholesale grocery house of Meads & Co. for a year and a half, and was then with Skeel, Van Valkenberg & Co., as receiving and delivering clerk, for eight years. At the end of that period, in company with



Truman E. Herd, of Southbury, Conn., he went to Freeport, Ill., where he was engaged in general merchandising from 1855 to 1863. During the latter year he secured a position as clerk in the quartermaster's department at Corinth, Miss., and held same for a little over a year, at the end of which time he returned to Freeport, Ill. He soon afterward purchased a farm in Adams county, that state, and operated the same for one year, during which time his wife died. With his three little children he then returned to New York, taking them to their maternal grandmother, in Chester, Orange Co., N. Y. He next went to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and in Pit Hole City he purchased an interest in what was known as the Ball farm, and also served as superintendent of the Fisher oil wells for six months. Subsequently he engaged in the manufacture of paper at Southford, Conn., until 1867, when he purchased the place in Oxford, New Haven Co., Conn., where he now resides. It is one of the finest farms of its size in the Quaker Valley, and in its cultivation he has met with well-deserved success.

Mr. Bartlett has been three times married, his first wife being Phœbe Beach, of Orange county, N. Y., by whom he had three children: Ella E., who was for many years a teacher in the schools of Oxford and Seymour, Conn., and for the last four years in the Emma Willard Seminary, at Troy, N. Y., but is at present traveling in Europe; Eva J., wife of Horace H. Oatman, of New Haven, Conn.; and Joseph L., who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1865, and in 1866 he married her sister, Kate C. Beach, by whom he had two children, twins: Kate, wife of Arthur J. Benson, of Dover Plains, N. Y.; and Joseph, a machinist of Clinton, Iowa. Our subject's present wife was in her maidenhood Miss Josephine Flagg. There is one child by this union, Annie, who is at home.

Socially Mr. Bartlett is a member of King Solomon Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M., of Woodbury, while politically he is not identified with any particular party, but votes independent of party lines. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1879 and again in 1882, and served as selectman for fifteen consecutive years, with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

EDWARD GRISWOLD has in the thirty-five years of his mercantile career in Guilford become one of the best-known figures in the commercial and public life of that town and vicinity, where he is widely and favorably known in many connections.

Mr. Griswold was born June 30, 1839, in Guilford, son of Joel and Polly Griswold, and received his early education in the district schools in the neighborhood of his home, later attending the Guilford Institute. From early boyhood he was trained to farm work, assisting his father on the home

place, where he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war. On Oct. 26, 1861, he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of the 1st Light Battery, C. V., which formed a part of the 10th Army Corps, and serving a full three years, being mustered out Oct. 26, 1864. He took an active part in all the battles, etc., in which his command was engaged. After his return from the army Mr. Griswold rented the homestead, and also embarked in merchandising in partnership with his brother Charles, as general merchants and produce dealers, our subject taking charge of the produce business and his brother of the other branch. They continued thus three years, when our subject bought his brother's interest, and he has since engaged in general merchandising on his own account. Though he has always commanded a wide patronage Mr. Griswold has met with reverses, and at one time lost his all, but he has continued in the face of discouragements, and does a thriving business at present. His store, however, has not occupied all his time and attention. For a few years he was interested in the canning business, being one of the first in that line in Guilford. In the organization of the Savings Bank he was prominent as one of the prime movers and promoters, and he served several years as trustee, being one of the first to hold that office. He was the organizer of the Guilford Light Battery, in whose welfare he has always taken the deepest interest, and served as commander of same for six years. It was through his efforts that this battery was accepted as the battery called for from Connecticut by the United States Government in the Spanish-American war, in 1898.

Mr. Griswold is a lifelong Republican and an ardent supporter of the principles of that party, though he is independent in giving his support to candidates, especially in local affairs. He is a loyal friend of Gen. Hawley, the Connecticut senator, and was a staunch McKinley man. Though not an office-seeker he has never shirked public service, and his ability and trustworthiness have been recognized by his fellow townsmen, whom he has not disappointed in his discharge of the duties of the various offices to which he has been chosen. In 1882 he was elected to the State Legislature, on his own party ticket, and was re-elected to that incumbency the following year as the candidate of both Republican and Democratic parties. During his first term he served on the committee on Fishery, the second term as chairman of committee on Military Affairs, and he proved his efficiency in many ways gratifying to his constituents. However, no more flattering approval of his services could be desired than his return to the House as noted. On Nov. 5, 1901, Mr. Griswold was elected by the citizens of his town as delegate to the Constitutional Convention, held Jan. 1, 1902, at Hartford, for the purpose of revising the State Constitution. He is the recognized leader of the country contingent, and



it is claimed by his fellow townsmen that he is more widely and favorably known throughout the state than any other citizen of Guilford.

Mr. Griswold has ever been active in the G. A. R., and has served as delegate to the National Encampment. He was a charter member of Parmelee Post, of Guilford, in which he filled many offices, and now belongs to Foote Post, No. 17, New Haven. At present he is serving on the staff of the Department Commander of Connecticut as chief mustering officer, and in his visits to the different posts is heartily welcomed by the comrades. Being an interesting and ready speaker, he seldom escapes being called upon for remarks or addresses.

On May 12, 1868, Mr. Griswold was married, in Guilford, to Mrs. Anne E. (Parmelee) Dudley, who was born March 22, 1834, daughter of Eli Parmelee, and first married Henry D. Dudley; he was killed while serving in the Civil war. Three children blessed this union, born as follows: Elizabeth Hart, July 23, 1869; Edward Parmelee, July 6, 1870; and Nelson Hotchkiss, Jan. 12, 1872. The mother passed away Nov. 1, 1899, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Guilford. She was a devout Christian, a woman of charitable impulses and kindly deeds, and was sincerely mourned by her many friends in the town. Mr. Griswold holds membership with the Congregational Church, of which his wife was also a member. Though always an active man, his tastes are domestic, and he takes his greatest pleasure in his home and family. In his long and honorable life he has gained many warm friends, and though his independence of spirit and action have sometimes roused aggression it has always been in the support of what he believed to be right, and he is universally respected for his sincerity and integrity.

CLARK W. STOWE, one of the venerable residents of the town of Milford, senior member of the firm of C. W. Stowe & Son, well-known seed growers and farmers, was born in that town March 17, 1838, son of William and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Stowe. Our subject bears an honored name, the Stowe family having been prominently identified with the town from an early day, and Jedediah Stowe, his grandfather, was probably born there. This worthy citizen was a farmer by occupation, and for some time he also conducted a store in Milford. He and his wife had the following children: Isaac, a seafaring man, who died in Milford; David, a shoemaker and farmer; Jeremiah, a farmer; William, our subject's father; Sally, who married El-nathan Baldwin, a farmer; Sybil, who married Clark Platt, a farmer; and Nancy, who married William Platt, a farmer.

William Stowe, who was also a farmer, was born in Milford in 1794, and died in 1844. His wife, Elizabeth (Baldwin), was a daughter of Hezekiah Baldwin, a prominent farmer of Milford. She was born Aug. 16, 1809, and died Dec. 30, 1885.

They had two children: Clark W., our subject; and Mary Elizabeth, who was born in 1842, and died at the age of three years.

Clark W. Stowe was reared upon the old homestead in Milford, and obtained a common-school education in his district. When a young man he commenced in farming, and at present he has the able assistance of his son, the farm of 100 acres affording scope for various branches of their work. Mr. Stowe lived on the old homestead until 1865, when he moved to what is now known as Walnut Beach, he being one of the first to settle there. Politically he and his son are Republicans, and the family is active in religious and philanthropic work. Mr. Stowe having given the lot for the chapel at Walnut Beach.

Mr. Stowe married Miss Mary Catherine Hand, who was born Jan. 22, 1841, in Litchfield county, Conn., daughter of Guy S. Hand, a farmer of that section. She died Nov. 3, 1898, leaving two children: (1) Miles W., born July 12, 1857, married Miss Mercy Blakeman, born in 1862, in Fairfield county, Conn., daughter of Ezra and Urania (Hubbell) Blakeman. They have had two sons—Clark W., born Nov. 25, 1895, and Cornelius Ard, born Jan. 15, 1897. (2) Edith E., born Feb. 24, 1865, married Edward W. Beers, of Stratford.

Our subject has won success far beyond the ordinary, by methods that have retained for him the profound respect of all. He is a plain going man, and has so lived as to leave to his posterity a name that may be referred to with pride.

JOHN GILBERT CUTLER, who has been in the harnessmaking business in Waterbury for the long period of thirty-seven years, is a native of Bennington, Vt., and of English extraction.

David Cutler, grandfather of our subject, was born in Killingly, Windham Co., Conn., married there, and followed farming. He and his wife both died in Killingly, the latter at the age of about one hundred and six years. They were the parents of two children: David H. and Asa S.; the latter was a farmer in Killingly, and died in Putnam, Connecticut.

David H. Cutler, father of our subject, was born in Killingly, was educated there, and in early manhood went to Bennington, where he followed the trade of shoemaker. He married Harriet A. Gilbert, who was born in Mansfield, Conn., a daughter of John Gilbert, a farmer and country merchant. Two children were born to David H. Cutler and his wife: Harriet A. and John Gilbert. The father died in 1879, in the Shaker settlement, Mass. He was a lifelong Whig in politics. The mother passed away March 4, 1882, in Waterbury.

John G. Cutler, whose name introduces these lines, at the age of six years was taken from his native place, Bennington, Vt., to Tolland county, Conn., and there remained on a farm for some time, receiving his education in the district schools.







Clark W. Howe



At the time of the breaking out of the Civil war he was learning the harnessmaker's trade, and after coming to Waterbury, in 1862, he followed same as a journeyman until March 22, 1865, at which time he commenced in that business in Exchange place, Waterbury, on his own account, and has continued it ever since. He is now located in Platt's block, at No. 39 East Main street. There is only one man in business now in the city who was in business at the time our subject commenced. Mr. Cutler deals in harness, leather, saddlery hardware, horse clothing, trunks, and everything to be found in a shop of that nature.

In 1863 our subject was married in Waterbury to Mary Karrmann, who was born in Middletown, Conn., Nov. 10, 1843, a daughter of Sebastian Karrmann, a German by birth. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Cutler attend the services of the M. E. Church; in politics he is a Republican; socially he is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

MRS. ESTELLA J. (HARTLEY) MILLS.

The Mills and Hartley families are well known in this section, the former having been identified with Ansonia, and the latter with New Haven, since their first settlement, and the names of both are associated with a high order of citizenship.

The late Thomas Mills, who was for many years a leading resident of Ansonia, was born at Huddersfield, England, Aug. 24, 1801, a son of James Mills, and came to this country about 1828, locating at Little Falls, N. J. From there he removed to Newark, N. J., where he followed the blacksmith's trade for several years, and in 1843 he removed to Derby, Conn., being there employed at his trade, by Phelps, Dodge & Co., in their new plant. In their employ he remained forty-five years, removing with them to Birmingham, Conn., afterward to Ansonia, and he was regarded as an excellent workman in his line. On going to Birmingham he moved into the second house built there, and in Ansonia he was also one of the first settlers. During his residence there he witnessed the development of Derby, Shelton and Ansonia, the location having been metamorphosed from a farming community to a thriving business and manufacturing center, with a population of more than 20,000 people. He took an active part in town affairs, being an ardent Republican in politics, and he was prominent in fraternal society work as a member of the I. O. O. F. He united with the Order before coming to this country, and continued active in its work throughout his life, holding every office in the local branch. In religious faith he was a Methodist, and he served on the committee for locating and building the new church at Ansonia. His death occurred in Ansonia Feb. 3, 1883. Mr. Mills was first married, in England, Dec. 4, 1825, to Miss Grace Eastwood, who was born April 2, 1805, and who died at Ansonia in 1857. By this marriage he had ten chil-

dren, two of whom are still living: Mary J., who married J. M. Burrall, of Waterbury; and George E., a resident of Wallingford. On July 1, 1860, Mr. Mills married Miss Margaret Ball, who survives him, and by this union he had two children: Thomas B., mentioned below; and Albert E., who died in childhood.

Mrs. Margaret (Ball) Mills still resides at the family homestead, No. 185 North Main street, and is highly respected in the community for her philanthropic work. For years she has been one of the active members of the Methodist Church of Ansonia, having been in entire sympathy with her husband in his religious work, and for some time she was a teacher in the Sunday-school. She was born in Oldham, England, a daughter of Joseph Ball (2), and granddaughter of Joseph Ball (1), a native of Manchester, England. Her father, who was a mechanic, came to America in 1841, locating in Pennsylvania, and he passed away in Pottsville, that state, at the age of eighty years. Her mother, Margaret (Hargreaves), a native of Manchester, England, and a devout Methodist, died at the age of thirty-nine, when Mrs. Mills, who is the only survivor of eleven children, was but four weeks old. She was reared in England, and came to America at the age of twenty-five.

Thomas B. Mills, son of Thomas and Margaret (Ball) Mills, was born June 18, 1861. After securing a common-school education he learned the trade of machinist, and became one of the most valued employes of the firm of Wallace & Sons. His death, which occurred June 20, 1891, cut short a promising career. His high character was recognized in the community, and for so young a man he held an influential place in social affairs, and in the Republican organization. For a number of years he served as an active fireman in Eagle Hose Co., No. 6, and on many occasions he showed marked courage in the discharge of his duties. As a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he took a prominent part in the Sunday-school work and Young People's Meetings. Socially he was a member of the Order of Red Men, in which he held office, and of Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, I. O. O. F. At the age of twenty-two he had passed all the chairs in the latter organization, being then the youngest noble grand ever elected to that office. On April, 20, 1887, Mr. Mills married Miss Estella J. Hartley, and they had two sons, Paul H. and Albert E. Paul died at the age of seven years and nine months; he was a remarkably bright boy, as may be judged from the fact that his favorite reading was biographies of Garfield, Grant and Franklin.

Mrs. Estella J. Mills, who is widely known as an author, was born May 5, 1864, in Westville, New Haven Co., Conn. She completed a course in the Hillhouse high school, at New Haven, in the class of 1883, with the intention of teaching. Her tastes and abilities inclined to business life, however, and she took a position as bookkeeper with George W.



Walker, on Main street, Ansonia, remaining three and one-half years, when she married Thomas B. Mills, as above related. In 1892 she opened a store next door to her residence, and here she carries a supply of dry-goods, fancy goods, notions, school supplies and art materials. She is a gifted artist, and has done notable work in oil and on china, but her literary efforts have met with such success as to indicate that the pen is her best medium for expression. At the close of her last year at high school she wrote the class song, and was chosen class poet. In all she has written over 150 poems. A large volume, "Storm Swept," published by James H. Earle, of Boston, has been widely sold. Her sympathy with reforms of all kinds has led her into public life, and in 1893 she was elected to the board of education, being the first woman in the State to be chosen for that office. In 1896 she was re-elected, for another term of three years, and since March, 1894, she has served as school visitor. Mrs. Mills is an active member of the W. C. T. U., the Daughters of Liberty, the Order of the Golden Cross, the Woman's Relief Corps, and she and her mother both belong to the Ells-Wood Rebekah Lodge, No. 9, in which she has held different offices, including that of secretary. In religious faith she is a Methodist, and she formerly taught in the Sunday-school. Her family has been identified with New Haven for many years, and her father (William Hartley) and grandfather (Henry Hartley) were prominent in business circles in that city.

Henry Hartley, who died in New Haven in 1813, aged forty-seven years, was born in Manchester, England, and after coming to America gained a wide reputation for skill as an architect and builder, and carried on a large business in bridge-building and other branches of engineering. Many of the large buildings and bridges of this section—including some of the Yale College buildings—were constructed under his direction, and for building purposes he ordered stone from Portland, Conn. William Hartley was born and reared in New Haven, and for three years attended Yale College. He taught school in North Haven, and later became a civil engineer of marked ability. In 1850 he published a map of New Haven, and he served some years as deputy surveyor general; he also made the survey for the first sewer laid in the city of New Haven. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 27th Conn. V. I., which regiment was first assigned to the 2d Army Corps under Gen. Hancock, and for six months he served as topographical engineer of the Engineer Corps. Mr. Hartley was in several battles including Fredericksburg, and at Gettysburg he was surgeon's assistant in the ambulance corps. He died in New Haven Aug. 16, 1877, at the age of seventy-two, and was buried with Masonic honors, having been a member of the F. & A. M. for years. His widow, who in her maidenhood was Jane E. Barnett, now resides in Ansonia. She is a native of New Hartford, was reared at

Westville, this county, and was married, first, in 1842, to William L. Bliss, son of the Hon. Abel Bliss, of Wilbraham, Mass. By this marriage she had one child, now deceased. By her marriage with William Hartley she had five children, two sons and one daughter dying in infancy. Estella J. is the widow of Thomas B. Mills. Lillian C., who was two years her senior, married Henry O. Coon, and died June 5, 1900; she is survived by her husband and three children, Glen H., Jeanette E. and William O. William Hartley first married Rebecca Thorpe, of North Haven, and their son, William H., Jr., made the first survey of Pike's Peak, and the first survey and map of Denver, Colo. He accompanied John Brown in his first encounter with the border ruffians, and fired the first shot in the first engagement, Brown saying "Let Hartley fire first, for he's the best shot among us." A daughter by the first marriage, Mrs. Adelaide (Hartley) Merz, resides in North Haven.

In her mother's line Mrs. Estella J. Mills is descended from Jabez Barnett, an Englishman, who was among the first settlers in New Haven. His son, Jeremiah, great-grandfather of Mrs. Mills, kept a tavern on what is now Armstrong's Wharf, in New Haven, and also followed the cooper's trade, being extensively engaged in manufacturing barrels for the West Indies. Rev. Eli Barnett, grandfather of Mrs. Mills, was, at the age of fifteen years, apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, but feeling a strong call to the ministry, he educated himself by private study in his evenings and early mornings. During his years of active service he preached the Gospel from Canada to Long Island Sound, the earliest portion of his work being done on the Middletown circuit. He died in New Haven in 1878, at the age of eighty-six. On Jan. 6, 1822, he married for his second wife, Betsey Tabor, of Shelburne Point, Vt., and they had three children, two of whom are living: Mrs. Jane E. Hartley, of Ansonia; and Mrs. Betsey A. Cowap, of Danville, Ill. The third daughter, Miss Ellen C. Barnett, a writer of note, died in 1886. The Tabor family is a well-known family in New England, and Mt. Tabor in Vermont was named for them. Betsey Tabor was a daughter of Major John and Jemima (Trowbridge) Tabor, the former of whom was born in 1766, at Princeton, R. I., and became a pioneer settler at Shelburne, Vt., where he died in 1813. His title of Major was gained by his service in the militia.

AUGUSTUS HALL BARTHOLOMEW, deceased. The Bartholomew family, of which Augustus Hall Bartholomew, of Wallingford, was a descendant, has a record which is a credit to New England. The first of the name to come to these shores was William Bartholomew, son of William, of Burford, England, who was educated in Burford, was chaplain to King Charles, became sub-dean of Westminster, and upon his marriage with



Ann Lord came to America in the ship "Griffin," arriving in Boston in 1634. In 1654 he with others was granted the privilege of trading with visiting vessels. He died at Charlestown in 1683.

William Bartholomew (2), son of the emigrant, born in 1646 in Ipswich, married Mary Johnson, a daughter of the Capt. Johnson who had the title of surveyor to the King's armies in America. William was a carpenter, and followed his trade in Roxbury, later moving to Branford, Conn., where he built a mill. He died in Woodstock.

Andrew Bartholomew, son of William, was born in Roxbury in 1670, and married Hannah Frisbie, of Branford, who died in 1741. As manager of his father's mill in Branford he continued until the death of his father, when, in association with his brother Benjamin, he engaged in farming very extensively, removing in 1727 to Wallingford, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying about 1754.

Joseph Bartholomew, the ninth in the family of Andrew, was born in Branford in 1721, and married Mary Sexton in Wallingford. At the time of his death he owned large tracts of land in the southeastern part of Wallingford, near the Branford line, and was a lieutenant of militia.

Isaac Bartholomew, son of Joseph, born in 1748 in Wallingford, first married Martha Morse, his second marriage being to Demaris Hall. His death occurred in 1821. Isaac was a large farmer, owning the land which now constitutes the homestead in Wallingford. In 1793 there was made a record telling that Harvey and Ruth Stephens, of Wallingford, deeded to Demaris, wife of Isaac Bartholomew, for love and affection, a farm in Wallingford. Their children numbered nine, the sixth of the family being Ira, the father of our subject.

Ira Bartholomew was born on the homestead in 1788, and Oct. 1, 1816, married Eunice Hall, who was born in 1794, a daughter of Augustus and Parmelia Hall. Their children were: (1) Augustus Hall was born Sept. 20, 1817. (2) Frederick. (3) Sarah E. married Samuel M. Cook, and became the mother of three children—John A. Cook, of Wallingford; Frank, deceased; and Abba, Mrs. Samuel E. Hopkins, of Naugatuck, Conn. (4) Abby Ann in 1851 married Elisha M. Pomeroy. Mr. Bartholomew received a liberal education, and followed farming all his life on the homestead at East Farms, where he built the house in 1850. Well known and highly respected, he was also noted for his industry, working unceasingly all his life. He owned at the time of his death 125 acres of valuable land. First a Whig, then a Republican, he served in many of the town offices, was a selectman, and a correct and estimable member of the Congregational Church. He passed away at the age of sixty-three years.

Our immediate subject was born on the old homestead Sept. 20, 1817, attended the district school, and was also sent to the best select schools

in Fairhaven and Meriden. Later he engaged in teaching in Durham, Meriden and Wallingford, but returned to the farm and remained the comfort of his parents' declining years. Upon their decease he took charge of the farm, continuing there until 1882, and making many desirable improvements. He became known as a successful farmer and stock raiser, and also was one of the first in the section to make a success of raising tobacco. For the last eighteen years of his life he resided in Wallingford, where he erected a fine, modern brick residence, at a cost of \$8,000.

The first marriage of our subject took place Jan. 11, 1846, to Mary K. Cook, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cook; the latter first married Ralph Pomeroy. One child was born to this union, Edward, who passed away in infancy. Mrs. Bartholomew died in 1848. In 1850 Mr. Bartholomew was married to Mary E., daughter of Enos Camp, the children of this union being: Elizabeth M., born in 1851, married Hiram N. Childs, of Hanover, N. H., by whom she had two children, Bertha and Lena; her second marriage was to Alexander Hamilton. Emma Jane died young. James D. married Anna Chandler, and had two children, Harry and Ethel. William H., born in 1857, married Lillian Andrews, and lives on the homestead. Charles F., born in 1859, married Carrie Crook, and has three children, Augustus, Dale and Delius.

Mr. Bartholomew was formerly an Old-line Whig, but later became an ardent Republican, and he held many offices of the town: was selectman; served some years on the board of relief; for eight years was the efficient assessor; and was a member of the school board. A kind and generous man, he was one of the most highly esteemed men of Wallingford, where his death, on Aug. 25, 1900, was sincerely mourned. A member of the Congregational Church, he ever lived according to its teachings, and was a cheerful and liberal supporter of all benevolent and charitable enterprises. Living up to the Golden Rule, kind to the poor and generous to the unfortunate, setting an example through life of industry and sobriety, Mr. Bartholomew lived up to what must be considered the height of good citizenship.

MILES BLACKSTONE (deceased) was in his lifetime a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of the town of Branford, where he was born April 1, 1806, and where he made an eminent success of his career. Industry, economy and unswerving integrity marked all his life, and as the years passed his sterling worth and genuine manhood were more and more appreciated.

Miles Blackstone was a son of Timothy and Margaret (Goodrich) Blackstone, and his paternal grandfather was John Blackstone, who was a son of John Blackstone, and a grandson of that John Blackstone who settled in Branford about 1717, and was a son of Rev. William Blackstone. That





eminent worthy of the early days was a graduate of Emanuel College, at Cambridge, England, and was among the first settlers of Boston, where he was made a freeman in 1671.

Timothy Blackstone, father of Miles, was a leading farmer in Branford, where he died at the advanced age of eighty-eight. To him and his wife were born the following children: Eunice, who married Charles Harrison; James, who married Sarah Beach; Grace, who married Andrew Hopson; Willis, who married Lucinda Hoadley; Samuel; Nancy; and Miles.

Miles Blackstone was reared in Branford, and as he grew to manhood became deeply interested in farming, which was his life occupation. He was a hard-working and industrious man, and alive to all new and progressive methods of agriculture. He married Lois Robinson, daughter of Linus and Rebecca (Hobart) Robinson, and a granddaughter of Mason Hobart, one of the pioneers in the settlement of Branford. The Robinsons were also a well-known family there. To this union were born five children: Elizur, who died when two years old; Betsey J.; Edwin E., a farmer, who died at the age of 58, unmarried; Grace R., who married William H. Warner; and Miss Sarah, who died aged thirty-one. Mr. Blackstone was a most unassuming and modest gentleman of the Old School, with a kindly heart, and was greatly honored and respected in the community in which he lived.

In his religious relations he was strongly attached to the Episcopal Church, where he habitually attended and to which he contributed liberally. In politics he was an intelligent and broad-minded Republican, much devoted to the good of the community, and anxious to promote by his vote the prosperity of his country. He died March 29, 1875.

GEORGE HOADLEY, who is now living retired in Branford, belongs to an old and distinguished family of Connecticut, whose members in different generations have been conspicuous in the various fields of action in which they have been engaged.

The record of this branch of the Hoadley family begins with William Hoadley, who was born in England about 1630, and was a resident of Saybrook, Conn., as early as 1663. In 1666 he bought property in Branford, and engaged in mercantile business. His name first appears in the Branford Covenant in 1667, and he was made a freeman of the Colony in 1669. He was one of the deputies from Branford at nine sessions of the Assembly between 1678 and 1685; was one of the patentees of the town in 1685; between 1673 and 1690 was one of the selectmen for the town; in 1683 was appointed to keep the ordinary in Branford; was one of the grand jurors at the court held in New Haven in June, 1688; and was one of a committee appointed in 1686 to make application to the General Court at Hartford for liberty for the town to form itself into a church estate. He was a slaveholder,

and owned at his death a mulatto maid and an Indian boy. His estate was valued at more than five thousand dollars. William Hoadley died in 1709.

Abraham Hoadley, son of William, died in Branford July 14, 1748, at an advanced age. He was made a freeman of Branford in 1702, and was a farmer. Elizabeth (Maltby), his wife, was the daughter of Capt. William Maltby.

Abel Hoadley, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Maltby) Hoadley, was born in Branford, Dec. 24, 1705, and died in August, 1734. His wife's name was Martha. He was a farmer in the Damascus District.

Isaac Hoadley, son of Abel and Martha Hoadley, was born in Branford in December, 1728, and died Jan. 21, 1812. Elizabeth (Blackstone), his wife, daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Foote) Blackstone, was noted among the women of her time for her domestic skill. Isaac Hoadley was a carpenter by trade, inherited his father's farm, and became a very prosperous resident of the Damascus District. He was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Abel Hoadley, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Hoadley, was born in Branford Oct. 1, 1764, and died March 29, 1845. He married Lucinda Bradley, daughter of Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley, of Branford, and they had children: Martha, who married Deming Hoadley; Isaac; Samuel; Ralph; Sally S., who married James Harrison; Lucinda, who married Wyllys Blackstone; Harvey; Harriet, who married John Gordon; and Ammi. Abel Hoadley was a farmer in the Damascus District, and was selectman and constable for many years.

Isaac Hoadley, father of our subject, married Laura Tyler, daughter of Solomon and Dorcas (Fisk) Tyler, the former a farmer of Branford. Isaac Hoadley was a sailor in early life, and then engaged in farming. He died on the farm now occupied by his son George, Oct. 10, 1825, at the early age of thirty-five years. His children were George, Anna Tyler and Charles E. The last named married Elizabeth Gunn, a native of Georgia, and a daughter of James and Elizabeth Gunn, and they had four children: Laura, who is the wife of R. T. Humphrey; Susan D., who married J. Edwin Towner, and died in March, 1897 (she had three children, Anna P., who died July 27, 1899, Merle E. and Laura E.); M. Georgia, who died Jan. 21, 1884; and Edna J. Charles E. Hoadley was a merchant in Fredonia, Ala., where his children were all born. He returned East in 1866, and his wife died Oct. 11, 1867. He died Oct. 22, 1878.

George Hoadley, whose name introduces this article, was born Feb. 14, 1814, in the house he now occupies, and was reared on the old homestead—where he yet resides. The house in which he lives is over one hundred years old. In the sitting-room is one of the old "grandfather's" clocks, made in England, probably more than two hundred years old, and which still keeps good time. Mr. Hoadley





*George Hadley*



worked at the carpenter's trade from the time he was seventeen years old until he was forty-one, when he engaged in farming. At the present time his health is practically as good as it was twenty years ago. For his age, eighty-seven, he is one of the most vigorous and satisfactory specimens of manhood to be found anywhere, hale and hearty, and able to "hustle" in a fashion which many younger men might envy. Mr. Hoadley attends the Congregational Church, and politically is a Democrat. He has never married.

MRS. HENRY P. (NICHOLS) WIRTH, for many years one of Ansonia's social leaders, was a member of an old and honored family of that section, her ancestors having been pioneers of Oxford. Francis Nichols, her great-great-grandfather, purchased land there in 1743, the title passing to him from a Quaker who had bought it from the Indians, and his remaining years were spent there.

Sergt. Isaac Nichols, the next in the line of descent, was born and reared on the old homestead in Oxford, and became a farmer by occupation. His military title was gained by service in the militia and his sword was prized by Mrs. Wirth as a relic of the early times. In 1769 he married Abigail Lyman, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Lyman, the first Congregational minister at Oxford, and their family consisted of four children. Sergt. Isaac died March 5, 1805, aged fifty-seven years, while his wife lived to the age of eighty-four.

Russell F. Nichols, Mrs. Wirth's grandfather, was born in 1772 at the homestead, where he spent his life engaged in farming, and his death occurred there in 1849. For many years he was a prominent worker in the Episcopal Church. He married Nabby Riggs, a native of Oxford, and a daughter of John Riggs, and they had four children, among whom was a son Benjamin.

Benjamin Nichols, father of Mrs. Wirth, was born in Oxford, and grew to manhood on the old farm, receiving a common-school education, which he supplemented by a generous course of reading in later years. For a time he conducted the homestead, which contained 280 acres, but in 1882 he removed to Ansonia and built a home near Mrs. Wirth's late residence. Subsequently he purchased the site of her home, but he did little active business in his later years except probate work, his sound judgment, uprightness and ripe experience causing him to be frequently called upon to settle estates. For some time he was a director in the Birmingham National Bank. He enjoyed in a marked degree the confidence of the people, and was prominent in political life as a member of the Democratic party. He was first selectman of Oxford during the Civil war, and had control of the funds for hiring substitutes. In 186—, 1872 and 1875 he served as representative, and in 1876 he was chosen State senator, being one of very few men who were elected to that office from the town

of Oxford. In 1864 he united with Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., at Seymour, and later he became a charter member of Union Chapter, R. A. M., at Ansonia. He held \$2,000 insurance in the Masonic Benefit Association, and in his will left \$1,000 to the Masons' Home at Wallingford. He also left \$3,000 to the Episcopal Church at Quaker Farms, the interest to be used for the proper care of the two cemeteries, for the insurance of the church, and, if any remained, for other purposes of the church. Mr. Nichols married Minerva Tomlinson, who was born at Volney, near Castleton, Vt., and was one of a family of eight children. Her father, Truman Tomlinson, was a native of Oxford, and passed many years in that locality as a farmer and blacksmith, dying there. Her mother, Nancy Perry, was the daughter of Telverton and Patience Perry, and died aged seventy-eight years.

Mrs. Wirth, who was the only child of Benjamin and Minerva Nichols, was born in Oxford, and remained at the homestead until she reached the age of nineteen. In October, 1862, she married George A. Tomlinson, a native of Oxford, son of George Tomlinson, who was born at Quaker Farms. His grandfather, David Tomlinson, a native of Woodbury, was a farmer and merchant of Quaker Farms, where he died in 1822. In 1818 he was elected State senator. George Tomlinson, the father of George A., passed his entire life in Oxford, and died in 1859, aged fifty-nine. He married Eliza Judson, daughter of Wells Judson, a leading resident of Quaker Farms, and his wife Ruth (Wilcox), who was born in Scuthbury, and died at Quaker Farms, at the age of forty years. George A. Tomlinson was one of a family of three children; his sister, Marietta A., wife of Smith B. Glover, now resides in Newtown. As a boy George A. Tomlinson became familiar with farm work, but finding it uncongenial he studied dentistry in Hartford. Deciding finally to engage in mercantile business, he located at Ansonia in 1870, and opened a news and toy store, which he conducted successfully for a few years. He was highly respected in the community. In 1891 he built the handsome residence at No. 301 Wakelee avenue, Ansonia, occupied by Mrs. Wirth until her death, and he died that year, at the age of fifty-nine. He was a man of literary tastes. For a number of years he served as secretary of George Washington Lodge, F. & A. M.

In April, 1896, Mrs. Tomlinson married Henry P. Wirth, who was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, the son of Louis and Mary Ann (Menck) Wirth, who owned a large hotel there. Before coming to this country Mr. Wirth was a salesman for wholesale mercantile houses, and was engaged several years in that line in Russia. He was employed for a long time in the Farrell foundry, and later proved himself a successful salesman by disposing of 2,000 copies of "Grant's Memoirs," and selling many other publications.



Mrs. Wirth was an able business woman, taking keen interest in the management of her estate, and not long before her death she purchased a large tract of land with five houses near her home, in order to protect her beautiful grounds from intrusion. In the house are to be found many interesting and valuable relics of the past, one room, which she called her "Curiosity Shop," being entirely devoted to heirlooms. Among a large number received from her mother are rare spoons and pieces of valuable plate, from fifty to one hundred and fifty years old, and a gold and silver tea set presented the mother on her wedding day. Excellent portraits of both her mother and father occupy places of honor in the house, testifying to her filial reverence and devotion. She contributed liberally to the support of Christ Church, Quaker Farms, and left in her will \$2,000 for the same purpose as her father's bequest; also \$3,200 to St. Peter's Church, in Oxford, and \$3,200 to the Congregational Church in Oxford, the interest to be used to put the cemeteries in the best of order and keep them so at all times. She made many other bequests for the benefit of the public. Mrs. Wirth was prominent in many lines of social activity, including the work of the D. A. R., in which she held membership by right of descent from John Riggs. She passed away Nov. 6, 1900, and her death was sincerely mourned among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

ERASMUS D. KETCHAM is one of the older citizens of Waterbury, and holds a responsible position in the industrial life of that city. He is a plain, straightforward man of good habits, and possessing an intimate knowledge of his business, commanding at once the confidence of his employers and the respect of the community.

Mr. Ketcham was born in the town of Perinton, Monroe Co., N. Y., Jan. 23, 1838, son of John V. N. Ketcham, a native of Rensselaer county, that state. Joseph Ketcham, the grandfather of Erasmus D., came from the eastern part of the State, and was a farmer in Rensselaer county. He married a Miss Van Ness, and they had twelve children: Morgan, a farmer in St. Joseph county, Mich.; Daniel, a farmer in Monroe county; John V. N., already mentioned; Cornelius, a farmer of Oswego county, N. Y.; William, a farmer and an influential politician in Ontario county, N. Y.; Joseph, a farmer in Monroe county, where he is yet living; Melvin, a miner and speculator in California; Marvin, a Monroe county farmer; Elidie, who married Jacob Van Ness, a farmer of Monroe county; Phebe, who married a Mr. Porter, and later a Mr. Washburn, a farmer of Ontario county; Sally, wife of Mr. Mosher, a mechanic; and Angeline, wife of John Aldrich, a farmer in Monroe county.

John V. N. Ketcham was a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Alma J. Tedman, a native of Wayne county, N. Y., and a daughter of Robert

Tedman, a farmer, and a native of Connecticut. After marriage Mr. Ketcham and his wife settled on a farm in Monroe county, where they reared a family of five children: Erasmus D.; Mary S., deceased, who married Joseph Nellest, a farmer in Niagara county, N. Y.; Charlotte A., who married Burt Rowley, a farmer in Ontario county, N. Y.; Arabella, who married Homer Foote, a farmer in Niagara county, N. Y.; and Franklin I., a farmer, who lives on the old homestead. Mr. Ketcham passed away in 1886. Mrs. Ketcham is still living at the advanced age of eighty-three.

Erasmus D. Ketcham spent his boyhood and youth on the farm in Monroe county, N. Y., attending the old district school, and also enjoying the advantages of a year at an academy and a term at a business college. In 1872, then in the prime of life, he came to Waterbury to take the position he holds to-day, and which he has filled so acceptably in all the intervening years, that of foreman of the yard, or outdoor foreman for the Scovill Manufacturing Co. As foreman of the outdoor work of this company he is reliable and attentive to the interests of his employers, and careful and considerate of the needs of the men under his direction.

Mr. Ketcham and Miss Caroline B. Webster were married Jan. 10, 1881. Mrs. Ketcham is a native of Waterbury, daughter of Truman Webster, a mason of that city. Two children have been born to this union, Truman J. and Earl D. Mr. Ketcham is a Republican, and a reliable and honored citizen. His face is a familiar sight in the assembly halls of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., and he is much interested in the workings of that noble order. The Ketcham family attend the Congregational Church.

LEONIDAS W. ALLING (deceased) was born in Orange, New Haven county, Feb. 23, 1840, the sixth child in the family of Charles W. and Lucy (Booth) Alling, who are mentioned elsewhere.

Mr. Alling spent his boyhood, after attendance at the district school (and during that time as well), assisting his father in the latter's woolen mill, a moderate business and large family necessitating contribution to the general fund on the part of the sons as well as of the father. Yet his intuitive inclination was toward a higher education, and his father was willing to gratify the boy's natural trend. Accordingly young Leonidas received a course of instructions at Wilbraham Academy, and later matriculated at Yale. Ill-health prevented the completion of his college course, and returning to Orange in 1868 he engaged in the manufacture of woolen yarns. In this he was reasonably successful until 1891, in which year his plant was destroyed by fire. In that year, not caring to resume business in Orange, he removed to Derby, where he assumed a responsible position in connection with the management of the extensive factory owned by his





brothers, A. H. and C. B. Alling. This post he filled, with an ability born of native talent and ripe experience, until his death, May 12, 1896.

On Dec. 28, 1870, Mr. Alling married Marion Merwin, a daughter of Alpheus and Mary (Alling) Merwin, the latter a daughter of Bela Alling, who was the great-uncle of Leonidas W. The earliest American progenitor of the Merwin family, of whom any authentic record is preserved, came from Scotland nearly two centuries ago. His baptismal name was John, and following down the line we find John, born in Milford; John, a native of Orange; Nathan; and Alpheus, who was Mrs. Alling's father. Nathan Merwin, the father of Alpheus, was born in Orange, as were also his father and his children. He married Esther Clark, born in the same town in 1791, a daughter of Elias Clark, and their nine children were: Elias, Esther, Nathan, Sarah, Alpheus, John, Mary, Susan and Sheldon. Elias removed from Connecticut to Oakland, Cal., where he lived and died; he was a landed proprietor. Esther (deceased) became Mrs. Frederick Durand, of Seymour. Nathan was a prosperous dealer in grain and flour at New Haven, where he died. Sarah married Joseph Treat, of Milford, and died in Iowa. John engaged in the manufacture of cutlery at Lakeville, Conn., and died there. Mary is the widow of Harvey Seward, a merchant in Leadville, Colo., where she yet lives. Susan died unmarried. Sheldon died in early youth.

Alpheus Merwin was reared in Orange, where he learned the trade of a carpenter under the instruction of his father and Elias Clark, of Derby; he followed same until his death, July 13, 1880. In 1848 he married Miss Mary Alling, and they had two children, Marion and John. Marion, as has been said, became Mrs. Leonidas W. Alling; John is a farmer in Orange. Bela Alling, father of Mrs. Mary Merwin, married Julia Rogers, of Orange, and three children were born to them: Mary, Mrs. Merwin; Sheldon, a farmer in Orange; and Julia, who died in childhood. Julia Rogers was the daughter of Jonathan Rogers, who was born in Orange in 1780, and was a farmer. In 1803 he married Polly Treat, whose father, Joseph Treat, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The children of this marriage were four in number: Julia, Jonathan, Jonah and Mary. The youngest daughter (Mrs. Merwin) is yet living.

Leonidas W. Alling was a man of kindly disposition and affectionate heart. His blameless life, joined to keen mental power and a genuinely unselfish interest in public affairs, gained for him the warm respect of his friends and neighbors. Politically he was a Republican, and he was a successful candidate on that ticket for the offices of town treasurer and representative in the Legislature. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church for many years, and in his daily life exemplified the sincerity of his belief in the religious faith which

he professed; yet his virtues were of the unassuming rather than of the assertive sort.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alling were born four children: Mary, Walter, Wilbur M. and Leon. Mary is married and lives in Philadelphia. Walter died in boyhood, and Wilbur is a manufacturer of hosiery, with mills in New York and Philadelphia. Leon is assistant superintendent of the New York City mill.

REUBEN H. COE. New Haven county has many well-to-do and successful farmers who have accumulated what they have of this world's goods through individual effort. Among this class the name of the subject of this notice is entitled to a place. For forty years he has been a resident of East Haven, where he is industriously engaged in the prosecution of his noble calling, and is meeting with far more than ordinary success.

Mr. Coe was born in the town of Durham, Middlesex Co., Conn., May 26, 1837, a son of Merrick R. Coe and grandson of Abram Coe, also natives of Durham. The latter was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was living at that time in East Haven; he helped to build the old Tomlinson bridge. His death occurred when he was about the age of seventy-two years. By his marriage with Rebecca Elwell, he had three children: Hannah, wife of William Peck; Phebe, wife of Samuel Peck; and Merrick R.

In early life Merrick R. Coe served a four years' apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for a time in East Haven, but the greater part of his life was spent upon a farm in Durham. He married Miss Asenath Harrison, of Northford, Conn., a daughter of Amos Harrison, and to them were born two children, Reuben H., our subject, being the youngest; Mary, born in 1831, became the wife of Enoch Camp, and died in 1849. The father died in the fall of 1888 in his eighty-fourth year; the mother Dec. 29, 1874, at the age of sixty-seven years. Both were consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Reuben H. Coe remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, and then went to Plymouth, Conn., where he was variously employed, working on a road and also on a farm. In 1860 he came to East Haven, and for two years operated what is known as the Richard Woodward place. He then purchased his present farm in the same town, and here he has made his home since April, 1862. His first purchase consisted of but twenty-seven acres, but as he has prospered in his undertakings he has added to his landed possessions from time to time, and is now the owner of about 200 acres in Branford and East Haven. He has made all of the improvements upon his place, which is now one of the most attractive and desirable farms in the locality. In connection with general farming, he has also engaged in the wood and dairy business, and for the past ten years has given special atten-



tion to the raising of hogs. He has been eminently successful, and is now one of the most substantial and prosperous farmers of the community.

On June 25, 1857, Mr. Coe was united in marriage with Miss Mariette Sanford, of Plymouth, Conn., a daughter of William Sanford, and to them were born two children: Hattie R., who died in her twelfth year; and Herbert W., who is engaged in the milk business in East Haven. He married Imogene Hall and has three children, Herbert E., Ethel M. and Bertha H. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coe hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them. He is quite prominent in agricultural circles and has served three years as master of East Haven Grange, No. 106, and treasurer of the New Haven County Pomona Grange for five years. He is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, and has been elected to official positions of honor and trust, having served as assessor of his town for seven years, and first selectman for two terms, first with Henry Smith and Ruel Thompson, and second with John S. Tyler and Ruel Thompson. Over his life record there falls no shadow of wrong; his public service was most exemplary; and his private life has been marked by the utmost fidelity to duty. He is public-spirited and progressive, and gives his support to all measures for the public good.

JOHN E. MAR, a citizen of West Haven, is one of New Haven county's successful business men. His family is of Scotch extraction and noble descent, his great-great-great-grandfather, John Mar, having been the eldest son of the Earl of Mar. He came to America from Scotland in 1715, settled in Kittery, Maine, and married Catherine Surplus, of that place. They were members of the Congregational Church, in which faith their four sons were baptized. Some years later, wishing to visit Scotland, John Mar took passage in a vessel which was wrecked off Cape Cod, and he was drowned. His youngest son, Surplus, passed his life as a farmer in Kittery.

James Mar, the grandfather of John Mar, was born in the town of Kittery, Maine, and removed to Lincoln county, that State, settling in the town of Alna, where he became a citizen of substance and influence. He was a mason by trade, and was also a surveyor and civil engineer. He served as lieutenant in the war of 1812, and was conspicuous for his gallantry and daring. He passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey, and died full of years and honors. He married Susannah, daughter of Lieut. Richard Bailey, who served in the French and Indian war.

James Mar, son of James, learned the trade of a mason, which he followed through the greater portion of his life, which ended at the age of eighty-four. He married Susan Averill, who was born in the town of Alna, a daughter of Ezekiel Averill,

who enjoyed the proud distinction of having been a member of Washington's body guard. After he had seen independence an accomplished fact, he returned—as did most of New England's patriot soldiers—to the farm, to resume the pursuits of peace, and to do his part toward the building up of the infant Republic. He attained the extraordinary age of ninety-eight years. His family consisted of four daughters and three sons, and Mrs. Mar was the fifth in order of birth. She died in her eighty-fifth year. Mr. and Mrs. Mar had four children, three of whom are yet living: Frederick, whose home is in Kent, Va.; John E.; and William H., who is still a resident of Maine.

John E. Mar was born March 15, 1834, in Alna, where his parents settled. As a boy his mind was quick and his memory retentive, and before he was twenty-two years old he had learned the two trades of mason and carpenter. From the little hamlet in Maine where he was born he went to Boston, and thence after some years to Fair Haven, Conn. This was in 1862, when the government was a constant buyer of steam vessels at a high price. Mr. Mar, in company with others, built several steamers, and in 1865 went to West Haven, which town has since been his home. His father-in-law was at that time engaged in shipbuilding there, and he became associated with him, the business relations continuing for many years. The business of the yards grew apace, and at present includes both steam and sail vessels, of many grades and large burden. Mr. Mar's name is a pledge of probity and a synonym for skill. In the two elements in his character, capability and integrity, may be found the keynote of his success. He has built many four-masted schooners, barges and grain elevators.

On Nov. 11, 1863, Mr. Mar married Helen Gesner, whose father, William Nicholas Gesner, was a shipbuilder in New York City, and thence removed to Connecticut. Four sons and one daughter have blessed their home: (1) Frederic W. attended the West Haven schools, graduated from Hillhouse high school of New Haven, and from Yale University with the degree of B. A., in 1888; he spent three years in post-graduate work, and is now principal of a school in Brooklyn, N. Y. He married, at Sirampscott, Mass., Carlotta Lotsch, and they have one child, Frank. (2) James C. graduated from Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and is now engaged in the lumber business. He married Kate Smith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and they have one child, Frederick Eugene. (3) Margaret G. married Eugene F. Perry, of Nyack, N. Y., secretary of the Wholesale Lumbermen's Association. They have three children, Dorothy, Helen and Eugene F., Jr. (4) John E., Jr., now of Bayonne, N. J., is a joiner by trade. He married Amy Dillion, of New Haven. (5) Charles Edgar is in Bridgeport, Conn., where he is engaged as mechanical draughtsman; he is unmarried.





John E. Mar



For more than a century Mr. Mar's family has been prominently identified with the growth and development of the Congregational Church in the localities in which its various members have resided. Men and women of rugged character and sterling worth, they have never lost sight of their bounden duty to the cause of Christ, for which all the members of Mr. Mar's immediate family are active workers. While our subject has not departed from the family tradition, he is a man to whom the advanced ideas of the latter half of the nineteenth century have not appealed in vain. Social by instinct and genial by temperament, his popularity has been assumed without any concession to lower impulse. He is a Republican in politics, but has never had any desire to hold office. He is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, having been senior warden and twice master of Annawan Lodge, No. 115, F. & A. M.; treasurer of Joseph Andrew Chapter, No. 46, R. A. M.; and a member of Crawford Council. He takes a deep interest in the cause of temperance, being ever ready to co-operate in every well-directed effort for its advancement.

EDWIN ALONZO LEETE, a well-known business man and resident of Guilford, now engaged in undertaking and embalming, is a descendant in the eighth generation from William Leete, the founder of the family in America. The first three generations of the ancestral line are: (I) Gov. William Leete, 1612-1683; (II) John Leete, 1639-1692; (III) Pelatiah Leete, 1681-1768.

(IV) Pelatiah Leete, son of Pelatiah, noted in the foregoing, was born March 7, 1713, married Lydia Crittenden, a daughter of Deacon Samuel and Mindwell (Meigs) Crittenden, and had the following family: Pelatiah, Pelatiah (2), Lydia (Mrs. John Leete) and Noah (twins), Eber, Simeon (who married Zerviah Norton), Amos (who married Hannah Ward) and Nathan.

(V) Pelatiah Leete, born Aug. 22, 1744, married Bethia Norton, a daughter of Thomas and Bethia Norton, of Guilford. She died June 30, 1793, and for his second wife he married Mary Frisbie, at North Branford. He was the father of four children: Joel, Noah, who married Huldah Ward; Pelatiah, who married Betsy Ramy; and Mary, who married John Ludington.

(VI) Joel Leete, born April 15, 1768, died Jan. 28, 1842. He married Mollie Crittenden, a daughter of Noah and Naomi (Atwell) Crittenden, who lived at Leete Island. Mrs. Leete died Nov. 24, 1843. Their children were: Alvin, mentioned below; Polly Maria; Morris Atwell; and Frederick William, who married Sarah Jane Fowler.

(VII) Capt. Alvin Leete, son of Joel and Mollie Leete, was born on Leete Island Aug. 24, 1791, and was married Jan. 15, 1816, to Mrs. Rebecca Butler, widow of William Butler. She was born Feb. 14, 1798, a daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Tyler) Palmer, and died Jan. 16, 1862. Capt. Leete died

July 6, 1882. His children were: (1) Abigail Maria, born Nov. 18, 1816, married A. W. Leete; (2) Eliza Ann, born March 3, 1818, married C. Robbins; (3) Isaac Palmer, born March 9, 1821, married Clarissa Foote; (4) Edwin Alonzo is mentioned below; (5) Marietta, born July 20, 1827, died Jan. 18, 1877. Capt. Leete earned his title in the militia service. He was a Whig and a Republican, and belonged to the Congregational Church. He was deeply interested in all educational matters, and for more than thirty years was a teacher in the public schools.

Edwin A. Leete was born Dec. 21, 1822, and married Ellen Hotchkiss, who was born Nov. 10, 1825, daughter of Eber S. and Fannie (Norton) Hotchkiss. To this union came two children: Fannie Rebecca, born Oct. 23, 1848, married Ezra S. Kelsey; and James Spencer, born Sept. 8, 1850, died March 23, 1857. Mrs. Leete died July 5, 1854. On Jan. 1, 1855, Mr. Leete married Mary Ann Leete, who was born Sept. 20, 1827, a daughter of Albert A. and Betsy A. (Parmelee) Leete, and granddaughter of Ambrose Leete. To them came children as follows: (1) Edward Morris, born Aug. 18, 1858, is mentioned below. (2) Catherine Ward, born Nov. 28, 1860, married Fred W. Seward. (3) Elizabeth Morris, born Feb. 10, 1867, was graduated from the State Normal School at New Britain, and for the past five years has been a teacher in the William Penn Charter school, in Philadelphia. (4) William Henry, born Dec. 3, 1868, in Guilford, married Caroline Hopkins Barnes, of Binghamton, N. Y. He has been engaged in the railroad service for ten years, having been on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and assistant to the general superintendent of the Los Angeles Terminal Railroad. He is now cashier and paymaster on the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad.

Edward Morris Leete married Eva Bishop, who was born April 19, 1859, daughter of Elisha Chapman Bishop, and they have three children—Frank Chapman, born Aug. 16, 1881, who is quite proficient in music; Earl Bishop, born in November, 1888; and Charlotte Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1890. Edward Morris Leete is a partner in business with his father, and at present represents his district in the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1900. In religion he unites with the Congregational Church, and socially he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Mrs. Edward Morris Leete belongs to an old family, and is a lady of unusual attainments. She is an extensive dealer in antique furniture.

Edwin A. Leete became a cabinetmaker, learning his trade under John Kimberly, with whom he spent four years. For a time he worked as a journeyman with Jonas H. Bowditch, of New Haven, manufacturer and dealer in furniture. Afterward he came to Guilford and worked two years in the shipyards at East River, for Eber Hotchkiss.





For several years he dealt in hardwood timber for the New York market.

Mr. Leete donned the Union blue in 1862, becoming a member of Company I, 14th Conn. V. I., under Col. Dwight Morris and Capt. Isaac Brunson. He was in the service six months, taking part in the battle of Antietam, and was discharged at Alexandria on account of serious disability. Returning from the war he resumed the cabinetmaking business, in which he has been continuously engaged for thirty-seven years, and is known as the leading undertaker and furniture dealer on the shore line.

Mrs. Leete descends from Deacon Daniel Leete, eldest son of Deacon Pelatiah Leete. He married Rhoda Stone, a daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Meigs) Stone, and resided on Leete Island. He was a deacon of the Fourth Congregational Church of Guilford. He died in 1772, his wife in 1769. They were the parents of five children: Rhoda, who married Noah Rogers; Daniel, who married Charity Norton; Ambrose, who is mentioned below; and two who bore the name of Abraham, both deceased in infancy.

Deacon Ambrose Leete in 1773 married Miranda Chittenden, a daughter of William and Rachel (White) Chittenden, of Guilford. He was made a deacon of the Fourth Church of Guilford in 1784, and of the First Church in 1801. He died in 1809, his wife in 1838. Their children were: Ambrose, Miranda, Minor, Abraham and Wealthy. Minor married Lucinda Norton.

Ambrose Leete was born in 1774, and in 1802 married Catherine Ward, who was born in 1780, a daughter of Thelus and Sarah (Shelley) Ward. They had the following children: Sidney Washington married Susan Atwater; Albert Augustus is mentioned below; Harriet married John Fowler; Ambrose Ward married Abigail N. Leete; Catherine Ward; Miranda Cornelia married Hezekiah Parmelee; Charles Frederick, born in 1820, married Martha H. W. Lay.

Albert A. Leete, the father of Mrs. Edwin A. Leete, was born Oct. 11, 1805, and married June 6, 1825, Betsy A. Parmelee, of Fair Haven. She was born Dec. 23, 1805, and died Oct. 14, 1881. Albert A. Leete was made a deacon of the First Congregational Church in Guilford in 1832, and served forty-three years in that capacity. The following children were born to him and his wife: Mary Ann, born Sept. 20, 1827, married Edwin A. Leete; Sidney Ward, born April 7, 1833, married Isabelle H. Clark; John Fowler, born May 1, 1838, died in 1840; Martha Elizabeth, born June 4, 1841, married Samuel S. Parmelee; Harriet Cornelia was born April 3, 1848.

DENNIS BARNETT, one of Ansonia's pioneer citizens, was born in Ireland in 1831, son of Patrick and Ellen (O'Brien) Barnett, both natives of the Emerald Isle. His father, who was a farm-

er by occupation, died in Ireland, and the mother is also deceased. Of their six children our subject is now the only survivor.

On coming to America, in 1850, Mr. Barnett located in Ansonia, where he has since remained almost continuously, making but few visits, even out of town. In 1851 he entered the employ of the A. B. C. Co., in whose service he was retained forty-three years—longer than any other man in the factory. Since retiring from that work he has carried on a grocery store at No. 72 Central street, Ansonia, the active management being in the hands of his daughter Ellen, and he also owns three lots upon which he built two houses. Mr. Barnett has seen Ansonia develop from a village of one thousand inhabitants to its present proportions, and his intelligent observation and excellent memory enable him to give most interesting and instructive accounts of the early days. At the time of his arrival there were but one store and only a few houses on Main street, and none on the west side of the river, where there are now five hundred houses. Extensive farms have been transformed into residence tracts under his eyes, and two generations have passed before him, there being now only two or three men who were here on his arrival. In 1851 Mr. Barnett married Ellen Hannagin, who was born in Ireland, daughter of Thomas Hannagin, and of their twelve children three are now living: (1) Patrick has been employed for some time in the clock shop in Ansonia, (2) Thomas, who is now with the A. B. C. Co., married Mary A. Driscoll, and has had eight children, six of whom are living, Ellen, Timothy, Mary, Geneva, Dennis and Thomas, Jr. (3) Ellen was married in 1884 to James Cotter, shoe manufacturer of Philadelphia, who died two years later. Mrs. Cotter now manages the store for her father. Politically Mr. Barnett is a Democrat, and he has always been a devout Catholic, his parents having reared him in that faith. He was one of the first members of the Catholic Church in Ansonia, and is the only one now living who took part in the organization of the society. Temperance reform has claimed his warm support for many years, and he is now the only living charter member of the Father Matthew Temperance Society, organized in 1868, and later known as the St. Joseph Temperance Society.

GEORGE SCARD, one of the most prosperous dairy farmers and stock dealers of East Wallingford, was born in Dorchester, England, May 9, 1838. Robert Scard, his father, was a native of the same place, and was a tanner by occupation. The latter part of his life was spent in farming, and his closing days were passed in the homes of his children in Wales, where he died at a ripe old age. In his religious belief he was an Episcopalian. He was a man of good character, and is remembered as a gentleman of high standing with those who knew him best. Sarah Mores, his wife, was born in Dor-



chester, and was the mother of his thirteen children, of whom six died young. Those who grew to more mature life were: George; Moses, dead; Robert, who resides in Newport, South Wales; Simeon, who was drafted for service in the Bristol police (England), and remained several years, but now has a store in Newport, South Wales, selling groceries and other goods; Henry, deceased; Sarah, who married a Mr. Anthony, and is now deceased; and Charlotte, deceased.

George Scard had a common school education in the national schools of England. When he was ten years old his parents took him to Newport, South Wales, where he became errand boy for his brother Simeon, working in the beginning for his board and clothes. After some years he saved enough to buy a team and go to farming. That was his occupation for several years, when he turned to trade. In 1871, having a strong desire to see the New World, he came to New York, whence he went on west to Chicago, at that time just rallying from the great fire. He went to work as a hod carrier at three dollars and fifty cents a day, and put in something over nine months in that way. After the expiration of this time he returned to New York, and, locating in Meriden, secured a position with the Malleable Iron Works, being employed here for four years at one dollar and fifty cents a day. Here he was joined by his family, and all united their energies in farming, first in a small way, and then as they began to know their power, they moved into Wallingford, and bought the Terry farm in 1876. Here they started in the dairy business, and as circumstances improved, bought the William Every place, and still later the Robinson farm. Here they have a fine home, which Mr. Scard built, and this with other buildings cost more than \$10,000. Mr. Scard keeps more than forty cows, and is known as the most extensive dairy farmer and stockman in the town of Wallingford. This entire family is noted for the industry and thrift of all its members. They are all enterprising and progressive people, and richly deserve the good fortune that has waited on their labors.

In July, 1859, Mr. Scard was married in Newport, South Wales, to Ellen Gammon, who was born in Barnstable, England, and was a daughter of George and Hannah Gammon, both of whom are now deceased. To this union were born nine children: Mary Jane, who married James Prin, and is now deceased; Lavinia, who married David A. Crouch, of Middletown, and is the mother of two children, Frances and Etta Mabel; Emily, who married Albert Beaumont, of Wallingford; George, who is a partner of his father; Eliza, who died young; Moses and Simeon are both at home; Charlotte, who married John Mead, of North Haven; and Rosanna, unmarried and at home.

The sons are interested with their father in the dairy business. All the family attend the Congregational Church. Mr. Scard is independent in his

politics. Known as a man of most temperate habits, and as a hard worker, and a good neighbor, he is much respected in the town. With his sons he belongs to the Grange, and is much interested in all questions that pertain to the welfare of the farmer.

George Gammon, the grandfather of Mrs. Scard, was a native of Devonshire, England, where he followed farming, and died at the venerable age of one hundred years. George Fishley, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Scard, was a native of Thornington, Devonshire, England, where he was engaged in the making of pottery; he owned a farm, and lived to be more than one hundred years of age. Both her grandfathers were members of the Church of England. The mother of Mrs. Scard died when she was very young.

WILLIAM G. MITCHELL, the well-known manufacturer of Milford, was born in Paisley, Scotland, Dec. 3, 1827. His family has long been identified with manufacturing interests, and his father, William W. Mitchell, was engaged in the manufacture of carpets in Scotland before coming to this country. An uncle, James W. Mitchell, preceded the other members of the family and carried on the same business in New York City. Hand looms were then in use. Later he removed to Yonkers, N. Y., and in 1849, after the introduction of power looms, the establishment there was bought by Alexander Smith, who continued and enlarged the business. It is now the largest carpet manufacturing concern in this country.

William W. Mitchell came from his father's (David Mitchell's) carpet factory in Kilmarnock, Scotland, in 1829, and brought with him a colony of workmen for the carpet works of Orrin Thompson, at Thompsonville, Conn. The descendants of this worthy colony are now numerous in that place. About 1835 he went to New Haven to take a position with Galpin & Robertson, carpet manufacturers, each member of which firm was called in turn to serve as mayor of New Haven. In 1836 he returned to Scotland and took charge of a cotton factory belonging to his brother George, and his death occurred in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1888. He married Agnes Dunlop, and had three children, of whom only two lived to mature age, Janet and William G. Janet is the widow of David Mitchell, and resides in Manchester, England.

William G. Mitchell went to Lovell's Lancasterian school in New Haven, and, spending a portion of his youth in Glasgow, went to school there until 1841. On completing his course he entered the office of a friend in Glasgow as a clerk, and he was afterward employed by his father for a time. For two years he was in the office of a wholesale commission house, without pay, his experience being regarded as a sufficient recompense, and later spent six months in a Scottish Marine Insurance office. For nine years he was employed as a book-



keeper by Oliver F. Winchester, of New Haven, and in 1857 he went to Milford as bookkeeper for Flagg & Baldwin, manufacturers of straw goods, continuing with the house through various changes of name. The firm became known as Flagg, Baldwin & Co. in 1859; N. A. Baldwin & Co. in 1865; Baldwin, Rice & Read in 1867; Baldwin & Hills in 1872; The Baldwin Manufacturing Co. in 1874; N. A. Baldwin in 1878; and the business has since 1886 been conducted in the name of our subject. The factory is composed of very large brick and frame buildings, and in the season about 250 hands are employed in making various kinds of straw hats for men, women and children. During the half century of its existence the business has been a recognized factor in the development and prosperity of Milford, millions of dollars having been put into circulation by it.

On Jan. 11, 1853, Mr. Mitchell was married, in West Granby, Conn., to Miss Harriet A. Kasson, of Granby, born July 4, 1830, in Hartford county, daughter of Thomas A. and Amelia (Holcomb) Kasson. They have had two children, Hattie and Amie, both at home. The family is identified with the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Mitchell also belongs to Ansantawae Lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M., of Milford; Solomon R. A. Chapter, F. & A. M., at Derby, Conn.; and City Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F., of New Haven. In politics he is a Democrat, and he takes interest in local affairs, though he has been a business man, rather than a politician. He served about twelve years as judge of probate, while his interest in educational advancement is shown by his continuous service on the board of education since 1862.

**CAPT. CHARLES GRISWOLD**, one of the prominent citizens of Guilford, served as an officer during the Civil war in two Connecticut regiments, and is the representative of one of the oldest and most influential families of the State. He is of the seventh generation from Michael Griswold, who was one of the first settlers of Wethersfield. About the time the founders of the family in America migrated to the New England coast close relatives had become prominent in English history. In 1600 the Malvern estate came into the possession of Humphrey Griswold, a "lord of the manor," and the heritage still remains with the English branch of the family.

The American branch of the Griswold family claims as its first known English progenitor Matthew Griswold, Esq., of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, an uncle of Humphrey Griswold, first Lord of the Manor, above named. He had three sons, Thomas, Edward and Matthew. Of these, Matthew, the youngest, was the first to come to America. While yet very young he joined a company of pilgrims collected from Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Somersetshire and Devonshire, under the leadership of Rev. John Warcham, who left England during the

reign of Charles I, and landed on the shores of Massachusetts Dec. 20, 1630. Nine years later Edward Griswold joined his brother Matthew, and they removed from Massachusetts to Connecticut, Edward settling at Windsor, and the younger brother at Saybrook.

In 1645 another member of the Griswold family, Michael by name, emigrated from England to Connecticut, and settled at Wethersfield. He was born in 1610. His descendants are numerous, and many of them are among the most prominent citizens of that section of the State. He himself may be reckoned among Wethersfield's pioneers. He bought land, and, being by occupation a mason, erected thereon a fine house, besides making other improvements. There he passed the remainder of his days, dying Sept. 26, 1684, highly esteemed for his many admirable qualities. The children of Michael and Ann Griswold were as follows: Thomas, born Oct. 22, 1646; Hester, born May 8, 1648; Michael, born Feb. 14, 1652 (died young); Abigail, born June 8, 1655; Isaac, born Sept. 30, 1658 (died June 18, 1727); Jacob, born in April, 1660 (died July 28, 1737); Sarah, born Sept. 30, 1662; Michael, born Jan. 7, 1667 (died Sept. 9, 1741). The line of descent to our subject is as follows:

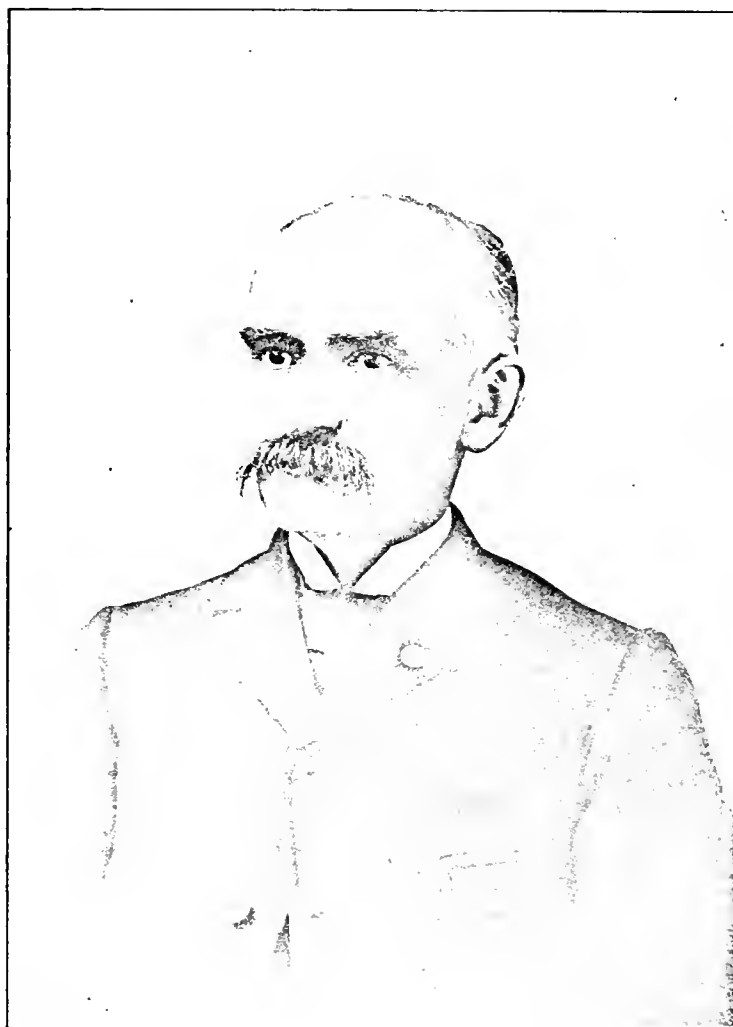
(II) Thomas Griswold, son of Michael, was born in Wethersfield Oct. 22, 1646. He and his wife, Mary, whom he married Nov. 28, 1672, had children as follows: Thomas, born June 11, 1674, is next in the line; Jacob, born Feb. 5, 1676, married Abigail Hand; Martha was born Aug. 20, 1678; Michael, born Jan. 28, 1681, married Mary Gilbert; Samuel married Mary Francis, and died in September, 1733.

(III) Thomas Griswold (2), born June 11, 1674, in Wethersfield, removed to Guilford in 1695, and was the first settler of the name in that town, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died Oct. 19, 1729. He married, May 9, 1697, Sarah Bradley, who was born in Guilford Oct. 17, 1676, daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Smith) Bradley. The children of Thomas and Sarah Griswold were: Mary, born Sept. 28, 1700, married Samuel Fitch; Experience was born May 9, 1703; Sarah, born Jan. 15, 1706, married Samuel Post; Thomas, born March 26, 1708, died Jan. 11, 1754; Submit was born Sept. 26, 1710; Anna, born April 4, 1713, married John Hall.

(IV) Thomas Griswold (3), born at Guilford March 26, 1708, married Feb. 17, 1735, Ann Graves, who was born April 12, 1715, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Stevens) Graves, of Guilford. She died May 29, 1801. The children of Thomas and Ann Griswold were as follows: Miles, born Jan. 2, 1736, married Sarah Crittenden, and died March 20, 1821; Thomas was born Sept. 1, 1737; John, born June 17, 1742, married Mary Burgis, and died May 10, 1777; Ezra, born Dec. 10, 1753, married Mehitabel Cleveland, and died March 4, 1815.

(V) Thomas Griswold (4), the great-grandfa-





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ther of our subject, was born in Guilford Sept. 1, 1737. It is said he served as a private in the Revolutionary war. He died Jan. 7, 1821. He married, Dec. 17, 1761, Hannah Crittenden, who was born Aug. 22, 1740, daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Spencer) Crittenden. She died March 31, 1816. The children of Thomas and Hannah Griswold were: Thomas, born April 26, 1763, married Miner Crittenden, and died March 8, 1846; Joel, born Dec. 6, 1764, is mentioned below; Hannah, born May 26, 1771, married John Hall, and died Nov. 10, 1840; Amos, born Jan. 1, 1780, married Rachel Busnell, and died Aug. 21, 1876.

(VI) Joel Griswold, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Guilford Dec. 6, 1764, and died July 19, 1835. He married Lucy Lee, who was born July 8, 1770, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Agnes Lee, and died March 24, 1854. The children of Joel and Lucy Griswold were: Joel, born Feb. 27, 1796; Clarissa, born Jan. 7, 1791, who married Abram F. Scranton, and died Dec. 18, 1881; and Lucy Ann, born Sept. 19, 1808, who died Dec. 22, 1816.

(VII) Joel Griswold, the father of our subject, was born in Guilford Feb. 27, 1796. He married Jan. 5, 1820, Sally Bartlett, who was born Nov. 20, 1801, daughter of Noah and Sally Judson Bartlett, and granddaughter of Joseph and Sarah (Crittenden) Bartlett. She died Nov. 14, 1876. Children were born to Joel and Sally Griswold as follows: Lucy Ann, born Nov. 16, 1820, is the widow of D. Loper Davis, of Guilford. Clarissa Judson, born Dec. 9, 1822, died Sept. 2, 1826. Henry Bartlett, born Nov. 25, 1824, married Polly E. Wilcox. Clarissa Judson (2), born Nov. 10, 1827, is the widow of Henry N. Davis, of Guilford. Thomas, born March 10, 1832, married Sophia F. Bishop. Joel, born Jan. 2, 1836, first married Margaret Coan; Mrs. Carrie (Walters) Griswold, his widow, is yet living in Guilford. Mary was the twin of Joel. Edward, born June 30, 1839, married Anna E. Dudley. Charles, born July 26, 1841, married Mary Griswold. Joel Griswold, the father of these children, was a man of unusual intelligence. He received a good education in his younger days, and taught school for a number of terms, but his principal occupation was farming. He was an extensive land owner, and ranked as one of the leading citizens of Guilford. His sage counsel was frequently sought, and his good judgment and business capacity often led to his selection as administrator of estates and guardian of orphaned children. In politics he was a Whig and later a Republican. He served the town of Guilford as selectman and filled various other local offices. During the Civil war he was an active defender of the Union, and only his advanced age prevented him from enlisting in the army. However, he gave to his country three sons, all of whom survive, and two of whom are now business men of Guilford. He was honorable in all his dealings and scrupulously honest.

He lived a good Christian life, and died Aug. 29, 1879, mourned by a wide circle of friends.

Charles Griswold, youngest son of Joel and Sally (Bartlett) Griswold, was born at Guilford July 26, 1841. He was reared in his native town, and was in his youth when the war of the Rebellion began. He enlisted Aug. 5, 1862, becoming a private in Company E, 15th Conn. V. I., was made a sergeant, and later was transferred to the 29th Conn. V. I., as captain of Company B. During his service he was in Virginia and North Carolina, and later through Maryland, South Carolina and Texas, and in the latter State was stationed along the Rio Grande to enforce the Monroe Doctrine. Among the men in command were Gen. Shafter and the late Gen. Lawton. Among the battles and sieges in which Capt. Griswold participated were Fredericksburg (where he was under Gen. Burnside) and the siege of Richmond, his regiment being the first to enter Richmond after the surrender. In the siege of Richmond Capt. Griswold lost twenty-two men, killed and wounded, out of his company of sixty-six. He was mustered out of the service Oct. 24, 1865.

At the close of the war Capt. Griswold returned to Guilford and engaged in business, so continuing, with the exception of four years, up to the present time. In 1875 he helped to establish the Guilford Savings Bank, and in 1880 was elected its treasurer, remaining in that position until 1889, the time of his appointment as bank commissioner of the State. After four years in this position he was again elected treasurer of the Savings Bank. In 1900 he promoted and organized the Guilford National Bank, of which he is cashier and general manager. Among Capt. Griswold's other accomplishments may be mentioned surveying, in which line he has done much work in his own and neighboring towns. His father was a mathematician, and had intended to educate his son for the business of civil engineering. The Captain is very methodical in his business affairs, and his annual reports while he was bank commissioner were prepared with great care, and were published in a volume of some 300 pages. During this time he traveled over 20,000 miles, visiting many States. While out of business in Guilford he was interested in real estate in New Haven. He has been made conservator, guardian or administrator in a number of cases.

In local affairs Mr. Griswold has taken a prominent part, and has been an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party. He has held a number of town offices, was school visitor for twenty years, has been president of the Board of Education, and is justice of the peace. In 1887 he was elected to represent his district in the State Assembly, and was chairman of the committee on Manufactures, and a member of the committee on Engrossed Bills. At present he is trustee of the Guilford Institute. In religious connection he is a member of the Congregational Church, and at



present trustee of the society. Socially he belongs to the Loyal Legion, of New York, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Army and Navy Club, and Parmelee Post, G. A. R. (of which he was the first commander).

Mr. Griswold was married, Feb. 18, 1864, to Miss Mary E. Griswold, who was born March 13, 1841, daughter of Russell B. and Mary (Jones) Griswold, of Guilford. To them were born two children: Anna L., born Oct. 4, 1866, married Rev. Edmund Vittum, D. D., of Grinnell, Iowa, May 16, 1889; and Alfred Russell, born June 17, 1868, is engaged in business with his father.

ICHABOD LEE SCRANTON, a retired sea captain, is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of New Haven county, of which he is a native, having been born March 12, 1829, in the town of Madison.

(I) John Scranton, the first of the name in Guilford, was a native of England, whence he came to America with a number of other families, and in October, 1639, settled at Guilford, Conn., where he passed the rest of his days, dying Aug. 27, 1671. He was twice married. His first wife, Joanna, whom he married in England, died July 22, 1661, and, for his second wife he wedded, in Guilford, Mrs. Ada Hill, widow of Robert Hill; she died in April, 1685. Children: (1) John, sketch of whom follows; (2) Thomas, born in 1643, married Mrs. Deborah Thompson, widow of Ebenezer Thompson, and daughter of William Dudley; (3) Sarah, born May 16, 1645, married John Bushnell.

(II) Capt. John Scranton, born in 1641 in Guilford, removed in early manhood to the eastern part of the town (now Madison), locating in the Hammonasset school district, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He died in 1703, and was buried in Madison cemetery. Capt. Scranton took the oath of freeman in 1670, and was a member of the Congregational Church. He was twice married, first time on March 12, 1673, to Mary Seward, born Feb. 28, 1652, daughter of William and Grace (Norton) Seward. This wife died in 1688, and for his second wife he married Dec. 16, 1691, Elizabeth Clark, born in 1660, a daughter of John Bishop; she died in August, 1727. Eight children were born to (II) Capt. John Scranton, as follows: (1) John, sketch of whom follows; (2) Mary, born in 1678, married July 9, 1699, Joseph Stone, and died March 21, 1758; (3) Mercy, born 1680, married Dec. 27, 1717, Samuel Cowles, of Cheshire; (4) Mehitabel, born 1682; (5) Elizabeth, born Nov. 4, 1692, married Dec. 27, 1717, William Rowson; (6) Anne, born Dec. 27, 1693, married Ebenezer Munger, and died April 20, 1725; (7) Ebenezer, born March 16, 1696, married Ann Rowson, and died Oct. 6, 1774; (8) Deborah, born Dec. 3, 1697, married July 5, 1721, Abel Chittenden, and died Nov. 6, 1749.

(III) Capt. John Scranton was born in East

Guilford, in 1676, and passed all his life there, engaged in farming, dying March 21, 1723. He was three times married: (first) Dec. 12, 1699, to Mary Norton, born in 1680; (second) to Mrs. Sarah Everts, widow of Ebenczer Everts (she died Oct. 8, 1749); (third) to Mary Bushnell, of Saybrook, daughter of Deacon Francis and Sarah (Scranton) Bushnell. Children born to (III) Capt. John Scranton: (1) Mary, born July 6, 1701, married Benjamin Bushnell; (2) John, born April 14, 1703, was drowned in 1738 in the Hammonasset river, Madison; (3) Josiah, born July 19, 1705, married Mary Dickson, and died Sept. 8, 1751; (4) Sarah, born Nov. 25, 1707; (5) Hannah, born March 3, 1709; (6) Submit, born June 18, 1712, married Simeon Chittenden, and died April 15, 1796; (7) Noah, born June 20, 1715, married Esther Bradley, and died Dec. 4, 1760; (8) Ichabod, sketch of whom follows; (9) Hannah, born March 3, 1718, married Nathaniel Allis, Nov. 20, 1739, and died June 20, 1783; (10) Ann, born May 16, 1720, married John Bushnell, of Saybrook, Conn.; (11) Rebecca, born Sept. 12, 1722, married David Hoyt, of Madison, and died May 5, 1798.

(IV) Ichabod Scranton, born Feb. 19, 1717, in East Guilford (now Madison), Conn., was a lifelong agriculturist. He was a captain in the old French war, and in that capacity went to Louisbourg, Cape Breton, Canada, also to Ticonderoga. While returning home from the latter expedition he was seized with smallpox at Albany, N. Y., of which he died Dec. 1, 1760, and he was buried privately, by night, on Clapboard Hill. Several soldiers of his company died during the campaign in the north. Ichabod Scranton married Chloe Fowler, born March 29, 1723, and died Dec. 10, 1791. Children: (1) Chloe married Daniel Meigs, and died May 26, 1788; (2) Elizabeth, born 1747, married Edmund Wilcox, and died Aug. 26, 1813, in Bergen, N. Y.; (3) Theophilus, sketch of whom follows; (4) Abraham, born Sept. 10, 1754, married Lucy Stone and he died Feb. 24, 1844; (5) Ichabod, born Dec. 10, 1757, died May 24, 1792 (he was an officer of distinction, in a troop of cavalry in the Revolutionary war).

(V) Theophilus Scranton, born Dec. 1, 1751, in Madison, a farmer by occupation, died Feb. 16, 1827, and is buried in Madison cemetery. He married Abigail Lee, born July 11, 1754, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Lee, of Madison; she died Dec. 23, 1840, at the ripe old age of nearly eighty-six years. Children: (1) Erastus, born Aug. 1, 1777, was a minister; he married Mary Prudon, and died Oct. 5, 1861; (2) Parnel, born March 18, 1779, married William Whitsey, and died April, 1858; (3) Jonathan, born Oct. 10, 1781, married Roxanna Crompton, and died July 27, 1847; (4) Charlotte, born Jan. 21, 1783, married Nathan Clark, and died March 5, 1823; (5) Chloe, born Oct. 2, 1784, married first Reuben Judson, and second, Jan. 18, 1823, Nathan Bushnell, of Madi-



son, and died July 5, 1873; (6) Theophilus, born April 13, 1786, married Elizabeth Warner, and died May 14, 1859; (7) Hubbard, born May 4, 1788; (8) Lemman, born May 10, 1790, died Aug. 20, 1791; (9) Ichabod Lee, sketch of whom follows; (10) Henry, born Nov. 1, 1794, married Rachel Linsley, and died March 4, 1876; (11) Abigail, born May 15, 1797, died May 10, 1810.

(VI) Ichabod Lee Scranton, father of the subject proper of this sketch, was born July 15, 1792, in Madison, Conn., where he was reared and educated. In his younger days he taught school, later becoming engaged in mercantile business in Madison, as coal dealer, grocery merchant, etc., from there moving to New Haven, afterward to New York, in both of which cities he was engaged in business, in the latter conducting a produce business some fifteen years. The later days of his life he spent in Madison, dying there June 18, 1881, and his remains were buried in the cemetery there. He was a colonel in the militia, and at one time was offered the position of brigadier general, but declined the honor. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, while in religious faith he was a member of the Congregational Church for over fifty years. He built and owned over twenty vessels, being captain of several engaged in the local trade, and he was also a stockholder in the Shore Line Railroad. A very quiet, unassuming man, he was of a comparatively retiring disposition, and was highly respected for his integrity and probity.

Mr. Scranton was twice married, (first) Nov. 26, 1827, in Madison, to Artemisia Hand, born Sept. 15, 1807, and died June 12, 1838; she was a daughter of Daniel and Artemisia (Meigs) Hand, and a granddaughter of Capt. Daniel Hand. Children by this union: (1) Ichabod Lee, sketch of whom follows; (2) Artemisia Meigs, born April 14, 1831, died Sept. 10, 1832; (3) Artemisia Meigs (2), born Sept. 7, 1833, married William Skinner; (4) Daniel Hand, born Jan. 15, 1838, died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Scranton wedded Lucy Ann Easton, born March 1, 1808, in New York, died March 6, 1880, and is buried in Madison cemetery. By this union there was one child, Mary Augusta, born June 8, 1848, died July 2, 1848.

(VII) Ichabod Lee Scranton, whose name opens this memoir, received his education in part at the district schools of Madison, in part at Lee's Academy, and at an early age commenced "a life on the ocean wave," first on his father's vessel. At the age of eighteen he was part owner and master of the sloop "Falcon" in the produce trade to New York and other ports on the Atlantic coast. For over thirty years he was engaged in the coasting trade, freighting, etc., after which he took up agricultural pursuits on the Leete farm at East River, where he is now living retired. Mr. Scranton is a man of education, well read, well known and highly respected, a member of the Congregational Church,

and a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1880 was elected on that ticket to the State Legislature, and served on the committee on Sales of Land.

Capt. Scranton has been twice married, (first) May 18, 1853, in Madison, to Deborah Ward Scranton, born Feb. 9, 1834, and died June 22, 1877; she was a daughter of Ichabod Benjamin and Fanny Antha (Wilcox) Scranton, and granddaughter of Abraham and Lucy (Stone) Scranton, the former of whom was a soldier in the war of the Revolution from the time he was sixteen years old up to the close of the conflict. Children born to this marriage: (1) Wallace Lee, born June 24, 1854, is a mechanical engineer of Madison; he married Harriet ("Hattie") Crompton, daughter of George Crompton; one child, Catherine Deborah, born in 1886, graces their home. (2) Benjamin Hand, born Nov. 7, 1856, resides in Detroit, Mich., and is president of the American Electrical Heater Co.; he married Nancy Andrews. (3) Daniel Hand, born May 22, 1859, married Oct. 11, 1888, Alida Josephine Scranton; he resides in Trenton, N. J., and represents R. G. Dun & Co.'s Mercantile agency. (4) Lizzie Ward, born Dec. 17, 1863, married Edwin W. Munger. (5) George Edward, born Aug. 1, 1865, lives in Chicago; he married Julia Jerome, of Detroit, Mich. (6) William Skinner, born Feb. 22, 1873, is in the building and loan business, and running a Pan-American hotel at Buffalo. On June 20, 1900, in Buffalo, he married Ethel Blackstone. For his second wife Capt. Scranton married, in 1879, in New Haven, Mrs. Emily (Isbell) Lee, of Killingworth, Conn., widow of Newton Lee. She died in 1884, and is buried in Madison cemetery. There were no children by this marriage.

MICHAEL DONOHUE, retired merchant, Waterbury, of which city he has been a resident since 1836, is a native of Ireland, born June 18, 1817, in County Cavan.

Bryan Donohue, father of our subject, and who never left his native land, Erin, was a farmer there all his days. He married Ellen Lynch, also of County Cavan, and a family of eight children were born to them, named as follows: Thomas, Patrick, James, Bryan, Michael, Ann, Bridget and Mary. Of these, Mary is yet living in Ireland; and Patrick came to America, lived in Waterbury for a time, and then went to Wisconsin, where he died. All the rest, except our subject, are also deceased.

Michael Donohue, whose name introduces these lines, attended school in his native land, also helped on his father's farm, and at the age of nineteen, came to the United States, landing at New York after a voyage of over seven weeks in a sailing vessel, there being no steamships in those days. From New York he came direct to Waterbury, in 1836, and has been here ever since, except for a short time spent in Wisconsin, where he bought 100 acres



of land. He is now the oldest living Irishman in the city, all those that were here when he came being dead. For a time he worked in Benedict & Burnham's factory, before the days of steam power, when bells were rung to call the people to work, and he well remembers the hard times of 1837, when everything was at a standstill, and during that long-to-be remembered financial crisis not a bell was heard from the six factories in Waterbury.

About the year 1840 Mr. Donohue embarked in the grocery business at the corner of Bridge and Baldwin streets, and successfully conducted same for several years, or until 1842, when he retired, having amassed a comfortable competence.

In 1840 Mr. Donohue married Bridget Coyle, a native of County Longford, Ireland, and seven children were born to this union, a brief record of them being as follows: Thomas (deceased) was a lawyer in Waterbury; Michael (deceased) was a painter; James died in infancy; Helen is the widow of Maurice Grelle; Mary A. is a school teacher in Waterbury; Kate is the deceased wife of Albert Beach, of Waterbury; and the youngest died in infancy. The mother of these passed from earth Jan. 16, 1892. In religious faith Mr. Donohue is a member of Immaculate Conception parish, Roman Catholic Church. When he came to Waterbury there was no Catholic priest nearer than New Haven. A Democrat in politics, his first presidential vote was cast for Martin Van Buren; in municipal matters he has served his adopted city as councilman and as a member of the board of education. He owns considerable property in Waterbury, which he rents, and he is one of the most popular men in the city and vicinity, all his fellow countrymen looking up to him as to a patriarch.

SUMNER WESLEY BRAY, a highly esteemed resident of Milford, in which town he ranks among the most thrifty farmers, was born in Dover, Maine, March 21, 1838, son of Sumner and Sarah (Shipley) Bray. The family is of English origin, and his great-grandfather was born in England.

Daniel Bray, the grandfather of our subject, was born probably in Maine, where he spent his manhood, engaged in farming. He married, and had the following children: Daniel is a farmer near Houlton, Aroostook Co., Maine; Asa was a farmer in that State; Lebbeus is a Methodist minister; Comings was also an M. E. preacher; Cyrus is a farmer in Maine; Sumner is mentioned more fully below; Betsey (deceased) was a school teacher; Jane married Moses Washburn; Phoebe, a school teacher, died unmarried.

Sumner Bray, our subject's father, was born in 1811, in Minot, Maine, and followed farming for many years, dying in 1885. His wife, Sarah (Shipley), was born in Maine, and her father was a native of the same State. They had four children: Mary died unmarried, aged twenty-one; Sumner W., our subject, was next in the order of birth;

Sarah married Elijah Marrell (now deceased), a native of Maine, and a farmer and carpenter by occupation; Willard is a farmer in Milford, Connecticut.

Our subject assisted his father on the homestead until he reached the age of twenty-three, and, though his advantages were inferior to those enjoyed by the youth of the present day, he secured a practical education in the neighboring district school, attending until eighteen years old. While under the parental roof he gave his earnings to his father, and his own start in life was accordingly humble, his only capital being a full stock of energy and ambition. Hard work and persevering industry, however, supplied the financial lack, and before many years had elapsed he was on the high road to prosperity. Shortly after his marriage he located in West Upton, Mass., where he was employed for seven years in a straw factory. Here his native ability for getting the best results in whatever he undertakes soon asserted itself. He began very modestly, but his faithful services and steady habits were noted by his employer, W. Knowlton, who rewarded them with advancement, so that at the end of the period mentioned he had charge of the large farm of that gentleman, who owned 3,000 acres of land, and kept much stock. Mr. Bray also filled numerous positions of responsibility in and about the factory, being general superintendent of the outside work and having charge of the shipping. In 1870 he left, of his own accord, and came to Milford, New Haven Co., Conn., taking a similar position in the factory there, and so continued for about fifteen years. At the end of that time he purchased his present farm, but instead of taking possession at once he went to Scarsdale, N. Y., to manage a farm for William Adams, of No. 33 Wall street, New York City. The position came unsolicited, Mr. Bray having the reputation of being a first-class farmer.

Returning to Milford four years later our subject engaged in farming at his homestead, an attractive place of fifty-six acres, where he now makes a specialty of raising garden stuff and dairying. Mr. Bray has erected all the buildings on this place, which under his systematic management has been brought to a high state of cultivation. He has succeeded, by constant thrift, in acquiring a very comfortable competence, and has succeeded equally well in maintaining the high standards of integrity and honor which were early set before him. Reared under Christian influences, and impressed with the value of a good name, he has never swerved from the paths laid out for him in his youth, all his transactions bearing the stamp of honesty and straightforwardness. To-day he stands high in the esteem of his fellow men, a credit to his parentage and to the community which has so long claimed him. Mr. Bray is very unassuming in his manners and habits. He takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, is a staunch Republican in politics, and is







*Summer W. Bray*



conscientious in the discharge of what he believes to be his duty as a citizen.

In July, 1861, Mr. Bray was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Field, of Garland, Maine, who was born July 16, 1838, a daughter of Capt. William Field, a well-known sea captain. All Mr. Bray's children were by this union, viz.: Edgar, born May 27, 1863, died in infancy. Ervin J., born Aug. 1, 1864, is married and has three children, Bessie M., James S. and Helen; he is employed in a straw factory in Brooklyn. Seyston V., born March 3, 1869, is a conductor in the North Haven freight yard; he is married and has one child, Elliott. Lillian, born July 11, 1870, died in infancy. Howard E., born March 9, 1874, died in infancy. William S., born Sept. 25, 1880, died May 1, 1901: he was a most promising young man, superior in every way, and of great help to his father, having always lived at home. The mother of these passed away Nov. 28, 1881. On June 17, 1883, in Milford, Mr. Bray married, for his second wife, Mrs. Martha Ellen (Dickey) Clements, who was born in 1838 in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, daughter of George and Sarah Jane (Bennett) Dickey, who had a family of nine children. Mr. Dickey was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Dickey now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bray, in Milford, and, though almost ninety-one years old, is well preserved and enjoys good health. Mrs. Bray is a thorough business woman, and has proved an efficient helpmate to her energetic husband, who attributes much of his success to her careful management and industry. She is a Baptist in religious connection, and our subject is identified with the Congregational Church.

**HERBERT CLARK BALDWIN**, a representative farmer and one of the most influential and popular citizens of Beacon Falls, is a native of New Haven county, born in the town of Oxford Sept. 3, 1840, son of Lucian Baldwin.

Our subject's father was born Feb. 6, 1800, in what is now Naugatuck, but was then known as Waterbury. The grandfather, Mathew Baldwin, spent his life as a farmer in Naugatuck. In his family were seven children, namely: Alanson, who engaged in farming in Naugatuck until his death; Marshall, also a farmer of that town; Lucian, the father of our subject; Miles, who died young; Lockey, who married a Mr. Wooster, a farmer of Naugatuck; Emeline, who married a Mr. Sperry, a farmer of Milford; and Harriette.

By occupation Lucian Baldwin was a farmer and school teacher. In politics he was a Whig. He died Sept. 20, 1855, honored and respected by all who knew him. He first married Laura Johnson, and they had one child. The mother died young, and Mr. Baldwin married Aurelia Tolles, who was born in Bethany, this county, Aug. 12, 1803, and died Sept. 21, 1889. Her father, Daniel Tolles, was a farmer of Bethany. Our subject is the fifth in

the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Mary T., born July 8, 1833, died Jan. 1, 1837; Ellen A., born Dec. 5, 1834, died April 5, 1836; Milo L., born March 12, 1836, died May 23, 1864; Henry D., born Aug. 15, 1837, was a stone mason by trade, and died Nov. 15, 1882; Edward W., born May 29, 1843, is a hotel-keeper in Boston, Mass.; and Ellen A., born March 20, 1846, is the wife of William D. Gilbert, a carpenter of Derby.

During his boyhood and youth Herbert C. Baldwin attended the local schools and assisted in the labors of the home farm. He was fifteen years of age at the time of his father's death, when more of the farm work fell to his share, and for three years thereafter he also worked for neighboring farmers. In September, 1861, he laid aside all personal interests and joined the boys in blue, being mustered in at New Haven, Nov. 7th, as a member of Company K, 13th Conn. V. I., which was first assigned to the Department of the Gulf. He participated in the engagements at Georgia Landing, Irish Bend, Cane River, Mansuary Plains, and the siege of Port Hudson; was also through the Red River campaign, and in 1864 was transferred with his command to Virginia, having re-enlisted for three years' more service. There under Gen. Sheridan, he took part in the battles of Berryville, Winchester, Fisher Hill and Cedar Creek, where he was wounded. He was made corporal Dec. 12, 1862; sergeant, Aug. 27, 1863; first sergeant, Nov. 1, 1864; second lieutenant, Jan. 1, 1865; and was brevetted first lieutenant to date from March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious service at Port Hudson. He was mustered out April 25, 1866, and returned to Oxford. In the fall of that year he bought his present farm of eighty-eight acres, in Oxford, and now included in the town of Beacon Falls, which was incorporated as a town in 1871. He has since devoted his energies, with the most gratifying results, to the cultivation and improvement of this tract.

On Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Baldwin was united in marriage with Miss Josephine H. Jones, a native of Scott, Cortland Co., N. Y. Her parents, Van Rensselaer and Helen (Clute) Jones, were natives of Onondaga and Saratoga counties, N. Y., respectively, and the father was a farmer and country merchant. He died in 1888, but the mother is still living. They were faithful members of the Baptist Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. To them were born eight children: One that died in infancy; Elizabeth; Harriet; Mary; Josephine H.; another who died in infancy; George; and William. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin had seven children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Edward D., June 11, 1868; Lucian E., Jan. 20, 1870; Alfred C., Dec. 5, 1872; Hattie M., May 2, 1874; Herbert C., Jr., Aug. 8, 1876; William A., Jan. 21, 1884; and Harold T., Dec. 21, 1886. Edward D. died Feb. 18, 1869, and William A. died July 7, 1885, but the others are still living. Lucian



E. is now a traveling salesman, residing in Rye, N. Y., and Alfred C. is an attorney of Derby, Connecticut.

Mr. Baldwin is a member of Upson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., of Seymour, and also of the Grange. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have often called him to public office. He has served as assessor; member of the board of relief; justice of the peace; first selectman many years; selectman from 1873 to 1890, inclusive, being chairman of the board during that time with the exception of two years; and represented his town in the State Legislature in 1876, 1880, 1883, 1884, 1891, 1899 and 1901. His public and private records are above reproach, for his career has ever been characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty. He is public-spirited and progressive, and gives his support to all measures for the general good.

RICHARD TALBOT was born in the parish of Dagnal, near Loudon, England, Feb. 28, 1838, a son of George Talbot, who was born in London Oct. 16, 1818. The father was a straw hat and bonnet manufacturer, and was quite successful in his business. He took an active part in London politics, and was a great worker in the Episcopal Church. In 1869 he came to the United States, and set up in his business at Westboro, Mass., and also at South Framingham, same State, for a number of years being engaged in it, but finally removing to Cheshire, Conn., where he lived on a farm several years before his death, Aug. 18, 1888. His remains were interred at Wallingford, Conn. Hannah Norman, of Buckingham county, England, born March 11, 1810, became his wife in 1837, and died in Dunstable, England, June 1, 1850, and was buried in the cemetery at that place. To them were born two children: Richard; and Charles W., now living in Leominster, Mass., where he is an etcher on cutlery.

George J. Talbot, father of George and grandfather of Richard, was engaged as a house decorator in London, and had his place of business on Drury Lane. Born in 1784, he died at the early age of thirty-four. Fannie Paul, his wife, was of the family to which John Paul Jones, the great sailor, belonged. Their children were: Marv M., Mira B., John G. (who died at the age of sixteen years), George and Fannie. George John Talbot, father of George J., was a man of independent means, which largely came to him as an inheritance. His wife's Christian name was Mary Martha, and they had two children, George J. and James. The family sprang from one of the youngest branches of the Shrewsbury family, and is one of the oldest names in England. Its ancestry can be traced farther back than 1412, when John Talbot was knighted and made an Earl.

Richard Talbot was educated at Dunstable, England, and left school at the age of thirteen

years, to become an apprentice at the shoemaking trade in Northampton, where he remained seven years. He then worked at his trade in London and in Northampton until he came to this country. Leaving Liverpool, Jan. 19, 1861, he crossed the ocean, and immediately came to Wallingford, employment being secured by him with L. C. Ryerson, where he worked as a boot-maker for about a year. On May 2, 1862, he began business for himself in the Lewis building, on North Main street, where he remained eleven years. For about five years he was on Fair street, and then he built his present store on Centre street. Mr. Talbot is a very skillful workman, and in former days made a specialty of fine custom work, and had several men working for him. At the present time he is devoting his attention to fine repairing, and is carrying a first class stock of boots and shoes.

The oldest business man in Wallingford, his reputation as a boot and shoe maker is second to none in the State.

Mr. Talbot is a member of Accanant Lodge, No. 77, I. O. O. F., where he has passed through the various chairs, and is now chairman of the board of trustees, and he is a member of Atlantic Encampment, No. 28, of Meriden; he is also identified with the Red Men. He has been treasurer of Compass Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., since 1878, and has risen to high standing in the Masonic fraternity in the intervening years, having attained the 32d degree. He is enrolled in Keystone Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; Hamilton Council, No. 22, R. & S. M.; St. Elmo Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; the Mystic Shrine; and LaFayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 32d degree. Politically Mr. Talbot is a Republican, and in his religious belief is a Methodist.

On Nov. 29, 1858, Mr. Talbot was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth James, of Northamptonshire, England, a daughter of Joseph James. They have had the following children: (1) George J., connected with his father in business at Wallingford, married May Chapman, and is the father of Arthur R.; G. Vernon; Earl C.; Milton A. and Hazel M. (2) Fannie E. died at the age of thirteen months. (3) Frank W., a silver smith with R. Wallace & Sons, married Mrs. Sarah Shives, of Kansas. (4) William A., a railway mail clerk on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., between Springfield and New York, has his home in Springfield; he married Miss Hattie M. Wilcox, of New Haven, and has two children: Frank E. and Louise W. (5) Harrie J., born Jan. 12, 1869, is employed at the factory of R. Wallace & Sons; he married Miss Emma A. Williams, of Wallingford, who died May 2, 1900. (6) Frances A. died June 29, 1872.

WILBUR W. SMITH. One of the best known citizens of Seymour is its genial and popular postmaster, the subject of this sketch. For many years he has resided in that flourishing little city, and by



his fellow citizens he has been frequently honored at the polls. He was a veteran officer of distinction and merit.

Captain Smith was born in Westville, Conn., Jan. 9, 1829, a son of Sylvester and Henrietta (Cadwell) Smith. The father, a prominent paper manufacturer, was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1808, and in 1832 removed to Seymour. There he found work in a paper mill, following it for a number of years. Later he began the manufacture of paper and continued the business successfully until 1869. At that time he was the oldest paper manufacturer at Seymour. He was also engaged in the manufacture of strawboard, employing a large number of hands. Sylvester Smith was a man of unusually forceful character. He was ardent in his political convictions, a prominent church worker and in every sense public spirited and enterprising. In politics he was a Republican and twice he was elected a member of the State Legislature, first in 1850 from the town of Derby, which then included Seymour, and later in 1865, from the latter town. Himself and wife were prominent members of the M. E. Church; in fact Mr. Smith was a leading spirit in the denomination and often conducted religious services, preaching in every village within a radius of twenty miles. He accumulated considerable real estate, the rewards of his manufacturing business. He was a member of Mechanics Lodge, I. O. O. F., serving many years as chaplain of the Lodge. He died in 1892, aged eighty-four years. His worthy helpmeet died aged eighty-two years. To Sylvester and Henrietta Smith were born twelve children, four of whom, our subject; Mary, wife of Seth Warner; Martha, wife of William B. Bissell; and Robert N., a paper maker of Seymour, are still living.

The education of Wilbur W. Smith was received in the common schools, and he then began work in his father's mill, in which service he continued with increasing responsibility and duties until his enlistment in 1862 in Company H, 20th Conn., V. I. It was largely through the efforts of Capt. Smith that the company was enlisted. He was commissioned its first lieutenant, and in January, 1863, was promoted to captain of Company C., same regiment, serving in that rank until the close of the war. The 20th Connecticut was first assigned to the 12th Army Corps, First Division, and later to the 20th Corps. Our subject participated in a number of severe engagements, including Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and about twelve battles fought by Gen. Sherman in his march from Atlanta to the Sea. At Chancellorsville Captain Smith was taken prisoner and confined for a time in Libby Prison, rejoining his regiment when exchanged.

When mustered out as captain at the close of the war, Capt. Smith returned home and resumed his connection with his father's paper mill, until the latter's retirement in 1869. He then assumed charge of the business and conducted it until 1890, when

he closed the mill. In 1891 he was appointed postmaster at Seymour, serving four years. In 1899 he was re-appointed and is now filling his second term. The office has steadily risen in importance, and is now a third class office, handling 3,000 letters per day, and Postmaster Smith has two assistants. In 1896 he was elected first selectman and town agent and re-elected in 1897 and 1898, successively, serving until October, 1899. Among other local offices he has filled are those of assessor and member of the school board.

In 1850 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Jane M. Wooster, one of the seven children of Mark and Eliza (Lake) Wooster, the former a farmer of Oxford, and at one time sheriff, and a member of an old and influential family that took an active part in public affairs. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith was born one daughter, Jennie W., a young lady of many accomplishments, who is now officiating as the efficient assistant of her father in the postoffice. The estimable wife of our subject died June 4, 1899, aged sixty-nine years. She attended the Episcopal Church. To her surviving parent Miss Jennie is a most devoted daughter and helper, both in the office and at home.

Captain Smith is a staunch Republican in politics. He is a member of the Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., of Seymour, and for two years has been its secretary. He is also a prominent member of Upson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., and for four years has served as its commander. Possessing that kindness and courtesy which mark the gentleman, and that camaraderie which invites respect and friendship, Capt. Smith has a warm place in the hearts of his fellow men. He has a large circle of friends and is widely popular. With his genial manners are associated a high integrity, a public spirit and keen business judgment, which make him one of Seymour's most valued citizens.

ANSON F. ABBOTT, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Waterbury, and a man intensely interested in every good work and word, was born in Middlebury, this county, April 23, 1830.

Alvin Abbott, his father, was born in the same place May 7, 1794, and died in Waterbury Jan. 23, 1861. Robert Abbott, the ancestor of the family on these shores, was one of three brothers from England. He came to Wethersfield, Conn., about 1640, thence moving to New Haven, and in 1645 to Branford, where his son Daniel was born. Stephen Abbott, son of Daniel, married Hannah Frisbie in 1725, and moved to Middlebury, Conn., in 1750. His son, Daniel Abbott, was born in 1720, and married Lois Smith, and their eldest son was David, the grandfather of Anson F. The Smiths were of Wallingford, Connecticut.

David Abbott, the grandfather of Anson F., was born June 6, 1764, in Middlebury, where he died. On May 30, 1786, he married Sarah Tyler,





daughter of James Tyler, and sister of Rev. Bennett Tyler, D. D., at one time president of Andover Theological Seminary, and a noted man of his time. David Abbott and his wife settled on the old farm in Middlebury, where they reared the following family: Eben, born in 1789; Philomelia, born in 1791, who died young; Alvin, born May 7, 1794, the father of Anson F.; David, born in 1797; Sally, born in 1799, who died young; Anna, born in 1800; Philo, born in 1802; Philomelia (2), born in 1805; Emma, born in 1807; Ruth, born in 1810; Iva, born in 1812; and Sarah, born in 1817. Those who reached maturity married and reared families. Ira was a Methodist minister, and the other sons were all farmers.

Alvin Abbott, the father of Anson F., was reared in Middlebury, and studied for the ministry, but was prevented from following it as a life work by long-continued ill health, followed by a permanent nervous infirmity. He married Fanny Wooster, who was born in Oxford, Conn., April 3, 1794, and died Feb. 3, 1884. Thomas Wooster, her father, was captured by the Indians when a young man and carried off to Canada, where he suffered many hardships. At the close of the Revolutionary war he returned from Canada and settled in Oxford, Conn., where he died at the age of forty-three. He married Elizabeth Bishop. Thomas Wooster, father of this Thomas, was a grandson of a Wooster who, according to family traditions, came from England and settled at Derby, Conn. After marriage Alvin Abbott and his wife settled on a part of the old homestead farm in Middlebury, and there lived until 1840, when they moved to New Haven, in 1846 coming to Waterbury. They had eight children: (1) Larmon W., born Jan. 11, 1818, died April 12, 1900; he was a Methodist minister. (2) Benjamin, born Aug. 19, 1820, was a farmer, and died in Nebraska March 21, 1898. (3) Charles S., born Dec. 12, 1822, is now living in Bridgeport, Conn., where he is a printer, and owns an office. (4) Lochinvar, born Jan. 11, 1825, was a carpenter, and died in Waterbury May 14, 1888. (5) Alvin V., born Dec. 12, 1827, is now a Methodist minister. (6) Anson F. is mentioned below. (7) Nathan B., born Feb. 10, 1833, is a contractor in Columbus, Ohio. (8) James M., born June 12, 1835, was a manufacturer in Waterbury, and died at Noroton, Conn., June 15, 1893.

Anson F. Abbott spent the first ten years of his life in Middlebury, two years in New Haven, and five years on a farm in Watertown, Conn. He attended district school, and the academy winters, and when his school days were over, served three years as clerk in the stores of Amos A. Gridley and Eli Curtiss, removing to Waterbury in 1850. As a bookkeeper and salesman he worked six years in the store of the Benedict & Burnham Mfg. Co., and with the Benedict & Scovill Co., of which latter company he was secretary and then became secretary and treasurer of the Waterbury Building and

Loan Association, which ceased to do business in 1867. Since that time Mr. Abbott has been extensively engaged in real estate, insurance and investments. In September, 1901, he admitted Howard T. Parker to a partnership in his business, which is now conducted in the name of Abbott & Parker.

Mr. Abbott and Miss Nancy H. Merriman were married Sept. 28, 1852, and to this union seven children have been born: Mary M. is a graduate of Vassar College, and is now a teacher in the Waterbury high school. Anna E. is the wife of Rev. T. M. Peck, an Episcopal minister. Frederick C. is in the real estate business and president of the Southern States Trust Co., in Charlotte, N. C. George Benjamin has a fruit farm in Corning, Cal. Kate B. married Frank B. Deane, and died July 23, 1894. Burton H. died in infancy. John V. is a surveyor in Waterbury. Mrs. Abbott was born in Watertown, where the family of her father, George F. Merriman, a farmer, had been long established.

Mr. Abbott is a Republican of independent proclivities. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church, of which he was trustee and treasurer for twenty-five years and superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty-seven years. Mr. Abbott was the first secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. From his pen has come a history of his church in Waterbury, which appears in a history of that city. In 1858 he organized a Band of Hope in Waterbury, and, always active in temperance work, lent assistance in organizing the Waterbury Women's Christian Temperance Union, and other temperance societies. As a man, a citizen and a gentleman of the old school he is highly respected by all who know him.

WILLIAM SKINNER (deceased), in his lifetime one of Guilford's leading citizens, than whom none was more highly respected, was a member of one of the old settled families of New England, ranking among the best.

(1) John Skinner, the first of the name in New England, was a native of England, born in Braintree, County of Essex. There is a family tradition that after the revolution in England three brothers by the name of Skinner came to America, one settling in Vermont, one in Maryland, and the third in Connecticut, but of this there is no reliable record. (1) John Skinner was a member of the Rev. Thomas Hooker company that settled in Hartford, Conn., and he became one of the original proprietors. He died in Hartford in 1650. In Windsor, Conn., he married Mary, daughter of Joseph Loomis, and after the death of Mr. Skinner she wedded, Nov. 13, 1654, Owen Tudor, of Windsor, in which town she passed the rest of her days, dying Aug. 19, 1680. Children born to John and Mary (Loomis) Skinner: (1) Mary, born Dec. 1, 1638, married Robert Reeves, of Hartford; (2) Ann, born in 1639, married John Colt, the ancestor of the Colts of Hartford; (3) John, sketch of whom





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follows; (4) Joseph, born in 1643, married Mary Filley, of Windsor; and (5) Richard, born in 1646, removed to Colchester, Conn.

(II) John Skinner, son of (I) John, was born in 1641 in Hartford, and passed all his life there, dying Sept. 15, 1690. In 1662 he married Mary, daughter of Joseph Easton, and they had seven children, as follows: (1) Mary, born in 1664, married Joshua Carter; (2) John, sketch of whom follows; (3) Joseph D., born Aug. 26, 1669, married Mary Grant, of Windsor; (4) Nathaniel, born April 5, 1672, married Mary Gillette, of Windsor, May 13, 1706 (he removed to Colchester, and was the father of Rev. Thomas Skinner, pastor of Church at Westchester); (5) Richard, born Jan. 16, 1674, married Sarah Garrie; (6) Sarah, born Nov. 4, 1677; and (7) Thomas, born Nov. 15, 1680, married Sarah Grant. The mother of this family died June 18, 1695, and she and her husband were both buried in Hartford cemetery.

(III) John Skinner, son of (II) John, was born March 1, 1666, in Hartford, and there passed his entire life, dying Oct. 27, 1743. On Feb. 22, 1693, he married Rachel Pratt, who died Aug. 17, 1748. Their children: (1) Rachel, born Feb. 2, 1694, and died Jan. 18, 1787, married, May 19, 1726, Ebenezer Wells, who died Dec. 27, 1737; (2) John, sketch of whom follows; (3) Daniel, born Jan. 19, 1699, died Jan. 15, 1701; (4) Timothy, born Feb. 8, 1701, married, May, 1738, Ruth Colson; (5) Mary, baptized May 26, 1704; (6) Hannah, born June 27, 1707, died Oct. 23, 1707.

(IV) John Skinner, son of (III) John, was born July 1, 1697, and died Aug. 14, 1773; married, Dec. 24, 1724, Mary Turner, of Hartford; she died Aug. 15, 1771. Their children: (1) John, born March 29, 1726, married (first) Mary Whiting, Nov. 21, 1748; she died May 23, 1772, he on May 19, 1794. (2) Mary, born March 22, 1727, married James Steele Dec. 7, 1749. (3) Deliverance, baptized March 8, 1729, married March 26, 1752, Jared Seymour. (4) Ephraim, born Aug. 1, 1736, died in infancy; (5) Rachel, baptized Oct. 9, 1737, married Jan. 9, 1757, Ashbel Steele. (6) Ephraim, baptized Feb. 24, 1737. (7) Elizabeth, baptized Aug. 22, 1742, married Oct. 9, 1765, Joseph Gladings, of Windham. (8) Nathaniel, sketch of whom follows.

(V) Nathaniel Skinner, son of (IV) John, was born in Hartford July 28, 1745, and passed all his days there. It is supposed that he fought in the Revolutionary war. Twice married, for his first wife he wedded July 28, 1760, Rebecca Bigelow, and for his second he married, in 1781, Margaret Hunt. The names and dates of birth of his children are as follows: (1) Nathaniel, 1782, died 1784; (2) Crosby, 1783; (3) Nathaniel Leonard, sketch of whom follows; (4) Alexander, 1787; (5) John, 1788; (6) Samuel H., 1790; (7) Charles King, 1792; (8) George, 1793, died in infancy; (9)

George (2), 1795; (10) Thomas Chapman, 1800; (11) William Thomas; and (12) Crosby.

(VI) Nathaniel Leonard, son of (V) Nathaniel, and father of the subject of these lines, was born in 1785, in Hartford, and there educated. He was a man of prominence and considerable literary ability, being at one time editor of a newspaper in Bridgeport, where he died in 1826, in middle life. By his wife, Abigail (Weller), of Boston, he had nine children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: (1-2) Abigail Weller and Crosby (twins), born 1811; (3) Sarah Copeland, born 1813, married John Worstell, of Ohio; (4) Maria, born in 1814, died in infancy; (5) William, sketch of whom follows; (6) Nathaniel, born 1818, died in 1873; (7) Abigail, born 1820, died in early life; (8) George, born 1823, died in New York, 1900; and (9) Charles, born 1825, died in New York, 1890. The entire family were members of the Episcopal Church.

(VII) William Skinner, the subject proper of this memoir, was born, in 1816, in Bridgeport, Conn., and was ten years old when his father died. Removing then to Philadelphia, to live with his uncle, Rev. George Weller, he received his education there. On his return to Connecticut he learned the printing trade with Sidney Babcock, in New Haven, later becoming engaged in the stationery and music business in that city with a Mr. Sperry, of Woodbridge, Conn., under the firm name of Skinner & Sperry. In 1876 the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Skinner retired into private life, making his home in Guilford, where he passed the rest of his days, dying Oct. 1, 1896; his remains were laid to rest in Grove street cemetery, New Haven.

Mr. Skinner was a lifelong Democrat, but never an aspirant for official preferment. In matters of religion he was a member of the Episcopal Church, for many years was a vestryman of St. Paul's Church, New Haven, and for ten years was warden of Christ Church, Guilford. Socially he was affiliated with the F. & A. M., and I. O. O. F., at New Haven. Fidelity to duty was one of the predominating traits of his character, and in all the relations of life he was found true and faithful to the trusts reposed in him, thereby winning the confidence and high regard of all.

In New York City, in October, 1857, William Skinner married Artemisia Meigs Scranton, who was born in Madison, Conn., a daughter of Col. Ichabod Lee Scranton, mention of whom is made in the sketch of Capt. Ichabod Lee Scranton elsewhere. Five children graced this union, namely: (1) William Scranton, born Sept. 23, 1858, is engaged in the lumber business in New York City; he married Bertha Anderson Booth, of New Haven, and they have one child, Theodora Booth. (2) Elizabeth Augusta, born Aug. 23, 1860, married Frank Elbert Platt, and they reside in Scranton,



Penn.; they have four children—Margaret Scranton, born Jan. 9, 1886; Joseph Curtis, Nov. 18, 1887; Philip Skinner, Nov. 26, 1889; and Leonard Scranton, June 12, 1900. (3) Alice Weller, born Dec. 18, 1862. (4) Artemisia Hand, Aug. 2, 1868, and (5) George Edward Hand, Sept. 3, 1878; all three reside in Guilford.

**DANIEL H. GRANNISS**, a leading and representative citizen of New Haven, has for many years been identified with the oyster business. He has done much to promote the commercial activity, advance the general welfare and secure the material development of his town, and is recognized as one of the most useful and valued of its citizens.

Mr. Granniss was born Nov. 23, 1821, on the farm in East Haven where his brother Lyman now resides, and comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his grandfather, Samuel Granniss, having aided the Colonies in achieving their independence. His great-grandfather was Joseph Granniss. The father of our subject, who also bore the name of Joseph, was born in the town of East Haven, July 24, 1791, and by occupation was a farmer and oyster dealer, being one of the first to establish himself in the oyster business in his locality. He was engaged in the wholesale trade. On Nov. 26, 1812, he married Miss Louie Luddington, who was born July 22, 1794, and they became the parents of thirteen children, namely: (1) Almira, born Aug. 22, 1813, died March 11, 1888. On April 4, 1833, she married John Lindsey, by whom she had three children—Maria, born Oct. 17, 1833, died April 7, 1878; Olive A., born June 25, 1836, died Oct. 29, 1859; and Hannah A., born June 11, 1838, died April 11, 1897. By her second husband, John Foote, she had two—Harriet Emma, born Sept. 2, 1846, living; and Henry H., born March 16, 1850. (2) Joseph A., born May 25, 1815, died May 1, 1895, in Mount Carmel, Conn. On May 16, 1838, he married Eliza Tuttle, daughter of Edward Tuttle, and they had three sons and three daughters—Leander C., born May 29, 1841, died Sept. 17, 1847; Adelia S., born April 14, 1843; Charles W., born Aug. 25, 1844, died Feb. 4, 1845; Almira F., born Jan. 1, 1846; Anna Eliza, born Sept. 17, 1847; and Charles E., born March 27, 1852. (3) Ebenezer C., born Feb. 21, 1817, removed in 1846 to Macon, Ga., and died there Feb. 25, 1890. He married Huldah E. Luddington, and they had five children—Charlotte A., born July 22, 1838, died Sept. 5, 1838; Horace M., born July 16, 1839, is living in Orlando, Fla.; Edward J., born Jan. 9, 1841, died July 4, 1863 (he joined the Confederate army, in which he held the rank of lieutenant, and was killed while doing his duty); Emma A., born Nov. 22, 1849, died March 2, 1863; and Harriet L., born July 12, 1851, died Sept. 17, 1874. (4) Sylvester M., born Jan. 4, 1820, died May 4, 1882, in Hamden, Conn. On Oct. 6, 1847, he was united in marriage with Lois R. Curtis, and they had one child, Lois

A., born April 14, 1854, who died in infancy. Mrs. Granniss died April 29, 1854, and on Sept. 25, 1854, he married Lyda L. Bradley, by whom he also had one child, Joseph W., born July 14, 1857. The mother died Sept. 24, 1875, her death being caused by the explosion of a lamp. For his third wife Mr. Granniss married Ellen H. Blatchley, on Sept. 1, 1881. They had no children. (5) Daniel H., our subject, is next in the order of birth. (6) Willard, born March 2, 1823, died May 28, 1850, in Galveston, Texas. He never married. (7) Henry L., born April 10, 1825, died Dec. 17, 1845, unmarried. (8) Harriet was born March 4, 1827. (9) Hezekiah, born Dec. 16, 1828, died Oct. 4, 1850, unmarried. (10) Collis B., born Nov. 13, 1830, is a prominent and successful dairy farmer of New Haven; he is mentioned elsewhere. (11) Harriet L., born Feb. 10, 1834, died Oct. 4, 1850. (12) Lyman and (13) Louie, twins, were born March 3, 1837. The former is now a prominent dairy farmer and ice dealer, residing on the old homestead in East Haven. On April 23, 1862, he married Antoinette M. Thompson, of East Haven, and they had two children—Henry H., born Nov. 5, 1863, died March 30, 1865; and Lou Elizabeth; born Nov. 14, 1868, died May 23, 1874. Louie married Dwight Kellogg, and died in Baltimore, Md., April 21, 1889. Hezekiah and Harriet left home Sept. 28, 1850, with the intention of journeying to Macon, Ga., to spend the winter with their brother, Ebenezer. Going to New York they took passage on the barge "Isaac Meade," but when fourteen hours out from harbor they encountered a storm, and the ship was lost Oct. 4, 1850, both being drowned. The father died Feb. 29, 1876, the mother Aug. 12, 1859.

At the age of eight Daniel H. Granniss was bound out to Daniel Hinman, of Harwinton, Conn., for about two years. He then returned home, where he remained until seventeen years of age, and next learned the joiner's trade with Elbert L. Munsel, serving a four years' apprenticeship. He continued to follow that trade until he entered the service of his country during the dark days of the Rebellion. On Aug. 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 15th C. V.; was mustered into the United States service at New Haven; and from there was ordered to Washington, D. C., where the regiment was stationed in defence of the city for some time. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Suffolk and Yorktown, and after eighteen months of active service was transferred to the War Department at Washington, where he remained until honorably discharged, June 29, 1865.

Mr. Granniss married Miss Abigail W. Broughton, who was born in East Haven April 30, 1822, and died Aug. 30, 1876. They had five children, as follows: (1) George H., born Nov. 8, 1846, died July 11, 1891. He married Henrietta White, who was born in Bridgeport, Conn., April 17, 1847, and they had one child, Edward L., born Sept.





1, 1868. (2) Willard A., born March 16, 1849, married Parthenia Lavere, and they have one son, Willard A. (3) Lillian A., born May 13, 1854, died April 1, 1861. (4) Nettie I., born March 11, 1859, is the wife of Robert C. Hart, of Fair Haven. (5) Harriet A., born April 11, 1862, died April 14, 1864. Each year the Granniss family has a reunion, which on Aug. 20, 1901, was held at the home of our subject, some sixty being present on this occasion, the thirty-fifth reunion at which he presided.

Soon after his return from the war Mr. Granniss opened a meat market and grocery store in Fair Haven, which he conducted for about ten years, and then embarked in the wholesale and retail oyster business, which he has since carried on with marked success. His son, George H., was engaged in business with him until his death. He was also a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting on the same day as his father, and in the same company and regiment, being one of the youngest soldiers from Connecticut to bear arms in that struggle. He participated in all the battles in which his father took part and was made color-bearer of the regiment. At the battle of Kinston he was captured with his command. For many years he was a prominent member of Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., of New Haven, and also of Polar Star Lodge, I. O. O. F. In politics he was a Republican. Our subject is also one of the leading members of both of these orders, having united with the Odd Fellows Society in 1854 and filled all the chairs in the local lodge, at present serving as treasurer, which office he has filled for fourteen years. Politically he is a strong Republican, and he never withholds his support from any enterprise for the public good.

NOYES S. WILMOT was born Sept. 16, 1830, in that portion of the town of Naugatuck which was then a part of Waterbury. He is a grandson of Valentine Wilmot, who was born in what is now Bethany (then Milford), where both he and his wife died, and was a farmer by occupation. He was the father of two children, John and Finnette. The daughter married Eliphalet Tyrrell, a farmer of Hartland, Connecticut.

John Wilmot, the father of Noyes S., was born in Bethany in 1779, and spent the greater portion of his life there, engaged in farming. He married Asenath Clark, who was born April 29, 1789, in Old Milford, a daughter of Andrew and Annie Clark. They were also born in Old Milford, the father about 1751. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in Middlebury, Conn., about 1835, aged eighty-four years. His wife also died at the age of eighty-four. She was a granddaughter, on the maternal side, of Gov. Treat, of Connecticut. Andrew Clark and his wife were the parents of nine children, Nancy, Nathan, Asenath, Andrew, Samuel, Julia, Edmund, Susan and Marv. Nathan was a farmer as well as carpenter, and lived in Middle-

bury. Asenath, as has been said, was the wife of John Wilmot, and the mother of Noyes S. Nancy married Caleb Nettleton, also a farmer, who was the father of George Nettleton, of Naugatuck; after her death he married her sister Mary, who passed away in 1806, aged ninety-four years. Andrew was a tailor by trade, and made his home in the South. Samuel married, and was a farmer in Middlebury. Julia became the wife of Almond Clark, of Waterbury. Edmund, who was a tailor in Troy, N. Y., died in Bridgeport aged ninety-two years; he was twice married, each time to a Miss Fry, his wives being sisters; he went to California in 1849. Susan died in infancy.

Andrew Clark served with gallantry and distinction in the patriot army during the Revolution. His first experience as a soldier covered a period of eighteen days under Lieut. Col. Thomas Seymour, at the time of the "Lexington Alarm." From July 10, 1776, until Aug. 5, following, he served in Major Skinner's troop of light horse, and from Sept. 7 to Nov. 10, of that year, he was with the 21st Regiment of militia in New York. Later, from March 12, 1782, to Jan. 12, 1783, he was a member of a company commanded by Capt. Jabez Fitch. He was a Revolutionary pensioner in New Haven county, where he died. The following Wilmots served in the Revolutionary war: John, Daniel, Amos, David, Elisha, Francis, Joel, John A., Joseph, Samuel, Thomas, Timothy, Walter (brother of the grandfather of our subject) and Zophar.

After their marriage our subject's parents settled upon a farm in Bethany, and in April, 1830, removed to Naugatuck. He died in 1837, and his widow Feb. 1, 1887, aged nearly ninety-eight years. Noyes S. Wilmot was the youngest and is the only surviving member of a family of five children. Lewis, a carpenter in New Haven, died about 1891. Lucius died at the age of nineteen. Julanty died when two years old. Edmund A., who was a farmer, died April 6, 1887. The male members of the family were Whigs, and all of the adults became members of the Congregational Church.

Noyes S. Wilmot passed the first seventeen years of his life in Naugatuck, but when his school days were over he went to New Haven to learn the trade of an iron molder. He remained there six years, when he returned to his native place and found work in the Naugatuck Iron Foundry. For thirty years he remained with that concern, manifesting such mechanical skill, fidelity, industry and executive capacity that during twenty-one years he filled the post of superintendent. At the age of fifty-eight he retired, having accumulated a handsome competence, which through judicious investment and wise management he has since materially increased. His home is at Union City, where he owns farms comprising 220 acres. During the Civil war he served one year in Company H., 23d Conn. V. I.

Both socially and as a citizen Mr. Wilmot is



deservedly popular, while his high moral worth commands respect. Besides being a member of the G. A. R., he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F. and the I. O. R. M. As a Mason he has attained high rank, being a member of Shepard's Lodge, No. 78, A. F. & A. M., Allerton Chapter and Waterbury Council. He is also an officer in the I. O. O. F. Politically he is a Republican, and in religious faith a Congregationalist.

On Nov. 24, 1859, Mr. Wilmot married Miss Mary A. Breneiser, a daughter of Benneville and Lavina (Drinkle) Breneiser. She was born in Reading, Pa., her parents being also natives of that State, although of German extraction. Mr. Wilmot's marriage has been blessed with seven children: Edmund B., Louisa R., Frank H., Charles E., Lewis H., Benneville N. and Mary T. Louisa and Charles are deceased, the former dying in 1895, and the latter in 1893. Edmund and Mary live at home. Frank was formerly superintendent of the Malleable Iron Co., of Bridgeport. Lewis H. is a practicing physician in Ansonia. Benneville N. is a clerk in the Naugatuck National Bank.

**HENRY WILLIAM HUBBARD**, well and favorably known as a leading manufacturer of carriages in Branford, was born in Hartford, Conn., June 27, 1833, son of Richard and Rhoda (Andrews) Hubbard. The father is supposed to have been a native of Durham, Conn., but he lived a good part of his life in Hartford and Middletown, where he followed the trade of a shoemaker. He died at the home of his son, Henry William, in Branford, Jan. 27, 1860, at the age of seventy-eight years. Richard Hubbard was twice married. By his first wife he had five children, William, Edwin, Hiram, Frederick and Sara A. He married for his second wife Rhoda (Andrews) Graham, of Wallingford, New Haven Co., Conn., and they had four children: Sara A., who married Harvey Barker; Susan, wife of Edward Spencer; and Henry W. and H. Cornelia, twins, the latter of whom married Harvey Beach.

Henry William Hubbard was reared from the age of five years in Middletown, where he received a limited education in the common schools, and at the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to the carriagemaker's trade in Middletown, at which he served six years, becoming a master workman, and developing an unusual business capacity. In 1854 Mr. Hubbard located in East Haddam and engaged in business in partnership with Edward H. Cheney. This partnership was terminated the following year. In 1855 Mr. Hubbard came to Branford, and in October of that year began business with his half-brother, William E. Graham, under the firm name of Graham & Hubbard. This association continued for many years, and when it was terminated the business was divided, Mr. Hubbard taking into his own hands the blacksmith and painting departments. Mr. Graham died in 1889

and Mr. Hubbard has since continued the business in all its branches. Our subject was one of the incorporators of the Branford Savings Bank, and of the James Blackstone Memorial Library.

During the Civil war Mr. Hubbard was a member of Company B, 27th Conn. C. V., Capt. C. L. Ely, enlisting Aug. 22, 1862, for nine months, and being mustered into service on Oct. 3, of the same year. He participated in the desperate battle of Fredericksburg, and was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville, being confined in Castle Thunder about two weeks, after which he was paroled, on May 3, 1863, and for a time was at the parole camp at Annapolis, subsequently at the convalescent camp at Alexandria, Va. From this point he was honorably discharged July 27, 1863, with the rank of corporal, to which he was promoted before the battle of Chancellorsville. On his return from the war he joined Company K, 2d Conn. N. G., and served five years. He entered that command as orderly sergeant, was promoted to second lieutenant, and later to first lieutenant, being discharged with the latter rank.

Mr. Hubbard was married, June 6, 1858, to Miss Emma P. Linsley, a daughter of James and Henrietta (Monger) Linsley, of Branford, the former a native of that place; Mr. Linsley was a carpenter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have three daughters: (1) Ida married Frank W. Jerrold, and has three children, Olive M., Gladys L. and Emma H. (2) Henrietta W. (3) Luella L. is the wife of Wilfred L. Moore, and has one child, Ethel. Mr. Hubbard and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Branford, in which he is deacon. In politics he is a Republican. Though no politician, he has been delegate to the county convention, and once was nominated for the Legislature, but was defeated, the town being Democratic. In May, 1901, he was elected burgess. Mr. Hubbard belongs to Mason Rogers Post, No. 7, G. A. R., and his wife is a member of Mason Rogers Relief Corps, No. 46, which is associated with the Branford post. They are good people and have a host of friends.

**JOHN LAMBERT FOOTE**. Fortunate is he who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith.

Our subject, one of the prominent citizens and retired business men of Cheshire, is blessed in this respect, for he springs from one of the oldest and most prominent families of Connecticut. The first to locate here was Nathaniel Foote, who was a pioneer of Wethersfield, Hartford county. His son, Robert Foote, removed from that town to New Haven county, and took up his residence in Wallingford, where he remained until 1678. He then went to Branford, Conn., where he died suddenly, in 1681, at the age of fifty-two years, and was buried there. He was married in 1659, and after his death





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his widow, Sarah, married Aaron Blachley, of Branford, in 1686.

John Foote, the sixth child of Robert and Sarah Foote, was born July 24, 1670, and spent his entire life in Branford, dying in 1713. Seven children were born to him and his wife Mary.

John Foote, son of John and Mary, was born in Branford in 1700, and when a young man located in North Branford, where he died Jan. 26, 1777. He was twice married, first Dec. 25, 1733, to Elizabeth Frisbee, who died Feb. 3, 1737, aged twenty-two years. On Aug. 16, 1738, he married Abigail Frisbee, who died May 17, 1779. By the first union there was one son, Jonathan, who was born Jan. 23, 1737, and died in North Branford in 1801. The only child by the second marriage was John, mentioned below.

John Foote, grandfather of our subject, was born in North Branford April 2, 1742, and was graduated at Yale College in 1765. He had studied in the divinity school and was ordained a minister of the Congregational Church, succeeding Rev. Mr. Hall at Cheshire, where he ministered to the spiritual needs of the people until his death, which occurred Aug. 31, 1813, when he was aged seventy-one years. His remains were interred in Cheshire cemetery. He was beloved and respected by the entire community. He was twice married, his first wife being Abigail Hall, of Cheshire, a daughter of Rev. Samuel Hall, and granddaughter of Gov. Jonathan Law, of Connecticut. She died Nov. 19, 1788, at the age of thirty-nine years, and for his second wife he married Eunice Hall, a daughter of John Hall. Her death occurred Jan. 31, 1817. All of his children were by the first marriage, namely: Abigail Sarah Hall, born Jan. 2, 1769, died Jan. 29, 1775; Mary Ann, born Sept. 21, 1770, died Sept. 25, 1775; Lucinda, born May 19, 1772, married Dr. Thomas T. Cornwall, of Cheshire; John Alfred, born Jan. 2, 1774, died Aug. 25, 1794; Abigail M. A., born Sept. 16, 1776, died Aug. 9, 1778; William Lambert, father of our subject, was next in the order of birth; Samuel Augustus, born Nov. 8, 1780, died Sept. 16, 1846; Roderick, born Dec. 15, 1782, died May 16, 1791; and Matilda, born May 6, 1785, died Oct. 9, 1787.

William Lambert Foote, father of our subject, was born in Cheshire Oct. 10, 1778, and attended the schools of his native town. Subsequently he was graduated from the Medical Department of Yale College, and throughout the remainder of his life successfully followed his chosen profession in Cheshire and adjoining towns, having built up an extensive practice. He was quite prominent in public affairs, and was one of the first to hold the office of judge of probate in his town: also served as town clerk, and represented Cheshire in the State Legislature. He was one of the leading and influential residents of the town, and one of the most highly respected, and always faithfully performed his duties of citizenship. In politics he was a lifelong

Democrat. Religiously he was a member of the Congregational Church. He died Aug. 9, 1849, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery in Cheshire. In March, 1801, he wedded Mary Scoville, a native of Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., and daughter of Capt. Daniel Scoville, later of Saybrook, Conn. She, too, was an earnest member of the Congregational Church, and died in that faith Jan. 1, 1861: she was buried in Cheshire cemetery. In their family were six children, of whom John L. is the youngest, and the others were as follows: (1) William Sidney, born Nov. 21, 1802, graduated from Yale College, and became a physician of Ohio. He was married in 1827 to Mary Butler. (2) Mary A., born May 23, 1806, died unmarried April 20, 1888. She possessed a remarkably sweet voice, and sang for a number of years in the Congregational Church of Cheshire. (3) Abigail, born April 28, 1808, was also a singer, and was connected with the choir of the same church. She married Edward Doolittle, who died March 4, 1837, and she died March 29, 1892. (4) Scoville D., born April 10, 1810, married Martha Whiting, of Milford, Conn., and was engaged in merchandising in New York, where he died March 28, 1883. (5) Eliza S., born June 29, 1812, died unmarried March 19, 1892.

John Lambert Foote, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Sept. 14, 1817, and pursued his studies in the district and select schools of Cheshire. While still quite young he worked in a store at New Haven for two years. After his return to Cheshire he was employed at farm labor for a time, and from his wages managed to save \$16, with which he embarked in merchandising on a small scale, although only fourteen years of age. By close application to business his trade steadily increased, and from time to time he enlarged his stock until he had a good general store. For over forty-eight years he was successfully engaged in business along that line, and on his retirement, in 1885, had accumulated a handsome fortune, having become one of the wealthiest men of the town. His career seems almost phenomenal, yet his success has by no means been the result of fortunate circumstances. It has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable business principles. From early life he made it his plan to spend less than his income. Although economical, he is liberal. In his religious views and in politics he is independent, and during President Van Buren's administration served as postmaster at Cheshire for four years. Although he is now over eighty-four years of age, he is still quite active in both mind and body. His life has been well spent, and he is now enjoying a well-earned rest, surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

Gov. Samuel Augustus Foote, an uncle of our subject, was born in Cheshire Nov. 8, 1780, a son of Rev. John and Abigail (Hall) Foote. He was





graduated at Yale in 1797, and after studying law engaged in practice in his native village. He married Eudocia Hull, a daughter of Gen. Andrew and Elizabeth Mary Ann Hull, of Cheshire, and later became a partner of Gen. Hull in commercial business at New Haven, though he continued to make his home in Cheshire, where his mansion is still standing. He was a member of Congress in 1819; was re-elected in 1823 and 1834; was Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Connecticut Legislature in 1825-26; and was chosen United States senator in 1827. In 1834 he was elected governor of Connecticut, and while in that office received the degree of LL. D. from Yale. He died Sept. 16, 1846, and was buried in Cheshire. His wife died at the home of her son, in Cleveland, Ohio, but her remains were brought back and interred by the side of her husband. In their family were five children, two of whom died in infancy, and the others were: Hon. John A. Foote, a prominent lawyer of Cleveland; Rear Admiral Andrew H. Foote, of the United States navy, who died in New Haven; and Augustus E. Foote, of Cleveland.

**CAPT. FREDERICK ALONZO WELD** (deceased) was, in his day, one of the best-known whaling captains along this part of the Atlantic coast, and in his long life on the water met with many an adventure. He was born Feb. 1, 1820, in the town of Guilford, and attended the public schools there and on Long Island, whither he removed with his parents while still young. A portion of his boyhood was spent upon a farm, and at the age of twelve he became an apprentice to the jeweler's trade with Zebulon Elliot, of Sag Harbor, who was also a watchmaker, gunsmith and repairer of chronometers. He acquired a thorough knowledge of all these branches, remaining with Mr. Elliot three years, after which for a time he was engaged with his father in carpenter and joiner work. Having a strong desire to go sea, when fifteen years of age he shipped as cabin boy on a whaling vessel, and in time worked himself up from that humble position until he commanded a vessel. He was promoted from second mate on the old whaling ship "James Hamilton," under Capt. Isaac Ludlow, to captain. The first ship he commanded was the whaler "Italy," of Greenport, Long Island. Later he was master of the "Marengo," of New Bedford, and his last voyage was made in the "Odd Fellow," of Sag Harbor, returning in 1868. Capt. Weld met with gratifying success in his chosen calling, and during his career as a sailor went farther north than any of the explorers had yet penetrated, and twice sailed around the world. His voyages took him to many seas and strange lands, and his home contains numerous relics and souvenirs of his voyages to different countries. He was the first man who went whaling in the Sea of Ochotsk, and as the natives along the shore had never seen a whaling vessel, they were much alarmed, thinking

it a Russian man-of-war. However, he was a very unassuming man, and although he passed through many exciting and perilous scenes, he never boasted of his achievements in any line. On Nov. 3, 1856, he encountered a hurricane in Behring Straits, almost wrecking the vessel, which was laden with a valuable cargo of oil and whale-bone. In a badly disabled condition they drifted about forty-two days before reaching the Sandwich Islands, and as pieces of the vessel had been picked up, they had been given up as lost. During those forty-two days the vessel had been leaking fearfully—both pumps going night and day in order to keep afloat, clothes and bedding wet, and men dying frequently with scurvy, sometimes two in one day, induced by wet clothes, exposure and want of vegetable food. The men, themselves, had long given up all hopes of life, when land was finally discovered, and their lives and cargo saved; only six men of a crew of thirty were able to be about the vessel. On account of the saving of the cargo, the underwriters of the vessel presented Capt. Weld with a valuable ring. During one of Capt. Weld's voyages in the "Italy" five of the crew, being thwarted in their plans to steal a boat and desert, conspired to fire the ship, throw the mate overboard, kill the captain and other officers. The ringleader carried a knife in his boot-leg, and at one time drew it to attack the captain. Fortunately the fire was discovered; the mutineers were put in irons, and when the vessel reached Lahaina, Sandwich Islands, they were delivered to the American Consul to be dealt with according to law.

After abandoning the water Capt. Weld settled at Guilford, where he passed the remainder of his days in quiet retirement, dying in January, 1893. His remains rest in Guilford cemetery. On April 26, 1849 he married, at Sag Harbor, Miss Mary Douglass Washburn, who was born in that place, a daughter of Capt. Noah Washburn (3), a native of Hartford, and Nancy C. (Hodges) Washburn. Capt. Noah Washburn was a mate on a gunboat in the war of 1812, and later a captain of artillery in the 13th Regiment, of New York State, and later for twenty-five years was an officer in the Custom House. Two children were born to Captain and Mrs. Weld: Frederick Floyd, who is mentioned below; and Elias J., who died young. Capt. Weld attended the Episcopal Church, as does also his widow. In political faith he was a Republican, but was not active in public life. Fraternally he held membership in St. Alban's Lodge, F. & A. M., Guilford, and he and his wife both belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Weld serving as matron in her lodge for eight years. She is highly esteemed by her many friends in Guilford, and is a woman of many sterling Christian qualities.

**FREDERICK FLOYD WELD** (deceased) was born Feb. 19, 1850, in Sag Harbor, Long Island, and early displayed a penchant for his father's calling. While yet in his teens he made application, en-



dorsed by the governor of Connecticut and other citizens of the State, for appointment as cadet engineer at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Receiving assurance that his application would be granted, providing he was qualified to enter, he prepared himself to pass the necessary examinations. For some reason, however, Congress failed to pass the necessary appropriation for the academy for that year, and Mr. Weld instead entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, taking the course in civil engineering, in which he was graduated with the class of 1872. For the year following he was in the employ of the United States Coasting Survey, surveying the Delaware river from Easton to Trenton, and in August, 1873, he obtained a position as draughtsman and general assistant in the office of the city engineer at New Haven, continuing in that incumbency until July, 1881, when he resigned in order to accept a more lucrative position, becoming managing engineer for Thomas P. Simpson, a contractor on the Pittsburg & Western railroad. In the summer of 1883 Mr. Weld accepted a position as assistant engineer in charge of the construction of a system of sewers in Waterbury, Conn., designed by Rudolph Hering, and so ably did he discharge the duties of this position that when, a few months later, a vacancy occurred in the office of city engineer, caused by the resignation of N. J. Welton, he was at once selected for the incumbency. In this office he remained continuously under different administrations until his death, June 28, 1890. Although a large portion of his time and resources were given to devising means for checking the ravages of preventable diseases, he was one of the first victims in the epidemic of typhoid which prevailed in Waterbury that year. For several years he had been one of the most prominent and efficient workers on the Waterbury board of health, and in company with H. J. Kellogg, his first assistant, he designed a system of sewers for the borough of Wallingford. He also acted as consulting engineer in the construction of the sewer systems of Torrington and Ansonia, as well as many less important engineering works. On Sept. 3, 1884, he became a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and he was a leading member of the Connecticut Civil Engineers & Surveyors Association, of which he was serving as president at the time of his demise.

The *Waterbury American* under date of June 28, 1890, says:

City Engineer F. Floyd Weld died at his home at No. 127 North Main street at 2:30 this morning. Mr. Weld had been confined to his home not quite two weeks with a severe attack of typhoid fever. June 16, he was one of a party that left this city to visit New York and investigate the laying of asphalt paving in that city. He returned the same night and his physician found him suffering from an advanced stage of the disease. For weeks he had not been himself and his physical condition was such that it feebly opposed the ravages of the fever.

The deceased was born at Sag Harbor, L. I., and was forty years of age last February. Graduating with the

class of '72 from the Sheffield Scientific School, he entered the office of the city engineer in New Haven. He was assistant city engineer there when called to this city in June, 1883, by City Engineer N. J. Welton, who was then very busy in laying out and constructing the sewer system just adopted here. In January, 1884, Mr. Weld was appointed city engineer and from that time devoted himself to the extension of a pipe system for Waterbury which has few superiors in eastern cities, and which has served as a model for many more pretentious cities. As an accurate engineer his reputation was State wide, if not more. Every foot of sewer planned and laid by him was the result of a carefully thought out system, and every minor detail of the work was completely mastered and carried in mind by him. His maps were always models; he was abreast of municipal developments and improvements in every particular that concerned his profession. He was an admitted authority on sewer systems, and the Connecticut Association of Civil Engineers and Surveyors acknowledged his ability by electing him its president. At the time of his death he was giving much of his time and attention to Waterbury's paving question. He thoroughly believed in the merits of asphalt for our city's streets, and visited many cities and collected a vast amount of data to defend his position, and to demonstrate the growing importance of this material for paving. Whatever the material eventually used, and however done, the absence of the experience and judgment of the late city engineer in these matters will be a great loss to the city.

The deceased leaves two daughters, aged respectively 12 and 14 years, and a mother and father. He was the last child, his brother dying several years ago. Both parents were with him at his death, but his father was the only one recognized by him in the interval of a long period of unconsciousness. He was insured in the Life Union, the New York Equitable and the Knights of Honor association.

Mr. Weld was made a Mason in Continental lodge of this city in 1884. He afterward became exalted to the Royal Arch in Eureka chapter, November 11, 1885. A friend says of him: "He has held an official position in the chapter during the past four years with great credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. His usefulness as an officer, and quiet demonstration of an intelligent and upright Mason, had won for him the esteem of all his brothers and companions."

Mr. Weld was a most efficient member of the city board of health. Always watching the health of others and so prominently connected with the establishment of the sewer system which plays so important a part in preserving the city's health, it seems particularly sad that he should fall a victim to this disease through impure milk from the Middlebury farm.

Alderman H. W. French on behalf of the aldermanic board extended the sympathy and offered the services of the members of the court of common council to the family.

Though a thorough business man, and devoted to his profession, Mr. Weld was a man of genial social qualities, and he had a special tact for "getting along" with the various people with whom he came in contact during his professional career, securing compliance with his plans without arousing aggression or unpleasant antagonism. With a reputation for strict integrity, he gained a high standing in his ingenuity, which was considerable, united with a sound common sense which characterized all his actions. He was quick and accurate in the performance of his duties, and the work which he executed will long be a silent witness to the thor-



oughness and painstaking effort which marked all his undertakings, for he neglected no detail of a work, however seemingly unimportant. His services were especially valuable in New Haven and Waterbury. Mr. Weld did not reap large pecuniary reward in his calling, but he leaves a name unspotted for integrity and honesty, and he was esteemed by all who knew him as a true friend and an upright man. On Dec. 15, 1874, Mr. Weld married Miss Mary V. Crockett, and they had two children, Mary Washburn and Fredericka Floyd, who have been reared by their grandmother, Mrs. Weld.

DAVID MERRIMAN HALL, an old and prominent farmer of the town of Wallingford, whose character exacts the veneration his years demand, was born in South Elm street, in that borough, May 27, 1818. John Hall, his remote progenitor, was an early settler of New England, and his sons, John, Thomas and Samuel, were among the first settlers of Wallingford.

Thomas Hall was born March 25, 1649, and came from New Haven, where he married Grace Watson June 5, 1673. She died May 1, 1731, and he on the 17th of the following November. Both were buried in Wallingford. He was a farmer by occupation. His family consisted of eleven children: (1) Abigail, born Jan. 7, 1674, married John Tyler; (2) Thomas, born July 17, 1676, married Abigail Atwater, daughter of John Atwater; (3) Mary was born Nov. 22, 1677; (4) Jonathan, born July 25, 1679, married Dinah Andrews May 12, 1703; (5) Joseph, born July 8, 1681, married Bertha Terrel; (6) Esther, born Feb. 23, 1683, married Benoni Atkins; (7) Benjamin, born April 19, 1684, married Mary Ives; (8) Peter was born Dec. 28, 1686; (9) Daniel was born Jan. 27, 1689; (10) Rebecca, born Jan. 6, 1691, married Daniel Holt; (11) Israel, born Oct. 8, 1696, married Abigail Palmer.

Peter Hall, noted above, was born in Wallingford, and was reared on the farm. Farming was his life occupation, and he became an extensive land owner. At the time of his death, which occurred in Wallingford, he had reached the age of ninety years. He was married, Oct. 19, 1732, to Rebecca Bartholomew, who died Oct. 31, 1798, and to their marriage came children as follows: (1) Susannah, born Feb. 26, 1734; (2) Hiel, May 6, 1735; (3) Abigail, May 15, 1737; (4) Rebecca, born July 3, 1740; (5) Eunice, Nov. 8, 1742; (6) Josiah, born July 3, 1745; (7) Peter, June 7, 1748; (8) Andrew, Sept. 12, 1750 (died Oct. 14, 1776); (9) Anna, March 30, 1753; (10) Keziah, June 16, 1755; (11) Lois, Sept. 25, 1757.

Hiel Hall was born in the town of Wallingford, and like his father was engaged in farming, and owned extensive tracts of land there. Catherine, his wife, died Jan. 4, 1788, at the age of forty-two years. She was the mother of the following named children: (1) Josiah, born in 1775, died Dec. 15,

1821; (2) Catherine was born Jan. 2, 1776; (3) Andrew, born in 1777, died Jan. 25, 1812; (4) Chauncey, born Sept. 8, 1778, married Marilla Hall; (5) Peter, born May 31, 1780, married Delight Kirkland; (6) Hiel, born Feb. 7, 1782, married Sarah Kirkland; (7) Rice was born May 2, 1784; (8) Justus was born Feb. 14, 1787.

Deacon Josiah Hall, the father of David Merriman Hall, was born in Wallingford, where he grew to manhood. In his mature years he had a large farm on Elm street, and he died while still in middle life, in Wallingford, at the age of nearly forty-seven years. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Congregational Church, in which he officiated as deacon. He is remembered as a useful citizen, a good husband and a kind father. Deacon Hall was married April 7, 1795, to Martha R. Hall, who was born Aug. 22, 1777, daughter of Giles Hall, of Wallingford, and granddaughter of John and Mary (Street) Hall. To them were born children as follows: (1) Thankful, born May 23, 1796, married Col. Thaddeus Cook; (2) Catherine, born May 18, 1798, died unmarried; (3) Eliza, born May 15, 1800, died young; (4) Eliza, born July 25, 1801, married James Reynolds; (5) Edward L., born May 15, 1804, married Mary K. Cook, daughter of Billious Cook; (6) George Chauncey was born April 19, 1806; (7) Martha R., born Oct. 19, 1808, married Col. Thaddeus Cook; (8) Josiah was born June 15, 1812; (9) Ogden, Sept. 13, 1815; (10) David Merriman, May 27, 1818; and (11) James, April 11, 1821. David M. is the only survivor. The mother died in Wallingford, and was buried in the Center street cemetery.

David M. Hall was very young when he lost his father. His education was begun in the district school of Wallingford, and later he attended the school at Cook Hill, where he went to live with his sister, Mrs. Thaddeus Cook, after his father's death. He was also a pupil in the academy at Berlin and the one at Middletown. Remaining in the hospitable home of his sister until he was sixteen years of age, he went to New Haven and learned the tin and sheet-iron trade. To do this properly and in the old-fashioned, thorough-going way, required his time until he was twenty-one years of age. Then he became a journeyman, and worked at his trade. A few years later he bought a farm on Cook Hill, where he lived until 1854, in that year settling on his present farm, which is part of the original Cook estate. For nearly half a century he has been engaged in farming and stock raising, and to-day he is known as one of the most successful farmers in Wallingford.

On Dec. 24, 1843, Mr. Hall married Catherine Maria Cook, who was born on Cook Hill, daughter of Col. Thaddeus and Sylvia (Hall) Cook, and sister of Mrs. William Francis, of North Farms. Mrs. Hall is a lady of innate refinement, and of kindly disposition, and all who know her speak well





*Catherine M. Hall*



*D. M. Hull*





of her. She has been a good wife and a loving mother. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have had three children: (1) James Cook, born July 6, 1845, died at the age of seventeen years. (2) Edward Thaddeus, born Oct. 16, 1849, married Georgiana Pardee, and has one child, Sarah Edna, born July 8, 1897. (3) George David, born June 20, 1859, is now living on the homestead; he married, Oct. 23, 1884, Jennie Blakeslee Hough, daughter of Elijah Hough, and has three children—Louis Cook, born March 27, 1888; Almon Blakeslee, born Nov. 27, 1891; and Mabel Hough, born March 7, 1898.

David Merriman Hall is one of the thoughtful, leading men of his community. In his religious belief he is a consistent follower of the rules of the Episcopal Church. He is domestic in his tastes, and upright in his habits. In politics he is a Democrat, but puts the good of the community before any question of party expediency.

**BLATCHLEY.** There was a Thomas Blatchley who sailed for New England in 1635; was in Hartford in 1640; New Haven in 1643; Branford in 1645; and in Guilford in 1666. In the last named place he was admitted as a planter April 23, 1668. His business was that of a merchant, and he died in Boston in 1674. Some of his descendants are yet in Guilford.

There was a Samuel Blatchley who removed from Guilford in about 1653, where he was an early planter, to that part of the town which later became Madison.

Soon after 1725, the time of the permanent settlement of Madison, there was a Joshua Blatchley who settled in the south part of the town.

Few men have been more prominently identified with the growth of New Haven, through the past fifty years, than the family introducing this article. The extensive real estate firm of S. L. Blatchley & Sons was established in 1852 by the father, the late Samuel L. Blatchley, who, along in the late 'sixties, took his sons, Samuel R., the late Charles Carroll, and later Joel Blatchley, in the business with him, and, from the beginning, these men together, or in turn, have carried on extensive building operations and real estate transactions, and have been interested in public improvements which have materially aided in New Haven's growth.

The late Samuel L. Blatchley was born Feb. 13, 1804, in North Madison, Conn., a son of Joel and Ruth (Loper) Blatchley, of that town. Joel Blatchley was one of the prominent men of his day in the town, and at the first town meeting, in 1826, was chosen one of the selectmen. The name of Blatchley has been identified with the towns of Guilford and Madison from the early Colonial period, and the name is on record from that section in the war of the Revolution, in the professions, and a number of times as graduates of Yale College.

Samuel Loper Blatchley received his boyhood

education in the common schools of his native town, and, by application as he advanced to manhood, succeeded in obtaining a good business education. His business career was commenced as an insurance agent in his town, and later he kept a country store there, in which the handling of clocks was a chief feature of the business. In those days it was no uncommon thing for a merchant to travel over the country, and especially in the South, selling goods and Yankee notions. Mr. Blatchley had some experience in this line, making his headquarters in Baltimore. In 1846 he removed to New Haven, Conn., and ever afterward made that city his home. Here he opened a co-operative grocery store on State street, and the "Commercial Union" is still remembered by the older people of the city.

In 1852 Mr. Blatchley engaged in the real estate business and his efforts were soon crowned with an assured success, and in time he built many business houses and dwellings, and bought and sold real estate quite extensively. Among the structures built by him were: The "Madison House," later called the "Selden House;" the building of the *Daily Courier*; the building on the corner of State and Court streets, and a number of brick buildings on State and St. John streets. In 1866 he purchased of the Maltby heirs and the Yale College corporation a large tract of land south of Grand street, in Fair Haven, and opened the avenue bearing his name, and at its junction with East Grand street erected the large brick house which thereafter was his place of residence. At the time of the opening of Blatchley avenue, there were few buildings in that part of the Eleventh ward. Just south of his residence he gave a lot to Grace Episcopal Church, on which a fine church edifice and parsonage were afterward erected, and in this enterprise he was largely interested. Mr. Blatchley sold many building lots on Exchange and Woolsey streets, which streets were opened by him, and he also purchased, at a cost of something like \$40,000, some forty acres of land on Fair Haven Heights, which he subdivided and sold in building lots. Also he purchased some twelve acres of ground of Deacon John Farren at a cost of about \$40,000, and opened up Farren avenue, selling the land in building lots; he purchased other building sites on Grand avenue and Bright street, from Grand avenue north.

In 1869 Mr. Blatchley associated in the business with him his sons, Charles C. and Samuel R., both young, active men, who were chiefly instrumental in building up and conducting the extensive real estate business of the firm of S. L. Blatchley & Sons. These gentlemen were largely instrumental in projecting and building the old State Street Horse Railway. They operated largely in the vicinity of Cedar Hill, and greatly developed the city eastward and northward. They also were prominent in advancing the projects resulting in the Quinipiac and Chapel street draw-bridges, and caused



many streets to be opened, erecting many buildings, and were most potent factors in the progress of New Haven.

The senior Mr. Blatchley in early life was a member of the Masonic fraternity. While residing in the city proper he attended the North Congregational and Third Churches, and later Grace Episcopal Church, in Blatchley avenue. Of a genial and cheerful disposition, he had many friends; was of commanding personality, standing six feet three and one-half inches in height, and in his prime had an erect form and a fine carriage.

On Dec. 23, 1827, Mr. Blatchley married Mary A. Robinson, who was born July 20, 1805, daughter of Ebenezer Robinson, of Durham, Conn., and died Dec. 9, 1874. Mr. Blatchley survived her, passing away July 26, 1883. Of their nine children: (6) Samuel Robinson and (7) Charles Carroll are mentioned below. (1) Joel S., who died Jan. 8, 1874, was a graduate of Yale, class of 1850, and was a lawyer by profession, practicing at Dubuque, Iowa, and later at San Francisco. Losing his health, he returned to New Haven, where until his death he was a member of the firm of S. L. Blatchley & Sons. He married Marion Hall, who survives him, with two children, Louise and Margery; they reside in Denver, Colo. (2) Helen Lavinia is the wife of Rev. H. C. Hovey, of Newburyport, Mass. They are the parents of three children—Edmund Otis, one of the curators of the New York Museum of Natural History in Central Park; Helen Carter, wife of Rev. Henry F. Ellinwood, of Medina, N. Y.; and Clara, wife of Rev. Royal W. Raymond, of Stratford, Conn. (3) Mary J. is Mrs. William Ludden, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; they have had no children, but have an adopted daughter, Gertrude. (4) Ann Elizabeth, who died June 19, 1892, was the wife of Alexander Emery, of the firm of Steel & Emery, New Haven. They had several children—Jacob E., now deceased, who was in the employ of S. L. Blatchley & Sons; Mary C., deceased; Alice S.; Charles A., of Bridgeport; Louise and Elizabeth, twins, both deceased; Helen, deceased; Joel, deceased; and Samuel W., of New Haven. (5) Alice C., who died Nov. 15, 1877, unmarried, was a teacher in the Woodward high school, Cincinnati. (8) Sarah Louise, who died March 13, 1873, was a member and valedictorian of the first class graduated from Vassar. (9) Clara I. died unmarried Dec. 28, 1882.

CHARLES CARROLL BLATCHLEY, a son of Samuel L., and late of the firm of S. L. Blatchley & Sons, was born July 28, 1841, in North Madison, Conn. His parents having removed to New Haven when he was but a lad, he there passed his boyhood, attending the public schools, and was graduated from the high school. Then he entered Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1863, studied law in New York, and was admitted to the Bar in that city in December, 1864. In May, 1865, he opened an office in New Haven, but after several years'

practice in that place he associated himself with his father and brother, Samuel R., in the real estate business, which engrossed his entire attention, and in which he was most successful. Mr. Blatchley was a director and large owner in the State Street Horse Railroad, and was a life member and secretary of the East Rock Park commission, and a director in the Young Men's Institute. About the middle of January, 1887, Mr. Blatchley became seriously ill with Bright's disease, and died at his home March 5, 1887, in his forty-sixth year.

On Nov. 27, 1863, Mr. Blatchley was married to Susannah, daughter of Jacob Emery, of Hogsburg, N. Y., who survives him with five children. Of their family Catherine E., a graduate of the Musical Department of Yale, is a music teacher and musical supervisor of the Westville schools. Mary Nancy graduated from high school, and is now an eighth grade teacher in the Strong school. Susan L. and Charles C. are deceased. Jacob Emery and Samuel L. were twins, and the latter is deceased; the former is a member of the firm of Blatchley & Shepard. Alice is deceased. William Joel is a sophomore in the Sheffield Scientific School. Charles Alexander is attending the Boardman Training School for Boys. Henry died in infancy. Charles C. Blatchley was a man of correct morals, and of the highest integrity, possessed good judgment, and was an excellent business man. He was straightforward and true in his friendships.

SAMUEL ROBINSON BLATCHLEY was born at North Madison Nov. 15, 1839, and spent his school days in New Haven and Cincinnati, attending the high schools in both cities, passed through the Hopkins grammar school in New Haven, and graduated at Yale in 1862. For five years he taught school in Cincinnati, and then returned to New Haven. Mr. Blatchley was president of the old Horse Railroad Company at the time of its sale to the syndicate, and his brother Charles had previously served in the same capacity. He now deals extensively in real estate, laying out lots, etc., having a large interest on Prospect street, where in company with Dr. Phillips he owns thirty-two acres. On June 23, 1864, he was married, in Cincinnati, to Miss Nancy McM. Evans, a daughter of Hugh Evans, of that city.

JARED A. BASSETT (deceased), an energetic and skillful agriculturist, who owned and operated a fine farm of forty acres on Dixwell avenue, Hamden, was born Nov. 1, 1832, a son of Jared and Eliza (Bradley) Bassett, and grandson of Timothy Bassett. His birth occurred in the same house in which he lived all his life, and in which he died Dec. 31, 1899.

Jared Bassett, the father, was also born upon the same farm, and throughout life successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a good sized man, being five feet, eleven inches in height and weighing 165 pounds. Being one of the lead-



ing and influential citizens of his community, he was called upon to serve his fellow citizens as selectman of Hamden, and member of the Legislature. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian and a member of the church of that denomination in Hamden. He died at the age of sixty-six years, and his wife at the age of fifty-five. In their family were three children, namely: Eunice, deceased wife of James T. Mix, of New Haven; Cornelia, who died at about the age of sixty years; and Jared A., our subject.

Upon the home farm Jared A. Bassett early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and his literary education was obtained in the common schools of Hamden and Everest's private school of Centerville. He assisted in the operation of the farm until his father's death, and then took complete charge of the same. He engaged in general farming and the dairy business, and in his labors met with well-deserved success.

Mr. Bassett was married, Feb. 26, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth A. Percy, of Watertown, Conn., and to them was born a daughter, Annie E., who died at the age of twenty-one years. The Democratic party always found in Mr. Bassett a staunch supporter of its principles, and as a citizen he was ever ready to discharge any duty that devolved upon him.

LYMAN A. GRANNISS, a well-known and reliable contractor and builder at No. 116 Franklin street, New Haven, was born in the house where he now lives in East Haven, March 3, 1837, a son of Joseph Granniss, who was also born in East Haven, as was also his father, Samuel. The latter was probably a farmer, and died at a great age.

Joseph Granniss was one of a number of children, and was reared on a farm. His life was devoted to the cultivation of the soil, though for a number of years he was largely engaged in the oyster business, carrying oysters from New Haven to Albany, N. Y., by team, and later from Bridgeport to the same destination by boat. He lived in East Haven all his life, and died there at the advanced age of eighty-five years. His wife, Louisa Luddington, was born in East Haven, a daughter of one of the old families of that section. She became the mother of thirteen children, of whom three only are living: Daniel H., Collis B. and Lyman A., all of whom are now residing in New Haven. Mrs. Granniss died at the age of sixty-five years. Both she and her husband belonged to the Congregational Church. Politically he was a Republican.

Lyman A. Granniss spent his early years at home, where he had his education in the local schools. After the demise of his father, he bought out the other heirs, and still owns the old homestead. Under his energetic management the farm is well cultivated, and produces fine crops. About 1880 Mr. Granniss began a contract business, very

largely in street work, laying macadam, setting telegraph poles, and doing similar work, in company with E. J. Upson. In 1890 he took up the ice business, and for ten years did both a large wholesale and retail business. He has been a director of the Hygienic Ice Co. since its organization, and he is also interested in the Swift Beef Co., of New Haven and Chicago.

Mr. Granniss was married, in April, 1862, to Antoinette Thompson, a native of East Haven, and a daughter of Elizer Thompson, for years the keeper of the New Haven Light House, and previous to that a groceryman. Mrs. Granniss was one of a family of nine children, and is herself the mother of two children, both of whom are dead. Mr. Granniss is a Republican, and was elected first selectman in 1868, a position he held until 1875, having been chosen to this on several subsequent occasions. In the General Assembly of 1871 he held a seat with credit. Mr. and Mrs. Granniss attend the Old Street Congregational Church of East Haven.

JOHN PINNEY PHELPS, until the spring of 1901, was one of Hamden's worthy citizens and prominent dairy farmers. He was born in the town of Winchester, Conn., Dec. 24, 1834, and is descended from one of the old and honored families of New England. His father, Ralzemon Phelps, was a native of West Granville, Mass., and a son of John and Betsey (Bingham) Phelps, both of whom were born in Enfield, Conn., and at an early day removed from West Granville, Mass., to Ohio, locating in Granville, Licking county, where they spent their remaining days. The father of our subject was but two years old on the removal of the family to Ohio, and in Granville he grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade. On attaining his majority he returned East and took up his residence in Colebrook, Litchfield Co., Conn., and after his marriage he located in the town of Winchester, Conn., where he continued to make his home throughout life. There he followed his trade and also conducted a hotel and store with marked success, and became the owner of property in that town. In his religious views he was a Universalist, and in political sentiment was a Democrat. He married Miss Emma Pinney, daughter of Asaph Pinney, and to them were born two children: Emeret E., who died at the age of twelve years; and John P., our subject. Both parents died in Winchester, and were laid to rest in the cemetery at Colebrook, Connecticut.

John P. Phelps received his education in the district schools of his native town, and began his business career as an employe in the factory of the Winsted Auger Co., of Winsted, Conn., where he remained until 1861. After the death of his father he located on the home farm, and engaged in its cultivation until 1885, when he came to the town of Hamden, New Haven county, where until April,



1901, he was extensively engaged in general farming, dairying and stock raising, owning and operating a fine farm of eighty-seven acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation. When he left the farm in 1901 he moved to Centerville, and is now living retired.

On Nov. 21, 1854, in Hamden, Mr. Phelps was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Gorham, a native of that town and a daughter of William and Lucretia (Dorman) Gorham. For the past thirty years she has been an invalid, having lost the use of her limbs by locomotor ataxia, but she bears her suffering with great patience. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps had two children: (1) Cora E., born Dec. 21, 1857, was married on Jan. 6, 1876, to Luther C. Phelps, and they have one child, Emma Pinney, born June 3, 1888. Luther C. Phelps died Jan. 23, 1890, and his widow now lives at home with her parents. (2) Charles J., the younger child of our subject, was born Nov. 5, 1875, and died the same month.

Mr. Phelps is a supporter of the Democratic party, and has served as a member of the board of relief and as justice of the peace. He is a broad-minded man and liberal in his religious views, and he attends the Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is a member of Hamden Grange, and he gives an earnest support to every enterprise which he believes calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his town and county. He is therefore numbered among the useful and valued citizens, and is well and favorably known.

**THEODORE BRISTOL**, a well-known business man of Milford, New Haven county, was born in that town Feb. 18, 1837, son of Johnson and Elizabeth (Davidson) Bristol. His family has been identified with Milford from an early date, his grandfather, Jehial Bristol, who attained the advanced age of ninety-four years, having been a farmer and shoemaker there. This worthy pioneer married Miss Martha Beecher, a native of Orange, New Haven Co., Conn., for his first wife, and they had children as follows: Miranda, who married John Welch, of Milford; Clarinda, who died in childhood; Willis, who conducted a wholesale and retail shoe business in New Haven until his death, and was a prominent man in local politics as a member of the Whig and Republican parties; Johnson, our subject's father; and Martha C., who married William Thomas, of Fair Haven, an oyster dealer. By his second wife, Flavid, daughter of Dr. Austin, also of Milford, Jehial Bristol had two children: Hiram, a shoemaker by trade, who died in New Haven; and Lucia, who married Samuel Sanford, son of Capt. William Sanford, of Milford.

Johnson Bristol, our subject's father, was born in Milford Nov. 19, 1807, and died Dec. 16, 1891. For thirty years he conducted a grocery business in Milford, but his last years were spent in retirement. Politically he was a Democrat, and as a citi-

zen was held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen. His wife, Elizabeth (Davidson), who died in Milford July 10, 1893, was a native of Milford, and daughter of Richard T. Davidson, a carpenter, who lived to the age of ninety-four years. Of their nine children, the eldest, Henry, is a grocer in Milford; the second and third died in infancy; Jane married Monson Hinman, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Theodore, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Harriet died at the age of sixteen years; Charles is in the employ of our subject; Elizabeth married Edward Burleigh, of Milford; and Edson is a farmer in Milford.

Theodore Bristol was reared in Milford, and for twenty-three years was employed by N. A. Baldwin, a straw hat manufacturer in that town, but in 1872 he purchased his present livery business, in which he has met with decided success. He attends Plymouth Congregational Church, and is an active member of the Masonic fraternity, while politically he affiliates with the Democratic party. Mr. Bristol married for his first wife Caroline A. Merwin, daughter of Mark Merwin, of Milford; at her death she left one child, Julia E., now the wife of Walter M. Irving, contractor and builder, of Milford. By his second wife, Rachel C. Wright, of Clinton, Conn., Mr. Bristol has had two children: Grace L., who married George R. Clarke, a meat dealer in Milford; and Royal M., who died at the age of six years.

**FRANK BRAZOS** has carried on a thriving business as a contractor in New Haven for the past six years, and his success has been commensurate to that enjoyed by the other members of this well known family.

Antoine Brazos, his father, the senior member and founder of the firm of Brazos & Sons, Middletown, is probably one of the best examples of a self-made man that Middletown can present at the present time. When all the circumstances of his history are considered, his early life and lack of educational advantages, and his beginning life afresh in a new country, it is doubtful if a parallel case can be found in all Connecticut. A man's success in life ought not to be determined by the heights to which he has climbed, but by the depths from which he arose.

Mr. Brazos was born at Pico, Azore Islands, Aug. 15, 1826. His parents, Joseph and Rosa Brazos, were both natives of the Islands, and his father was a farmer. It was in that far away corner of the earth that Antoine spent the first nineteen years of his life. Instead of common schools for all the people, as is the rule in this country, he had never seen an institution of that character until he came to the United States. His education has been gained entirely in the great school of experience. When nineteen years of age Mr. Brazos came to the United States, where his brother had already preceded him, and had attained a good position as







Theodore Bristol



mate of the schooner "Smith D. Bellows," plying between the Connecticut river and the coast points. Antoine made the voyage across the ocean on the bark "Azore," bound for Boston. He landed in that city, expecting to find his brother Manuel. A shipwreck delayed his arrival, and Antoine was a stranger in the city, not able to speak one word of English. His predicament was anything but pleasant. He secured work, however, on a vessel, and began a career as a sailor which lasted some seven or eight years, and was an eventful period in his history. He had many narrow escapes, and more than once was saved with but a few of the crew. One ship on which he was a sailor was wrecked on the extreme lower coast of Florida, and he with two companions were all that escaped death out of a crew of twelve men. At another time his ship was blown far out to sea, and badly damaged, and for seven weeks the crew were without food, and suffered greatly from lack of water.

Communication with his brother Manuel had long been established, and that gentleman finally persuaded his brother to give up a sea-faring life and come to Middletown. Manuel Brazos was one of the founders of the Hartford and New York Transportation Co., and was its general manager for a number of years. He died in Hartford. Frank Brazos, another older brother of Antoine, also came to the United States, and died in Hartford when about forty years old.

Mr. Brazos began business in Middletown in 1854, and his beginning was a very modest one. He bought out Philo Clark in a stevedore business, and had three horses as his principal working force. In 1872 his business had so increased that he resolved to make still farther extension and took all kinds of contracting, such as raising sunken vessels, general trucking, railroad building and sewer construction, not only in Middletown, but anywhere in the United States. He gave up the stevedore business a number of years ago, and as his sons became old enough he took them into business. At the present time the firm of Brazos & Sons is composed of the father and five sons, Joseph, Manuel A., Louis, John and George. Brazos & Sons have a department in their business devoted to ice in Middletown, which requires six wagons in season. In Middletown they have constructed twenty-seven houses from start to finish, a magnificent record for the firm. Many thousands of dollars have passed through their hands as wages for their employes. At the present time their pay roll is about \$3,000 a month. The senior member of the firm has been particularly fortunate in the ability possessed by all his sons, and their devotion to the business.

Antoine Brazos was married, in 1855, to Miss Ann Neale, a native of County Carlow, Ireland, and a daughter of James Neale. They are the parents of a numerous family: Eunice J. married W. W. Hulse, a real estate man of Amityville, Long Island. Julia A. graduated from Wesleyan Uni-

versity, and is now a teacher in the Middletown high school. Joseph is a member of the firm mentioned above. Mary is a teacher in Middletown, where she was educated in the high school. Frank is our subject. Manuel A. is a member of the firm. Annie E. is a trained nurse at Hartford. Alice R. graduated from the Middletown high school in 1889. Louis belongs to the firm as do also John and George. Mr. Brazos has a beautiful home at the corner of High and Loveland streets, which was built in 1890. He is a Republican politically, and he attends the Episcopal Church.

Frank Brazos was born in Middletown April 8, 1864, and spent his early years in his native town, where he received his education. At the age of eleven years he began working for his father. For five years he was with the Chichester estate, in the real estate business in New York City. He then became a member of the firm of Brazos & Sons, and so continued until May, 1895, since which time he has engaged in general contracting business, independently. He enjoys a large patronage, employing an average force of one hundred men. He has resided in New Haven for seventeen years. Mr. Brazos is a Republican politically, and a member of the Union League and the Young Men's Republican Clubs. He was married, in New Haven, to Miss Ida Englehart, of that city, and they reside at No. 808 Elm street, where he built a home in 1894.

PORTER GAY AND HENRY ADELBERT HULL, worthy representatives of an old and honorable New England family, are great-grandsons of Benjamin Hull.

Benjamin Hull was born about 1725, was a farmer by occupation, and resided on the old Hull homestead, which lies about one-eighth of a mile southwest of the present home. It is related that the said Benjamin and a son were one day at work in the fields, during the Revolutionary war, when three British soldiers came by on horseback, and that they captured both Benjamin and his son, who were never seen or heard of again. Benjamin Hull married Amy Hill, who was born July 6, 1726, and died Dec. 1, 1826. The fourth son in their family of seven children was Benjamin, who married Hannah Humiston, the records telling of her baptism in St. John's Church in 1781, and of her death in 1845. Benjamin Hull was a farmer, and passed his life on the homestead. He left a family of nine children, the seventh being Jarvis, father of the gentleman whose name opens this article.

Jarvis Hull was born June 15, 1800, on the home farm, and had only the limited educational advantages obtained in the primitive schools of the locality. Selecting the trade of shoemaker, he soon became an expert, and, as the custom was in those days, would go with his bag of tools from house to house, remaining until the whole family had been shod. Later he established a shop on his own farm, engaging in cultivating his land during the sum-



mers and in the winter time attending to his shoe-making. One of his specialties was the making of wedding gear, and he successfully manufactured neat and dressy boots and shoes from leather, gaining considerable reputation in the vicinity. Mr. Hull died June 25, 1872, and was buried in North Haven. In politics he had always been a staunch Democrat. He reared his whole family in the faith of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Hull married Eliza Gay, who was born in 1809, in Meredith, Delaware Co., N. Y., daughter of Lucian Gay, a farmer there. She died April 8, 1874, a member of the Episcopal Church. The children born to this union were: Julia A. is the widow of Charles Hine, and now resides in Northford; Porter Gay is mentioned below; Jane E. married Smith Tyler; Celia E. married Jasper E. Higbie, of Meriden, and both are deceased; Henry Adelbert is mentioned below; and Harriet A. resides in North Haven.

Porter Gay Hull was born Sept. 5, 1832, and enjoyed the educational advantages of the district schools. While still a young man he engaged in business with his uncle, Orrin Hull, at City Point, at which time City Point had but three houses from the Bridge down to the Sound. Ten years later he returned to North Haven and was employed by Sharon Bassett, who had a shop on the farm now owned by George Morgan, where he engaged in the making of wagon bolts, by horse power. After two years at this place Mr. Hull removed to Birmingham, Mr. Bassett changing his location to that place, and continued with him in the same business. An opportunity offering, he left Mr. Bassett to enter upon the trade of machinist with the Hamden Iron Co., one year later going to Waterbury, Conn. There he engaged in the manufacture of cotton gins, but his career here was interrupted, the company going out of business, and he was then employed by Blake Bros., of Westville, manufacturers of hardware, with whom he remained eight years. He was thus employed when Fort Sumter was fired upon, the works closing down on that day. By this time Mr. Hull was a skilled mechanic, and easily secured employment with Eli Whitney, of Whitneyville, with whom he remained some four years, in the manufacture of guns, pistols and other fire arms for which there was great demand on account of the progress of the Civil war. While engaged in these works he was called upon to assist in guarding the factory, as fears were entertained that attempt might be made to burn or loot it. Leaving this factory, Mr. Hull went to New Haven, where he accepted a position in the restaurant and ice cream parlors of C. F. Lockland (who was located where Hemblein & Co. now are), remaining there until 1864, when he became head clerk for the "Tontine Hotel." This situation he held efficiently for the following twenty-seven years, retiring in May, 1897.

In 1897 Mr. Hull came to his present home, the people of the "Tontine" regretting his de-

parture, as he had been a very popular adjunct of the house. The traveling public have many pleasant recollections of Mr. Hull, whose genial personality made him admirably qualified for the position he filled. His present residence is a comfortable one, his busy life having earned him a competency. Politically Mr. Hull is a Republican, although all the other members of his family are Democrats. Socially he is connected with Hiram Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F., and Franklin Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., all of New Haven.

Henry Adelbert Hull was born Nov. 16, 1844, and attended the district schools, returning to agricultural work after his school days were ended, part of the time on the home farm, the remainder on farms in the vicinity. Until he purchased his present farm of sixty-five acres he remained on the home place, and is now engaged in the successful operation of his own estate. As an active member of the Democratic party he has been called upon to hold many of the local offices, and is socially connected with the New Haven Grange, and Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 62, O. U. A. M. He is a member of North Haven Co-operative Feed Co., an organization of the substantial men of this locality. Both the Hull brothers are among the representative citizens of North Haven.

JAMES M. EMERSON, who for the past quarter of a century, has been editor and proprietor of the Ansonia *Sentinel*, the first newspaper of that place, is a native of Maryland. His birth occurred in December, 1845, in Denton, the county seat of Caroline county, that State. His early education was received at the public schools of that town, and at the age of fourteen he became a student in the preparatory department of Washington College, Chestertown, Md., from which he was graduated four years later, taking the second honors of his class.

Mr. Emerson's active career as a newspaper man began not long after he attained his majority, when he succeeded his father, John H. Emerson (now deceased), in the publication of the *American Union*, the Republican organ of Caroline county. He remained in charge of this paper as editor until July, 1871, when he accepted a call to the editorial staff of the Wilmington (Del.) *Daily Commercial*. He sustained this relation until his removal to Ansonia, in August, 1876. In July of that year he and W. H. Cramer (who came from Wilmington) purchased the *Sentinel* from Rev. Edward M. Jerome, the senior member of the firm of Jerome & Carpenter, by whom the journal was founded in November, 1871. When Mr. Carpenter withdrew Mr. Jerome engaged as foreman F. M. Rider, until recently business manager of the New Haven *Leader*. After a couple of years Mr. Cramer sold out to Mr. Emerson and returned to Wilmington, and the latter has since been sole proprietor.

The *Sentinel* has risen to its present prestige



from humble beginnings. The first office was on the main floor of the Gardner block (opposite the post-office), where a space 16x40 feet in dimensions was fenced off for its use. When Mr. Emerson took charge there were but 935 subscribers, and the outlook at first was none too encouraging, for, while he lost no ground, he apparently gained none. But when the growth set in it proved strong and steady. The job department had considerable business, and in 1879, when Mr. Gardner built a large addition to his factory, the *Sentinel* sought better accommodations in the new portion of the building. From this time the business of the paper began to increase. New machinery was introduced, and the second story of a small frame building which stood on the present site of the Y. M. C. A. building, was used for a composition room. In 1881 Mr. Emerson, feeling himself justified in securing a permanent location, bought the present site of the *Sentinel* building, of the W. & L. Hotchkiss Co. He erected a three-story building, the presses being established on the lower floor, and the composing room, etc., on the upper story. The second story was for a time rented out for offices, but one after another was found necessary as the *Sentinel* continued to grow, until the entire building was needed to carry on the business of the paper. Another story was finally added, where, to the present, the composition and job work have been carried on. When the linotype machines were put in and new floor space was required, the top floor of the building next door was leased, for editorial purposes. Then the sidewalk at the north end of the building was dug out to give storage room for the paper, which is received by the car-load, and thus every foot of available space has been utilized. Further extension will require a new site, which would have been selected long ago, had any suitable location been found.

On Jan. 1, 1884, appeared the first issue of the *Evening Sentinel*, and the paper has been published daily ever since. But 600 copies of the daily were sold at first, and the subscription list remained stationary for some time, but various local circumstances combined to demonstrate its importance to the public, and, as before, the progress made has been sure and substantial. The patronage has increased until the present ratio is one subscription for every six inhabitants in the field it covers—a record unequalled by any paper in the State. There is no doubt that this happy condition of affairs is due for the most part to Mr. Emerson's public spirit, which he has shown in numerous ways since his settlement in Ansonia. It is an undisputed fact that the *Sentinel* as a business enterprise ranks as of first importance in Ansonia, the mere statement that \$20,000 is paid annually, all in the locality, for work on the paper and in the job printing department, carrying some idea of its commercial value. The business has not lacked rivals, but they have come and gone without appreciable effect on its popu-

larity or influence, except, perhaps, the healthy stimulus of opposition. The New Haven papers at one time enjoyed a large circulation in the valley, and it was the need of a local daily thus plainly demonstrated that Mr. Emerson attempted to fill when he made the important change in 1884, thus bringing to Ansonia a revenue and an industry that were rapidly being monopolized by outsiders. The name was changed to the *Ansonia Sentinel* when the borough was made a town by action of the Legislature in May, 1888.

The mechanical outfit of the *Sentinel* is worthy of special mention. A Potter drum cylinder press, a small Gordon jobber and type enough for immediate needs were all the office boasted when the business was started. At the present day there is hardly a city of the size of Ansonia which has a newspaper equipment so up to date and complete. The setting of type by hand was discontinued several years ago, and three Mergenthaler linotype machines installed. These have since been increased to five. New presses have been purchased from time to time, each an improvement on its predecessor, and the Hoe two-deck Straight-Line Rotary now in use has a capacity of 20,000 4 or 8-page papers, or 10,000 10, 12 or 16-page papers per hour. The facilities for obtaining news are on a par with the equipment. The *Sentinel* is served by the Associated Press, and receives the news direct in the editorial rooms by private wire.

ANDREW FOOTE AUSTIN is one of the best known and most influential citizens of North Haven, his public life having covered many years. His family ranked among the oldest settlers in the State. John Austin married Prudence Roys, and testified to the birth of their son, Joshua, in Wallingford, Conn., in 1708. Joshua Austin married Mercy Hall, and their son, Abner, was born in Wallingford Nov. 17, 1734. Abner Austin married Ann Beers, and their son, Joseph, became the grandfather of the subject of this review.

Joseph Austin followed agricultural pursuits in Wallingford, where he married Bethia Page. They had three sons, Abner, Caleb and Joseph. He died in North Haven.

Joseph Austin was born April 23, 1803, and in 1825 came to North Haven, locating on the land now owned and occupied by his son, following the occupation of farming and butchering until his death, which occurred Oct. 14, 1854. He married Celia, daughter of Rufus and Elizabeth (Harrison) Foote; the three children born to this union were: Andrew Foote; Abner E., who married Ruth B. Coe, and after her death wedded Mary Gilbert; Charles R., who died in August, 1851.

Andrew F. Austin was born March 26, 1834, on the farm he now owns. His primary education was received in the district schools, and was supplemented in the State Normal School, his natural ability placing him in the rank of teachers when but





eighteen years old. For fifteen years he was engaged in teaching in the winters and farming in the summers. When he reached his twenty-fifth year he was appointed a justice of the peace, which position he has held for forty-three years, being a trial justice, and still holds the office. His decisions are of such an impartial character, and show so much wisdom, that his fellow citizens have been justified in reposing their confidence in him for so long a period. Mr. Austin has held for many years the office of school visitor, the duties of which he has faithfully performed. In 1880 he was made census enumerator, in the taking of the tenth census of the 102d district, which then included his native town. In 1882 he had the honor of representing his town in the Legislature, serving on the committee on Claims. In 1862 he was made a selectman, and served for fourteen years in that capacity as town agent. For many years he was a trusted and valued employe of the Marvin Safe Co., of New York, and traveled in the sale of burglar proof safes, severing this connection when the company entered the combine; he was similarly engaged with the firm of Bradley & Co., of Syracuse, N. Y., leaving them only when the firm went out of business.

Although the owner of a fine farm, Mr. Austin does little farming himself, his time being occupied with his business in the community, and with that of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, of which he is the agent. Mr. Austin settles up estates where the intricacies of the law make difficult and long continued litigation, and his methods of honest and fearless justice have caused his advice to be sought and acted upon. Had Mr. Austin entered the legal profession, it is the opinion of his acquaintances that he would have made his mark; his judgments are almost always sustained by the higher courts.

On Nov. 26, 1857, Mr. Austin married Charlotte P. Stiles, a native of North Haven, and a daughter of Horace and Lois P. Stiles, the former a brick manufacturer of North Haven. Mr. Stiles was a son of Isaac Clark Stiles, and a grandson of Isaac Stiles, who was a brother of Ezra Stiles, president of Yale College. Isaac Stiles was born in Windsor. His father, Isaac Stiles, came to North Haven in 1724, and was a Congregational minister there until 1760. Isaac was a son of John Stiles, who was born in Windsor, in 1697, a son of Francis Stiles, who came with seven others of the name to America on the ship "Christian" in 1634, landing in Boston, and going to Windsor with the Rev. Warham expedition.

To Mr. and Mrs. Austin were given two sons. The younger, Gardener E., died in February, 1895. The elder, Frederick W., married Juline Rebecca Barnes, and two children have been born to them, Clarence A. and Esther Louise. He resides in New Haven, where he is employed in the office of the Merwin Provision Co. In politics our subject has

always been a staunch Republican and has been a useful and active worker for his party. All the family are identified with the North Haven Congregational Church, and they enjoy the esteem of the community.

BENJAMIN HALL, dairy farmer of East Wallingford, warden of the Episcopal Church, and one of the leading spirits of his community, was born on the farm which is now his home Oct. 30, 1830. A descendant of one of the old families of New Haven county, he has worthily sustained the family honor by a clean and upright life.

John Hall was the first of this family to settle in New Haven county. Coming from England to Boston prior to 1650, with his family, he located in this region. In 1660 his three sons, with others, came to Wallingford, and were signers of the Plantation Covenant. On this interesting document John Hall's name appears in 1672. In 1675 he was chosen selectman of the town, as was also his son John, and here the remainder of his life was spent; he died in 1676, at the age of seventy-one years. He and his wife, Jane (Woolen), had seven children: (1) John, baptized Aug. 9, 1646, died Sept. 2, 1721; (2) Richard was born July 11, 1645; (3) Samuel, born May 21, 1646, died March 5, 1725; (4) Sarah was baptized Aug. 9, 1646; (5) Thomas was born March 25, 1649; (6) Jonathan was born April 5, 1651; (7) David, born March 18, 1652, died July 17, 1727.

John Hall (2), the eldest in the family of John, was one of the first settlers of Wallingford, where he was postmaster and a man of influence, and where he died. On Dec. 6, 1666, he was married to Mary, daughter of Edward Parker, and she died Sept. 22, 1725, the mother of the following children: (1) Elizabeth, born Aug. 11, 1670; (2) Daniel, born July 26, 1672, who married Thankful Lyman; (3) Mary, born June 23, 1675; (4) Nathaniel, born Feb. 8, 1677, who married Elizabeth Curtiss; (5) John, born March 14, 1681; (6) Lydia, born Jan. 21, 1683; (7) Samuel, born Dec. 24, 1686, who died Nov. 1, 1689; (8) Esther, born Aug. 30, 1693; (9) Caleb, born Sept. 14, 1697.

John Hall (3), whose name appears in the foregoing list, was born in Wallingford, and was married June 28, 1707, to Elizabeth Royce, who died Sept. 2, 1755, at the age of sixty-six years. He lived to be eighty-five years old, passing away April 27, 1766. A land owner and a practical and successful farmer, he spent his entire life in Wallingford. He had a numerous family, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: (1) Isaac and (2) Peter, twins, July 22, 1709; (3) John, Dec. 28, 1712; (4) Asahel, Jan. 19, 1717; (5) Royce, Dec. 26, 1718 (graduated from Yale, 1737, and died May 29, 1752); (6) Abigail, March 7, 1723; (7) Elizabeth, July 9, 1725; (8) Benjamin, April 4, 1728 (married Phebe Hall, and died Dec. 11, 1806); (9) Elisha, Sept. 15, 1730; (10) Sarah, Aug. 25,





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1752; and (11) Abel, the date of whose birth is now unknown.

John Hall (4), son of John (3), born Dec. 28, 1712, was a lifelong farmer in his native town of Wallingford, where he died May 13, 1795; he was buried in Guilford. Abigail Russell became his wife June 11, 1739, and they had the following children: (1) Elias, born March 10, 1740; (2) Jared, July 19, 1741; (3) Abigail, Oct. 16, 1743; (4) John, Dec. 6, 1744; (5) Elizabeth, Sept. 28, 1745; (6) William, June 15, 1747; (7) Mary, Jan. 23, 1749; (8) Eunice, July 6, 1751; (9) Anna C., Aug. 15, 1755; (10) Benjamin, July 2, 1757.

Benjamin Hall, the grandfather of our subject proper, was born as noted above in the town of Wallingford, and like his father was an extensive land owner and farmer. He owned and cultivated the farm where his grandson now lives, and the handsome house which is the home of the Hall family was built by him. In politics he was a Whig, and in religion a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Hall married Lydia Cook, and they had four children: (1) Lyman was born March 20, 1798; (2) Mary, born June 12, 1799, married Joel Curtis; (3) Emeline married Miner Harrison; (4) Orrin was born March 2, 1803.

Orrin Hall, father of Benjamin, lost his father by death while he was still very young, and obtained only a district-school education. From an early age he was engaged in farm labor. When he was twenty-eight years old he settled on the old homestead, where he became engaged in farming and stock raising, and he remained on the farm all his life, dying there at the ripe age of seventy-two years. His remains rest in the Center street cemetery at Wallingford. In religion he was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics a Whig in early life, and in later years a Democrat. Abstemious and temperate in his habits, and a hard-working man, he was a good citizen and a kind father. Orrin Hall and Mary Todd were married in Wallingford, where she was born, in the Society of Northford, daughter of Thelas Todd. Four children came to this union: (1) Benjamin is mentioned below; (2) Glosion is living retired in New Haven; (3) Mary is the widow of Ransom Baldwin; (4) Elbert resides in western Missouri. The mother died in Meriden, at the home of her daughter, and was buried in the Center street cemetery, Wallingford. A member of the Episcopal Church, she was a good Christian woman, and was highly respected in every relation of life.

Benjamin Hall began life as a poor boy, and had only the advantages of a common-school education. He worked at farm labor from a very early age, and continued thus until his marriage, when he settled down to farming on his own account, and has ever since been engaged in general agriculture and stock raising. To-day he is one of the most extensive dairymen of Wallingford, keeping a herd of sixty cows. Many improvements have

been wrought on the farm since it passed into his hands, and he is one of the largest land owners in the town of Wallingford, accumulating this extensive property very largely through his own efforts. A genial and affable man, he is pronounced a good neighbor, and a kindly-hearted and upright member of the community by all that know him. He resides on the old homestead where five generations of Halls have lived. Twice appointed postmaster at East Wallingford during the McKinley administration, he filled that position until the office was abandoned for the rural delivery.

Benjamin Hall was married, in 1857, in East Haven, to Miss Martha Todd, daughter of Jonah H. Todd. She died in 1862 in East Wallingford, and was buried in the Center street cemetery. A member of the Episcopal Church, she was an exemplary woman in every respect. For his second wife Mr. Hall married, on April 11, 1866, Clarissa C. Porter, who was born in Farmington, Conn., a daughter of William S. Porter. Two children were born to the first marriage: (1) Jane Elizabeth, who married Alson B. Bartholomew, of Wallingford, and died April 23, 1892; and (2) Martha Todd, who married Hon. Henry C. Wooding, of Yalesville, a dairy farmer. Mr. Hall is now serving his sixth year as senior warden of the Episcopal Church, of which he has been a vestryman for many years. He is also a member of the Wallingford Grange, and is highly respected in the community. Domestic in his habits, he has led a clean and wholesome life, and believes that the noblest ideals may be largely carried out in our daily acts. He is singularly free from the petty vices that mar social life, has never used tobacco, and has never been under the influence of intoxicants; he has never taken a drink at a bar.

RICHARD MANSFIELD EVERIT, a retired merchant, formerly of the old firm of Hotchkiss Bros. & Co., of New Haven, but more recently of the firm of Burdett & Everit, of New York, who were extensively engaged in foreign trade with Europe, the West Indies and South America, has long been one of New Haven's leading citizens.

Born April 9, 1824, in the old Mansfield homestead—the home of his maternal ancestors, which stood in Grand avenue, a little east of the Mill river bridge and which was purchased by his father—Mr. Everit is the son of the late Capt. Richard and Sarah (Mansfield) Everit. The former was a son of William Everit, a soldier of the Revolution and a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of Long Island, while the latter was descended from one of New Haven's early planters.

William Everit, seeing the British land on Long Island, immediately went with two others to the house of the commanding officer, Capt. Woodhull, to notify him of the landing. While they were in the house it was surrounded by British troops, and the captain of the British demanded the surrender



of Capt. Woodhull; the latter gave up his sword to the British officer, who thereupon ran him through with it. During the excitement William Everit and his companions escaped through the window and hid under the floor of the barn. They were located by the British and made prisoners of war, being confined where the old post-office was in Nassau street, New York. Mr. Everit made his escape from the prison through the aid of his wife, who was in the habit of bringing him provisions each week. The day of his escape she brought him a suit of clothes instead of provisions, and after donning them he mingled with the visitors, and so escaped, rejoining the Colonists.

Capt. Richard Everit was born in New York City Dec. 23, 1772. He became a ship master, commanding packet ships trading between New York and Holland, London and Bristol, England, and also made voyages to other European ports, the West Indies and South America. The second American vessel which visited Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, now a great hide exporting place, was commanded by him. Capt. Everit's life in some respects was remarkable. He began going to sea at the age of eleven years, and followed a sea-faring life until he was fifty, when he retired to New Haven and lived there for forty years. During his whole life he never drank a glass of rum, gin or brandy, a remarkable circumstance considering his occupation and the habits and customs of his class and the times. Being of a kindly and genial disposition, he had many friends, and few, if any, enemies. He died March 4, 1863, in New Haven.

On March 31, 1811, Capt. Everit was married to Elizabeth Mansfield, who was born Jan. 27, 1780, daughter of William Mansfield, of New Haven. She died March 28, 1818, and Capt. Everit married, Feb. 6, 1820, her sister Sarah, who was born April 4, 1791. Mrs. Sarah Everit died July 23, 1875. One son came to the first marriage, Phineas, born Dec. 7, 1812, who died unmarried Sept. 18, 1854, in New York. The children of the second marriage were: Elizabeth, born Jan. 15, 1822, died July 7, 1822; Richard Mansfield is mentioned below; William Lyon, born Oct. 21, 1826, married July 28, 1853, Adelaide Prescott Frink; Mary Mercein, born Feb. 7, 1829, married, Aug. 4, 1851, John H. Coley, who for many years was a leading dry-goods merchant in New Haven.

Richard Mansfield Everit was educated in the schools of New Haven and vicinity, attending the John E. Lovell Lancasterian School, the school kept by S. A. Thomas, and the old Fair Haven Academy, an excellent institution, then kept by Joshua Pearl. Young Everit prepared for college, but sickness at the time prevented him from commencing a college course, and he entered upon his business career, beginning Feb. 1, 1841, as a clerk under the late Charles H. Oaks. After remaining with Mr. Oaks a little less than five years, and going, during the latter part of his stay, on business for

the first time to the West Indies, he became the agent of the Peck Bros.—Nathan, Wyllys and Henry E.—of New Haven, for three years. After this experience he associated with J. A. Bishop, and entered upon his first business venture on his own account. For seven years he spent a large part of his time in the West Indies, where nearly all the New Haven trade was then concentrated. In 1851 he became associated with Russel, Henry O. and Edward Hotchkiss, who were the successors of their father on Long Wharf. Early in that year he embarked for Brazil on a business inspecting tour, to ascertain what might be done in a business line. At Para, on the Amazon, a place then but little known to Americans, he remained some eighteen months, and there established a good trade. This enterprise was the means of introducing into that region many articles of American growth and production, which were before wholly unknown. On returning from Brazil, Mr. Everit became a partner in the house of Hotchkiss Bros. & Co., which relations he continued until 1860. Desiring a larger field of operation than New Haven afforded, and for other reasons, he went to New York City, and there with Charles P. Burdett formed a partnership under the title of Burdett & Everit, which continued for nine or ten years, the firm building up a large and profitable business with Brazil, the West Indies and Europe.

In 1869 in the very prime of life and in the full tide of prosperity, Mr. Everit, at the early age of forty-five, retired from business, solely in consequence of ill health. Returning to New Haven, he established for himself a beautiful and charming home, located on a level plateau, on the east side of Whitney avenue, only half a mile distant and in full and grand view of the precipitous front of East Rock, the park itself extending nearly to his grounds. Here he is enjoying with his family the fruits of a well-spent life, and dispenses a generous hospitality to his many friends. Mr. Everit is enterprising and public-spirited, as is evidenced in the appearance of his commodious grounds and residence, which add great beauty to the "City of Elms." In 1869 he purchased a large farm about twenty-two miles west from Boston, in what is now the flourishing town of South Framingham. This land is laid out for the building of a city, and Mr. Everit has spent a great amount of money and time on the property.

On Feb. 5, 1861, Mr. Everit was married to Miss Mary Talman Lawrence, daughter of Watson E. Lawrence, of New York, and Augusta Maria (Nicol) Lawrence, of New Haven, and children as follows have been born to them: Richard Lawrence, of South Framingham, Mass.; Emma Augusta, deceased; Arthur Mansfield, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Annie Coley, wife of Dr. L. S. De Forest; and Edward Hotchkiss, at this writing superintendent of Equipment of the Southern New England Telephone Co.





On his mother's side Richard Mansfield Everit is in the seventh generation from Richard Mansfield, who came from Exeter, Devonshire, England, and settled in Quinnipiac (now New Haven). From this settler our subject's lineage is through Major Moses, Jonathan, Lieut. Nathan, William and Sarah (Mansfield) Everit. William Mansfield, son of Lieut. Nathan, was born April 1, 1750, at the old Mansfield home on the present site of the Sheffield North College, and married (first) Dec. 25, 1770, Elizabeth Lyon, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Maltby) Lyon.

EDWARD IVES (deceased) was for many years one of the best known citizens and prominent farmers of Cheshire. He was a native of New Haven county, born in Meriden, Oct. 14, 1836, and was a great-grandson of Zachariah Ives, one of the first settlers of Cheshire, where he followed farming. Jesse Ives, son of Zachariah, followed farming in Meriden, where he died Feb. 12, 1836, leaving his wife, Marilla (Johnson), a native of Southington, Conn., and four children, Jotham, Lyman, Rosetta and Almon, all now deceased.

Jotham Ives, father of our subject, was born in Meriden Sept. 7, 1808, and was there reared and educated. He wedded Mary Rice Way, who was born in Meriden Sept. 10, 1807, and died Aug. 31, 1878. His death occurred May 18, 1864. Of their five children Edward was the eldest; Amos was mayor of Meriden in 1897-98-99; Betsey is the wife of Robert Hallam, of South Meriden; Julius Isaac is a resident of Meriden; and Almon J. makes his home in Tracy, a town of Wallingford.

Edward Ives passed his boyhood and youth in Meriden, and attended school there. In 1862 he purchased a farm in Cheshire, to which he moved in May of that year, and on which he continued to make his home until called from this life March 25, 1880. As a public-spirited and progressive citizen he gave his support to every worthy enterprise for the public good, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a valuable and useful citizen. He was widely and favorably known and had a host of warm personal friends, who esteemed him highly for his sterling worth.

On April 25, 1862, in Middletown, Conn., Mr. Ives married Miss Lois Lucelia Smith, and to them were born two children: (1) Howard Edward, who is engaged in general farming on the home place, was married, Oct. 25, 1899, in Cheshire, to Miss Cornelia Matilda Atwater; they have a son, Edward Atwater, born Sept. 16, 1901. (2) Henrietta, who married, Aug. 30, 1888, John C. Rapson, of South Meriden, and has two children, Hazel Lucelia and Lillian Gertrude.

Mrs. Ives is a native of Cheshire, and belongs to quite an old and prominent Connecticut family. Her paternal great-grandparents were David and Abigail (Lewis) Smith, natives of Southington, Conn., and the former a son of David Smith and

grandson of Gideon Smith. Mrs. Ives' grandparents were Gideon Lewis and Lois (Barnes) Smith, also natives of Southington, who in 1823 moved to Cheshire, where the grandfather followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 20, 1850. His wife died July 31, 1846. Their children were Elizabeth, wife of Sherman Hart, of Berlin, Conn.; Rhoda, wife of John Hall, of Kensington; Abigail, wife of Seth Pratt, of Southington; Sylvia, wife of David Beach, of Southington; Loyal, the father of Mrs. Ives; Rollin, who died in Cheshire; Lois, who married Asahel Warner, and died in Auburn, New York; and Lola, wife of Burrirt Parker, of Southington.

Loyal Smith, Mrs. Ives' father, was born in Southington, July 14, 1807, and died Oct. 31, 1870. He was sixteen years of age when the family removed to Cheshire, where he afterward engaged in farming throughout life. He was quite a prominent and influential citizen of his community, and was a member of the State Legislature from Cheshire in 1856 and again in 1867. In that town he was married, Oct. 29, 1829, to Miss Henrietta Dickerman, who was born in Hamden Nov. 26, 1807, and died June 10, 1864, a daughter of Samuel and Lois (Peck) Dickerman, also natives of Hamden, where her mother died Nov. 12, 1822. Her father died in Cheshire June 30, 1840. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born eight children, as follows: Sereno D., a resident of Meriden; Lois, who died at the age of six years; Eliza, who died in Cheshire in 1848, at the age of eleven years; Lois Lucelia, now Mrs. Ives; Rhoda, wife of Amos Ives, of Meriden; Loyal B., of Cheshire; Samuel D., of Wallingford; and Franklin Pierce, a farmer of Cheshire.

EDWIN AUGUSTUS HOTCHKISS, who passed away Dec. 16, 1883, ranked among the leading business men and citizens of New Haven in his day, and no man enjoyed to a greater extent the esteem of all with whom he was associated.

Mr. Hotchkiss was born in New Haven Dec. 4, 1835, and was a son of Isaac Thompson Hotchkiss, also a native of that city, where he was long engaged in the coal business, becoming a prominent figure in the mercantile circles of the city. He died in 1870. Edwin A. Hotchkiss attended the New Haven schools, also Major Russell's Military Academy—the school in which many of the leading citizens of New Haven have finished their literary training. After reaching his mature years he was associated with his father in the coal business, which after the death of that honored gentleman he carried on with his brother, David T. Hotchkiss, until his death. He was one of the largest dealers in coal in the city, and took a high position in mercantile circles by reason of his force and strength of character, backed by executive ability, good judgment and the strictest integrity.

On Nov. 23, 1858, Mr. Hotchkiss was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Mulford Parker,



who was born Feb. 6, 1838, and they had three children, two of whom are living: (1) Edwin A., born Sept. 28, 1859, is engaged with his uncle in the blotting paper business, and is a very fine young business man. He and his brother are both esteemed for their genuine and unaffected manliness, and have a host of friends. Edwin A. Hotchkiss is a member of the Union League Club, and like all the family attends Trinity Church. (2) Caroline M., born July 31, 1866, died Dec. 18, 1868. (3) Howard Parker, born April 1, 1870, a graduate of Sheffield Scientific School, is now in the employ of the Security Insurance Co. On June 14, 1900, he married A. Mabel Lee, of Athol, Mass., daughter of Joseph Lee, now deceased, and they have one child, Howard Parker, Jr., born Aug. 27, 1901. All of the family enjoy a reputation for superior character, kindness and general intelligence of a high order, and their fine qualities, cordial spirit, general progressiveness and wide-awake ideas, are fully appreciated by their many friends. The comfortable and attractive home, which Mrs. Hotchkiss now occupies, at No. 1226 Chapel street, was erected by her father, Col. Joseph Parker, and is one of the most imposing in this city of elegant homes. Edwin A. Hotchkiss, the father, was a man far above the average in qualities of both head and heart. Though an able business man and inflexible in the discharge of his duties, he was kindness itself to all with whom he came in contact in any of the relations of life, and especially in his own home, where he was ever regarded as the model husband and father. In his death New Haven suffered the loss of a worthy citizen, the commercial world a man of fine business talent, and society a gentleman whose presence was ever welcome among the ranks of the most cultured.

Col. Joseph Parker, father of Mrs. Hotchkiss, was the inventor of blotting paper, and was one of the largest manufacturers of paper in the country. He was born in Litchfield county, Conn., son of Dr. Joseph Parker, practicing physician in that county all his life. Col. Joseph Parker married Caroline Mulford, who was born in New Haven, daughter of Hervey Mulford, one of the old residents of that city. Hervey Mulford was a graduate of Yale College, and was a lifelong merchant. To Col. and Mrs. Parker were born six children, two of whom are now living: Joseph, who is still carrying on his father's business, and Mrs. Edwin A. Hotchkiss.

WILLIS C. HALL, proprietor of a leading grocery in Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born March 16, 1833, in Cheshire, and comes of good old Connecticut stock, of English ancestry.

John Hall (1), the great-great-great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, came to these shores from England about the year 1638, first locating in Boston, then in New Haven, Conn., and later settling in Wallingford, where he died. His

son John (2), and grandson John (3), were born in England, and his great-grandson John (4) was born in Wallingford. Jared Hall, great-great-grandson of the emigrant, and the great-grandfather of our subject, was born July 19, 1741, in Wallingford. He married Lucy Hall.

Amos Hall, son of Jared, and the grandfather of our subject, was born May 21, 1773, in Cheshire, Conn. He married Elizabeth Bontecou, a lineal descendant of Pierre Bontecou, merchant, who was a French Huguenot refugee from La Rochelle, France, and landed in New York in 1689. He was a prominent member of the French Huguenot Episcopal Church in New York, in which he held prominent offices. Amos and Elizabeth (Bontecou) Hall settled on a farm in Wallingford, now in Cheshire, where they reared a family of children as follows: (1) Eliza, born Sept. 21, 1804, married William Prichard, son of David and Ann (Hitchcock) Prichard, and they then settled in Brunswick, Ohio, where he was a farmer and drover; he died in Jefferson, Iowa. (2) Charles is the father of our subject. (3) Nancy, born in November, 1808, died May 4, 1873; she married Hiram Bradley, of Cheshire, Conn., born Oct. 3, 1809, and they settled in Southington, Conn., where he followed the business of carriage and wagonmaker. (4) Amos, born Feb. 18, 1811, married Aspatia Doolittle, and for some time they lived in Cheshire, later removing to Brunswick, Ohio, where he followed farming. He returned to Cheshire, and died there Aug. 16, 1861. She is also deceased, and they are buried at Cheshire. (5) George A., born Jan. 31, 1814, married Sarah Merriams, of Prospect, Conn., a daughter of Rufus and Mary (Hotchkiss) Merriams; he was a farmer, and now lives in the town of Waterbury. (6) Susan S., born Oct. 13, 1817, married Henry Livingston, of Brunswick, Ohio, a son of Henry G. Livingston; they both died in Brunswick, she on May 5, 1885. (7) Henrietta E., born April 30, 1821, married Edward Terrell, of Waterbury Conn., and died there Feb. 5, 1870.

Charles Hall, father of our subject, was born in Cheshire, Conn., Oct. 12, 1806. On Sept. 30, 1830, he married Amy Moss, daughter of Asahel and Amy Andrews (Hitchcock) Moss, and a lineal descendant from John Moss, one of the first settlers of Wallingford, who died at the patriarchal age of one hundred and three years. Some time after their marriage our subject's parents moved to Brunswick, Ohio, settling on a wild tract of farm land. In 1843 he returned to Cheshire, where he died on his farm: his wife passed away Aug. 13, 1875. In religious faith they were identified with the Congregational Church, he being a Sunday-school teacher in same. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican. In 1832 he was commissioned, by Gov. Peters of Connecticut, as captain of the 32d Regiment of Militia. A family of nine children were born to Charles Hall and his wife: (1) Celia E. died at the age of four years. (2) Willis C. is our





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subject. (3) Ellen M., born Jan. 12, 1835, married Seth Eleada Frost, who was born in Wolcott Feb. 24, 1832, and is a farmer in Southington, Conn. (4) Emma, born Aug. 11, 1837, was married, Dec. 25, 1860, by Rev. John S. C. Abbott, to Elmer William Hitchcock, and they settled on a farm in Cheshire. (5) Gardner M., born in Brunswick, Ohio, Jan. 11, 1841, died Oct. 13, 1880; he was a member of the firm of the Hall & Upson Ice Co., also president of the Naugatuck Valley Co., of Bridgeport, Conn. On May 10, 1870, he married Georgiana Elizabeth Mullings, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Brooks) Mullings. (6) Franklin Amos, born in Brunswick, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1843, enlisted in Company H, 20th Conn. V. I., during the Civil war, was captured and confined in Libby prison. On his return home he became a traveling salesman, and later proprietor of the "Earle House," Waterbury. On Oct. 9, 1867, he married Adelaide Ulissa Munger, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Russell) Munger, of Waterbury. He died Feb. 20, 1879. (7) Denison Asahel, born Jan. 18, 1847, died unmarried Dec. 2, 1875. (8) Adelaide Eliza, born Sept. 17, 1849, was married, June 14, 1871, to George B. Lawton, of Waterbury; he is a diesinker in Waterbury, and lives in Cheshire. (9) Warren L., born May 21, 1856, is a merchant in Waterbury; he married, Dec. 14, 1881, Etta Louise Andrews, of Naugatuck.

Willis C. Hall, the subject proper of these lines, passed his boyhood in his native place, Cheshire, with the exception of the five years he lived in Ohio, and he received a liberal education at the district schools. For a time he worked on a farm, and later clerked for Samuel Hitchcock, in Cheshire, some four years, after which for two years he conducted a dry-goods and grocery business. His store being destroyed by fire, he returned to the old farm for a time, or until 1862, in that year taking up his residence in Waterbury, where he worked for the Scovill Manufacturing Co. for some time, and then clerked for B. S. Hotchkiss eight years, after which he and I. A. Spencer conducted a grocery store in Waterbury seven years. Mr. Hall then opened a grocery on Bank street, which he continued one year, at the end of which time he and his brother, Warren L., went into a fruit and commission business, the copartnership existing four years. In the fall of 1890 he opened his present grocery business at No. 11 Cherry street, in which he is meeting with desirable success.

On May 26, 1857, Mr. Hall married Elizabeth Heatly, daughter of William Heatly, of England, whose ancestors fought under William the Conqueror; she died Nov. 20, 1873, the mother of three children: Charles Edward, Walter (deceased) and Gardner Irving. On June 13, 1876, Mr. Hall married (second) Orinda Daniels, who was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., daughter of Joseph B. and Eleanor (Miller) Daniels, and two children came of this union, Joseph and Alfred, both of whom

died at the age of five years. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are members of the Episcopal Church at Waterbury. In politics he is a Republican, and he cast his first presidential vote for Fremont. He is a prominent member of the community in which he lives, a supporter of all matters of public concern that are calculated to advance the public welfare, and all who know him hold him in high regard.

BENJAMIN BREWSTER BROWN was a deacon of the Congregational Church of Prospect for several years, and the oldest living resident of that town. He was born in Windsor, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1815, a son of Daniel and Charlotte (Roe) Brown, both natives of Long Island. His maternal grandfather was Capt. Roe, who served as an officer in the Revolutionary war. The father followed farming both on Long Island and in Windsor, N. Y., and both he and his wife died at the latter place. They were earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a Democrat in politics.

Our subject attended the public schools and also a select school of his native town, but the greater part of his education was acquired through his own unaided efforts. He assisted his father in the operation of the farm until sixteen years of age and then learned the tailor's trade, which he continued to follow until 1845. It was during that year that he came to Prospect, and located on the farm which he owned and occupied until his death. Through the summer months he engaged in agricultural pursuits, while during the winter he successfully engaged in teaching school for fifteen years, being employed in the district schools of Prospect and Cheshire, and at that time he was one of the most popular educators of the community. He continued to actively engage in farming until old age compelled his retirement.

In Prospect Mr. Brown married Miss Emily B. Hotchkiss, a native of that town and a daughter of David M. and Zeruah (Stevens) Hotchkiss, and granddaughter of Frederick Hotchkiss. By this union were born two children: (1) Clarence Henry, a resident of Wallingford, Conn., and deacon of the Baptist Church there, married Nettie F. Mansfield, and has two children, Emily Adeline and Edna Louise. (2) Frederick Hotchkiss, who is engaged in the furniture business in New Haven, and is deacon of the Congregational Church there; he married Kate E. Woodward, of Bethany. The wife and mother, who was a good Christian woman and an active member of the Congregational Church, died April 1, 1887.

In 1864 Mr. Brown was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Legislature, and was called upon to fill other offices, having served as a member of the school committee, as selectman of Prospect, and justice of the peace for several years. On attaining his majority he became identified with the Whig party; later was a staunch Republican, and still





later, on account of his views on the temperance question, he cast his ballot with the Prohibition party. For many years he was an active and prominent member of the Congregational Church, and served as teacher in, and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and for the long period of forty years filled the office of deacon. His long and well-spent life justly entitled him to the high regard in which he was held, and no citizen in Prospect was more honored or esteemed. Over his life record there falls no shadow of wrong, his public service was most exemplary, and his private life was marked by the utmost fidelity to duty. He died at his home, which he loved so well, July 31, 1900, and was laid to rest beside his wife in the Prospect cemetery.

**LEWIS ROSSITER ELIOT** (deceased), in his lifetime one of Guilford's best known and most highly respected citizens, descended from one of the oldest families of Connecticut. Tradition traces the ancestry of the Eliots of England to the time of the landing of William the Conqueror on the shores of that country in 1066. In the early history of England the name was variously spelled Eliot, Eliot, Elyot, Elyotte, etc.

John Eliot, commonly called the "apostle to the Indians," was the American ancestor of the Elliots and Eliots, of which family our subject is a worthy member. That great and good man was born in England, Dec. 20, 1604, in—as authorities claim—Nasing, County of Essex, though both the counties of Devon and Cornwall lay claim to his birthplace, and there is a record of his baptism in the register of the church at Widford, Herefordshire. Nothing is related of his parents except that they gave him a liberal education and were exemplary for their piety, to which fact Mr. Eliot himself bore testimony, when, in after years, he wrote thus: "I do see that it was a great favor of God unto me to season my first years with the fear of God, the word, and prayer." He was educated at Jesus College, University of Cambridge, where he became distinguished for his love of the languages, especially Greek and Hebrew, of which he acquired a sound, thorough and discriminating knowledge. He became well versed in the general course of liberal studies, and was particularly learned in theology. After leaving the university he was employed as usher in the grammar school of Rev. Thomas Hooker, at Little Baddow, County of Essex. Mr. Hooker subsequently was one of the most eminent of the worthies of New England. He exerted a salutary influence on the formation of Mr. Eliot's character and principles, and decided him in pursuing the profession of a Christian minister. When Mr. Hooker was driven from England, Mr. Eliot followed him to the New World, making the voyage in the ship "Lion," and arriving at Boston Nov. 3, 1631, in company with his brothers Jacob and Philip, Gov. Winthrop's wife and children and about sixty others. He was im-

mediately placed in charge of the First Church of Boston, the pastor, Mr. Wilson, having gone to England temporarily, on business. His betrothed, Annie Mountfort, who was born Sept. 16, 1603, followed him to New England, and they were married in October, 1632. Mr. Eliot continued in charge of the Boston congregation until his removal to Roxbury, where he was ordained Nov. 5, 1632. He was the first minister in that place, and continued as teacher of the church there until his death, a period of nearly sixty years, preaching as long as his strength lasted. His meeting house was on the hill where the present meeting house of the First (Unitarian) Church of Roxbury now stands.

At that time there were many Indians within the limits of the English plantations, and to Christianize and improve them became the ruling motive of Mr. Eliot's life, his work among them commencing Oct. 28, 1646, at Nonantum, in Newton. He devoted his great intellect to learning their language, and made several translations of Holy Writ, the most noted being that known as the "Indian Bible." The New Testament was published at Cambridge in September, 1661, and was followed by the Old, and thus the entire Bible, with a catechism and the Psalms of David in metre, was given to the Indians in their own tongue within forty years after the settlement of the country. This work was of such magnitude, requiring such deep and exhaustive learning, that it yet excites the wonder of philologists. Eliot's labors were far greater than those of any of the translators in Germany, England and France, for they had the facilities afforded by copies of the Bible in Latin, which was the conventional language of the priests and students of Europe, while his work was in an unwritten and unknown language, which he was first obliged to learn; and, after his Bible was published, he had to establish schools and prepare a grammar and other books for instructing the savages to read it. In all these arduous duties he had no assistant but an Indian boy. Thus a humble and modest, yet faithful and zealous, pastor of a small Christian community, on the shores of a vast continent which was then almost a wilderness, alone achieved a work which excited the wonder and admiration of both continents, and has rendered his name memorable forever in the annals of literature and piety. With such holy ardor and untiring perseverance did he prosecute his great and commendable labors as to richly deserve his exalted title of "apostle to the Indians." His manner of preaching was very plain, yet powerful; his delivery graceful. The old oak at South Natick beneath which he preached to the Indians in 1690 is still standing. Mr. Eliot's death occurred May 20, 1690, in the eighty-sixth year of his age, and he was laid to rest in what was called the minister's tomb, in the First burying ground. His wife died March 22, 1687. Their children were: Ann, born Sept. 17, 1633, was a daughter of excellent character, and remained with her parents as long as they lived;



she was the wife of Habakkuk Glover. John, born Aug. 31, 1636, died Oct. 11, 1668. Joseph, born Dec. 20, 1638, is mentioned below. Samuel, born June 22, 1641, died in 1664. Aaron, born Feb. 19, 1644, died Nov. 18, 1655. Benjamin, born Jan. 29, 1647, died Oct. 15, 1687.

(II) Joseph Eliot, first of the name in Guilford, born Dec. 20, 1638, died May 24, 1694, at Guilford, where he was settled as a minister. He owned the home and ground occupied all his lifetime by the subject of this sketch, and which is now the residence of Mrs. Eliot and her son Edward. He was graduated from Harvard in 1658. On Nov. 23, 1662, the people of Northampton unanimously expressed their desire to settle Mr. Eliot as a teacher, and fixed his salary at fifty pounds. In 1664 he was settled at Guilford receiving ordination Dec. 23, of that year. It is said that he delivered an annual sermon before the General Assembly, and he received a grant of land from that body, probably in acknowledgment of these services. He continued to discharge his pastoral duties at Guilford until his death. Joseph Eliot first married Sarah, daughter of Hon. William Brenton, governor of Rhode Island, and after her death he married Mary, daughter of Hon. Samuel Wyllys, of Hartford. She died Oct. 11, 1729, at the age of seventy-three years. His children, four by each wife, were as follows: (1) Mehitable, born Oct. 4, 1676, married William Wilson, of Guilford, and died April 14, 1723, without issue. (2) Ann, born Dec. 12, 1677, married Dec. 20, 1698, Hon. Jonathan Law, of Milford, governor of Connecticut, and died Nov. 16, 1703. (3) Jemima, born in 1678, married Rev. John Woodbridge, of West Springfield, Mass., and died June 10, 1718. (4) Barshua, married Augustus Lucas, of Fairfield, a French refugee. (5) Jared, born Nov. 7, 1685, died April 22, 1763. (6) Abiel is mentioned below. (7) Mary, born in 1688, married in 1734, Hawkins Hart, of Wallingford, and had a large family. (8) Rebecca, born in 1690, married John Trowbridge, sheriff of New Haven, and after his death became the wife of Ebenezer Fisk; for her third husband she married Capt. William Dudley.

(III) Abiel Eliot, son of Rev. Joseph, was a farmer in Guilford, and died Oct. 28, 1776. He married Mary Leete, daughter of John Leete, of Guilford, and great-granddaughter of William Leete, governor of Connecticut. Their children were: (1) Nathaniel, mentioned below; (2) Wyllys, born Feb. 9, 1731, who died Sept. 20, 1777; (3) Rebecca, born Sept. 8, 1733, who married Nathaniel Graves, of Guilford, and died July 7, 1820; (4) Timothy, born Oct. 23, 1736, who died April 17, 1809; (5) Levi, born Nov. 1, 1739, who died March 21, 1765; (6) Margery, born March 19, 1742, who married Theophilus Merriman, of Wallingford, and died May 15, 1823.

(IV) Nathaniel Eliot, son of Abiel, was born Aug. 15, 1728, and died April 24, 1804. He was a

farmer and land owner in Guilford. On Jan. 3, 1754, he married Beulah Parmelee, born in Guilford Aug. 30, 1732, a daughter of Joseph Parmelee; she died Sept. 16, 1818. Their children were: William (sketch of whom follows); and Mary. The daughter, born May 1, 1762, died Sept. 10, 1819. On Sept. 30, 1787, she married Israel Halleck, of Dutchess county, N. Y., who died March 7, 1839. They had three children: Maria, born July 19, 1788, resided in Guilford; Fritz Greene, poet and writer, born July 8, 1790, was also a resident of Guilford; Nathaniel E., born in 1792, died Sept. 29, 1793.

(V) William Eliot (grandfather of Lewis R.) was born Feb. 10, 1755, in Guilford, where he was a lifetime farmer, dying there Feb. 14, 1833; he was buried in Alderbrook cemetery. He married Nov. 26, 1780, Ruth Rossiter, born in North Guilford April 17, 1757, daughter of Nathaniel and Deborah (Fowler) Rossiter. She died July 19, 1814, the mother of three children: (1) William Horace, Sept. 13, 1781, married to Mary Law; (2) Charles, sketch of whom follows; and (3) George Augustus, born June 6, 1792, married Sarah Brown, and settled in Erie, Pennsylvania.

(VI) Charles Eliot (father of Lewis R.), born July 29, 1787, in Guilford, spent all his life there in farming pursuits, dying in 1870. In Guilford, Oct. 15, 1815, he married Chloe Pardee, born April 5, 1785, a daughter of James Pardee, of East Haven, and six children were born to them: (1) Adeline, born June 28, 1816, married May 12, 1839, Josiah Griswold, of Guilford; he died Dec. 22, 1842, and she married (second) Leveret C. Stone; (2) Lewis Rossiter, sketch of whom follows; (3) Edward, born March 25, 1820, became a merchant in Detroit, Mich.; (4) Sarah Ann, born Nov. 3, 1821, married Dec. 31, 1843, Henry Reeves Spencer, of Guilford; (5) Charles Morgan, born Dec. 8, 1824, resident in Meriden; (6) Ruth, born Nov. 23, 1829, married April 23, 1848, Samuel Augustus Wilcox, of Guilford.

(VII) Lewis Rossiter Eliot, the subject proper of this memoir, was born Jan. 23, 1819, in Guilford, where he followed agricultural pursuits all his life, being a large land owner, and successful in all his operations. As a Democrat, he took a lively interest in the affairs of his party, of which he was one of the leaders in his town. For several years he served as assessor, and filled other offices of trust with marked ability and characteristic fidelity; was a director, and at one time president, of the Guilford Savings Bank. In church matters he always took a lively interest as member of the Episcopal Church, of which he was a vestryman for several years; taken all in all, he was a good, loyal citizen, respected and esteemed. In his domestic relations he was especially happy as a loving husband and kind, indulgent father. Well-read, and possessed of good executive ability, he was often appealed to in intricate matters of business, and at various times



called upon to settle estates. He died June 9, 1893, and was laid to rest in Alderbrook cemetery.

The late Lewis R. Eliot was twice married, first time Dec. 5, 1847, to Fanny Griswold, born in Guilford, Oct. 27, 1823, died Dec. 24, 1856, and one child, Fanny Maria, born March 26, 1853, graced this union. For his second wife Mr. Eliot wedded Nov. 17, 1858, Catherine Graves, a native of Guilford and daughter of Sherman and Ann (Griswold) Graves, to which union came two children: Miss Elizabeth, who was educated in part in Guilford, in part at Mount Holyoke Seminary, Mass.; and Edward, sketch of whom follows. The mother of these, a lady of culture and refinement, is yet living in Guilford.

(VIII) EDWARD ELIOT, only son of the late Lewis R. Eliot, was born in Guilford, Oct. 14, 1861, and received a liberal education at the public and high schools of the locality. He was reared on the home farm of 150 acres, and has ever since operated same, raising tomatoes chiefly, and conducting a dairy.

On Oct. 16, 1889, Edward Eliot married Mand A. Lee, born in Berlin, Wis., a daughter of William W. and Elizabeth (Vedder) Lee, both of whom died in Guilford. Three children have been born to this union, viz.: Elizabeth Maud, July 14, 1890; Lewis R., April 2, 1892; and Catherine Graves, Sept. 5, 1894.

In politics Mr. Eliot is a Democrat; for five years served on the board of burgesses of Guilford; in 1898 was elected warden of the borough; is a member of the school committee; and a director of the Guilford Savings Bank. Socially, he is affiliated with the New England Order of Protection. In religious faith he is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church in Guilford.

GRAVES FAMILY. (I) George Graves, the ancestor of Mrs. L. R. Eliot, and the first of the name in Connecticut, was a native of England, whence he came to this country, settling in Hartford, Conn., where he died in 1673. He had three children: George, sketch of whom follows; John, and a daughter.

(II) George Graves, died in Hartford, Dec. 3, 1692. He married, April 2, 1651, Elizabeth Ventnor, and had six children: George; Elizabeth; John, sketch of whom follows; Ruth, wife of John Webb; Mehitabel, wife of James Harrison; and Mercy.

(III) John Graves, born in Hartford, married in 1680, Susannah Webster, born Oct. 26, 1658, and died in 1680, a daughter of Robert Webster, of Middletown; he married (second) Harriet, daughter of Philip Davis. Children: Elizabeth, wife of Ebenezer Dudley; John, sketch of whom follows; Sarah, born Sept. 25, 1698, wife of James Munger; and four other daughters.

(IV) John Graves, born March 3, 1695, in Hartford, moved to East Guilford, and died there April, 1759. He married (first) Phebe Hand March 19,

1719, and (second) Keziah Norton, Aug. 1, 1723. She was born Dec. 21, 1700, and died Oct. 8, 1771. Children: George, born May 30, 1724; Phebe, Jan. 29, 1726, married Enos Hall; Samuel, born Aug. 3, 1728, died Nov. 25, 1736; Joanna, born Oct. 8, 1730; Sarah, born Jan. 23, 1733; John, sketch of whom follows; Submit, Jan. 13, 1738; Keziah, born June 27, 1743, died Oct. 8, 1775; Samuel (2), June 11, 1746; and Rufus, born Sept. 27, 1749, married Elizabeth Benton.

(V) John Graves, born Oct. 9, 1735, in East Guilford, died April 13, 1791. He married Dec. 20, 1760, Elizabeth Graves, born Sept. 24, 1736, died April 17, 1767, a daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Isbell) Graves. He married (second) Sarah Dudley, born March 14, 1744, and died Nov. 17, 1797. Children: John, sketch of whom follows; Merriman, wife of Joseph Bartlett, died Sept. 23, 1791; Titus, married to Rachel Dudley, died in 1814; George died without issue.

(VI) John Graves, born at East Guilford Oct. 16, 1761, died Sept. 28, 1819; married January, 1787, Hannah Crane, born 1764, died Jan. 16, 1852. Children: Henry Crane, born June 12, 1788, married Clarissa Crompton, and died in 1846; Elizabeth Amelia, born Feb. 17, 1791, married Phineas Dudley; Nancy Merriam, born Sept. 10, 1793, died March 16, 1849; Sherman, sketch of whom follows; Rebecca, born March 4, 1798, married W. W. Dowd, and died Oct. 28, 1873; and John Adams, born Sept. 1, 1805, married Amelia Bailey, and died in 1837.

(VII) Sherman Graves, born Sept. 20, 1795, died Sept. 12, 1875; married Nov. 4, 1819, Ann Griswold, daughter of John and Hannah (Dudley) Griswold. Children: Elizabeth, born Sept. 18, 1820, died Sept. 20, 1849; John, born Feb. 17, 1822, married Nancy Landon, and died Nov. 4, 1883; Catherine born May 16, 1824, now the widow of Lewis R. Eliot; and Harriet, born Sept. 26, 1825, died May 18, 1849.

HON. RICHARD R. HEPBURN, judge of probate and clerk of the town of Milford, was born in Milford May 23, 1847, son of Richard and Maria Hepburn, and comes of an excellent line. The Hepburns were of the family famous in Scottish history. Judge Hepburn is a great-grandson of Capt. Peter (born in Stratford) and Mary (Cobb) Hepburn, of Taunton, Mass. Peter was a sea captain previous to the American Revolution, and sailed between the Colonies and Europe. Afterward he had extensive rope walks reaching from River to High street, and his homestead was on the corner of Broad and River streets, where the Taylor Library now stands. In winter he taught navigation, and his nephew, who afterward became celebrated as Commodore Isaac Hull, was among his pupils.

Richard Hepburn (1), youngest son of Capt. Peter, and grandfather of Hon. Richard R., was a





*Richard R. Hepburn*





sea-faring man in early manhood, but afterward engaged in the draying business in New York City. He died in Brooklyn in the year 1865, at the age of eighty-eight, and was buried in Milford. This worthy citizen married Harriet Miles, of Milford, and had seven children, as follows: (1) Thomas was connected with the police force in New York City, and also with the custom house in the same place for a time. He was prominent in the Masonic fraternity. He died in New York, but was buried in Milford. (2) Richard, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Henry, who died in San Francisco, was a shipmaster and commanded vessels running between New York, Liverpool and China. He, too, was identified with the Masonic fraternity. (4) Jane (deceased) married Nathaniel C. L'Hommedieu, who in early life was in the United States navy, and for many years in the employ of the government at the Brooklyn navy yard. (5) Elizabeth (deceased) married John C. O'Connor, who entered the United States navy early in life, and later became a merchant and ship owner, and the possessor of valuable realty in New York City. (6) Harriet married Samuel Bryan, a copper-plate printer in New York, afterward a trusted employe of the government at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, at Washington, D. C. (7) Sarah resides in Milford, Connecticut.

Richard Hepburn (2), our subject's father, was reared in New York City, spending some years of his boyhood as a clerk in a ship chandler's store on South street. He afterward followed the sea, and at the age of twenty-one years was placed in command of a vessel. Much of his time in later years was passed in Milford. During the trouble between this country and Mexico he commanded a troop ship carrying a New York regiment to Matamoros, with our subject on board. When the Rebellion broke out he enlisted in the navy, with the rank of acting ensign, and served as such on board the monitor "Passaic," and other vessels, until the close of the war. A notable incident in his career was the successful voyage to the Canary Islands in the bark "Grapeshot," for the capture of Lu Baker, the man who shot Bill Poole in a theatre in New York City, which event gave Capt. Hepburn a National reputation for rapid passages. He died at Staten Island Jan. 2, 1891. He married Maria J. Curry, who died Sept. 17, 1873. She was a native of Peekskill, N. Y., and her father was a farmer of that town. Two children were born of this union: Richard R. and Fannie, of whom the latter died Aug. 26, 1877, unmarried.

Richard R. Hepburn, the third of the name and the subject of this sketch, attended the schools of Milford when a boy, and completed his course of study in Brooklyn, but he did not go to school after he reached the age of twelve years, the best part of his education having come from contact with the world. During boyhood he made several trips across the Atlantic with his father. For eight-

een or twenty years he was employed by Nathan A. Baldwin, of Milford, the manufacturer of straw hats, but his public duties have since occupied much of his time.

On July 17, 1884, Judge Hepburn married Miss Ella V. Clements, a native of Milford, and an adopted daughter of John F. Clements. One child, Fanny, has blessed this union.

In politics Judge Hepburn is a Republican, and his popularity is shown by the fact that he now holds several public offices, within the gift of his fellow citizens, having served as Town Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics since January, 1895, Judge of Probate since January, 1897, and Judge of the Milford Town Court since July, 1901; he is vice-president of the Milford Savings Bank. Socially he is prominent and belongs to the following fraternal organizations: William Fowler Council, No. 64, Order United American Mechanics, of which lodge he has been recording secretary since its organization; Wepowage Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., with which he united in 1881; and Volunteer Council, No. 819, Royal Arcanum, of which he became a member in 1897. He has recently accepted the secretaryship of the Milford Cemetery Association, and is at the present time clerk and treasurer of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Milford, and a member of the Society's committee.

PROF. WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS is one of the well-known and most highly esteemed citizens of Wallingford, where during his long residence he has won a high place in the regard of the community. His talent and skill as a violinist have brought him considerable renown.

Prof. Williams was born June 18, 1849, on the old Williams homestead, and was reared on the farm. He early displayed remarkable talent for music, and at the age of nine years had mastered the principles of violin playing. His teachers have been among the most distinguished of the world, one the celebrated Prof. Frantz Milcke. For a number of years he has played violin solos in public, charming his audiences, and receiving many expressions of pleasure from them. For several years he conducted the Williams Orchestra, which, during its existence, was one of the best in the State, and he has figured in almost all the prominent concerts and musical gatherings of his section, at one time playing with the well-known Theodore Fleisher. He has written a number of orchestral compositions. Some of the pupils of Prof. Williams have become celebrated, and his name is known far beyond local boundaries. He owns one of the finest old violins in existence. Prof. Williams is interested in several enterprises in the locality of Wallingford. He is the owner of the race track and fair ground site, very valuable land, which he has leased to the Agricultural Society, and to the Wallingford Cycling & Trotting Association. As a



lover and fine judge of good horses, Prof. Williams has become the owner of some fine specimens, and his trotting stock is well known through the State.

Prof. Williams was married, in January, 1878, in Wallingford, to Miss Mary E. Jones, daughter of Charles N. Jones, a merchant of Wallingford, a lady of refinement and culture, who holds an enviable position in the social circles of the city. Seven children have come to this union: Charles Leslie, born in 1878; Robert Cook, in 1881; Sarah Emma, in 1883 (a graduate of the high school, now a bookkeeper); Elsie L., in 1886; Florence, in 1888; Herman, in 1890; and William, in 1895. Prof. Williams is a member and supporter of the Republican party, but is no office seeker. The religious connection of the family is with the Episcopal Church, and they are highly esteemed in Church circles.

Charles Nicholas Jones, father of Mrs. Williams, was born on the old Jones homestead, Sept. 18, 1830, son of Street Jones and a grandson of Nicholas Jones, old settlers of New Haven county. Street Jones was a man of education, became a large land owner, at one time owning 10,000 acres, dealt extensively in cattle and raised many horses. He died at the age of eighty-four. He took an active interest in the welfare of the Democratic party, and served as a member of the State Legislature, as selectman, and in other local offices, taking also an active interest in educational matters. Through his influence school houses were built, charitable institutions were planned, and religious work in the Congregational Church carried on. Street Jones was married in North Haven to Mary Pierpont Eastman, a daughter of Benjamin Eastman, and to this union were born ten children, of whom we have record of the following: Benjamin Trumbull, Peter Eastman, Charles N., Mary P. (who married Charles D. Childs, of Wallingford, Vt.), Sarah, one that died in infancy, Julia (who married and removed to Albany, N. Y.), and Samuel (who became a stock dealer in Kansas).

Charles N. Jones received excellent educational advantages, attending the district school in youth, and later the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield. His home continued to be on the farm until 1870, and he engaged in farming a part of the Cook homestead. In the year mentioned he removed to Wallingford, where he started a grain and feed business, in connection with a grocery, and has been thus engaged for over thirty years. Mr. Jones also owns and operates a farm at Cook's Hill, on which he has a productive peach orchard. Mr. Jones married Ellen Cook, of Cook's Hill, a daughter of John and Mary (Munson) Cook, and a member of an old and representative family. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones: Mary E., the wife of Prof. Williams; Emma, who married William Hodgkinson, of Wallingford; Sarah Cook, who married William Talcott, of Wallingford; and Florence Bertha, now Mrs. Samuel

Clulee. Mrs. Jones died in 1879. In 1889, Mr. Jones married Abbie Bristol, daughter of Uriah Bristol, of Cheshire. Mr. Jones is a prominent member of the Congregational Church. He has served his fellow citizens as selectman, and for six years has been chairman of the board, and is treasurer of the borough. The family is held in high esteem in Wallingford, where Mr. Jones has long been regarded as one of the representative citizens.

EDWARD PAYSON BRÉTT, one of the oldest builders in New Haven, and a man of stability of character, who possesses the esteem of the community, is a descendant, in the seventh generation, of one of the pioneer settlers of Massachusetts.

William Brett and Margaret, his wife, came from England, in 1645, and with Miles Standish and others, became early settlers of the town of Bridgewater, Mass. He was an elder in the church, and often took the pastor's place.

Nathaniel Brett, son of William and Margaret, married Sarah, daughter of John Hayward.

Seth Brett, son of Nathaniel and Sarah, married Sarah Alden, daughter of Isaac Alden.

Samuel Brett, son of Seth and Sarah, married Hannah, daughter of David Packard.

William Brett, son of Samuel and Hannah, married Molly, daughter of Ezra Allen.

Cyrus Brett, son of William and Molly, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Oct. 18, 1789, in North Bridgewater, Mass. He married Mary Winchester, who was born in 1802 in Boston, Mass. From 1836 to 1856, Mr. Brett was a successful dealer, in Baltimore, Md., in the line of gents' furnishing goods, but coming troubles warned him of business disturbance, and he wisely closed out his interests, and returned North, dying in New Haven, Dec. 30, 1864, his wife having passed away but little more than one month previously, on Nov. 9.

Edward Payson Brett was born Sept. 12, 1837, at Baltimore, Md., where he spent his early school days. In March, 1855, he came to New Haven and began work, as an apprentice, with Bristol & Merwin, builders, on Artisian street, working for them until 1863, when he formed a partnership with Horace Hubbell. They continued in business together until 1867, when the partnership was dissolved. In 1869 Mr. Brett entered into partnership with Charles E. Brown, and they continued together until 1880. From 1882 to 1884 Mr. Brett had as a partner C. M. Manning, but for the past seventeen years has been alone. Mr. Brett has built many of the dwelling houses in New Haven, and was entrusted with the work for the Winchester factory. He is one of the most extensive jobbers in New Haven. For the past ten years he has also engaged in the manufacture of boxes. He is noted for his industry and activity, as well as for his high sense of honor in business dealings. On Dec. 24, 1866, Mr. Brett was married to Harriet J. Crossley,



who was born Dec. 25, 1842, at Tariffville, Conn., daughter of Thomas Crossley, of Middletown, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Brett have had children as follows: Mary and Hattie, who died in infancy; Lulu, who is a graduate of the Connecticut State Normal School, at New Haven, and is a teacher in that city; Edna P., a graduate of Hillhouse High School, at New Haven; Thomas C., a graduate of Sheffield Scientific School, class of 1896, and now secretary of the Yale Safe and Iron Co., of New Haven; and William W., also of that city. Since the spring of 1881 the family home has been in Gilbert avenue. Mr. Brett is a Mason, holding membership in Wooster Lodge No. 70, and is a member of the United Congregational Church, of New Haven. In politics he is a Republican, and his first Presidential vote was cast for Lincoln.

ELLSWORTH B. COOPER, the well-known and popular town clerk and treasurer of Hamden, is a native of that town, born in Centerville, Sept. 25, 1838.

Charles Cooper, his father, was born in the town of Hamden, Jan. 29, 1798, a son of Ezra Cooper, and during his youth learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in New Haven for some time. Going subsequently to Whitneyville he was employed in the gun factory there until about 1836 or '37, and, after leaving the gun factory, built a blacksmith shop at Centerville, where he followed his trade for twelve or fifteen years. He resided at Centerville for many years before his death, which occurred Feb. 11, 1872. He married Laura Cadwell, who was born Oct. 8, 1807, on the Pardee homestead in Centerville, in the same house where our subject's birth occurred. She was a daughter of Elizur and Esther (Pardee) Cadwell (the latter a daughter of Joseph and Esther Pardee), and died Feb. 6, 1879, and was buried in Centerville cemetery, where her husband also rests. Elizur Cadwell came from Durham, Conn., to Centerville, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith. In the family of Charles and Laura Cooper were five children of whom two grew to adult age. Charles Whitney, the eldest, was born in 1836, and served one year as a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted in 1861, in Company K, 6th Conn. V. I.; he has never married and is now a resident of Centerville. Charles Cooper was a Democrat in political faith, and took a deep interest in his party's success, but he was in no sense a politician. Mrs. Cooper was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Ellsworth B. Cooper acquired his primary education in the district schools of Hamden, which he attended until 1851, and then entered a select school conducted by Miss Elizabeth H. Dickerman, where he remained two years (this school was at the present location of Mt. Carmel Children's Home). Subsequently he was a student in the North Haven Academy under Miss Eunice Linsley, and later attended Stiles French's boarding school in Wall

street in New Haven. In 1858 he commenced teaching, and successfully followed that profession for several years, in the public schools of North Branford, North Haven and Hamden. In 1867 he was assistant teacher in Rev. H. H. Noble's boarding school, of Brookfield, Litchfield Co., Conn., and the following year taught at Mt. Carmel. In 1871 Mr. Cooper commenced clerking in the store of Eneas Warner, of Centerville, and remained with him until 1877. In 1876 he was elected town clerk and treasurer of Hamden, which offices he most creditably and satisfactorily filled until November, 1900, when he resigned the position of treasurer, but he still continues to serve as town clerk.

Mr. Cooper was married Oct. 9, 1889, to Miss Julia A. Culver, of North Haven, a daughter of Samuel Culver, and a successful teacher in North Haven and Wallingford, Conn. In December, 1874, our subject joined Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M. Politically he is independent. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge all duties devolving upon him, and the best years of his life have been devoted to the interests of his town and county. A most courteous, obliging official whose competency and efficiency may be judged from the length of his service in town office, few men are better known throughout the community, or have more warm friends than Ellsworth B. Cooper.

KENDRICK HARVEY SIMONS, the well known contractor and builder of Waterbury, Conn., was born in Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., March 11, 1838.

Sylvanus Simons, his grandfather, was a farmer in Massachusetts, where several of the Simons brothers had settled at a point then called "Simons Pond," and there he reared a family of seven children, of whom we have the following record: Solomon was a farmer, and reared a large family, most of whom went to Ohio, in which State he, too, passed the latter years of his life; Harvey was the father of our subject; Hiram was a farmer; Daniel and Philip also followed the same calling; Mary was the next in order of birth; and Eunice was the youngest.

Harvey Simons, his father, was a native of Sandisfield, Mass. (just over the Connecticut line), born June 13, 1795, and his death occurred Dec. 4, 1877. He was reared a farmer. His wife, who was Dianthy Bailey, a daughter of Andrew Bailey, a Massachusetts farmer, died at the age of fifty-two years, the mother of four children, viz.: Darwin, who was a soldier of the Civil war, and is now a mechanic in Waterbury; Juliaette, widow of Hiram Andrews, late of Norfolk, Conn.; Andrew B. and Kendrick H., both mentioned below.

Andrew B. Simons was born in Goshen, Conn., April 2, 1833, and like his younger brother, Kendrick H., is a carpenter and builder. He lived on his father's farm in Massachusetts until seventeen years of age, and then came to Connecticut, where



under Joseph Bunnell at Winsted, Litchfield Co., he learned the carpenter's trade. He remained with Mr. Bunnell two or three years, and then worked in Torrington, Ansonia, Bridgeport, and other places until 1852, when he came to Waterbury, where he has since been actively engaged as a contractor and builder, with the exception of two years passed in the Pennsylvania oil regions. During this period of over half a century he erected, for three or four years, 150 houses per year, many of them at a cost of \$15,000 each. In 1865 he moved to his present place in the southern part of Waterbury, which, in his honor, is now called Simonsville, he having been the principal factor in developing that part of the city. In 1854, Andrew B. Simons married Julia Ann Taylor, who was born in Willimantic, Conn., a daughter of John Taylor. Two children have blessed this union: Charles H., a carpenter; and Ida, who is married to George E. Shay, of Woodbury. In politics Mr. Simons was formerly a Democrat, as was his father, but after the Civil war he became an ardent Republican. Although he has been foreman of Fire Company No. 1, and also first assistant of the fire department, he has not escaped the devastation of the fiery fiend, and within two months lost twenty tenements through its malevolence. Mr. Simons is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., of Waterbury. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, by the members of which they are all most highly esteemed, as well as by society at large. Mr. Simons is a public-spirited man in the broad sense of the word.

Kendrick H. Simons was reared on the Sandisfield homestead until sixteen years of age, then came to Connecticut and for two years worked in a cutlery factory at Winsted. In 1857 he came to Waterbury and learned the carpenter's trade with his brother Andrew B. Simons. At this trade he worked as a journeyman about fifteen years. He spent the year 1865 in Titusville, Pa., at that time the principal center of petroleum oil, and began then to contract and build on his personal account. Being artistic and skillful, he has met with unusual success, and many of the more elegant, as well as the ordinary, buildings that dot the streets of Waterbury and its suburbs, attest his mastership of his trade.

On Jan. 3, 1866, Kendrick H. Simons married Maria Antoinette Neal, a native of Burlington, Hartford county, Conn., and a daughter of Ira T. Neal, of Winsted, Conn. Two children were born of this union: Herbert A., who died at the age of four years; and Irving N., who passed away at the age of twenty-six, when he had nearly completed his studies in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. The latter had married Aug. 15, 1895, Miss Emma Michaux, who with one child, Mildred N., survives him. In politics Mr. Simons is a Republican, and in religious belief both he and his wife are members of the Advent Church.

Ira T. Neal was of Scotch extraction, and his oc-

cupation was that of a mechanic. He married Rachel M. Bradley, who bore him three children: George W., deceased; Jane M., wife of Charles C. Lathrop, of Bridgeport; and Maria Antoinette, wife of Kendrick H. Simons. Mr. Neal passed away June 14, 1880, and his wife survived until June 17, 1893, when she, too, entered into rest.

EDWIN SOMERS PARMELEE, one of the progressive business men of Wallingford, New Haven Co., Conn., and Thomasville, N. C., was born April 16, 1834, in Southbury, New Haven county.

Walter Parmelee, his father, was born Nov. 12, 1808, in Newtown, Conn., and died Dec. 7, 1886, in the city of Wallingford. He was a wagonmaker, and followed that occupation throughout life. In 1881 he retired from active life and came to Wallingford, to spend his remaining years with his sons. Previous to his coming to this city he had a little wagon shop in Southbury, and always had been a very active and industrious man. In 1828 Mr. Parmelee married Miss Harriet Dikeman, of Newtown. Both were members of the Episcopal Church, and in later years attended the Methodist Chapel at Southville. A Democrat, and very well informed in current questions, Mr. Parmelee was, however, too much pressed with business cares to take much interest in the machinery of the party organization. Mr. and Mrs. Parmelee were the parents of two children, Edwin S. and Bruce Leavenworth, the latter at present living in Wallingford.

Amos Parmelee, the father of Walter Parmelee, was a wagonmaker; he married Mary Somers, and lived in Newtown, Conn. Noah Parmelee, father of Amos, came from England, and was a manufacturer of saddle trees. He married a Scotch woman. The Parmelees have always been woodworkers.

Edwin Somers Parmelee acquired his education in the common schools of his native town, and on leaving school went into his father's shop to learn wagonmaking. When he was twenty-three he left home, and went to Naugatuck to take the position of foreman in the factory of the Naugatuck Wheel Co. There he remained until 1860, when he purchased a piece of timber land in Southbury, and began to make heavy wagons and carts. In 1864 he bought a wheel factory, and a farm in Woodbury, where he was busily employed until 1872, in which year the factory was destroyed by fire. Shortly after this catastrophe Mr. Parmelee, in company with his brother-in-law, Bryant A. Treat, purchased the Naugatuck Wheel Co., and became president thereof. They conducted the plant very successfully until 1878, when it was removed to Wallingford in connection with the Wallingford Wheel Co., which they had purchased some two years before. On May 30, 1888, the Wallingford factory was struck by lightning, and entirely destroyed by fire. Mr. Parmelee sold his interest to the American Wheel Co., and retired from the business before it was resumed. The same year he bought the Thomas-







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ville (N. C.) Spoke Works, and the next year the Newton (N. C.) Spoke & Handle Works. He conducted both until 1808, when they were consolidated at Thomasville, where he is still engaged in business. About seventy-five men are employed in the works at Thomasville. Mr. Parmelee is also largely interested in native lumber, and in this line gives employment to quite a number.

On Sept. 14, 1859, Mr. Parmelee was married to Miss Mary A. Treat, of Oxford, a daughter of Atwater Treat, and a direct descendant of Gov. Treat. Their children are as follows: (1) Jennie M., born Aug. 4, 1862, was married Oct. 6, 1880, to Seymour G. Baldwin, a wholesale lumber dealer of Wallingford, son of the late Dr. Vincent Baldwin, of Wallingford. They have had the following children—Mary E., born Sept. 30, 1884; Walter P., born June 13, 1889; Elizabeth G., born Aug. 26, 1892; and Edwin Seymour, born July 21, 1881 (died Oct. 28, 1881). (2) Hattie Elizabeth, born June 2, 1865, married Aug. 30, 1893, Robert C. Canby, a native of Philadelphia. Mr. Canby is a metallurgist, and has charge of a smelter in San-Luis-Potosi, Mexico, the largest in that country. (3) Mary Rebecca, born June 22, 1868, is now bookkeeper in the office of her father's spoke works at Thomasville. (4) Eva Treat, born Nov. 11, 1874, is at home. (5) Sarah Edwina, born Aug. 30, 1881, is at present taking a finishing course in German and French in Coburg, Germany. Mr. Parmelee was born and bred a Democrat, but he is unalterably opposed to the ratio of 16 to 1. The entire family are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

JUDGE JAMES R. CAMPBELL is one of the most favorably known citizens of the town of Wallingford, where he holds the position of Deputy Judge of Wallingford Police Court. He was born in Windham, N. H., Nov. 14, 1829, and belongs to the celebrated Scotch Campbells. For hundreds of years the various generations of this family have been conspicuous in Scotland. Among the stoutest followers of Oliver Cromwell, they were given a tract of land in Derry, Ireland, which they abandoned after the restoration of Charles II, and came to New Hampshire, where many of their descendants may still be found. Some have penetrated into other parts of the United States, and wherever they have gone, their upright, honorable and industrious lives have done credit to the New Hampshire Campbells.

Henry Campbell, born in Ireland, located in the Derry colony in New Hampshire, and took an active part in the French and Indian war. He became the father of five children: (1) Daniel, born in Windham, N. H., in 1737, became a land owner, and there died. (2) John, born 1747, served in the Revolution, and died in 1823. He married Molly Campbell. (3) Jane Hylands. (4) Sophia L. (5) David.

David Campbell, born in Windham, N. H., in

1757, died March 11, 1830. He was a farmer and mill owner, and erected the first carding mill in that part of the State. A soldier in the Continental army, he served at the battles of Bunker Hill, Long Island and Bennington, being twice wounded at Bunker Hill, and also in the Cherry Valley campaign. Elizabeth Dickey, his wife, became the mother of the following children: (1) Rachel, who died single; (2) Mary; (3) Martha, who married and lived in Francestown, N. H.; (4) David, who was twice married, first to Mary Marden, and second to Mehitable Marden; (5) James; (6) Hannah, who married James Clark Cloyd; (7) John.

John Campbell was born July 17, 1803, was educated in the common schools, and was reared a farmer boy. Much success attended his labors and he spent his last years in Nashua. An active and devoted Methodist, he was a trustee of the church and a faithful worker for its advancement. Mr. Campbell was also deeply interested in school matters, and was a strong advocate of public education. In politics he was a Whig. On May 29, 1828, John Campbell was married to Hannah Pierson, who was born in Nashua, a daughter of Captain Joshua Pierson. To this union were born four children: James R., born Nov. 14, 1829; Charles; Caroline; John.

James R. Campbell attended the public schools of Nashua, and for two and a half years was a student in the engineering department of the West Point Military Academy, but was compelled by his ill health to give up the course. In 1852 Mr. Campbell removed to Yonkers, N. Y., where he engaged in the contracting business in company with Deboise & Hendrick, dock and bridge builders, remaining with them until 1865. That year, again consulting his health, which had failed him, he came to Wallingford, and bought the farm on which his home is now made. For a number of years he was engaged in manufacturing, and in 1878 became interested in a brown-stone quarry, to which he gave his attention for sixteen years, when he retired from every kind of business interests except his farm.

Judge Campbell is a man well known in Wallingford for his upright character and genial manner. He is much respected in the community, and has been a leader in every kind of forward movement. To the schools especially does he give a willing service, serving on the Central District Committee, and on the building committees of the Colony Street School and the High School.

Judge Campbell was married Nov. 28, 1852, to Jane Barnes, who was born in Litchfield, N. H., a daughter of Reuben and Rebecca (Martin) Barnes, and a granddaughter of Joseph Barnes (who was a physician and surgeon in the war of the Revolution), and of Dr. Amos Martin (who served in the war of 1812). To this union were born the following children: (1) Charles, born in March, 1855, died April 3, 1879. (2) Ida E., born July 20, 1857, married Dec. 27, 1877, Rev. L. E. Rockwell,



a Methodist minister, of Portland, Oregon, and has one son, Foster, born in September, 1880. (3) Jennie, born May 29, 1869, was educated in the Wallingford schools and at Smith College, graduating from the latter in June, 1893; she also studied one year in the graduate school at Yale College, giving special attention to the classics. At the present time she is teaching Greek and Latin in the Wallingford High School, and her work there is highly appreciated. Mrs. Rockwell was also a teacher before her marriage.

Mrs. Campbell taught school when a young woman, and is a lady of education and refinement. Much devoted to her husband and family, she is a consistent Christian woman. Mr. Campbell is a Republican, and a staunch party man, but has never had a hunger for political position. He was elected Deputy Judge in 1897. For twenty years he has been a trustee of the Yalesville Methodist Church, to which his wife and daughters also belong. Since 1851 Judge Campbell has been a member of the Odd Fellows.

HON. GROVE J. TUTTLE, who, for a quarter of a century and more, has been a member of the New Haven County Bar, and a useful citizen in his community, has descended from one of the Colony who settled New Haven, in 1639.

William Tuttle, the emigrant ancestor of Grove J. Tuttle, with his wife Elizabeth and three children, sailed in the ship "Planter" from London, England, to New England, in 1630, landing at Boston, and later were of the colony which settled New Haven, in 1639. From this William Tuttle, our subject, is a descendant in the seventh generation, his line being through Jonathan, Nathaniel, Nathaniel (2), Jesse and Jesse Tuttle (2).

Jonathan Tuttle, son of William, the emigrant, baptized in Charlestown, Mass., in 1637, married Rebecca, a daughter of Lieut. Francis Bell, of Stamford. Mr. Tuttle began a settlement near the Quinnipiac river in what is now the southern part of the town of North Haven, in about 1670, and built a bridge over the river which was long known as Tuttle's bridge. He died in 1705.

Nathaniel Tuttle, son of Jonathan, born in 1676, married Esther Blakeslee, and died in 1728. Nathaniel Tuttle (2), son of Nathaniel, born in 1714, married first in 1737, Mary, a daughter of Josiah Todd, who died in 1742; and second he married Abigail Ingham.

Jesse Tuttle, son of Nathaniel (2), born in 1750, married first Lucy, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Alling) Dickerman, of Hamden, and second, Eunice Gilbert. Mr. Tuttle was chosen tythingman of Hamden for the year 1794; grand juror in 1798; one of the surveyors of highways, in 1803; and a selectman, in 1805, 1806, 1807 and 1808; and as representative in General Assembly for several terms. He died in Hamden, in 1849.

Jesse Tuttle (2), son of Jesse, of Hamden, and

the father of Hon. Grove J. Tuttle, of New Haven, was born Aug. 18, 1802, and first married Dec. 29, 1825, Dencey R., daughter of John B. Johnson, of Wallingford. She died in 1840, and his second marriage took place May 1, 1842, to Lucinda, daughter of Willoughby Williams, of Wallingford. To the first marriage were born John, Lucy and Charles R., and to the second marriage, Dwight W. and Grove J.

Grove J. Tuttle was born in the town of Wallingford, Conn., April 2, 1851. His early education was acquired in the public schools of New Haven, and in the High school of that city and then he entered upon the study of law, under the direction of Charles H. Fowler, and was admitted to the bar in New Haven, in 1874, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in that city, meeting with deserved success.

Mr. Tuttle has held various local offices in a manner creditable to himself, and satisfactory to his fellow-citizens. A number of times (1879, 1886 and 1893) he has ably represented his town in the General Assembly of the State. For twenty-five years, Mr. Tuttle has been an efficient member of the school board of which he has been president for ten years; for twenty-five years also has been justice of the peace; three terms he has served as grand juror; and was appointed county auditor for 1893-1894. He held the office of prosecuting agent for New Haven County for two years, from 1893 until 1895. In 1898 he was the Democratic candidate for State Senator from the Seventh district, and though defeated reduced the Republican majority from 2621 in 1896, to 880 in 1898.

On June 8, 1887, Mr. Tuttle was married to Miss Emma J., daughter of Eber and Almira Downs, of New Haven, the former of whom was formerly a farmer of Woodbridge, and died at the age of fifty years; the mother died in 1901, aged eighty years. Mrs. Tuttle has one sister, now the wife of L. W. Hotchkiss, of Shelton. Socially he is popular in Adelphi Lodge, F. & A. M., and is considered one of the leading men in New Haven.

CAPT. OLIVER N. BROOKS, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the town of Guilford, and a member of the Legislature, was born in West Brook, Conn., Feb. 7, 1822, a son of Nathan Brooks. Simeon Brooks, an uncle of the Captain, was a prominent manufacturer in the town of Chester.

Nathan Brooks was a stone-cutter by trade. He married Nancy A. Clark, a daughter of Joseph Clark, a farmer in Chester, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and a man of much character and ability. After marriage Nathan Brooks was located for a time at Westbrook, but afterward removed to Killingworth, where he followed his trade for many years. In 1839 he located at Guilford, where he made his home until his death at the ripe age of eighty-eight years, and was



buried in the Guilford cemetery. He was a Democrat in early life, but in his last years was a Republican. Mrs. Nathan Brooks also died in Guilford and was buried in the same cemetery. The few who are alive to remember her speak well of her as a woman of high character and religious faith. She was the mother of thirteen children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who lived to maturity are the following: (1) Julius died in 1849. (2) Zera C. resides in Derby, Conn., at the age of eighty-one years. (3) Roxanna M., the widow of George H. Chapman, of Saybrook, for many years a merchant in Boston, is living in Winchester, Mass. (4) Capt. Oliver N. (5) Eliza F. is the widow of James H. Prince, of Winchester, Mass. (6) Laura A. married Frederick H. Fowler, and both are deceased. (7) John G. was drowned in Nebraska in 1859, while on his way to California. (8) Julia A. married Richard H. Woodward, a real-estate man in Long Branch, N. J. (9) Cynthia E. married Erastus H. Cusby. (10) Frances E. married R. H. Chipman, a coal dealer in New York, who has his home in Philadelphia.

Capt. Oliver N. Brooks removed with his parents to Clinton when he was four years old, and there attended the public school and the academy. When thirteen years of age he went out as a cabin boy with Capt. Eldikin, on board the schooner "Planet," making a short voyage from Clinton to Philadelphia to take on a coal cargo for New Haven. From this humble beginning he worked himself up in rank to a position as commander and master, when he was only nineteen years old. At that early age he was perfectly competent to command a vessel, and the first in his charge was the sloop "Ostrich." For eleven years he commanded different vessels in the Atlantic coast-wise trade. In 1851 Capt. Brooks was appointed keeper of the Faulkners Island Lighthouse, receiving his appointment from Thomas Corwin, Secretary of the Treasury, and for thirty-one years he was always at his post of duty, and rendered valiant service in the rescue and service of those imperilled by wind and water. During his long term of activity over one hundred vessels were stranded near the Island; in seventy-one of these disasters, eight of which were total wrecks, Capt. Brooks rendered valuable assistance in an open boat, often at the great peril of his life. One noble rescue he effected was that of the crew of the schooner "Moses F. Webb," which went ashore on Goose Island on Nov. 23, 1858. Single handed and alone he rescued the crew, and his daring efforts won the applause of the whole country. Many valuable and touching letters and testimonials were sent him, and are now preserved as valuable mementoes of a noble deed.

From the Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York he received a letter of ardent appreciation, accompanying the bestowal of a gold medal, only bestowed where "Life has been exposed in saving life," which was signed by Daniel Lord,

the vice-president of the association. The medal bears this inscription: "Presented to Oliver N. Brooks, keeper of the Faulkners Island Light, for rescuing with great courage and humanity four lives from the wreck of the schooner Moses F. Webb, on the 23rd of November, A. D. 1858." The value of this medal was fifty dollars, and its weight forty dollars.

From the citizens of New Haven he received the following letter, bearing date Dec. 6, 1858:

"Impressed by the account of your bravery on the 23rd of November, 1858, in rescuing five persons from the wreck of the schooner Moses F. Webb, at the hazard of your own life, we have procured the accompanying testimonial of our admiration of your courage and your humanity. We present your wife the salver and tea set, your children the cups and napkin rings, and yourself the purse containing \$126, in the hope that your example may encourage others to succor the imperilled. That your life may long be spared and your health and prosperity be continued is the earnest wish of yours respectfully, Washington Webb. In behalf of Thos. R. Trowbridge; Hotchkiss Bros. & Co.; L. W. & P. Armstrong; E. C. Scranton; James W. Brester; Canfield & Spencer; D. M. Welch; English, Atwater & White; George D. English; C. L. English; Minott A. Osborn; D. S. Graves; S. W. King; C. T. Candee; P. A. Pinkman; Dr. Bishop; E. A. Mitchell; T. O. Betts; R. Chapman; C. B. Whittlesey; City Fire Insurance Co., N. H.; William Conner (Secretary Springfield Fire Insurance Co.); S. A. Thomas; Fred Lines; S. W. Mansfield; Wylie & Brother; C. P. Hubbell; Lawrence, Bradley & Pardee; Lindsley & Carlisle; James E. English; Lucus Gilbert; S. L. Smith & Co.; Sylvanus Butler; S. D. Cooley, Jr.; D. A. Benjamin; C. M. Ingersoll; Bishop & Bros.; W. A. Ensign; Wm. B. Johnson; S. B. M. Huges; S. Punderford; Leonard Daggett; S. S. Griffing; S. S. Atwater; D. S. Glenney; Isaac Thompson; W. T. Bradley & Co.; Isaac Anderson; Bushnell & Co.; L. Treadway & Co.; D. Trowbridge; Solomon Collis; John Walker; H. J. Norton; M. R. Shepard; S. G. Peck; John W. Russell; C. S. Chaplain; E. Arnold & Co.; Benjamin Noyes; C. H. Tuttle; E. Marble; Cowles & Leete; Strong & Hall; E. E. Hall; R. P. Cowles; Joel Ives; D. Killam & Co.; F. L. Bostwick; C. O. Crosby; S. R. Spencer; S. S. Rowland; S. E. Stone; Saml. Rowland; Edw. Bromley; D. S. Stout; J. H. Benham; N. D. Sperry; Alfred Blackman; W. T. Eustis, Jun.; G. S. Sheffield; and W. Bristol."

The original documents are in script, executed by D. Stanton, beautifully done, and could not be duplicated for less than thirty dollars. The salver bears the following inscription: "Presented to Mrs. Mary M. Brooks, by the citizens of New Haven, in honor of the noble conduct of her husband, Capt. Oliver N. Brooks, who at the peril of his own, saved the lives of five persons from a wrecked ves-





sel during a storm in Long Island Sound, on the 23d of November, in 1858." The salver alone is worth \$80. At this time the citizens of Guilford presented him with a membership in the Masonic lodge.

During Capt. Brooks' term of service in the lighthouse many improvements were made, such as the introduction of kerosene oil. He had three assistants from 1866 to 1882, in which latter year he retired from the service, with a record of which any man might be proud. Locating on the old homestead in Guilford, he became interested in real estate at Sachem's Head, where he built a number of summer cottages. In 1887 he went to California, and located in Arch Beach, where he was in business, and where he spent three years. During this time he was appointed postmaster, and visited many places of interest in the southern part of the State. In 1890 Capt. Brooks came back to his Guilford home, and has since lived retired from active business. The Captain is a keen observer, and a fine conversationalist, being a well-read man and widely informed on all current topics. Capt. Brooks was elected to the Legislature in 1892, though he is a Democrat, and was a member of the Committee on Temperance. In 1898 he was again elected by a good majority.

On Jan. 4, 1846, Capt. Brooks was married to Mary M., who was born in Guilford, a daughter of John and Betsy (Field) Hart; she was a lady of a charming personality, with fine artistic tastes, and was highly esteemed by those who had the privilege of her acquaintance. In her home are many creations of her artistic skill, especially noticeable being preparations of rare and beautiful sea shells, which evidence her love of nature. Mrs. Brooks died Oct. 28, 1899, and was buried in Guilford cemetery. The Captain and Mrs. Brooks were the parents of three children: (1) Oliver N., Jr., who died in infancy; (2) Mary E., who married Henry I. Thrall, formerly of Guilford, now of Cuba, has two children, Allison Irwin and Edith Amelia, both born in Riverside, Cal.; (3) Nancy Amelia, who married Edwin G. Hewsted, a nephew of Prof. Cyrus Northrop, president of the University of Minnesota, and has two children, Oliver Brooks and Edwin G. Capt. Brooks is a skilled taxidermist, and has a valuable collection of animals and birds. Mrs. Thrall, his daughter, has much ability in music and art.

**HARVEY W. BEACH**, late of Branford, where in his lifetime he was a successful and popular business man, was born May 1, 1834, in that borough, a son of Timothy and Esther (Cook) Beach. The father, a native of Branford, and a farmer all his life, was a son of Andrew Beach. The maternal grandfather of Harvey W. Beach was Joseph Cook, a resident of Branford for many years, who married a Miss Wheadon. He served as a private in the war of the Revolution.

Harvey W. Beach grew to manhood in Branford, where he obtained his education in the common schools. A miller by trade, he owned and operated a combined grist and sawmill. For many years he was in the ice business. During the Civil war Mr. Beach was a member of Company B, 27th Conn. V. I., enlisting Aug. 22, 1862. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, was taken prisoner May 3, 1863, incarcerated in Libby prison six days later, and paroled on the 21st of the same month. Mr. Beach was honorably discharged at New Haven after nine months' service. For some five years after his return from the war he was a member of the State militia, in which he rose to the rank of captain.

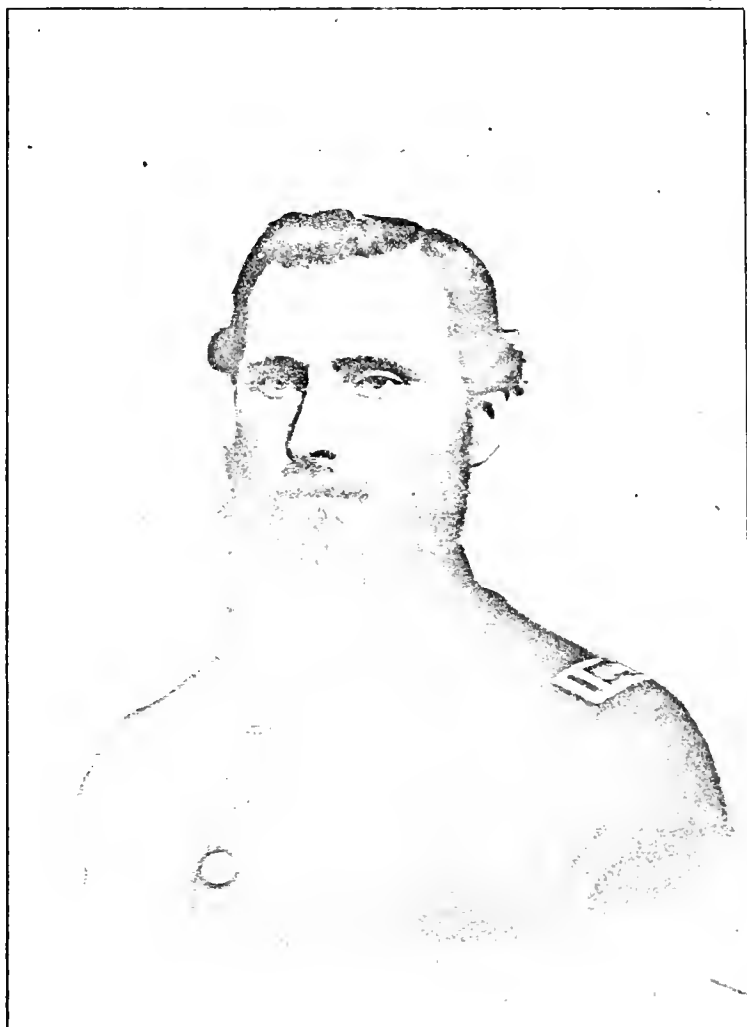
On coming home Mr. Beach resumed his business of milling, and carried it on until his death, May 3, 1881. He was married, Nov. 16, 1856, to Cornelia Hubbard, daughter of Richard and Rhoda (Andrews) Hubbard, of Durham, Conn., and to them were born nine children: (1) Willys E., born Dec. 27, 1857, married Frederica Miller, and has one son, Lewis, born March 8, 1880. (2) Anzonita, born Dec. 20, 1858, died Dec. 12, 1863. (3) Isaac P., born March 20, 1860, married Grace Wheeler; they had no children. (4) Harvey E., born Aug. 14, 1861, died Aug. 30, 1862. (5) Cornelia A., born Jan. 20, 1863, married Walter Boynton, and has two children—Nellie May, born May 15, 1885, and Clarence N., born April 29, 1888. (6) Fred A. M., born Feb. 28, 1868, died April 11, 1899. (7) Clara L., born Jan. 4, 1871, died Oct. 2, 1891. (8) Edna L., born Sept. 15, 1873, died Jan. 3, 1874. (9) Ada V. was born Nov. 8, 1877.

Mr. Beach was a member of the Baptist Church, with which his widow also unites. He was enrolled in Widows' Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M. In politics he was a Republican.

**RUFUS M. GILLETTE**, an honored and highly respected citizen of Naugatuck, who is now living a retired life, was born in Prospect, this county, March 30, 1829, and is of French descent. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Gillette, was born in France, and on his emigration to America located on a farm in Milford, New Haven Co., Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life. He had only two children: Garret, father of our subject; and Benjamin, who never married and was engaged throughout life in farming in Milford.

Garret Gillette was born and reared in Milford, and there he was married, Oct. 23, 1804, to Nancy Platt, of the same town, but shortly after his marriage he removed to Prospect and located upon a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there April 16, 1874. His wife passed away May 6, 1841. To them were born eleven children, as follows: Abigail, born Jan. 1, 1810, married Lucius Talmadge, a farmer of Prospect, now deceased, and she died in March, 1892; George S.,





*Harry M Beach*



born March 26, 1811, was a mechanic, and died in Seymour; Martha, born June 19, 1813, died Oct. 22, 1835; Nancy, born Nov. 4, 1815, died Aug. 29, 1836; Jonathan, born June 19, 1817, was a carpenter of Prospect and died in 1880; Mary, born Sept. 18, 1819, married Harry Smith, a manufacturer of Prospect, and died Jan. 1, 1877; William, born Nov. 12, 1821, was a farmer of Milford, and died in 1878; Sarah Ann, born Jan. 8, 1824, is the widow of Harry Morse, a farmer of Prospect; Bennett, born Sept. 5, 1826, was a carpenter of Prospect, and died in 1876; Rufus M., our subject, is next in order of birth; and Garret, born Feb. 4, 1831, was a farmer of Prospect, and died Dec. 8, 1878.

The boyhood and youth of Rufus M. Gillette were passed in Prospect, and his education was acquired in its district schools. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade with his brother, and continued to follow the same throughout his active business life, but for the last three years he has lived retired. On April 1, 1896, he removed from Prospect to Naugatuck, where he owns a beautiful home and is surrounded by all the comforts which make life worth the living.

Mr. Gillette was married, May 20, 1854, to Miss Abigail Payne, also a native of Prospect and a daughter of Stephen and Abigail (Doolittle) Payne, who were born in the same town. Her maternal grandfather was Joseph Doolittle, a farmer of Prospect. In early life her father was a speculator and manufacturer of buttons, but later engaged in the hotel business in Naugatuck, Waterbury and Milford. He died in 1892, and her mother departed this life in 1854. To our subject and his wife were born three children, namely: Rubie, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Mary, wife of George W. Andrew, of Naugatuck; and Joseph, an electrician of New London, Connecticut.

Politically Mr. Gillette is identified with the Republican party, and in 1888 he represented his town in the State Legislature. He and his family are influential members of the Congregational Church, and he has always taken an active part in church work. He has championed every movement designed to promote the general welfare, has supported every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, educational and moral interests. After a useful and honorable career he can well afford to lay aside all business cares and live in ease and retirement at his elegant home in Naugatuck, which, in its appointments, evinces the refinement and culture of the inmates.

**JOSEPH T. BEARD.** The Beard family is one of the oldest and most prominent in the town of Milford, and the old homestead, now occupied by the subject of this sketch, has been held by the family since 1639—the only tract of land in town which can show a title running unchanged in one family since the first settlement. The Fowler prop-

erty, with which the Beard homestead formerly divided that honor, has changed hands, being sold first to George Gunn, and by him to the New Haven Water Company.

Joseph T. Beard traces his descent from Capt. John Beard, the pioneer, through Benjamin, son of Capt. John; Joseph; Benjamin, who married Abigail Clark; Andrew; and Joseph Beard, his father.

Andrew Beard, our subject's grandfather, was born March 3, 1752, on his farm in Milford. During the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier. He married Susan Rogers (who was born in Milford) Nov. 30, 1779, and eleven children came of this union: Sally, 1781; Andrew, 1784; Andrew (2), 1786; Benjamin, 1788; Susan, 1790; Abigail, 1793; Abigail (2), 1794; Mariah, 1796; David, 1798; Joseph, 1800 (father of our subject); and Minerva, 1802.

Joseph Beard was born in Milford in May, 1800, and, like his ancestors, carried on farming as an occupation. Politically he was a Whig, and later a Republican. His death occurred Oct. 4, 1870, from an accident on a railway. He married Mary Ann Baldwin, daughter of Hezekiah Baldwin, of Milford, and she lived to the good old age of ninety-two, dying Feb. 17, 1892.

Joseph T. Beard was born in Milford April 19, 1840, and, as the only child, inherited the homestead. He attended the district schools near his home and the high school at Milford, and on leaving school at the age of nineteen gave his attention to farming as a business. He is a general farmer, and is noted for his excellent management. At present the farm comprises 200 acres, a portion of his inheritance at the site of Naugatuck Junction having been sold to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company.

Politically Mr. Beard is a Republican, and he and his family are members of the Congregational Church. In 1872 he married Miss Alice A. Davis, of Seymour, Conn., and they have had five children: Nellie is a school teacher in Milford; Ernest T., a farmer in Milford, married Fannie W. Booth, of Shelton; Alice married Fred M. Smith, of Milford; Warren is a machinist of Bridgeport, Conn.; and Harold is at home.

Mrs. Alice A. (Davis) Beard is of Welsh descent in the paternal line, and her family is well known in Seymour, where her grandfather, Dr. James W. Davis, practiced medicine at an early day. Her father, Henry P. Davis, was born in Smithtown, Montgomery Co., N. Y., May 16, 1818, and spent the greater portion of his life in Seymour. His death occurred there March 31, 1885. By occupation he was an axmaker and later a farmer. He married for his second wife Almira Steele Holcomb, who was born in Seymour Feb. 22, 1810, and died March 20, 1885. Of their three children, George S. is a mechanic in Waterbury, Conn.; Burr S. is a miner in California; and Alice A. married our subject. The Steele family is one of the oldest in



Seymour, and Mrs. Beard's maternal grandfather, Deacon Bradford Steele, served for about eight months in the Revolutionary army, enlisting about July 10, 1777, as a lad of sixteen. His wife, Ruth Wheeler, was born Sept. 17, 1765, a daughter of Simeon Wheeler, and died Feb. 20, 1856. Her mother, Sarah Baldwin, who was born April 11, 1746, and died May 13, 1826, married first a Mr. Wheeler, and second Capt. Bradford Steele. In this line Mrs. Beard is a descendant of Sylvester Baldwin, the pioneer, the line being traced as follows: Sylvenius, son of the pioneer; Richard; Timothy; and Capt. Timothy Baldwin, father of Sarah Baldwin Wheeler.

**WEBSTER.** This well known and numerous family of New England traces its line of descent to John Webster, fifth Colonial governor of Connecticut, who landed in Massachusetts Sept. 4, 1635. He and his wife Agnes left Warwickshire, England, in the spring, and settled first in Cambridge, Mass. During that year a company of one hundred persons was organized to form a Colony on the banks of the Connecticut river, and in June, 1636, a well ordered band set forth. Gentlemen of fortune and rank and delicately bred ladies were there, and bravely endured the hardships of that journey over mountains, through swamps, across rivers, and drove their flocks and herds before them.

In Benjamin Trumbull's "History of Connecticut" we find the following: "For twenty years Mr. John Webster had been annually chosen into the magistracy of Connecticut, being elected Governor in 1656. At the election in Hartford, May 17, 1655, Thomas Wells was elected Governor, and John Webster Deputy Governor. At the election in 1656 John Webster was elected Governor, and Thomas Wells Deputy Governor. At the election in 1657 John Winthrop was elected Governor, Thomas Wells Deputy Governor, and John Webster Chief Magistrate. Mr. Webster removed to Hadley, Mass., in 1659." During this entire period he was active in the administration of public affairs, and the records show him to have acted in nearly every important movement. In 1639 he was one of a committee appointed to confer with a like committee from New Haven concerning the best way to treat with the Indians regarding their murderous attacks at Middletown. In 1640 he acted on another committee, which in this day and generation seems extremely curious if not futile. "to consult with the elders of both plantations" to prepare instructions for the punishment of lying, "which begins to be practiced by many people in the commonwealth." In 1645 we find him as one of a committee appointed by the General Court to arrange "all particulars and several charges of the late war and for the support of Uncas"—the "late war" referring to trouble with the Narragansett Indians, and a little later, when Long Island was threatened by the Dutch and Ninigrate, he was appointed with others

to secure a frigate of some ten guns for the necessary defense. In 1649 the New England Congress employed him to levy on the towns for the necessary men and ammunition for the Indian troubles. Besides all these various duties it is found that he surveyed highways, administered justice, looked after the impost duties, and the exportation of provisions in times of scarcity, and he assisted in drawing up legal papers and petitions. During the time he was a member of the New England Congress he was one of the authorities on Indian troubles, both as regards protection from them, and as regards the Indians' conversion to Christianity and his education at Cambridge. The fact that the papers and correspondence on these topics were written in Latin speaks well for the educational standing of the men in the Colony.

During his administration as governor there seems to have been a period of comparative quiet. The term of office was for but one year, and not until 1660 could the same person be elected governor more than once in two years. The duties of governor were varied, and for a long time no compensation was received, but in 1647, owing to the many expenses, the sum of thirty pounds was granted.

For some time there had been an increasing difference on the subject of religion, the disputed points being chiefly baptism, and various rules in church government. Gov. Webster and many other prominent members of the Colony advocated the strictest construction of doctrines, denying baptism to any but the children of members in full communion. He was firm in his belief, and in the debates that occurred he took an active part, and when after all other ways had been tried it was decided to found a new Colony at Hadley, in Massachusetts, he signed the agreement, dated April 18, 1659. After locating at Hadley he seems to have had much to do with the laying out of the town, but shortly after became ill, and in 1661 passed to his last rest. He had a family of four sons and three daughters. The eldest, Robert, ultimately located in Hartford in the old homestead, with his wife Susannah. Dr. Noah Webster, of New Haven, was a lineal descendant of Gov. Webster, through Robert. The children mentioned in Gov. Webster's will are: Robert; Thomas, who married Abigail Alexander, of Northampton, Mass., where he settled, and where he died in 1686, leaving several children; William, who, with Thomas, inherited the estate at Hadley, married Mary Reeves in 1671, and died in Hadley in 1687 or 1688; Matthew, who settled in Farmington, and died there leaving a son, John; Anne, who married John Marsh, of Hadley; Elizabeth, who married William Markham, of Hadley; and Mary, who married a Mr. Hunt, by whom she had a daughter, Mary, who married John Ingersoll, of Westfield, and their descendants are now the Ingersolls of Connecticut.

(II) Robert Webster, eldest son of Gov. John





Webster, married Susannah Treat, daughter of Richard Treat, of Wethersfield, Conn. They made their home in Middletown, Conn., and in 1651 Robert Webster became the first recorder of the town. In 1660 they removed to Hartford, where he died in 1676, and his wife in 1705. Their children were: John, born Nov. 10, 1653; Sarah, born June 30, 1655; Jonathan, born Jan. 9, 1657; Susannah, born Oct. 25, 1659; Samuel, Joseph, William and Mary. There is no record other than the names of the four children last mentioned.

(III) Jonathan Webster, son of Robert, was twice married. His first wife was Dorcas Hopkins, of Hartford, where he, too, made his home, and by her he had five children: Jonathan, born March 18, 1682; Susannah, born April 25, 1686; Mary, born Sept. 29, 1688; Mehitable, born March 8, 1691; and Stephen, born Jan. 21, 1693. His second wife was, in her maidenhood, Mary Judd, daughter of Thomas Judd, of Farmington, Conn., and she bore him but one child, Benjamin, born Aug. 9, 1698.

(IV) Benjamin Webster, son of Jonathan, appears on the records as "Deacon Webster," and he made his home in Litchfield, Conn., where he married Elizabeth Peck, daughter of Deacon Paul Peck, and died July 10, 1755. He was the father of seven children: James, born June 2, 1734; Elijah, born Dec. 28, 1732; Benjamin, born Dec. 8, 1736; Stephen, born in Litchfield May 21, 1739; Elizabeth, born Jan. 23, 1741; Charles, born March 9, 1743; and John, born April 3, 1747.

(V) Stephen Webster, son of Benjamin, married Hanor Kilbourn, daughter of James Kilbourn, by whom he had three children: Sarah, born Sept. 8, 1765; Truman, born Jan. 12, 1770; and Orange, born Dec. 28, 1780.

(VI) Truman Webster, son of Stephen, was born in Litchfield, and settled there, engaging in farming. He married Diadema Sanford, daughter of Stephen Sanford, of Northfield, Conn., their marriage taking place Oct. 8, 1795. In 1799 they went to Northfield on a visit, and there their two boys were taken ill and died, and were buried in Northfield, whither Mr. Webster then removed, and where their other six children were born: David Sanford, born May 30, 1800; Sophia, born May 10, 1802, married Titus Turner; Lyman, born Nov. 7, 1805, married Elizabeth Smith; Abigail, born July 10, 1808, married Tertius Turner; Annie, born April 12, 1811, married Abner G. Fox; and Sally, born April 11, 1814, married Aaron W. Fox. The father of these children died Sept. 17, 1844, aged seventy-four years, and the mother on Aug. 10, 1839, when over seventy. They were devout members of the Presbyterian Church.

(VII) David Sanford Webster, son of Truman, was born in Litchfield, and followed farming until within ten years of his death, which occurred in Virginia in 1867. He married Clarissa Wattles, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Dean) Wattles, of

Bethlehem, Conn., the former a well-known bridge builder of the town, who died aged eighty-two years. Mrs. Lydia (Dean) Wattles, who was born in Oxford, died at the age of seventy-seven. David Webster and his wife settled in Bethlehem, where two children were born that died in infancy. In 1837 Mr. Webster purchased a large farm in Pleasant Valley, Conn., and there lived until 1850, when he removed to Waterbury. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, and took a keen interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the town. Mrs. Clarissa (Wattles) Webster was born in Hebron, Conn., May 11, 1800, and died in Waterbury Jan. 15, 1873. Of their children, four grew to maturity, as follows: (1) Henrietta Louise, born June 11, 1830, was married, Oct. 9, 1848, to Rev. Apollos Phelp Viets, and previous to locating in their present home in Waterbury they lived in Canton and Milford, Conn., and Hancock, Mass., respectively. They have had six children, namely: Elsworth Phelp, born Nov. 12, 1850, was drowned at Ansonia, Conn., July 28, 1867; Wordsworth B., born Nov. 18, 1854; John C., born Nov. 18, 1856; Mary Louise, born June 16, 1858, married William L. Horton, July 3, 1884; Beulah Ruth, born June 11, 1861, died Sept. 22, 1861; and Henrietta C., born Nov. 28, 1863. (2) Truman Monroe, born March 13, 1833, learned the trade of a mason, and located at Waterbury, Conn. In 1866 he wounded his foot by stepping on a nail, and his death occurred from lockjaw Nov. 23, 1866. His marriage to Miss Sarah White, of Durham, Conn., had occurred Oct. 15, 1855, and at his death he left three children, as follows: Eugene A., born July 16, 1856, now a druggist of Springfield, Mass., married Miss Nora Mead, of New Haven, Conn.; Arthur T., born Aug. 15, 1858, now a druggist of Waterbury, married Miss Addie Talmadge, of Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1880, and has one daughter; Carrie B., born March 14, 1860, married E. Darwin Ketcham, Jan. 10, 1882, and has three children. (3) Erwin Wattles, mention of whom will be made below. (4) Albert William, born Jan. 21, 1838, learned the machinist trade, and worked at this in Waterbury and New York, until his location in Ansonia in 1864, when he began the manufacture of metal goods, which he continued for four years, and then sold out to enter the dry goods trade. In 1873 he disposed of his dry goods store, and entered into partnership with Plummer & Galpin, dealers in clothing, dry goods, boots, shoes, etc., which continued for three years, when Mr. Plummer withdrew, and the business was continued under the name of Galpin & Webster for the next decade, when it was sold to W. A. Fellows & Co. Two years later Mr. Webster moved to New Haven, Conn., where he started the Elm City Shoe Store, which he still continues. He has been twice married, first on June 13, 1865, to Eliza Mardenbrough Peck, daughter of Eleazer and Louise M. Peck, of Ansonia, who died Aug. 10, 1882, leaving



three children: Louise Mardenbrough, born March 5, 1866, married John Diosway, of Staten Island, and has one daughter; William Wattles and Susie (twins), born March 16, 1869, the former of whom died in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 10, 1896, and the latter in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Webster married on Nov. 14, 1887, Miss Jennie P. Horton, daughter of Joseph S. and Annie Eliza Horton, of Port Ewen, N. Y., and they have two children: Albert Raymond, born Sept. 29, 1889; and Annie Clarissa, born Feb. 21, 1894.

(VIII) ERWIN WATTLES WEBSTER, son of David Sanford Webster, was born in Bethlehem, Conn., April 9, 1836, and his common school course was supplemented by one term at the select school in Watertown, Conn. In 1853, when seventeen years old, he left home to make his way in the world, taking a place in the ticket office of the Naugatuck Railway Company, at Waterbury, and in 1857 he removed to Ansonia, to assume the duties of his present position as general freight agent of the Naugatuck division of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. He has charge of all the freight and passenger traffic and of the telegraph office, the entire working force being under his direction. When he took charge he had but one man as assistant, but at present the station has seven clerks, being the second largest of the twenty-seven stations on the line of sixty-five miles of railway, all manufacturing towns. He has now been connected with this company for forty-eight years, and, with the exception of the superintendent, has been in their service longer than any other man. In 1863 he formed a partnership with his brother, Albert W., and for four years they operated a factory at Ansonia, making fancy metal goods. Politically Mr. Webster has been a Democrat all his life, but his breadth of view and liberality of opinion have won him friends in both parties. His public spirit has been shown in many ways, notably in official life, to which he has frequently been called by his fellow citizens. He has served many years on the town committee and as delegate to State and county conventions, and as selectman and town agent of Derby and Ansonia he gained the approval of the best element in both parties. He was first elected in the old town of Derby in 1877, and in the following year was made town agent. This position he held seven years, and when Ansonia was organized he became the first town agent there. In 1893, when a candidate for the State Legislature, he had a handsome majority, and his re-election in 1895 was a well-deserved tribute to his faithfulness and efficiency as a member of that body. When nominated for mayor of Ansonia, in 1895, he defeated one of the strongest candidates in the Republican party, and in 1896 he was again chosen for the position. He has been actively interested in educational affairs, and served as a member of the school board for a number of years, part of the time as chairman. He has also been burgess of the borough, register of

vital statistics, and grand juror, and has filled other positions of a public nature, giving to the duties of each the sound judgment and executive ability which have characterized his business career. Socially he is identified with George Washington Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M.; Mount Vernon Chapter, R. A. M., and the Council, and his thirty years' membership make him one of the oldest Masons in the locality. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, of which for three years he was junior warden.

Mr. Webster has been twice married, first to Miss Jane Miller, of Avon, Conn., who died Aug. 15, 1858. On Jan. 1, 1861, he married Miss Sarah Rogers, who was born in Millerton, N. Y., daughter of Orlando and Thirza (Fuller) Rogers. One child was born of this union—Aldine Virginia, who married Frank G. Hotchkiss, April 25, 1887, and died at the age of twenty-five, Nov. 7, 1889, leaving one daughter, Aldine Webster, born Jan. 4, 1889, who resides with her grandparents. Mrs. Webster's ancestors were early settlers on Long Island, and her great-grandfather, Isaac Rogers, and his wife, Annie Wilcox, removed from there to Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, and in 1773 to Millerton, then called Northeast. Joel Rogers, son of Isaac Rogers, was born at Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, and later made his home, with his wife, Annie Hedger, on a farm near "Boston Corners," where he died at the age of eighty years, leaving a large family. His wife died at the age of eighty-one. Orlando Rogers, father of Mrs. Webster, was a son of Joel, and was born and reared on the old homestead, following farming in that vicinity for many years, and dying at the age of sixty-one. Both he and his wife, Thirza Fuller, were devout members of the Methodist Church, in which faith she died at the age of sixty-three. Thirza (Fuller) Rogers was a daughter of Nathaniel Fuller, a farmer of North East, and his wife, Dorcas, and his father, also Nathaniel by name, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Orlando Rogers and wife had eight children, of whom two sons and three daughters are living: Hilan, station agent at Torrington, and a prominent man there; Henry; Harriet Ellen, who married the late Nathaniel Lewis; Sarah, Mrs. Webster; Mary, widow of Walter Gilbert. Mrs. Webster is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, through her great-grandfather, Isaac Rogers, mentioned above.

EDMUND GOODRICH, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of East Haven, is now devoting his time and attention to dairy farming and the wood business. He owns and operates a well-improved and valuable farm of 125 acres, and, being a man of keen discrimination, sound judgment and good business ability, he is meeting with most gratifying success in his undertakings.

A native of New Haven county, Mr. Goodrich





EDMUND GOODRICH.



was born Aug. 7, 1828, on the old homestead in the town of Branford, son of William and Mary A. (Whiting) Goodrich, and grandson of Bartholomew Goodrich, a lifelong farmer, who died at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. The father was born on the same farm as our subject, and died at the age of fifty-three. In his family were eight children, namely: John, who died at the age of nineteen years; Edmund, our subject; Sarah, now the widow of N. S. Hallenbeck; Jennette, widow of George Baldwin; Miles and Grace, both deceased; Horace, who lives on the old homestead in Branford; and one who died in infancy.

The subject of this review remained on the home farm in his native town until fifteen years of age, and then went to New Haven, where he served a five years' apprenticeship to the carriagemaker's trade with David Wilcoxon, receiving \$25 per year and his board. He continued to work at his trade until 1861, when he removed to Seymour and engaged in farming for three years, after which he again followed carriagemaking in New Haven for two years. In 1865 he located upon the farm in East Haven where he still makes his home, and to its cultivation and improvement has since devoted his energies with marked success.

On Oct. 6, 1852, Mr. Goodrich married Miss Mary A. Chandler, who was born July 7, 1829, in Elizabeth, N. J., and when a child was brought to New Haven. She died Dec. 30, 1900. Edmund C., the only child of this union, born May 18, 1857, is engaged in farming with his father. He married Miss Mary A. Hall, who was born in North Branford, daughter of Samuel L. and Anna (Leete) Hall, the former of whom served as a private in the Civil war, was wounded, and received an honorable discharge. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund C. Goodrich, viz.: Emma E., Dec. 21, 1880; Lyman H., March 15, 1884; Merton A., Aug. 26, 1887; Grace C., April 10, 1892; Carrie M., July 17, 1896; William E., May 23, 1898.

Politically our subject is identified with the Republican party, and religiously he is a member of the Congregational Church. As a public-spirited citizen he has manifested a deep interest in the progress of his town and county, and has ever taken his part in support of those measures calculated to prove of public good.

**JAMES McDERMOTT**, a retired stone mason and highly esteemed citizen of Union City, Conn., was born in County Kildare, Ireland, in 1827. His father, John McDermott, was also a stone mason by trade, and spent his entire life on the Emerald Isle. He married Ellen Dunn, a native of Kings County, Ireland, and to them were born eleven children, all of whom lived and died in Ireland with the exception of our subject. He grew to manhood in his native land, was educated in the national schools, and there learned the stone mason's trade.

Mr. McDermott was married in Ireland to Miss

Margaret Brennan, a sister of Andrew and P. J. Brennan, of Naugatuck, Conn., and they became the parents of the following children: James, who has now retired from business and is living on the income derived from his property; William, a Catholic priest now located at Danville, Ohio; John, a farmer of Naugatuck; Andrew, a grocer of Union City, Conn.; Mary A., wife of Joseph Le Roy, of Naugatuck; Patrick, foreman for E. E. Stevens, a lumber dealer of Naugatuck; Julia, wife of James Hagerty, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Margaret, wife of Joseph Doran, of Naugatuck; and Thomas and Nellie, who died in infancy.

In 1871 Mr. McDermott, with his family, emigrated to America, and took up his residence in Naugatuck, New Haven Co., Conn., where he worked at his trade for many years, but is now living a retired life in Union City, enjoying a well-earned rest. He is a faithful member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and is a Democrat in politics.

**GEORGE FRANKLIN TYLER**, a prominent and influential citizen of Cheshire, was born in the town of Prospect, Nov. 23, 1833, a son of Spencer and Sally (Ferrell) Tyler, also natives of Prospect, where they spent their entire lives. The father, who was a son of Ichabod and Elizabeth (Stearns) Tyler, natives of Cheshire, died in 1856, the mother in 1857. Our subject is the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Mary, who first wedded Stephen Beecher, and second a Mr. Day, and died in Forestville, Conn.; Luke, a merchant of Short Beach; Charlotte, wife of Henry Mix, of Bristol; Sarah, who married Henry Russell, and died in Wallingford in 1894; and Fannie, wife of William Berkley, of Waterbury, Connecticut.

The early life of George F. Tyler was passed in his native town, where he attended school and learned the matchmaker's trade, which he followed for some time. Later he worked at brazing in a hoe and fork factory before and after the Civil war. During that conflict he laid aside all personal interests and offered his services to the government, enlisting at Prospect, in July, 1862, in Company A, 20th Conn. V. I., for three years. The regiment was mustered in at New Haven and assigned to the Army of the Potomac. While stationed at Arlington Heights, Mr. Tyler was taken ill and was honorably discharged Dec. 4, 1862. He continued to make his home in Prospect until 1893, when he removed to Cheshire, where he now lives.

In his native town Mr. Tyler was married, in 1853, to Miss Emily A. Mix, who was born in Wallingford, a daughter of Elias and Maria (Judd) Mix, also natives of New Haven county. The father was a spoonmaker at Wallingford, and from there moved to Wolcott, thence to Cheshire; he died in Prospect April 11, 1861, aged fifty-six years, and his wife died in the same town July 28, 1894, at the age of eighty-three years. To our





subject and his wife was born one daughter, Emma G., who married Edgar B. Jerolds, and died in Prospect in February, 1876.

Mr. Tyler was for two years commander of Edward A. Doolittle Post, No. 5, G. A. R., of Cheshire, and is an active and prominent member of the Congregational Church, of which he is one of the deacons. His political support is always given to the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has been honored by his fellow citizens with several important official positions. He was a member of the State Legislature from Prospect in 1870 and in 1882; was doorkeeper of the House in 1887, 1889 and 1894; and doorkeeper of the Senate in 1897. He also served as selectman, justice of the peace, and in various other local offices in Prospect, and since coming to Cheshire was elected justice of the peace, but resigned. His public and private life are alike above reproach, and wherever known he is held in high regard.

FRANK HARVEY THOMAS, a representative and prominent citizen of Woodbridge, traces his ancestry back to more than one honored old family of that town. On the paternal side his great-great-grandfather was Amos Thomas, and the great-grandfather, John Thomas. The grandfather, who also bore the name of Amos Thomas, was probably a native of Woodbridge, where he grew to manhood and married Lucretia Baldwin, a native of that town and a granddaughter of Thomas Baldwin, who was born there. Her great-grandfather, Barnabus Baldwin, the first of the family in this locality of whom we have any definite knowledge, was a farmer of Woodbridge and Milford, and was probably born in the latter place. Our subject's grandfather, Amos Thomas, was a carriagemaker by trade, and engaged in that business in New Haven, where he also conducted a grocery store for a time. He owned property on Whalley avenue. A man of fine physical appearance, he was commissioned general in the State Militia, was captain of the police force of New Haven, a member of the fire department of that city, and foreman of No. 2 for a time. In politics he was a stanch Democrat.

John Thomas, the father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge in 1819, and was educated in the schools of that town. He lived in New Haven, Conn., and Newark, N. J., in both of which cities he engaged in carriage building—a trade he had learned from his father—and for many years was a resident of Derby, where he engaged in the grocery business. His political support was also given the Democratic party. In Oxford he married Miss Eunice Johnson, a daughter of Harvey and Nancy (Riggs) Johnson. She was born Sept. 28, 1822, and died April 27, 1897, while he died Jan. 8, 1865. Their children were Charles (1), Charles (2), John, Adelia and Lottie, all deceased; Frank Harvey, our subject; and Charles, a piano tuner of Derby, Connecticut.

Frank H. Thomas was born in New Haven Sept. 17, 1844, and was five years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Derby, where he attended school. At the age of eighteen he began life for himself as a mechanic in the Colt rifle shops at Hartford, Conn., and also clerked in his father's store. For three years he was engaged in the livery business in Derby, and embarked in the manufacture of corsets there, but later the plant was moved to New Haven, where business was carried on under the firm name of I. Newman & Co., and where employment was furnished 400 hands. Mr. Thomas owned a third interest in this business, but owing to poor health sold out at the end of eight years. In March, 1880, he returned to Woodbridge, where he purchased a farm of fifty acres, and has since successfully engaged in farming, making a specialty of vegetables and fruits.

At Derby, Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Thomas was married by Rev. Stephen L. Mershon to Miss Jane Miller, a daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Smith) Miller and granddaughter of Samuel Miller. The father was born, reared and married in England, where he worked at carriage painting for some years, and then emigrated to America, locating in New Haven, Conn., where he died at a comparatively early age. After his death the family moved to Derby, where the mother died at the age of seventy-five years. She, too, was born in England, and was a daughter of Arthur Smith. Henry Gratton, a relative of the Smith family, and a man of some literary note, is buried in Westminster. Mrs. Thomas was born Feb. 13, 1848, and is one of a large family of children, the others being as follows: David, deceased, who was in the carriage business in New Haven; Eleanor, wife of George Smith, of Shelton, Conn., upon whose land the home for working girls now stands; Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Buckley, of Derby; Arthur, an officer of the British army in active service, who first enlisted as one of the Queen's Own Guard, and when last heard from was about to embark for India; Mary, wife of William Tyther, of Shelton, Conn.; Samuel, also a resident of Shelton, who was a soldier in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion, and was severely wounded and taken prisoner while in the service; Martha, deceased; Martha (2), deceased; Jane and Sarah, twins, the former the wife of our subject, the latter deceased; and Richard, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have five children: Martha Eva, born June 14, 1868, is a milliner of New Haven. John Amos, born Jan. 30, 1870, married Lillian Truella, of Derby, by whom he has one daughter; he is a carpenter of Shelton. Dwight Samuel, born Sept. 6, 1871, is a mason of Hartford. Arthur Frank, born March 21, 1876, married Carrie Hills, and has one child, Franklin Arthur; he is a machinist of Shelton, Conn. Lillian Barbara, born Jan. 4, 1885, is at home. Both our subject and his wife are consistent members of the



Congregational Church, and while in business Mr. Thomas also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He is a staunch Republican, but has never been an office seeker. He is a man of recognized ability, and, with his estimable wife, stands high in the community where they make their home. Those who know them best are numbered among their warmest friends.

WILLIAM SMITH, a highly esteemed citizen of East Haven, who for many years has been identified with its agricultural interests, was born in that town on the farm where John Thompson now lives, Dec. 28, 1822. It was also the birthplace of his grandfather, Samuel Smith, a son of Daniel Smith. Our subject's father, Asahel Smith, was born there Dec. 10, 1787. He married Eunice Miner, and to them were born eight children, namely: Mary, Lester, Henry, William, Harriett, Lucius, Harvey and Elizabeth. He died at the advanced age of ninety-one years, and his wife at the age of seventy-six. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and his father was a member of the Continental army in the Revolutionary war.

William Smith remained upon the old homestead, aiding his father in its operation until the spring of 1849, when a company of seventy-five men purchased the bark, "J. Walls," and made preparations to go to the gold fields of California. They sailed from New Haven on June 4, rounded Cape Horn, and after a voyage of seven months and five days landed in San Francisco. Mr. Smith went to Sutters Mills and was engaged in prospecting and mining on the south fork of the American river for some time, starting back east in November, 1850. On his return to East Haven he resided on the old homestead until his marriage.

On April 25, 1852, Mr. Smith married Miss Sarah J. Thompson, who was born June 19, 1827, a daughter of John and Julia A. (Foote) Thompson, the latter born Dec. 19, 1802. Her father was born Aug. 12, 1802, and was a son of John Thompson, Sr., a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The latter was a son of Timothy Thompson, a resident of the town of East Haven, where many of his descendants still make their home. Mrs. Smith is the third in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being Elizabeth A., John H., William S., Jerah F. and Isaac B. Jerah F. Thompson was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, enlisting first at Trenton, N. J., in August, 1862, for nine months, in Company B, 21st Regiment, and second in 1863; he served until the close of the war, and died in 1885, aged forty-eight years. Isaac B. Thompson enlisted in Company B, 15th Conn. V. I., in August, 1862, and was killed by a shell in front of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 12, 1862, aged twenty-one years.

After his marriage Mr. Smith purchased the old Samuel Chidsey farm in the Foxon District of East Haven, where he lived for a year and a half,

and then went to New Jersey, locating near Jersey City, where he made his home for four years. Returning to East Haven at the end of that time, he bought the place now occupied by Edward Eld, and after living there two years purchased the farm on which he now resides. Here he has since engaged in farming with fair success. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes calculated to advance the welfare of his town and county, and justly merits the high regard in which he is held. His estimable wife is a member of the Congregational Church.

AMOS HENRY ALLING (deceased) was for forty years one of Derby's most influential and honored citizens. He was descended from Roger Alling, one of a party who emigrated from England in 1636, and who, after passing a winter in Boston, settled at New Haven in the spring of 1637, making the journey from Boston by vessel, the voyage occupying three weeks. Roger Alling married Mary, a daughter of Thomas Nash, of New Haven, and became the father of seven children: Mary, Samuel, John, Sarah, Eliza, Susan and James.

Samuel Alling, eldest son of Roger, was one of the proprietors of the Colony in 1685. He died in 1707. He was twice married, and was the father of eight sons and three daughters, of which large family ten were living in 1709. His first wife was Eliza, daughter of John Winston, who bore him seven sons: Samuel, John, James, Roger, Roger (2), Theophilus and Daniel. His second marriage was to Sarah Chedsey, and the children of this union were Caleb, Sarah, Elizabeth and Esther. The line of descent to the late Amos H. Alling comes through Daniel Alling, the seventh son of Samuel, who became the father of Timothy, Silas and Daniel (2). Silas Alling, the great-grandfather of Amos H. Alling, married Dorcas Baldwin, of Woodbridge. Their children were Amos, Edward, Silas, Lewis, Asa, Anna and Rebecca. Amos Alling, the first born, married Millie Beecher, by whom he was the father of six children: Rebecca, Charles W., Asa, Sheldon, Bela and Alfred.

Charles Wyllis Alling, son of Amos, and father of Amos H., married Lucy Booth, of Woodbridge. They were the parents of seven children: The eldest, Mary, who is yet living, married Reilly Davis, of Oxford, Conn. Amos H., the subject of the present memoir, was the second child and eldest son. Charles B., a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere, is a successful and wealthy woolen manufacturer of Derby. Sheldon, the fourth in order of birth, died in infancy. Lucy married Nathan Treat, of New Haven county. Leonidas, whose biography may be found elsewhere, was the sixth child. John W., the seventh, is an attorney at law in New Haven. Charles W. Alling, the father of



this large family, for many years conducted the business of carding wool and weaving cloth, his principal trade being with the farmers of the neighborhood. His home and factory were in Orange, where he died April 6, 1868. His widow survived until Dec. 9, 1890. Long before his death Mr. Alling leased his factory to his sons, Amos H. and Charles B., under whose skillful management the business developed until they took up the manufacturing of hosiery and underwear, the plant being removed to Derby in 1858. A more detailed description of the growth of this enterprise may be found in the biographical sketch of Charles B. Alling.

Amos H. Alling was born in Orange Jan. 3, 1823. In his boyhood and youth he worked in his father's mill, and in 1845 formed a co-partnership with his brother, Charles B., to lease and operate the same as has been already said. The business connection between the brothers continued until the death of Amos H., which occurred Feb. 6, 1898. In 1847 Mr. Alling married Sarah E. Prudden, of Orange, a direct descendant of Rev. Peter Prudden, the first minister and founder of the church in Milford. They had three daughters, two of whom, Louisa Maria and Carolyn Elizabeth, survive. Mary died in 1862. In 1874 Louisa M. married Dr. George Lucius Beardsley, of Milford, and they have two children, Alling Prudden and Elizabeth Coley. In 1882 Mr. Alling married, for his second wife, Mrs. Harriet E. Griffin, who survives him.

Mr. Alling was not only a successful man of business, but also a public-spirited citizen, one whose manly character, liberality and upright life gained for him the esteem of the entire community. He was one of the original proprietors and incorporators of the Housatonic Water Co. in 1866, and one of the board of directors of same until his death. Fraternally he was a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and the temperance cause found in him a true supporter. Early in life he joined the Methodist Church, of which he was always a strong pillar. His religion was more than a form—it was active Christianity, governing his daily life, and entering into every dealing with his fellows. His benefactions, though liberal, were unostentatious. He will long be remembered as a man of Christian vigor, and one always active in causes to advance the kingdom of his Master on the earth, and to help lift the world to a higher plane.

WILLIAM W. HUGHES has in his career illustrated most forcibly the possibilities that are open to the young man who possesses sterling business qualifications. It proves that neither wealth nor social position, nor the assistance of influential friends at the outset of his career, are necessary to place him on the road to success. It also proves that ambition, perseverance, steadfast purpose and indefatigable industry, combined with sound busi-

ness principles, will be rewarded, and that true success follows individual effort only.

Mr. Hughes, who is now engaged in farming in Oxford, was born in Southbury, New Haven county, Dec. 22, 1823, son of Reuben Hughes, also a native of Southbury, and a soldier of the war of 1812. The paternal grandfather, William Hughes, was born in Wales, and as a soldier of the Revolutionary war aided the colonies in gaining their independence. He was with Washington's army during the dreadful winter at Valley Forge.

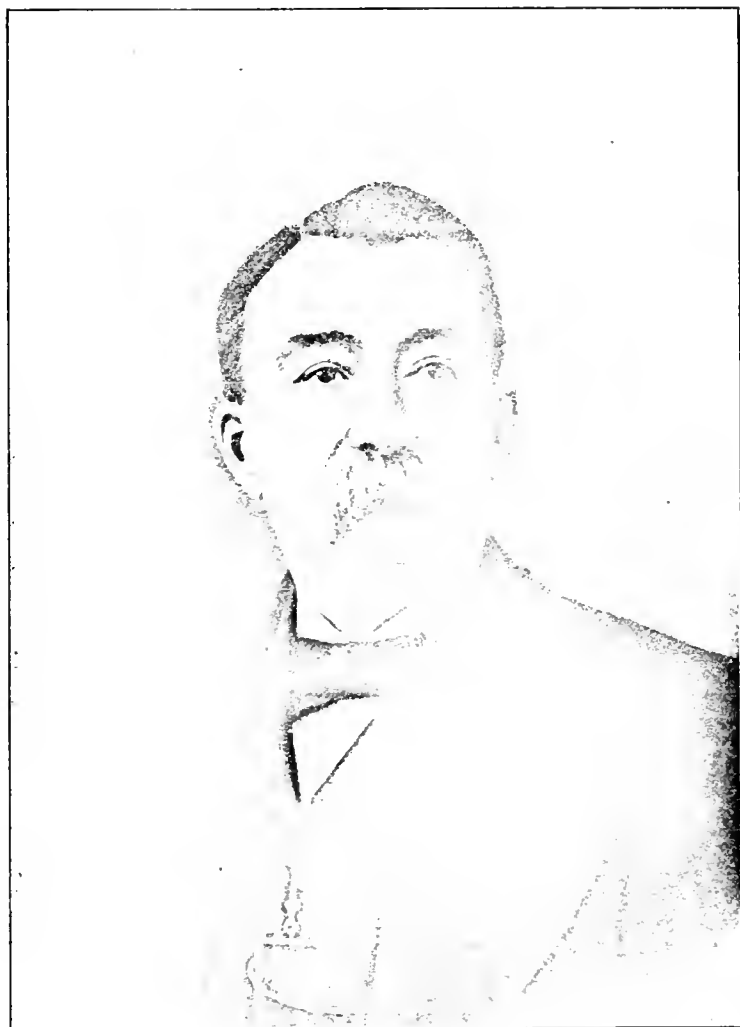
Our subject is a self-educated as well as a self-made man. He was only twelve years of age when his father died, and he at once began work on a farm in his native town for his board and clothes. At the age of nineteen he went to New Haven, where he learned house painting, which he followed for twenty years, several years of this time being spent in Naugatuck, the remainder in New Haven.

On Jan. 1, 1862, Mr. Hughes enlisted, at Naugatuck, becoming a private in Company F, 59th N. Y. V. I., and was detailed as a musician, having previously been a member of the 2d Regiment State Band for several years. During most of his service he was in and around Washington, D. C., and was discharged May 27, 1862. Returning to Naugatuck, he followed painting for two years, and then went to New Haven with the firm of W. & E. T. Fitch, a wholesale hardware firm, with whom he had a contract for the manufacture of harness hooks which he had patented. He received a royalty and interest in the business, and continued his connection with the firm for fifteen years. Giving up his contract in 1877, he came to Oxford, where he has since lived. He purchased property and turned his attention to fruit growing, and now has upon his place 300 plum trees, including six Japanese varieties, several hundred pear trees and currant bushes, besides other small fruits of all kinds, all in a good healthy condition. His place, which is known as the Oxford Valley Fruit Farm, is one of the most desirable in the town.

Mr. Hughes has been twice married. His first wife, who died in 1871, was Miss Martha Nettleton, of Prospect, Conn., by whom he had three children: Kate and Agnes, both deceased; and Harry N., proprietor of a shoe store in New Haven. Mr. Hughes' second wife was Miss Emily McEwen, of Oxford, Connecticut.

Progressive and public spirited, Mr. Hughes takes a deep interest in everything calculated to advance the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his town and county, and his home has become headquarters for literary, musical and other entertainments in Oxford. He was instrumental in organizing the Oxford Town Library, and volunteered his services as librarian free of charge. This library has been in his house ever since it was organized, and now contains nearly 900 volumes. Socially Mr. Hughes is a member of Delphi Lodge, F. & A. M., of New Haven; and Upson Post, No. 40.





*William W. Hughes*





G. A. R., of Seymour; and politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He has been called upon to serve in several local offices of honor and trust, having been tax collector one year; grand juror and trial justice for several years each; and first selectman of Oxford. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county, and merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

JOSEPH F. GILPIN, whose widow now resides in her pleasant and attractive home at No. 114 South Cliff street, Ansonia, was a native of Manchester, England, born July 18, 1837, a son of James Gilpin, a native of Fairfield, England. James Gilpin was a carpenter, and followed that trade up to the time of his death, at the age of fifty-five years. He married Sarah Hitchen, who was born in Norwich, England, and they became the parents of thirteen children, three of whom are still living: (1) Hannah, Mrs. Sacheler, in New Zealand. (2) Luzetta, widow of Alfred J. Swick, living in Ansonia. (3) John E., who lives in Hartford. Alice, Mrs. Fielding, who resided in Lock street, Ansonia, died Feb. 10, 1900. Joseph F. was the second child and eldest son. The mother reached the age of eighty-two years. Both parents were members of the Moravian Church, in which they were faithful workers.

Joseph F. Gilpin learned the machinist's trade when a young man, and followed it until he came to the United States. In 1864 and 1865 he worked in New York, and then coming to Ansonia worked with the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co. as a machinist. He was faithful and industrious, possessed of unusual executive force, and soon became foreman of a room. He continued to advance, and presently became master mechanic and general superintendent of the water and steam power work of the four mills. Mr. Gilpin designed and built the beautiful copper mill, one of the largest of all the structures, and greatly admired by all who see it. The works have continually increased in size, and Mr. Gilpin directed the labor of one hundred men. He was highly respected by all who knew him, commanding the confidence of his employers and the good will and friendship of those whose work he directed. For twenty-five years he was with the A. B. C. Company, and was one of the oldest men in the shops of the city; all the latest designing in machinery, and all the new and novel designs of custom work were done by him, as he was confessedly the best mechanic in the shop. He died Jan. 11, 1892, at the age of fifty-four.

Mr. Gilpin was married in 1858 to Sarah Simpson, who was born in Oldham, England, one of the six children of Samuel and Anna (Blackburn) Simpson, and a granddaughter of James Simpson, the latter a wholesale butcher in England, who lived to be ninety-nine years old. Samuel Simpson was a grocer, and died at Manchester, England, at the early age of thirty-eight years. He married

Anna Blackburn, who was born in Oldham, England, one of the fourteen children of Anna Tarren, a native of Yorkshire. Of the six children born of this marriage, there are yet living Mrs. Gilpin, who is the oldest in the family; Ann Ogden, of England; John, in Oldham, England; and Samuel, in Southport, England. Mrs. Anna (Blackburn) Simpson died at the age of forty-four. Both she and her husband were members of the Episcopal Church.

To Joseph F. and Sarah Gilpin were born six children, of whom three are living: (1) Charles J., a master mechanic in the A. B. C. Co., who married Carrie Colling, and has three children, Frederick J., Bertha and Charles J. (2) Emma L. married William Roberts, a tube drawer in the Bridgeport Brass Co., and has two children, Clara Louisa and Emma E. (3) Sarah married Edward Harteniz, a cigarmaker in Ansonia, and is the mother of two children, Lillian G. and Flora Louisa. (4) Frederick had learned the trade of wire-drawing, and was twenty-two years old at the time of his death. (5) Clara died when seven years old. (6) One died in infancy.

Mr. Gilpin was a Mason, and held different positions in the local lodge; was a working member of the I. O. O. F., where he had passed the various chairs; and he also belonged to the Knights of Pythias, in which he had filled several important positions. In politics he was a Republican, and was deeply interested in public affairs. He bought the pretty home in which his widow is now living, and found keen delight in its care and improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin were both members of the Episcopal Church. They were highly respected and popular in the social circles in which they moved. She is still a great reader, and is an intelligent and thoughtful lady, thoroughly familiar with her fine library.

GEORGE COOK, an honored and venerable resident of Yalesville, and one of the older settlers of the town of Wallingford, was born in Plymouth Hollow, Litchfield Co., Conn., Oct. 10, 1823, a son of Sylvester Cook, who was a native of Litchfield county, where his boyhood and youth were spent.

On reaching adult years Sylvester Cook became a farmer in Plymouth Hollow, where he remained until 1824, when he removed to Middlesex county, and located in Middletown. There he continued farming, and lived until his death in 1874, at the ripe age of eighty-five years. His remains rest in Westfield cemetery. He was a Democrat in politics, but had little love for the intricacies of party machinery. In religion he was a Universalist, and lived a clean and upright life. Mr. Cook was married to Miss Marietta Hall, who was born in Meriden, a daughter of David Hall, and died in New Haven at the age of seventy-eight. Her remains were buried in the New Haven cemetery. To this union was born a family of eight children:



Elvah, who died young; Marvin; George; Lucy; Ruth, who married George Higly; Sarah, who married C. Finkam, of New Haven; Sylvester, a soldier in the Civil war; Josephine, who became Mrs. Lincoln. All these are dead except Sarah and the gentleman whose career forms the subject of this article.

George Cook was an infant when his parents came to Middletown, and there he grew to manhood under the parental roof. A common-school education was afforded him, and his was the life of the farmer lads of his day. From a very early age he worked at farm labor, and while still a young man spent some seven years in the employ of Comfort Hall, a farmer. For two years he worked for William J. Ives, and then bought a small farm in Prospect, which he afterward sold, and was then for five years on a farm which he had bought in Westfield, Middlesex county. Selling this at the expiration of that period, he came to Yalesville and entered the box shop of the Charles Parker Manufacturing Co., where he spent the ensuing forty years of his life, the greater part of this time being assistant foreman and foreman of his department. In 1898 he gave up active work and is now living a retired life. To-day he is one of the best known and most universally respected men of the community. His long years of honorable labor, his high character and his genial disposition command the confidence and retain the respect of the people with whom he has lived a full generation of years.

George Cook was married in 1846, in Westfield, to Miss Cornelia P. Anthony, a daughter of Absalom Anthony, and to this union have come eight children: (1) George, a resident of Wallingford; (2) Maryette, who married Charles Schrader; (3) Lorenzo, a dry goods merchant in Wallingford; (4) Charles, foreman of the Hallenbeck shop at Wallingford; (5) Frank, who lives in Indiana; (6) Lillie, who married Samuel Barnes, of Southington; (7) Cora, who married Charles Doolittle; (8) William C., who is a bookkeeper for the International Silver Co., of Meriden, and who married Nellie L. Tyler, of Wallingford. Mrs. Cook died in 1887, and was buried in Wallingford. She was a good woman, a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and had many warm and devoted friends. Mr. Cook was selectman of the town for two years, constable for ten years, justice of the peace for many years, and served as postmaster during Cleveland's first administration. A member of the Board of Relief, and the Board of Education, he has rendered his community lasting services. He is a Democrat in politics, and was once nominated by his party for representative in the State Legislature, but failed to be elected. One of the organizers of the Methodist Church in Yalesville, his name is associated with the history of its growth and progress; he was one of its first trustees and steward, and is still continued in the last named

position, chairman of the official board, class leader and assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. From the time of his union with the church he has been zealous in its behalf. Mr. Cook has many friends, who admire not only his upright character, his long and useful life, but also his warm and sympathetic heart.

FITCH SMITH (deceased), through years of his identification with Derby, enjoyed the highest respect of his fellow townsmen by reason of his strict integrity, true manhood and progressive spirit. He was a gentleman of refinement and culture, a sincere, honest man, true to his word, his friends and his convictions. His devotion to the public welfare made him a valued factor in public life, and by his death the community was deprived of one of her best citizens.

Mr. Smith was born in Derby Jan. 28, 1806, a son of Abijah Smith, who came here from Norwalk, Conn., where he was born. For some time he was engaged in the coal business in Pennsylvania, and is believed to have been the first in the United States to mine coal. He married Eunice Chatfield, a native of Derby, daughter of Ebenezer Chatfield, and sister of Caleb Chatfield, who was killed in the battle of Brandywine, in 1777, during the Revolutionary war. After their marriage they located in Derby. Thirteen children blessed their union.

Fitch Smith was twelfth in the order of birth in the family. When a young man he went to Newark, N. J., where he married Miss Jane H. Bouton, who was born in Salem, N. Y., a daughter of John M. Bouton, of French ancestry. To this union were born five children, Wilhelmina, Fitch W., Wilson H., Estelle and Helen. Fitch W. is a resident of New York; Wilson H. is deceased; and the daughters reside in Derby in the old home left them by their parents.

While a resident of Newark, Mr. Smith was a member of the firm of Smith & Wright, extensive leather manufacturers, doing business in the South, and he spent his winters mostly in Charleston, S. C. After several years devoted to the leather business he retired in April, 1843, and returned to Derby—Birmingham (now Derby) being his place of residence—where he was extensively interested in real estate, owning the greater portion of the small village, then in its earliest days. He was president of the Naugatuck Transportation Co. during its existence, a large owner in steamboats, was possessor of many sloops, and did an extensive carrying business. He was also a stockholder in many other enterprises, but shortly after the close of the Civil war he retired from active business life, giving his attention principally to his real estate interests. He opened up streets in Derby, named them, and made many other improvements in the property, which is now covered with beautiful homes. Mr. Smith was a man of high intelligence and a typical gentleman of the old school.



Mr. Smith died Jan. 10, 1894, his wife passing away on the 1st of the same month. They were active members of the Episcopal Church, and he gave the land on which the rectory and other buildings of the church have been erected. He was first a Whig and later a Republican, but took no active part in political affairs. He was very generous, extremely public-spirited, and took an active part in everything pertaining to the upbuilding of Derby, especially during its infancy, being a liberal contributor to the enterprises which insured its progress. It is to such men that the community owes its prosperity and advancement, and to them it owes a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid.

MRS. ALMIRA E. TURNER, of Woodbridge, is a worthy representative of an old and highly esteemed family of New Haven county, which was founded here by Richard Sperry, who came from England about 1660. Her paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Sperry, was a native of Woodbridge, born July 27, 1773, on what is known as the Sperry farm, and is still owned by the Sperry family. The house standing thereon was built when he was a child of five years. He wedded Mary Newton Booth, also a native of Woodbridge and a daughter of Walter and Mary (Newton) Booth. He died Oct. 26, 1850, and she departed this life Feb. 2, 1865, at the age of eighty-two years. They had two children, of whom Calvin, the father of our subject, was the youngest. Eunice married Edward Hine, of Woodbridge, and to them were born three children: Catherine Mary, who married the late Riley Peck, of Woodbridge, and died Nov. 5, 1901, aged seventy-four years; Sarah Antoinette, widow of Birdsey Bradley, of Hamden; and Velina, wife of Lewis Hitchcock, of Woodbridge.

Calvin Sperry was born on the old homestead Dec. 11, 1807, and there spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits. In addition to general farming, he was also engaged in the milk business for a time, and in his undertakings met with fair success. He was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and was a consistent member of the Congregational Church of Woodbridge. After an honorable and useful career he died May 28, 1871, in his sixty-fourth year.

Mr. Sperry was married three times, his first wife being Sarah A. Carrington, a daughter of Liverus and Lowly Carrington. She died Jan. 23, 1853, at the age of forty-four years, and he next married Cynthia Riggs, by whom he had one daughter, Eleanor, now deceased. The third wife was Perentha Baldwin. There were three children by the first marriage, namely: (1) Elizur L., born Feb. 5, 1831, married Sarah L. Williams, and spent the greater part of his latter years in Florida; he died Aug. 16, 1901, aged seventy years. (2) Almira E., our subject, was born in Woodbridge March 28, 1837, and has been twice married, her first husband being Charles Baldwin, son of Newton

and Esther Baldwin. After his death she married George Turner, son of Orib and Nancy (Comstock) Turner. She makes her home in Woodbridge and is highly respected by all who know her. (3) Sarah Angeline, born Aug. 28, 1839, died April 19, 1849.

CHARLES H. STOWE. The first account we have of the Stoves was during the time of the Norman invasion. Whether they were in England before this time we are unable to ascertain. Several of the name are now living in Germany. It is a Saxon name meaning "place," and is written differently with or without the final "e," more commonly with it.

About the year 1500 there was dwelling in St. Michael's parish, London, Thomas Stowe, who is the first known ancestor. His will is recorded among the births in the London Register. His son, Thomas Stowe, Jr., was the historian and annalist, well known in history; he was Duke of Devonshire and Buckingham. From the Heralds' College it appears that there is a coat of arms, with the title of Duke, belonging to Thomas, Jr. Previous to their emigration to America a number of Stoves had lived in London, England, during several centuries. Their principal residence was in Leadenhall street, and they owned the beautiful place now occupied by the Duke of Buckingham, and known as "Stow Park." The name is also very common in Scotland.

John Stowe, Jr., the first Stowe to arrive in America, was born in England about 1595, and landed at Boston April 12, 1635, coming over in the ship "Elizabeth," Capt. Stagg, master. From there he moved to Roxbury, Mass., and he gave three acres of land for the grammar school of Roxbury. He died in September, 1663. From him Charles H. Stowe traces his ancestry through Thomas, Sr., Thomas, Jr., Samuel, Stephen, Jedediah, Sr., Jedediah, Jr., and Alvin.

Stephen Stowe, the tenth child of Deacon Samuel, was born May 22, 1726. He married Free-love Baldwin, of Milford, and the local Daughters of the American Revolution have honored her memory by naming their chapter for her. During the Revolutionary war a British ship had on board a large number of American prisoners afflicted with a contagious disease, whom they landed one cold winter's night near the Stowe home. He kept them during the night, and as no one could be found to care for them he volunteered to do so. Feeling that it meant to sacrifice his life, he made his will the next morning. In two weeks time he contracted the disease and died. He is termed a martyr to his country.

The Stowe family has been represented in the State from pioneer times, and Jedediah Stowe, the grandfather of Charles H., was born in New Haven county. For many years his occupation was farming, and his death occurred in Milford. He



married Martha Camp, and they had eight children, two of whom died in childhood. Jerry, a carpenter by trade, resided in Milford many years, but died in Bridgeport. Alvin is mentioned more fully below. Mary married Charles Baldwin, a grocer of Milford. Caroline married Samuel B. Gunn. Harriet married Hezekiah Baldwin. Martha married Isaac Woodruff, of Milford.

Alvin Stowe, our subject's father, was born in Milford May 8, 1802, and died March 21, 1889. He was a farmer by occupation, owning a farm of one hundred acres. He was prominent in local affairs, being one of the organizers of the Democratic party in the town, served several times as assessor, and three years as selectman. As a member of the Congregational Church he was active in religious work. He married Sarah Peck, of Milford, and had four children, namely: Urban C., born Nov. 2, 1838; Treat P., born April 22, 1841, died April 22, 1842; John N., born March 9, 1846, died Jan. 17, 1892; Charles H., born Nov. 22, 1848.

Charles H. Stowe, the subject proper of this sketch, a highly respected citizen of Milford, was born Nov. 22, 1848. After securing a district and high school education he learned the machinist's trade. Later he entered the employ of Baldwin, Rice & Read, as machinist, having charge of all the machines used by them in the manufacture of straw hats. Although the personnel of the firm has changed several times, he occupies the same position. He owns a small farm, but does not give his personal attention to its cultivation. As a prominent and influential member of the Democratic party he has held several public offices, having served two terms as assessor and four years as selectman. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Masonic fraternity. He and his family are identified with the First Congregational Church in Milford.

On Nov. 3, 1875, Mr. Stowe married Susan E. Smith, of Orrington, Maine, and four children have blessed their union: Mabel W., born Oct. 31, 1876, wife of Arthur Whitcomb, of Paterson, N. J.; Walter P., born Oct. 18, 1878, a graduate of the New York College of Pharmacy, now located in Brooklyn as a pharmacist; Stella L. C., born May 2, 1883; and Albert P., born Aug. 16, 1892.

**DEACON SAMUEL HULL**, one of the well-known and much respected citizens of Wallingford, is a deacon of the Baptist Church, and a leading agriculturist of that town. Born Feb. 5, 1824, on the Hull homestead in the North Farms District of the town, he is a descendant of two of the oldest and most prominent families in this part of the State. He has led a long and useful life, acting from high principles and seeking a noble ideal.

The Hull family came from Derbyshire, England, and George Hull, its first representative in America, settled at Windsor, Conn., in 1636. He was a surveyor. He married Elizabeth Loomis,

Richard and Andrew Hull, whose relationship to George is not known, were at New Haven the year that gentleman was married, 1639.

Dr. John Hull, an ancestor of Deacon Hull, was admitted a planter in 1661. Seven years later he removed to Derby, where he remained until 1687, in that year coming to Wallingford to spend the rest of his life. He died in 1711. Dr. Hull was the first of the name in the town. He exchanged the Hull homestead at Stratford for the Benjamin Lewis property at Wallingford. On Oct. 17, 1671, he married, for his second wife, Mary Jones, and after her death Rebecca Turner became his wife, Sept. 20, 1699. To him were born the following children: John, born March 14, 1661; Samuel, born Feb. 4, 1663; Mary, born Oct. 31, 1666; Joseph, born in 1668 (married Mary Nichols, of Derby); Benjamin, M. D., born Oct. 7, 1672 (married Elizabeth Andrews); Ebenezer, born in 1673 (married Lydia Mix); Richard, born in 1674; Dr. Jeremiah, born in 1679; and Asher.

Dr. Jeremiah Hull was a physician of more than ordinary skill and reputation, and was the proprietor of a considerable tract of land in Wallingford, where he died May 14, 1736. On May 24, 1711, he married Hannah Cook, daughter of Samuel and Hope Cook. She died Dec. 11, 1741. To this union came the following children: John, born Nov. 13, 1712, who married Mary Andrews; Moses, born Dec. 21, 1714, who died June 3, 1736; Tabitha, born March 3, 1717; Hannah, born March 18, 1720; Anna; Jeremiah, born Jan. 5, 1729, mentioned below; Joseph, born March 24, 1733, who married Hannah Corbitt; Patience, born Oct. 20, 1735; and Keturah.

Jeremiah Hull, noted above, was a prominent farmer and land owner in Wallingford, where his life was spent. He died Aug. 24, 1790, and was buried in Wallingford. On Jan. 18, 1753, he married Mary Merriman, who died Aug. 22, 1774. They had the following children: Caleb, born Dec. 1, 1753; Jeremiah; Samuel; and Ann, who married Jacob Rice. To his second marriage were born: Benjamin; Levi; Hannah, who married a Mr. Heath, of Wallingford; and Eunice, who married a Mr. Pratt, of Essex, Connecticut.

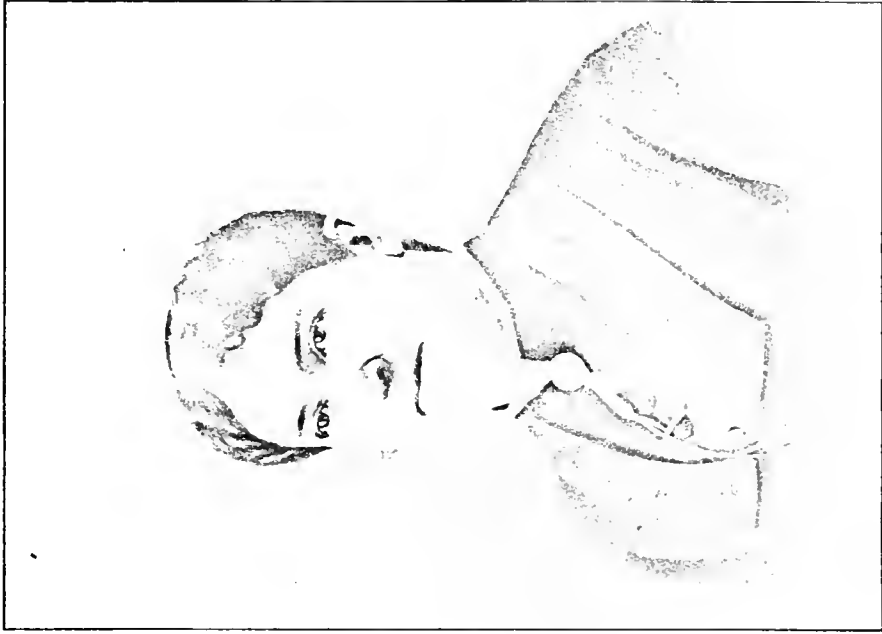
Samuel Hull, son of Jeremiah, and grandfather of Deacon Hull, served as a soldier throughout the Revolutionary war. He was born in Wallingford, married Lois Peck, and settled on the Hull homestead, on which he made extensive improvements, being one of the most enterprising farmers of his day in that section. He was a lifelong agriculturist, and he and his wife died on the farm. Mrs. Hull was a woman of much character and cultivation. Her father's home was in Deerfield, and when that town was burned by the Indians, in 1704, Mrs. Hull's mother or grandmother (with the lapse of years some uncertainty has arisen), then a girl, secreted herself, with the town records and Bible, in the cellar of the only house left standing. The







*Samuel Hall*



*Susan A. Hull*



Bible is now in the possession of Deacon Samuel Hull, our subject. Samuel and Lois (Peck) Hull had three children: William; Sylvester, who married Delilah, daughter of Benajah Morse; and Lois, who married Miles Ives.

William Hull, the father of Deacon Hull, for the most part educated himself, and was one of the best-known citizens of the town. He owned and operated a tract of 100 acres in the North Farms District of Wallingford, on which he made many substantial improvements, and gave much attention to stock raising. He did considerable business in getting out staves and other timber, and was a prosperous and fore-handed man. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Baptist Church. He died on his farm in 1849, and was buried in the Center Street cemetery. William Hull married Alma Hall, who was born on the Wallingford farm now occupied by her son, Col. Henry Hull. Her father, Reuben Hall, was one of the large land owners and farmers of Wallingford. Her mother was a Miller, and thus our subject is descended on the maternal side from Benjamin Miller, of Middlefield, one of the first settlers there. Benjamin Miller had several sons, and our subject's wife, Mrs. Susan A. (Miller) Hull, is descended from one of these on her father's side, and from another on her mother's side. Through a third son the line descends to our subject. The families were first united in the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William Hull, and with the union of Samuel Hull and Susan A. Miller they are now doubly united. To Mr. and Mrs. William Hull came four children: (1) Col. Henry married Elvora Humiston. (2) Elizabeth first married Dr. O. Doolittle, and later Horace Smith. (3) Samuel is the subject proper of this article. (4) William Dexter died at the age of seventeen years.

Deacon Samuel Hull attended the North Farms schools, and also a select school at Meriden. He remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty years, when he went West to Illinois, then very largely a wilderness. After spending two years in the West he then came back to his Connecticut home, but soon returned to Illinois, where he engaged in farming. The poor health of his father very soon called him home again to cultivate the family farm, which passed into his possession after the death of his parents, and for the past fifty years he has been engaged in cultivating this very desirable tract, which has been the home of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was one of the first farmers to engage in tobacco culture. Mr. Hull is now enjoying the fruits of a long and useful life.

Mr. Hull was married Jan. 31, 1855, at Middlefield, Conn., to Miss Susan A. Miller, who was born there, daughter of Ira Miller, an old resident of that community. Mrs. Hull was educated in the public school of Middlefield and in a select school, and was a very capable and successful teacher before

her marriage. To this union have come two children: (1) Alida was educated in the district school, a select school in Meriden, and the State Normal at New Britain, and taught school in Wallingford three terms; she married Horace H. Williams, a dairy farmer, of East Wallingford. (2) Anna, who was educated at the district school and in the Grammar School at Boston, married Julius Williams, a farmer.

Deacon Hull is a Republican, but has no thirst for office. He and his wife belong to the Baptist Church, where for eight years he has officiated as deacon. They are both highly respected people, and have many warm friends throughout the community.

THE MILLER FAMILY, of Middlefield, is traced to Thomas Miller, of Birmingham, England, who came to Rowley, Mass., was made a freeman in 1639, and was a carpenter there in 1651, according to the records. Thence he moved to Middletown, Conn., where lands were recorded in his name in 1654, and where he was admitted to the church through letter, from Rowley. He built the first gristmill in that town, and it stood on Miller's brook, where one of the factories of the Russell Manufacturing Co. now stands, at the "Farms." By his first wife, Isabel, he was the father of one child, Ann, who married in 1653 Nathaniel Bacon. His second marriage, at the age of fifty-six years, was to Sarah Nettleton, daughter of Samuel Nettleton, of Branford. To this union came eight children, viz.: Thomas, born May 6, 1666, married Elizabeth Turner, for his first wife, and for his second spouse chose Mary Rowell; Samuel, born April 1, 1668, married Mary Eggleston; Joseph, born Aug. 21, 1670, married Rebecca Johnson, in 1701; Benjamin, born July 20, 1672, married Mary Johnson, and (second) Mercy Bassett; John, born March 10, 1674, married Mary Bevin in 1700; Margaret married Isaac Johnson; Sarah; Mehitabel, born March 28, 1681, was married to George Hubbard. Thomas Miller, the emigrant, father of this family, died Aug. 14, 1680, and his widow passed away March 20, 1727.

Benjamin Miller, the fourth of the above family, was one of the first three settlers of Middlefield town. He located in the southern part, on the east side of the Coginchaug or West river, not far from the Durham line. Tradition has it that the title of "governor" was conferred upon him, partly because of his influence with the Indians, partly on account of his being a large land owner, and partly on account of his dominant disposition. He was not, however, exempt from the action of the law, as will be seen. He was greatly annoyed at the frequent loss of his pigs, and suspected that they were devoured by bears; he accordingly kept watch, and one Sunday morning caught Bruin in the act, and shot and killed the animal. For this he was arrested on the charge of desecrating the Sabbath.

Benjamin Miller first married, Sept. 18, 1696,



Mary Johnson, who was born in 1676, a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Smith) Johnson. They had eight children, namely: Rebecca married David Robinson, of Durham; Mary married a Spencer, of Haddam; Benjamin, born Oct. 2, 1700, married Hannah, daughter of David Robinson; Sarah, born Oct. 5, 1702, became the wife of Joseph Hickox, of Durham; Hannah, born June 1, 1704, was married to Ephraim Coe; Isaac, born May 2, 1706, died unmarried; Mehitabel, born Feb. 5, 1707, was married to A. Barnes; and Ichabod, born Dec. 15, 1709, married Elizabeth Cromwell, daughter of Capt. Joseph Cromwell. Mrs. Mary Miller, mother of the above named children, died Dec. 15, 1709, and Benjamin Miller, for his second wife, married Mercy Bassett, who was born in New Haven in 1677. To this union came seven children, namely: Lydia married Eliakim Snow; Amos, born June 1, 1713, married Abigail Cromwell; Ebenezer, born Aug. 20, 1714, died unmarried; Martha, born Dec. 8, 1715, married Thomas Atkins; Rhoda, born March 8, 1717, was married to Benjamin Bacon; David, born Oct. 3, 1718, married Elizabeth Brainerd; Thankful died unmarried. Benjamin Miller, the father, who was a man of fine physique, and very powerful, died Nov. 22, 1747, and Mercy, his widow, died Feb. 9, 1756. The remains of both were interred in the old cemetery at Middlefield.

Amos Miller, the second child born to the second marriage of "Governor" Miller, was a farmer in the East District of Middlefield. He married Abigail, daughter of Joseph Cromwell, to which union were born six children, namely: Ebenezer, Amos, Abigail, Daniel, Elisha and Joseph.

Elisha Miller, fifth child of Amos, was largely engaged in farming and fruit growing in the East District of Middlefield, and sold much of his fruit in Middletown; but, being a liberal, kind-hearted man, he gave a great deal of his fruit away, and in fruit season was always followed about the streets of Middletown by a crowd of small boys, whom he supplied liberally with his luscious products. He married Elizabeth Miller, and to them were born eleven children, viz.: Abel settled in Ohio, where he married and passed the remainder of his life; Abigail also went to Ohio, where she was married and where she died; Elizabeth died unmarried, in Middlefield; Jerusha and Mary also died unmarried, in Middlefield; Esther went to Ohio, was married to a Mr. Bingham, and died there; Elisha married Rhoda Parsons, of Durham; Eunice died young; Ira became the father of Mrs. Hull; George R., a farmer, married Martina Rice; Amos first married Miranda Miller, and afterward Arabella Miller, of Granville, Mass. (he was a colonel in the Staddle Hill militia).

Ira Miller, the ninth of the above family, was born July 21, 1792, on the farm now occupied by Frank A. Coe, in Middlefield: He received a plain district-school education, but was a very bright scholar, and for seventeen winters was a successful

school teacher in Middlefield and vicinity; in the summer he worked for his father on the farm, which he inherited. He went to Ohio, but remained a short time only, and then returned home, and for a time engaged in peddling Yankee notions throughout Long Island and in the South. On his final return home he followed fruit growing besides farming, was the principal grower to introduce new fruit varieties, and was quite successful in grafting. In early life he was a Democrat, as was his father, but later voted with the Republican party, and was the only one of his family to do so. He never held an office. Mr. Miller was a quiet, self-contained man. He died Aug. 1, 1867, respected by all who knew him.

To the marriage of Ira Miller and Lecta Miller, who was born July 3, 1796, daughter of Ichabod and Sarah (Birdsey) Miller, were born seven children, namely: (1) Emma married Joseph Congdon, lived for a time in Michigan, then in New York State, and finally in Westfield, Conn., where she died. (2) George W. (3) Marietta, the widow of Rufus B. Sage, died in Cromwell March 23, 1900. (4) Margaret E. is the widow of Joseph E. Tryon, of South Farms, and resides with her brother George W. (5) Charles Ira married Delia Clark, for his second wife Lydia F. Moulton, of Great Falls, N. H., and for his third wife Mrs. Lucy Jane (Miller) Hall, widow of Walter P. Hall. (6) Susan A. is the wife of Samuel Hull. (7) Amos H. married Louisa Cooper, and for his second wife Rose Parks, of Prince Edward Island. He is a wool waste manufacturer in Boston, Mass., and resides in Brookline, an aristocratic suburb of the city. Mrs. Lecta Miller, mother of the above family, died Jan. 16, 1890, at the venerable age of ninety-three.

ICHABOD E. ALLING, a well-known liveryman and prominent citizen of Derby, Conn., who is now representing the first ward in the city council, was born in the town of Hamden, Oct. 17, 1826, a son of Michael Alling, a native of the same place. There the grandfather, Ichabod Alling, spent his entire life as a farmer. In his family were six children, namely: Lyman, who was a farmer and butcher of Westville, and a man of prominence in that locality; Russell and Timothy, who were contractors and builders in New Haven; Michael, father of our subject; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; and Ezra, who engaged in farming on the old homestead throughout life.

Michael Alling became a boss mason in New Haven and continued to follow that occupation until his death, which occurred in Seymour. He married Miss Wealthy Sperry, of Bethany, a daughter of Ezra Sperry, a farmer by occupation. She is also deceased. To the parents of our subject were born four children: Eliza, who married Henry Pomeroy, of Seymour, Conn., and moved West; Ichabod E., who was next in order of birth; Henry, who in



early life followed the machinist's trade, but later conducted a store in Bath, N. Y., where he died in 1898; and Fannie, widow of Capt. John Neil, of Chicago, Illinois.

The early boyhood of Ichabod E. Alling was passed on the home farm, and from there he removed with the family to the city of New Haven, where he attended school, and later to Seymour, this county. During his youth he learned the auger-maker's trade, which he followed for about thirty years in Seymour, Deep River, Troy, N. Y., and other places, but has always considered Derby his home.

Mr. Alling was united in marriage with Miss Laura Smith, of Seymour, a daughter of Russell Smith, a jobber and speculator of that place. By this union was born a daughter, Emma, now the widow of Charles Tracey, and a resident of Meriden, Conn. The wife and mother died in 1881, and Mr. Alling was again married, in 1882, his second union being with Miss Sarah Jane Jacques, of Providence, R. I., her family being an old one of that State.

Mr. Alling's father and other relatives were soldiers of the war of 1812, and he manifested his patriotism during the Civil war by enlisting in 1862 in Company H, 20th Conn. V. I. At the close of the war, in 1865, he was honorably discharged and returned to Derby, where he has since successfully engaged in the livery business. Fraternally he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and politically is a Democrat, but at local elections endeavors to vote for the man best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party affiliations. For a number of years he was a member of the police force of Derby, and in December, 1898, was elected alderman from the first ward, which position he is now filling in an able and satisfactory manner.

ELIZUR ZERAH CLINTON is one of the successful and prominent fruit growers and dairy farmers of Clintonville, near the line of North Haven, in the town of Wallingford. Mr. Clinton was born on the old Clinton homestead Sept. 18, 1847, a son of Jesse (Jr.) and Rosanna (Bassett) Clinton. [For genealogy of the Clinton family see sketch of Edwin Jesse Clinton elsewhere.]

Elizur Z. Clinton was educated in the district schools of Clintonville, and also attended North Haven Academy, after which he engaged in work for David Clinton & Son, in the Agricultural Manufacturing Co., and when he had mastered the business in all its branches he returned to the farm. The homestead consisted of seventy-five acres, well suited for general farming, dairying and fruit growing, and, as he has so very successfully pursued it, Mr. Clinton seems to have made a wise choice when he resumed agricultural lines. His peach orchards have been exceedingly productive and profitable, and, as a side line, he has engaged in the manufacture of a superior article of cider.

In 1869 Mr. Clinton was married, in North Haven, to Miss Julia A. Bishop, a native of North Haven, born May 1, 1850, a daughter of Erus and Charlotte (Thorpe) Bishop. She died of consumption soon after marriage. On Dec. 3, 1873, Mr. Clinton wedded Ella J. Palmer, a daughter of Timothy and Sybil (Barnes) Palmer, and five children have been born of this union: Robert J., Bessie E., Lovell E., Dora P. and Jennie F.

For a number of years our subject was a member of the State militia; he was a justice of the peace for several terms. He is past master of North Haven Grange, and belongs to Corinthian Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M., of Northford, in which he has been secretary and treasurer and steward. In his political views he is a Democrat. Mr. Clinton is one of the most esteemed and respected citizens of his part of New Haven county.

EDSON L. BRYANT, deputy collector of internal revenue, was born Feb. 7, 1842, at Sheffield, Mass. His father, Socrates Bryant, was a native of Sheffield, where he spent the active life of a farmer, taking also a prominent part in public affairs. Mr. Bryant's ancestors were among the earliest settlers at Plymouth, and at Plympton, Mass., and of them are mentioned Lieut. John Bryant, Stephen Bryant (the lineal ancestor of William Cullen Bryant), John Shaw, and Augustine Pearce: the last named came to this country in the ship "Confidence" in the year 1638.

On Nov. 9, 1826, Socrates Bryant married Jerusha Terrell, of Naugatuck, Conn. She was a descendant of Roger Terrell and Joseph Northrup, early settlers at Milford, Conn.; Francis Norton, of Wethersfield, Conn.; William Hoadley, of Branford, Conn. Josiah Terrell, the grandfather of Jerusha Terrell, was a captain in the Revolutionary army. Five children were born to Socrates Bryant: Clark B., now of New Haven; Alfred T., deceased; Ellen B., wife of Thomas Wallace, formerly of Ansonia; Jane A., widow of Hiram Holabird; and Edson L., the subject of this sketch. The parents were devout members of the Congregational Church and brought up their children in the same faith.

Edson L. Bryant was educated in the public schools of Ansonia and Sheffield, and in the private school of Prof. Phillips at Sheffield. At the age of sixteen he came to Ansonia, making his home for a time with his sister, Mrs. Wallace. He left the high school at Ansonia to enter the employ of Wallace & Sons, a large manufacturing concern. In 1862 he enlisted in Company F, 23d Conn. V. I. for service in the Civil war, and was made first sergeant of that company. The military operations of this regiment were mainly in the far Southwest, forming part of the army under Gen. Banks. Mr. Bryant was at Ship Island, New Orleans, and Brashear City, now known as Morgan City. After a year of service he returned home, being discharged on account of the expiration of his term, and re-





sumed work with Wallace & Sons. He became superintendent of the novelty department of the works, and continued with this concern until the sale of its plant to the Coe Brass Co. While so engaged he secured several patents for new devices and improvements. After leaving Wallace & Sons Mr. Bryant spent several years in the insurance business, and in June, 1898, he was appointed to his present position, that of deputy collector of internal revenue, with headquarters at New Haven. Mr. Bryant is a Republican in politics, and has always been an active worker in the interests of his party. He served as a member of the board of burgesses, under the old borough government of Ansonia; also on the board of education. He is known as a wide-awake, progressive citizen, and his influence and co-operation are always expected for every forward movement. He is a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is junior warden of Christ Church parish, where for thirty years he has been a vestryman.

On June 14, 1866, Mr. Bryant married Miss Mary Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Merritt and Mary (Hodge) Clark. The Clark history will be found elsewhere, under the name of George B. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have had three children, of whom two are now living: (1) Annie E. married Theodore W. Bassett, of Derby, secretary of the Birmingham Iron Foundry. (2) George Clark graduated at Yale College in 1895, and at the Yale Law School in 1897. He was admitted to the Bar in June, 1897, and from July of that year until Oct. 1, 1901, was associated with the firm of Williams & Gager, in Derby. He is now judge of the City Court in Ansonia, which office he has held since July, 1899. In December, 1898 he was married to Florence Adele Farrel, daughter of Franklin Farrel, a sketch of whose life will be found elsewhere.

**MARCUS EBENEZER COOKE**, one of the oldest and best-known citizens of Wallingford, where he is engaged in farming, and has filled the office of selectman for several years with credit to himself and satisfaction to the community, is a descendant of one of the earliest and most prominent families of New Haven county.

The first of the name and family in America was Henry Cooke, a native of Kent, England, who was at Plymouth, Mass., before 1640, and there spent the remainder of his life. He was the father of four sons: Isaac, who remained at Plymouth; John, who settled in Middletown; and Henry and Samuel, both of whom made their home in New Haven county.

Samuel Cooke, the youngest of the above named four sons, was born in Plymouth, Mass., and in 1663 came to New Haven, where he married Hope Parker, daughter of Edward Parker, May 2, 1666. In 1670 they came to Wallingford, and were among the first settlers of the town, locating in what is

now called Cooke Hill. He became the owner of considerable land, and followed the trade of shoemaker and tanner. Filling many public offices, he left a name for honor and ability. He was active in church affairs, and one of the organizers of the First Church in Wallingford. He died in 1702, and Mary (Roberts), his second wife, married Jeremiah Howe April 9, 1705. Mr. Cooke was father to the following children: Samuel, born March 3, 1667; John, Dec. 3, 1669; Hannah, March 3, 1671; Isaac, March 10, 1673 (died April 7, 1673); Mary, April 23, 1675 (married Nathaniel Ives); Elizabeth, Aug. 22, 1677 (died young); Judith, Feb. 29, 1679 (married Jeremiah Howe, April 20, 1704, and died the same day); Isaac, Jan. 10, 1681; Joseph, Feb. 25, 1683; Hope, Sept. 27, 1686 (married Joseph Benham, Dec. 18, 1706, and died Jan. 30, 1731). These were born to the first marriage. By his second wife Mr. Cooke was the father to the following: Israel, born May 8, 1692; Mabel, June 30, 1694; Benjamin, April 8, 1697 (died in 1717); Ephraim, April 19, 1699; Elizabeth, Sept. 10, 1701 (married Adam Mott Aug. 28, 1717).

Samuel Cooke (2), the eldest son of Samuel, was born in New Haven, and moved with his parents while still a child to Wallingford, where he followed farming all his life. He died on his farm Sept. 18, 1725, at the age of fifty-eight, and was buried in Wallingford. Mr. Cooke was twice married, first on March 3, 1692, by 'Squire John Moss, to Hannah Ives, daughter of William Ives. Mrs. Cooke died May 29, 1714. Elizabeth Bedel, of Stratford, became his second wife, and after his death she married Capt. Daniel Harris, of Middletown, Conn. Mr. Cooke was a farmer in the western part of the township, near the line which now divides Cheshire from Wallingford, and some of his descendants still occupy that land. Samuel Cooke (2) was father to the following children: By the first marriage—(1) Hannah, born May 28, 1693, married Jeremiah Hull, and died Nov. 22, 1735; (2) Samuel was born March 5, 1695; (3) Aaron was born Dec. 28, 1696; (4) Lydia, born Jan. 13, 1699, married Oct. 12, 1738, Daniel Dutton; (5) Moses, born Jan. 4, 1700, died Dec. 25, 1711; (6) Miriam, born Nov. 4, 1703, married Benjamin Curtis Dec. 12, 1727; (7) Thankful, born Dec. 24, 1705, died Aug. 19, 1714; (8) Esther, born March 8, 1707, married Abel Yale July 22, 1730; (9) Eunice was born Feb. 25, 1709; (10) Susannah, born Sept. 5, 1711, married Joseph Cole Dec. 1, 1735. By the second marriage—(11) Moses was born Nov. 6, 1716; (12) Thankful, born Nov. 14, 1718, married Stephen Hotchkiss Dec. 31, 1742; (13) Asaph was born June 25, 1720; (14) Hannah, born Nov. 4, 1721, married Zephaniah Hull, of Cheshire; (15) Hope died Sept. 18, 1728.

Aaron Cooke, noted in the foregoing paragraph, was born on the Cooke Hill farm. He was a prosperous and highly respected farmer, and a land holder in the southeastern part of Wallingford,





*Marcus E. Cooke*



Northford survey, where he settled; he died there Oct. 14, 1756, aged sixty years, and is buried in Wallingford. Three times married, Aaron Cooke was father to a numerous progeny. On Nov. 14, 1723, he married Sarah Benham, daughter of James Benham. Sarah Hitchcock, his second wife, died Aug. 11, 1735. Ruth Burrage, of Stratford, became his third wife, on Feb. 7, 1736. By his first marriage Mr. Cooke was father to the following children: Samuel, born Sept. 25, 1725; Stephen, Dec. 28, 1727; Titus, Feb. 25, 1730; Abel, Feb. 23, 1732. To the second marriage came one child, Sarah, born June 2, 1735. By his third marriage Mr. Cooke was father to the following children: Lydia, born in 1736, married Uriah Collins, and died Jan. 9, 1793; Ruth, born Sept. 7, 1738, married William Collins, and died June 9, 1790; Esther was born May 14, 1740; Elizabeth, born March 16, 1741, died when ten years old; Aaron was born June 5, 1744; Miriam, born June 30, 1746, died Dec. 1, 1750; Lucy, born Sept. 20, 1748, died April 29, 1760; Elizabeth, born June 7, 1751, died Oct. 19, 1762.

Abel Cooke, whose name appears fourth in the above named list of children, was born on the Cooke homestead in the southeastern part of Wallingford, where he grew to manhood. He was a farmer all his life, and died on his farm Aug. 10, 1776. This homestead is still owned by a direct descendant, Levi M. Cooke. On Nov. 16, 1757, Abel Cooke married Mary Atwater, who was born in Wallingford Dec. 30, 1735, and died Jan. 13, 1774; her parents were Benjamin and Elizabeth P. Atwater. Mr. Cooke was a soldier, a patriot of the first water, and served with distinction in the war of the Revolution. His children were: Atwater, born Nov. 3, 1758; Porter, July 27, 1760; Elizabeth, March 13, 1763; Abel, March 27, 1765; Chester, Aug. 13, 1767 (died young); David M., Feb. 16, 1770; Mary, April 2, 1773 (married Col. Eliakim Hull, and died Dec. 1, 1839); Chester (2), Oct. 6, 1775.

Chester Cooke, the grandfather of Marcus E. Cooke, was born in Wallingford, on the Aaron Cooke homestead, and grew to manhood in that locality. In 1792 he purchased the homestead where Marcus E. Cooke now resides. He was a lifelong farmer, and also a shoemaker. A leading Democrat, he represented the town in the State Legislature, and was a highly respected and upright citizen. He died Aug. 13, 1864. He was twice married, first to Thankful Hall, daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Merriman) Hall. Polly Norton was his second wife. Mr. Cooke was the father of three children: Caroline, born Sept. 5, 1801, married Orrin Andrews; Marilda, born Nov. 17, 1803, married Sherlock Avery, of Wallingford; Hiram was born April 23, 1805.

Hiram Cooke, the father of Marcus E., was born on the farm now owned by that gentleman, and made farming his life work. He was a man of affairs, highly respected, and filled many public

offices, representing his town in the State Legislature, and was the first judge of the borough court of Wallingford. An ardent Democrat, he was active in the party organization. He was twice married. His first wife, Anna M. Marks, was born June 27, 1808, and died September 30, 1855. She was a daughter of Col. William Marks, a prominent citizen, who was appointed delegate from Wallingford to the State Constitutional Convention in 1818. He was one of the first manufacturers of woolen cloth in this country. On March 18, 1856, Mr. Cooke married Margaret A. Todd, who was born Jan. 1, 1833, and died Dec. 30, 1891. Mr. Cooke died Nov. 7, 1873, and is buried in the Center Street cemetery. To the first marriage came the following children: (1) Chester William, born Dec. 14, 1830, married Mary Merwin May 29, 1855. In 1859 they moved from Hardenburg, N. Y., to Momence, Ill., later to Manteno, Ill., and thence to Frankfort, S. Dak., their present residence. They have six children, Julia Anna, Marcus Eber, Urben Hiram, Nelson Samuel, Harriet and Maude. (2) Hiram D. was born Oct. 18, 1832. (3) Aurelius Baxter, born Oct. 21, 1834, died May 6, 1842. (4) Martin Van Buren was born June 20, 1839. (5) Jane Anna was born Nov. 4, 1843. (6) Marcus E. was born Nov. 2, 1849. The children of Hiram Cooke's second marriage were: (7) Thankful Estella, born May 10, 1857; and (8) Waldo D., born Dec. 31, 1860.

Marcus E. Cooke was born in Hardenburg, N. Y., and in December, 1857, removed to the Cooke homestead, in which he now resides. He received his literary training in the district school, but his education is very largely self-acquired, and to a great extent he has made his own way in the world. On the farm which has come into his possession he has made many substantial improvements, and he carries on a system of general farming, making a specialty of dairy interests and peach growing. He is a representative of one of the largest farm implement manufacturers in the county, and keeps on hand a full line of implements. In 1879 he was appointed overseer and builder of the town roads, and held that position for several years. He has invented and patented several valuable pieces of road machinery. A public-spirited and progressive man, he is always willing to lend a helping hand to every worthy cause. He is president of the Wallingford Agricultural Society, and was one of the organizers of the Wallingford Grange, of which he was master for two years. A leading Democrat, he represented the town in the State Legislature in 1883, and has been selectman several terms. Mr. Cooke is a director of the Dime Savings Bank of Wallingford, one of the growing financial institutions of the town, and is president of the Wallingford Creamery Co. Our subject served nine years—from 1871 to 1880—in the Connecticut National Guard, as a member of Company K, 2d Regiment, C. N. G., of Wallingford.



Mr. Cooke and Miss Clara E. Potts, of South Egremont, Berkshire Co., Mass., were married Feb. 12, 1884. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and has made a good wife and mother. They have had four children: Lillian A., born May 19, 1886, who died Oct. 6, 1888; Chester Herman, born April 19, 1888; Mabel Anna, born March 30, 1892; and Florence Marks, born Sept. 6, 1894.

HENRY BEADLE, a well-known and prominent citizen of Cheshire, was for many years one of the active and progressive business men of the town, as well as one of its most reliable and honored citizens, and now, in his declining years, he is enjoying a well-earned rest, free from the cares and responsibilities of business life. Throughout the county he is widely and favorably known.

The Beadle family is of French descent, and the first to come to America settled in Salem, Mass., but on account of religious persecution and the burning of the witches they afterward came to Connecticut, and their descendants are now numbered among its best citizens. (I) Nathaniel Beadle, the first of the name in New Haven county, removed to Wallingford early in the eighteenth century and located on a farm on the west side of the river near the Cheshire line, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits, and where his death occurred about 1764. His wife, Elizabeth, also died in Wallingford. Their children were Nathaniel, born Dec. 15, 1703; Mary, born Sept. 18, 1708; Josiah, born Aug. 3, 1711; and Samuel Sharp, who was graduated from Yale in 1757, and died Jan. 5, 1762.

(II) Nathaniel Beadle, son of Nathaniel, Sr., was reared on the home farm, and throughout life engaged in farming in Wallingford, of which town he was a well-known and honored citizen. He was also captain in the militia. He died Feb. 10, 1762, two years before his father, and was buried in the old cemetery. On Nov. 10, 1726, he married Elizabeth Hitchcock, and to them were born eight children, namely: Elizabeth and Susanna, twins, born Sept. 17, 1727; John; Hannah; Sarah; Lois, wife of John Hull; Mehitable; and Nathaniel, who died March 4, 1763.

(III) John Beadle, son of Nathaniel, Jr., was born and reared on the old homestead in Wallingford, and spent his entire life in that town. He was a member of the militia, and was captain of a company which he recruited, in the 5th Conn. Light Horse, in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war. He married Miss Baker, daughter of John Baker, of Wallingford, and in their family were John, Henry, Joseph, Alfred and others, many of whom removed to New York.

(IV) Alfred Beadle, son of John and grandfather of our subject, was born in Wallingford, where he grew to manhood and learned wagon making and general repairing. When a young man he came to the town of Cheshire and established himself in

business, being one of the first wagonmakers of this locality. Many of his wagons were used by the peddlers in traveling and selling their wares through the South. He bought a house on the site of our subject's present home, and made many improvements upon the place. He died in Cheshire at the ripe old age of eighty-six years, and was buried in the old cemetery. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a Congregationalist. He married Polly (or Mary) Donscomb, who died in Cheshire and was buried in the same cemetery. They had five children: Philander, Henry, Benajah, James and a daughter who died young.

(V) Benajah Beadle, father of our subject, was born in Cheshire, and educated in its district school and the Cheshire Episcopal Academy. With his father he learned the wagonmaker's trade and made that business his life occupation, being in partnership with his brother Philander for several years, but finally the brother removed to Syracuse, N. Y., and spent the remainder of his life in that city. After that Benajah Beadle was alone in business, and was very successful. He was one of the highly respected and worthy citizens of Cheshire, where he died Oct. 4, 1890, aged seventy-five years, and was buried in Cheshire cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican, and served as selectman of the town and held other local offices. He married Julia Hitchcock, who was also born in Cheshire of good old Revolutionary stock, and died April 18, 1890, aged seventy-five years. She, too, was a faithful member of the Episcopal Church. In their family were three children: William, who was a soldier of Company A, 20th Conn. V. I., during the Civil war, and died from the effects of his army life; Henry, our subject; and Edgar, also a resident of Cheshire.

(VI) Henry Beadle was born on the present site of the high school, at Cheshire Center, Jan. 22, 1844, and pursued his studies in the district school and the Cheshire Episcopal Academy. In early life he learned the wagonmaker's trade with his father and remained with him until 1869, when he went to Wallingford as foreman of the works of the Carriage Wheel Manufacturing Co., with which he was connected for five years. After his return to Cheshire he was engaged in the painting and paper hanging business until 1890, when appointed postmaster of Cheshire under President Harrison's administration, and held that office until the Democrats came into power in 1893. Since then he has practically lived a retired life, spending his winters in Florida, where he has an orange orchard in which he takes a great interest. He has a beautiful home, supplied with all modern conveniences, which has been built upon the foundation of his grandfather's old home. He has quite an interesting collection of relics, which he has gathered during his travels, and is, himself, somewhat of an artist in the carving of animals from wood.





In 1875, in New Haven, Mr. Beadle was married to Miss Ella Hawes, a native of Wallingford and a daughter of Alonzo and Laura (Merriman) Hawes. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and is an active member of the Congregational Church, and of Crescent Chapter, O. E. S. Julia L., the only child born to our subject and his wife, died in 1886, at the age of seven years. Socially Mr. Beadle is a member of Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Cheshire. For a quarter of a century he has been prominently identified with public affairs, and in 1884 represented Cheshire in the State Legislature, where he served as clerk of the committee on claims. He was constable of the town for over twenty years; deputy sheriff seven years; postmaster three years; justice of the peace several years; and chairman of the town committee of the Republican party for twenty-five years. His public and private life are alike above reproach, and he is held in high regard by all who know him.

FRANK OBADIAH BADGER was born March 4, 1841, in Burlington, Mass., a son of Obadiah and Harriet (Cutler) Badger. Of the seven children in this family, five are yet living.

Frank O. Badger was but seven years old when his father died, and he was taken to the home of a paternal aunt in Plymouth, Mass., where he lived until he was twelve years old, receiving the school privileges of that town. At that age he entered a store in Lowell as a clerk, with the agreement that he was to attend school a part of each year. He remained in the store until he was seventeen years of age, when he went to California, where he had a claim on the American river. Mr. Badger traveled through California and Mexico quite extensively, and after a residence of two years on the Pacific coast returned to Boston, and was a clerk in a store in that city for a few months. Returning to Lowell he entered the Lowell Locomotive works, and was engaged as a machinist for thirteen months, and then transferred himself to the Springfield Armory, where he was put on government work. For six years he was in the armory, and at the expiration of this time went to New Britain to do contract work, making bank locks with Frederick North, in which he employed about twenty-five men. For four years he worked in connection with Mr. North, and was then proprietor and manager of the Union Hall Hotel at Hartford for a year, after which he went to Kansas City, Mo., where he was engaged in selling farming implements and in buying farm produce. The state of his wife's health, however, compelled a quick return to the East, and he started a plant at Greenport, Long Island, for the manufacture of wire goods, in which he was quite successful. After the lapse of four years he sold out, and coming to New Britain, was made general manager of the National Wire Mattress Co., a position he held for four years, when he gave it up and went to New York City,

where he spent a year as general manager of the mattress and spring bed departments for the Hall & Stevens Co. Following this he was proprietor and manager of a spring bed factory, in which he employed some twenty men. After three quite successful years of this work he sold out to the Brooklyn Spring Bed Co. For seven months Mr. Badger was with the R. Hoe Printing Press Co., and then he engaged with H. L. Judd & Co. as a contractor in their brass bed department, and when the plant was removed to Wallingford Mr. Badger came with it, April 30, 1891. He still holds his contract with the company, and is employing about fifteen hands.

Mr. Badger is a Mason, and is connected with Keystone Chapter at Meriden. He is a Republican in politics, but he has always been too busy to give much attention to political affairs. With his family he attends the First Congregational Church, where they are members.

In 1872 Mr. Badger was married to Miss Emma A. Bailey, of Hartford, a daughter of Solomon Bailey. To Mr. and Mrs. Badger were born the following children: Ella May, born May 8, 1873, married Walter Hill, superintendent of the New York Insulated Wire Co., of Wallingford, and has two children, May Elizabeth and Esther B.; Robert E., born June 27, 1874, married Miss Maude Miller, of Mount Carmel, and is engaged in the stationery and laundry business in Wallingford; Emma Elizabeth is at home; Grace Alma is at home; and Frank died when seven years old.

ALBERT BEAUMONT was born in the Beaumont homestead June 19, 1844, a son of the late John and Ann (Tyler) Beaumont. His education was obtained in the district schools, and growing up on the homestead, he was thoroughly trained in the best agricultural methods of the time. When his father died, young Albert and his brother George operated the home farm until 1898, in which year he sold out his interest in the home place, and bought the Wooding Farm on East Main Street. Here he made his home for about two years, but he lately sold it, buying instead the Threadway Farm, a place of thirty acres, but large enough for market gardening, which he intends making his business. Mr. Beaumont is a hard worker, and as he carefully plans his labor, and seeks to accomplish something practical and timely, he is bound to succeed. An honest and straightforward man, his word is held good to any amount, and what he says is accepted as the statement of a man of truth.

On Oct. 6, 1892, Mr. Beaumont was married, in Wallingford, by the Rev. C. H. Dickerson, to Miss Emily Scard, who was born in Newport, South Wales, England, a daughter of George Scard, one of the leading dairymen of Wallingford. To this marriage has come one child, Albert John, born May 31, 1898. Mr. Beaumont belongs to the Wallingford Grange; and politically is a Republican, but not an office seeker. In his church con-



nection he is a Congregationalist, and both he and his wife are highly esteemed in the community, as most excellent people, kind neighbors, and honest and industrious in their daily lives.

GEORGE E. TERRY, a well-known citizen of Prospect, New Haven Co., Conn., was born in Sag Harbor, Long Island, Nov. 1, 1856, a son of Emanuel and Emma Terry, both of whom died on Long Island. During his boyhood our subject attended the schools of New York City, and began life for himself as a clerk in a dry goods store there. After following that occupation for two years, he became a sailor in the coasting trade and spent the following three years in that manner, after which he learned the cigar-maker's trade in Brooklyn, N. Y., and clerked in a cigar store for some time. He was next employed as clerk in a hotel at New London, Conn., and from there removed to New Haven, where he was employed in dye works for two years. In 1881 he went to Waterbury, where he worked in the watch factory until coming to Prospect in 1892, when he took up his residence on the John Swartz farm, which is the property of his wife. He is engaged through the winter months at his trade in Waterbury.

In 1880, in Philadelphia, Penn., Mr. Terry married Miss Emelie Adaline Kyser, a native of St. Louis, Mo., and a daughter of the late Charles F. Kyser, who was born in Germany and was a well-known translator of the German, French and Latin languages. To Mr. and Mrs. Terry were born five children, namely: Lotta, Vera, Emily and Harold, all living; and Robert, who died in infancy. Mr. Terry is a member of the K. of L., and is identified with the Democratic party.

PERRY CHAUNCEY MORRIS, ex-first selectman and ex-town treasurer of Waterbury, was born Aug. 12, 1847, in that part of the town now known as Waterville, a son of Miles Morris, who was born in the town of Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn., and is now living in Waterbury.

Russell Morris, father of Miles, was of English extraction, and was born in Danbury, Conn. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Harriet Holcomb, and settled on his farm in Canaan, where he reared a family of twelve children, named, in the order of their birth, Miles, Theodore, Samuel, Edmund, Sidney, Chauncey, David, Amanda, Julia, Susan, Elizabeth and Mary. Of this family, Miles, the eldest, is the father of our subject; Theodore was an employe of the Housatonic Railway Co. at Falls Village, and there met his death by accident; Samuel, who was also a railroad man, died in Chicago; Edmund lives in the town of South Lee, Mass., where he is employed on a railroad; Sidney is a farmer in Falls Village; Chauncey lives in retirement in Bridgeport; David died at the age of eighteen years; Amanda is deceased; Julia, deceased, was the wife of Robert Ross; Susan, who

was a school teacher, has also entered into rest; Elizabeth has been twice married, first to a Mr. Reed, and later to Charles Phillips, a railroad conductor; Mary is the wife of John Sturges, of Bridgeport.

Miles Morris came to Waterbury in 1840, and has since been in the employ of the Wateryille Knife Co., and Brown & Bros. He married Jane M. Forrest, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Samuel Forrest, who came from Birmingham, England. To this union were born two children: Perry Chauncey and Frederick M., the latter born in Bridgeport, and now a machinist in Waterbury. The wife and mother passed away July 25, 1887, and was buried in Waterville.

Perry Chauncey Morris was educated in the local schools of Waterbury and Waterville, after leaving which he entered the brass works of Brown & Bros., with whom he remained about twenty-five years. He then engaged in the grocery business on the Watertown road, which he continued with much success until his removal to Waterbury. Always taking a keen interest in public affairs, he has been active in the work of his chosen political party—the Democratic—and was honored by election to the office of town treasurer for the term of two years. So satisfactorily did he fill the duties of the office of treasurer that immediately after the expiration of his term he was, in 1894, elected first selectman, which office occupied all his attention up to 1900. Since that time he has been obliged to devote his time to his personal affairs, his property interests demanding considerable attention. He is popular with all parties, and as People's candidate received the support of both Democrats and Republicans, the entire population having the most implicit confidence in his unflinching honesty.

On Aug. 4, 1870, Mr. Morris married Miss Matilda E. Slade, of Waterbury, daughter of George and Matilda (Stevens) Slade, natives of England. To this marriage has been born one child, Frances E. Fraternally Mr. Morris is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., at Waterbury, of the Knights Templars, and is also a Mystic Shriner. In religious connection he belongs to Trinity Episcopal Church. He is one of the most progressive men of Waterbury, and is identified with every project designed to promote the public interest.

JAMES W. CONE, one of the leading druggists of Waterbury, has a fine establishment and caters to the best people of the city.

Mr. Cone was born May 30, 1848, in Winsted, Conn., son of John Cone, who was born in Norfolk, this State, in 1817. Deacon Samuel Cone, the grandfather of James W., was born in Winchester, Conn., a son of Daniel H. Cone, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Samuel was a scythe maker, who followed that business in Norfolk; there he married Clarissa Munger, of Norfolk, Conn., and they reared a family of thirteen children,





*Perry C. Grooms*



all of whom are deceased but John, the father of James W.

John Cone grew to manhood in Norfolk, where he married Harriet A. Watson, a daughter of Abijah and Margaret Watson, farming people of Norfolk. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cone settled in the village of Winsted, Conn., where he carried on his business, and where he is now living retired. Mrs. Cone died May 20, 1880. Three children were born to them: James, who died at the age of five years; James W.; and Maria E., who died April 13, 1901.

James W. Cone grew up in Winsted, where he attended the public school, and later was a student in the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. As an apprentice to the druggist's business, he spent four years with David Fuller, at Waterbury, and for six years after leaving Mr. Fuller was engaged in various places. During four years of this time he was in business for himself at Winsted. In 1884 he came back to Waterbury, and purchased the drug store of Dr. J. J. Jacques, at No. 11 West Main street, and continued for ten years at the old location, moving in 1896 to his present quarters, corner of West Main and Bank Streets. Here he carries a fine stock, and appeals to the most fastidious as well as to the great public, offering the best of goods at a modest price, and treating all who come with equal courtesy and fairness.

Mr. Cone and Miss Caroline Woodward were married Nov. 24, 1873. Mrs. Cone was a daughter of Andrew Woodward, and a native of Thomaston, Conn., where her father has been engaged in the tannery business many years. She died Dec. 17, 1888, leaving three children: Emma L., who is the wife of Dr. C. H. Rust, of Cleveland, Ohio; John S., who died July 26, 1899, at the age of twenty years; and Harriet A., a student in the Waterbury schools. On Sept. 24, 1890, Mr. Cone married Miss Minnie Manwaring, who was born in Waterford, Conn., daughter of Ansel Manwaring, for many years town treasurer. She is a capable and well educated lady, and was a school teacher before her marriage. Mr. Cone is a Republican and a prominent Mason, having reached the Shrine. The family attend the Second Congregational Church, of which they are all members.

**RICHARD CHRISTOPHER WILCOX**, senior member of the widely known firm of R. C. Wilcox & Sons, dairy farmers and stock raisers, Guilford, is a native of Connecticut, born June 22, 1846, in the town of Guilford, New Haven county.

The Wilcox family are old settlers of the New England States and the name has been spelled in various ways—Wilcox, Wilcocks, Wilcoxson and Willcox. (1) William Wilcox (or Wilcoxson), the first of the name in Connecticut, was born in 1601 at St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, whence in 1635 he came to America in the ship "Planter," having a certificate from the minister of his native

city. Landing at Boston, he there became a freeman in 1636; three years later (1639) he came to Connecticut, locating at Stratford, Fairfield county, where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1652. In 1647 he was a representative at Hartford. He and his wife, Margaret, had six children, as follows: (1) John, born in 1633; (2) Joseph, who died in 1703; (3) Samuel, deceased March 12, 1713; (4) Sarah, Mrs. John Meigs, who died Nov. 24, 1691; (5) Obadiah, sketch of whom follows; and (6) Timothy, deceased June 13, 1713.

(II) Obadiah Wilcox, son of (I) William, was born in 1641 in the town of Stratford, Conn., whence in early manhood he came to Guilford, settling in the eastern part of the town, now known as Madison, and following farming. In 1672 he was made a freeman. He died in 1713, and was buried in Madison. Mr. Wilcox was twice married, and by his first wife, Mary, had thirteen children, as follows: (1) Mary, born Dec. 11, 1676, married Thomas Munson, of New Haven; (2) Lydia, born Oct. 14, 1678, died Nov. 4, 1698; (3) Obadiah was born Dec. 14, 1679; (4) Ebenezer was born Sept. 20, 1682; (5) Ephraim; (6) Mindwell was married April 20, 1714, to Daniel Hill, and died Feb. 3, 1770; (7) Timothy was born Nov. 15, 1690; (8) Silence; (9) John, sketch of whom follows; (10) Joseph, born in 1694, married Hannah Goodale, and died July 15, 1770; (11) Isaac settled in Middletown; (12) Jemima was born Oct. 30, 1699; (13) Experience. By his second wife, Silence, Mr. Wilcox had one child, (14) Thankful, born April 4, 1702, who was married Sept. 6, 1722, to Samuel Norton.

(III) John Wilcox, son of (II) Obadiah, was born Nov. 9, 1692, in East Guilford, where he passed all his days in agricultural pursuits, dying May 1, 1753. On Jan. 11, 1719, he married Deborah Parmelee, born in 1699, who died in 1792. Their children: (1) Obadiah, born April 15, 1720, married Lydia Wilcox, and died in 1771; (2) Sarah was born Nov. 10, 1723; (3) John, born Aug. 17, 1726, married Martha Coe; (4) Ezra, sketch of whom follows; (5) Mary, born Dec. 1, 1731, married in November, 1753, Enos French, and died Sept. 28, 1777; (6) Asabel was born Dec. 9, 1735.

(IV) Ezra Wilcox, son of (III) John, born Oct. 20, 1728, passed all his days in East Guilford, dying there March 14, 1805. He married Nov. 9, 1757, Esther Meigs, who was born March 19, 1734, a daughter of Janna and Elizabeth (Dudley) Meigs, and died Sept. 8, 1809. Children as follows were born to them: (1) Lavinia, born July 17, 1758, married Bela Dudley; (2) Ezra, born in 1762, married Rebecca Brown, and died May 1, 1836; (3) Esther, married John Williams; (4) Elzah, born March 8, 1765, married Lois Field, and died Feb. 24, 1828; (5) Julius; (6) Elizabeth, married John Spencer; (7) Return, sketch of whom follows.

(V) Return Wilcox, son of (IV) Ezra, and the grandfather of Richard C. Wilcox, was born in





1771, in what is now the town of Madison, New Haven county, and died there Nov. 28, 1846. He was a lifelong farmer. By his wife, Abigail, born May 23, 1780, died May 31, 1845, he had seven children, as follows: (1) Alva Orrin, born Aug. 22, 1799, died July 10, 1887; (2) Polly Maria, born Aug. 2, 1801, married Ebenezer Merrill, of Clinton, Conn.; (3) Elizabeth, born Sept. 8, 1803, married Sept. 4, 1828, Edward F. Kelsey, of Madison, and died March 15, 1888; (4) Jerusha, born in July, 1806, married in August, 1824, Samuel K. Dowd, and died June 3, 1841; (5) Almon Orrill, sketch of whom follows; (6) Susan Abigail, born in 1815, married Sept. 19, 1838, Achilles Dowd, of Madison; (7) Samuel Augustus, born July 19, 1819, died Dec. 13, 1876.

(VI) Almon Orrill Wilcox, son of (V) Return, and the father of Richard C., was born April 24, 1808, in the town of Madison, New Haven county, there attended the district school, and worked on a farm until he was twenty-five years old, when he came to Guilford. Here his first employment was as a farm laborer at \$5 per month. Later he purchased a small farm, where he continued agricultural pursuits the rest of his life, dying Sept. 16, 1874; his remains were interred in Nut Plains cemetery. Noted for his industry and honesty, he was highly respected in the community in which he lived. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious faith he was a consistent member of the Congregational Church.

In Guilford, Oct. 6, 1830, Almon O. Wilcox was married to Ruth D. Kennedy, who was born May 3, 1812, and died Jan. 28, 1875. She was a daughter of Anson Kennedy, of Guilford. Their children: (1) Sarah Dorcas, born Nov. 2, 1833, married Jan. 13, 1855, Charles M. Wilcox, and died March 26, 1857; (2) Charlotte Abigail, born Nov. 25, 1836, is the widow of Andrew Ward Foote, late of Guilford (he was born April 27, 1833, and died Dec. 16, 1880); (3) Helen Sophia, born July 21, 1844, died March 14, 1865; (4) Richard Christopher, a sketch of whom follows; (5) George Howard, born March 21, 1849, married Mary E. Bishop, and died Nov. 14, 1888; (6) Walter Wesley, born Dec. 14, 1851, married Lucy M. Evarts.

(VII) Richard C. Wilcox, whose name opens this memoir, received his education in part at the district schools of Nut Plains, in part at Guilford Academy, where he attended four terms. He worked at home until of age, when with aid from his father, he bought the farm on which he now lives, known as "Cloverdale Dairy Farm," a tract of fifty-six acres formerly owned by Justin Dudley, and which was then a wilderness. Here he built a home in 1870, and since then has erected barns, outhouses and a dairy ice house, etc., costing in all over \$12,000. His home and surroundings are among the finest in Guilford. Until 1804 he carried on general farming, and then embarked in dairying, butter-making a specialty, and from time to time

has increased the capacity of his business until he now owns the largest dairy farm on the shore line. He manufactures and sells over \$1,700 worth of butter per annum, and sells \$1,600 worth of milk and cream in the same period. Since his first purchase of land he has bought another farm of 100 acres near the homestead, and has leased several other farms. He has now (1901) a herd of thirty-six Jerseys and grade Jersey cows, and a fine Jersey bull of his own raising. The following sketch of "Cloverdale Dairy Farm" appeared in the report of the Dairy Commissioner for 1898:

"The Cloverdale Dairy Farm originated about six years ago with four cows. The cream from the milk of those cows was sold to the Guilford Creamery for about five months, when it was decided to make butter in a small way. The butter for the first year was sold for two cents below the wholesale creamery price, because the grocers could not pay the creamery prices. The last year nearly the entire make has been sold to families at thirty cents per pound the year around, and in fact, it has been so the last four years. Mr. Wilcox is now selling cream, new milk, skim milk and buttermilk, one of his sons running a wagon daily in the town. He uses a DeLaval cream separator, which enables him to have sweet skim milk every day. His herd consists of twenty-eight Jerseys and grade Jerseys, feeding hay and dry food, not having a silo. Mr. Wilcox manufactured over three tons of butter in 1897, which was nearly all disposed of at prices above mentioned."

Mr. Wilcox is a man of enterprise and progress, and takes a leading part all things pertaining to farming and dairying, and to the town in general. He is one of the most active members of the State Creamery Association and of the State Dairy Association. Being a well-read man, he is well posted on all the leading events of the day, and has made a success of life entirely by his own efforts, perseverance and good management. Though a staunch Republican in politics, he is not a party man; in religious faith he is a member of the First Congregational Church. Socially he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and New England Order of Protection.

In Branford, Conn., Oct. 5, 1870, Richard C. Wilcox was married to Lucy Caroline Page, a native of that town, and a daughter of Edgar and Jane G. (Robinson) Page. Four children, all sons, have blessed this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Lewis Cornelius, Feb. 6, 1872; Elmer Ellsworth, Sept. 8, 1874; Edgar Almon, Aug. 18, 1877; and Richard Lester, April 28, 1879. All are well educated, and all excepting Richard L. are engaged in their father's dairying and stock-raising business, proving themselves to be worthy sons of worthy parents, as well as progressive and advanced farmers. Mrs. Wilcox is a lady of refinement, a devoted helpmeet to her husband, a loving mother, and kind, hospitable neighbor.



JOSEPH P. COLWELL, one of the leading business men of Derby, was born in Hartford, April 26, 1845, and grew to manhood there. His early educational advantages were of a very limited sort, necessity compelling him to begin work at an early age. While yet a young boy he found employment in the carpet factory, and the outbreak of the Civil War found him a servant in the household of Dr. M. T. Newton. Being too young to enlist, yet desirous of going to the front, he accompanied the Doctor in the same capacity, and was thus able to serve three years. On his return from the army he went to work for the Colt Arms Co., with whom he remained for about two years. In 1866 he removed to Derby, which city, as has been said, is still his home. Here, too, his life for many years was one of hard and constant toil. In 1887 he entered the employ of Mr. Thomas Finn, an undertaker, and in 1891 embarked in the same line of business for himself, having as a partner Peter Reilly, and the firm name being Colwell & Reilly. The partnership was dissolved after three years, and since 1894 Mr. Colwell has carried on the business alone. Under his judicious management it has prospered greatly, and he is now reaping the well earned reward of a life of patient industry and unflinching integrity.

In 1873 Mr. Colwell was married to Miss Mary Ann Kelledy, of Derby, whose father, Matthew Kelledy, was born in Ireland. His married life lasted but twelve years, Mrs. Colwell dying in 1885. Of their union there are three children living. Henry, Joseph and Mary. Mr. Colwell is a Democrat in politics, and in religious faith a Catholic, being a communicant at St. Mary's Church. For thirty years he has been a member of the Storm Hose Company, of Derby, and has risen from the ranks to hold the position of chief engineer. He is of a genial, generous nature, and social in his proclivities and mode of life, and is an influential and honored member of various societies. Among these organizations are the Knights of Columbus (of which order he is a past master), the Foresters of America, the Knights of Maccabees, and the Catholic Benevolent Legion of America.

MRS. CLARA A. BOND, of Woodbridge, belongs to an old and honored New Haven county family, which was founded here by one Richard Sperry, who came from England about 1660. Her paternal great-grandfather, Ebenezer Sperry, was a native of Woodbridge, born July 27, 1773, on what is known as the Sperry farm and is still owned by the Sperry family. The house standing thereon was built when he was a child of five years. He wedded Mary Newton Booth, also a native of Woodbridge and a daughter of Walter and Mary (Newton) Booth. He died Oct. 26, 1855, and she departed this life Feb. 2, 1865, at the age of eighty-two years. They had two children, of whom Calvin, the grandfather of our subject, was the youngest. Eunice married Edward Hine, of Woodbridge,

and to them were born three children: Catherine Mary, who wedded the late Riley Peck, of New Haven, and died Nov. 5, 1901, aged seventy-four years; Sarah Antoinette, widow of Birdsey Bradley, of Hamden; and Velina, wife of Lewis Hitchcock, of Woodbridge.

Calvin Sperry was born on the old homestead, in December, 1807, and there spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits. In addition to general farming he was also engaged in the milk business for a time, and in his undertakings met with fair success. He was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and was a consistent member of the Congregational Church of Woodbridge. After an honorable and useful career, he died May 28, 1871, in his sixty-fourth year. He was three times married, his first wife being Sarah A. Carrington, daughter of Liverus and Lowly Carrington. She died Jan. 23, 1853, at the age of forty-four years, and he next married Cynthia Riggs, by whom he had one daughter, Eleanor, now deceased. The third wife was Parentha Baldwin. There were three children by the first marriage, namely: Elizur L., father of our subject; Almira E., now Mrs. George Turner, of Woodbridge; and Sarah Angelina, who died April 19, 1849, at the age of ten years.

Elizur L. Sperry was born Feb. 5, 1831, on the old homestead in the town of Woodbridge, where Mrs. Bond now lives, and he was given the best educational advantages, being a graduate of Yale. On Jan. 16, 1856, he was married in Dudley, Mass., to Miss Sarah Loretta Williams, who was born April 10, 1831, and soon after his marriage he moved to Vandalia, Ill., where he was engaged in farming for several years—an occupation he thoroughly understood, having been trained to it on the home farm. From Illinois, he returned to Woodbridge, and here engaged in general farming. In 1890 he visited a son in Florida, and being pleased with the climate and State, he decided to make it his winter home. Accordingly, the following year he bought an orange grove of twenty-five acres, and spent the great part of the time in Florida until his death Aug. 16, 1901, at the age of seventy years. Politically he was a staunch Republican, and as one of the prominent and influential men of his community, he was called upon to fill many of the town offices, such as selectman, member of the school board, and for many years justice of the peace. In his family were four children: (1) William I., born June 16, 1857, died June 22, 1857. (2) Clara A., our subject, is mentioned below. (3) Calvin Waldo, born Oct. 20, 1863, married H. Louie Keys, and they have three children: Sarah L., born April 10, 1890; Marion K., born Aug. 28, 1892; and Carlton, born April 22, 1895. (4) Sarah Adeline, born May 6, 1867, died Dec. 26, 1884.

Mrs. Bond was born Feb. 4, 1861, and was married Aug. 15, 1883, to Charles Bond, a native of



Oxford, Mass., by whom she has two children: Herbert L., born Sept. 28, 1884; and Mabel Sperry, born July 31, 1890. Mr. Bond is an extensive and successful farmer of Woodbridge, cultivating the flats long known as the Sperry farm, and also operates a cider and sawmill. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, of progressive ideas, and is quite prominent in the community where he resides. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. EMELINE ROBERTS JONES, of New Haven, has the distinction of being the pioneer woman dentist—the first woman to open independently an office and offer her services to the public as a competent dentist.

Dr. Jones was born July 26, 1836, in Winchester, Conn., daughter of John Eno and Deborah Hungerford (Blakeslee) Roberts, and is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from honorable New England ancestry. Samuel Roberts, her earliest ancestor of that name on American soil, came from England about 1636 and settled in New Haven. His son, (II) Samuel Roberts, married Catherine ———. His son, (III) Samuel Roberts, married Sept. 22, 1691, Mary Blake. His son, (IV) Samuel Roberts, married March 22, 1716-17, Rachel Webb. His son, (V) Joel Roberts, married Esther Loomis. His son, (VI) Judah Roberts, married Mercy Eno. His son, (VII) John Eno Roberts, married Deborah Hungerford Blakeslee, and they were the parents of Dr. Emeline R. Jones.

(I) Samuel Blakeslee, Dr. Jones' first American ancestor in the maternal line, came from England in 1636. His son, (II) Samuel Blakeslee married Sarah Kimberly. His son, (III) Samuel Blakeslee, married Eleanor Lane. His son, (IV) Deacon Samuel Blakeslee, married Ruth ———. His son, (V) Deacon Samuel Blakeslee, married Lydia Woodford. His son, (VI) Deacon Samuel Blakeslee, married Silence Church. His daughter, (VII) Deborah Hungerford, married John Eno Roberts, and they became the parents of Dr. Emeline R. Jones. The Doctor is descended from William the Conqueror through the Plantagenets, in the Drake line. Five of her ancestors fought on the American side in the Revolution, and a number were prominent in the trying times dating from the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers through the Colonial period, loyal and patriotic to the core.

In 1854 Emeline Roberts was united in marriage with Dr. Daniel Albion Jones, born March 2, 1833, in Barkhamsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., son of Orville and Rhoda (Woodruff) Jones. He was descended from William Jones, a lawyer of London, England, who came to New England in 1660, in the same ship with Goffe and Whalley, the regicides, arriving in Boston July 27. It is said that his father, David Jones, was one of the judges executed by King Charles II, and William Jones is reputed to have secreted and fed the regicides a mouth in his house. From Boston he came to New Haven, where he was

an important man throughout the remainder of his life. He was magistrate of New Haven Colony from 1662 to 1664, and was re-elected annually until 1692, when he was elected deputy governor, in which incumbency he was retained until his death, in 1706. His son, (II) Nathaniel Jones, born in England, died in New Haven Aug. 21, 1691. On Oct. 7, 1684, he married Abigail Atwater. His son, (III) Theophilus Jones, born March 18, 1690, married Dec. 26, 1711, Hannah Mix. His son, (IV) Nathaniel Jones, born March 3, 1717, married June 8, 1743, Sarah Merriam. His son, (V) Benjamin Jones, born Feb. 5, 1757, at Wallingford, married Esther Woodruff. His son, (VI) Orville Jones, married Rhoda Woodruff, and they were the parents of (VII) Daniel Albion Jones, who married Emeline Roberts. Dr. Daniel A. Jones was also descended from William the Conqueror through the Plantagenets, twice in the Drake line and once in the Alsop line.

Dr. Daniel Albion Jones was a dentist of exceptional skill, and a man of ability in various lines. He was widely known and beloved outside his profession, especially as a philanthropist, and his untimely death, in 1864, deprived the profession of a worthy member, the community of a citizen who from early manhood had, in his large-hearted benevolence, the good of his fellow men at heart, and his family of a kind and loving father. Mrs. Jones had commenced the study of dentistry with her husband in 1855, and for a time received instruction from Dr. R. B. Curtis, of Winsted, Conn. Her husband had built up a large practice in Danielsonville (now Danielson), and, having assisted him until his death, she continued the establishment there successfully until 1876, in which year she moved to New Haven in order to give her son better educational opportunities. She was no less successful in her new field, and has taken high rank among the ablest members of the dental profession in Connecticut; she is a member of the State Dental Society.

Inheriting independence of thought and action, together with the New England virtues of thrift, executive ability and thoroughness, Dr. Jones has been exceptionally successful in her business career. The resolution she displayed in taking up the work her husband began is a typical characteristic of this noble woman, who has shown herself capable in other fields besides that of her life work. As the pioneer woman in her profession she enjoys a distinction not lightly reckoned in these days, when women are receiving the recognition due them for their achievements. Other women may have assisted in dental offices prior to 1855, but so far as known she is the first to open an office on her own account. To her natural mental acquisitiveness is added clear and quick perception, and a corresponding fullness of the reasoning faculties. Nor is she deficient in such social graces and qualities of affection as are needed to constitute her the best of mothers and the





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most serviceable of friends. Her active and wide-reaching benevolence has been exercised quietly, and many and timely have been her benefactions. Dr. Jones is an honored member of Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, D. A. R.

Two children were born to Daniel A. and Emeline (Roberts) Jones: Eveline, who was six years of age at the time of her father's death; and Daniel Albion, who was three and a half years old at that time. The daughter is now the wife of Frederick B. Street, a prominent business man of New Haven, and has two daughters, Emeline A., now (1901) aged sixteen, who is attending Vassar; and Grace H., aged eleven, who is a pupil in Mrs. Johnstone's private school. Mrs. Sweet is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in the work of which she has taken a very active part, and her children belong to the Children of the American Revolution, of which Emeline has served as registrar. Like her mother, Mrs. Street is an energetic woman, doing with a will whatever she undertakes, and she has a kind and lovable disposition which endears her to a large circle of friends. Well read on a very large variety of subjects, keen and observing, with the quick perceptive faculties characteristic of the family, and endowed with a ready wit, she is a most interesting conversationalist and a pleasant companion. She is also a fine musician, having taken a course in music at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Daniel Albion Jones graduated at the Yale Academic School in 1884, and studied dentistry three years with his mother before entering the Harvard Dental School, from which he received the degree of D. D. S. in 1889. In 1890 he received the degree of M. D. from Yale Medical School. At Yale he was a member of the Glee Club and for four years was on the base-ball team. He has been successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry for the past fourteen years, and is a prominent member of the State Dental Society, of which he has now been treasurer for ten years. Fraternally Dr. Jones unites with the Masons, the Yale University Club and other organizations. He is welcomed in social circles in the city for his many pleasing qualities, notably his attainments as a musician; he has received fine musical training, and has a number of pupils. Dr. Jones married Miss Emma Beadle, daughter of Joseph Blakeslee Beadle, of Montclair, New Jersey.

CHARLES A. DAVIS, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of the town of Oxford, New Haven county, has, throughout his entire business career, been identified with the agricultural interests of that town. He was born at Quaker Farms, this county, June 13, 1858, a son of Anson R. and Mary A. (Alling) Davis. The father, who followed farming throughout his life, was born in Seymour, this county, and died in Oxford, May 5, 1885, at

the age of sixty-seven years. The mother, however, is still living, at the age of eighty-one years. In their family were seven children, as follows: Mary E., wife of W. T. Andrews, of Orange, Conn.; Ellen L., wife of W. F. Osborne, of Ansonia; Laura B., wife of John M. Hubbard, of West Haven; Emma E.; Charles A.; Stella L., wife of F. A. Bailey, of Springfield, Mass.; and Eveline A.

Charles A. Davis was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, and early acquired an excellent knowledge of all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He assisted in the operation of the home farm until his father's death. Mr. Davis now owns and resides upon a place of 260 acres, known as the old Mallett homestead, which he purchased in the spring of 1899, and is quite extensively engaged in the dairy business and general farming.

On Oct. 20, 1886, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Lum, widow of H. A. Lum, and daughter of M. D. Northrop. To them has been born one child, Ralph E. Politically Mr. Davis is identified with the Republican party, and religiously he is a member of the Episcopal Church. He is one of the most enterprising and successful dairymen and farmers of Oxford, and as a citizen stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellow men. His strict integrity and honorable dealing in business commend him to the confidence of all: his pleasant manner wins him friends, and he is one of the popular and honored citizens of his community.

CHARLES O'CONNOR, prominent as a contractor and builder in Waterbury, Conn., was born in Ireland, Dec. 25, 1848, one of the two children of Timothy and Mary (Lynch) O'Connor, the other being Johanna, who died when a little girl in the old country. The mother also died in Ireland. On coming to America the father married for his second wife Johanna Kelleher, to which union were born six children, viz. Thomas, who is a laborer in Manchester, Conn.; Daniel, a fireman on a railroad in Pittsburg, Penn.; Michael, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Britain, Conn.; Timothy, employed in a mill in Manchester, Conn.; Mary and Ellen, unmarried and residing in Manchester. Timothy, the father of this family, was educated for the priesthood in Ireland, but did not follow the profession and came to America and here passed the remainder of his days.

Charles O'Connor was but a child when brought to America. His father located in Providence, R. I., and there our subject attended school until twelve years of age. He then worked on a farm for one dollar per month and board and night schooling for about three years, then returned to Providence, where he began to learn the carpenter's trade under George Brown. He worked for three years for \$90, or \$30 per year, and had a hard time of it. After finishing his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman for two years in Provi-



dence, and then went to Boston, worked one year then for nine months again in Providence, then one year in Fall River, Mass., again two years in Providence, and next for six months in Savannah, Ga., in which city he shipped for six months as carpenter on board the side wheel steamer "General Barnes," running South. He then returned to the North, and for two and a half years worked for Cheney Bros., in Hartford.

In 1875 Mr. O'Connor began business for himself at contracting and building in Manchester, Conn., where he remained about four and a half years, and then went to Denver and other places in Colorado, following his trade about fourteen months. Upon his return to Connecticut he settled in Waterbury, and has since been one of the most extensive and successful contractors and builders of the city. Among some of the more conspicuous buildings erected by him are the new almshouse at a cost of \$100,000, the new high school, \$80,000, Notre Dame \$35,000, St. Mary's school, St. Mary's convent, St. Patrick's Hall, St. Patrick's rectory, St. Thomas' Church, and many imposing stores and elegant dwellings. During all this time Mr. O'Connor has been so straightforward and upright in his transactions that he has never yet been sued, nor has he had occasion to sue any man.

Mr. O'Connor wedded Joanna O'Reiley, who was born in Ireland, but reared in the United States, and this marriage has been blessed with five children, namely: Minnie, who is a teacher in the Clay street school; Julia, deceased; Alice, who is a teacher in Washington school; Charles S., attending the high school; and Margaret, also in high school. In politics Mr. O'Connor is independent, as, being unusually intelligent, he is fully capable of judging for himself. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Independent Order of Foresters. He and family are devout members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, to the support of which they are among the most liberal contributors.

GEORGE HENRY FURMAN, superintendent of the straw hat factory at Milford, was born in that town Dec. 14, 1847, son of Henry Furman and grandson of William Furman.

The family is of English origin, and our subject's great-grandfather was one of three brothers—George, James and William—who came to America at an early day. William Furman, our subject's grandfather, may have been born in England. He became a farmer in Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y., where he died. His wife Rhoda (Thorp) was a native of North Haven, Conn., and their family comprised nine children: Henry, our subject's father, is mentioned below; James, a painter by trade, died in Milford; Charles, formerly a farmer, is now a resident of Millington, Mich.; Chauncey (deceased) was a farmer in Michigan; Lucinda married John Soden; Louisa married a Mr. Wan-

zer, of West Laurens, N. Y.; Mary became the second wife of John Soden; Emeline married Erie Tucker, of West Laurens, N. Y.; and Maria married Harvey Wing, of Morris, New York.

Henry Furman, our subject's father, was born in Morris, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1823, and removed to Milford when twenty-three years old. He married Charlotte Glenney, of Milford, who was born there June 14, 1822, and is a descendant of one of the oldest pioneer families in the State, her ancestors coming originally from England. Her grandfather, William Glenney, fought in the war of the Revolution. The homestead of her grandfather, Abraham Clark, in the western part of the town, now known as the "Wilson Home," though over two hundred years old, is habitable and in a good state of preservation. The Glenneys were sea-faring men for generations. William Glenney, her grandfather, was a sea-captain and died at sea. His sons were all sea captains, some of them in the West India trade. Captain William Glenney, Mrs. Furman's father, married Amy Clark, of Milford, and they had the following children: William, a shoemaker in Milford; Isaac D., employed in the straw hat factory in Milford; Daniel S., who died in New Haven, where he was engaged in mercantile business for many years; Maria, wife of Ralph Augur, of Pittsfield, Mass.; Charlotte, our subject's mother; Sarah, who married George Beard, of St. Louis, Mo.; and Susan, who married Henry Tibballs, of Milford. To Mr. and Mrs. Furman were born four children: George Henry, our subject; Mary F., wife of Samuel N. Oviatt, of Milford; Susan G. (deceased), who married Frank H. Woodruff, of Milford; and Sarah, wife of George W. Smith, of Milford. The father died Jan. 1, 1885, and the mother is still living.

George H. Furman was reared in his native town, acquiring a common-school education, and at the age of sixteen entered the straw hat factory then known as the N. A. Baldwin & Co.'s works. His ability soon won him promotion, and for many years he has held the position of superintendent. On May 21, 1868, he married Elizabeth Mitchell, and two children have blessed the union: (1) Henry M., born March 5, 1872, married Oct. 26, 1892, Jessie S. Smith, who died July 15, 1895. In November, 1898, he married Hannah Woodbury, of Round Pond, Me. He is now a clerk with S. N. Oviatt, of Milford. (2) Charlotte E., born June 24, 1879, is at home. The family are much esteemed socially. They are identified with the Plymouth Congregational Church, and Mr. Furman is also a member of the Order of United Workmen, Golden Hill Lodge, No. 35, A. O. U. W., of Bridgeport, and the Royal Arcanum, Volunteer Council, No. 819, of Milford. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mrs. Elizabeth Furman was born Feb. 19, 1845, in Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of Robert and Ellen (Vance) Mitchell, both natives and lifelong residents of Scotland. The family consisted of four



children, of whom Mrs. Furman was the youngest; John died in Southbury, Mass.; Robert is a baker in Dublin, Ireland; and Maggie, who was married in Scotland, died there in 1893.

ALPHONSE GENDRON was born March 28, 1846, in Vergeres, Canada. Antoine Gendron, his father, was a farmer in Canada for a number of years, and married Eliza Savaria, who bore him a family of five boys and five girls, of whom Alphonse is the only one now living.

Alphonse Gendron worked on the Canadian farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he came to Woonsocket, R. I., and secured a position in a woolen mill, where he presently became foreman, remaining there altogether for about five years. Quitting his place in Woonsocket he went to New Bedford, Mass., and for the sake of an out-of-door life, became a carpenter, working at the trade for about three years. For about a year and a half, at New Britain, Conn., he was in the employ of John Pinches. At Meriden he was a grocer for thirteen years, and then, selling his store, he resumed his trade, working for wages two years, and then doing a contracting and building business for three years. At the expiration of this time, Mr. Gendron came to Wallingford, where, since October, 1896, he has been extensively engaged in contracting and building, and is well known as a man of industry and integrity. Among his construction operations are several fine residences, and it was his business push and enterprise that opened up Randolph Avenue, and Orchard Street south of Ward Street, as well as Kelley Street.

Mr. Gendron is a member of Holy Trinity Church in Wallingford. Independent in politics, he seeks to bring the best men and the most desirable measures together. Doing his own thinking, and well informed as to the political issues of the day, he decides for himself as reason and good sense may seem to dictate.

On July 29, 1872, Mr. Gendron was married to Miss Louisa Pager, of Canada, and to them were born the following children: Alicia Marie, born June 15, 1880, in New Britain; Alveric, born Sept. 4, 1886, in Meriden; Cora, born Jan. 1, 1889, in Meriden; and Umalda, born July 8, 1891, in Meriden. Seven other children died when young. Mr. Gendron built a fine home for his family on South Orchard Street in 1898.

CHARLES BROOKSBY SANDERSON, proprietor of the up-to-date meat and provision store at the corner of North Main and Grove Streets, Waterbury, was born in Ephratah, Fulton county, N. Y., April 26, 1855.

John Sanderson, grandfather of Charles B., was an Episcopal clergyman in England. By his marriage he became the father of nine children, all of whom were conspicuous in various professions.

George A. Sanderson, the father of subject,

was born at Darfield, England, Oct. 9, 1809, and was the only member of his family to come to America. He had a good college education and was possessed of considerable cash. He first located in Albany, N. Y., where he conducted a hotel five years, and then removed to Ephratah, where he operated a tannery twenty years. He married Margaret Brooksby, who was born in Scotland, Nov. 5, 1825, and was about ten years of age when brought to America by her parents. Her father, James Brooksby, was a nurseryman, and was associated with a Mr. Wilson, who introduced the famous Wilson strawberry to the epicurean world. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, eight reached, or nearly reached, maturity, as follows: Jane married to D. W. Duesler, of Ephratah; William died when sixteen years old; Aymour R. is a merchant in Providence, R. I.; Charles B. is the subject of this sketch; Wilson A. is a contractor in Ephratah; Luella M. married to Peter I. Saltsman, of Waterbury, Conn.; Carrie W. is the wife of Charles L. Rogers, also of Waterbury; and Henry B. is the proprietor of the Valley View Meat Market, Waterbury.

Charles B. Sanderson attended school in Ephratah until fifteen years of age, and then passed three years with his grandmother in Hudson, N. Y.; he then returned to Ephratah, and remained until twenty-one years old, when he went thence to Woonsocket, R. I., and clerked in a gents' furnishing store. In 1876 he came to Waterbury, Conn., but in 1878 returned to Woonsocket, where in connection with his brother, A. R., he bought the store in which he had formerly clerked. Returning to Waterbury, Mr. Sanderson opened his present meat and provision store in 1881, and he is enjoying a most lucrative trade in his line of business.

On Sept. 29, 1882, Mr. Sanderson was married to Miss Nettie L. Bronson, a daughter of O. H. Bronson, of Waterbury, and this marriage was graced with two children, Harry B. and Nettie B. Mr. Sanderson was bereft of his wife July 27, 1885. On Nov. 23, 1893, he married Miss Rachel Bush Wright, daughter of George A. and Nancy (Bush) Wright, the former a native of Winsted, Conn., where his ancestors have lived for several generations (the family is of English origin, and early settled in Connecticut). Mrs. Nancy (Bush) Wright traces her ancestry through her mother, Cornelia (Depew) Bush (who was born in Fallsburg, Sullivan Co., N. Y.) in a direct line to Gen. Hardenburg, who was the owner of thousands of acres of land, known as the Hardenburg Patent, in Sullivan county, N. Y. This land was granted him by Queen Anne for distinguished service in her army. Gen. Hardenburg took possession of this land in the early part of the eighteenth century, and his descendants still live there.

Mr. Sanderson is thoroughly Republican in his political sentiments, but takes no part in party affairs, and although he keeps his dues paid up as



a member of the I. O. O. F., the Red Men, the Good Fellows, the Heptasophs and other fraternities, he does not attend their meetings. In business he is a "hustler," and his interest in this, coupled with his devotion to his family, constitutes the chief joy of his life.

ROBERT McCORMACK, proprietor of a coal and wood yard, Waterbury, is a native of Ireland, born March 15, 1840, in County Longford.

James McCormack, father of our subject, was a farmer in Ireland, where he passed his entire life, dying in 1855; his wife Ann (Cook) also died there, in 1892. They had a family of nine children: John is a farmer in the town of Wolcott, New Haven county; William, deceased, was a farmer in Ireland; Bessie is the widow of Thomas Elliot, a farmer in Ireland; James, deceased, was a farmer in Ireland; Ann is the widow of John Hall, who was a farmer in Ireland; Robert is the subject of this sketch; Jane is the deceased wife of John Gibson, a minister in Minnesota; Samuel is living retired in Waterbury; Mary married William Scott, and they make their home in Ireland.

Robert McCormack received his education in Ireland, at the same time assisting his parents on the farm. At the age of eighteen years he emigrated from his native Erin to the United States, landing at New York, in which city he made his home some eight years, working in shipyards two years, afterward for the American Tract Society some six years, and then came to Waterbury, where he has ever since resided. Here he first, for a short time, worked for the Scovill Mfg. Co., later for Holmes, Booth & Haydens, after which he returned to the Scovill Mfg. Co., for four years, where he worked at Japanning, and then engaged in the Japan business on North Main Street, in which he remained until 1898, in that year embarking in his present coal and wood business.

On October 6, 1881, Mr. McCormack was married to Fannie Bridgeman, who was born in Cheshire, New Haven county, a daughter of Samuel Butler, an old settler in Connecticut. Three children have graced this union: Fannie, Grace and Samuel. Mr. and Mrs. McCormack are members of the M. E. Church; in politics he is a Republican.

ELMER F. CULVER. It is now more than a hundred years since the family to which this well-known citizen belongs became identified with New Haven county, and its various members have won for the name an enviable distinction by their intelligence and worth. This high reputation is in no ways diminished in this generation, and our subject, who is counted among the leading agriculturists of East Haven, displays in a marked degree the admirable characteristics which the name suggests.

Mr. Culver was born on the farm where he now

resides, Jan. 12, 1861, and is a descendant of Joshua Culver, one of the first planters of Wallingford. His son, Samuel Culver, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of that town. The father, Isaac Culver, was born in North Haven, Jan. 23, 1820, and continued his residence there until 1854, when he moved to the farm in New Haven where our subject now resides. Here he was engaged in the manufacture of bricks until 1866, and then followed farming and fruit growing, meeting with excellent success in all his undertakings. He was an active member of the Congregational Church, and a very strong Democrat in politics. He died March 26, 1889, honored and respected by all who knew him. On Oct. 28, 1853, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Forbes, who was born in East Haven, in 1828, and they had two children: Elmer F., our subject; and one who died in infancy.

Elmer F. Culver acquired a good practical education in the Woolsey Graded School and Hillhouse High School of New Haven, and graduated from Yale Business College in 1879, and also graduated from Cogswell School of Phonography in 1882. He obtained a thorough knowledge of every department of farm work, and has never left the parental roof. Since reaching manhood he has successfully engaged in the dairy, fruit growing and nursery business on the old homestead. For the last two years Mr. Culver has been erecting houses on the old farm, and has sold one house and two building lots therefrom. With the trolley cars, city water and gas mains passing the place, this land has rapidly risen in value. At one time Mr. Culver was connected with the firm known as the Demme, Culver & Co., manufacturers of saddlery hardware, but eleven years ago they sold out to the Suffolk Co., of Boston, Mass. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On Feb. 6, 1887, Mr. Culver was united in marriage with Miss Alice J. Clark, a daughter of Capt. John Clark, of Milford, Conn., and to them have been born five children, namely: Harold; Albert F.; Roy J., deceased; Olive J.; and Paul Elmer.

GEORGE A. BOUGHTON, retired factory superintendent, and also a retired musician of the volunteer and regular military service during the Civil war, was born Nov. 7, 1835, in Waterbury, New Haven county, and is still a resident of the town.

Jonas Boughton, his grandfather, came from Norwalk. When a young man he was bound out to a blacksmith, and learned the trade, which he followed for a time, later in life changing his vocation to that of a farmer. He married Lydia Hine, from the town of Orange, New Haven county, and the young couple at once settled on a farm where Derby now stands, but later removed to one in the western part of the town of Waterbury. To their marriage were born nine children, two of whom died young, the survivors being Charles, who was







*Geo. A. Boughton*



a farmer in Middlebury; Jonas, who went to Ohio and there died; Isaac, of whom further mention will be made; George, who was also a farmer in Ohio; John, who followed blacksmithing in Woodbury, Conn.; Lydia, who married Lewis Smith, of Milford; and Louisa, who wedded William Orton, of Wallingford, and later moved West.

Isaac Boughton was born in Waterbury in 1808, and died in 1891. He was reared to farming but for years was employed in the Benedict & Burham button factory, and also for others; however, the failure of his health induced him to resume farming to some extent. He married Caroline Upson, a daughter of Obed and Sibyl (Howe) Upson, of Waterbury, and this union was blessed with five children, of whom George A., the subject of this sketch, is the eldest; Susan A. is the widow of Robert Pryor. Henry I. is foreman on the road at Waterbury, under the selectmen; Isabelle is the wife of H. S. Peck, of Waterbury; Caroline E. is unmarried.

George A. Boughton was educated in the local schools of Waterbury, after which he worked in various factories with his father, commanding good wages when seventeen years of age. He continued thus until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted, in the 1st Conn. V. I., and went to the front, taking part in the battle of Bull Run. He was next detailed as musician, and at the expiration of his first short term of service enlisted as musician in the 14th United States Regular Infantry, was appointed sergeant of the band, and as such served all through the war, and also after its termination, for about two and a half years on the Pacific coast. Returning home, he served as chief of police for six months, and next became superintendent for Barnard, Son & Co., a position his executive ability retained for him twelve years, since when he has been living in retirement, looking after his real estate.

In politics Mr. Boughton is a Republican, and is now serving his sixth term as selectman, and he has been a member of the board of public works. He is a member of Wadhams Post, G. A. R., and the Knights of Pythias. Religiously he was reared a Congregationalist. Socially, as a genial, charitable gentleman, he is held in the highest esteem wherever known. He is unmarried.

**WILLIAM B. HALL** was born May 13, 1854, in the same house in which he is now living, in Wallingford, son of Horace Hall, who was born May 25, 1804, in Wallingford, and was a jeweler by trade.

For a number of years Horace Hall conducted a store in that city, and the latter part of his life was spent in farming. A Democrat, he never took a particularly active interest in politics, though he served as tax collector a number of years. He was an Episcopalian in religion. A zealous Freemason, and an energetic man, he was one of those who were instrumental in reviving the Masonic fratern-

ity in Wallingford after it had been abandoned a number of years. On Sept. 29, 1825, he married Miss Euretta Johnson, and on July 2, 1848, he married for his second wife Miss Ann L. Buell. A daughter of Luther Buell, she was born July 31, 1816, and died Jan. 20, 1898. Horace Hall died June 18, 1877. To the first union were born the following children: Horatio G. died March 14, 1874, having been shot by an insane man. Emily J. married Henry M. Jones, of Meriden. Lana O. married O. B. Warner, of Meriden. Mary U. married George H. Newton, and died Aug. 17, 1877. Abbey E. married W. W. Pinks, of New Britain. Two children died in infancy. To the second marriage was born one child, William B., whose career forms the subject of this writing.

Horatio Gates Hall, the grandfather of William B., was born Jan. 17, 1778, in Wallingford, and was married to Miss Polly Byington, of Branford, in 1798. Mrs. Hall died April 12, 1852, Mr. Hall on Oct. 30, 1819. Their children were: Augustus, Lyman, Horace, Mary, Josiah H. and Abigail.

Caleb Hall, father of Horatio G., was born Aug. 29, 1731, and died Sept. 21, 1783. He married Prudence Holt, and was the father of the following children: Caleb, Jr., Augustus, Abigail, Eunice, Benjamin H., Damaris, Horatio G. and George.

Caleb Hall, Sr., the father of Caleb Hall, Jr., was born Sept. 14, 1697, and died July 27, 1749. He married Damaris Atwater, and their children were: Damaris, Stephen, Timothy, Ruth, Caleb, Jeremiah and Lydia.

John Hall, father of Caleb, Sr., was born Dec. 23, 1670, and died April 29, 1730. He married Mary Lyman, and their children were: John, Samuel, Caleb, Eunice, Nancy, Benjamin, Sarah, Eliakim and Elihu.

Samuel Hall, father of John, was born May 21, 1648, and died March 5, 1725. He married Hannah Walker, and was the father of the following children: John, Hannah, Sarah, Samuel, Theophilus and Elizabeth. John Hall, his father, was the emigrant ancestor of the family.

William B. Hall was born in Wallingford, and grew up in his native village, securing his education from the public schools, and at the Yale Business College, New Haven. Leaving school at the age of seventeen, he clerked for Philip J. Talcott, in his dry-goods store, for a year or more, and was then a clerk in the postoffice for several years. As assistant postmaster, under L. M. Hubbard, he had an extensive experience in the administration of postal affairs, which was put to good account when he was appointed postmaster under the first administration of Grover Cleveland. Mr. Hall was postmaster five years, and then went to Northampton, Mass., where he was engaged for a time as a representative of the Quinipiac Fertilizer Co. Coming back to Wallingford, he secured a position with the R. Wallace & Sons Manufacturing Co., where he was bookkeeper for five years, in 1895 becoming their



purchasing agent, which position he is holding at the present time.

William B. Hall is a Democrat, and has served on the Democratic town committee for several years, and was chairman for one year. He has served as borough and town treasurer some three years. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he has taken much interest in the workings of that society, and has been master of Compass Lodge, No. 9, at Wallingford, for five years, holding that office at present; he is also one of the trustees of the lodge. As a member of the board of managers of the Masonic home since its establishment, in 1894, he has rendered that institution vast service. In religion he is associated with St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Hall was married, Sept. 17, 1878, to Miss Arabella Bates, who was born in New Haven, a daughter of William Bates. On July 29, 1896, Mr. Hall married for his second wife Miss Ella M. Lacore, of Northampton, Mass., daughter of Solomon Lacore. To the first marriage came three children: Annie Bates, born June 25, 1879; Clara Elizabeth, born Sept. 27, 1882; and Horace W., born April 29, 1885. Mina Ella, born July 8, 1897, is the only child of the second marriage.

WILLIAM L. WARD, prominent in the business circles of Seymour, was born in the town of Naugatuck, New Haven county, Oct. 31, 1858, and comes of good old English ancestry.

The Arms of the Wards, Gorleston, County of Suffolk, England, granted in 1593, were: Az., a cross between four eagles, displayed Ar. Crest: On a mount vert a hind couchant, Ar. Andrew Ward, fifth son of Richard Ward, of Gorleston, County of Suffolk, England, came to America about 1632. He was appointed by the General Court of Massachusetts, with Roger Ludlow and six others, to govern the Colony of Connecticut for one year. He was one of the first judges in the first legislative body in Connecticut, which met at Hartford April 26, 1636, soon after removing to New Haven, and for several years was a member of the General Court. He afterward settled in Fairfield, and was one of the most influential men of that place. He died in 1663, Esther Ward, his widow, in 1665. Their children were: Edmund lived in Westchester, N. Y.; William (Dr.), born 1645, was killed in the Narragansett war; Mary married John Burr, of Fairfield; Andrew, born in 1647, died in Killingworth in 1691; Samuel, born in 1649, died before 1693; Abigail; Anna married Caleb Nichols; John; Sarah married Nathaniel Burr.

Andrew Ward (2), son of Andrew and Esther Ward, settled in Killingworth in 1668. He married Trial Meigs, daughter of John Meigs, of Guilford, and their children were: Andrew (3), born in 1669 (died in August, 1756); John, March 16, 1671; Abigail, Sept. 15, 1672; Sarah, Nov. 15, 1674; Peter, Oct. 14, 1676; William, Oct. 18, 1678

(died Dec. 14, 1769); Samuel Sept. 24, 1680 (died in 1681); Esther, May 2, 1684 (died the next month); and Mary Ann (the youngest in the family), who was an ancestor of Henry Ward Beecher.

William Ward, son of Andrew (2) and Trial Ward, married Lettis, daughter of John Beach, of Wallingford, and resided in Wallingford. Their children were: Meeock, born July 17, 1702; William, Jan. 7, 1705; Mary (date unknown); Amy, 1707; Ambrose, March 6, 1709; Lettis, July 7, 1711; John, 1714; Royal, June 20, 1716; Archibald, July 5, 1718; Zenas, Sept. 17, 1720 (settled in Woodbury); Titus, April 27, 1723.

John Ward, son of William and Lettis Ward, married Elizabeth Abernathy May 11, 1736. He was a druggist, and lived in Wallingford. Their children were: Thilus, born April 24, 1737, enlisted Nov. 14, 1781, in Capt. Vial's Company of Guards, stationed at Guilford for the defense of the sea coast; Abel, born July 1, 1740, lived in Woodbridge, and died Nov. 20, 1759; Titus was born March 18, 1742; Martha was born July 17, 1746; John, born May 24, 1748, died in infancy; and John (2) was born Nov. 19, 1751.

Titus Ward, son of John and Elizabeth Ward, married Amy Smith Jan. 7, 1763. He died near New York City, and his property was on a vessel which was captured by the British in the Revolutionary war. His children were: Silva, born Aug. 8, 1764, married Isaac Plumb, of Milford; Abel was born May 24, 1766; Titus, born March 30, 1768, married Sarah Smith, of Milford; Betsey, born March 22, 1770, married Samuel Beach, of Milford; Nancy was born June 10, 1773; John, born May 13, 1774, died young; Sarah, born May 26, 1776, married Elijah Prindle; William, born Jan. 5, 1780, died young; and Statica, born July 16, 1782, married Billions Wright.

Abel Ward, son of Titus and Amy Ward, married Rachel Hotchkiss, of Woodbridge, in what is now Bethany. She died in 1787, and for his second wife he married Anna Wheeler. He had two children: Richard, born Sept. 21, 1787, died in Naugatuck, March 2, 1851; Rachel, born Jan. 23, 1792, married Jervis Sommers, and two of their children, Jervis and Mary, are now living in Southford.

Richard Ward, son of Abel and Rachel Ward, married Dec. 15, 1811, Roxanna, daughter of Culpepper Hoadly (a soldier of the Revolution) and his wife Molly Lewis, of Salem Bridge (now Naugatuck). Mrs. Ward died Feb. 6, 1865. Their children were: Lewis, born Sept. 27, 1812; Lawren, born Dec. 27, 1814; Maria, born Feb. 11, 1819, who married Ralph Smith, of Bridgeport; Mary, born Feb. 17, 1823, who married Ganan Potter, and died Aug. 2, 1842; and William, born March 7, 1825, who married Elizabeth A. Hine, and resided in Naugatuck.

Lewis Ward, son of Richard and Roxanna Ward, was married April 9, 1835, to Mary Ann Curtis, of Huntington, who was born April 15,



1812, and died Dec. 12, 1895, aged eighty-three years and seven months. Their son, James B., was born Oct. 8, 1836, in Naugatuck, and was the father of the subject proper of this sketch.

James B. Ward was a carpenter by trade. He married Jane E. Hotchkiss, a daughter of Eber and Thurza Hotchkiss, of Bethany, and had two children, both sons: William L., our subject; and Elmer J., born Feb. 21, 1863, who is with the G. I. R. Glove Co., at Naugatuck. The father of these died in December, 1862, when a young man. He was a Republican in politics. He attended the Congregational Church.

William L. Ward, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education at the winter schools of Naugatuck, and early in life commenced earning a livelihood, as he was but four years old when his father died. His first employment was with the G. I. R. Glove Co., with which he remained twelve years; then for nine years he was in the employ of F. W. Tolles, furniture dealer and undertaker, also in Naugatuck. On Aug. 1, 1898, he removed to Seymour and bought out E. F. Bassett, who had been in the furniture and undertaking business there some forty-two years. Mr. Ward was the prime mover in the establishment of the Valley National Bank, of Seymour, which was organized June 14, 1900, and of which he has since been president. Our subject is now serving as treasurer of the town of Seymour.

On July 10, 1898, William L. Ward was united in marriage with Lulu L. Tolles, daughter of Isaac B. and Maria W. Tolles, the former of whom was born in Bethany, the latter in Middlebury, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Ward attend the services of the Congregational Church. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., belonging to Morning Star Lodge, No. 47, Allerton Chapter, of Naugatuck, and the New Haven Commandery. He is also affiliated with the I. O. O. F., Mechanics Lodge, Seymour. Mr. Ward's political support is given to the Republican party.

**JOHN J. McLARNEY.** Among the self-made business men whose intelligence and enterprise have helped to develop the thriving little city of Ansonia, the subject of this sketch holds a prominent place, and the following brief account of his career will be of interest. He was born in that city, May 17, 1851, and is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from the Irish race which has furnished so many valued citizens to America.

John McLarney, his grandfather, passed his life in Ireland as a farmer, dying at the age of eighty-seven years, and his wife, Catherine Cook, also a native of Ireland, attained the age of ninety-six years. In religion they were devout Catholics, and their descendants adhere to the same faith. They had a large family of children, of whom but few are now living.

Patrick McLarney, our subject's father, was

born and reared in Acklemore Parish, County Cavan, Ireland, and learned the shoemaker's trade in his youth. On coming to America he entered the employ of Mr. McWilliams, a railroad contractor for whom he made shoes and harness, and in 1848 he went to Ansonia to work for Harvey Reamer, for whom he made the first pair of "pegged" boots ever finished in the town. Later he was employed by Wallace & Sons, and the A. B. C. Co., but for a few years before his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-six, he lived in retirement. His wife, Mary McIntyre, also lived to the age of seventy-six, was a native of Scotland, and one of the two daughters of Thomas McIntyre, a farmer, who died aged seventy-six. Her mother, whose maiden name was Alice Gillis, died aged seventy-one. Our subject was one of a family of seven children and is the oldest of the three now living; Hugh resides in New Haven, and James in Ansonia.

The early years of John J. McLarney were spent within sight of Ansonia, and his education was secured in the public schools of that city. Together with his brothers he learned the trade of clock-maker, which he followed for a number of years, and he then learned the horseshoers' trade and worked for a time as a journeyman in that business. Later he joined in the firm of Terry & McLarney, and engaged in the manufacture of carts and business wagons at the corner of Canal and Bridge streets, making a specialty of heavy business wagons. On retiring from this business in 1896, our subject spent some time in repairing his houses, of which he owns several, and then took a position as a journeyman horseshoer. The death of his brother, Thomas F., on May 22, 1898, led to his taking charge of the undertaking establishment left by the deceased, and in this venture he has met with success, his knowledge of the business having been first gained while working as a journeyman. He graduated from the Massachusetts College of Embalming in September, 1899. He also conducts a livery stable at No. 30 Green Street, keeping a number of horses and a fine line of hacks, coaches and carriages ready for any call. In politics he is a Democrat, and he served as constable and grand juror when the town included Derby. He is an active member of the Young Men's Temperance Association, having served as its vice-president, treasurer and secretary, and he is also connected with the Catholic Legion, in which he is now trustee, the Mutual Reserve of New York City, an insurance association, and the Hartford Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, and the Royal Arcanum.

On April 25, 1888, he married Miss Ellen E. Coleman, and four children have blessed this union, of whom two are living: John J. and Alice E. Mrs. McLarney is a native of Ansonia, and a daughter of James and Bridget (Mulligan) Coleman. Her father, now deceased, was a well known agriculturist and prominent citizen, whose influence





was recognized in church and township affairs. Mrs. McLarney was educated in the public schools of Derby, and is a graduate of the Derby High School. On leaving the high school she began teaching, continuing fourteen years, and in this work she was very successful; for three years previous to her marriage she was principal of the Factory street school in Ansonia. Both Mr. and Mrs. McLarney are highly esteemed socially, and are leading members of the Catholic Church of Ansonia.

**EDWARD WALTER LEETE.** The Leete family in Connecticut was established here more than two hundred and fifty years ago by Gov. Leete, an old-time worthy and an important figure in early Colonial affairs, who came to America with the Henry Whitfield expedition.

Gov. William Leete was born in 1612 in Doddington, England. Thomas Leete, his grandfather, married Maria Slade, and their son John Leete married Ann Shute; William Leete, who afterward played such a prominent part in the Colonies, was their son. William Leete was bred a lawyer, and was clerk of the Bishops' Court at Cambridge, where the oppression of the Puritans turned him to a study of their tenets and finally led him to the adoption of their faith. He arrived in Connecticut July 10, 1639, and he was one of six selected to purchase from the Indians the land wanted for a new settlement. A tract of 250 acres, three miles from Guilford, now known as Leete's Island, came to him. He took a leading part in the development of the rising Colony and was one of its most trusted members. In 1658 he was made deputy governor of New Haven Colony, and in 1661 was made governor, holding this office until its union with the Colony of Connecticut. He was deputy governor of Connecticut from 1669 to 1676, when he was chosen governor, and served in that capacity until his death, in 1683, in Hartford. Gov. Leete was married in England, in 1638, to Anna Paine, who died Sept. 1, 1668. On April 7, 1670, he married Mrs. Sarah Rutherford, who died Feb. 10, 1673. His third wife, Mary, had also been married twice before, to Gov. Francis Newman and Rev. Nicholas Street, respectively. She died in 1683. Gov. Leete was the father of nine children.

John Leete, eldest son of the Governor, was born in 1639, in Guilford, and is said to have been the first white child born in that town. In 1670 he married Mary, daughter of William and Joanna (Sheafe) Chittenden. To this union were born eight children. Mrs. Leete was born in 1647, and died March 9, 1712. John Leete died Nov. 25, 1692.

Pelatah Leete, fifth child of John, was born March 26, 1681, and on July 1, 1705, married Abigail, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Fowler. They became the parents of five children. Mrs. Leete died Oct. 22, 1799. Soon after their marriage they moved to Leete's Island, which after-

ward became a flourishing settlement. Some of the land allotted to Gov. Leete after the purchase of the property from the Indians has never been held by any but those of the family name. On these ancestral acres seven generations of Leetes have resided, engaged as farmers. Deacon Pelatah Leete was a successful farmer, and did "not consider a hundred bushels of shelled corn to the acre more than an average yield." He had a hundred cattle. In 1705 he erected a large house, on a commanding spot overlooking the Sound, in which he lived until his death, Oct. 13, 1768. This house sheltered several generations of the family. Pelatah Leete was a deacon in the Fourth Church of Guilford. He served as a representative of the town in the General Court.

Deacon Daniel Leete, eldest son of Deacon Pelatah, was born Oct. 14, 1709, was a farmer and stock raiser, and died on his farm Oct. 1, 1772. He was a deacon in the Fourth Church of Guilford. On June 14, 1738, he married Rhoda Stone, who was born Nov. 2, 1719, daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Meigs) Stone, of Guilford, and died Dec. 23, 1769. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leete are buried in the old cemetery on Guilford Green. They had five children. Daniel Leete's home stood where Calvin M. Leete's house now stands, and was noted during the Revolution.

Deacon Ambrose Leete, the third son of Deacon Daniel, was born Jan. 19, 1748. He was a deacon in the Fourth Church, to which office he was chosen in 1786, and also held the same office in the First Church, having been chosen in 1801. On Nov. 10, 1773, he married Miranda, a daughter of William and Rachel (White) Chittenden, and they became the parents of five children. Ambrose Leete died Feb. 14, 1809. His widow survived until Sept. 16, 1838. Mr. and Mrs. Leete were buried in the then new cemetery at Leete's Island.

Miner Leete, the third child of Ambrose, was born June 30, 1779, on the farm where he spent his life, dying at the early age of forty-seven years, Nov. 7, 1826. On Nov. 17, 1807, he married Lucinda Norton, who was born Nov. 18, 1780, in Guilford, a daughter of Col. Rufus and Hannah (Cook) Norton. She died Aug. 28, 1848, and was buried in the family cemetery. They had five children: (1) Edward Lorenzo is mentioned below. (2) Rufus Norton was the second of the family. (3) Theodore Adgate, who died April 28, 1886, graduated from Yale College and the Theological Department. He married Mary C. White, of Longmeadow, Mass., and had three children, Ella Louise, Rev. William White and Theodore Woolsey. (4) Calvin Miner married Lucy Maria Leete. (5) Louisa Maria died, unmarried, July 29, 1855.

Edward Lorenzo Leete was born June 28, 1810, at Leete's Island, in the town of Guilford. He attended the district school but little, being largely self-educated, and was an unusually well-informed man. For more than thirty years he was accustomed





*E. Walter Seete*



to teach school during the winter season, working his farm during the summer. Always deeply interested in educational matters, and public-spirited in every way, he was regarded in his time as one of the most useful citizens of the town, awake to all matters of local importance. In public life he was active and conspicuous, both for his unswerving honor and conspicuous ability. In 1854 he represented the town in the State Legislature, to which he was again elected in 1865. In politics he was originally a Whig, later becoming a Republican. In church matters Mr. Leete was a leader, and on Nov. 14, 1852, was elected a deacon of the First Congregational Church, serving in that capacity for almost thirty-two years. Mr. Leete built a substantial house on the old Leete homestead, where he made many other improvements. There he spent most of his life, dying May 3, 1884, and was buried in Leete's Island cemetery. He was especially interested in the preparation of a genealogy of the Leete family, which has been published since his death, and is now in the libraries of the state.

Edward Lorenzo Leete was married, in North Guilford, April 29, 1833, to Sylvia Fowler, daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Chittenden) Fowler, and they had two children: Edward Walter, mentioned below; and Lucy Louisa. The latter married Dwight Rogers, of Cornwall, Conn., and became the mother of five children: Dwight Leete, Nellie Lucretia, Harriet Fowler, Miner Pratt and Sylvia Abbie. Mrs. Sylvia Leete died on the home farm Nov. 13, 1895, and was buried in Leete's Island cemetery. She was a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Leete was trustee for a number of years of the Guilford Institute.

Edward Walter Leete was born on the home place May 28, 1834, and attended the district school, a private school in Windsor, Conn., and the Normal School at New Britain. For six years he taught school during the winter season in Guilford. As he was the only son the care of the farm and the support of the aged parents naturally fell to him. Mr. Leete is engaged in general farming and stock raising.

On Oct. 10, 1861, our subject married Harriet Rogers, of Cornwall, a daughter of Daniel Leete and Harriet (Pratt) Rogers, and a granddaughter of Noah and Lydia (Cornwall) Rogers and of Miner Pratt. They are the parents of five children: (1) Abbie Louisa, born Oct. 20, 1862, was married June 10, 1896, becoming the second wife of Edward E. Griswold, of Clapboard Hill, Guilford. They have two children—Harriet Rogers, born Jan. 15, 1899, and John Leete, born April 30, 1901. (2) Edward Rogers, born Dec. 17, 1864, was educated in the district school, Guilford Institute and Yale Business College, taught school, and was connected with the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Hartford. He died Dec. 6, 1891, and was buried in the Leete's Island cemetery. (3) William Smith, born Oct. 22, 1867, married Angeline Brewer, daughter of Alvah

G. and H. Alice (Palmer) Brewer, of Guilford, and is living on the family homestead. (4) Sarah Talcott, born Oct. 25, 1871, died Oct. 25, 1891, and was buried in Leete's Island cemetery. She was a graduate of the Guilford Institute. (5) Walter, born July 15, 1874, died in infancy.

Mr. Leete was elected deacon of the First Congregational Church in Guilford, Nov. 25, 1883, and is still acting in that capacity. From his youth he has been connected in different capacities with the Sunday-school of that church. In politics he is a Republican. For twelve years or more he has been a member of the school board, and he has also held the offices of assessor, tax collector and justice of the peace. In 1884 he was elected trustee of the Guilford Institute. He is a trustee of the Guilford Savings Bank, and a stockholder and director of the National Bank, which he helped to organize. Mr. Leete, as conservator, appraiser, or administrator, has been connected with numerous estates.

ELISAPH H. BUTLER, president of the Guilford Savings Bank, and dealer in general hardware, stoves, tinware, etc., Guilford, is a native of Connecticut, born June 27, 1848, in Norfolk, Litchfield county.

Mr. Butler is a descendant of one of the old settlers of Connecticut. Elisaph Butler, his grandfather, was born in North Branford (known as Northford), where he followed farming pursuits and was a land owner of prominence. From there he moved to Norfolk, Litchfield county, where he passed the rest of his days.

Levi Butler, father of Elisaph H., was born in 1820, in Northford, town of Brantford, moved with his father to Norfolk, and there followed farming until 1854, in which year he moved with his family to Guilford, and bought a farm near Leete Island, where he continued to live up to his death, in 1873. In politics he was a Whig, later a Republican, and he was a member of the Advent Church. Levi Butler married (first) Clarissa Roberts, of Colebrook, Conn. His second marriage was to Clarinda E. Sanford, who was born in Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., daughter of Lyman Sanford, and six children were born to them: Elisaph H., our subject; Frederick, a farmer of Leete Island, Guilford, Conn.; Clara, wife of Robert Bartholomew, of Branford; Fanny, who died in young womanhood; Mary, deceased; and Anna, deceased. The mother of these children is yet living, and in the enjoyment of excellent health.

Elisaph H. Butler was a six-year-old lad when he came to Guilford, and here, on Leete Island, he attended the district school, and grew up on the home farm, remaining there until he was twenty years old, at which time he removed to Meriden. In that city he worked in a screw factory for a short time, and then, returning to Guilford, secured a position in Griswold & Co.'s grocery store, where he remained some eighteen months. In 1870 he



and S. Robinson bought out Chester Beckley's hardware store, and conducted the same under the name of S. Robinson & Co. In 1888 Mr. Butler bought out the interest of Mr. Robinson, and has since conducted the business alone, now having one of the most complete stores in the county. Mr. Butler is president of the Guilford Savings Bank, also a director thereof, and is one of the stockholders in, and directors of, the First National Bank of Guilford. In politics he is a Republican, and has filled the office of burgess of Guilford several terms, serving also as justice of the peace. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., affiliating with St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, and with the Eastern Star, of which he is past patron, and of which his wife is a member. He belongs to Nenuncatuck Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F., in which he is a member of the board of trustees, a past grand, and has been treasurer since July, 1884; he was also secretary one term. He has served as delegate to the Grand Lodge of the State. He and his wife are both charter members of the Daughters of Rebekah, and he is united with Hollis Encampment, No. 34. Mr. Butler is a member of the N. E. O. P., of Guilford, of which he has been chairman of the board of trustees since its organization; and was identified with the Woodmen of the World.

On Oct. 20, 1870, in Guilford, Conn., Elisaph H. Butler married Fanny E. Robinson, and nine children have come to them: (1) William S., born July 25, 1871, is head salesman in his father's store; he married Ida May Hill, daughter of Capt. William P. Hill. (2) Frank died in infancy. (3) Burton L. died at the age of four years. (4) Jennie C., born Sept. 19, 1880, is the wife of Louis C. Coulter, of Guilford. (5) Harriet M. ("Hattie") was born July 14, 1882. (6) Robert was born Aug. 31, 1885. (7) Arthur and (8) Ernest, twins, died young. (9) Paul Levi was born May 29, 1896.

THE ROBINSON FAMILY, of whom Mrs. Elisaph H. Butler is a member, were old settlers of Guilford, and (1) Thomas Robinson, the first of the name in New England, located first in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1661 he moved to Guilford, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1689. His wife Mary died in Guilford in 1668, and children as follows were born to them: (1) Thomas, born 1650, married Sarah Crittenden, and died July 2, 1712; (2) Ann, born 1652, married Joseph Dudley; (3) Mary, born 1654, married John Latimer; (4) Saint, born 1656, married B. Latimer; (5) Jonathan, born 1659, died April, 1684; (6) David, sketch of whom follows; (7) Elizabeth, born 1662, married Benjamin Gould, and died September 30, 1745.

(II) David Robinson, born in Hartford in 1660, settled in Durham, Middlesex Co., Conn., and died June 1, 1747. He married Abigail Kirby, daughter of John Kirby, of Middletown; she died in 1694. Mary, second wife of David Robinson, was

born 1663, died Oct. 17, 1746. Mr. Robinson's children: (1) Abigail, born April 3, 1690, died July 6, 1775, married Joseph Coe; (2) Ann, born June 6, 1692; (3) David, sketch of whom follows; (4) Thomas, born 1698, died March 4, 1774; (5) Ebenezer, born 1701, died Oct. 10, 1789; (6) Ruth, born 1703; (7) Mary married Timothy Parsons; (8) Hannah married Benjamin Miller.

(III) David Robinson, born in Durham, Conn., in 1694, and died there Feb. 9, 1780, married Jan. 26, 1720, Rebecca Miller, born 1697, died Sept. 18, 1786. Children: (1) Ann, born Dec. 5, 1720, and died in 1817, married Gideon Canfield; (2) David, born March 4, 1722, died Oct. 15, 1807; (3) John, born June 22, 1723; (4) Dan, born May 2, 1725, and died 1810, married Abigail Curtis; (5) Rebecca, born Dec. 5, 1726, and died Nov. 5, 1815, married David Parson; (6) Timothy, born April 29, 1728, and died April 1, 1805, married Catharine Ross; (7) Phinnis, born July 24, 1729, died July 31, 1784, married Susannah Fenn; (8) James, born June 10, 1731, and died April 3, 1806, married Amy Sellman; (9) Joel, born March 31, 1733, died 1750; (10) Mary, born Dec. 7, 1734, married Reynold M. Morse; (11) Noah, born May 17, 1736, and died Aug. 12, 1800, married Hannah Parmelee; (12) Abigail, born March 9, 1738, married James Hinman; (13) Asher, sketch of whom follows.

(IV) Asher Robinson, born May 4, 1740, in Durham, Conn., died there in 1808. He married (first) June 11, 1761, Mary Butcher, and for his second wife wedded a Miss Hull. His children: (1) Rachel, born April 16, 1762, married Seth Strong; and died Feb. 10, 1850; (2) Stephen, sketch of whom follows; (3) Asher, born Nov. 21, 1765, died young; (4) Seth, born June 23, 1768; (5) Samuel, born July 29, 1770; (6) Mary; (7) Sally married John White; (8) Betsey married Henry Canfield; (9) Asher married Emily Parmelee.

(V) Stephen Robinson, born in Durham, Conn., Jan. 14, 1764, died there July 2, 1825. He married Mary Tibbatt, who died in August, 1825. Children: (1) Dennis, sketch of whom follows; (2) Hannah, born 1793; (3) David; (4) Noah, born February, 1798, married Fanny Willard; (5) Phebe, born July 17, 1800, married B. Franklyn Browning; (6) Polly married David Baldwin; (7) Stephen died 1840; (8) Giles, born 1804, married Emily Wheden; (9) Margaret Ann, born 1802, and died 1842, married David Howard.

(VI) Dennis Robinson, born in 1791, moved to Guilford, and there passed the rest of his days, dying June 8, 1847. He married, May 3, 1815, Fanny Stone, born Aug. 5, 1795, and died April 21, 1824. For his second wife he wedded May 4, 1825, Elizabeth Wilkinson, born May 5, 1796, died Feb. 29, 1864. His children: (1) Jane Maria, born July 2, 1816, married Selden Benton; (2) Mary Ann, born Sept. 15, 1819, died July 31, 1820; (3) Stephen, sketch of whom follows; (4) George Bald-





win married Rosalind D. Field, and died Dec. 5, 1861; (5) John, born October, 1828, died Oct. 18, 1829; (6) John Wilkinson, born Sept. 18, 1830; (7) Fanny, born January, 1833, died February, 1833; (8) Franklin Browning, born Feb. 18, 1837, died Nov. 16, 1853.

(VII) Stephen Robinson, father of Mrs. Elisabeth H. Butler, was born in Guilford March 23, 1824, and passed his entire life there conducting a general hardware store until 1888, after which he carried on a truck farm. He married Ann Bartlett, daughter of Timothy Bartlett, and of the children born to them three are living as follows: Fanny E., wife of E. H. Butler; Mary, wife of George W. Dudley; and Ida, wife of Dwight W. Potter, all of Guilford.

CHARLES D. WARNER, superintendent of the Ansonia Telephone Co., of Ansonia, is a leading representative of the business interests of that locality. His thoroughly American spirit, his sound judgment and untiring energy have enabled him to carry forward successfully a number of important enterprises and the record of his life furnishes a useful lesson.

Mr. Warner was born March 24, 1853, at Chicopee Falls, Mass., and is descended from good New England ancestry. His great-grandfather, Eli Warner, was a resident of West Suffield, Conn. Eli Warner (2), our subject's grandfather, was born in West Suffield, and passed his life there, engaged in farming. His wife, Lydia (Taylor), was also a native of Suffield, and their two sons settled upon the old homestead, dividing it into two separate farms. Both the grandparents were highly respected in the community for their estimable lives.

Henry F. Warner, our subject's father, was born in West Suffield, and received a common-school education. He died at the homestead March 25, 1900, at the age of seventy-four years. He married Mary L. Munger, who died aged sixty-nine years, was a native of Chicopee Falls, and a daughter of Hiram Munger, a well-known Adventist preacher there. Her mother, whose maiden name was Lucinda Hancock, was a direct descendant of a brother of Gov. John Hancock, of Massachusetts. Mrs. Munger died at the age of eighty years, leaving three children: Mary L., Mrs. Warner; Alfred S., a resident of Ozone Park, L. I.; and Lucy, wife of J. H. Hendrick, of Springfield, Mass. Our subject is the eldest of a family of three living children. One child died at an early age. Eugene H. has taken up farming at the old homestead. Jessie F. married T. C. Baum, of Philadelphia.

Charles D. Warner was educated in the common schools of Suffield, and when sixteen years of age began to learn the trade of watchmaker and jeweler. About 1872 he engaged in business in Windsor, and in 1878 he removed to Ansonia, purchasing from Charles Tucker a store in Main Street,

opposite the First National Bank. In 1887 he sold the business to James B. Keene and joined in the organization of a company for the manufacture of standard electrical clocks, for which he owned the patents. He became manager of the enterprise, and later was made treasurer, the business being carried on first in New Haven and then in Waterbury. On Dec. 31, 1895, he retired from the company and started in business in Ansonia as an electrical engineer, and soon afterward, as a matter of personal convenience, he organized a small telephone exchange, with less than fifty subscribers. This proved a great success, and later he founded the Ansonia Telephone Co. with Dana Bartholomew, the stock being placed at \$15,000, which was increased from time to time, to \$25,000. Early in 1901 great pressure was brought on certain stockholders (after the death of Dana Bartholomew) to sell out to the Bell Telephone interests, and this was finally accomplished, in April, 1901. They had lines to Seymour, Derby and Shelton, and connected subscribers with points in Woodbury and surrounding towns, doing a profitable business, three operators being required to manipulate the "switch board." Mr. Warner owns a number of electrical patents, five being on clocks and clock systems, known as the "Warner System," and the latter have increased in value as time has proved their efficiency. They were first tested in Ansonia in 1884, and then on the Consolidated Railroad, where they still remain in service, after fifteen years. Politically Mr. Warner is independent and he has served one term as burgess of the borough. He belongs to the New England Order of Protection, and he and his family are active workers in the Congregational Church of Ansonia, in which he has held various offices, including membership on the Society's committee and the Prudential committee. He also served some time as superintendent of the Sunday-school and president of the Christian Endeavor Society.

In 1875 Mr. Warner married Miss Clara F. Hodge, who was born in Suffield in 1856, daughter of Buel D. Hodge, a prominent farmer there, and for many years a leading member of the Congregational Church of that locality. He and his wife, Mariette (Carter), had four children: Clara F.; Emma E., who married F. L. Ashley, of Windsor Locks; Nellie, who married E. S. Cook, of Hartford; Lucy B., wife of Lawrence Hens, of Ansonia. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have two children: (1) Albert F., born in 1876, was educated in the public schools of Ansonia and the Maine State College, at Orono, Maine, and completed a special course in navigation in the Nautical School in New York City. He is now in the employ of the Southern New England Telephone Co., and for some time previous was doing valuable work for the Ansonia Telephone Co., being an expert in electrical science. (2) Edith Mariette was born in Ansonia Feb. 25, 1885, and is now taking a course in the High School in Ansonia.



STEPHEN M. PECK, a leading citizen of Woodbridge, New Haven county, has demonstrated the true meaning of the word success as the full accomplishment of an honorable purpose. Energy, close application, perseverance and good management—these are the elements which have entered into his business career and crowned his efforts with prosperity.

Mr. Peck is a representative of quite an old and prominent family of Woodbridge, of which town his paternal grandparents, Silas and Electa (Carrington) Peck, were both natives. There the former owned seventy acres of land and successfully engaged in farming. He lived to a ripe old age. He was a man highly esteemed by all who knew him, and was a Whig in politics, though not an active worker in party affairs. His children, all now deceased, were as follows: Ansel, a cooper by trade, lived for many years in Vermont, and died in Bethany, Conn.; Electa married Gilbert Thomas, of Woodbridge, and died shortly after her marriage; Almyra married Simeon Sperry, and died in Woodbridge; Lauren, a shoemaker, by trade, lived in Bethany, Conn., New York and Vermont, and died in New York; Lewis, father of our subject, was next in order of birth; Garry was a farmer of Woodbridge; Mary was the second wife of Gilbert Thomas, of Woodbridge; Seabury was a carpenter and joiner of Westville, Conn.; Amanda was the wife of James Perkins, of Woodbridge; Eunice was the wife of Eli O. Clark, of Woodbridge; and Namon was a farmer of Seymour.

Lewis Peck, father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge, June 6, 1796, and died at the age of sixty-one years. He grew to manhood in his native town, and had but limited educational advantages. He became owner of the old homestead of seventy acres in the northeastern part of Woodbridge, and also owned other land to the extent of seventy acres. He was an active worker in the Whig party, was a school officer, road surveyor, and filled other official positions. In Woodbridge he married Elizabeth Ann Beecher, a native of that town, daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Dorrance) Beecher, and granddaughter of Reuben and Sarah Beecher. Her father and grandfather were also born in Woodbridge, and there the former died at the age of eighty-six years. His children were: Pattie, wife of Moses Gilbert, of Southington, Conn.; Bela, who died unmarried in Woodbridge; Reuben Minot, who was born May 31, 1791, wedded Mary Baldwin, and died April 4, 1874; Melinda, wife of Munson Sperry, of Woodbridge; Deman, who married Eunice Smith, and followed farming in Milton, Conn.; David, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Riley, who died when a young man; Sally, wife of Noyce Bradley, who lived in different places in Connecticut, but was born in Woodbridge, and is buried there; Lydia, who married Freeman Hotchkiss, and subsequently became the wife of Stephen Dickerman, of Westville, where she died; and Elizabeth Ann, mother of our

subject. Mrs. Peck was born in 1802, and died in Woodbridge at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. She and her husband had seven children, namely: Ephraim R., the eldest, is mentioned below; Eliza Ann is the widow of John M. Merwin, of Woodbridge; Irven B., a carpenter and joiner of California, went West in 1855, and married Ann Crow; Minerva P. is the wife of Isaac S. Dickerman, of Westville, Conn.; Silas E. married Emily Talmage, of New York, and is now a homeopathic physician of Pomona, Fla.; Henry died in Woodbridge, Dec. 25, 1856, at the age of twenty-one years; and Stephen M., our subject, completes the family. Ephraim R. Peck, the eldest of this family, wedded Mary C. Hine, and followed farming in Woodbridge, where he died Aug. 15, 1898; he left no children. He received a common-school education, and taking up farming, made a decided success in that line, being also a fine judge of stock. With the exception of seven years, during which he was engaged as a farm hand in one place, he always lived in Woodbridge, where he was respected as one of the most estimable self-made men of his day. He was a Republican, but took no active part in politics, and never held any office.

Stephen M. Peck was born in Woodbridge Sept. 18, 1837, and began his education in the district school one mile from his boyhood home, while during the winter of 1857-58 he attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, under Prof. Pratt. At that time the teacher of mathematics was Henry Smith, who later became principal of the Institute. On attaining his majority Mr. Peck came into possession of the old homestead and began farming for himself, which occupation he has since followed, with marked success. He resided there until 1897, when he removed to his present farm, in the same town, a place of 134 acres willed him by a deceased brother, and he is now one of the most extensive farmers in Woodbridge. He is interested in the dairy business, keeping for that purpose from twenty-five to thirty cows, and raises fruit and vegetables on a large scale, finding a splendid market for his produce in New Haven, Ansonia and Seymour. In the fall of 1899 he gathered 600 barrels of apples from his orchards, from not more than one-half of the trees that were formerly bearing. Mr. Peck is also engaged in the milling business, owning and operating saw, cider and grist mills, and grinding feed, bone for fertilizing, etc. Although he has always lived in Woodbridge, he has not confined his business interests to his native town. He is the owner of an orange grove of fifty acres in Florida, which was almost destroyed by the severe frosts, but with care he hopes to build it up again.

On Dec. 10, 1868, in Bethany, Conn., Mr. Peck married Ida Frances Neal, a daughter of Martin H. and Martha M. (Hitchcock) Neal, of Southington, Conn., where her father was engaged in the blacksmith and cooperage business. She was born in Plainville, Conn., Jan. 15, 1849, the second in order





*Ida F. Peck*



*Stephen M. Peck*



of birth in a family of four children: (1) Eleanor M. (deceased) became the wife of Henry Buckingham, of Seymour, and they had six children, Ida (deceased), Minnie, Albert, William, Roy and Lewis. (2) Eva A., born July 26, 1853, is the wife of Jesse Russell, and they have one son, Carlton Martin, of Plainville. (3) Henry Martin, a physician of Upper Lehigh, Pa., married Ada Leiseuring, and has four children, Maylon, Cameron, Joseph Hawley and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Peck have had four children: (1) Ermon N., born July 26, 1870, a civil engineer, resides in West Hartford, where he is in the employ of the Hartford Water Co.; he graduated from the Connecticut Literary Institute in 1891, and entered the Scientific Department of Yale, but owing to ill health was unable to continue his studies. He married Emma Newton, of Westville, Conn., and they have one son, Ermon Newton. (2) Irving B., born June 19, 1872, married Hattie Clark, of Southington, and is now a mechanic of Forestville. (3) Elizabeth I. and (4) Lewis E., twins, were born May 27, 1875. Lewis E. died Aug. 31, 1875. Elizabeth taught school for one year in Bethany, Connecticut.

Politically Mr. Peck classes himself with the Republicans, but believes that something should be done to stop the liquor traffic. Although he has never been an office seeker, he has accepted local positions of honor and trust, serving as member of the school board, grand juror, assessor, member of the board of relief, etc. He is a member of the Woodbridge Grange, of which he is treasurer, and was worthy chief of the Good Templars Society when that organization was in a flourishing condition. As a business man and citizen he is widely and favorably known, and no one in the town is more honored or highly respected.

**WILLIS BRADLEY**, a well-known citizen of Branford; was born there Oct. 20, 1848, son of Gurdon and Anna Maria (Spinks) Bradley. Timothy Bradley, his paternal grandfather, married Irene, a daughter of Capt. Alexander Gordon, of Branford. The great-grandfather, Timothy Bradley, an early settler of Branford, married Sarah Goodsell. The maternal grandfather of Willis Bradley was Samuel Spinks, of Branford, who married Esther Tyler.

Willis Bradley passed his boyhood and youth in Branford, where he attended the public school, and when he was "older grown" served an apprenticeship of three years to the blacksmith trade, which he followed ten years in Branford and Meriden. In maturer life he was made superintendent of the Cherry Hill farm of J. W. Nichols, and filled that position four years in a perfectly satisfactory manner to his employer. In 1883 Mr. Bradley began work as a carpenter for his brother Richard, and this has been his occupation to the present time. He has had some very extensive dealings in the building line in the past years, and has established

an enviable character for business ability, fair dealing and upright treatment of his patrons.

Willis Bradley was united in marriage Aug. 20, 1872, with Isabelle Eliza, a daughter of Charles R. and Frances Louise (Dudley) Lane, of Guilford. Her paternal grandparents were Noah and Betsey (Stevens) Lane, and her maternal grandparents were Jonathan and Eliza (Holmes) Dudley, of Guilford. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bradley are the parents of three daughters: Maria Louise; Hattie Isabel, who is deceased; and Helen Elizabeth. Mr. Bradley and his family are members of Trinity Episcopal Church, where they are much respected for their sterling worth and genuine character. Mr. Bradley is a member of Widows' Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., and of the New England Order of Protection, where he is a welcome presence. In politics he is a Democrat, and in all things an honorable and reliable citizen.

Mrs. Bradley has two brothers, Charles Holmes Lane, of Branford, and Herbert Eugene Lane, of New Haven, both of whom stand well in their respective communities, and are widely known as honorable and trustworthy men in all their dealings.

**GEORGE PREBBEL ROLF** is ranked among the successful and well-established business citizens of Guilford. Since 1881 he has conducted a livery business in that locality, also dealing in horses.

Mr. Rolf was born in Folster, County of Kent, England, June 12, 1849, a son of Henry Rolf, who was born in 1823 in Folster, which is eighty miles from London. Henry Rolf married Sarah Jane Cox, a native of Elhain, England, and they came to this country with their family in the spring of 1850, landing in New York. From that city they came to New Haven, Conn., and thence by stage coach to Madison, where they located for a time. Several years later they removed to Guilford, where Mr. Rolf still resides, highly respected by his friends and neighbors in the community. He was a skilled workman at his trade, that of mason, which he followed until his retirement.

Our subject was scarcely one year old when he was brought to this country, and he attended the public schools of Madison. Adopting his father's trade, he pursued that both in Madison and Guilford, and in 1881 started in his present line, purchasing the interest of George S. Davis, who, in partnership with E. B. Redfield, conducted a livery business. In 1891 our subject bought the interest of Mr. Redfield, and since that time has most successfully managed a constantly growing business. He has secured the contract for the carrying of the mails, greatly increasing his responsibilities. Mr. Rolf knows a good horse when he sees it, and is one of the largest dealers along the shore line, having stables in New London as well as in Guilford. Seeking to please his patrons, Mr. Rolf is popular with every one, and is well and favorably





known to a large class of citizens. His honesty in dealing has gained for him the confidence of those who wish to purchase, and many excellent specimens of the best breeds of horses have passed through his hands to the public.

On March 21, 1872, Mr. Rolf married Mary Storer, a daughter of William Storer, and one child has blessed this union, Fred, born in January, 1877, who received his education in Guilford, and is one of the progressing and rising young men of the town. As a pioneer in the canning of corn and tomatoes in Guilford young Mr. Rolf is the head of what is known as the Sachem's Head Canning Co., and also deals largely in feed, grain and fertilizers. Both Mr. Rolf and his son are Republicans, and our subject has served as warden of the borough three years; burgess several times; selectman, one term; and chairman of the town committee. Frederick Rolf is recognized as one of the progressive and rising young men of the community, and will probably make his mark in both commercial and political life. The family attend the Third Congregational Church. George P. Rolf is a member of the I. O. O. F., Mennuntuck Lodge, No. 62, Guilford, and of the N. E. O. P., Sachem Lodge, Guilford.

JOHN WINFIELD NORTON, one of Wolcott's most prosperous and highly esteemed citizens, was born in Wolcott Centre, March 27, 1854, and is a worthy representative of one of the best and oldest families of the State. In 1639, Thomas Norton emigrated from Ockley, County of Surrey, England, to the New World, and took up his residence in Guilford, New Haven Co., Conn. About 1625 he married Grace Wells, and to them were born the following children: Anne, born in 1625, married John Warner, of Saybrook, Conn.; Grace, born in 1627, was married April 2, 1651, to William Seward, of New Haven and Guilford, and died May 29, 1687; Mary B., born in 1635, was married, April 9, 1660, to Samuel Rockman, a son of William Rockman, of Windsor, Conn.; John, born in 1640, is mentioned below; Abigail, born in 1642, was married, Aug. 6, 1667, to Ananias Tryon, of Killingworth; and Thomas, born in 1646, was married May 8, 1671, to Elizabeth Mason.

John Norton, son of Thomas, spent his entire life in Guilford, where he followed the miller's trade, and died May 5, 1704. He first married Hannah Stone, and for his second wife married Elizabeth Hubbard. In his family were six children: John, who was born Nov. 18, 1666, and died Jan. 10, 1667; John, who is mentioned below; Susannah, who was born Oct. 4, 1672; Thomas, who was born May 4, 1675; Hannah, who was born Feb. 4, 1677, and was married, Jan. 16, 1702, to Ebenezer Stone; and Mary, who was born in 1680.

John Norton (2nd), a son of John, was born May 29, 1668, and was a land owner and farmer of Guilford. He was married, Nov. 14, 1694, to Hannah Buck, of Wethersfield, Conn., daughter of

Emanuel Buck, the first of that name in Wethersfield. Mr. Norton died March 15, 1711, his wife, Oct. 22, 1739. Their children were Anna, who was born Oct. 16, 1695, and died in October, 1721; Mary, born Dec. 6, 1697; John, born Dec. 23, 1699; Sarah, born Feb. 26, 1702; Joseph, born Oct. 10, 1704; Elizabeth, who was born Oct. 6, 1706, was married, Aug. 8, 1728, to David Benton, and died Aug. 25, 1756; and Hannah, who was born March 4, 1710, and died in 1724.

Joseph Norton, son of John (2nd), spent his entire life as a farmer in Guilford, where he died May 9, 1781. On April 11, 1728, he wedded Mary Champion, of Lyme, Conn., who lived for a time in Wolcott, but died in Guilford, July 13, 1800, at the extreme old age of 110 years. She was a good Christian woman and the mother of the following children: Simeon, born May 3, 1729, died Dec. 22, 1772; David, born Oct. 21, 1730, is mentioned below; William, born Jan. 22, 1732, died June 17, 1760; Hannah, born Oct. 1, 1734, died in 1736; Philemon, born June 24, 1736, died in October of the same year; Noah, born Jan. 27, 1740, died May 31, 1763; and Beniah, born in 1742, died Nov. 10, 1843.

David Norton, son of Joseph, came to Wolcott at an early day and purchased land near Wolcott Centre, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. He was a well-known citizen of that locality, was a consistent Christian, and highly respected. On Nov. 11, 1752, he married Submit Benton, who died in 1755, and for his second wife he married Suza Bishop. He was the father of the following children: Ozias, who was born Feb. 10, 1754, and is mentioned below; Cyrus, who was born Jan. 14, 1755, married Jerusha Johnson, of Wolcott, and lived in New York; Ziba, who was born in 1757, and was married, Nov. 26, 1778, to Ruth Hopkins; Suza, who was baptized June 12, 1759; Zebul, who was baptized Sept. 22, 1761, and married Rhoda Norton; and Noah U., who was baptized July 3, 1764, was married April 18, 1784, to Rachel Gillet, of Wolcott, and lived in New York.

Ozias Norton, son of David, made his home in Wolcott, where he owned property and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred Feb. 6, 1840, his remains being interred there. He married Maria Frisbie, and to them were born nine children, namely: David; Keziah, wife of Daniel Lane, of Wolcott; Susan and Elizabeth, twins, the former the wife of Daniel Byington, the latter the wife of Thomas Cook, of Ohio; Moses Frisbie married Percy Barber and lived in Ohio; Jonathan Frisbie, who married Polly Smith and died in Wolcott; Ziba, grandfather of our subject; Jedediah Harmon, born May 11, 1788; and Simeon Newton, born March 28, 1791.

Ziba Norton was born in Wolcott, and followed the trade of shoemaker. About 1830 he removed to Truxton, N. Y., where he died. He married Abigail Atkins, of Wolcott, and the children born



to them were as follows: Ada, born June 23, 1803, first married a Mr. Doolittle, and second George W. Royce; Talcott, born Sept. 19, 1807, married Belinda Hall, of Plymouth, Conn.; Lenora, born March 12, 1805, married Harley Downs; Phoebe, born in December, 1809, married George W. Winchell; Minerva, born in March, 1812, married Everett Norton; Hendrick, born in December, 1817; Rufus, father of our subject, was next in order of birth; Manville, born June 8, 1821; and Rufinus, born in September, 1824.

Rufus Norton was born Feb. 18, 1819, and received a common school education, which was later in life greatly supplemented by extensive reading, giving particular attention to the study of the Bible, Shakespeare, historical and political works. He was a tanner and currier by trade, and followed that occupation for a number of years, but later engaged in farming first on the Hall farm, later on the Beecher farm, and then, after operating several different places in Wolcott, he returned to the Beecher farm, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying there Dec. 1, 1897. His remains were interred in the Wolcott Centre cemetery. He was an excellent judge of horses and cattle, and in connection with farming, also dealt in stock and wood. He first married Harriet Smith, and for his second wife wedded her half sister, Ellen Beecher, a daughter of John and Vina Beecher. She is a most estimable lady, a member of the Congregational Church, and is still living on the old homestead. In politics the father was first a Whig and later a Democrat, and he took quite an active interest in local affairs, filling several town offices, including those of selectman and assessor, holding the latter position for ten years. Although not a member of any church, he endeavored to follow the Golden Rule, and was widely and favorably known.

John W. Norton, whose name introduces this review, received only a district school education, and at the early age of fourteen years started out in life for himself, working in the shops at Bristol, Conn., for one year, at \$1.50 per day. After that he spent about two years on a farm in Bethany, and then returned to Bristol, where he was employed for two years at \$1.75 per day. At the end of that time he bought a tract of woodland and an ox team, and commenced cutting the timber and selling the wood. This he continued until locating on the old Leonard Beecher homestead in Wolcott, where he is now extensively engaged in general farming, the wood and dairy business. He is one of the largest land owners in the town, and besides his farm here, he had property in Bristol and Southington, Conn., aggregating 575 acres.

In Harwinton, Litchfield Co., Conn., Mr. Norton married Miss Nettie M. Coy, of that place, a daughter of Silas and Lorinda Coy. Of the two children born to them, one died in infancy, and John F. is at home. Politically he is a Republican, and since 1893 Mr. Norton has served as tax col-

lector of Wolcott, and he also filled the office of assessor for two years. He is liberal in his religious views. Since the age of fourteen years he has been dependent upon his own resources, and to-day he enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability he has been enabled to secure a handsome competence. Systematic and methodical, his sagacity, keen discrimination and sound judgment have made him one of the most prosperous citizens of Wolcott.

FRANKLIN PIERCE SMITH, a representative farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Cheshire, was born in that town Aug. 10, 1851, and belongs to an old and prominent Connecticut family. His paternal great-grandparents, David and Abigail (Lewis) Smith, were natives of Southington, Conn., and the former was a son of David Smith, Sr., and a grandson of Gideon Smith. Our subject's grandparents, Gideon Lewis and Lois (Barnes) Smith, were also natives of Southington, and in 1823 moved to Cheshire, where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life, dying there in 1850. His wife died in 1846. Their children were Elizabeth, wife of Sherman Hart, of Berlin, Conn.; Rhoda, wife of John Hall, of Kensington; Abigail, wife of Seth Pratt, of Southington; Sylvia, wife of David Beach, of Southington; Loyal, father of our subject; Rollin, who died in Cheshire; Lois, who married Asahel Warner, and died in Auburn, N. Y.; and Lola, wife of Burrirt Parker, of Southington.

Loyal Smith, our subject's father, was born in July, 1807, and was sixteen years of age when the family removed to Cheshire, where he afterward engaged in farming to the close of his life. He was quite a prominent and influential citizen of his community, and was a member of the State Legislature from Cheshire in 1856 and again in 1867. In that town he was married, Oct. 29, 1829, to Miss Henrietta Dickerman, who was born in Hamden Nov. 26, 1807, a daughter of Samuel and Lois (Peck) Dickerman, also natives of Hamden, where her mother died. Her father died in Cheshire, in 1839. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born eight children, as follows: Sereno D., a resident of Meriden; Lois, who died at the age of six years; Eliza, who died in Cheshire in 1848, at the age of eleven years; Lois Lucelia, widow of Edward Ives, and a resident of Cheshire; Rhoda, wife of Amos Ives, of Meriden; Loyal Barnes, of Cheshire; Samuel D.; and Franklin Pierce, our subject.

Franklin P. Smith was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmers' sons of his day, attending the local schools and aiding in the labors of the farm, and since attaining to man's estate has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. Miles, a native of Meriden, and a daughter of John and Abigail (Sanderson) Miles, who were born in



Cheshire. Her father died in 1894, her mother in 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Eugene C. The Democratic party finds in our subject a starch supporter of its principles, and he takes quite an active interest in public affairs. He was one of the selectmen of Cheshire in 1883, and has been a member of the grand jury.

FREDERICK E. COLBURN, one of Ansonia's leading citizens, is a worthy representative of an old and honored pioneer family, being a descendant of Daniel Colburn, who settled in Stafford and passed his remaining years there as a farmer, dying at a good old age.

Daniel Colburn, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Stafford, and followed agricultural pursuits there for many years. His wife, Elizabeth Moulton, who died at the age of seventy, was born in Stafford, daughter of Bounds Moulton, a prominent farmer. They had twelve children, none of whom are now living, and of their nine grandchildren only five are living. Among the deceased grandchildren was Col. Colburn of the Union army.

Sylvester Colburn, our subject's father, was born in Stafford Dec. 7, 1806, and was reared upon the farm, obtaining his education in the district schools. At sixteen he went to New Haven with his twin brother, Sullivan M., to work in the store of an elder brother, John Colburn, and later they started a small foundry, which they operated a few years. Their next venture was the founding of the Bassett foundry, and on disposing of it, in 1847, they located in Ansonia, our subject's father taking the present homestead, at No. 121 Howard avenue. They became interested to some extent in the Farrell foundry and the Wallace factory, and operated a cotton-mill in the building now occupied by Arthur H. Bartholomew, while for some time they were connected with Robert Bassett's enterprise in Derby. They owned valuable real estate, and built two houses on the lots adjoining the present homestead. They also held stock in the Birmingham Pin Co., which is retained by the family, and they purchased the first improved machine used by that company for the manufacture of pins. In fact, they were more or less closely identified with every enterprise started in their locality, and both continued their active interest in public affairs until their retirement from business. All the shade trees in West Ansonia were set out by them, and they assisted generously in building and maintaining Christ Church in Ansonia, one-fourth of the running expenses having been paid by them for many years. Sylvester Colburn died July 23, 1870, aged sixty-four years, and his brother Sullivan died May 1, 1876, aged seventy. Another brother, Dr. Josiah Colburn, who was born in 1799, was closely associated with them in business for some time. He practiced medicine in Orange and Derby for a number of years, but retired in 1852 and joined in the management of the Bassett foundry, then known as the Birmingham

foundry. On selling his interest he located in Ansonia and started an axe factory, but a few years later he sold this and invested in a foundry in Bridgeport, continuing, however, to reside in Ansonia, where he died March 11, 1882, aged eighty-three years.

Sylvester Colburn married Elizabeth Hull, a native of New Haven, and a daughter of Thomas Hull, one of the wealthiest citizens of Westville, where he owned a farm a mile square and had a residence upon one of the finest streets. For many years he was interested in butchering and farming, and as a citizen he was much esteemed for his sterling qualities of character. His wife, Annah (Thomas), who died in 1826, aged forty-six years, was born in West Haven, and they had six children, of whom none are living. Our subject's mother was the last to pass away, dying Nov. 30, 1900, aged ninety years. She was a devout Episcopalian, and her family has been identified with that church for generations. Of her four children only one is living, Frederick E. Another son, Arthur, with his daughters Annette and Eda, the captain and one sailor, were drowned by the upsetting of his yacht in Long Island Sound, on July 18, 1901; his watch stopped at three minutes past four. His daughter Madaline and one sailor were saved by hanging on to an overturned rowboat for two hours, and were picked up by a passing tugboat.

Frederick E. Colburn was born in Westville Sept. 6, 1832, and was educated in the district schools of that section and in New Haven. For some years he was interested in the manufacture of guano and phosphates, but since 1884 his attention has been devoted to real-estate business. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, although he has refused all offers of official positions, and he is one of the prominent Masons of this section, having been a member of George Washington Lodge, No. 82, of Ansonia, for thirty-one years, and also belonging to Mt. Vernon Chapter, Ansonia. In 1859 he married Miss Flora A. Smith, and they have had five children, of whom four are living. (1) Ruby W. married Dr. Baldwin, now of Rome, Italy, and they have six children, Frederick W., Henneth P. S., John P., Charles L., Cornelia F. and Margaret. (2) Fairchild S. married Miss Minnie Busher, and settled on his grandfather's farm in Ohio. (3) Elizabeth H. married Rev. E. T. Mathison, an Episcopal clergyman, and has two children, Flora and Catherine. (4) Sylvester G. married Miss Ruth Sperry, and has two children, Elizabeth and Frederick S.

Mrs. Flora A. Smith Colburn, whose mental gifts and culture make her a social leader, is a member of the D. A. R., Sarah Humphrey Chapter, of Derby, and is eligible to membership in the Society of the Colonial Dames. She was born in Lake county, Ohio, and is of good old Connecticut stock in the paternal line. Her maternal great-grandfather, Joseph White, came from France and served seven years in the Revolutionary army under Gen.





*F. E. Colburn*





LaFayette. Her great-great-grandfather, Giles Smith, a native of South Norwalk, settled in Derby at an early date, and Abraham Smith, her great-grandfather, passed his life there as a farmer. Prospect street now runs through the site of his old homestead. Abraham Smith married Sarah French, granddaughter of John Bowers, a graduate of Harvard College and one of the preachers at Guilford and Derby. James Smith, the grandfather of Mrs. Colburn, was a native of Derby, and followed farming at the homestead for some years in connection with the cooper's trade. Later he moved to Waterbury, but his last years were spent in Derby, his death occurring at the age of eighty years. He married Molly Fairchild, daughter of Abial and Zerviah Johnson, and they had three children. Mrs. Smith died when her son, James F., was but three weeks old.

James F. Smith, Mrs. Colburn's father, was born in Waterbury, and in 1819 went to Ohio, the journey, which was made with an ox-team, occupying one month. For one year he worked by the month, saving his wages carefully, and as time passed he became one of the wealthiest farmers and fruit growers of that section, his farm comprising 600 acres of land. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. He married Caroline White, who was born in Granville, N. Y., one of the four children of John White, who died at the age of one hundred and two, and his wife, Ruby (Cleveland), who died aged sixty-seven. Mrs. Caroline Smith died aged sixty-seven years, and of her three children none are living except Mrs. Colburn, who was second in order of birth. James H. died in 1896, and Mary Z. died in 1870, aged nineteen years. The Smith family has also been connected with the Episcopal Church for many years, and Mrs. Colburn is among the active workers of the church in Ansonia.

**SAMUEL E. FRISBIE**, a prominent agriculturist and business man of the town of Milford, was born in East Haven, Conn., April 7, 1856, son of William H. and grandson of Samuel Frisbie. The family is of pioneer stock. Samuel Frisbie was born in Branford, Conn., where he continued to reside, and where he followed shoemaking all his life. His wife, Sally Tyler, was born in Branford, and passed her entire life there. Of their seven children, the eldest, Obed T. (deceased), was a shoemaker in New Haven, Conn.; Roxana (deceased) married Nelson Linsley, of New Haven; Randolph R. was a shoemaker and later a bookkeeper, but at present is retired; William H., our subject's father, is mentioned below; Mary E., a tailoress, died in Milford unmarried; Lewis, who died in Fair Haven, Conn., was an iron and brass founder, and earlier in life a shoemaker; and Sarah resides in Branford.

William H. Frisbie was born in Branford May 11, 1826, and became a shoemaker, but afterward for some time followed the iron molder's trade.

In April, 1877, he settled upon a farm in Milford, where he still resides. He married Eunice C. Dickinson, a native of Chester, Conn., and daughter of Ely Dickinson, and they became the parents of one child, Samuel E.

Samuel E. Frisbie first attended school in East Haven, and when eight years old went to Branford, where his studies were continued several years. At thirteen he moved with his parents to New Haven, and after a short service in the finishing department of the New Haven Clock Co. became clerk in a drug store to learn the business. During the panic of 1877 he settled with his parents in Milford upon his present farm as a market gardener and seed grower. For the last four years he has been special agent for the Page Woven Wire Fence Co., a most successful branch of his business, necessitating some traveling, and he also acts as general agent and traveler for the Rogers & Hubbard Co.'s fertilizers. He is thoroughly alive to up-to-date machinery, and has been local agent for various improved farm tools, etc., which he has introduced. He has never married, but he and his father have built a beautiful residence on a part of the old farm, which contains about eighty acres—the original farm when taken comprising about 164 acres. While he votes independently so far as local affairs are concerned, he is a Republican, and owing to his clear understanding of parliamentary law has often been chairman of that party's caucuses, as also of the annual and special meetings of the town. He has also served as grand juror. He was a prominent candidate for the first judge of the Milford Town Court upon its establishment in 1901, being defeated in legislative caucus only by a compromise candidate. While taking an active part in town affairs, he has sought to avoid and has refused public preferment. Mr. Frisbie belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry, or Grange, and is a charter member and organizer of the local Grange in his town; he is also president for the fourth consecutive time of the local council of the National Provident Union, and takes much interest in temperance affairs. He is a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, and for three years was superintendent of its Sunday-school. For two years he was director of music in the First Congregational Church, and he has taken much interest in musical affairs generally, having been president and organizer of the old Amphion Music Society, and secretary of the more recent Choral Musical Union.

**CHARLES W. GRANNISS**, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a representative citizen of the town of East Haven, New Haven county, was born Nov. 10, 1844, on the farm where he now resides, and comes of good old Colonial stock.

The family was founded in the New World by Edward Granniss, a native of England, who came to this country in 1644 and first located in Hartford, Conn., where he followed farming about ten years.



About 1670 he removed to Hadley, Mass., and seven years later came to North Haven. He married Elizabeth Andrews in 1654, and among their children was Joseph Granniss, who was born in 1677. Isaac Granniss, son of Joseph, was born in 1716, and was the first of the family to locate in East Haven, making his home on the farm where our subject now lives. He purchased this land from the Indian chief Foxen. His son, Jared Granniss, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1756, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years. He was one of the Revolutionary heroes, and was with Gen. Putnam in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Frederick Granniss, father of our subject, was born Feb. 2, 1813, and when sixteen years of age was apprenticed to George Hoadley, of New Haven, to learn the carriagemaker's trade, at which he continued to work for several years, spending part of the time in Albany, N. Y. Returning to the old homestead in East Haven, he followed dairy farming throughout the remainder of his life, and died there April 29, 1895. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Baptist Church, and took a very active part in its work. In early life he married Miss Emily Bailey, a daughter of Thaddeus Bailey, of Groton, Conn. She died Feb. 18, 1882. In their family were three children, of whom our subject is the youngest. George F., born Feb. 2, 1835, is a resident of Wallingford, this county; and Andrew J., born Jan. 11, 1841, is a farmer of East Haven.

Charles W. Granniss passed his boyhood and youth on the old homestead where he continues to reside, and was pursuing his studies in the local schools when the Civil war broke out. Going to New Haven, he enlisted Aug. 21, 1861, in Company A, 10th Conn. V. I., but his father, learning of his enlistment through the school teacher, succeeded in getting his release on account of his youth. Our subject returned home, but after talking the matter over with his father for a few days he was given a written consent to his enlistment, and together they returned to New Haven, where he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment, joining his command at that city. They were encamped at Hartford, and thence went to Annapolis, Md., later joining Burnside in his Roanoke expedition. Mr. Granniss' first engagement, at Roanoke Island, N. C., was followed by the battles of Newbern, Kinston and Goldsboro, under the command of Gen. Burnside, 10th Army Corps. Later the regiment was assigned to the 18th Army Corps, under Gen. Gilmore and Butler, and was sent to Charleston, S. C., where they helped dig the entrenchments and remained until the surrender of Fort Wagner, after a siege of three months. Going to St. Augustine, Fla., they did garrison duty until Dec. 31, 1863, and then returned home on a thirty days' furlough. Mr. Granniss re-enlisted and rejoined his regiment at Hartford, where they were encamped on Trinity College grounds. Later they proceeded to Alexandria, Va.

They spent five weeks at Arlington Heights, near Washington, D. C., and then joined the army opposite Yorktown, under Gen. Butler. Later they participated in the engagements at Bermuda Hundred, Drury's Bluff and the siege of Petersburg, and then crossed the James river and took part in the battle of Strawberry Plains, where Mr. Granniss was wounded by a minie ball in the left shoulder, Aug. 16, 1864. He was first taken to the field hospital and later to the hospital at Newmarket Heights. On his recovery he participated in the engagements at Laurel Hill, Newmarket, Derbytown, Johnston's plantation, Hatchie's Run and Fort Gregg. While storming the fort our subject was again wounded by a revolver in the hands of a Confederate officer not one hundred feet from him, the bullet striking the first joint of the first finger on the left hand and passing through all the finger joints. He spent a few days in the hospital at Point of Rocks, and a month at the hospital at Hampton, Va., and then was discharged at New Haven, Aug. 30, 1865, with the rank of sergeant.

Soon after his return home Mr. Granniss, in company with his brother Andrew, went to Norfolk, Va., where he was employed in lumber and wood yards for one year. At the end of that time he came back to Connecticut, and has since successfully engaged in market gardening and the dairy business on the old homestead in East Haven. On Feb. 24, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Annie Irwin, of Baltimore, Md., and to them were born three children: Irwin, a practicing physician of New Haven, who was graduated from the Medical Department of Yale College at the age of twenty-one years; Lincoln, who is now a member of the Freshman class at Yale; and Charles A., who died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Granniss is an honored member of Delphi Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M., of New Haven; Admiral Foote Post, No. 63, G. A. R.; and Foxen Grange, No. 89, East Haven, of which he is now master. In politics he is an ardent Republican. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1895 and again in 1899, and was chairman of the committee on Temperance during the last term; he has been county auditor for two years. As a citizen he has always been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, so that his loyalty is above question, being manifest in days of peace as when he followed the old flag to victory on Southern battlefields.

HENRY CHALMERS BALDWIN, whose fame as a lawyer and orator extended far beyond the confines of his native State, was born upon a farm known as Pond Hill, in the town of Naugatuck, Sept. 15, 1842.

Lucius Baldwin, his father, who was a Methodist minister, was born in Woodbridge. He married a Miss Willard, of Massachusetts, and for many years lived upon the farm where ten of his



fourteen children were born. He died in April, 1869. Of his family Henry C. was the ninth in order of birth, the others being Jerusha Maria, Lucius Monroe, Edwin Soule, Hervey Watson, Amelia Anne, Louis Sherwood, Esther Sophia, Frances Adelaide, Celia Josephine, Matilda Augusta, Albert Warren, Charles Willard and Florence Eleanor. Lucius Monroe is a farmer in Naugatuck; Louis Sherwood and Albert Warren died in early manhood. Charles Willard is a practicing lawyer in Florida. Five of the seven daughters are married, Jerusha Maria to F. K. Small, of Cape Cod, Mass.; Esther Sophia to J. F. Brown, of Lynn, that State; Frances Adelaide to Judge Bingham; of Naugatuck; Celia Josephine to E. J. Whitehead, of New York; and Amelia Anne to George F. Walker, of Gloucester, England. Florence Eleanor has remained unmarried. Matilda Augusta died before reaching womanhood.

Henry C. Baldwin passed his boyhood upon the paternal farm, receiving his early education at the schools of Naugatuck and New Britain. In August, 1862, before he had reached the age of twenty, he enlisted with a number of other young men of Naugatuck, in Company H, 15th C. V. His experience as a soldier was eventful, and his record one of distinction. He was once wounded and was for two months a prisoner, and was mustered out of service June 28, 1865. On his return to Naugatuck he taught school for a time, and was for two years connected with a concern engaged in the manufacture of pocket cutlery, window fixtures, etc. That pursuit, however, he did not find congenial, and in 1869 he matriculated in the Yale Law School, from which he was graduated three years later. He at once began practice at Naugatuck, where his natural ability, sound learning and fidelity to his clients soon won for him a large clientage. In 1889 he opened an office in New York, spending three days of each week in that city, and in 1895 he established a branch office in Waterbury, Conn., the better to meet the demands of his constantly growing practice. He died Jan. 15, 1897, at his home in Carroll Court, the immediate cause of his death being heart failure, the sequence to an illness extending over several weeks. His passing away cast a gloom over the community in which he had lived so long, and where he had many friends and where he was universally honored, even by those who criticised what they sometimes designated his "erratic" course in politics. As a man he was trusted implicitly by all who knew him; as a friend he was sincere, charitable, faithful; as a husband and father, loyal and devoted; as a citizen, progressive, public-spirited and liberal. Endowed with a singularly retentive memory and sparkling wit, he was a brilliant conversationalist. As a lawyer, his sympathies were always with the cause which he believed to be right and just, and his generosity toward those in distress was limited

only by his pecuniary ability, although ever guided by a sound judgment.

Reference has been made in the preceding paragraph to Mr. Baldwin's career as a politician. His first vote was cast as a Democrat, and in 1872 he took the stump for Horace Greeley. He was a constant reader on theories and principles of government and finance, and he early became imbued with the creed of the Greenback-Labor party, in 1875 delivering the first speech ever made in its advocacy in Hartford. In 1880 he was a delegate to the convention which nominated Gen. Weaver for the presidency, and in one campaign he was the Greenback candidate for Connecticut's chief executive chair. In 1886 he was elected town clerk on that ticket. In 1896 he was an ardent supporter of William J. Bryan, and made speeches in his behalf in Connecticut and New Jersey. The following is extracted from a paragraph which appeared in the *New York Sun* at the time of his death: "Mr. Baldwin had been identified with public affairs for a long time. He had been a Greenbacker, and was the Greenback candidate for governor of his State at one time. He followed Blaine through Maine the time the State elected a Greenback governor, and to him more than to any other man was due the victory of the party in that State. He was an ardent Populist of late years, and took an active part in the St. Louis convention. It was he who got on his feet and asked the gathering to use their brains instead of their mouths." As an orator Mr. Baldwin was eloquent and fearless, and even his opponents always heard him with interest and respect. He was a frequent contributor to the press, his writings always showing deep research and mental qualities of a high order. At one time he was connected with a Naugatuck weekly called the *Agitator*, devoted to the interests of the working men, and many leading papers throughout the land welcomed articles from his pen.

On May 29, 1875, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Millicent, a daughter of Elijah W. Bingham, of Middletown. She and their three children, May E., Florence J. and Seth W., survive him.

FREDERICK LEGRAND JACKSON, a well-known merchant at Stony Creek, has won more than a local reputation for honest goods and fair treatment, and by his plain and upright methods of doing business has drawn to himself a very desirable custom. Mr. Jackson was born in Durham, Conn., March 2, 1860, and is a son of Alfred and Deborah Ann (Davis) Jackson, both natives of Connecticut, the former of Guilford, and the latter of Durham.

John Jackson, his paternal grandfather, was born in Guilford, where he lived and died, having followed the vocation of farming all his life. Levi Davis, the maternal grandfather of Frederick L. Jackson, was also a farmer in Durham, and in his



later life he removed to a location in Susquehanna county, Penn., where he spent the rest of his life, dying in that community.

Alfred Jackson, the father of Frederick L., is a farmer, and has his home in Durham, Conn. There are six children in his family: Lillia V. (who married Henry Davis), Andrew, Frederick L., Edith, Mary and John.

Frederick LeGrand Jackson spent his boyhood days in Durham, and received his education in Durham Academy. Leaving home at the age of twenty years, he became an employe in the general store of his brother-in-law, Henry Davis, and remained with him nine and a half years. Mr. Jackson began business for himself in 1891, at Stony Creek, after having managed the establishment of Strong, Barnes & Hart, for about a year and a half. Purchasing the stock and good will of his employers, he solicited the patronage of the public in his own behalf, and from the first made a decided success in his business.

On June 8, 1892, Mr. Jackson was married to Mary F., a daughter of Joseph A. and Adeline W. (Webster) Terry, of Hartford. Mr. Jackson is a member of the two fraternal societies the Knights of Honor and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Democrat.

LYNDE ROWLAND, a prominent citizen of Branford, was born in Old Lyme, New London Co., Conn., July 17, 1827, son of Lynde and Susan Y. (Greenfield) Rowland, and grandson of Evi and Caroline (Chadwick) Rowland. He comes of good old Puritan stock, and is a worthy representative of the best ideals and principles of New England. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Rowland, James Greenfield, who was a shoe-maker of Old Lyme, came of English and German extraction. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Our subject's father was a sea captain, and in the course of his professional career visited all the great seaports of the world. He died Jan. 20, 1841, aged fifty-five years, in the village of Old Lyme, shortly after the death of his wife, who passed away Nov. 15, 1840, aged forty-six years. Their family consisted of four children, of whom the eldest, Edward, who died several years ago, was a farmer and school teacher by occupation; he married Abigail Lay, and had six children. Mary Ann died Dec. 20, 1832, aged two years, six months. Abigail G. became the wife of Andrew Ure, a farmer and merchant, and had five children; she died in 1899.

Lynde Rowland, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared in the village of Old Lyme, where he spent the first thirteen and a half years of his life, at the end of which time he was bound out to the carriagemaker's trade for seven years to William F. Cables, of New London. He finished his trade in Salem, and in 1846 removed to Leyden, Lewis Co., N. Y., where he embarked in the manufacture of horse rakes, butter tubs, cheese boxes and

presses, wagons, turnings for builders, and other wooden goods. For six years he continued in business in that city, and in 1851 he came to Branford, where he went into the wagon and carriage business, in which with some intermissions he continued for nearly fifty years. In 1862 he became the proprietor of a grocery store in Branford, which remained on his hands for nearly a year, and later he had another for about the same length of time. For a time he was also interested in a carriage factory in the city of New York, where he had a feed store and also a shoe shop. Mr. Rowland at the present time is extensively interested in Branford real estate, owning a number of tenements and business buildings, nineteen in all. He has been an active and progressive business man, and a considerable fortune attests his industry and thrifty management.

Mr. Rowland was married, in 1862, to Amelia M., daughter of William Allport, of Branford, and is the father of two sons, Lynde W. and Wallace A. Lynde W. was born July 13, 1863, was married May 2, 1888, to Minnie Harrison, and resides in Naugatuck. Wallace A., born Feb. 20, 1870, was married Aug. 21, 1899, to Mattie Parker, and has two sons—Chester R., born Nov. 13, 1900; and Lynde Parker, born Sept. 6, 1901. They make their home in Branford. Politically Mr. Rowland was a Whig in early life, but became a Republican on the formation of that party. In his younger manhood he was a member of the Odd Fellows in New Haven.

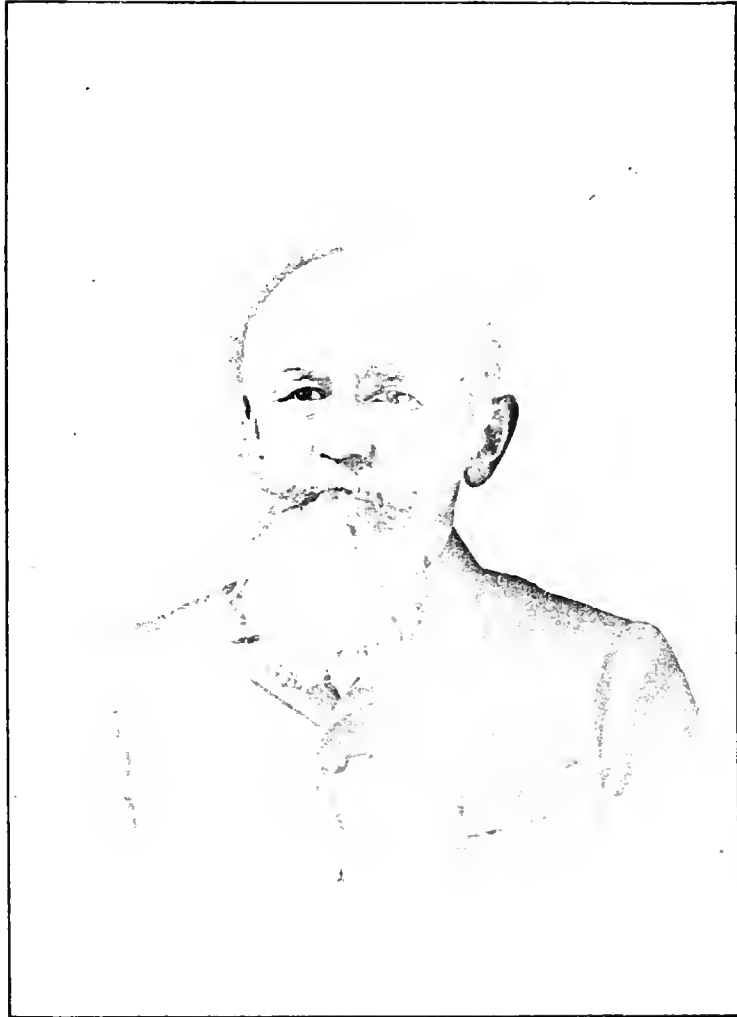
Mrs. Rowland's father, William Allport, was born in Birmingham, England, and came to America at the age of twenty-two. In Middletown he married Julia Hudson, and they had six children. Mr. Allport was a metal patternmaker by trade. He died Nov. 16, 1889, his wife on Dec. 1, 1891.

JOHN AUGUSTUS COOK was born June 5, 1859, on Center street, Wallingford, a son of Samuel Merriman Cook, and descends from the Cook family of Herefordshire and County Kent, England. The first of the name in America was Henry Cook, who was at Plymouth, Mass., before 1640, and there died. He had four sons: John, who settled at Middletown; Isaac, of Plymouth; and Henry and Samuel, who came to New Haven county.

Samuel Cook was born in Plymouth, and in 1663 came to New Haven, and married Hope Parker, daughter of Edward Parker, May 2, 1666. They located in Wallingford in 1670, on what is now known as Cook's Hill. Samuel was by trade a shoemaker and tanner, and he owned considerable land. He filled many public offices, and was prominent in church affairs, being one of the organizers of First Church of Wallingford. He died in 1702. After the death of his first wife, Hope, he married Mary Roberts, who on April 9, 1705, married Jeremiah Howe. Samuel Cook was the father of the following children: Samuel, mentioned below;







*Lynde Rowland*



John, born Dec. 3, 1669; Hannah, March 3, 1671; Isaac, March 10, 1673 (died April 7, 1673); Mary, April 23, 1675 (married Nathaniel Ives); Elizabeth, Aug. 22, 1677 (died young); Judith, Feb. 29, 1679 (married Jeremiah Howe, April 20, 1704, and died the same day); Isaac, Jan. 10, 1681; Joseph, Feb. 25, 1683; Hope, Sept. 27, 1686 (married Joseph Benham, and died Jan. 30, 1731). These were all by the first marriage, and by the second were born Israel, May 8, 1692; Mabel, June 30, 1694; Benjamin, April 8, 1697 (died in 1717); Ephraim, April 19, 1699; Elizabeth, Sept. 10, 1701 (married Adam Mott, Aug. 28, 1717).

Samuel Cook, son of Samuel Cook, was born March 3, 1667, in New Haven, Conn., and married Hannah Ives March 3, 1692. She was a daughter of William Ives, and died May 29, 1714. He married Elizabeth Bedel, of Stratford, for his second wife, and after a life devoted to farming, died Sept. 18, 1725. His children were (1) Hannah, born May 28, 1693, married Jeremiah Hull, and died Nov. 22, 1735; (2) Samuel, mentioned below; (3) Aaron, born Dec. 28, 1696, died Oct. 14, 1756; (4) Lydia, born Jan. 13, 1699, married Oct. 12, 1738, Daniel Dutton; (5) Moses, born Jan. 4, 1700, died Dec. 25, 1711; (6) Miriam, born Nov. 4, 1703, married Benjamin Curtis, Dec. 12, 1727; (7) Thankful, born Dec. 24, 1705, died Aug. 19, 1714; (8) Esther, born March 8, 1707, married Abel Yale, July 22, 1730; (9) Eunice, born Feb. 25, 1709; (10) Susannah, born Sept. 5, 1711, married Joseph Cole, Dec. 1, 1735; (11) Hope died Sept. 18, 1728. These children were all born of the first marriage. To the second came (12) Moses, born Nov. 6, 1716; (13) Thankful, born Nov. 14, 1718, married Stephen Hotchkiss, Dec. 31, 1742; (14) Asaph, born June 25, 1720; (15) Hannah, born Nov. 4, 1721, married Zephaniah Hull, of Cheshire.

Samuel Cook, son of the foregoing Samuel, was born March 5, 1695, became a wealthy shipping merchant from New Haven, and died on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 7, 1745, leaving an estate of \$145,525, as recorded in the probate proceedings of the time. He was buried at Cheshire, where a fine altar tomb marks his resting place. His benefactions to the poor were remarkable for the time. On Feb. 8, 1721, he married Hannah, daughter of Ebenezer Lewis, of Wallingford, and they had the following children: (1) Hannah, born Dec. 22, 1722, married Elnathan Beach, and died May 18, 1754; (2) Rhoda, born Oct. 22, 1724, married Benjamin Hitchcock, of Cheshire, Feb. 7, 1745; (3) Demaris, born November, 1726, married Rev. Ebenezer Boone, Dec. 19, 1750, and removed to Vermont; (4) Thaddeus is mentioned below; (5) Lowly, born May 15, 1730, married Andrew Hull, of Cheshire, Oct. 17, 1750, and became the mother of General Andrew Hull, of Cheshire, and the great-grandmother of Rear-Admiral Andrew Hull Foote, of the U. S. N.; (6) Samuel, born Nov. 16, 1733; (7) Eunice, born June 29, 1735, married Samuel

Hull, of Cheshire, in 1765; (8) Levi, born Nov. 10, 1737; and (9) Aaron, born Nov. 30, 1739.

Col. Thaddeus Cook, son of Capt. Samuel and Hannah (Lewis) Cook, born in Cheshire, Sept. 10, 1728, was a soldier in the Revolution under Gen. Gates. He lived in Cheshire, where he was highly respected, and where he died Feb. 27, 1800. He was three times married. His first wife, Lois Beach, was a daughter of Capt. Elnathan Beach, and died April 4, 1753, at the age of twenty-one years. For his second wife he married Sarah Hall, who was born in Cheshire, and died Sept. 5, 1774. His third wife, Abigail, survived him some years. By his first marriage Col. Cook had one child, Lois, born April 1, 1753. Mrs. Sarah (Hall) Cook was the mother of: (1) Sarah, born July 23, 1755, married Dr. Gould Gift Norton, of Cheshire, and died in September, 1818; (2) Samuel, born in 1758; (3) Seneca, born Jan. 15, 1761, died Feb. 26, 1776; (4) Lucy, born in 1762, married Amos Harrison Ives in 1776, and died February, 1836; (5) Thaddeus, born May 3, 1764, graduated from Yale in 1783, and died Oct. 3, 1789; (6) Sally married Nathan Harrison, of North Branford; and (7) Clarissa became Mrs. Hall, and had one daughter, Sukey.

Samuel Cook, son of Col. Thaddeus, married Mary Kirkland, a daughter of Constant Kirkland, of Wallingford, and died Sept. 24, 1824, and his widow passed away March 10, 1839, when eighty-two years old. Their children were: (1) Russell, born Sept. 8, 1778, married a Miss Hall, of Cheshire. (2) Eunice, Aug. 24, 1780, married Elias Ford, Esq., of Naugatuck. (3) Harriet, born May 17, 1785, married Ira Yale, of Wallingford. (4) Turhand K., born in 1787, married Catherine Van Bryan, of Catskill, N. Y. (5) Samuel, born Feb. 28, 1788, married Martha Culver, of Wallingford. (6) Thaddeus, born April 3, 1791, married four wives, Julia Cook (who had one daughter, Julia, who married William Francis and had two sons, William and John), Sylvia Hall (who had a daughter, Catherine, who married David Hall, and had three sons), Thankful Hall, and Martha Hall (who had four daughters: Caroline, who married Rev. Mr. Paddock; Sarah, wife of O. I. Martin; Emma, who married Edward Cook, and has two children; and Frances, who died in infancy). (7) George, born April 17, 1794, married Lavinia Culver, of Wallingford. (8) Friend, born Nov. 1, 1797, married Emily Atwater, of Wallingford. (9) John, mentioned below.

John Cook, son of Samuel and grandfather of John Augustus, was born on Cook's Hill, Dec. 2, 1799, and was a lifelong farmer. In political matters he was a Democrat, and stood well in his own community, holding at different times local offices of trust and responsibility. Belonging to St. Paul's Church, he was one of the most influential members of the Episcopal communion in this region. On June 25, 1823, he married Mary Munson, of



Northford, now North Branford, who bore him the following children: Samuel Merriman is mentioned below; Mary Ann married Tilton E. Doolittle, for a number of years State's Attorney at New Haven, and both are now dead; Ellen Augusta married Charles N. Jones, of Wallingford, and is now deceased; and George Delos (deceased) married Ella Belle Bullock, of Wallingford. John Cook, the father of these, passed away Jan. 1, 1858, at the age of fifty-eight years.

Samuel Merriman Cook was born in Wallingford, May 5, 1825, on what is known as Cook's Hill, named after the after the family some generations ago. On April 27, 1847, he married Sarah Ellen Bartholomew, daughter of Ira and Emie (Hall) Bartholomew. To this union were born three children: Frank, born Jan. 25, 1854, died July 11, 1884 (he left a daughter, who married H. L. Ingraham); John Augustus; and Abbey Bartholomew, born Dec. 9, 1864, married Samuel E. Hopkins, of Naugatuck.

John Augustus Cook was educated in the public school of Wallingford, and at the age of fifteen years began for himself a small express business. This he has built up by close attention and fine management until it has become one of the most considerable establishments of the day, employing ten men steadily, often more, and using about twenty-five horses. He has every kind of a vehicle needed in his business, and has one of the most completely equipped stables in the State. Mr. Cook has contracts for teaming and hauling with several factories, and never lacks work. In 1897 Mr. Cook put up one of the finest and most modern residences in Wallingford.

On June 29, 1888, Mr. Cook was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Mae Chandler, of Galveston, Texas, daughter of Charles Henry Chandler. To this union was born Samuel John Cook, Nov. 28, 1889. The family have long been associated with the Congregational Church, and take an active interest in its work. Politically Mr. Cook is a Republican, but devotes more time to his private affairs than to partisan matters. He is highly esteemed in the community in which his family has been represented so many years.

**HENRY WILSON TYLER**, a well-known mill man and farmer of Wallingford, makes his home at what is known as Tyler's Mills, where he was born Feb. 18, 1848.

Mr. Tyler comes of a family notably concerned with the affairs of New Haven county for many years. John Tyler, his grandfather, was born in the town of Branford, and when a young man was a sailor. He was in Boston during the turbulent years that ushered in the American Revolution, and was one of the "Indians" who threw overboard the tea in Boston harbor. During the bloody years that followed he was very active, and was on the vessel that brought over the treaty of peace. After

giving up his seafaring life Capt. Tyler removed to that part of Wallingford near the line of the town of Branford, and bought the mills now known as Tyler's Mills, devoting himself to the mill business with his son, Ezra. About the time of the marriage of this son John Tyler moved back to Branford and took charge of a mill at Mill Plain. There he died, and was buried in Mill Plain cemetery. He married Ann Rogers, who after his death returned to Wallingford, and lived with her son Ezra at the old homestead, where she died. She was buried in Branford, by the side of her husband.

Ezra Tyler, the son referred to, and the father of Henry Wilson, was born in Branford in 1799, and came to Tyler's Mills in company with his parents in 1812. Here he grew up, and here his entire life was spent, in the milling business. In connection with his gristmill he had a sawmill, and owned and farmed a large tract of land. He was one of the successful men of his day, and commanded the hearty and unstinted respect and confidence of all who knew him. A long and active life was his, and it was not terminated until he reached the age of eighty-four years. A member of the Episcopal Church for many years, he served as vestryman and warden. In his politics he was a Democrat, but did not seek for office or gain, and was a good citizen and a man of high character and aims. On Sept. 19, 1824, he married Jenette Bates (daughter of Parker Bates), who was born April 27, 1806. She was the mother of the following children: (1) George, born June 20, 1825, lives in Woodbury; (2) Harvey, born March 9, 1827, is now deceased; (3) Elsie, born July 11, 1829, married Munson Rogers, and both are deceased; (4) John, born Jan. 19, 1832, and (5) Ezra, born April 16, 1834, are deceased; (6) Jenette, born May 13, 1836, has never married; (7) Angenora, born Dec. 8, 1838, is deceased; (8) Miss Lucretia was born July 31, 1841; (9) Amanda, born March 17, 1844, married L. Lounsbury, of Southbury; (10) Emeline, born March 5, 1846, is unmarried; (11) Henry Wilson is mentioned below; (12) Ada C., born Feb. 24, 1850, died in infancy. Mrs. Ezra Tyler died on the farm, and was buried in Northford cemetery. Mr. Tyler married for his second wife Mary Bates, a sister of his first wife; they had no children.

Henry Wilson Tyler was educated in the district school, and worked on the farm and in the mill until he attained his majority, when he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. For a number of years that was his occupation, but later he came to operate part of the farm and engaged in milling, and has become one of the solid and prosperous men of the community. He has built a new house on his place. He is still operating the mill, and in all his business transactions is regarded as one of the squarest men of the community. Mr. Tyler was married, in New Preston, Conn., to Miss Hattie M. Signor, a native of Roxbury, this State, and a daughter of John Signor. Six children have come



to bless this union: Angenora, who married Charles Woliver; Lydia; David; John; Minnie; and George. Mr. Tyler is a Democrat, and a good citizen.

WILLIAM A. BARNES was born Nov. 18, 1850, at Roxbury, Conn., where his family is well known. His great-grandfather, Jabez Barnes, who was said to have been a native of Wales, was a seafaring man, and it is supposed died at sea. His great-grandmother, Martha (Atkins), a native of Middletown, Conn., lived to be nearly one hundred years old. Ithamar Barnes, our subject's grandfather, was born in Middletown, and settled in 1800 at Roxbury, engaging in business as a shoemaker and saddler. He and his wife, Ana Thomas, both lived to the age of seventy. She was born in either Roxbury or Woodbury. Her father, Ebenezer Thomas, is said to have been a captain in the Revolutionary army; he is buried in Roxbury.

George Barnes, our subject's father, was born Jan. 4, 1819, in Roxbury, where he has spent his life. After receiving a common-school education he engaged in farming, and for many years he has been interested also in the cattle business. As a citizen he is much respected. He married Julia Alling, who died aged seventy-three years. She was born in Woodbridge, New Haven county, daughter of Philo Alling, a farmer, who attained the advanced age of eighty years; her mother, Huldah (Lines), died in early womanhood, leaving a large family of children. George and Julia Barnes had six children, of whom five are living, as follows: Francis, George E., William A., Catherine A. (now Mrs. Noble Davenport) and Susan (who married Charles B. Minor. In the maternal line our subject is descended from ancestors who took a prominent part in the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812, and Roger Alling was the first treasurer of the Colony of New Haven.

Our subject obtained a common-school education in his native town, and when twenty years old left home to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner with Elliott P. Hine, of Southbury, this county. After working as a journeyman in Bridgeport and Waterbury for a time he went to Ansonia, in 1872, but remained only two years. In 1876 he returned to make his permanent home there, and with the exception of one winter spent in Florida in 1888 he has since resided in that place. During the first fifteen years he was in the contracting business he had a partner, S. B. Bronson, and they speedily acquired a large patronage in their line in the town, putting up numerous dwelling houses and other buildings. Since Mr. Bronson's retirement our subject has continued alone in business.

In 1877 Mr. Barnes married Miss Martha Lawton, a native of England, and daughter of Lewis and Rachel (Higginbotham) Lawton. Her father, who was a spinner by trade, died in Ansonia at the age of seventy-five; her mother lived to be

over seventy years old. They reared a large family. Our subject has one son, George L., who is attending school.

Politically Mr. Barnes is a Democrat, and he has served two terms as assessor, two years as deputy judge, and several terms as a grand juror. In 1896 he was appointed on the board of charities by Mayor Webster, and after serving the term of two years was reappointed by Mayor Burton, to serve until 1901. In 1898 he was chosen president of the board, to serve one year. He is a member of Christ Church, Ansonia, of which he has been a vestryman for a number of years. Fraternally he is identified with George Washington Lodge, No. 78; Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M.; and Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ansonia. He belongs to the Eagle Hose Company.

GEORGE BLACKSTONE, wholesale oyster dealer in New Haven, was born in Branford on the farm where he now resides, Feb. 6, 1859, a son of John Adam and Lucy (Booth) Blackstone. James Blackstone, his paternal grandfather, was a prominent farmer of Branford, in whose honor his son, Timothy B. Blackstone, erected the Branford Library, the finest in New England, at a cost of \$900,000, for the maintenance of which he provided endowment funds of \$300,000.

James Blackstone was born in Branford, where George Blackstone is now living, in 1793, where he died. He married Sarah Beach. The first ancestor of this family in America was the Rev. William Blackstone, a graduate in 1617 from Emanuel College, Cambridge, England, who was thereafter given Episcopal ordination in England. Not long after his ordination he embraced the Puritan faith, left his native country, and sought a home with the first settlers of Boston, on account of his Non-Conformist principles. He was the first settler of Boston, and when the Pilgrims arrived he was already on the ground. The Colony records show that he was the first person admitted as a freeman of the new government, May 18, 1631. John (1), his only son, married in 1692, and about 1713 moved to Branford. John (2), son of John (1), died in Branford Jan. 3, 1785, at the age of eighty-six. John (3), son of John (2), was born in Branford in 1731, and died Aug. 10, 1816, aged eighty-five years. Timothy, son of John (3), was born in Branford in 1766, and died in 1849, at the age of eighty-three; he was the father of James Blackstone, who was born in 1793, and died Feb. 4, 1886. Thus are outlined the five generations who have lived and died on the homestead of George Blackstone.

John A. Blackstone was born on the homestead where he passed his life, engaged in farming, and where he died in September, 1890, at the age of sixty-five years. He married Lucy Booth, who died in November, 1880, and they had three children: (1) Adelaide, who married Willis P. Hopson; (2)





Emma, who married Horatio Pond, and has one daughter, Alice Blackstone; and (3) George. The father was a Republican, but not active in politics.

George Blackstone was reared on the farm which has been his lifelong home, and obtained his education in the public schools. For fifteen years he has been engaged in the wholesale oyster business, proving a decided success in this line, his thorough knowledge of the business and his honorable and upright ways winning and retaining a good custom.

Mr. Blackstone was married, Dec. 27, 1899, to Mrs. Nellie Valentine, a native of Branford, and daughter of Alexander and Eliza J. (Tottem) Van Wie. The father, who was born in Albany, N. Y., died in 1898; he was a carriagemaker by trade, and was for fifteen years superintendent of the Branford Lock Works. He was a Republican politically. The mother is still living. They had a family of six children: John, Nellie (Mrs. Blackstone), Jane (deceased), Charles, Helena (deceased) and Frank. By her former husband Mrs. Blackstone had two children, William J. and Ethel Lena. Mr. Blackstone is connected with the Congregational Church, and in politics is a Republican. Mrs. Blackstone is a member of the Episcopal Church. They are both highly respected members of the community, and are much esteemed for their many good qualities.

HENRY J. SMITH, president of the Ansonia Lumber Co., at Ansonia, is one of the representative citizens of that town. The firm of which he is the head is the oldest lumber company in this section, and is the only one in Ansonia, their convenient location near the railroad and admirable system of business enabling them to meet all the demands of the large and growing trade in that locality.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 1, 1831, in Oxford, this county, where his family has been prominent from an early day. Isaac Smith, his grandfather, also a native of the town, followed the blacksmith's trade there throughout his life, and died at the age of sixty years. He married Sarah Beardsley, who died aged sixty-five years, and they had a large family of children.

Philo Smith, our subject's father, was born in Oxford, and spent his life chiefly in the Naugatuck Valley. He was a fine mechanic, and followed the trades of carpenter, millwright and bridge builder, being especially noted for his work in the latter line. His death occurred at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Mr. Smith married Betsey Lum, who was born on Great Hill, daughter of Deacon Jonathan and Charity (Frazier) Lum, and died aged fifty-eight years. She was one of a family of eight children, none of whom are now living. Deacon Lum was a well-known man of his day in this section, and made his home successively at Derby or Great Hill, Woodbury and Oxford, where he died aged sixty years. Mrs. Lum lived to be over seventy years old. Our subject's parents were both

devout members of the Methodist Church, and were much esteemed in the community. They had two children, but our subject was the only one that lived to maturity.

Henry J. Smith's early years were spent upon a farm, and after completing a course in the district schools he attended the high school at Birmingham. At the age of seventeen he began to serve an apprenticeship at Birmingham as a carpenter and joiner, but after the completion of his apprenticeship he went to New Haven to study architecture with the late Henry Austin. For some years he followed that profession successfully in New Haven, and about 1861 he removed to Ansonia and entered the employ of Capt. John Lindley, then postmaster, as clerk in the post office and general store. In 1864 he was employed by Willis & Lewis Hotchkiss, lumber dealers, as clerk and bookkeeper, this arrangement continuing until the organization of the W. & L. Hotchkiss Lumber Co., when he was made secretary and treasurer. Ten years later the company was merged into the Ansonia Lumber Co., and Mr. Smith served as treasurer of that organization until the death of the Hotchkiss brothers, when he became president of the organization. He is also identified prominently with other business interests in the city, and is now vice-president of the Ansonia Flour & Grain Co., and president of the Savings Bank of Ansonia. Politically he is a Republican, and he served two years as town clerk before the separation from Derby, and four years as selectman. When the city was first organized he was elected alderman from the Fifth ward, and he did effective work as a member of the first board in shaping municipal affairs.

In 1857 Mr. Smith married Miss Susan A. Wheeler, who was born in the town of Monroe, Fairfield county, one of the four children of Samuel Wheeler and his second wife, Sabra (Seeley). Her father, who lived to the age of eighty-five years, was a lifelong resident of Monroe, where he followed the carpenter's trade in connection with farming. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Samuel W., who is now the head of the firm of S. W. Smith & Co., druggists of Ansonia. He married Miss Mary Fessenden, and they have had four children, of whom three are living: Pauline, Henry J. and Gertrude. The family is prominent socially, and is identified with Immanuel Church, West Side, our subject being a vestryman. He is one of the well-known Freemasons of this section, being a member of George Washington Lodge, F. & A. M.; Mt. Vernon Chapter, R. A. M.; and the Veteran Masons' Association.

BENJAMIN L. BRONSON, a leading agriculturist of Wolcott, is a worthy descendant of an old and honored New England family, which was established in this country by John Bronson, an early settler of Cambridge, Mass. In 1636 he came with Rev. Mr. Hooker's colony to Hartford, Conn., and





Henry J. Smith



the following year took part in the Pequot war. He removed to what is now Farmington, Conn., in 1641, and was one of the seven pillars of the church, which was organized at that place in 1652. He died Nov. 28, 1680. His children were Jacob, born in January, 1641; John, born in January, 1644; Isaac, born in November, 1645; Mary; Abraham, a resident of Lyme, Conn.; Dorcas, wife of Stephen Hopkins; and Sarah.

John Bronson (2) was born in Hartford, and removed with his parents to Farmington, but later came to Mattatuck, now Waterbury, where he spent the remainder of his life. He had seven children, whose names and years of birth were as follows: John (3), 1670; Sarah, 1672; Dorothy, 1675; Ebenezer, 1677; William, 1682; Moses, 1686; and Grace, 1689.

John Bronson (3) was born in Waterbury, in 1670, and there grew to manhood, but subsequently he removed to Southington, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life. In January, 1697, he married Rachel Buck, of Wethersfield, Conn., and to them were born the following children: John, Nov. 21, 1698; David, Aug. 9, 1704; Jonathan, May 14, 1706; Joseph, June 15, 1708; Rachel, July 6, 1710; Mary, Jan. 30, 1712; and James, Nov. 29, 1713.

Jonathan Bronson, son of John (3), spent his entire life in Southington, dying there Aug. 20, 1751. He was married, May 17, 1732, and had ten children: Asahel, born Oct. 25, 1733; John, in 1735; Ann, March 30, 1737; Abigail, Feb. 18, 1739; Jonathan, Dec. 24, 1740; a son (who died unnamed), Jan. 20, 1743; Zadac, Aug. 7, 1745; Huldah, April 18, 1747; Lois, Jan. 6, 1749; and Isaac, June 20, 1751.

John Bronson, son of Jonathan, was born and reared in Southington, and when a young man came to Wolcott, where he owned a farm. He was a hard working man and made farming his life occupation. He died Nov. 10, 1838, at the age of 103 years, 3 months and 25 days, and was buried in Wolcott. On March 30, 1758, he married Sarah Barnes, who was born Sept. 27, 1732, and died Dec. 17, 1804. For his second wife he married Mrs. Curtis Hall. He had six children: Joel, who was born March 9, 1759, and lived in Burlington, Conn.; Isaac, born July 19, 1761; Benjamin Barnes, who was born Aug. 19, 1763, and lived in Southington; Philenor, who was baptized April 21, 1766; Hannah; and John, born Jan. 31, 1776.

John Bronson, the youngest of this family and the grandfather of our subject, was a lifelong resident of Wolcott, and was one of its prominent and influential citizens, taking an active part in town and county affairs and doing all in his power to promote the general welfare. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. He married Hannah Root, of Farmington, Conn., who was born Feb. 14, 1781, and died Feb. 24, 1853, while his death occurred Nov. 25, 1866, and the remains of both were interred

at Wolcott. Their children were Jarvis Root, born April 5, 1808; Sarah Ann, who was born April 1, 1811, and married George W. Carter; Stillman, the father of our subject; Pitkin, born May 2, 1815; and Sarah Maria, who was born June 18, 1823, and died Sept. 5, 1827.

Stillman Bronson, father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Wolcott Sept. 11, 1812, and was provided with a good district school education. He followed farming on the place owned by R. Carter, a tract of 150 acres, upon which he made many improvements, and he was also interested in stock raising. His political support was first given the Whig party and later the Republican party, and in his church relations he was a Congregationalist. A man of industrious habits, upright and honorable in all his dealings, he commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and was held in high regard. He died in 1891, and was laid to rest in Northeast cemetery. He married Charlotte R. Lindsley, who was born Dec. 21, 1816, a daughter of Lud and Hannah (Gaylord) Lindsley, and granddaughter of Benjamin and Keturah (Anger) Lindsley, of Bristol. She is still living with our subject on the old homestead, and is one of the oldest ladies of Wolcott. She is a good, consistent Christian, and possesses an excellent memory. Her children are as follows: Emerson R., who was born March 21, 1841, and died Feb. 21, 1846; Lucy S., who was born June 26, 1843, and was married, Oct. 31, 1867, to Benjamin C. Lum, now of New Haven; Harriet L., who was born Dec. 7, 1844, and died Nov. 10, 1869; E. Bruce, who was born Feb. 23, 1847, and died Oct. 7, 1862; Benjamin L., our subject, who was born July 16, 1849; Elliott, who was born May 13, 1851; Esther L. M., who was born July 16, 1854, and died Oct. 25, 1869; and Edith M., who was born Nov. 1, 1860, married Cornelius Tracy and resides in Waterbury.

During his boyhood Benjamin L. Bronson, our subject, attended the district schools, and, as soon as large enough to be of any assistance, he began to aid in the operation of the home farm, never leaving the parental roof. Since his father's death he has entire charge of the place, and is now successfully engaged in dairy and general farming, also stock raising. Enterprising and public-spirited, he takes a deep interest in the public welfare, and has most capably and satisfactorily filled the offices of selectman and member of the board of relief. He is a deacon in the Congregational Church, and merits and receives the respect and esteem of all who know him.

WILLIAM E. CURTISS, a veteran of the Civil war, is a leading wagon manufacturer of Ansonia, who, of late years, has found it necessary to restrict his business to orders, his general trade exceeding his facilities. His shop is well equipped for all kinds of work, and in addition to the man-



ufacture of wagons he carries on a general business as a horse shoer, being now the oldest blacksmith in the town. As a self-made man and a most highly esteemed citizen his biography will be of special interest.

Mr. Curtiss was born May 28, 1850, in Newtown, Conn., where his ancestors were early settlers. Ezra Curtiss, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in Newtown and lived to a good old age. William Curtiss, the father of our subject, was born and reared at the old homestead in Newtown, and learned the tinner's trade, which he followed for some years. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. C, 17th Conn. V. I., as a private, and he died in the service at the age of fifty years. His wife, Sarah Fowler, a native of Philadelphia, died aged forty-five years. They had six children, of whom five are living, as follows: Ellen, who married David Downs; William E., who has been twice married; Georgia F., deceased; Theodore D., unmarried; Katie E., who married Clarence Blatchley; and Sylvia A., who became Mrs. Soliday.

The early education of William E. Curtiss was secured in the common schools of Newtown. In 1864, at the age of fourteen, he enlisted as a private in the Third Battery, and served until the close of the war, much of the time having been spent on the breast works at Petersburg. Upon his return to the North in 1865, he learned the blacksmith's trade in Oxford, New Haven county, serving an apprenticeship of three years and eleven months with Nicholas French. He then worked as a journeyman for a short time for Wesley Cowan, in the town of Trumbull, but later returned to Oxford and worked two years for Mr. French, when the "fresnet" broke up the business. In 1875 he located at Ansonia, and after working one year for French & Mackey he engaged in business with Peter B. Mackey, continuing two years. His next venture was the opening of the "Colburn Shop," which he conducted three years, and he built his present shop at the corner of Jackson and Holbrook streets.

Oct. 13, 1873, Mr. Curtiss married Miss Martha Tuttle, a native of Huntington and daughter of Marvin Tuttle, a well known farmer. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church for some years previous to her death, which occurred May 6, 1891, at the age of thirty-seven. On June 15, 1893, Mr. Curtiss married Miss Zenia E. Burr, who was born in Southbury, a daughter of Erastus Burr, a prominent citizen. Mr. Curtiss has two children, both by the first marriage: Edward M., now in business with his father, married, Oct. 12, 1899, Miss Evelyn T. Braley, daughter of Wesley Braley, of Derby, Conn.; and Nettie C. is at home. Politically our subject is a staunch Republican, but his only official service consisted of one year as constable. In his religious views he is liberal, and his wife belongs to the Episcopal Church. Mr. Curtiss is actively identified with a number of fraternal organizations, including the K. of P., the

A. O. U. W., and T. M. Redshaw, Post, No. 75, G. A. R., in which he now holds the office of commander, and has held other positions in the past.

**CORNELIUS W. MUNSON.** Among the energetic, enterprising and successful citizens of Beacon Falls, none stands higher in public esteem than the subject of this sketch, who follows both carpentering and farming. A native of New Haven county, he was born in Waterbury Sept. 14, 1846, and is the only child of Cornelius and Polly (Wellton) Munson, the former born in the town of Oxford, the latter in Waterbury. In early life the father followed the occupation of farming, but later worked as a mechanic in Waterbury, where he died six months before the birth of our subject. He was a Whig in politics. The mother died Feb. 12, 1885, at the age of seventy years.

When Cornelius W. Munson was five years old his mother married again and removed from Waterbury to a farm in Wolcott, where he grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the schools of the neighborhood. Returning to Waterbury, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed at that place for five years, and then came to what is now the town of Beacon Falls, but which at that time was known as Oxford, where he worked at his trade for the same length of time. The following year he operated his step-father's farm in Wolcott, and then returned to Beacon Falls, where he has since worked at his trade in connection with farming, owning and cultivating a valuable place of 135 acres, a mile and a half from the village of Beacon Falls.

On Dec. 26, 1869, Mr. Munson was married to Miss Jennie L. Osborn, a native of Bethany, this county, and a daughter of George and Cynthia (Brooks) Osborn, well known farming people. Fraternally our subject is a member of Court High Rock, Foresters of America, of Beacon Falls, and religiously is a member of the Episcopal Church. He affiliates with the Democratic party, and for the past ten years has been a selectman, with the exception of a year or two, now serving as first selectman. He is also a member of the school board, has filled other local offices, and twice represented his town in the State Legislature in a most creditable and acceptable manner. He is genial, courteous, enterprising and progressive, of commendable public spirit, and reflects credit on the community which has honored him with office.

**JOHN E. LUNDIN,** manager and treasurer of the Naugatuck Co-Operative Co., is one of the leading and influential Swedish-American citizens of Naugatuck. He was born in Lilla Hestra, Sweden, May 17, 1859, and is a son of Peter and Gustava (Magnuson) Erickson, natives of the same place. The father was a contractor and builder, and also a farmer in the old country, where he has spent his entire life. The mother died in January, 1881.





The grandfather of our subject was an agriculturist, and the great-grandfather was a soldier.

John E. Lundin is the eldest in a family of seven children, the others being Mary, who died in infancy; Joseph, a contractor and builder in Sweden; Mary (2d), wife of Alfred Magnuson, a blacksmith of Lafayette, Ind.; Annie, wife of M. Peterson, a farmer of Sweden; Selma, wife of August Fredell; and Nathnael, a contractor, builder and cabinet-maker, who married Hulda Magnuson.

During his boyhood Mr. Lundin attended the common schools of his native land, and when his education was completed worked with his father at the carpenter's trade. In the spring of 1880 he bade good-by to home and friends, and came to the United States, first locating in Pennsylvania, where he worked as a laborer for a time. Removing to Portland, Conn., he worked in a shipyard there for one season; was next employed in a clock shop at Thomaston, this State, one winter; and for two months again worked in the same shipyard at Portland. In 1881 he came to Union City, this county, and was in the employ of W. H. K. Godfrey, a manufacturer of novelties, for a few months, at the end of which time he secured a position in the Naugatuck Malleable Iron Foundry, where he worked for fourteen years. On the formation of the Naugatuck Co-Operative Co. he became manager and treasurer, and is still filling those offices to the entire satisfaction of the company. He is an upright, reliable business man, painstaking and energetic, as well as progressive and enterprising, and to these characteristics may be attributed his success in life.

Mr. Lundin was married, Dec. 24, 1881, to Miss Ida C. Johnson, also a native of Sweden, and to them have been born two children, Alice A. and Ernest E. Our subject casts his ballot with the Republican party, but takes no active part in politics, and when nominated burgess of Naugatuck refused the honor, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests. He has served as grand juror, however. He belongs to a local Swedish society, and is a prominent member of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Naugatuck, which he was instrumental in founding, and in which he has since served as deacon and also organist (gratuitously) for many years.

CLARENCE WALES WILLIAMS, a progressive and enterprising farmer of Cheshire, New Haven county, was born in Manchester, Hartford Co., Conn., March 19, 1842, and is of English descent, being a lineal descendant in the eighth generation of Robert Williams. His paternal grandfather, William Williams, was a farmer of Lebanon, Conn., where he was born Aug. 2, 1762. He was a soldier in both the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. His second wife, Lydia, was a daughter of Joseph Loomis, a farmer of Lebanon. Their son,

William Chauncey Williams, father of Clarence W., was born in Lebanon Oct. 23, 1800, and was

reared and educated there. He became quite a prominent physician and surgeon at Manchester, Hartford county, where he continued in practice up to the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 6, 1857. In Ashford, Conn., he married Julia White Cook, a native of that place, who died in Hartford July 19, 1875, at the age of sixty-seven. To them were born four children, namely: William C., a physician, who died in Cheshire in 1895; Aaron W. C., a resident of Hartford, who is connected with the Capewell Horse Nail Co.; Julia Elizabeth, who married H. C. Burgess, and died in Middletown, Conn.; and Clarence Wales. Aaron Cook, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a blacksmith of Ashford. He married Elizabeth White, and to them were born two children, Julia White and Aaron.

Clarence Wales Williams received his education in the schools of Manchester, Hartford county, passing his boyhood in that town. He has always followed farming, and for a time he also worked for George S. Lincoln & Co., of the Phœnix Iron Works at Hartford. Since 1864 he has made his home in Cheshire, and has been actively identified with its agricultural interests. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has most efficiently served as district or school committeeman.

In 1864, in Cheshire, Mr. Williams married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Booth, a native of that town, and a daughter of Nathan and Sally (Ives) Booth, who were also born there. The father, who was a civil engineer, died in Cheshire in 1886, the mother in June, 1876. In their family were four children: Mary, who married Horace Brooks, and died in New Haven; Ann, who died unmarried; Isaac, who died young; and Sarah E., wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have one child, Elizabeth Booth, who was born in Cheshire July 13, 1865, and is now the wife of Samuel L. Norton, of Cheshire. They have two children—Birdsey, now (1901) nine years of age; and Ruth, aged seven.

JOSEPH FREEBERG, a prominent and thoroughly representative Swedish citizen of Branford, a molder by trade, was born July 26, 1860, in Mossebo, Vestergatand, Sweden, son of Andreas and Sarah (Peterson) Freeberg.

Mr. Freeberg was reared in his native town, remaining there until he reached the age of fifteen years, and received a somewhat limited education in the local schools. He served an eight-year apprenticeship at the trade of glass blowing in the town of Mossebo, and in Stenenge, Halland, Sweden. When his apprenticeship was finished and his trade was mastered Mr. Freeberg determined to seek a new home in the United States, where so many of his countrymen had tried their fortunes with satisfactory results. Leaving his native country, he landed in due time in New York City May 22, 1880, and thence came directly to Connecticut. For a time he followed various vocations, and



worked in different localities until 1881, when he located in Meriden, working at the molder's trade there for a number of years. This was his vocation in Naugatuck and Bridgeport, Conn., and at Wilmington, Del. In 1890 he came to Branford, where he has resided to the present time. On his arrival there he secured employment in the Malleable Iron Works, and has never sought another situation.

Mr. Freeberg was married, March 29, 1884, to Anna, daughter of Nels Peter Nelson, of Skone, Sweden, and has one daughter, Josephine Amelia. Mr. Freeberg is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Branford, and his upright character and straightforward integrity are highly valued, not only by his associates in the church, but by all who have come to know him in the community. He holds membership in Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck; the New England Order of Protection; and the Molders Union, No. 82, of Branford. In politics he has from the first espoused the cause of the Republican party.

WILLIAM PATRICK WILSON, M. D., was born March 6, 1857, in Montreal, Canada, a son of John Wilson, who was born in the County of Durham, England, and who married Miss Mary Ann McCarthy in Montreal, Canada. Coming to this country, he enlisted in the Union army, and was killed at the battle of Fort Fisher. John Wilson was a man of extensive military experience, and had served in both the English army and navy. At the time of his enlistment he was connected with the Watertown Arsenal. He was sergeant of a company in the 12th Mass. Volunteer Cavalry at the time of his death, in 1864, two years after the removal of his family to Boston from Montreal.

William Patrick Wilson obtained his early education in the Boston schools. At the age of seventeen he began the study of music, to which he devoted nearly seven years. When twenty-eight years of age he took up in earnest the study of medicine, to which he had long been inclining, and made it his life work. For two years his brother, John J. Wilson, a well-known physician of Bristol, was his preceptor, and in 1887 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, from which he graduated with honor in March, 1890. After three months' service in the Baltimore hospitals he came to Wallingford to engage in his profession, and in a surprisingly brief time had established himself in the confidence and respect of the community. The success which attended him in several exceedingly difficult operations did much to make him known as a surgeon of high merit.

Dr. Wilson is a Democrat, was appointed health officer in 1895, and is now serving his second term. In 1898 he was elected school visitor for three years. He is a member of the State and County Medical Societies, and is enrolled with the Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Foresters

and T. A. B. In religion he is a member of the Holy Trinity (Roman Catholic) Church. He is a hard student, and is determined to keep up with his profession if wide reading and close study can avail. In youth he was a hard student, averaging fifteen hours a day with his books.

Dr. Wilson was married, Oct. 9, 1895, to Miss Elizabeth D. Flynn, of Hartford, daughter of Daniel Flynn, one of the leading grocers of that city for many years. Their union has been blessed with the following children: William Norbert, born July 21, 1896; Mary Elizabeth, Nov. 7, 1898; and Rose Genevieve, April 29, 1900.

MRS. CLARA BEISIEGEL, nee Schwartzweller, is well known and highly respected throughout the town of Woodbridge, New Haven county, where she has made her home for almost half a century. She was born July 17, 1830, in Bavaria, Germany, and possesses many of the admirable characteristics of the Teutonic race which make them so thrifty and contented a people.

Matthias Schwartzweller, the father of Mrs. Beisiegel, was born in the Province of Bavaria in 1798, son of John and Margaret Schwartzweller, who spent their entire lives there. The grandfather of our subject was an extensive farmer and property owner, and her father also followed agricultural pursuits in his native province until called to his final rest, in 1886. He married Christina Hans, who was born in Bavaria in 1799, and died in 1857. Mrs. Beisiegel is the eldest of their children, the others being Jacob, who remained in Germany; Mary, wife of Frederick Schlechtweg, of Bristol, Conn.; Peter, who died in Bristol, Conn.; Adam, now deceased, who was a resident of New York City; Margaret, who married Matthias Glade, and died in that city; and John, who also died in New York.

Mrs. Beisiegel was reared and educated in her native land, and in 1853 emigrated to the United States, locating in Maine, where she secured employment. Being unable to give up thoughts of the Fatherland, she soon returned to Germany, but after visiting her old home she again crossed the ocean, landing in New York. Not long afterward, at the age of twenty-six, she was united in marriage with Jacob Beisiegel, also a native of Germany, who was born Dec. 25, 1827, in Hessen-Darmstadt, son of Philip and Katherine (Miller) Beisiegel, who had thirteen children. Philip Beisiegel, father of Jacob, was a farmer and property owner, and was engaged in agriculture until his death, which occurred before his son emigrated to this country. Mrs. Katherine Beisiegel, mother of Jacob, came to this country late in life with several of her children, making her home in Buffalo, N. Y., until she died, at the age of seventy-nine years. Coming to America in 1854, Mr. Beisiegel found employment in Red Bank, N. J., for about six months, and then came to Woodbridge, where he was employed





*Clara Beisiegel*



on a farm about two years. He next went to New York City for a while, was married there in January, 1857, and with his wife came to Woodbridge, where he rented a small farm. In 1860 he bought the farm situated in the northwestern part of the town, near Milford meadow. In 1870 he also bought the Giles Perkins farm, where he and his wife spent the greater part of their lives, and where his youngest son now lives. Mr. Beisiegel died Jan. 28, 1894. He was a Republican in politics, and always manifested a lively interest relative to the welfare of the town.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beisiegel were born children as follows: Mary A. is the wife of Albert Liefeld, of New Haven, and they have two children; Kate is a trained nurse, having taken a course in the Connecticut Training School for Nurses; Jacob, a prominent farmer of Woodbridge, is represented elsewhere in this volume; Clara is the wife of Edwin Buhles, of Meriden, now residing in Pasadena, Cal., and has one child; Julia is the wife of Charles Barker, a farmer of Woodbridge, and they have two children; Amelia resides with her mother; John, born July 19, 1867, died Feb. 24, 1876; Frank B. married Grace Baldwin, of Woodbridge, and they have three sons.

Mrs. Beisiegel at present owns a valuable farm of seventy-six acres in the southern part of the town, and she has displayed excellent business and executive ability in its management. Although seventy-one years of age, she is still an active worker and devotes considerable time to her dairy and to vegetable growing. Her family is one of prominence in Woodbridge, and nearly all hold membership in either the Calvary Baptist Church of New Haven or the Congregational Church of Woodbridge.

**WILLIAM B. BLACKMAN**, for many years a successful business man of Ansonia, was born May 4, 1844, in Easton, Conn., son of Harvey and Phebe (Treadwell) Blackman. The Blackman family has long been known as one of the oldest in this section, and our subject traces his descent through nine generations to Rev. Adam Blackman, of whom Cotton Mather says: "He was a useful preacher of the gospel, first in Leicestershire and then in Derbyshire, England," and was the first preacher at Stratford, settling there in 1639. Ebenezer Blackman, grandson of Rev. Adam Blackman, was the ancestor of the Blackman families of Newtown and Monroe. Jehiel Blackman, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in Monroe, Conn., and died there.

Harvey Blackman, who was born and reared in Monroe, learned the blacksmith's trade, afterward following business pursuits in Connecticut, and later farming in Michigan. He died in Battle Creek, Mich. in 1888, at the age of sixty-eight. In religious faith he and his estimable wife were Methodists, and both were much respected among their

associates. He married Phebe Treadwell, who was born in Weston, Conn., before the division of the town. Her father, Daniel H. Treadwell, who died at Easton in October, 1867, at the age of eighty-seven, was well known in Fairfield county, where he was engaged in business for many years as a builder and wheelwright. Her mother, Hannah (Lyon) Treadwell, was a native of Redding, and died at Easton in July, 1861, aged seventy-seven. Mrs. Phebe Blackman died at Long Hill, Trumbull, in November, 1844, at the age of twenty-four, when our subject was but six months old. She was the youngest in a family of four children. The last survivor, Sarah, widow of Henry Platt, died in Bethel, Conn., June 4, 1901, aged eighty-three.

William B. Blackman spent his early years in Easton, and attended the common schools until he reached the age of fifteen. Going to Ansonia, he learned the plumber's and tinner's trade with Martin L. Blackman, with whom he remained a little more than six years. He then spent four years in Derby and New Haven, and eighteen months at various points in Michigan and Indiana. In the fall of 1871 he returned to Connecticut, and for several years worked as a journeyman and foreman in Derby and Ansonia. In 1879 he started in business independently, opening a shop in Main street, Ansonia, where he remained seventeen years, until 1896, when he built a shop at No. 4 Crescent street. For fourteen years of the seventeen his cousin, Charles M. Platt, son of Henry and Sarah Platt, before mentioned, was associated with him in business, under the firm name of W. B. Blackman & Co. He bought out Mr. Platt's interest in 1897. In connection with plumbing he carried on contracting and jobbing, and while on Main street the firm had a large store and dealt in stoves, crockery, glassware, tinware and house furnishing goods. With one exception Mr. Blackman was in business longer in this line than any one else in the city. In 1892 he built a house on the lot adjoining his shop, and his residence was built upon the same lot in 1893. Recently, however, Mr. Blackman sold his house and shop in Ansonia, and removed his home and business to Torrington, Conn., where he is associated with the E. A. Perkins Electric Co., a joint-stock concern doing electrical work, plumbing, heating, lighting, etc., and dealing in supplies. Mr. Blackman is superintendent of the plumbing department.

Politically Mr. Blackman has affiliated with the Democratic party, but he believes in the principles of prohibition. His advice has always been valued in local affairs, and he was a member of the board of relief to serve until 1900. Socially he is a member of the Order of the Golden Cross, and a charter member of the Knights of Honor and the A. O. U. W., in both of which he has passed nearly all the chairs. For years he and his wife have been leading members of the Methodist Church, in which





he is now trustee, and has served in nearly all of the offices in the society at various times, including those of secretary, librarian, superintendent and treasurer of the Sunday-school. In 1866 Mr. Blackman married Miss Ella J. Platt, a native of Washington, Conn. Her father, John T. Platt, a prominent member of the Congregational Church at Washington, is now eighty years of age. He is well known in his section, where he has been engaged in farming for many years and also conducted a stage route for a time. Mrs. Blackman's mother, Sarah (Hopkins) Platt, a native of Mansfield, died in Washington in November, 1894, aged seventy-nine years, and of three children two are living, Mrs. Blackman and a sister, Mrs. Fannie E. Fenn, of Washington, Connecticut.

HENRY H. GRISWOLD, of North Guilford, agriculturist, is a lineal descendant of (I) Michael Griswold, born in 1610, the first of that name in Wethersfield, Hartford Co., Conn., who emigrated from England in 1645. By his wife, Ann, he had the following children: Thomas B., born Oct. 22, 1646; Hester, May 8, 1648; Michael, Feb. 14, 1652, died young; Abigail, June 8, 1655; Isaac, Sept. 30, 1658, married Elizabeth Bradley, who died June 13, 1727; Jacob, April 15, 1660, died July 28, 1737; Sarah, Sept. 30, 1662; and Michael, Jan. 7, 1667.

(II) Thomas B. Griswold, son of Michael, was born in the town of Wethersfield, and died there. He married Nov. 22, 1672, Mary (surname unknown), and to them were born five children: Thomas, Jan. 11, 1674, married Sarah Bradley, of Guilford, and died there Oct. 19, 1729 (he was the first of the Griswold family in Guilford); Jacob, Feb. 5, 1676, married Abigail Hand; Martha, Aug. 20, 1678; Michael, Jan. 28, 1681, married Mary Gilbert; and Samuel.

(III) Samuel Griswold, of the above mentioned children, was born in Wethersfield. On March 11, 1707, he married Mary Francis, and came with his wife and family to Guilford in 1724, passing the rest of his days there, and dying in September, 1733. Twelve children were born to them as follows: Mary, born July 20, 1708, married Silas Crane; Samuel, born Feb. 7, 1710, married Hannah Alkins; Jared, Jan. 8, 1713; Lucy, Dec. 8, 1714; Nehemiah, Aug. 12, 1716; Jeremiah, Feb. 8, 1718, married Bashue Howe; Moses, Nov. 2, 1719, married Ann Smithson, and died Sept. 30, 1770; John, June 23, 1721; Mary, June 23, 1723, married John Norton, of Guilford; Manus, Sept. 4, 1727; Aaron, April 6, 1729; and Sarah, June 22, 1731.

(IV) Nehemiah Griswold, son of Samuel, was born in Wethersfield, and in boyhood was brought by his parents to Guilford, where he was reared. He engaged in farming in North Guilford, and died there Dec. 31, 1787. On Jan. 23, 1745, he married Mary Graves, who was born in Guilford Sept. 6, 1716, and died Nov. 25, 1770, a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Barnes) Graves, of Guilford. To

this marriage were born seven children: Ruth, Sept. 23, 1745, died Sept. 29, 1748; Arnbah, July 1, 1747, died March 12, 1807; Noah, Oct. 24, 1749, married Olive Bishop, and died in 1809; Nathan, April 16, 1751; Joel, May 15, 1753, died May 28, 1802; Zadoc; and Elizabeth, wife of John Dobill.

(V) Nathan Griswold, son of Nehemiah, was born in North Guilford, and died Sept. 29, 1816. He married June 21, 1781, Jerusha Stone, born Feb. 18, 1753, and died in North Guilford April 18, 1833, a daughter of Ebenezer and Sybil (Leet) Stone. Five children were born to this union: Jacob, March 30, 1782; Mary, Oct. 22, 1783, married Noadiah Norton, and died May 8, 1858; William, May 31, 1787, married first, Sophia Brown (who died April 28, 1829) and second, September, 1833, Polly Kelsey (who died April 7, 1872), and he died Feb. 28, 1865; Clarissa, June 24, 1779, died Feb. 28, 1811; and Betsey, in 1792, married James Tyler, and settled in Cheshire, N. Y.

(VI) Jacob Griswold, grandfather of Henry Hill Griswold, was born in North Guilford, and died there Nov. 26, 1855. He married, in May, 1805, Obedience Potter, born in Branford, Conn., Feb. 13, 1786, and died Feb. 27, 1872, a daughter of Medad Potter, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and a blacksmith by occupation. Three children were born to them: Russell Medad, sketch of whom follows; Clarissa Melitabel, July 18, 1814, married to Henry H. Hill; and Janette Adelia, April 30, 1822, married to Martin C. Bishop. Of these,

(VII) Russell Medad Griswold, father of Henry Hill Griswold, was born Feb. 15, 1806, in North Guilford, where he received a common school education, and he also took a course at Guilford Academy. He was a lifelong farmer in that town, and died there Aug. 31, 1865, his remains being interred in North Guilford cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, in politics a Democrat, and was a man well-known and highly respected as a good citizen, a loving father and kind husband.

Mr. Griswold was twice married, first time on June 15, 1834, to Polly F. Hill, born Aug. 10, 1812, and died Dec. 6, 1857, a daughter of Henry and Lucy (Doolittle) Hill. Children born to this union: Dorcas Augusta, May 1, 1835, died Dec. 4, 1837; Frances Dorcas, Sept. 19, 1838, married Jerome Coan and died Feb. 1, 1859; Ellen Frederica, May 24, 1843, died Dec. 25, 1845; Henry Hill, sketch of whom follows. The mother of these died Dec. 6, 1857, and Nov. 24, 1859. Mr. Griswold married Mrs. Emeline W. Parkhurst born July 19, 1816, and died in St. Albans, Vt., July 31, 1872.

(VIII) Henry Hill Griswold, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Dec. 15, 1847, in North Guilford, and was educated in part at the district schools of the locality, in part at the North Guilford Academy, followed by one term at the Bryant & Stratton Business College, Hartford. When his father died, our subject was eighteen years old, and from that time he conducted the home



farm till 1891, since when he has occupied the Dudley farm, on which his wife was born.

On Nov. 5, 1873, Henry H. Griswold married Frances S. Dudley, who was born May 14, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold are members of the Congregational Church, and in politics he is independent. Well known and highly respected, a man who lives up to the "Golden Rule." Mr. Griswold has hosts of friends whose esteem he justly merits.

**HILL.** The Hill family, intermarried with the Griswolds, was early represented in Guilford, and (I) John Hill, the first of the name in that town, came to America from Northamptonshire, England, settling in Guilford in 1654, and dying there June 8, 1689. His first wife, Frances, died in May, 1673, and on Sept. 23, 1675, he wedded Catharine Chalker, born Sept. 8, 1657, a daughter of Alexander Chalker. Children born to John Hill: John, James, Sarah, Elizabeth and Ann.

(II) John Hill married Thankful Stow, who died Nov. 18, 1711; he passed away May 8, 1690. They became the parents of children as follows: Mary, born May 8, 1671, died Aug. 24, 1671; John, born July 18, 1672, married Hannah Highland, and died Feb. 10, 1740; Elizabeth, born Feb. 20, 1674, married James Ford; Mary, born Feb. 1, 1676, married Josiah Rossiter, and died July 14, 1739; Hon. Samuel, born Feb. 21, 1678, married Huldah Ruggles, and died May 28, 1752; Nathaniel, born April, 1680, died Oct. 16, 1714; and James, born April, 1682, married Mary Fry, and died March 25, 1715.

(III) James Hill, born April, 1682, married Jan. 15, 1710, Mary Fry, and died March 25, 1715. Three children were born to them: James, Sept. 28, 1712; Lydia, Sept. 9, 1713; Mary, Dec. 1, 1715, married Eliphalet Hall, and died May 27, 1762.

(IV) James Hill, maternal great-grandfather of Henry Hill Griswold, died Oct. 1, 1798. He married April 15, 1744, Hannah Nettleton, who was born in 1724, and died Nov. 26, 1821. Twelve children were born to them: Hannah, born April 14, 1745, married Abner Hull; Sybil, born Oct. 10, 1746, married Ezra Parmelee; Mercy, born Feb. 26, 1748, married Absalom Kelsey; James, born Nov. 30, 1749, married Eleanor Hull; Noah, born Oct. 22, 1751, married Caroline Parmelee; John, born Feb. 4, 1754, died in the Revolutionary war, Aug. 5, 1777; Thankful, born Feb. 9, 1756, married Elias Parmelee, and died Oct. 9, 1790; Selah, born Feb. 3, 1758, married Sally Turner; Henry, born July 27, 1761; Joseph, born April 15, 1765, married Hester Butler, and died Sept. 28, 1840; Benjamin (twin brother of Joseph), died in 1849, married Jennie Stannard; and Molly, born Feb. 20, 1767.

(V) Henry Hill, maternal grandfather of Henry H. Griswold, was born at Killingworth, Middlesex Co., Conn., died March 28, 1834. He married Lucy Doolittle, who died in 1845, and four children were born to them: Henry Hall, May 21,

1810, and died March 18, 1886, married Clarissa M. Griswold; Polly F., born Aug. 10, 1812, married Russell Medad Griswold, and died Dec. 6, 1857; John, July 18, 1814, died same year; John, March 12, 1816, and died Feb. 1, 1881, married Polly S. Willard.

**DUDLEY.** The Dudley family, with which Mrs. Henry Hill Griswold is connected, ranks among the old-time settlers of the town of Guilford.

Jared Dudley, son of Capt. William, grandson of Joseph, and great-grandson of the first William Dudley, was born Nov. 17, 1727, in the town of Guilford, and like his ancestors was a lifelong farmer and prominent citizen. He married Dec. 25, 1754, Mary Chittenden, who died Nov. 18, 1821, at the patriarchal age of ninety-two years, and their children were as follows: Luther, born Sept. 16, 1755; Jared, June 29, 1757; Ruth, Jan. 23, 1762, married March 6, 1783, John Tyler; Eunice, Sept. 3, 1764, married Dec. 5, 1787, Jonathan Russell; Mabel, March 10, 1767, married Davis Ford, of North Branford, Conn.

Luther Dudley, great-grandfather of Mrs. Griswold, and a farmer by occupation, was born in Guilford Sept. 16, 1755, a son of Jared Dudley, and died Sept. 14, 1810. He married Jan. 27, 1779, Mary Chidsey, who died April 8, 1827, at the age of seventy-eight years, and seven children were born to them: Luther, born Sept. 6, 1779, died at sea Oct. 1, 1799; Loveman, born July 7, 1781; Erastus, May 9, 1783; Nathan, 1785; Frederick, 1787, died Jan. 18, 1803, being crushed to death by a cart wheel; Olive, 1790, settled in Alabama; Prosper, Aug. 10, 1793.

Erastus Dudley, grandfather of Mrs. Griswold, was born in North Guilford, and there passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits, dying June 11, 1872, and buried in North Guilford cemetery. He married, July 2, 1806, Ruth Fowler, who died Dec. 23, 1863, and also buried in North Guilford. Their children: Mary Louisa, born April 4, 1807, married Oct. 9, 1845, William Norton, of North Guilford; Fanny Elvira, born Sept. 23, 1808, married Ira I. Fenn, of Lacon, Ill.; James Hervey, born Nov. 4, 1811; Lois Rossiter, born March 6, 1814, married May 6, 1834, Joel Benton, of Mendon, Ill.; Luther Frederick (twin of Lois, but born the day after), March 7, 1814; Ruth Francis, born May 1, 1816, married David Bartlett, April 12, 1839; Erastus Franklin (twin of Ruth F.); Ebenezer Fowler, April 20, 1819; Nathan Chidsey, Feb. 23, 1821; Abbie Ann, March 22, 1823, married David D. Chittenden, Aug. 22, 1844. Of these.

Erastus F. Dudley, father of Mrs. Griswold, all his life followed agricultural pursuits on the farm whereon our subject, Henry H. Griswold, has lived since 1891, in which year Erastus died, his remains being interred in North Guilford cemetery. On Jan. 5, 1842, in North Guilford, he married Parnel F. Chittenden, daughter of Simon Chittenden, and children as follows were born to them: Louis Frank-



lin. born Nov. 8, 1843, married Ellen Rowe; Frances Selina, born May 14, 1848, married Henry H. Griswold Nov. 5, 1873; and Jane Louisa, born Jan. 29, 1855, died May 2, 1855.

CHARLES IVES PARMELEE was born in Wallingford, Nov. 1, 1854, a son of Samuel Blakeslee Parmelee, who was born on North Elm Street, Wallingford, Aug. 9, 1824. For the last twenty-one years before his death Samuel B. Parmelee was a traveling salesman for Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., his territory being mostly in the West and South. In politics he was a Republican, and unusually well posted on the topics of the day. Of a genial and companionable nature he had many friends among his patrons. Fraternally he was a Mason; in religious connection a member of the First Congregational Church. On Oct. 18, 1846, he married Miss Lavinia C. Cook, a daughter of George Cook, a tavern keeper on the stage route between New Haven and Hartford. Their children were: Mary C., born April 15, 1849, died unmarried March 3, 1893; Charles I.; and Carrie Belle, born Feb. 7, 1860, married O. H. D. Fowler.

Leander Parmelee, father of Samuel Blakeslee, was born in Killingworth, where the Parmelee family was settled from an early period in the history of the Colony. He was a farmer, and a leading man in his day. For twelve years he was high sheriff of New Haven county, and spent the greater part of his life in Wallingford. While he was sheriff it was his official duty to hang four men. His funeral is remembered as being one of the most largely attended ever held in Wallingford. He was father of the following children: Stephen Ives went to California where he died when twenty-one years old; Charles died at the age of twenty-one years; Samuel B. is noted above; Elizabeth married Lorenzo Lewis, of Wallingford; and Emily married George Cooley, of Meriden.

Charles I. Parmelee received his education in the schools of his native place, was a student for a year in Cargill's business college, about the same time in French's Private School at New Haven, and for a year and a half he was student of Claverack College (The Hudson River Institute). Mr. Parmelee was now about twenty-one, and he came back to Wallingford to take charge of his father's farm of 125 acres, and a tract of fifty-seven acres, which he purchased for himself. He is a practical and successful farmer, and on the side of his farm that touches the town he is proving a very successful real estate dealer, selling off a number of building lots which have been improved by the erection of many very elegant residences, and greatly increasing the value of his entire property. For thirteen years Mr. Parmelee conducted an extensive milk route in Wallingford which proved very remunerative, but which he was compelled to give up in 1896 on account of ill health.

Mr. Parmelee is a member of the Grange, and

has been active in its work from the time of its organization. He is a member of the First Congregational Church, while his wife is an Episcopalian. In politics he is a Republican, but he has never been much interested in partisan affairs.

On Dec. 31, 1878, Mr. Parmelee married Miss Eliza J. Ives, who was born June 18, 1857, daughter of Othniel Ives, and died Oct. 14, 1890. Two children came to this union: Mildred L., born Jan. 11, 1880, and Frances Cook, born Feb. 21, 1889. Charles I. Parmelee was married Dec. 15, 1891, to Miss Edna G. Wooding, a daughter of Henry Calvin Wooding, of Wallingford. To this union were born Hazel Marian, Oct. 10, 1895; and Samuel Blakeslee, March 8, 1899.

PHILO BAILEY NORTON, the popular liveryman at Waterbury, was born Feb. 17, 1834, in Goshen, Litchfield county, this state, and descends from one of three Norton brothers who came from England prior to the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Norton's grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather all bore the Christian name of Stephen, and his great-grandmother was named Experience. In the great-grandfather's family were four sons and one daughter: Jonathan, Stephen, Ephraim, one son who was killed in the Revolution (and it is thought that Jonathan also served in that heroic struggle), and Clarissa. The great-grandfather settled in Norfolk in 1769, but his son Stephen was born in Bristol in 1766, and died in Norfolk July 8, 1843. The latter, who was the grandfather of our subject, married Hannah McCoy, a native of Stonington, Conn., born Nov. 25, 1773, who died May 20, 1848. To this union were born thirteen children, in the following order: Anson, Sept. 5, 1789; Lavina, Feb. 8, 1791; Sarah, July 4, 1793; Experience, Aug. 1, 1796; Amanda, June 30, 1798; Marina, July 15, 1801; Keziah, March 15, 1803; Charles L., Nov. 15, 1804; Clarissa, April 25, 1806; Alson, April 26, 1808; Riley, March 26, 1813; Uriel, Jan. 26, 1815; and Albert, Nov. 16, 1818.

Charles L. Norton, father of our subject, grew to manhood in Norfolk, where he married Ann M. Bailey, who was born Feb. 23, 1806, daughter of Philo Bailey. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Norton settled in Goshen, where their children were born, in the following order: Marie E., May 12, 1827; Mary Ann, July 5, 1832; Philo B., the subject of this sketch; Albert C., Nov. 1, 1838; Charles L., April 26, 1840; and Remus A., Dec. 23, 1844. Of these, the first born, Marie E., is married to Harvey Johnson, of Norfolk, Conn.; Mary Ann is the wife of Nelson D. Ford, of Winchester; Albert C. is in Montville, Ohio, engaged in farming; Charles L. is associated with Philo B. in the livery business; and Remus A., who formerly conducted the old farm in Goshen, is now retired. The parents of this family later in life retired to Winsted to a farm, where Mrs. Norton died Feb. 17, 1888.





*J. B. Norton*





and Mr. Norton on April 15, 1889. He was a Democrat in politics, was a very prominent man in his day, and was first selectman of Goshen for many years.

Philo B. Norton, the subject of this sketch, grew to manhood on the home farm, on which he remained until Dec. 12, 1859, when he came to Waterbury and entered into his present business, being now the oldest liveryman in the city and owning the best equipped barns, as well as large blocks of real estate, improved and unimproved. On Nov. 5, 1860, he married Miss Nettie Cebelia Yale, a daughter of Charles Elihu Yale, and a sister of John B. Yale, whose biography will be found in full elsewhere. One daughter came to bless this union, Juliette S., now the wife of Joseph Graham, who resides in New York City. In politics Mr. Norton is a Republican, and in religion a Congregationalist, the family attending the Second Congregational Church. He is universally respected for his uniform courtesy and his inflexible integrity in business transactions.

GEORGE STILLMAN POND, the energetic and capable superintendent of the supply department of the Southern New England Telephone Co., with his principal office at New Haven, was born in Branford July 12, 1854, and is a son of Capt. Joseph W. and Mary (Hall) Pond. The paternal grandparents of George S. Pond were Harvey and Betsy (Linsley) Pond, and his great-grandparents were Elias and Martha (Howd) Pond.

On the Linsley side Mr. Pond is a descendant of Ebenezer Linsley, who was a native of Branford, and who married Betsy Cohan, of Guilford. He was a son of Ebenezer Linsley, and a grandson of Ebenezer Linsley, who was born in England and was one of the pioneer settlers of Branford. The family Bible which he brought from England is still in the possession of Capt. J. W. Pond, who is living at the time of this writing (1901) on the old family homestead at Indian Neck, where he was born July 6, 1820.

Harvey Pond, noted above, was a boatman and coaster, and followed the water all his life. His children were Russell, Joseph W., Harriet and Eliza A. (who married Henry Nichols).

Capt. Joseph W. Pond was reared in Branford, where he has always resided. For sixty-six seasons he had charge of a pleasure boat on Long Island sound, and during the winter months was engaged in the coasting trade. Capt. Pond was twice married. In 1845 he wedded Elvira Averill, who died in 1851. In 1852 he married Mary E. Hall, of the city of New York, who became the mother of four children: George S.; Jarvis A.; Elvira, who married George Rice; and Mary E., who is Mrs. Frank Mackay.

George Stillman Pond was reared at Branford, which has always been his home. He obtained his education in the local schools, and began his busi-

ness career by assisting his father as a boatman. For ten seasons he was captain of a pleasure boat on Long Island Sound. On Sept. 1, 1883, he received his appointment to the position he now holds, with the Southern New England Telephone Co., and is regarded as one of the most capable and trustworthy men on the company's staff.

Mr. Pond was married, Oct. 10, 1875, to Hattie J., a daughter of James F. and Harriet (Plant) Morris, of Branford. To this union have come three children, Harry J., Walter G. and Olive H. Mr. Pond is a member of Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M. He is also a member of Montowese Lodge, No. 184, New England Order of Protection, of which he is warden. In his political relations Mr. Pond is a Republican.

CAPTAIN ALFRED J. WOLFF, foreman in the machine department of the Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury, was born March 11, 1856, in Vosges, France.

Francis F. Wolff, father of our subject, was born in the same locality, in 1817, and came to the United States in 1865, making his first New-World home in Bridgeport, Conn., where he found employment as a blacksmith on the Naugatuck railroad. From there he removed to Waterbury, and here worked for the Farrell Foundry Co. up to about the time of his death in 1870. In his native land he had married Celestine Wolff, a first cousin, and of the same nativity, and three children were born to them: Lucian, Adrian, and Alfred J. Of these, Lucian is a machinist with the Scovill Mfg. Co.; and Adrian is foreman at the same works. The mother passed from earth in 1898.

Alfred J. Wolff was ten years old when brought by his parents to this country from his native land, and received his education in part at Vosges, France, in part at Bridgeport, Conn., for a few months, then in 1866, coming to Waterbury, where he finished his schooling. Mr. Wolff now entered life in earnest, commencing an apprenticeship to the tool-making trade with the Scovill Mfg. Co., after which he worked in New York two years. Then returning to Waterbury, he was in the employ of the Steele & Johnson Mfg. Co. In 1881 he took his present position with the Scovill Mfg. Co.

On Nov. 4, 1878, Mr. Wolff was married to Mary Thompson, of Waterbury, daughter of Richard Thompson, who came from Ireland, settling in Waterbury. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wolff are: Alice, Alfred, Edward, Joseph, Sarah, Grace and Armand, all of whom are living. The family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Parish.

On June 11, 1876, Mr. Wolff enlisted in Company G, 2nd Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, in which he rose through the grades of Corporal and Sergeant to Second Lieutenant, receiving his commission in July, 1884. On June 21, 1886, he was commissioned as Captain. At the break-



ing out of the war with Spain, Captain Wolff, in accordance with orders from headquarters, made all preparations for service with his command, having recruited his company to 106 men, and, besides, having a nucleus of forty-five enlisted men in case it became necessary to form an additional company. In January, 1899, Captain Wolff was, at his request, placed on the retired list of the Conn. N. G. In politics he is a Democrat, and served with much acceptability on the board of finance of the Center School District, being chairman thereof for five years. Socially he is affiliated with the Foresters of America, the Royal Arcanum, the Woodmen of the World, and the Knights of Columbus.

**JOHN H. GUERNSEY**, postmaster of Waterbury, was born in Watertown, Litchfield Co., Conn., January 26, 1848, and traces his ancestry in America back anterior to the Revolution. The first Guernsey, having come from the Isle of Guernsey, England, settled in Old Milford, Conn., in Colonial days. Many of the early Guernseys were farmers, but all were men of brains, profound thinkers, and of deep resources; they were patriotic to the core, and took part in all the early struggles of the Colonists in preserving the integrity of the rights of the British crown, but when the time came were especially conspicuous in the struggle for the independence of the States.

John J. Guernsey, father of John H., was born Dec. 30, 1814, in the same house in Watertown in which his son was born. William Guernsey, father of John J., was born in the same town, Jan. 25, 1784, a son of Abijah Guernsey, a native of the same place. Joseph, the father of Abijah, was born in Milford.

William Guernsey, grandfather of John H., subject of this sketch, grew to manhood in Watertown. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Lucy Bellamy, was a daughter of Rev. Joseph Bellamy, who graduated from Yale College in 1735, was famous as an instructor and was the leading divine of his day. William Guernsey married Hannah Parker, of Wallingford, settled in Watertown, and there reared a family of five children, viz.: John J., father of subject; Philena, who was married to S. A. Clock, of Litchfield, Conn.; Nancy, who was married to Chester Russell, of Waterbury; Sherman, who was a venter sawyer, was a resident of Terryville; and a daughter, Rebecca, who died at the age of twenty, unmarried. This family, with the exception of John J., have all been called away, the father having lived to be eighty-one.

John J. Guernsey was reared a farmer and grew to manhood in Watertown. He married Mary J. Schofield, of Stamford, Conn., a daughter of William Schofield, one of the oldest residents of Fairfield county. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Guernsey continued to reside in Watertown for many years, but finally removed to Cheshire. They became the parents of eight children, as follows:

Sherman was a farmer and died in New Haven; Lyman was a butcher and died in Cheshire; Rebecca is the widow of R. C. Benjamin, of New Haven; Truman was a civil engineer and dry goods merchant, and died in Crawfordsville, Ind., where he was engaged in business; John H. is mentioned below; Almira, deceased, married Henry Hubbell, of Cheshire; Lotta married John Phillips; and an infant died unnamed. Of the above named children, Sherman, Lyman and Truman were soldiers during the Civil war, and two of them were taken prisoners, but were subsequently exchanged, having fully maintained the ancient reputation of the family for military valor. In politics the father was first a Whig, but is now a Republican; in religious faith he is a Methodist. He and his wife are still living at this writing, January, 1902. They celebrated their golden wedding June 27, 1887.

John H. Guernsey lived on the home farm at Waterbury until fifteen years of age, and for a short time resided in the town of Prospect. His education was acquired at the old district school, and he was an ardent student, prolonging his studies far into the night. In 1871 he settled in Waterbury, where he first entered a contractor's office, and for four years kept books, drew plans, and acted as time-keeper; he next became a hardware clerk for D. B. Wilson, with whom he remained ten years. For the following eight years he conducted a most prosperous hardware business on his own account. He then sold out and devoted his attention to life insurance until Feb. 14, 1899, when he was appointed postmaster of Waterbury, a position he fills in the most satisfactory manner to the public and to the government.

In 1870 Mr. Guernsey was united in matrimony with Miss Alice E. Wooding, of Prospect, and a daughter of Wales L. Wooding, who is a descendant of one of the oldest families of the East. No children have blessed this union. In politics Mr. Guernsey is a sound Republican, and in religion he is liberal. Fraternally he is a Freemason and an Odd Fellow and a member of the Union League of Connecticut. Socially, he is of a jovial, happy disposition, with a kind word for everybody, and is by everybody held in the highest possible esteem.

**JAMES DYER HOTCHKISS**, Ansonia. Samuel Hotchkiss, probably of Essex, England (the traditional brother of John of Guilford, Conn.), whose name was written, respectively, Hodgke, Hodgkin, Hotchkiss, was at New Haven as early as 1641. In August, 1642, he married Elizabeth Cleverly, and he died Dec. 28, 1663, leaving six children: John, Samuel, James, Joshua, Thomas and Daniel. Of these.

Ensign Joshua Hotchkiss, the fourth son, born Sept. 16, 1651, was a leading man at New Haven. He was twice (at least) married, and had children as follows: Mary, Stephen, Martha, Priscilla, Abraham, Desire, Isaac and Jacob.



Deacon Stephen Hotchkiss, second in Joshua's family, married, at New Haven, Dec. 12, 1704, Elizabeth, daughter of John Sperry, and their children were: Joshua, Elizabeth, Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth (2), Gideon, Stephen, Silas, Hannah, Bathshua, Benjamin and Noah. Of these,

Deacon Gideon Hotchkiss, born Dec. 5, 1716, married (first) June 18, 1737, Anna Brocket, who died, and he married (second) Mabel, daughter of Isaac Stiles, of Southbury. He settled in the southeastern part of the town of Waterbury about 1736, and when the Society of Salem was organized he was made a deacon of the church; was one of the founders and active supporters of the church and Society of Columbia (now Prospect); was a leading man of the town; and served in both the French and Revolutionary wars. He died Sept. 3, 1807, having lived to see 105 grandchildren, 155 great-grandchildren, and four of the fifth generation. His children, nineteen in number, were as follows: Jesse, David, Abraham, Abraham (2), Gideon, Huldah, Anna, Amos, Submit, Titus, Eben, Asahel, Benoni, Mabel, Phebe, Stiles, Olive, Mellicent and Amzi. Of these,

Asahel Hotchkiss, born Feb. 15, 1760, married, March 22, 1781, Sarah Williams, who died in 1794. On June 7, 1794, he married Phebe Merriman, of Cheshire. His children were as follows: Sally, Curtis, Dyer, Esther, Temperance, Asahel, Marcus and Phebe Maria. Of these,

Dyer Hotchkiss, born June 24, 1785, died Nov. 14, 1862. He married, June 12, 1809, Orra Pritchard, born Oct. 26, 1783, who died Nov. 19, 1872. Their children were: Charles, born Feb. 23, 1811; Henry, in September, 1812; Mary, Sept. 4, 1814; Amos H., April 18, 1816; Sarah E., in June, 1820. Of these,

Charles Hotchkiss married Electa Brace Jan. 3, 1833, and had children: Edward, Lucia, Henry, Albert, Fidelia and Eugene, all married and residing in Torrington, Conn., except Lucia, who is deceased, and Albert, in New York City. The father died Nov. 14, 1897, the mother in September, 1884. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church.

Henry Hotchkiss, second son of Dyer, married, May 23, 1835, Rosetta Beacher, and died May 8, 1893; she passed away May 14, 1897, the mother of children as follows: Franklin A., a farmer in Cheshire; Julius, who died in the army during the Civil war; Ella, who married Charles Russell, and lived in Plainville; Hattie; Jennie, Mrs. Todd, of East Farms; Libbie, wife of Hooker Hotchkiss, of Nantucket; and William, who married Julia Fenton, and is living in New Haven.

Mary Hotchkiss, third child of Dyer, married, Oct. 27, 1832, Zenas Potter, who died in 1856. She now lives with her first child, Ellen, wife of Fred Candee, in Baldwin avenue, Waterbury. She had two other children—Samuel, who died young; and Amelia, married to Luther Wilmot, and resid-

ing in Baldwin avenue, Waterbury (they have a family).

Amos H. Hotchkiss, fourth child of Dyer, and the father of our subject, is mentioned below.

Sarah E. Hotchkiss, fifth child of Dyer, married Harmon Payne June 11, 1843, and they reside at Bristol, Conn. They had three children: Martha married Charles E. Russell, and lives in Bristol; Maria married William Cook, and lives in Wallingford (she has one child); Orra died young.

Amos H. Hotchkiss, born April 18, 1816, married Sally Maria Scott Aug. 29, 1837, and they had children as follows: (1) Martha Ann, born June 10, 1838, died Jan. 13, 1839; (2) Mary Maria, born April 18, 1841; (3) Orra Jane, born Sept. 22, 1843; (4) James Dyer, a sketch of whom follows; (5) Alice Ruth, born in September, 1846; (6) Ann Eliza, born Feb. 16, 1848; (7) Sarah Rosette, born July 7, 1849, died Aug. 2, 1890; (8) Marcie Elizabeth, born May 30, 1851; (9) Esther Ellen, born Oct. 21, 1852; and (10) Edward Amos, born June 11, 1854. Of these,

(2) Mary M. was married, April 7, 1861, to David Morse, who died leaving two children, Jane and George B. Mrs. Morse lives with her daughter Jane, who is married to Thomas Williams, and resides at Buck's Hill, north of Waterbury. (3) Orra Jane married James Magin, a farmer of the town of Bethany, and has two children—Lucia married and living in Rhode Island; and William, at home. (5) Alice Ruth married Frank Wedge, of Naugatuck, where they reside. They have had children—Alie, wife of Leander Wheeler (they have three children, and reside in Waterbury); Josie; Julia; Elmore; and Chester, who resides at home. (6) Ann E. married Henry Dudley, and they reside in Ansonia. They have had children as follows—Amy, who married Russell Wheeler and has one child (they live in Washington); Cora, who married Charles Chadwick and has one child (they live in Ansonia); Stephen, living in Brooklyn; Edward, who married Alice Seymour, and lives in Derby; and Charles, residing at home. (7) Sarah R. married Stephen Johns, and died Aug. 2, 1890. (8) Marcie E. is unmarried, and lives in Naugatuck. (9) Esther E. married Edmon Hoyt, of Middlebury, where they have their home; they have one son, Jay. (10) Edward A. married Jane Schofield, and they live at the old home in Naugatuck; their children, all yet living at home, are: Walter, George, Ida, Tracey and Sarah. Edward A. is a past N. G. of Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck, and at the head of Beacon Valley Grange, in which he is an active worker. Amos H. Hotchkiss, the father of the above enumerated family of ten children, was a member of the G. A. R. He served as wagoner in the 23d C. V. I. during the Civil war, in which conflict the family was well represented, his brother Henry Hotchkiss, now of Torrington, having been a member of the band



of the 1st C. H. A.; Franklin A., son of Henry, was a wagoner in Company A, 20th C. V. I.; Julius, son of Henry, was a private in Company A, 20th C. V. I.; Charles Russell, who married Ella, eldest daughter of Henry, was in Company A, 20th C. V. I.; Charles E. Russell, who married Martha Payne, daughter of Mrs. Sarah E. (Hotchkiss) Payne, was in Company A, 20th C. V. I.; James D., whose name introduces these lines, served in Company H, 8th C. V. I.; James Magin, his brother-in-law, also served in the 20th C. V. I.; and Henry Dudley, another brother-in-law, served in the 59th Ill. V. I.

James Dyer Hotchkiss, fourth in the order of birth of the ten children of Amos H. and Sally M. (Scott) Hotchkiss, and the subject proper of this sketch, was born Feb. 24, 1845, in Naugatuck, and received a liberal education in the schools of the district. On Sept. 8, 1872, he married Martha E. Dougal, and afterward removed to Ansonia, in 1875. They had three children: William D. married Agnes Mathews, of Waterbury, and has one child, Reba May; they live in Ansonia. Albert E. died at the age of five years. Amos L. lives at home.

James D. Hotchkiss is a member of the F. & A. M., Shepherd's Lodge, No. 78, of Naugatuck; a P. C. of Ansonia Lodge, No. 24, K. of P.; a P. C. of Thomas M. Redshaw Post, No. 75; and past captain of William B. Wooster Camp, No. 25, Sons of Veterans, located in Ansonia.

**ERWIN J. CRAWFORD**, an influential citizen of West Haven, long prominently identified with the real estate and insurance interests of the town, was born Jan. 22, 1843, in Johnson, Lamoille Co., Vt., a son of Artemus and Aphia (Hadley) Crawford.

Artemus Crawford was a native of Franklin, N. H., and was reared upon a farm in that State, thence removing to Vermont, where in later years he became a silk merchant, driving to country stores, carrying his goods with him. In 1849 he was smitten with the "gold fever," and set out for California, and, as he was never heard of afterward, it is believed he perished en route. On Jan. 15, 1841, he married Aphia Hadley, daughter of Joseph and Achsah (Wells) Hadley. The latter, a native of Vermont, lived to the extraordinary age of ninety years. Mr. Hadley was a member of a family known among the early pioneers of Morristown, Vt., and passed his life there and in the adjoining towns, following farming. Mr. and Mrs. Hadley had three children: Volney, Orson and Aphia (our subject's mother). To Artemus and Aphia Crawford were born two children: Ellen, who married Henry Whiting, at present a judge of the city court in Cripple Creek, Colo.; and Erwin J. The mother died Oct. 16, 1900.

Erwin J. Crawford came from Vermont to Middlefield, Conn., when a youth of eighteen years.

There he worked for the Metropolitan Wringing Machine Co. for a few years, and later engaged in the wood-turning business on his own account in Middlefield, where for eight years he also engaged in farming and small fruit raising. In 1896 he engaged in business as a real estate and insurance agent, in which line he has met with pronounced success, representing various prominent companies. He has erected several houses in West Haven. On May 11, 1864, he was married to Fanny S. Coe, only child of Alvin B. and Harriet (Coe) Coe, of Middlefield. Mr. Coe was one of the prominent citizens of that place, being a manufacturer of buttons, a director in three banks and a stock dealer. Both he and his wife are deceased, he dying in 1886, at the age of seventy-five, and she in 1888, in her seventy-first year. To Mr. and Mrs. Crawford two children have been born: Maud, who died when six years old; and Daisy, who is at home.

In politics Mr. Crawford is a staunch Republican, and has always taken an active interest in the work of the party. While living in Middlefield he was chairman of the town committee, and in 1886 was elected a representative of the Legislature. In 1888 he removed to West Haven, where he soon attained the prominence to which he is entitled, alike through native ability and experience in public life. In 1890 he was elected a member of the board of wardens and burgesses, and in 1891 was chosen warden. He was re-elected to the latter office, annually, for five years, and since 1896 has served the town as tax collector for a year. He still retains his interest in his party organization, having served on his town committee. Socially Mr. Crawford is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He and his family are members of the M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee; he formerly served as steward.

**EDWIN HOBSON**, a typical representative of the industrial interests of Wallingford, where he has long been known as an industrious and trustworthy workman, has followed the trade of die-sinking and mold-making many years in this community, and is highly respected both as a mechanic and a citizen. He was born Oct. 28, 1821, in Sheffield, England, where his father, John Hobson, was also born.

John Hobson was also a diesinker. He spent the greater part of his life in Birmingham, where he died, and he is remembered as an upright and honorable man. He was a worthy member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Hobson married Mary Whaley, also a native of Sheffield, England, who came to this country after the death of her husband, locating with her family in Meriden. There she died, and was buried in Wallingford. She was the mother of six children: Edwin; Emma, who died young; Selina, who married John Hollier, of England; William Henry, a resident of Walling-







Edwin Hobson



ford; Sarah Ann, who married Thomas Morton, and is now dead; and Persella, who married Andrew Bailey, and is now deceased.

Edwin Hobson received his education in the schools of his native country, and it was mostly acquired before he reached the age of ten years, at which time his parents removed to Birmingham, where young Edwin was set to learn diesinking, modeling and designing with his father. He worked with him until he was of age, when he struck out for himself, earning at that time about three pounds a week. In 1866 he came to this country with his wife and family, embarking June 10, at Liverpool, in the steamship "Royal Standard." He secured a position at his trade in Newark, N. J., and the following year came to Wallingford to take a position with Simpson, Hall & Miller, in whose establishment he worked for more than a third of a century as a diesinker, designer and moldmaker. Through his unusual ability in his work, he won for himself the respect of his associates and the confidence of the firm, as well as the respect of the community, and before he left he was superintendent of his department. Mr. Hobson possesses much more than the ordinary taste and sensibility, and has artistic refinement to a marked degree. By his friends he is termed a born genius. In his leisure hours he has made several violins which are noted for their sweetness of tone and are highly prized by their fortunate possessors. He has also made several pianos, one of his make adorning the home of Clarence C. Brown, of Wallingford. Mr. Hobson has always been a careful and painstaking man, and, although past his eightieth year, still preserves his lifelong habits of industry and activity. When not engaged in diesinking, he may be found in his factory, engaged in either violin or piano making, and in these labors his whole soul is inwrapped. Mr. Hobson is a good violinist and plays with much skill and expression. Affable in his manners, and a good conversationalist, all who meet him are charmed with his courtly and old-fashioned hospitality.

Mr. Hobson was married, July 12, 1846, at Birmingham, England, to Miss Sarah James, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Mountford) James; her father was a maker of silver candlesticks. To this union were born six children: (1) Sarah married William J. Hodgetts, a box manufacturer of Wallingford. (2) Rosana married George W. Woodhouse, a painter, of Wallingford. (3) Mary Ellen (Nellie) is unmarried, and is living at home. She is an artist of acknowledged ability, was a student for five years at the Yale Art School, and is now teaching painting. (4) Mark Wallace is a diesinker with the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co., and learned his trade under his father's instructions. He married Elizabeth Valentine. (5) Arthur Edwin is a diesinker, and is superintendent in the factory of the International Silver Co., at Meriden. He married Miss Hattie Church, of Wallingford. (6)

Florence Elizabeth married Prof. Franze R. C. Milcke, the noted violinist and instructor. Mrs. Milcke is a vocalist of much ability, and a piano teacher of reputation. She designed the beautiful home which they occupy in Wallingford, and to which they have given the name of "Craig Nyth."

Mr. Hobson is a Mason, a member of Compass Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican, but largely reserves the right of independent action. In religious connection he is a member of the Baptist Church. He has led an industrious, useful life, and has reared a family second to none in the community. For fifty-five years Mr. and Mrs. Hobson have worked happily and harmoniously together; she is a lady of innate refinement.

W. BURR HALL, a well-known resident of Wallingford, was born Dec. 16, 1845, in Hamden, New Haven county, son of William Day Hall.

Mr. Hall is a descendant of John Hall, who died in 1676, aged seventy-one years. He married Jane Woolen, and they had children: John, Richard, Samuel, Sarah, Thomas, Jonathan and David.

(II) Samuel Hall, son of John, born May 21, 1646, died March 5, 1725. He married Hannah Walker, and their children were: John, Hannah, Sarah, Samuel, Theophilus and Elizabeth.

(III) Samuel Hall (2), son of Samuel, born Dec. 10, 1680, died June 15, 1770. He married Hannah Hall, and their children were: Theophilus, Samuel, Hannah, Sarah, Mehitable and Esther.

(IV) Samuel Hall (3), son of Samuel (2), was born June 8, 1709, and died Dec. 24, 1771. He married Sarah Hull, and their children were: Samuel, Hezekiah, Louisa, Sarah, Esther, Love, Elizabeth, Damaris.

(V) Samuel Hall (4), son of Samuel (3), was born Feb. 28, 1750, and died Feb. 27, 1821. He married Elizabeth Parsons, and their children were: Samuel, Hezekiah, George, Marilla, Richard and Jared.

(VI) Jared Hall, son of Samuel (4), and the grandfather of W. Burr, was born Aug. 24, 1792, in Wallingford, and died there April 24, 1861. He married Rebecca Hall, and by her had four children: Caroline, William Day, Charles D. and Lucy H. By his second wife, Emily Austin, he had three children: Jane, Rebecca and Henry L.

(VII) William Day Hall, our subject's father, was born Dec. 6, 1821, in Wallingford, and died there March 21, 1889, having returned to his native place a short time previous. He married Miss Harriet Perkins, who was born May 24, 1821, daughter of Amasa Perkins, of Wallingford, and died March 4, 1887. William D. Hall was a manufacturer of fertilizers, and a large dealer in hides and tallow. When quite young he settled in Hamden, and for many years he was located in Fairport and Millenbeck, Va., where he had a large



force of men getting out lumber. At Millenbeck he was also postmaster, and the proprietor and manager of a large general store. He owned 1,200 acres of land, and raised some very fine cattle. A busy and hustling man, Mr. Hall pushed his enterprises to the utmost, and was widely known as thoroughly honorable and reliable. Quiet and unassuming in manner, he was never an aspirant for political honors, though a staunch Republican in politics.

W. Burr Hall attended school in North Haven, and had one term at Claverack, N. Y. At the age of sixteen his school days came to an end and he worked on his father's farm until he engaged, as his father had done before him, in the hide, tallow and fertilizer business, becoming well acquainted with the people of his town and county. In 1885 he moved to Wallingford. Since April, 1888, his time has largely been devoted to the public service. He has been a member of the court of burgesses, and first selectman, for six terms. For one year he was town clerk. On Jan. 16, 1890, he was appointed postmaster by President Harrison. In 1870 Mr. Hall joined the Governor's Horse Guard, in which he became senior second lieutenant March 14, 1879; senior first lieutenant on Aug. 30, 1880; was elected captain Aug. 29, 1887; and in February, 1890, he retired from the service, receiving an honorable discharge. After retiring Mr. Hall was unanimously elected by the members of the squadron as major, and was appointed by the governor as such, but, though fully appreciating the honor, he declined. Mr. Hall is a member of the National Band at Wallingford. He has always been a public-spirited man, with a host of friends, and when he has been a candidate for office he not only received the full party vote, but also the ballots of many Democrats. A genial and kind-hearted gentleman, he is very popular with all who know him.

Mr. Hall was married, Dec. 14, 1868, to Miss Ella M. Skinner, daughter of Edwin H. Skinner, of Middlefield, and they have had one child, Maude, born Aug. 26, 1877, who is at home. Mr. Hall has a summer cottage at Madison, Conn., where his hospitality is well known and highly appreciated by his many friends.

**WILLIS MILLER COOK**, assistant superintendent and general foreman of the Mt. Carmel Axle Works, Mt. Carmel Centre, was born in that place, April 9, 1858, and is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most honored families of New England. Many of the name are still residents of Litchfield county, Conn., including ex-Gov. Cook, of this State.

Sylvester Cook, grandfather of our subject, was born in Harwinton, Litchfield county, July 16, 1802, and there spent his entire life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died Aug. 12, 1845, honored and respected by all who knew him. In Harwinton, he was married, April 6, 1832, to Miss

Mercia Francis, who was born June 29, 1807, and died Dec. 21, 1886, being laid to rest by the side of her husband in Harwinton cemetery. Both were members of the Episcopal Church. Of their four children, Henry Francis, father of our subject, was the oldest; Mary Permelia, born Nov. 3, 1834, is the wife of Daniel Fox, of Plainville, Conn.; George Allen, born Aug. 11, 1836, is a resident of Redlands, Cal.; and Sarah Maria, born April 24, 1838, is the widow of Albert Fox, of Plainville, Connecticut.

Henry Francis Cook was born in Harwinton, Feb. 10, 1833, was reared upon a farm, and educated in the district schools. While in his teens he secured employment on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and remained with that corporation for several years. He came to Hamden in the employ of the same company, and later held a position in the axle works at Mt. Carmel. He spent several years in Philadelphia, Penn., with a similar company, and then returned to Mt. Carmel, where he passed the remainder of his life. During the Civil war he was a member of Company I, 20th Conn. V. I., and served his country faithfully and well in her hour of peril. He was liberal in religious views, and politically, was a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but never a politician in the sense of office seeking. In Hamden he married Miss Maria E. Miller, a native of Woodbridge, Conn., a daughter of Chauncey M. Miller, and a sister of Willis E. Miller, president of the Mt. Carmel Axle Works. She was a consistent Christian woman, was a devoted wife and mother, and a sincere friend. She died at her home Nov. 20, 1872, in Hamden, and was buried in the Mt. Carmel cemetery. Mr. Cook died Feb. 2, 1895. Their children were Willis Miller, our subject; Sereno T., who is mentioned below; and Mary, wife of Willard Mathews, of Hamden.

Willis M. Cook was educated in district and select schools of Hamden, and at a very early age commenced work in the axle shop with his uncle, having for the past thirty-one years been a faithful and trusted employe of the company. Through his own efforts he has risen to the position of foreman of the works, and has won for himself the confidence of the company, and the respect of those under him. His practical knowledge of all the details of the business, as well as his acquaintance with men, renders him a most valuable employe, as is evidenced by his long continuance with the company. Formerly he was extensively engaged in dairy farming, and he owns one of the finest homes and farms in Mt. Carmel Centre. He also owns considerable real estate in that vicinity, including nearly all of Mt. Carmel, on the summit of which he has a pleasant cottage.

On March 12, 1884, Mr. Cook married Miss Nellie Morey, a native of Hadley, Mass., and a daughter of Charles H. Morey. Twins were born of this union, but both died in infancy. Mr. Cook



is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but has never sought political preferment, though he filled the office of justice of the peace eight years. He and his wife are members of Hamden Grange, of which he is past master and overseer, and in social circles they are quite prominent. He is a man noted for his high moral character, and his genial, pleasant manner makes for him many friends.

SERENO THOMAS COOK, the younger son of Henry F. Cook, and the well-known shipping clerk and assistant foreman of the Mt. Carmel Axle Works, was born in the town of Hamden, June 8, 1860, and was reared in Mt. Carmel Centre, where he attended the district and select schools. He began his business career as a clerk in a grocery store in New Haven, where he was employed for a year and a half, and then returned to Mt. Carmel Centre, where he was a clerk in a store and postoffice, and also for the Adams Express Company for three years. At the end of that time he accepted the position of shipping clerk with the Mt. Carmel Axle Manufacturing Co., under his uncle, and for the past twenty-one years has filled that responsible position with credit to himself and to the general satisfaction of the company. He is also assistant foreman of the works. In Mt. Carmel, Nov. 16, 1881, he married Miss Louise M. Carroll, a native of Cheshire, New Haven Co., and a daughter of James Carroll, and to them has been born one child, Jessie M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cook hold membership in Hamden Grange. As a Republican, he takes quite an active and prominent part in local politics, and has been a member of the central committee for many years. He has been an efficient member of the school board for the past five years and in 1898 was elected selectman of the town of Hamden; which office he filled in a most capable and satisfactory manner. Like his brother, he is very popular both in business and social circles and has hosts of friends throughout the community.

HIRAM JESSE PECK is a leading and influential citizen of Cheshire, where he owns and operates a fine farm of seventy-five acres, under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good and substantial buildings. A native of that town, he was born Nov. 5, 1859, and is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent early families of Cheshire. His grandfather Peck was a shoemaker by trade. He married Patty Iver, and to them were born four children: Hiram A., father of Hiram J.; Sarah, Mrs. Hall, who died in Waterbury; Chauncey, who lived in New York, where his death occurred; and one that died at the age of four years.

Hiram A. Peck was born in Cheshire, Sept. 9, 1820, and was there reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day. In 1848 he was married to Miss Mary Ann Peck, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of Capt. Will-

iam and Marianne (Atwater) Peck. Her father was born in the same town, and made his home on the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. There his death occurred in April, 1884, at the age of ninety-seven years, and his wife died in 1871, aged seventy-nine years. In their family were three children: Matilda, Mrs. Sanford, a resident of New York; William, who died in Cheshire in May, 1899, at the age of eighty years; and Mary Ann, mother of Hiram J. Peck. After his marriage Mr. Peck located on the Waterbury road, at the corner of Peck lane, where he followed farming, and also worked in a button shop in Cheshire, and subsequently in a pin shop at Waterbury. His wife died, leaving one child, Hiram J. For his second wife he married Celia Roberts, who became the mother of Clinton C., Clayton E. and Mary H. He died in Cheshire, Aug. 1, 1876. Mrs. Celia (Roberts) Peck was a native of England, and a daughter of Elijah and Sally Ann Roberts.

Hiram J. Peck received a practical education in the public schools of his native town, and since leaving the school room has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. He is a thrifty and progressive farmer, and is meeting with well-merited success in life. In his political views he is an ardent Republican. Mr. Peck was married in Meriden, in 1893, to Miss Mary Helena Brown, who was born in Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn., a daughter of Charles and Cornelia (Thrasher) Brown. The father died in Meriden in 1891, but the mother is still living, and now makes her home in New Haven. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram J. Peck have an adopted son, born Oct. 1, 1892, who was named Frank Amos.

HENRY F. SANFORD, for the past fifteen years a faithful and competent employe of the American Ring Co., Waterbury, is a native of that city, born Dec. 16, 1843.

Ruel F. Sanford, his father, was born in the town of Wolcott, Conn., and was a son of Truman Sanford, who was also of Wolcott nativity, and died in Waterbury, Nov. 26, 1856. Henry Sanford, grandfather of Truman, was born in Boston, Mass., a son of Thomas Sanford, who came from England, and was the father of four sons: Nathan, Archibald, Freeman and Henry. Of these, Nathan settled in Plymouth, Archibald in Bethany, and Freeman in Prospect, all in Connecticut, and they were all farmers. Henry, Jr., married Rhoda Perkins, settled on a farm in Wolcott, reared the following named children: Jared, Truman, Joseph, Rhoda, Francis and Tryphena, and died Dec. 25, 1830, aged seventy-eight years.

Truman Sanford, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1782, and died Nov. 26, 1856, aged seventy-four. He married Anna Curtis, who was born in 1780, and died Aug. 24, 1862, aged eighty-two. The following children were born to them: Tryphena, Maria Ann, Abel Curtis, Rhoda, Marilla,





Ruel F. and Rufus B. Of these, Tryphena married Julius Buckingham, a farmer of Middlebury, Conn.; Maria Ann married David H. Buckingham, a farmer of Middlebury, Conn.; Abel Curtis married Elizabeth H. Judd, and was a farmer in Southington, Conn.; Rhoda married Lambert Russell, and they settled on a farm in Darlington, Wis.; Marilla was the wife of Lyman Smith, a mechanic of Waterbury; Ruel F. was the father of our subject; Rufus B., a brass caster in Waterbury, married (first) Elmira Russell, and (second) Ellen Russell, who is yet living.

Ruel F. Sanford married Nancy H. Neal, who was born in Southington, Conn., a daughter of Timothy Neal, a farmer in Cheshire, Conn., and who served in the war of 1812. The Neals were an old settled family in this country. Timothy Neal had three children: Nancy H., Lucinda and Dennis, and of these, Nancy H. was the mother of our subject; and Lucinda married Thomas M. Payne, a carpenter of Waterbury; but of Dennis there is nothing now known. To Ruel F. Sanford and his wife were born five children: Henry F., William M., Ella A., Emma J., and Caroline A. Of these, Henry F. is our subject; William M. is a brass caster in Meriden, Conn.; Ella A. died at the age of twenty-two years; Emma J. is the wife of John Jopson, of Meriden, Conn.; Caroline A. is the wife of Merle C. Coles, of Bridgeport, Conn. The father of this family came to Waterbury when a boy, and followed the trade of brass caster. In politics he was a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious faith he and his wife were Baptists. He died June 3, 1878, at the age of fifty-eight, his wife on April 3, 1897, when she was aged seventy-seven years.

Henry F. Sanford, the subject proper of this memoir, attended the schools of his native city, Waterbury, until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he commenced to learn the brass caster's trade with his father. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 23d Conn. V. I.; served in the Banks expedition; was taken prisoner at Bayou Boeuf, La. After being mustered out, Aug. 31, 1863, he returned to Waterbury, and learned the machinist's trade and worked in various manufactories, including that of the American Ring Co., where he has been employed for the past fifteen years.

On Dec. 23, 1868, Mr. Sanford married Agnes L. Griffing-Speirs, a native of Scotland, and daughter of Robert and Agnes Speirs, also of the same nativity, and five children were born to them: May L., Bertha A., Elsie M., Henry F., Jr., and Grace E. The mother died Sept. 2, 1899. She was a Baptist in religious faith, member of the First Church, as is also her husband, and he has been connected with the same over thirty years, and been clerk for the past sixteen years. In politics he is an active Republican, has been councilman of the First ward two years, also alderman three years,

and served on the board of health two years. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Pacific Lodge, of Meriden, Conn.; of the K. of P., Speedwell Lodge, Waterbury; and of the G. A. R., Wadhams Post, No. 49, Waterbury.

SAMUEL HALPER, deceased. The story of this gentleman's life is a record of early struggles and hard work, crowned with the ultimate success which is the fitting reward of patient industry, earnest purpose and unwavering integrity. He was of the Jewish race, a people which has given to the world more than its full quota of merchant princes, financiers, statesmen and eminent men of science and letters, and which, without a distinctive country of its own, has preserved through centuries its homogeneous national character and religious faith.

Mr. Halper was born in Roumania March 25, 1841. His school days ended when he was twelve years old, and at that early age he went into the world to struggle alone against the vicissitudes and temptations of life. For six years he worked at the jewelry business, and at the age of eighteen engaged in the sale of linen on his own account. After a year so spent he was made overseer of the construction of some macadamized roads, a position which he filled for a considerable time, with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers. When this employment came to an end he again embarked in mercantile business. In 1867 he resolved to emigrate to the United States. On reaching this country he invested his slender capital in a stock of small wares, and for a few months carried a peddler's pack upon his back, through Connecticut. Wearying of this life, he went to New York City, where he opened a small store in Spring street, for the sale of millinery and fancy goods. This venture did not prove financially as successful as he had hoped, and in 1872 he removed to Seymour, New Haven Co., Conn., where with a cash capital of but seventy dollars, he embarked in similar business. He remained in Seymour five years, and in March, 1877, transferred his stock to Derby. His first store in that city was in Main street, nearly opposite the present location of the business, at No. 223, in that thoroughfare. He moved into the latter premises about 1880, and in 1891 purchased the property, which he thoroughly remodeled and greatly improved, putting in handsome fixtures, and fitting the store up with such artistic taste and lavish expenditure that it is to-day the handsomest and best appointed of its class in the city of Derby. To an extensive line of millinery he added cloaks, and in both these specialties built up a large and remunerative trade. Besides attending to his mercantile interests, Mr. Halper dealt quite extensively in real estate, investing considerable capital in building and improving. At the time of his death he was a member of the Derby Board of Trade, of which he was one of the organizers. Upright, en-





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terprising and public-spirited, he was one of Derby's most highly esteemed citizens. He took a deep interest in educational matters, as well as in the advancement of every enterprise looking to the public good, and shortly before his death subscribed \$100 toward the founding of a general hospital at Derby, his name heading the list. Had he lived, he would have doubtless brought the undertaking to a successful completion, for he was as zealous and careful in the prosecution of any work into which he entered as he was in business matters. Politically Mr. Halper was a Republican, but never sought public office, though at his death he was a member of the board of apportionment and taxation. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, having become connected with that order in Seymour, and he was also a member of a mutual benefit society in New York. He passed away May 22, 1900.

Mr. Halper was twice married, first to Miss Matilda Greenfield, a native of Germany, who died in 1878, leaving one son, Charles J. On March 17, 1879, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Gottlieb, of New York, and two children were born to this union, Frances and Joseph W., the former of whom is a graduate of Derby high school. The beautiful home occupied by the family, on the corner of Anson and Fifth streets, is one of the finest in Derby.

Charles J. Halper, after finishing the course in the public schools of Derby, entered Yale Business College, from which he was graduated in 1888. Later he took up the study of medicine, intending to adopt the profession, but he abandoned same on his father's death, since which time he has assisted his mother in the management of their extensive interests. During the Spanish-American war he served as a member of the Hospital Corps of the 3d Division, 4th Army Corps.

SYLVANUS ARTHUR SCRANTON, a well-known, prosperous and progressive citizen of the town of Madison, is a native of the same, born May 13, 1852. He is a member of one of the oldest families of New Haven county, a sketch of which, from the pioneer John down to our subject's great-grandfather Theophilus, will be found in the sketch of Ichabod Lee Scranton elsewhere.

Hubbard Scranton, grandfather of Sylvanus A., was born May 4, 1788, in the town of Madison, a son of Theophilus and Abigail (Lee) Scranton. He was a lifelong farmer of Madison, and during the war of the Rebellion furnished vegetables for the War Department, and ran a coasting line from Madison to Georgetown, D. C. He died in 1876, and was interred in Madison cemetery. On April 25, 1810, he married Elizabeth H. Auger, born Jan. 10, 1792, a daughter of Philemon Auger, of New Haven. Their children: (1) Philemon Auger, born Sept. 30, 1812, was a merchant at Augusta, Ga.; he married Elizabeth Lee Starks, a native of Lyme, Conn., and died June 5, 1878. (2) Abigail, born

Feb. 2, 1815, married Austin Dowd, and died in February, 1873. (3) Parmelia, born July 2, 1819, married Richard E. Rice and died in March, 1893. (4) Daniel Hubbard, a sketch of whom follows. The mother of these was called from earth in December, 1871.

Daniel Hubbard Scranton, father of Sylvanus A., was born April 26, 1826, and received his education at the schools of Guilford. All his life he followed farming in the town of Madison, where he was a land owner; he died there Feb. 28, 1897, and was buried in Madison cemetery. In matters of religion he was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics he was a staunch Whig and Republican; fraternally he was affiliated with the F. & A. M. lodge of Madison, and with the I. O. O. F.

On Sept. 22, 1847, Daniel H. Scranton was united in marriage with Phebe Ann Shelly, born in Madison, Nov. 20, 1825, a daughter of Sylvanus and Harriet (Loveland) Shelly, the latter of whom was a granddaughter of John Loveland. Children: (1) Rufus Henry, born Dec. 29, 1848, died Jan. 18, 1849; (2) Elbert Newton, born Sept. 16, 1850, died Aug. 1, 1866; (3) Sylvanus Arthur, sketch of whom follows; (4) Elizabeth Harriet, born Nov. 20, 1856, married William H. Golden, of Meriden, Conn.; (5) Austin Dowd, born Feb. 9, 1859; (6) Nellie Rice, born Feb. 12, 1862, married William H. Demorest, of New York.

Sylvanus Arthur Scranton, the subject proper of these lines, attended the district schools of Madison, also Lee's Academy, and at the age of fourteen years commenced clerking in a wholesale and retail grocery store, which position he filled a couple of years. This was in New Haven, Conn., and he then returned home and commenced in the ice business, at first on a small scale, since when, a period of over thirty years, he has been engaged in that line of trade, both wholesale and retail, having over 3,000 tons of ice stored each winter, and supplying both Madison and East River. He is also engaged in farming. In 1894 he purchased the old Scranton homestead, which was built over forty years ago, and is one of the oldest in Madison.

On Oct. 7, 1879, S. A. Scranton married Rose R. Williams, daughter of Charles Williams, late of Madison, and one child was born to their union, Maude A., a student at Hand's Academy, Madison. In politics Mr. Scranton is a Republican, and in 1898 was elected first selectman of Madison, an office he has filled the past three years with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the people. For seven years he served as deputy sheriff, and for eight years was constable of Madison. In religious faith he and his family attend the services of the Congregational Church.

CHARLES RANDELL LAMB, trustee of the Yalesville M. E. Church, and constable for the town of Wallingford, is one of Yalesville's best



known and highly respected citizens. Mr. Lamb traces his ancestry to England, and belongs to one of the old and substantial families of Connecticut.

William Lamb was a native of Mystic, and throughout life was a seafaring man, following the business of fishing, and he was one of the most respected citizens of that old Connecticut town.

Sanford Lamb, son of William and father of Charles R., was born in Mystic, Conn., where he was educated in the branches then taught in the district schools. He learned the trade of blacksmith and general iron worker. His life was an exemplary one, honest and upright, and he enjoyed the esteem of the community. He was liberal minded in religious matters, and was noted for his generosity and public spirit. In politics he was an active member of the Whig party. Sanford Lamb was married in Mystic, Conn., to Miss Julia Giant, who died in Medfield, Mass., from heart failure, and was buried at Norwich, Conn. A pious and worthy woman, she was sincerely mourned not only by her devoted family but by a large circle of friends who valued her for her lovely traits of character. Six children were born of this union: Emeline died at the age of fourteen; William A., a minister in the Congregational Church in Los Angeles, Cal., married Mary Proctor, of Massachusetts; Charles Randell; John H., a shoe dealer on Washington street, in Boston, Mass., married Lillian Mayel, of Massachusetts; Minnie married John H. School, of Medfield, Mass.; and Hattie married Dwight Sanford.

Charles R. Lamb was born in Mystic, Conn., Sept. 28, 1847, and was given good school advantages, attending the higher grades in the schools at Norwich, Conn., where he graduated when only fourteen years old. One year later he removed to Meriden, and immediately found employment in E. Miller's brass works, where he remained for one year. In 1866 he came to Yalesville and entered the spoon factory of G. J. Mix & Co., and in the employ of this firm he continued for twenty-six years, receiving promotions until he became foreman of his department.

On account of health, Mr. Lamb decided to make a change in his business, and with this end in view, removed to Medfield, Mass., where he opened up a provision and meat store, which he conducted but a short time, and then came back among his old friends in Yalesville and entered the shipping room of the piano stool department of the Charles Parker Co., and remained here for eight years, resigning this position to engage in the shoe business as a silent partner with his sons at Leominster, Mass., which business was conducted under the firm name of Lamb Bros.

Charles R. Lamb was married in Yalesville, Conn., to Miss Alice M. Jeralds, who was born in Prospect, Conn., a daughter of Bennett Jeralds, one of the best-known citizens of Yalesville. Eight children have been born of this union: Eva J., who

married Wallace A. Shipton, of Newton, Mass.; Wilbur R., who married Annie Farrell, of Hartford, and has one child, Wilbur Raymond, Jr.; Charles S., of the shoe firm of Lamb Bros., of Leominster, Mass.; Clifton Jeralds, engaged in the piano stool department of the Charles Parker Co.; Roscoe Edward, a bookkeeper; Dexter, in the Parker factory in Yalesville; Mary, who attends high school in Meriden; and Alice. Both the young ladies are at home, and with their estimable mother are among the most cultivated and intellectual members of social life in Yalesville.

Mr. Lamb has long been one of the most active members of the Yalesville Methodist Church, and for a number of years has been a trustee and one of the faithful stewards. He was a member of the building committee of the new church, erected in 1899. Not only is Mr. Lamb prominent in church matters, but he has been conspicuous in public affairs, and has been selectman, grand juror, and for twelve years has been the efficient and reliable constable of Wallingford. In 1884 his popularity in the Republican party was attested by his selection as its candidate for the State Legislature. Socially he is connected with the Pilgrim's Harbor Council, No. 543, Royal Arcanum, of Meriden. Mr. Lamb has succeeded in many lines of work, and his ability as a mechanic has been developed in his son, Charles, in the line of invention. An ingenious invention of the latter, which has been patented and has come into general use, is the automatic self-closing window grip, and this is but one of this talented young man's ideas.

The Jeralds family, of which Mrs. Lamb is a member, is one well known through this part of Connecticut. Bennett Jeralds, the father of Mrs. Lamb, was born in Watertown, Conn., Oct. 10, 1818, a son of Ransom Jeralds, a native of Cheshire, Conn., whose father, a seafaring man, lost his life on the water.

Ransom Jeralds grew up in Cheshire, and throughout his life was a very successful farmer, operating in Wallingford, but the last years of his life were spent in Yalesville, where he owned an estate. His death, at the age of seventy-six years, occurred in 1870, in Yalesville, where he was respected by the community. Mr. Jeralds, also, was a man who held to his convictions of right; early in life he embraced the principles of the Democratic party, but was a free-soil man, and possessed anti-slavery views, and later became a staunch Republican. Temperate in all things, honest and upright in life, he was one of the most consistent members of the M. E. Church. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Ransom Jeralds married Alma Judd, of Bethany (then Woodbridge), a daughter of Isaac Judd, and to this union ten children were born, all of whom have passed away with the exception of four: Bennett; Patience Juliet, widow of Lewis W. Turner, of Yalesville; Orrin, of New York; and Edward, a manufacturer of Cheshire.





The beloved mother died in Wallingford, at the age of eighty-two years, after a life filled with good deeds of charity and neighborly kindness. She was formerly connected with the Episcopal Church, later with the M. E. Church.

Isaac Judd worked in summer as a stone mason and was a teacher during many winter terms, numbering his own children and grandchildren among his pupils. In early life he held a lieutenant's commission in the King's militia, and at the opening of the Revolution organized a company of minute men at what is now Naugatuck. He was almost constantly in the service of the Colonies during that struggle, although he was not enrolled in the regular service. He was also active in civil life, and served many years as a magistrate, both before and after the Revolution.

Bennett Jeralds received his schooling in Bethany and Prospect, Conn., but it was limited, as at the age of thirteen he was hired out to work during the summer months, and could only attend school during the short winter sessions. Until he was eighteen he worked at different places, and then entered the employ of William Mix, at Prospect, Conn., who was the first spoon manufacturer in the United States, and with him he remained three years. During these years of toil the fertile brain of Mr. Jeralds was at work, and when he reached his majority he began the manufacture of Britannia spoons on his own account, in Yalesville, and continued in this business until 1845, when he formed a partnership with Eli Ives, of Meriden, and the business was successfully continued until 1853. During that year Mr. Jeralds bought out the interest of Mr. Ives and managed alone until he sold the business to Charles Parker, of Meriden, and immediately became the capable superintendent of the factory, which was removed to Wallingford in 1854, retaining the position until 1876, when the contract system was inaugurated. At this time Mr. Jeralds became a contractor in the establishment, which position he filled until 1886, when he retired from activity. Through the application of sound business principles and individual enterprise, he has accumulated large means, and is personally one of the most esteemed citizens of this locality.

Bennett Jeralds was married first in 1840, to Lucy Mix, a daughter of William Mix, and to this union three children were born: Laura, deceased, who married Henry C. Wooding; Lucy, wife of George S. Allen; and Cornelia, who married Edwin P. Smith. For his second wife Mr. Jeralds wedded Arvilla Raymond, a daughter of Lincoln Raymond, and four children were the result of this union: Alice M., who married Charles R. Lamb; Ellen, wife of Frederick Wilcox; Frank, who died at the age of four; and Fanny, who married William Kingford. By his third wife, Mary M. Adams, Mr. Jeralds has a son, Arthur, who resides in Wallingford. The fourth marriage of Mr. Jeralds was to Lucy Wilcox, widow of Oliver Wil-

cox, and his fifth wife was Mary B. Wilcox, widow of Charles Sherman.

In politics Mr. Jeralds identified himself with the Free Soil party, and was defeated as a candidate for the Legislature, in 1851, by a very small majority, although this party was greatly in the minority; in fact, one vote decided the contest against him. Since the organization of the Republican party he has been an active member. For years he was justice of the peace, and has always been interested in educational matters, and has held many offices of public trust. For thirty-three years he has been a warden in the Episcopal Church, at Yalesville, and is fraternally connected with Compass Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in Wallingford.

CHARLES ROBERTS, a well-known horse dealer and the popular proprietor of the "Roberts House," of Hamden, is a native of New Haven county, born in the town of Wallingford, June 13, 1842. His father, Ephraim Roberts, was born and reared in Meriden, Conn., and when a young man removed to Wallingford, where he engaged in the butcher business for many years, selling his meat in the towns of Cheshire and Wallingford. His political support was given the men and measures of the Democratic party. He died suddenly in Southington, in 1872, at the age of seventy-two years. For his first wife he married Susan Ellis, a sister of William Ellis, of New Haven, and to them were born nine children, namely: Amanda, wife of Zadock Morgan; Horatio, deceased; Harriet, deceased wife of James Bell; Louise, deceased wife of Charles Pardee; Emily, deceased wife of F. F. Bailey; Ralph, a resident of Forestville, Conn.; Nancy, deceased wife of Frederick Minott; Charles, our subject; and Susan, widow of R. L. Lake. The mother died in Wallingford, and the father subsequently married Polly Dunham, by whom he had two children: James, deceased; and John, a resident of Meriden.

Charles Roberts acquired a limited education in the district schools of Wallingford, and at the age of nine years started out to make his own way in the world by working as a farm hand, being thus employed until he attained his fifteenth year, when he learned the blacksmith's trade with John R. Henshaw, of Middletown, with whom he spent two years. The following year he worked at his trade in Meriden. He was one of the first to offer his services to his country at the opening of the Civil war, enlisting in 1861, at Meriden, for three months, in Company F, 1st Conn. V. L., under Col. R. Tyler and Capt. Buxbee. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run, and was then detailed for horse shoeing.

On the expiration of his term of enlistment, Mr. Roberts returned home and followed his trade until February, 1862, when he went to New York City and entered the employ of the Sixth Avenue Railroad Co., with which he was connected for two



years. In 1864 he went to California, intending to stop at Nicaragua, but on account of the hostility of the natives proceeded to San Francisco, where he remained only a short time, and then went south to Santa Barbara and San Bernardino, where he filled the position of station agent. He was also connected with the mail service between Los Angeles and San Diego for a time, but on account of ill health he returned to San Francisco, where he remained several months, and then came East. He was conductor on the street railroad in New York City until 1869, when he again came to New Haven county, Conn., and purchased a farm in Cheshire, which he operated for two years. On selling out, in 1871, he embarked in the livery business in Hamden, and has since devoted much of his time to dealing in horses, buying his stock principally in the West and selling the same in Hamden and eastern markets. In 1889 he opened the "Roberts House," which he has since conducted with marked success, as under his able management it has become one of the leading hotels of the locality. His genial, pleasant manner makes him quite popular with his guests, and wherever known he is held in high regard. Socially he is a member of Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Hamden, and politically he is identified with the Republican party. The success that he has achieved in life is due to his own well-directed and energetic efforts, and he may well be classed among the self-made men of the county.

SAMUEL GRIFFING COOKE, a prominent farmer and fruit grower of Branford, was born in Honey Creek township, Adams Co., Ill., Aug. 31, 1835, son of Increase W. and Harriet D. (Griffing) Cooke, natives of North Guilford and Branford, respectively. He is descended from Henry Cooke, who came from the west of England, and was in Plymouth, Mass., before 1640. His son, Samuel Cooke, married Hope Parker. Their son, Samuel Cooke, married Hannah Ives. Their son, Aaron Cooke, married Ruth Burrage. Their son, Aaron Cooke, the great-grandfather of our subject, married Lucretia Dudley. Kilburn Cooke, grandfather of Samuel G., was a native of Guilford, was reared to farming and followed that occupation all his days. He married Eunice Williams.

The maternal great-grandparents of Samuel Griffing Cooke were Aaron and Elizabeth (Palmer) Griffing. Aaron Griffing was a son of Samuel and Martha (Vail) Griffing, grandson of Robert and Susanna Griffing, and a great-grandson of Jasper and Hannah Griffing.

Increase W. Cooke, whose name appears above as the father of Samuel G., was born in North Guilford in December, 1807, and was married in Branford in May, 1832, to Harriet D., daughter of Capt. Samuel and Statira (Frisbie) Griffing. They had three children who lived to maturity: (1) Harriet A., who married Samuel Beach; (2) Sam-

uel G.; and (3) Sara E., who became Mrs. John A. Leggett, and died in 1870. Mr. Cooke died in 1847. His widow, who subsequently married Jehiel Norton, died in 1849.

Samuel Griffing Cooke was reared in Illinois until he reached the age of twelve years, when the mother and children returned to Branford, in 1848. He received his education from the teachers of the public schools, and early in life began his career as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade in New Haven. In the spring of 1855 he went West and located in Adams county, Ill., where he was engaged in farming in the township of Honey Creek for six years. On Oct. 13, 1861, Mr. Cooke enlisted in the United States service as a member of Company A, 50th Ill. V. I., soon became corporal, and in February, 1862, was made sergeant. On Oct. 4, 1862, he and another sergeant took nine prisoners, seven privates, one first and one second lieutenant of the 1st Arkansas Infantry. He participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson (where he was slightly wounded), Shiloh, Corinth (Oct. 3-4, 1862), sieges of Corinth and Vicksburg, and was on the Atlanta campaign under Gen. Sherman in 1864. He was on detached duty three months. On June 7, 1864, he was discharged that he might be commissioned second lieutenant. In August of the same year he was promoted to first lieutenant, and transferred from the Department of the Tennessee to the Department of the Cumberland, by order of Gen. O. O. Howard, and given command of Company I, 44th U. S. C. T. Lieut. Cooke was captured by Gen. Hood Oct. 13, 1864, and was released on parole. This parole was not recognized by the government, and he at once reported for duty at Chattanooga, Tenn. He was in the battle of Nashville, in December, 1864, and was honorably discharged at Chattanooga, May 25, 1865, though he was not relieved from duty until well into the following month. From the time of his enlistment, Oct. 13, 1861, Mr. Cooke was active and faithful in all the duties of a soldier, and made a record admirably clean and good.

After the war Mr. Cooke was engaged in the oil business for two years at Indian Neck, and has since devoted himself to agricultural pursuits in Branford. He bought his present place in 1872, after leasing it for two years. The farm comprises 148 acres of fine land, highly cultivated, and improved with substantial buildings.

The marriage of Mr. Cooke and Cornelia A. Palmer occurred Oct. 20, 1868. Mrs. Cooke is a daughter of Wilman and Susan C. (Bradley) Palmer. They have become the parents of five children: Charles W., Lizzie L., Susie B., Harry G. and Addison T.

From 1856 to 1866 Mr. Cooke was a member of the Congregational Church of Mendon, Ill. Since 1866 Mr. Cooke has been a member of the Congregational Church at Branford, to which his family also belong. Our subject has been superin-





*Samuel E. Cooke*



tendent of the Sunday-school four years, and his son, Charles W., is a deacon in the church. Mr. Cooke is regarded as one of the upright and honorable men of the community. He belongs to Mason Rogers Post, No. 7, G. A. R., of which he was commander for two years, and is now senior vice-commander. In politics he is a Republican.

**HORATIO NELSON CLARKE**, a leading citizen and one of the most energetic, enterprising and successful agriculturists of Prospect, New Haven county, was born in that town, Nov. 14, 1841, and belongs to a family of English origin, which was early founded in New England, and one of the first established in this county.

Amos Clarke, his grandfather, was born in Milford, now the town of Orange, about 1758, and spent his entire life in that section, his time and attention being devoted to farming. His wife, Eunice, a woman of strong character, died Aug. 30, 1838, and he departed this life Nov. 14, 1841, the remains of both being interred in Orange cemetery. They had four children: Amos, born May 31, 1791, died in August, 1828; Ira Miles, born June 15, 1793, died in September, 1850; Selah, father of our subject, was next in order of birth; and Lanson, born Sept. 4, 1797, died in May, 1876.

Selah Clarke, our subject's father, was born in the town of Milford, now Orange, Feb. 14, 1795, and there grew to manhood, remaining upon his father's farm until 1823, when he came to Prospect and located upon the Platt farm—a tract of 115 acres in the southern part of the town—where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a man noted for his industry, honor and honorable dealings, and though he received only a limited education, he kept abreast of the times and was well posted on all leading events. He took a deep interest in town affairs, and was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, but never sought political honors. He was an earnest Christian and a consistent member of the Congregational Church. He died at his home in Prospect, Aug. 29, 1880, and was laid to rest in the Prospect cemetery.

In North Milford, April 25, 1821, Selah Clarke married Miss Hannah Stone Smith, who was born in Milford, Aug. 26, 1800, and died on the home farm in Prospect, Sept. 30, 1877, her remains being interred by the side of those of her husband in Prospect cemetery. She was a good Christian woman and a faithful wife and mother. She too, belonged to an old and honored family of New England, being a descendant of Rev. Samuel Stone, the first of the name in America, and from him she traced her ancestry through the following: John and Mary Stone; John and Susana (Newton) Stone; Ezekiel and Hannah (Merriman) Stone; and Samuel and Damaris (Beach) Stone. She was a daughter of Miles and Lucretia (Downs) Smith, and a granddaughter of John and Hannah

(Stone) Downs. Horatio N. Clarke is the youngest in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: (1) Smith Selah, born in Milford, Feb. 14, 1822, died Feb. 7, 1900. (2) Miles, born in Prospect, June 8, 1825, resides in Naugatuck, Conn. (3) Harriette Eliza, born Sept. 25, 1828, is the wife of Lucius Russell, a son of Ransom Russell, and resides in New Haven. (4) Spencer Amos, born Feb. 20, 1833, is a contractor and builder of New Haven. (5) Charlotte Emily, born Sept. 20, 1835, married Julius Smith, deceased, who was a needle manufacturer of New Haven. (6) Lillian Adella, born April 14, 1837, is the wife of George De Forest Bissell, a retired citizen of Naugatuck. (7) Sarah De Ette, born July 7, 1839, was educated in a normal school and became a noted teacher of languages and music; she married Alphonse Charpiot, a master car builder for the Georgia Central railroad, and died in Macon, Georgia.

During his boyhood and youth Horatio N. Clarke attended the district schools of Prospect Mills, a preparatory school of New Haven, and the Naugatuck high school, where he acquired a good practical education. He grew to manhood on the homestead and early acquired an excellent knowledge of every department of farm work. At the age of eighteen years he took charge of his father's business and cared for his parents during their declining years.

On Dec. 24, 1864, in Bethany, Conn., Mr. Clarke was united in marriage with Miss Laura De Ette Perkins, who was born in the old hotel at that place, and is a representative of an old and highly respected family of this county, being a daughter of Guy and Laura (Doolittle) Perkins, and a granddaughter of Archibald and Sarah (French) Perkins. Her grandfather was a hotel keeper and farmer of Bethany, where he died March 4, 1842, his wife Sept. 27, 1846. His father was Azariah Perkins, a native of New Haven county, and the son of an Englishman. Mrs. Clarke's maternal grandparents were Jesse and Betsey (Wooding) Doolittle, the former a son of Caleb and Hannah (Merriman) Doolittle, and the latter a daughter of Edward and Ann (Peck) Wooding. To Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have been born five children, viz.: Maude Genevieve, born in Bethany, Oct. 8, 1868, is at home; Walton Perkins, born Dec. 26, 1870, was married July 12, 1898, to Nellie Maria Page, daughter of John M. Page, of Naugatuck, and is employed in a rubber shop in Naugatuck; Rollin Perkins, born June 14, 1880, is a graduate of the high school of Naugatuck; Laura Eloise, born Dec. 19, 1881, is possessed of some musical and artistic ability, and is at home; and Edith May, born April 12, 1883, died May 9, 1887. All have attended the Naugatuck high school and are well educated.

After his marriage Mr. Clarke located on what was known as the Hotchkiss farm, and upon that place he still resides, having made extensive im-





provements thereon which add greatly to its value and attractive appearance. After the death of his parents he bought the old homestead and other lands owned by his father, and to-day he is one of the largest landowners in Prospect, his possessions aggregating 600 hundred acres in that town. In connection with general farming, he is extensively engaged in stock dealing and the dairy business, and has upon his place some fine Jersey stock. He also does a large business as a dealer in wood, for which he finds a ready market in Waterbury.

Politically Mr. Clarke has been a life-long Democrat, but at local elections votes for the men whom he considers best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party lines. He is public-spirited and progressive, and gives his support to every enterprise which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit. He has taken quite an active and prominent part in town politics, and has served as assessor five years; tax collector nine years; justice of the peace; grand juror; member of the board of relief; and member of the board of selectmen several terms, being still connected with the last. He has been instrumental in securing the rural free delivery soon to be established in the town. Fraternally, he is a member of Beacon Valley Grange, and his wife and children are members of the Episcopal Church. The record of Mr. Clarke is that of a man who by his own well-directed efforts has worked his way upward. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable business methods he has followed have won him the respect and confidence of all.

**ALFRED CARLSON.** As an example of what may be accomplished by honesty, energy and perseverance, under most discouraging circumstances, the life of Alfred Carlson, the subject of this sketch, offers a very interesting and instructive narrative.

Mr. Carlson was born at Holmboe, Smoland, Sweden, Sept. 5, 1842, a son of Carl and Katherina (Scott) Carlson, the former of whom was a farmer, and lived and died in the little village of his birth, near the city of Guttenberg. The children born to these worthy people were: Charlotte, widow of Edwin Anderson, lives in Naugatuck, Conn.; Caroline, widow of Andrew Monson, who was killed by an accident in Canada; Alfred; and Gustavus, who lives in Middletown, Connecticut.

Alfred Carlson received but a limited education, as his father died when he was quite young, and, being the oldest son, he naturally assumed the responsibility of his own support. Facing the situation bravely, he left school and engaged as a helper in a tannery, where he worked for a year and one-half, but as this brought him only his board and clothes, he tried to find something else. For a short time he worked with a carpenter, and by the time he was eighteen years old was working as a farm hand, receiving board, clothes and \$30

per year. For some time prior to 1871 he found employment as a coachman for a wealthy man in Sweden, but America was the goal of his ambition, many of his friends and relatives having become prosperous in this country.

When Mr. Carlson landed in New York his capital consisted of \$20 in money and an unbounded ambition, both of which he found very necessary adjuncts for success in the situation which he faced. Saybrook, Conn., was his first location, as there was plenty of work there on the Connecticut Valley R. R., then in the course of construction, and for about eighteen months he worked on that road between Saybrook and Hartford, later finding employment of the same kind at Tariffville, Conn., on the New England R. R. At a still later date he went to Portland, where many of his countrymen were working in the brown stone quarries, and while there formed the acquaintance of Erastus Brainerd, and was engaged by him as coachman, remaining one of his trusted employes for nine years. A part of his earnings were regularly sent to his aged mother in Sweden, but by economy he accumulated enough in these nine years to buy his present farm in North Haven, it then being known as the Harvey Sacket place, and consisted of twenty-five acres. Hard work was required to clear this land of stone and brush, but Mr. Carlson had the energy and perseverance to accomplish much, and bravely set to work, transforming in a short time this wilderness into a profitable farm. Adding more land as his means permitted, he has now an estate of fifty-five acres, upon which he carries on market gardening and general farming in a very satisfactory way.

In 1874, in Portland, Mr. Carlson was married to Georgia Marie Olson, who was born March 10, 1857, in Seflle, Sweden, daughter of Peter and Eliza (Portstrom) Olson. The children born of this union were: William, residing in New Haven, a graduate of Upsaller College, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Franz Oscar, deceased; Alfred Herbert; Axel Harold; Hannah Amelia; Hilma Marie; Carl Henry; and Helen Josephine. Mr. Carlson has made every endeavor to give his children good educational advantages, and, in his upright life, he has set them a good example. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran (Swedish) Church, in New Haven. In politics Mr. Carlson is a Republican, and is socially connected with the Grange of North Haven. A generous and progressive citizen, and a kind and hospitable neighbor, Mr. Carlson has the esteem of the whole community.

**D. WILLIAM FOWLER,** a farmer and citizen of East Haven, Conn., was born in Flemington, N. J., Nov. 25, 1841, but is a representative of one of the old and honored families of this State.

David Sullivan Fowler, his father, was born in North Guilford, Conn., March 5, 1807, a son of Samuel Fowler, and was there reared upon a farm.



When a young man he began teaching school, and in that capacity came to East Haven. While thus employed he boarded with Philemon Holt, and fell in love with that gentleman's daughter, Miss Charlotte E. Holt, to whom he was married Jan. 20, 1832. She was born March 6, 1809, on the farm where our subject now resides, and her father was born just across the road. Shortly after his marriage David S. Fowler removed to Flemington, N. J., where he carried on a general country store for a time, and then purchased a farm, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his attention until 1846, when he returned to East Haven, Conn., and located on the old Holt homestead, and continued to make his home there until his death, in his fifty-eighth year. He was one of the most prominent and influential men of East Haven in his day, and in 1857 was elected high sheriff of New Haven county for a term of three years, and he had also served in the State Senate. So efficiently and satisfactorily did he fill that office that he was re-elected for another term, serving, in all, six years. Politically he was identified with the Democratic party, and fraternally affiliated with the Masonic order. He was an active and prominent member of St. James' Episcopal Church of Fair Haven, to which his wife also belonged. To this worthy couple were born nine children, namely: Charles H., born March 17, 1833, is an attorney at law of New Haven; Cornelia, born July 9, 1835, died Jan. 10, 1885; Annie J., born Aug. 6, 1837, married Joel A. Sperry, of New Haven, and died July 20, 1895; Harriet, born Dec. 6, 1839, died Feb. 5, 1889; D. William, born Nov. 25, 1841; Sarah A., born July 21, 1844, is the wife of James R. Scott, of New York; George S., born Feb. 24, 1847, is engaged in the gent's furnishing business in New York City; John H., born Dec. 9, 1849, is in the wholesale lumber business at No. 87 Church street, New Haven; and James B., born Nov. 17, 1850, is a salesman for Sperry & Barnes, of New Haven.

D. William Fowler was educated in the public schools of his native town, and grew to manhood upon the home farm, of which he had complete charge after his father's election to the office of sheriff. On the latter's death, he purchased the interest of the other heirs, and now has about 200 acres of land in East Haven, with good and substantial buildings, and has met with fair success in his undertakings. He is a supporter of the Democratic party, and in his religious faith is a member of St. James' Episcopal Church, Fair Haven.

E. ROWLAND DAVIS is an old and esteemed citizen of Waterbury, and as the proprietor of the Waterbury Steam Laundry, at No. 17 Canal street, has made his name familiar to the people of a wide section of country. He has at this point a fine plant fully equipped with modern and up-to-date appliances, and does not only the regular work

of a laundry, but carpet cleaning and steam dyeing as well. His trade extends throughout the city, and agencies are maintained in many of the adjoining towns and villages. Mr. Davis also owns an equally extensive establishment at Naugatuck. His business in Waterbury gives steady employment to about thirty people. Mr. Davis was born in Middletown, Conn., Feb. 14, 1847, a son of Evan Davis, a native of Wales, who emigrated to this country when about eight years of age.

David Davis, the father of Evan, came to New York City, and owned a farm where the old reservoir now stands on Forty-second street. To-day that property is the most valuable in the city. Mr. Davis sold out, and bought a farm, which has since become equally as valuable, located at the intersection of Fulton and Classin avenues. Mr. Davis married a Miss Newand and reared a family of five children: Evan, the father of E. Rowland; John; Mary; Kate; and Hannah. John wore the Union blue in the Civil war, and is now a resident of New York City, where his sister Mary also lives. The other members of the family are dead, and the father died in Brooklyn years ago.

Evan Davis grew up in New York, and married Miss Rachel Brooks, a daughter of Stephen Brooks, of Steuben, N. Y., a man of more than ordinary ability. After their marriage the young couple went to Middletown, where Mr. Davis operated the first ferry between that city and Portland. This was his business for many years, but he finally sold it because his religious convictions interfered with a Sunday traffic. Mr. Davis was a deacon of the Congregational Church at the time of his death, in 1870, a man of strong convictions and high moral worth. Mrs. Davis is still living. They were the parents of six children: Stephen B., D. Newand, Sarah, E. Rowland, Carroll and Catherine E. Stephen served in the Civil war, and is Judge of Probate in Middletown; D. Newand also served in the Civil war, and he has been deputy sheriff in Middletown; Sarah married D. A. Brooks, and has her home in Brooklyn; Carroll died in infancy; and Catherine is the wife of William Murken, of Brooklyn.

E. Rowland Davis grew to manhood under the parental roof in Middletown, and had his education in the local schools. As a young man he secured a good position in the First National Bank, which he held for three years. He then went to Florida, where he was in business three years, when he returned to Connecticut and secured a position as a clerk in a book store, remaining seven years. At the expiration of that period he opened up in his present business, to which reference has already been made, and in 1884 he came to Waterbury, and engaged in a steam laundry. Success has crowned his efforts from the beginning, and he is now the proprietor of a laundry plant that is as complete and perfect in all its appointments as may be found in the State.



On Feb. 4, 1875, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Maney, of Portland, a daughter of Morris Maney, who was of Irish extraction. No children have come to this union. Mr. Davis is a Republican, and is recognized as a man of solid worth and genuine character by all who know him. He is a charter member of the I. O. R. M., and is a colonel of the Uniformed Rank of the Knights of Pythias. He is also a charter member of the A. O. U. W., and of the Independent Order of the Heptasophs. Mr. Davis is a loyal member of the Congregational Church.

WILLIAM E. DAVIS is a leading representative of the business interests of Hamden, where he is extensively engaged in the manufacture of brick. A man of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a prominent place among the substantial citizens of this part of the county, and has won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts, the prosperity that has come to him being well deserved.

A native of Hamden, Mr. Davis was born Jan. 30, 1848, a son of Edward and Betsey M. (Augur) Davis, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. He was reared upon the home farm, and was educated in the common schools of Hamden and the private schools of New Haven. He remained under the parental roof until eighteen years of age, when, in company with his brother, James A., he began business as a contractor in New Haven, grading streets, laying sewers, etc., for five years. Subsequently he was engaged in putting down concrete sidewalks and roads for six years, and then purchased land and established a brick yard. In the spring of 1883 he opened another yard, and still continues to operate both plants, giving employment to between eighty and ninety men. In 1896 over 10,000,000 brick were here manufactured, and the product turned out being of a superior quality, finds a ready sale in the market.

On Dec. 21, 1874, Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Sophia M. Tamblingson, a native of England, who came to the United States when in her teens to her older sister, Mrs. Howard Sherman, and made her home at Whitneyville until her marriage. The parents of Mrs. Davis died in England previous to her coming to the United States. To this union four children have been born, namely: William E., Jr., is a member of the class of 1902 at Yale; Jessie has been educated at the Orton and Nichols private school of New Haven, and is now at home; Harold M. is at home; and Howard S. died in infancy. The family occupy one of the most beautiful homes in Hamden, where Mr. Davis owns ten acres of land which he has improved in a most artistic manner. He and his wife are active and prominent members of the Congregational Church, and they hold a high position in the best social circles of the community. In political sentiment our subject is a Republican, but has

been distinctively a business man, his interest in party matters practically ending with the regular casting of his vote. In town affairs he invariably selects the best men, regardless of political affiliation. In State and national matters he is staunch in the support of Republican principles. He is plain and courteous, unassuming in manner, neither displaying his virtues nor attempting to hide his faults. His sympathy and kindness of heart have frequently been shown always in a substantial manner. Mr. Davis is progressive, and a warm friend and patron of higher education. He is domestic in his tastes, taking a keen interest in his home and family. His career has been such as to commend him to the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact, and he has become one of the most prominent business men of Hamden, perpetuating an honored name in that town.

LEANDER F. RICHMOND, a progressive and enterprising citizen of East Haven, New Haven county, who is now successfully engaged in dairy farming, was born in 1825, in Madison, this State. He is a son of Dwight F. Richmond; grandson of Vial Richmond, who was a soldier in the war of 1812; and a great-grandson of Thomas Richmond, a Revolutionary soldier.

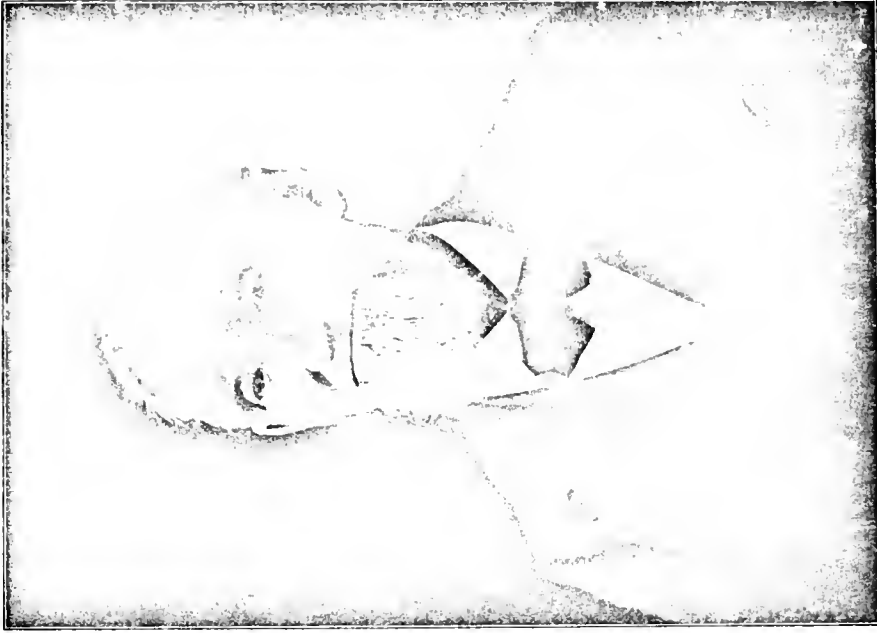
Dwight F. Richmond was a shoemaker and farmer by occupation. He married Lucy A. Field, daughter of Harry and Polly (Leach) Field, and they had four children: Leander F., whose name opens this sketch; Frances A., widow of Martin Chalker, of Durham, Conn., who now lives in Boston; Celestia M., who is unmarried and lives with our subject; and Anstress E., who married Monroe Burr, of Killingworth, Conn. Mrs. Richmond was related to Cyrus Field and Rev David Dudley Field. Her mother's brother, Leverett Leach, was a merchant; his two sons, Marsden and Oscar, both now deceased, were residents of Durham, Connecticut.

Leander F. Richmond was reared upon a farm in his native town, and there remained until eighteen years of age, when he commenced work at the butcher's trade in Middletown. From there he went to Meriden, and four years later removed to Guilford, where he conducted a meat market for three years. At the end of that time he sold out his business and went to Essex, Conn., where he followed the same business one year. Coming to East Haven, he was engaged in the wholesale butcher business here until 1862. The following two years he spent at Plainville, Conn., but at the end of that time he returned to East Haven, where he had purchased a farm before his removal to Plainville, and he made his home there until 1892, when he removed to his present place, in the same town. He has been quite successful in his undertakings, and is today one of the well-to-do and substantial citizens of his community. He is also a man of considerable prominence in town affairs.





Mrs L G Richmond



L. G. Richmond





but has never cared for political honors. He affiliates with the Republican party, and gives his support to those measures which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit. In 1861 he joined the Governor's Horse Guards, in which he served until 1875.

On Dec. 5, 1854, Mr. Richmond was united in marriage with Miss Delia A. Grannis, and to them have been born three children, namely: Alice E., who died in infancy; Bertha B., wife of Leroy Kirkham (no children); and Clifford Sherwood, who died in 1871, at the age of two years and seven months.

Thomas Grannis, the father of Mrs. Richmond, was born Aug. 22, 1802, a son of Samuel Grannis, and grandson of Joseph Grannis. Samuel Grannis married a lady named Chidsey, and Thomas was the youngest in a family of six children, the others being: Joseph; Nancy, who married Hezekiah Sheppard, and, for her second husband, Thomas Landcraft; Betsey, wife of Stephen Smith; Olive, wife of Justin Ludington; and Harriet, second wife of Justin Ludington. Thomas Grannis and his brothers were among the first in this locality to engage in the oyster business, and in the interest of that trade used to make regular trips to Albany, N. Y., by team. He also carried on farming with marked success, and was one of the highly respected citizens of East Haven. He married Miss Almira Andrews, who was born Dec. 3, 1805, a daughter of Nathan and Mahitable (Pardee) Andrews, the former a soldier in the Revolution. Mrs. Grannis died Oct. 11, 1866, and Mr. Grannis' death occurred July 4, 1860. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children, as follows: Thomas, now a resident of Fair Haven; Edwin, who was born March 6, 1828, and died April 2, 1889; Miles, who died in infancy; William Miles, a prominent farmer of East Haven, who died Oct. 18, 1898; Delia A., wife of our subject; Sarah, wife of S. D. Bradley, of Fair Haven; and Mary A., wife of Charles Packard.

JOHN AVINGTON PHELPS, a noted citizen of Guilford, was born March 21, 1842, in Hadlyme, this State. He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of a national bank in Guilford, of which he is vice-president and a director.

Niles Phelps, his grandfather, was a native of Connecticut, and a farmer and extensive land owner in Hadlyme, where he spent his life, and died at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Esther Phelps, his wife, died in March, 1825, at the age of fifty-five years.

Alvan P. Phelps, the father of John A., was born in Hadlyme, July 30, 1798, and learned the trade of a clothier, at which he worked for a number of years. After a somewhat varied experience, in which he was employed in Hadlyme, River Head, Long Island and Killingworth, he spent the balance of his life in the last named town, where he became

engaged in farming and stockraising. He died in Killingworth July 31, 1875, and was buried in the local cemetery in the Southwest district. He belonged to the Congregational Church. In his political relations he was originally a Whig, on the dissolution of that party becoming a Republican. He filled several local offices, was frequently before the public in a business capacity, and became widely known as an upright and able business man, as well as a good citizen. On May 21, 1823, Mr. Phelps was married, in Hadlyme, Conn., to Azubah Hungerford, who was born in Hadlyme April 7, 1797, a daughter of Elijah and Rhoda Hungerford, and died in Killingworth Oct. 14, 1879; she was buried in the local cemetery. She was the mother of nine children: (1) Azubah J., born June 21, 1824, married, Dec. 20, 1844, Philander Harrison, of Hadlyme. (2) Alvan C., born Feb. 15, 1826, was a traveling tobacco salesman; he was married May 5, 1850, in Wethersfield, to Louisa L. Woodhouse. (3) Sylvester P., born Jan. 6, 1828, died May 5, 1843. (4) Orris C., born Jan. 24, 1830, married, Oct. 17, 1849, Stephen E. Wilcox, of Killingworth, and died Oct. 17, 1899. (5) Frederick O., born March 17, 1832, married Eudora Eldridge, and died July 6, 1875, in Sag Harbor, L. I. (6) Charlotte M., born Aug. 7, 1834, married G. C. Phelps. (7) Ulysses C., born July 10, 1837, married Isabella H. Tiffany March 10, 1863. (8) Elijah Hungerford, born Jan. 4, 1840, became a teacher and was professor and principal of an engineering college in Peoria, Ill. He married Mary A. Reed April 24, 1862. (9) John A. was born March 21, 1842.

John A. Phelps was educated in the Killingworth district and select schools. Until the breaking out of the Civil war he lived at home. On Sept. 7, 1861, at the age of nineteen, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, as a member of Company K, 8th Conn. Volunteers, Col. Edward Harland commanding the regiment, and Capt. Charles L. Upham the company. Mr. Phelps re-enlisted Jan. 4, 1864, in Company H, 2d Connecticut Heavy Artillery (Col. Elisha Kellogg being in command of the regiment, and Capt. James M. Coe in command of the company), and served through the war. He was promoted to corporal, and proved himself a brave and capable soldier, participating in the various battles in which his regiment was engaged, in the Army of the Potomac. He was in the Grand Review at Washington. Returning home, he resumed farming, at which he continued until 1873, in which year he was made foreman for Townsend Brothers, at East Haven, remaining with them one year. Coming back to Guilford, he bought a farm of sixty acres from Samuel D. Crittenden, on which he made many improvements. He was one of the pioneer peach and berry growers in his town. Mr. Phelps was a general farmer until 1881, when he became connected with the Phelps Publishing Co., of Springfield, Mass. By



the purchase of the Orange Judd Co., of New York, he became a stockholder, and these two companies are now doing business with a capital stock of \$700,000, publishing the leading agricultural papers in the country. In this work Mr. Phelps has been very successful, during the twenty-one years he has followed it, and during which time he has covered New England, New York and Long Island in his canvass for subscriptions to the *New England Homestead, The Farm and Home* and the *American Agriculturist*.

Mr. Phelps was married, March 23, 1865, in Clinton, to Ellen Griswold Wright, a daughter of Capt. Jeremiah and Laura Ann (Hurd) Wright. Her father, who was a sea captain, was a son of William Wright, of Westbrook. To this union have come four children: (1) Albert H., born Nov. 7, 1866, is engaged with his father in the paper business, and has his home in Clinton. He married Edith I. Griswold, of Killingworth, a daughter of Washington E. Griswold, of Guilford, and they had one child, Edith Griswold Phelps. This wife died Dec. 1, 1894, and Mr. Phelps married Frances Burnham. (2) Oscar A., born Jan. 18, 1869, is a resident of Hartford, and is superintendent of the Waberton Chapel. He married Edith C. Foster, a daughter of Ralph Foster, and they have two children, Dorothy Foster and Alice Buckland. (3) Emma L., born Aug. 29, 1874, married George Walters, of Guilford, Oct. 11, 1899, and died Feb. 1, 1901. She was a teacher in the public schools before her marriage. (4) Mary E., born April 14, 1878, is a graduate of the Guilford high school and is living at home.

Mr. Phelps is a staunch Republican, and is active in public life, served as Burgess of the borough of Guilford, and also as tax collector, and justice of the peace. He strongly opposes any form of machine politics. He is well posted on the events of the day, and is acquainted throughout the Eastern States. He and his wife belong to the First Congregational Church, and he belongs to Parmelee Post, No. 2, G. A. R., at Guilford; St. Albans Lodge, No. 38, F. & A. M.; and is a prominent member of the Veteran Mason Association of Connecticut. He was raised to the third degree of Masonry, Nov. 23, 1868, at Jephtha Lodge, No. 95, Clinton, Conn., joining St. Albans Lodge by demit. Mrs. Phelps and daughter are charming and cultured ladies. Since 1889 the family have lived in Guilford, where they occupy a pleasant and attractive home.

**CAPT. JOHN B. ZIMMER**, a retired sea captain and farmer in the town of Wallingford, was born at Wallersangen, near Saaluis, in the Rhine Province, Germany, April 25, 1843.

Jacob Zimmer, the father of Capt. John B., was born in the same place, and was a sailor, rising to the command of several important vessels on successive voyages. He died in his native village, pass-

ing away in the communion of the Catholic Church. Mary Ann Rambot, his wife, was the mother of the following children: John B., whose name appears above; Jacob, who is a farmer, as well as a contractor and builder; Nicholas, an engineer in the Imperial service in Germany; Anthone, a commission merchant in Chicago; John, deceased; Constantine; William, a godson of Wilhelm IV, King of Germany; Frederick and Adolph, both deceased.

Captain Zimmer had a good education in Germany, and also worked out for himself a mastery of mathematics, so that when he went to sea with his father, as he did at a very early age, he was prepared to study the science of navigation with an understanding mind. He remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty years, and had become second mate. During these years he had learned the art of navigation in the Holland language. Leaving his father, he secured a position on the packet "Dunsburg," plying between Rotterdam and New York, where he was rated as an able seaman and second mate. For a year and a half he was first mate on board the American vessel "Waverly." In 1870 he entered the United States Navy as quartermaster on the U. S. Frigate "Colorado," under command of Admiral John Rodgers, with Capt. George H. Cooper as executive officer. He took part in the expedition to Corea, and was also engaged in that which went to Japan. The "Colorado," with other United States vessels, was sent to Manila to obtain the freedom of certain Americans who had been unjustly incarcerated by the Spanish Government. Needless to say, their freedom was promptly conceded. After three years in the United States service Quarter Master Zimmer was honorably discharged at New York, and at once resumed his work in the mercantile marine. He became sailing master of the three-master "A. B. Perry," was also master of the three-master "Vinyard" two years and then mate on board the "Ruby," under command of Capt. Rice, and retained this position for five years, and he then commanded the "Ruby" for two voyages. Mr. Zimmer was captain on board the brig "Pearl" for two years in foreign voyages, and was in command of the brigantine "Constance" for a year and a half, engaging in the West Indies trade. In 1889 he became half owner of the "William Graham," and in this venture he met with disaster. The vessel was overtaken by a severe storm, and though Capt. Zimmer saved the ship, he lost all he had. The ship, itself, was so greatly damaged, that he gave it up, more especially as the failure of the Baring Brothers had so greatly crippled the mercantile service. The command of the brig "Cuba" was given him, and after some time the bark "Teilsman." This last vessel was owned by W. P. Armstrong, of New Haven, and after fifteen months' service at sea with her, Capt. Zimmer gave up a sailor's life, and settled down on shore. He had been on sea thirty-nine years after attaining his



majority, and was mate of seven vessels, and captain of eight. Owning a good farm in Wallingford, he came to the town to make it his home. This land came into his possession in 1885, when he bought it from Dr. Harrison. In 1894 he added to his original purchase, and now has one of the most attractive country homes in Wallingford. The Captain gives special attention to the manufacture of cider. Captain Zimmer is of a genial disposition, and a friendly spirit. For many years on the ocean, he has visited nearly all the large seaport towns and cities the world over, and possesses a fund of valuable information. A well-read man, and a thorough mathematician, he is a man of marked individuality, and would attract attention as a capable and efficient character anywhere.

Capt. Zimmer was married in 1877 to Miss Catherine Donahough, in Brooklyn. Mrs. Zimmer was a woman of cheerful disposition, and was known as a good and faithful wife and mother. She died June 7, 1889, and was buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Wallingford. To this union were born three children: Mary, who resides in New York. Elizabeth, at home; and John B., also at home. Capt. Zimmer was married to Miss Ellen Connor in 1895. This lady was born in Kerry, Ireland, and is a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Cortney) Connor. Capt. Zimmer and all his family are members of the Catholic church. In politics he is independent; whenever he comes to cast his vote, he asks for the character and fitness of the candidates for the positions to which they aspire.

J. FREDERICK PAYNE, for a number of years foreman in the shoe department in the factory of the Goodyear India Rubber Shoe Co., at Naugatuck, was a native of this county, born in Prospect Nov. 9, 1858, and was of English descent. The family to which he belonged was founded in this country during Colonial days, and his grandfather, Silas Payne, also a native of Prospect, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was a farmer by occupation, and spent his entire life in his native town. He married Lois Farrell, who was born in the town of Wolcott, this county, and they became the parents of four children: J. F., a wheelwright, who lived in Prospect, and died in Waterbury, Conn.; Esther, widow of Alonzo Grannis, superintendent of a rolling mill; Jane, who married William Woods, a painter, both now deceased; and Edward, father of our subject.

Edward Payne was born and reared on a farm in Prospect. In early life he was a carriage-spring maker, but later was a rubber worker in Naugatuck, where he died Feb. 10, 1889. He was a Democrat in politics. He married Mary Mahoney, a native of New York, who survives him, residing in Aetna street, in the borough of Naugatuck. She is a daughter of Jeremiah and Johanna (Murphy) Mahoney, who were born in Ireland, and were farming people.

Our subject, who was an only child, passed his boyhood and youth in Naugatuck, and was indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. After leaving school he worked for the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co. for six years, and on Sept. 9, 1881, entered the employ of the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co. He was placed in charge of the boot room Aug. 4, 1882, and on May 4, 1883, was made foreman of the shoe department, which important position he held until his death, on Dec. 31, 1899.

Mr. Payne was married, June 4, 1890, to Miss Grace Langdon, who was born in Canaan, Litchfield Co., Conn., and he left one child, Hazel Genevieve. The Democratic party found in our subject a staunch supporter of its principles, and he was an honored member of Shepherd Lodge, No. 78, F. & A. M.; and Allerton Chapter No. 39, R. A. M. He attended the Congregational Church and Sabbath-school.

MATTHIAS NEIDHARDT, general mechanic of the M. I. F. Co., of Branford, is one of the leading German citizens of that community. He was born in Flieden, Hessen-Cassel, Germany, Jan. 24, 1842, son of Joseph and Katrina (Ruppel) Neidhardt. The father was a miller and farmer, owning a gristmill and farm in Flieden, where he lived and died. He was a son of Nicholas Neidhardt, who was engaged in the same business. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Neidhardt was a farmer and innkeeper in Flieden.

Matthias Neidhardt was reared and educated in his native country, and at the age of fifteen was apprenticed to the roofer's trade in Frankfurt, Germany, where he served three years. He then became a journeyman roofer, and followed that trade until 1866, when he came to the United States, locating in Branford. In Branford, with the exception of two years in which he worked on a farm, he has been in the employ of the M. I. F. Co. up to the present time.

In November, 1872, Mr. Neidhardt was married to Margaret, daughter of Jeremiah and Joanna (Monaghan) Sullivan, of Branford, natives of Ireland. To this union have been born six children, four of whom are now living: Anna K., Joseph, Julia and Frances. Mr. Neidhardt and his family are members of the Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Woodland Lodge, No. 39, K. P., and to the Harugari, Lodge No. 600. In politics he is a Republican. He is a man of honor and reliability, much respected by all who know him.

WILLIAM H. CONKLIN, M. D., whose reputation as a physician and surgeon of skill and experience is known far beyond the limits of Ansonia, was born in Fairfield, Conn., a son of John Conklin, whose earlier years were spent in Ireland.

Dr. Conklin spent his early life in Fairfield, where his general literary education was received



in the public schools. He was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of New York in 1882, and spent the following year in study in Dublin and London. In 1883 he opened his office for the practice of his profession in Ansonia, and has remained here continuously since that date, so that with one exception he has been longer in practice here than any other member of his calling. His genial manners and courteous ways with his thorough knowledge of medicine have won him many friends, and he is regarded as one of the most successful physicians in this part of the state.

In 1888 Dr. Conklin was married to Mary A. J. Walsh, a native of Ansonia, and a daughter of the late Matthew Walsh, a business man of this city. To this union were born seven children: Cornelius, Judith, Henry, John, Paul, Mary, and Genevieve. Dr. Conklin is a Democrat, and holds to the gold-minority ideas of that party. Since 1889 he has been coroner's medical examiner for the city. He is a member of the Library Board, and a director of the Board of Trade. Dr. Conklin belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and is Past President of the State Council, C. B. C. Professionally he is a member of the Medical Association of New Haven County. The Doctor and his family all belong to the Catholic Church.

CHARLES JOHNSON MINOR, a successful farmer and popular citizen of Wolcott, was born in that town Aug. 29, 1855, and is a representative of one of its old and highly respected families.

Marvin Minor, his grandfather, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Marvin) Minor, was born on the old Minor homestead in Wolcott, in August, 1792, and throughout life engaged in farming in that town, his death occurring there Nov. 7, 1864. He was unwavering in his support of the Democratic party, and was a member of the State Legislature several terms. He was an earnest member of the Congregational Church. He married Amanda Johnson, of Bristol, Conn., who died June 22, 1851, and the remains of both are interred in Wolcott. They had six children, as follows: Caroline, born April 20, 1819; Augustus, March 11, 1821; James W., Feb. 11, 1828; Elvira, July 28, 1831; Emogene; and Emerett.

Augustus Minor, father of our subject, received a district-school education in Wolcott, and in early life learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed for a number of years. As a contractor he erected many residences and other buildings in Wolcott but later in life he settled down to farming on a tract of 150 acres, upon which he built a fine house, barn and other out-buildings. He also dealt in wood. He was a man of temperate habits, domestic in his tastes, and was highly respected by all who knew him. Politically he was an ardent Democrat, and most efficiently served his fellow citizens as a member of the State Legislature, assessor and tax collector of his town,

and in other local offices. He married Emogene Frisbie, who was born Jan. 21, 1832, in Wolcott, on the Waterbury line, a daughter of Ira Frisbie. She died Oct. 7, 1892, an earnest and consistent member of the Congregational Church, and a loving wife and mother. The father died Oct. 6, 1896, and both were laid to rest in Wolcott Center cemetery.

Charles J. Minor, the only child of this worthy couple, was educated in the district schools of Wolcott. He began business life at an early age, devoting about twenty-five years to teaming, hauling wood to Waterbury. He then took charge of the home farm, to which he has since added eighty acres, and now has a well-improved and highly cultivated farm of 230 acres. He is principally engaged in general farming and dairying and stock raising, and in his labors is meeting with well-deserved success.

In 1877 Mr. Minor was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Palmer, of Wolcott, by whom he had one child, Ina May, who was born May 8, 1879, and is at home. On Oct. 27, 1897, Mr. Minor married Miss Elisa Minerva Clark, who was born June 11, 1862, in Strongville, Ohio. Her parents, Elias N. and Minerva (Marks) Clark, were both natives of Waterbury, Conn, the former a son of Elias Clark.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Minor has affiliated with the Democratic party, and in 1897 he was elected first selectman, in which office he is now serving his fourth term. He was steward of Mad River Grange. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and he has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the community where he has always made his home.

GOODELL LINES. When, after years of long and earnest labor in some honorable field of business, a man is able to put aside all cares to spend his remaining years in the enjoyment of the fruits of former toil, he has certainly a well-deserved reward for his industry.

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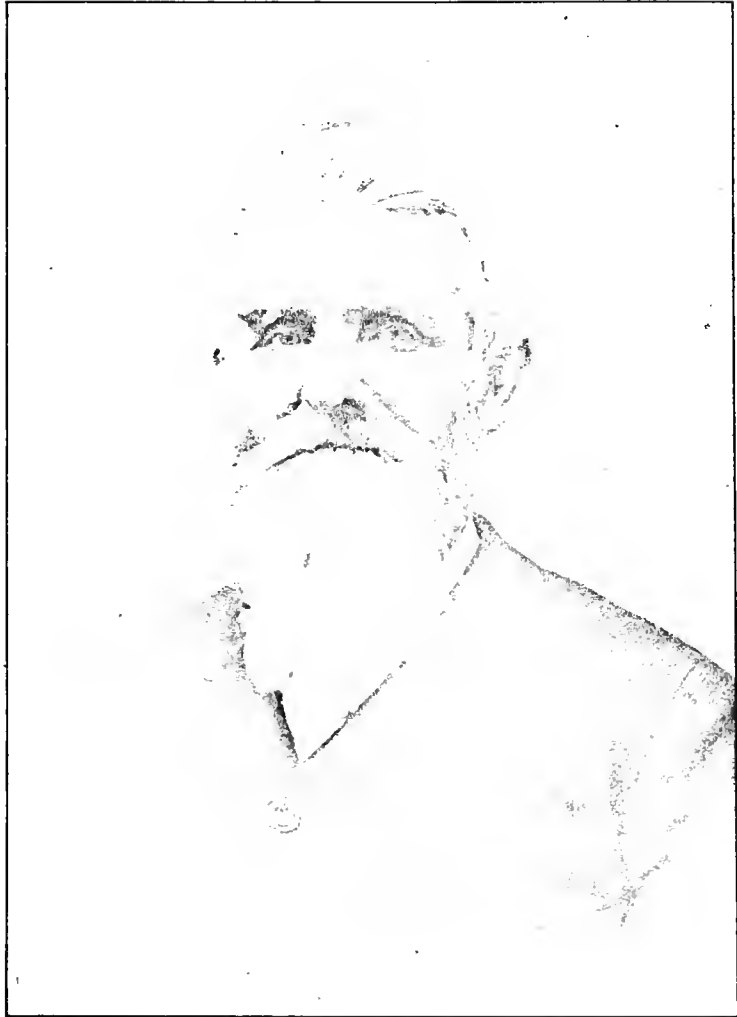
A youth of labor with an age of ease,

wrote the poet, and the world everywhere recognizes the justice of a season of rest following an active business life. Mr. Lines is now living retired at his pleasant home in Naugatuck, and his history shows the accomplishment of well-directed labor.

A native of this county, he was born in Bethany Aug. 21, 1827. His grandfather, Eber Lines, was born probably in the same town, for there he followed farming during the greater part of his life, and there he died in 1844. He married Hannah French, and they had two children: Eber, Jr., father of our subject; and Hannah, who married a Mr. Terrell, a mason of Bethany, Connecticut.







*Goodell Lines*



Eber Lines Jr., was born, reared and educated in Bethany, where in later years he followed farming and the butcher business. He married Miss Mary Farrell, a native of Westville, New Haven county, whose father was a merchant of that place and a combmaker by trade; his death occurred in Newtown, Conn. The father of our subject died in Bethany Oct. 2, 1836, and the mother departed this life May 2, 1886, aged eighty-nine years. Both were members of the Episcopal Church, and he was a Democrat in politics. In the family of this worthy couple were ten children, namely: Calvin died in infancy; Minerva married Henry Bassett, of New Haven, and died in Minnesota May 30, 1901, aged eighty-four years; Rebecca married H. S. Stevens, of Naugatuck, now deceased, and she died Dec. 1, 1874; Hannah married Edwin Scott, of Naugatuck, and died April 18, 1880; Eliza married Samuel Smith, of South Britain, and, for her second husband, Charles Beardsley, and now lives in Roxbury, Conn.; Goodell is our subject; Cordelia became the wife of S. C. Shumway, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Calvin was formerly a merchant of Bridgeport, and is now engaged in farming in Woodbury; Eber is a rubber worker of Middletown, Conn.; Andrew is a resident of Bridgeport, and is engaged in the livery business.

The subject of this sketch was seven years old when he accompanied the family on their removal from Bethany to Woodbridge, and in the schools of the latter place he acquired the greater part of his education. He has since lived in various places. In 1838 he spent a short time in Naugatuck, but did not locate here permanently until 1843. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, and for many years was successfully engaged in contracting and building, erecting more houses than any other man in this locality, but he is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. At one time he also dealt quite extensively in real estate.

In 1855 Mr. Lines was united in marriage with Miss Laura M. Whitney, a native of Washington, Conn., and a daughter of Marshall Whitney, who was a hatter by trade. To this union were born three children: Charles F., a carpenter, married Alice B. Crick, and they have had three children, May, Carl and Alice; Carrie E. married James P. Manaton, M. D., of Hoboken, N. J., and, for her second husband, wedded Archibald Egan; Frank Goodell died in infancy.

Mr. Lines cast his first Presidential vote for Zachary Taylor, and continued to support the Whig party until its dissolution, since which time he has been a staunch Republican. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the exception of Charles' family, who attend the Episcopal Church. They are highly respected and esteemed in the community where they make their home.

JAMES CARLISLE ROACH was born in Wallingford, Aug. 19, 1853, a son of Patrick Roach, a native of Ireland, who died June 17, 1874.

Patrick Roach was born March 17, 1827, in the town of Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland. A spoon maker by trade, he came to America in 1848, and was employed by Hall, Elton & Co. the greater part of his life. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, 15th Conn. V. I., and was discharged for disability at Philadelphia, where he had been long treated in the hospital. From the effects of these troubles he eventually came to his death. He was a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party, but was never an office-seeker; and he was an honest and reliable, hard working business man. In 1851 Mr. Roach married Miss Ellen Callahan, who died May 10, 1887. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Nellie R., wife of John Downs, of Waterbury; (2) James C.; (3) John P., who is living in Wallingford, where he holds the position of foreman in the assembly department in the factory of the H. L. Judd Company; (4) William F., an iron worker in the factory of the same company; (5) Edward M., in business in Wallingford; (6) Timothy, in business with his brother, Edward M.; (7) David, who is in the employ of the Simpson Nickle-Silver Co., of Wallingford; and (8) Katie V., at home.

James Roach, the father of Patrick Roach, was born in Ireland, and when quite advanced in years, came to Wallingford, to lead a retired life. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Margaret Callahan, and both died in Wallingford. Mrs. Roach became an extensive property owner, and long survived her husband, reaching the age of eighty years. Their children were: (1) John, a farmer and merchant and quite prominent in local matters, representing his town in the General Assembly of 1865, or 1866, and was also constable, grand juror, member of the school board, etc. He died in 1898, and his widow, Julia (Milen) Roach, is now living in Derby; they were the parents of twenty-one children. (2) James is now living in Meriden; for over thirty years he was connected with the Lyon & Billard Lumber Co. (3) Edward died when a young man in Wallingford. (4) Michael died in Wallingford. (5) Kate married John Kinney, and died in New Haven when over eighty years old. (6) Mary married William Quirk, and is now living in Meriden. (7) Patrick.

James C. Roach was born in Wallingford, and received his education there in the public schools, and private evening schools. At the age of eleven years he entered the factory of Hall, Elton & Co., where he later took his father's place as a spoon maker, and had charge of the annealing department for twenty-seven years. Here he had a long and honorable career, and it was terminated in 1893 by his resignation to take a position at Deputy State Factory Inspector. On July 15, 1895,



his position in connection with the State government having passed to the successor of Gov. Morris, he entered the postoffice under George T. Jones, as assistant postmaster, and was continued under his successor, C. Storrs Hall. He is still serving in the postoffice. Mr. Roach is a Democrat, and represented his town in the General Assembly of 1893. He was a member of the House Committee on labor, and of the New Haven County Legislative Committee. Since 1894 he has been justice of the peace and has served as grand juror. For five years he was a member of the Democratic town committee, serving as chairman, and was also chairman of the Second Congressional Democratic committee, where he has served since 1892. Mr. Roach is enrolled with the Foresters, the N. E. O. P., the Knights of Columbus, and Royal Arcanum. For three terms he was Grand Knight of Pinta Council, No. 5, Knights of Columbus, and for six years he was Deputy Supreme Knight of the Order; and he is Chief Ranger of Court Wallace, No. 123, A. O. F. He was one of the organizers and first president of the T. A. B. Society, and was on the building committee under whose supervision the T. A. B. hall was erected. During its existence he was president of the Young Men's Literary Society.

On Feb. 27, 1878, Mr. Roach was married to Miss Bridget Elizabeth Foley, of Middletown, a daughter of Morris Foley. The following children have brightened their home: (1) Gertrude E., who was graduated from the high school and Pequod Business College, is now a stenographer for the Housatonic Company. (2) Grace E., who was graduated from the State Normal School at New Haven, is now a teacher in the Wallingford public school. (3) Julia Josephine was graduated from the Wallingford high school and from the business college at Middletown. (4) Genevieve is now attending the local high school.

CHARLES AMMI HOADLEY, one of Branford's most prominent merchants and influential citizens, a member of the firm of Hoadley & Hutchinson, general merchants, is a native of that town, born Dec. 9, 1856. He is of the seventh generation in descent from William Hoadley, the first of the name in Connecticut, as follows:

(I) William Hoadley, born in England about the year 1630, was a resident of Saybrook, Conn., in 1663, and in 1666 he bought property in Branford, and engaged in merchandising. His name first appears on the new Plantation Covenant of Branford, Jan. 20, 1667-68. He was propounded as a freeman of the Colony at the May session of the General Assembly, May 13, 1669, and was admitted the following October; was one of the representatives or deputies for Branford at the nine sessions of the Assembly between 1678 and 1685, and one of the patentees of the town, Feb. 16, 1685-86. Between 1673 and 1690 he was a selectman, and at a town

meeting held June 26, 1683, was chosen and appointed to keep the ordinary in Branford. He was one of the grand jurors at a court of quarter sessions held in New Haven in June, 1688, and one of a committee, appointed Oct. 11, 1686, to make application to the General Court at Hartford for liberty for the town to embody into a church estate. A slave owner, he owned at his death a mulatto maid and an Indian boy, and left an estate of £1,116. William Hoadley died in 1709, aged seventy-nine years.

(II) Abraham Hoadley, son of the above, was sworn in as a freeman of Branford in 1702, died in Branford, July 14, 1748, at an advanced age. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife was Elizabeth Maltby, daughter of Capt. William Maltby.

(III) Abel Hoadley, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Maltby) Hoadley, was born in Branford Dec. 24, 1705, and died in August, 1734. He was a farmer in the Damascus District. His wife's name was Martha.

(IV) Isaac Hoadley, son of Abel and Martha Hoadley, was born in Branford, Dec. 31, 1728, and died Jan. 21, 1812. He married Elizabeth Blackstone, daughter of Capt. John and Elizabeth (Foote) Blackstone. He was a carpenter by trade, inherited his father's farm, and was a well-to-do farmer in the Damascus District. He was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

(V) Abel Hoadley, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Blackstone) Hoadley, was born in Branford Oct. 1, 1764, and died March 29, 1845. His wife was Lucinda, daughter of Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley, of Branford. He was a farmer in the Damascus District, and was selectman and constable for many years. His children were: Martha (Mrs. Deming Hoadley), Isaac, Samuel, Ralph, Sally S. (Mrs. James Harrison), Lucinda (Mrs. Wyllys Blackstone), Harvey, Harriet (Mrs. John Gordon) and Ammi.

(VI) Harvey Hoadley, son of Abel and Lucinda (Bradley) Hoadley, and father of our subject, was born in Branford June 10, 1804, and died Jan. 28, 1897, in New Haven. He was twice married, on Nov. 27, 1828, to Sally, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Ives) Hobart. She died March 17, 1836, leaving one child, Jane E. On May 2, 1844, he married Eliza A., daughter of Timothy and Betsey (Graves) Butler, of Branford, and she bore him three children: William H., Emma B. and Charles A. Mrs. Eliza A. Hoadley passed away May 5, 1898. Harvey Hoadley followed the sea for many years in the coasting trade. He was possessed of a kind and genial nature, and was full of wit and humor.

(VII) Charles Ammi Hoadley, whose name introduces this biography, received a liberal education in the public schools of Branford, and in 1879, at the age of twenty-three, commenced his business career as bookkeeper for John Hutchinson, a leading merchant of Branford. On Jan. 1, 1887, he



was received into partnership, the firm name becoming John Hutchinson & Co. Mr. Hutchinson died Oct. 17, 1898, and our subject carried on the business until Oct. 1, 1901, when he formed a partnership with H. K. Hutchinson, under the firm name of Hoadley & Hutchinson. They purchased the entire stock of merchandise of J. Hutchinson & Co., and continued to do business in the same line.

On June 21, 1882, Charles A. Hoadley was married to Lizzie Gertrude, daughter of William and Cornelia (Sherman) Crowe, of New Haven, and two children have blessed this union, Charles B. and Julia S. The family are all identified with the Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Hoadley is a Republican, and has served in various offices of honor and trust, such as auditor of town accounts; clerk of the probate court for Branford district; and member of the board of education (for three years). Socially he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66; in Franklin Chapter; and in New Haven Commandery, K. T. On Dec. 4, 1901, he was elected worthy master of Widows Sons Lodge for the year 1902 and was installed as such Jan. 1, 1902; this is his third year's service as master of that lodge.

ROYAL HOLBROOK, proprietor of the Ansonia quarries and of the Holbrook Granite Quarries in Seymour, is one of the leading business men in Ansonia. Besides attending to his other interests he does a large business as a contractor and builder, many of the most important structures in the vicinity having been built under his direction.

Mr. Holbrook was born July 18, 1844, in the town of Derby, now Seymour, where his family has been prominent from pioneer times. Abel Holbrook was born in Milford, Conn., in 1653. John Holbrook, his son, and our subject's great-great-grandfather, was born in Derby in 1699, and was one of the first settlers at Great Hill, where he bought a large tract of land. His son, Capt. John Holbrook, born in Derby, now Seymour, was one of the executive committee to provide food and clothing for the soldiers in the Revolutionary army, and the family has always been noted for martial spirit, three of our subject's nephews having served as soldiers in Manila. Richard A. Holbrook, our subject's grandfather, was also born in Derby, now Seymour, and, like his father, passed his life as farmer at the old homestead at Great Hill. He married Grace Hawkins, and they had a large family of children.

Capt. Philo Holbrook, our subject's father, was born at Great Hill, March 12, 1802, son of Richard. He engaged in farming in early manhood, but later spent sixteen years on the sea, becoming captain of a vessel. His last years were passed at the farm, however, his death occurring in November, 1878. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served one term in the Legislature and held other of-

fices. He was married three times, and by his second wife, Emily Tomlinson, had ten children, of whom four are living: Philo, Royal, Daniel and Herman. By his third wife he had one son, George, who lives in New Haven. Mrs. Emily (Tomlinson) Holbrook, who died in 1859, at the age of forty-seven, was a native of Oxford, and a daughter of Truman and Nancy (Perry) Tomlinson, who had the following children: Harrison, Ransom, John, Mary, Emily (our subject's mother), Minerva (Mrs. Nichols, whose daughter, Mrs. Henry Wirth resided in Ansonia), and Laura (Mrs. Benjamin Bassett), none of whom are living.

Royal Holbrook received a common-school education, and remained at home until he reached the age of sixteen, when he began to learn the mason's trade at Ansonia. After following the business for some years as a journeyman in Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, and New Haven, he became a contractor, in 1890, succeeding his brother Frederick, who had been carrying on that line of work extensively for some years. Since taking charge Mr. Holbrook has built the S. O. & C. Co.'s mill, the "Fountain House," the Farrell Foundry, boiler house and sand shed, the building of the Ansonia Furniture Co. and the Fowler Nail Factory, at Seymour, and many other buildings, both stone and brick, while he has also won a high reputation as a maker of macadam roads by his excellent work in that line in Seymour. The road constructed by him there is considered one of the finest in the State. For about eight years he has owned the quarry, enabling him to furnish the material for his building contracts and for curbing, paving and other uses, while the product is much in demand by the building trade generally. From his office at No. 53 Franklyn street, Mr. Holbrook directs his business conveniently, and as the quarry is located only a short distance from the business center of Ansonia the stone is easily shipped away, much of it going to Naugatuck and Waterbury. The stone works are equipped with modern machinery for drilling, hoisting and crushing, and Mr. Holbrook usually employs about forty men, although at times the business requires sixty or seventy, his being the largest payroll in the city. In politics Mr. Holbrook is a Democrat, and in 1893 he served ably and acceptably on the board of selectmen. He belongs to the local Board of Trade, and socially is identified with the I. O. O. F., Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63. He and his family attend the Congregational Church, of which Mrs. Holbrook is a member; his parents were connected with the Episcopal Church, and he was reared in that faith.

In 1873 Mr. Holbrook married Miss Augusta Hull, and they have one daughter, Carolyn May, a graduate of Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, who was married Oct. 10, 1900, to Fowler W. Adams, of Seymour, treasurer and manager of the Ansonia Novelty Co., and they have a daughter, Genevieve Holbrook Adams, born Sept. 11, 1901.





Mr. Adams was born at Croton Falls, N. Y., son of Theodore D. and Sarah (Austin) Adams. Mrs. Holbrook is a native of Oxford, and daughter of John Hull, a lifelong resident of that town and a well-known farmer, who died at the age of fifty-four. Her mother, whose maiden name was Ann M. Tomlinson, was born in Huntington, daughter of Charles Tomlinson, and is still living. She is one of a family of five children, as follows: Nelson, deceased; William, a resident of Woodbridge; Ann M.; Caroline, Mrs. Sherman, of New York City; Emily, Mrs. Stone, of Kansas. John and Ann M. Hull had four children, of whom three survive, viz.: Augusta, Mrs. Holbrook; Albert E., a resident of Ansonia; and Cyrus J. Mrs. Holbrook is a lady of culture and ability; she was a student at the Normal school at New Britain, and at the age of sixteen began teaching, which vocation she continued to follow for twelve years with marked success. For seven years she was first assistant in the Derby high school, and she also taught one year in Oxford, one summer at Quaker Farms, and one term in Southbury. She and her daughter are members of the D. A. R., by right of descent from Capt. Agur Beach Tomlinson, of Revolutionary fame, and Mrs. Adams is also entitled to membership on the Holbrook side.

HENRY LEE (deceased). The Lee family in Guilford and Madison descends from two prominent citizens of the old time, John and Henry Lee.

John Lee settled in Guilford, where, in 1686, he married Elizabeth Crampton, who was born in 1664, and died June 23, 1746. They spent their lives in Guilford, and both died on the same day. They were the parents of nine children: (1) John, born in 1688, married Rachel Bishop, and died in 1719; (2) Joseph, born in 1690, married Lois Pond, and died Dec. 21, 1753; (3) Elizabeth, born in 1692, died in 1725; (4) Jonathan was born in 1695; (5) Mary, born in 1697, married Samuel Allis; (6) Daniel was born in 1699; (7) Deborah, born in 1702, died in 1766; (8) Nathaniel, born in 1704, married Temperance Bishop, and died in 1753; (9) Rachel.

Jonathan Lee, mentioned above, married Hope Murray in 1719, and died in 1750. Mrs. Hope Lee was born in 1698, and died in 1787. For her second husband she married Deacon William Judd. To Jonathan and Hope Lee came: (1) Ann, born in 1720, who married Ebenezer Munger; (2) Mary, born in 1722, who died in infancy; (3) May, born in 1723; (4) Jonathan, born in 1726; (5) Hope, born in 1728, who married Timothy Torrell; and (6) Selah, born in 1737, who died in 1757.

Jonathan Lee, born in 1726, died in 1803. He was married June 27, 1751, to Mary Bartlett, who was born in 1734, and died in 1825. Their children were: (1) Submit, born in 1753, married David Hatch; (2) Abigail, born in 1754, married

Theophilus Scrauton; (3) Ann, who was born in 1756, married Josiah Munger, and died in 1799; (4) Mary, born in 1759, married Jacob Conkling, and died in 1780; (5) Jonathan was born in 1762; (6) Selah, born in 1765, married Sarah Didley, and died in 1791; (7) Chloe, born in 1770, married Dr. Jonathan Todd, and died in 1795.

Jonathan Lee, born in 1762, died in 1844. He was a private sailor in the Revolutionary navy, enlisting in 1781, and serving as coast guard at Guilford. He married Mindwell Hill, who was born in 1769, and died in 1856. She was a daughter of Deacon Timothy and Elizabeth (Stevens) Hill, the former of whom graduated from Yale College in 1745. Their children were: (1) Julia, born in 1790, died in 1796. (2) Anna, born in 1791, married Jonathan Judd, and died in 1867. (3) Selah, born in 1794, married Electa A. Bushnell, and died in 1874. (4) Julia (2), born in 1796, died in 1858. (5) Mary, born in 1798, died in 1800. (6) Chloe, born in 1801, married William K. Bishop, and died in 1888. (7) Jonathan Trumbull (known as Trumbull), born in 1803, married Betsy D. Judd, and died in 1887; he was deacon for many years of the church in Madison. (8) Timothy Hill was born in 1805. (9) Henry, born in 1810, died in 1883. (10) Alexander, born in 1813, died in 1835. (11) Charlotte married Orlando Wilcox.

Henry Lee, who during his life was one of the best-known citizens of Madison, was born Aug. 10, 1810, in Madison, where he spent his life. He was educated in the local schools. He owned land in Madison, on which he made many improvements and built a fine dwelling house. Mr. Lee died on his farm Dec. 13, 1883, at a ripe old age. His remains were interred in the West cemetery in Madison. Mr. Lee was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics a strong Republican. In his personal character and habits he was beyond reproach, temperate, industrious, honest. He was a good husband, a kind father, and an exemplary citizen.

Mr. Lee was twice married, first time, Nov. 13, 1840, to Miss Rosaline Smith, who was born May 28, 1816, daughter of Ezra S. and Martha (Stone) Smith. To them came the following children: (1) Munson C., born March 1, 1842, married Emily J. Isbell, and died Aug. 4, 1871; (2) William H., born Sept. 23, 1843, died Dec. 25, 1873; (3) Rosaline C., born June 3, 1848, married Wellington T. Coe, of New Haven, and is the mother of one child, Harriet Lee. Mr. Lee was married Nov. 6, 1850, in Madison, for his second wife, to Abigail Dudley, daughter of Timothy and Theodora (Lay) Dudley. She is still living on the homestead, and enjoys remarkable health. During the Civil war she took an active part in caring for the soldiers in the great struggle, and was president of the local ladies' aid society. Henry and Abigail Lee had one child, Timothy Jonathan, born June 19, 1853, who has had a fine education, attending the Madison





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schools, Lee's Academy and Yale College, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1875. Mr. Lee received the degree of B. D. from Yale College in 1879, and is an ordained minister located at Newark, N. J. He married Harriet Allen Taylor, who was born in New Milford, and they have one child, Charles Taylor.

The Dudley Family, of East Guilford, to which Mrs. Lee belongs, is descended from Ebenezer Dudley, son of John Dudley, the first settler of the line in America. In 1704 Ebenezer Dudley married Abigail Kelsey, who died in 1751. Mr. Dudley subsequently married Elizabeth Graves, who died in 1761. He was father of the following children: (1) Martha, born in 1706, died in infancy; (2) John, born in 1707, married Abigail Steele, and died in 1754; (3) Daniel, born in 1709, married Dinah Munger; (4) Ebenezer was born in 1710; (5) Mary was born in 1714; (6) Elizabeth, born in 1716, married Luman Ward; (7) Abigail, born in 1719, married Phineas Meigs; (8) Nathaniel, born in 1721, married Sybil Munger, and died in 1806; (9) Sarah, born in 1723, married Riley Redfield. Of these:

Ebenezer Dudley, in 1750, married Rebecca Munger, who was born in 1731, and died in 1751, leaving one daughter, Rebecca, who was born in 1751, married Jared Graves, and died in 1828. For his second wife Mr. Dudley married Abigail Swats, widow of Zillah Dudley, and their children were: (1) Ebenezer, born in 1752, married Elizabeth Munger, and died in 1781; (2) Abigail, born in 1754, married Josiah Stevens; (3) Jonathan, born in 1757, was the grandfather of Mrs. Lee.

Jonathan Dudley was married in 1778 to Elizabeth Hill, who was born in 1756, a daughter of Deacon Timothy and Elizabeth (Stevens) Hill, and died in 1833. Mr. Dudley died in 1796. Their children were: Abigail, born in 1780, married Anson Steele; Ebenezer, born in 1782, married Johanna Munger, and died in 1864; Eliza, born in 1784, died in 1836; Reuben, born in 1786, died in 1822; Timothy was born Oct. 14, 1789; Roxanna, born in 1792, married Phineas Bradley, and died in 1824; Chloe, born in 1794, married Phineas Bradley, her brother-in-law, and died in 1872.

Timothy Dudley, father of Mrs. Lee, was born Oct. 14, 1789, and died Oct. 16, 1820. He married Theodora Lay (daughter of Col. Asa Lay), who was born June 3, 1789, and died Feb. 12, 1881. Her father entered the Revolutionary army as a corporal, and was promoted to a captaincy before its close. He afterward attained high rank in the government service. To Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Dudley came the following children: (1) Harriet Newell, born in 1814, married George Hillard, and died in 1879. (2) Abigail, born in 1816, married Henry Lee. (3) Sarah M., born in 1818, married C. C. Woodford, and died in 1887. (4) Benjamin Timothy, born in 1821, died in 1888. He married Emily Hale, and, for his second wife, Terrah P. Clark, of Had-

dam, Conn. She is now living with her daughter, Theodora Woodford, who is a graduate of Wellesley College, and now the wife of Ralph H. Burr, of Middletown, Connecticut.

WILLIAM F. BRONNEKE (deceased) was for many years one of the highly respected and honored citizens of Waterbury, his home being at Spring Lake. Although born on the other side of the Atlantic he was thoroughly American in thought and feeling, and was patriotic and sincere in his love for the stars and stripes.

A native of Germany, Mr. Bronneke was born April 8, 1850, and received a good education in the schools of that country. He also learned the harness-maker's trade. In opposition to his parents' wishes he came to the United States at the age of seventeen years, believing that the New World afforded better opportunities for advancement than his own country. He landed in Boston, and from there went to New York, where he worked at his trade for a short time. He next went to Winsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he worked several years for a Mr. Andrews at farm labor. On the death of his employer he came to Waterbury, and worked at the carpenter's and joiner's trade with A. B. Simons until he started in business for himself, in partnership with A. A. Irion. They engaged in contracting and building for several years, and on discontinuing business Mr. Bronneke found employment with the Waterbury Lumber & Coal Co., with whom he remained sixteen years, his labors giving the utmost satisfaction. While engaged in the manufacture of window frames and fancy sashes he was accidentally struck in the right eye, which injury caused him great pain, and, fearing the loss of his sight, he became melancholy and mentally unbalanced. He died June 8, 1897, and his remains were interred in the Brockett cemetery, Spring Lake.

On April 24, 1873, Mr. Bronneke married Miss Juliet E. Potter, who was born June 24, 1838, at Platts Mills, Waterbury, a daughter of Samuel and Grace (Dudley) Potter, and granddaughter of Rev. Samuel Potter and John E. Dudley. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bronneke located on her father's old homestead, where she still continues to live, having a pleasant residence, surrounded by beautiful grounds. Two children were born of their union, of whom Burton, the elder, died in infancy. Homer Samuel attended the Hopeville District school, the high school of Waterbury, and the Harrington Business College, graduating from the last named institution. He was employed for a time in the shipping department of the factory of Rogers & Hamilton, Waterbury, and on May 14, 1900, entered the factory of Benedict & Burnham, where he is employed as a brass roller. He is proving himself to be a very competent workman in that line.

Industrious, temperate and reliable in all things,



Mr. Bronneke commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and was well liked by those who knew him. He had a good command of English, and was well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day, as well as topics of general interest. He was an earnest and faithful member of the Second Baptist Church, of which he was one of the trustees, and was also assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. Socially he was an active and prominent member of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M.; and of Lodge No. 5, A. O. U. W., both of Waterbury.

Mrs. Bronneke is an educated lady, having attended the district schools, the Waterbury high school, the State Normal School of New Britain, and the Charlotteville Seminary. For a time she successfully engaged in teaching in the town of Waterbury. She, too, is an earnest member of the Second Baptist Church of Waterbury, and takes an active part in church and Sunday-school work. She has been secretary and treasurer of the Sunday-school for twenty-five years and still holds the offices, and is also secretary and treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society. She is quite a temperance advocate.

**HAND FAMILY.** John Hand, the first representative of the Hand family on the American shore, was born in 1611, in England, and settled in Southampton, L. I., when a young man. In this country he married Alice Stanborough, and to their union were born six children: Shungar, Benjamin, John, Steven, Joseph and James.

Joseph Hand, son of John, was born in 1639 at Southampton, L. I., and when a young man came to Guilford, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying Jan. 17, 1724. He married, in 1664, Jennie Wright, who was born in 1640, a daughter of Benjamin Wright, of Guilford. She died in January, 1725.

Joseph Hand, eldest son of Joseph, was born in Guilford, in that part known as East Guilford (now Madison), April 2, 1671. In 1692 he was married to Hester Wilcox, who was born in 1673, a daughter of John and Esther (Cornwall) Wilcox, and died in 1696.

Janna Hand, son of Joseph, was born Feb. 17, 1693, and died Dec. 9, 1767. He was married Feb. 14, 1723, to Dorathy Griswold, who was born Sept. 23, 1692, and died Feb. 12, 1775. She was a daughter of John and Mary (Bevis) Griswold.

Capt. Daniel Hand, son of Janna, was born in East Guilford, February, 1732, and died Oct. 16, 1816. His first wife was Siba Smith, whom he married Oct. 28, 1759, in Killingworth; she died Sept. 20, 1772. Capt. Daniel Hand served in the war of the Revolution in the regiment commanded by Col. Talcott, receiving his appointment in 1776.

Daniel Hand, a son of Capt. Daniel Hand, was born in East Guilford, April 24, 1762, and died Jan.

15, 1821. He married Artemisia Meigs, who was born Feb. 25, 1770, and was a daughter of Daniel and Chloe (Scranton) Meigs, and died Oct. 11, 1812.

Daniel Hand, son of Daniel and Artemisia (Meigs) Hand, was born July 14, 1801, and died in December, 1890; George Edward Hand, another son of Daniel and Artemisia (Meigs) Hand, was born Aug. 16, 1809, died Aug. 30, 1889.

**DR. JAMES W. SWEET.** Probably no one is more ready to admit that mental characteristics are inherited just as surely as physical ones, than our subject, Dr. James W. Sweet, who comes from a line of natural bone-setters. For several generations, almost every family circle of his name produced several who most naturally followed that profession.

Dr. James Sweet, the father of our subject, was born in Guilford, Conn., June 15, 1828, a son of Dr. Benoni Sweet, born in New Bedford, Mass., a son of Dr. James, who descended from one of three brother surgeons who came to America from England, the signused by the oldest, Dr. James, being in the possession of our subject, reading, "Dr. Sweet, Bone-setter." At the present time the family is scattered through New England, and one Dr. Sweet is located at Lebanon, Mass., another at Hartford, Conn., and one can be found at Springfield, Mass., our subject enjoying a wide and extended practice up the Naugatuck Valley, through the State, and even to New York and Brooklyn.

Dr. Benoni Sweet, the grandfather of our subject, practiced bone-setting all his life in Guilford, Conn., and of his three sons, Benoni, Gideon and James, Gideon became a surgeon, or bone-setter, in Middletown, Conn., where he died; and James settled in Milford, Connecticut.

Dr. James Sweet practiced in Milford, Conn., until his death in April, 1877. He married Catherine E. Walker, who was born May 7, 1830, in Guilford, and died June 17, 1853, daughter of Walter Walkley, who met his death in the Indian war, about 1830. The Walkley family was of English descent also.

The early life of Dr. James W. Sweet was that of any healthy, high spirited boy of his time, play and school alternating until he was placed under stricter rules in an excellent private educational institution located in Milford, leaving there to engage in the study of surgery, or bone-setting, under the capable instruction of his father. Upon the death of this parent, in 1877, our subject took entire charge of the extended practice, and since that time has lived a very busy life, the fame of his wonderful skill having gone far and wide, and he has patients come to consult him from almost every State in the Union.

On May 18, 1878, Dr. Sweet was married to Miss Emmeline S. Barber, of Elkhart, Ind., a daughter of James M. Barber, and three children have been born of this union: James W. Jr., Grov-





er C., and Minnie E., the last named dying at the age of six years. Dr. Sweet is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and is prominent in the various fraternal organizations, being a Thirty-second Degree Mason; Knight Templar; a Shriner; and a Knight of Pythias. He is also a member of the Order of Red Men; the Patriot Sons of America; the Sons of Temperance; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; and several other organizations. For many years the family has been connected with the Episcopal Church, and Dr. Sweet is one of the most generous supporters of the benevolent and charitable enterprises of that church.

MRS. MARTHA G. DOWNS, member of the Woman's Club of Ansonia, Derby and Shelton, a charter member of Elizabeth Clark Hull Chapter, D. A. R., of Ansonia (having served as a member of the Board of Managers since its organization, and for two years its recording secretary), and an active member of Christ's Episcopal Church, and president of the Ladies' Aid Society, was born at Great Hill, Seymour, then Derby, and belongs to a well known pioneer family.

John Holbrook, her paternal great-great-grandfather, was among the first settlers in the vicinity of Seymour, then Derby, and owned a large tract of land, upon which he built a dwelling house that is still standing. He donated the land for the first Episcopal Church and burying-ground in Derby, and his death occurred in that village.

Capt. John Holbrook, great-grandfather of Mrs. Downs, was born in Derby, and probably lived at Great Hill, where a house built for him, in 1745, is yet standing. He owned 1,000 acres of land and devoted much attention to its cultivation, while as a citizen he was active and influential, serving in various town offices. For years he was an officer in the local militia, and he had three sons, John, Nathaniel and Abel, who fought in the Revolutionary army.

Richard Holbrook, grandfather of our subject, was born in the house mentioned above, and there lived and died. He became a farmer on a portion of the homestead, and was prominent in local affairs, holding various offices. He assisted in organizing the Episcopal Church at Seymour, of which he was afterward a leading supporter. His death occurred in 1823, at the age of forty-seven. He was married three times, and had seven children of whom none are now living. His first wife, Sarah Lum, was born in Derby, the daughter of Reuben Lum, a well known citizen. She died aged twenty-two, leaving one son, Daniel L.

Col. Daniel L. Holbrook was born Nov. 7, 1798, in the old family residence, and passed his life at the homestead. Politically he was a Democrat, and he became a leader in local politics, serving as selectman, and in other offices in the towns of Derby and Seymour. His sound judgment and unusual executive ability were widely recognized, and few men

of his day commanded the respect accorded him by those who knew him best. His title of colonel was gained by able service in the Connecticut National Guard, in which he held the rank of captain for some time previous to his promotion. He was also active in the work of the Episcopal Church, serving as warden for a number of years. His wife, Lucy Nichols, was one of the three children of Russell Nichols and his wife, Nancy Riggs, the latter a descendant of Edward Riggs, who settled in Derby in 1645. Russell Nichols was a native of Quaker Farms, and was for many years a leading citizen of that locality, his death occurring at the age of seventy-four. The Nichols family is of prominent pioneer stock, tracing descent from Francis Nichols, who purchased a large tract of land in Oxford in 1743, and made his permanent home there. A more complete account of the family is given elsewhere in this volume. Col. Daniel L. Holbrook died in 1858, and his wife in 1880, when she was aged seventy-eight. They had three children, of whom our subject was the youngest. (1) Sarah, deceased, married Stephen Russell and had two children: Lucy and Frank. Lucy Russell married Gustavus Lewis, a farmer near Plainville, Conn., now deceased, and had two children, Josephine (who married W. R. Sparks, of New Britain, and had two children, Edith and William) and Jeremiah. Frank Russell married Lillian Northrop and has two children, Luella and Beulah. (2) Mary A., sister of Mrs. Downs, married William Church, deceased, and resides in New Haven; she has three children: George L., who married Jeannette Styles, of Seymour; Daniel L., who married Anna Hall, of New York, the latter now deceased; and Addie L., wife of David Curry, of New Haven.

Mrs. Downs passed her early life in Seymour, and on Oct. 9, 1870, was married there to the late Thomas M. Downs, who was born in July, 1824, in Southbury, the son of Henry and Sally (Botsford) Downs. His father, who was a prominent agriculturist of Southbury, died in early manhood, and his mother, a native of Newtown, died aged eighty. Of their eight children, five are still living. Mr. Downs located in Ansonia about 1864, engaging in general mercantile business, and his death occurred there in 1874, at the age of fifty. Mrs. Downs has resided in Ansonia since 1869, and in 1889 she built her present dwelling house, at No. 119 South Cliff street. There were then but few houses on the street, and during her residence in the place she has seen it develop from a population of 5,000 to 13,000.

PATRICK JAMES BRENNAN, a highly-respected and honored citizen of the town of Naugatuck, was born in County Kildare, Ireland, Oct. 10, 1848, a son of William and Mary (Lahey) Brennan. In the spring of 1864 he sailed for the United States, and on landing in this country took up his residence in Naugatuck, New Haven Co., Conn., where he soon found employment in the



molding department of the Tuttle & Whittmore iron foundry. Later he was transferred to the annealing department, of which he has been the efficient and popular foreman for several years.

On May 31, 1869, Mr. Brennan was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Martin, of Naugatuck, and they have six children, namely: Nellie A., who is a school teacher; William F., a grocer of Naugatuck; Edward P., a druggist of the same place; Mary, at home; Charles M., also a druggist; and Irine R., who is attending school. The family is one of considerable prominence in the community, and the sons are now leading business men of Naugatuck. They have a beautiful home at No. 305 Church street.

In his political views Mr. Brennan is independent. For several years he has been prominently identified with public affairs; has served as selectman and justice of the peace; was a member of the board of education fourteen years; and fire commissioner four years. He is an intelligent, well-informed man, keeps well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day, and faithfully discharge any duty that devolves upon him. He is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and of the Young Men's Catholic Institute of Naugatuck.

#### WASHINGTON EDWARDS GRISWOLD.

There are in every community men whose broad characters touch all vital interests, and who by their capable and disinterested devotion to affairs acquire, without apparent effort, a position of influence and importance to the communal life about them. Washington E. Griswold has been a lifelong resident of Connecticut. In a business way his career has been most fortunate and successful. The capacity for business, which he has admirably demonstrated, he has freely placed at the disposal of his townsmen. Liberal and kind in disposition, with the "Golden Rule" as his motto in life, he has kept close to the people about him, and in every sense has identified himself with causes for the common good.

Mr. Griswold is a descendant (in the seventh generation) from (I) Edward Griswold, one of the early settlers of New England. Edward Griswold was born in Warwickshire, England, in 1607, one of a family of five brothers: Edward; Thomas, who remained in England; Francis, who settled at Cambridge, Mass.; Michael, who settled at Wethersfield, Conn.; and Matthew, who settled at Windsor and later at Lyme, Conn. Of these, Edward located first in Massachusetts, and later at Windsor, where he was one of the first settlers and a land owner. Thence he removed to what is now Killingworth, Middlesex Co., Conn., where he spent the remainder of his days. His first wife was named Ann, and his second, Elizabeth. His ten children were as follows: Francis, born in 1629; Sarah, in 1630; George, in 1632; John, in 1635; Ann, Aug. 19, 1642; Mary, Oct. 5, 1644; Deborah, June 28,

1646 (married Samuel Buel); Joseph, March 22, 1648; Samuel, Nov. 18, 1649; and John, Aug. 1, 1652. The line of descent from the founder of the Griswold family in America to our subject is as follows:

(II) John Griswold, youngest son of Edward, born Aug. 1, 1652, in Killingworth, Middlesex Co., Conn., was a lifelong resident of that town. He died Aug. 7, 1717, and was buried at Killingworth. He was twice married, on Nov. 18, 1672, to Mary Bavis, who died Dec. 29, 1679. For his second wife he wedded Barshua North, daughter of Thomas Gideon Walter Price. She died March 19, 1736. The sixteen children of John Griswold were as follows: Mary, born Feb. 2, 1674; Margaret, Dec. 10, 1675; Hannah, Oct. 25, 1677; John, Sept. 22, 1679 (died Dec. 14, 1679); Dorothy, March 4, 1681 (died March, 1690); Bethshula, Dec. 5, 1682 (married Daniel Clark); John, Sept. 4, 1683; Samuel, April 4, 1685 (married Sarah Wright, died Dec. 29, 1736); Lucy, July 21, 1686 (married Allen Ball); Martha, June 1, 1689 (died Nov. 17, 1690); Joseph and Benjamin (twins), Sept. 20, 1690 (the latter married Abigail Norton); Dorothy, Sept. 3, 1692; Martha, June 16, 1694 (married Samuel Pratt); Daniel, Oct. 25, 1696 (died Sept. 10, 1737, married Jerusha Stevens); Walter, March 7, 1700 (died Oct., 1745, married Sarah Wright).

(III) Joseph Griswold, son of John, born Sept. 20, 1690 (a twin of Benjamin), in Killingworth, spent his life there. He was a land owner and farmer in Killingworth, and died there April 8, 1771. On Dec. 29, 1714, he married Temperance Lay, who died Sept. 18, 1773. Their children were as follows: John, was born Oct. 10, 1715; Joseph, born Oct. 22, 1716, married Rebecca Rutley, and died in June, 1771; Nathan, born April 28, 1719, married Sarah Hull; Giles, born June 3, 1723, married Mercy Chatfield, and died April 23, 1804; John, born March 6, 1726, married Mary Ward; Daniel, born Aug. 10, 1728, married Lydia Hull; Jedidiah, born Dec. 13, 1730, married Patience Bates.

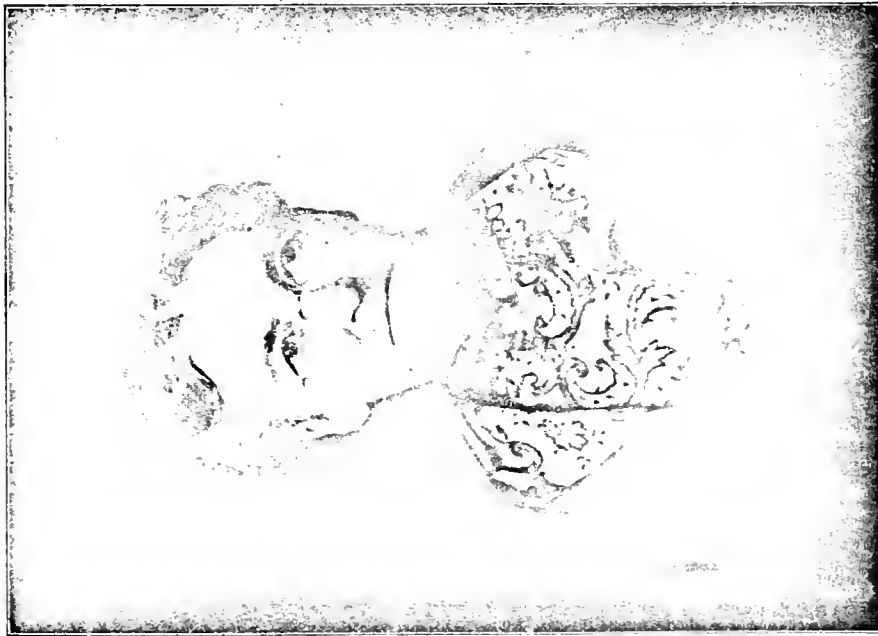
(IV) Nathan Griswold, the great-grandfather of Washington E., was born in Killingworth April 28, 1719, son of Joseph. Like his father and grandfather, he was a farmer and land owner and prominent citizen of Killingworth, where he spent his life, and where he died and is buried. He married May 2, 1745, Sarah Hull, daughter of Peter Hull, and their eight children were as follows: Nathan, born Sept. 27, 1746, married Jemima Pierson. Temperance was born Dec. 14, 1748; George, born Nov. 5, 1752, married Artemisia Stevens, and died Nov. 6, 1834. Joel was born May 21, 1757. Sarah, born April 10, 1760, died Oct. 5, 1765. Jared, born Aug. 10, 1764, died Oct. 20, 1784. Sarah, born Feb. 20, 1766, died Oct. 26, 1784. Martha, born Feb. 14, 1770, died Oct. 5, 1784.

(V) Joel Griswold (grandfather of our subject), born on the old homestead in Killingworth May 21, 1757, became a farmer and a large land





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owner, and there spent his life, dying April 12, 1834; he was buried in the Killingworth cemetery. He was a member of the Congregational Church, and in politics a Federalist. On Sept. 1, 1796, he married Sarah Kelsey, born Nov. 9, 1770, who died Feb. 25, 1842, and was buried in Killingworth cemetery. She was a member of the Congregational Church. The six children of Joel and Sarah Griswold were: Martin Heman, born Oct. 19, 1797, died Jan. 31, 1810 (he was accidentally scalded); Nathan was born July 3, 1799; Polly Minerva, born May 3, 1801, married John Farnham, and died Dec. 31, 1872; Dr. George Washington, born July 26, 1804, graduated from Yale College, went West and died Sept. 22, 1834; Sarah Louise, born Aug. 30, 1807, married Henry Scanton, and died in February, 1884; and Joel Pinckney, born March 4, 1809, died in 1865, out West. Of these,

(VI) Nathan Griswold (father of our subject) was born on the old homestead in Killingworth July 3, 1799. He attended the district schools of Killingworth, but was mainly a self-educated man. He was a school teacher for several years, later settling down to farming and stock raising, becoming one of the largest land owners in the town of Killingworth, and a prominent citizen. He represented the town in the State Legislature at New Haven and at Hartford; was selectman of the town; and held other local offices, being quite active in political life. In political sentiment he was a stanch Jacksonian Democrat; in religious faith a member of the Congregational Church. He died on his farm in Killingworth April 21, 1872, and was buried in the family cemetery in Killingworth. On Nov. 25, 1827, he married Rachel Hull, daughter of John Hull, a well-known citizen of Killingworth, and their children were as follows: Alvira L., born Oct. 27, 1828, married Isaac Kelsey, of Killingworth, who died Aug. 10, 1901. Washington Edwards, our subject, sketch of whom follows. Sarah Mehitabel, born Dec. 27, 1832, died May 26, 1893; she married William H. Stevens, of Killingworth. Sherman E., born Aug. 7, 1835, married Adeline Parnelee, and resides on the old homestead. Mabel R. married Alfred Goodyear, of Hamden. Charles Nathan, born in April, 1840, died Oct. 22, 1844. Harriet Lemira, born Nov. 21, 1843, married Ralph Edward Barnum, of Killingworth. The mother of these died June 23, 1873, on the old homestead, aged sixty-nine years, and was buried in the family cemetery. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and a woman of noble Christian character.

(VII) Washington E. Griswold, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Dec. 24, 1830, and was reared upon the old homestead. He attended the district schools of his native town, later pursuing his studies at the Madison high school, and at the State Normal School, New Britain, Hartford county, and for some years he taught school during the winter months, working on the farm in summer. In Killingworth, he married, Oct. 4, 1854, Miss Cor-

delia Barnum, who was born there July 13, 1833, daughter of Nathaniel E. and Juliett (Evarts) Barnum, granddaughter of Luther and Mabel (Stephens) Barnum, and great-granddaughter of Capt. Aaron Stephens, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war. After his marriage Mr. Griswold obtained from his father a tract of land, and there began his successful career as a farmer. From time to time he made notable improvements, erected a handsome dwelling and other buildings, the total improvements costing more than \$6,000. Through his thrift and business ability he prospered, and finally acquired over 250 acres of fine farming land, which he devoted to stock raising and general farming.

To our subject and wife two children were born; Charles Edwards died in infancy. Edith I., born Sept. 5, 1860, graduated from the Morgan high school in the English Classics, and for a number of years taught school in Killingworth. She married Albert H. Phelps, of Guilford, and lived in the beautiful home in that town (purchased for her by her father) until her death, Dec. 20, 1894, at the birth of her daughter, Edith Griswold. She was a member of the Congregational Church, a young lady of beauty and many accomplishments, well-educated, cultured and refined, a loving wife and affectionate daughter. Her death was a sad blow to her parents, and a shock to her wide circle of friends. Between parents and child the attachment was unusually strong and close, and in their declining years her sweet and winning personality is sadly missed.

In 1894, after the death of his daughter, Mr. Griswold removed to Guilford, and sold most of his farming lands, retaining only 100 acres. He still manages his property, but since his residence at Guilford he has practically lived a retired life. In public life Mr. Griswold has been notably prominent. He represented the town of Killingworth in the State Legislature in 1866-67 and in 1885, serving in the old State Houses at Hartford and New Haven, and in the new State House at Hartford. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and he has held nearly all the offices within the gift of his fellow townsmen. For eight years he was judge of probate for the district of Killingworth. For fourteen years he filled the office of selectman, serving as chairman of the board most of the time, and he held that office during the Civil war, when the duties were more exacting than they ever were before or have been since. He has been assessor and tax collector of Killingworth, served on the board of relief, and for twenty years was a justice of the peace. Mr. Griswold has ever taken a deep interest in the public schools, and has served as chairman of the school board most of the time for twenty years. Since his removal to Guilford he has declined many offices, consenting, however, in 1897, to his nomination as first selectman, and serving the term. In 1899 he was elected a member of the school board, and is still serving.





In religious belief Mr. Griswold is a member of the Church Society at Guilford and a liberal supporter of same. A living exponent of the Golden Rule, his personal habits have always been above reproach, and he is opposed to the use of strong drink or tobacco in any form. Mrs. Griswold is a member of the Congregational Church, a lady of refinement, modesty and intelligence, devoted to her husband and to her home. Both were members of the Grange in Killingworth, and both are well informed upon the leading events and subjects of the day. They are most highly esteemed and respected by all who know them, and now, in the afternoon of their life, they are enjoying the fruits of their earlier labor, and dispensing with generous and discriminating care the material blessings which it is theirs to command.

GEORGE BLAKESLEE FRANCIS, a well-to-do and much respected farmer and stock raiser in the North Farms district of the town of Wallingford, was born on the farm of his father, Feb. 13, 1841, a son of Lyman Francis, who was born on the old Francis homestead in North Farms, March 21, 1806. Lyman Francis was a brother of the late William Francis, and a son of Jacob and Content (Hall) Francis. A student in the district school of the North Farms, he grew up under the paternal roof, and remained with his parents until his marriage, when he settled on the Hall Farm, where George Blakeslee now lives. Devoting much attention to the advanced and progressive farming of the day, he was one of the pioneers in that field that has proved so profitable to Connecticut farmers, and has made a record as a tobacco grower. His was a busy but brief life, as he died when but forty-three years old. In politics he was a Democrat, but independent in his voting. Of domestic habits he was a good and kind-hearted man, of whom it is said that he lived very close to the Golden Rule. On Oct. 10, 1832, Lyman Francis was married to Mary Blakeslee, who was born in North Farms, Sept. 6, 1803, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Andrews) Blakeslee, and died April 19, 1875. Both Mr. and Mrs. Francis were buried in Center Street Cemetery in Wallingford. To them were born four children: Olive E., born Oct. 10, 1833, married Edwin Crocker, and is now deceased; Lucretia E., born June 26, 1835, is now deceased; George B., born July 31, 1838, died Aug. 26, 1839; and George B. (2) born Feb. 13, 1841. The mother was a member of the Congregational Church.

George Blakeslee Francis was only eight years old when he lost his father. A district school education was given him, and he remained with his mother as long as she lived, and after her death, continued in the operation of the farm, which had passed into his possession. It contains one hundred acres, twenty-five acres being in the town of Meriden. Here he carries on dairy farming, stock

raising and fruit culture, and is known as one of the most successful farmers in all this region.

On Nov. 19, 1885, Mr. Francis was married to Miss Emily J. Andrews, born in Cheshire, Conn., a daughter of Horace and Esther R. (Johnson) Andrews, both of whom have entered into rest. Mrs. Andrews was the daughter of the Rev. Ransom Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Francis have had four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Howard A., March 23, 1887; William L., March 15, 1890, died May 20, 1890; Clayton H., July 23, 1891; and Joseph B., July 11, 1893.

Mr. Francis is liberal in his church views, and is a staunch advocate of temperance. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never been a candidate for official honors. In religion Mrs. Francis is a member of the Advent Church. Both our subject and his wife are intelligent and cultured people, widely read, and thoroughly posted on all the great questions of the day. He is a hard-working and honest man, of whom the community speaks well.

C. WATSON BALDWIN. This well known citizen of Milford was born in that town April 9, 1840, and is a descendant of pioneer stock, his ancestors having been early settlers at Hadley, Mass., and later at Milford. Joseph Baldwin, of whom further account is given elsewhere in this volume, was born in Milford in 1640, and from his large family of children numerous lines of descendants are now traced.

Hezekiah Baldwin, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Milford, and followed farming there throughout his life.

Charles J. Baldwin, son of Hezekiah, was born in Milford Sept. 30, 1812, and engaged in agriculture there. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist. He was a leading Democrat of the locality and was elected to various offices of the town. He married Eunice Baldwin, a native of Milford, and a daughter of Elnathan Baldwin, her descent being traced to Joseph, the pioneer. Her death occurred Feb. 25, 1876, at the age of sixty-one years and nine months. Our subject was the first in a family of four children, the others being: William H., who died aged seven years; Henry E., a farmer at the old homestead; and George E., now in the employ of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Company.

During boyhood C. Watson Baldwin attended public and private schools in his native town. As a young man he engaged in farming, but in 1880 he entered the employ of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., with whom he has continued. In politics he is a Republican, but he was formerly prominent as a Democrat, and was elected on that ticket to different offices including those of assessor, member of the board of relief, and member of the board of education, in which he served twelve years.

On Jan. 1, 1861, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Mary A. Clute, of Bridgeport, who was born in



Schenectady, N. Y., the daughter of Frederick and Helen Clute. Her parents were both natives of Schenectady, but in later years resided in Bridgeport. She died Aug. 21, 1889, leaving one daughter, Helen W., born Feb. 22, 1863, who was married to William H. Hubbard, of Greenwich, and has one daughter, Hazel W., born Sept. 28, 1885. Socially the Baldwin family is prominent, and Mr. Baldwin is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Ansantawae Lodge, No. 89. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church, in which he continues to take an active interest.

ANTONIO LAZZARI, a prominent Italian citizen of Branford, whose home is in Stony Creek, was born in Milan, Italy, March 1, 1852, son of Francisco and Caroline (Macke) Lazzari. His paternal grandfather was Joseph Lazzari, and his maternal grandfather was George Macke.

Antonio Lazzari was reared to manhood in Milan and vicinity, where he received a common-school education. When he became a young man he began for himself by serving an apprenticeship of three years at watchmaking, and this was his occupation for seven years after he had learned the trade. The first year he received twenty cents a day; the second and third years his income had increased to sixty cents per day; and during the last four years he worked at the trade in his native land he earned a daily stipend of one dollar and twenty-five cents a day. In 1880 Mr. Lazzari came to America, landing at Castle Garden Jan. 28th, and going at once to Bay View, Mass., where he worked at his trade and in a quarry, during the season, for two years. Mr. Lazzari made his first important business venture after this, opening a jewelry, candy and cigar store in Boston. There he remained three years, and then removed to Braggville, Mass., where he had charge of a boarding house five years for the stone-quarry firm of Norcross Brothers. In 1890 Mr. Lazzari was employed by the same firm at Stony Creek, where he has had a boarding house and has served as watchman for their plant.

Mr. Lazzari was married, in 1877, to Caroline, daughter of John and Antoinette (Colomba) Ambrosoli, of Milan, Italy. This union has been blessed with twelve children, five of whom are now living: Amelia V., who is now Mrs. Alexander Banca; Lena A.; Annie K.; Delena A.; and Victor A.

Mr. Lazzari has been successful in his line, and has accumulated a very handsome competency. He and all his family are members of the Catholic Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served as constable of Branford seven years. His career is interesting, as showing what has been demonstrated over and over again, the possibilities of this country for the bright and capable ones who, shut out

from honor and fame by old world conditions, see here a chance to accomplish something substantial for themselves and their children.

WILLIAM H. MORRIS, a prominent resident of Ansonia, was born May 25, 1840, in County Dublin, Ireland, a son of William and Mary A. (Blackburn) Morris.

The family is of English origin, and William Morris, our subject's grandfather, was born in England, but made his permanent home in Ireland. The great-grandfather, who was also named William, was a man of means and a lifelong resident of England. William H. Morris, our subject's father, was born in Ireland, and remained at the old home until he reached the age of nineteen years. During the Revolution of 1798 he was captured and compelled to serve twenty-one years in the English navy, but his health broke down and he was discharged. Later he was a captain in the coast guard service, and his death occurred in County Dublin, at the age of sixty-six. His wife, who was also a native of Ireland, died aged thirty-six. Both were devout members of the Catholic Church, in which their children were reared. Of their large family, six are still living, as follows: Michael; Isabella, widow of Stephen Murphy, of Seymour; Eliza, who married Christopher Kelley, of Ansonia; Peressa, of Atlanta, Ga.; Rebecca; and William H., of this sketch.

William H. Morris was but eight years old when he came to America, and after a short stay in New York the family resided for a time in New Haven, Seymour and Woodbridge, but later returned to Seymour. During the four years at Woodbridge Mr. Morris attended the public schools, but after his return to Seymour he found work in the auger shop and a few years later, in 1861, he went to Hartford, where he spent three years in the Colt revolver factory. The next two years were spent in the armory at Yonkers, N. Y., and for six months he was employed in the Winchester armory at Bridgeport. For four years he was with Sargents, of New Haven, but in 1869 he located in Ansonia, being first employed as a piper by Wallace & Sons. On leaving them in 1880, he engaged in the grocery business, so continuing until April, 1885, when he sold out to George McCabe, and retired from business. In January, 1896, he again entered business life, opening a gents' furnishing store at 23 High street, and in addition to a large and well selected stock of goods in that line, he carries a stock of fancy goods. His career has been successful, and he owns a block of real estate, a large amusement hall, three residences, a grocery store next door, and the store in which he is at present located.

In 1863 Mr. Morris married Miss Jane Maloney, a native of Ireland. Socially he and his wife are much esteemed, and he is a member of Ansonia Lodge, No. 24, Knights of Pythias, in



which he has frequently served as an official; he was, also, a charter member of the Lodge of Elks located in Derby, Conn. On questions relating to religion he takes a liberal view; and while he inclines to the Democratic party in politics, he votes independently on occasion. At times he has taken an active interest in military affairs, and for five years he was private in Company C, 2nd Regiment Conn. National Guards.

ELIJAH JAMES HOUGH was born in Wallingford, New Haven county, July 28, 1829, a son of James and Mary Tyler (Rice) Hough.

James Hough was born in 1799, and died April 25, 1855. He was married March 17, 1823, to Mary Tyler Rice, who was born in Wallingford in 1799, daughter of Nehemiah Rice, a lifelong farmer, who occupied a part of the farm where our subject now lives. Mr. Hough was a Whig and in his later days a Republican. A member of the Congregational Church, he was much devoted to the Society, and earnestly interested in its welfare. To James Hough and his wife came the following children: Ellen, born Feb. 1, 1825, married Ellison Smith, a farmer of Northford, Conn.; Mary R., born March 28, 1827, died May 17, 1831; Elijah James was born July 28, 1829; Mary E., born March 13, 1832, married Walstein Smith, of North Haven (their daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Ewing, was supposed to have been one of the victims of the uprising in China in 1900, but has since returned); Sarah E., born Nov. 21, 1834, married the late Philander W. Hall, of Wallingford; Nehemiah R., born Jan. 24, 1837, died June 4, 1865, at Vicksburg, Miss., from disease contracted in the army; Henry T., born April 28, 1841, died June 25, 1865, at Newbern, N. C., where he was serving as a member of the 15th Conn. V. I.

Elijah James Hough received his early education under the teachers of the public schools of his native community, supplementing their instruction with a year at the Wallingford Academy. Leaving school, he found employment in the factory of Charles Parker, where he remained about three years. At the death of his father he returned to the farm and assumed its management. He now has 175 acres of good land, in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Hough is devoted to his work, and takes pride in the evidences of the touch of a practiced hand which every acre of his presents. At the present time he has fine peach orchards growing, covering thirty-five acres, and containing 4,375 trees in fruit-bearing condition. His peaches are largely sold in Springfield and Boston, and the business is proving very remunerative.

Mr. Hough has served on the board of selectmen, to which he was first elected in 1887, and for five years has been a member of the board of relief. He is one of the best-known and most enterprising farmers in New Haven county, and is most highly respected in the community. An enlightened and pa-

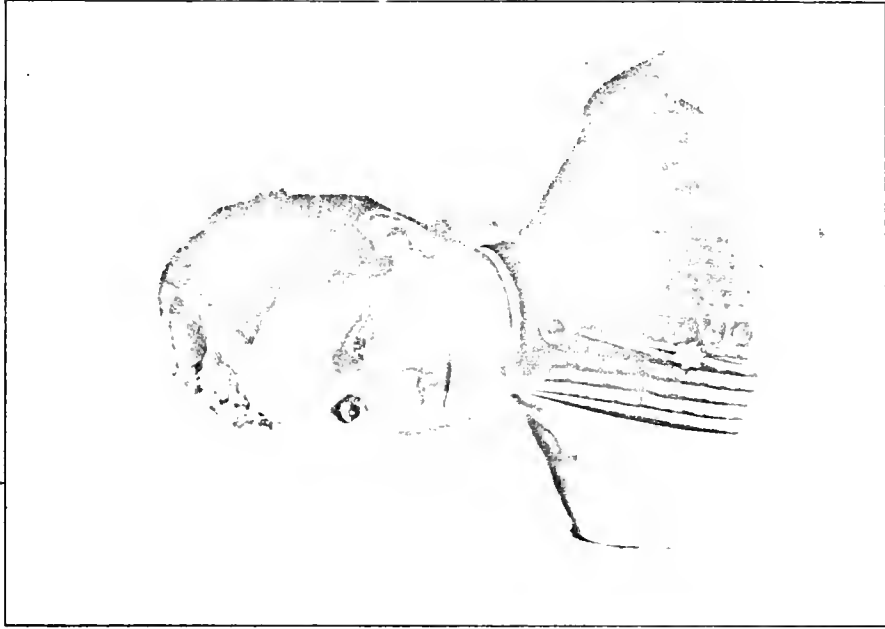
triotic citizen, he is a Democrat, because he is sure that the best interests of the country lie in the old path wherein Jefferson and Jackson walked. Mr. Hough is connected with the Baptist Church, and is one of its most generous supporters. Interested in school matters, he has willingly served as a member of the school board for several terms. He is a charter member of the Wallingford Grange, and one of its most faithful workers, for about ten years serving as treasurer, but he declined a re-election in 1897.

On Oct. 4, 1856, Mr. Hough married Miss Ruth Blakeslee, who was born Oct. 31, 1836, daughter of Silas and Estler (Buel) Blakeslee, of Wallingford. To this union have been born the following children: (1) Jennie Blakeslee, born Jan. 15, 1864, married George D. Hall, a farmer of Wallingford, in 1885, and is the mother of Lewis Cook, born March 27, 1888; Almon Blakeslee, born Nov. 27, 1891; and Mabel Hough, born March 7, 1898. (2) Hattie Blakeslee, born Oct. 22, 1868, married James Norris Barnes, of Wallingford, Jan. 16, 1889, and is the mother of four children—Norman Hough, born Nov. 18, 1891; James Penniwell, born Dec. 6, 1893; Blakeslee Hough, born July 14, 1895; and Russell Elijah Hough, born Jan. 18, 1901. (3) George Elijah, born Oct. 3, 1873, is interested in the farm with his father. He married Nov. 1, 1894, Miss Jennie Day Paddock, who was born Nov. 1, 1873, at Wallingford, daughter of Joel H. and Delphine (Hall) Paddock. They have one child, Ruth Della, born March 12, 1897.

Silas Blakeslee, father of Mrs. Hough, was born in Wallingford Sept. 13, 1808, son of John Webb and Ruth (Ives) Blakeslee. On Jan. 17, 1832, he married Esther Buel, who was born Nov. 20, 1808, daughter of Robert and Betsey (Peck) Buel. They made their home on the old Blakeslee homestead in Wallingford, and there they both died, he on June 6, 1893, and his wife on April 17, 1889. Their remains were interred in "In Memoriam" cemetery. Children, as follows, came to them: (1) Lois, born Jan. 24, 1833, married Oct. 14, 1860, Seth J. Hall, who was born Sept. 4, 1829, in Middletown, Westfield Society, a son of Sylvester and Rosetta (Johnson) Hall; they removed to Meriden, Conn., in January, 1861. On Dec. 21, 1851, Lois Blakeslee (now Mrs. Hall) was baptized by Rev. Charles Keyser, and united with the Baptist Church in Wallingford. (2) Ruth is Mrs. Elijah James Hough. (3) John Webb, born Oct. 22, 1840, married Oct. 22, 1861, Emerett Atwater, of Cheshire, born Dec. 5, 1840. They resided on the Blakeslee homestead until the fall of 1900, when they removed to the borough of Wallingford. (4) James Ellis, born Feb. 13, 1843, died July 17, 1847.

CHARLES R. HOWARD (deceased) was for many years one of Derby's leading merchants. He was a great-grandson of Josiah Howard, who was born in Ipswich, Mass., Jan. 3, 1758, and died in





*Ruth Blacklee Hough*



*E. J. Hough*





Amherst, N. H., Feb. 6, 1833. He married Mary Stanley, who was born Nov. 25, 1709, in Beverly, Mass. Their son, Henry Howard, was born in Amherst April 24, 1788, and died there April 15, 1871. He was a farmer. In 1809 he married Polly Odell, who was born Oct. 13, 1780, and survived her husband until Nov. 6, 1875. They were the parents of twelve children: George, Henry, Mary, Herbert, Rodney, Mary Jane, Calvin, Abigail, Maria, Susannah, Edward and Edward S.

Rodney Howard, father of the late Charles R. Howard, was also a farmer. He was born March 20, 1817, in Amherst, and married Nancy Jane Parker, a native of the same town, born there in February, 1825. Her father and grandfather were both named Isaac, and were members of an old English family which settled in Massachusetts before the Revolutionary war. Her mother's maiden name was Nancy Dowse. To Rodney Howard and his wife were born two children, Charles R. and Ada, the younger dying at the age of two years. Both parents are yet living.

Charles R. Howard was educated at the Appleton Academy, Mount Vernon, and the Normal School at Milford, N. H. After graduating from the last named institution, in 1870, he entered a dry-goods store in Milford as clerk, and when he was twenty-two years old embarked in the same line of trade for himself, having formed a partnership with a Mr. Gray under the firm name of Gray & Howard. At the end of four years the firm disposed of its business and dissolved, Mr. Howard going West with the intention of engaging in business in that section. Ill health, however, obliged him to return to the East, and for some time he was engaged in no active business. In 1884 he settled at Birmingham, now called Derby, Conn., and with George E. Barber as a partner again began business as a dry-goods merchant, the firm being Howard & Barber. The business prospered steadily, and the partnership continued until Mr. Howard's death, which occurred June 17, 1898. The premises occupied embraced two large stores, and the establishment is the largest in its line in the locality.

On Nov. 27, 1873, Mr. Howard married Miss Emma F. Wallingford. They had no children. He was a Republican in politics, and fraternally was a member of the I. O. O. F., having connected himself with the lodge of that order in Milford. Religiously he united with the Congregational Church of Derby. Mrs. Howard survives him, living in a comfortable home on Elizabeth street, in the city of Derby, whose appointments speak of the ease and culture, as well as the native refinement of the occupant. She is a daughter of Rufus N. and Susan (Farlev) Wallingford, who had four children: Eliza Ann, who died when three years old; Charles R., who is married, and lives in Old Town, Maine; Emma F. (Mrs. Howard); Horace A., who married Josephine Coffrey,

and has two children, Howard and Mariam. The father, who was a wholesale merchant in Boston, died Aug. 24, 1900.

CHARLES S. CHAPMAN was born in Waterbury, New Haven county, Oct. 6, 1856, son of George P. Chapman, who was born in Warwick, R. I., March 30, 1830, and died Nov. 4, 1900, at his home in Bridgeport, Conn. Sherman Chapman, the grandfather of Charles S., was a farmer and a blacksmith at Tolland, Conn., where he served the public as a justice of the peace for many years. He was a son of Ezra Chapman, a farmer, who served with distinction in the Revolutionary war, and died in the service.

Sherman Chapman, grandfather of Charles S., married Miss Sarah Leonard, of Coventry, Conn., and located in Rhode Island. They reared a family of three children, George P., Ezra L. and Sarah. Ezra L. was a farmer in early life, and later became a blacksmith. Sarah is the widow of George A. Morse, a Methodist minister.

George P. Chapman, father of Charles S., was engaged as a blacksmith in New Haven and Waterbury. In 1855 he married Jane E. Brown, who died in 1885. She was born in New Milford, Pa., daughter of Charles M. Brown, a millwright, who was a native of Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were the parents of three children: Charles S., our subject; George M., an electrician at Waterbury; and Frederick E., who also lives at Waterbury. George P. Chapman was a Republican, and was a conspicuous man in local matters. He was a member of the school board two terms, a councilman three years, and president of the board two years. While he lived in Bridgeport he served in the city council two terms, and is well remembered in that city as a public spirited and progressive man.

Charles S. Chapman was six years of age when his parents moved to Hartford, Conn., where his father was employed in Sharp's armory. After living there some time they moved to Torrington, Conn. Erie, Pa., was his home for a time, and he last attended school at Troy, N. Y. The parents moved from Troy to Albany, and there Charles S. entered a machine shop and worked a year or more. In 1877 they came to Waterbury, Charles S. accompanying them, and here he has resided to the present time. He obtained the position of bookkeeper in the office of the Carrington Manufacturing Co., and for five years was with that firm, in the spring of 1882 entering the service of the Waterbury Watch Co., as bookkeeper; he has risen step by step in positions of honor and trust until he is now cashier of that famous institution.

Mr. Chapman and Miss Carrie E. Trowbridge were married Oct. 24, 1884. Mrs. Chapman was born in Roxbury, Conn., daughter of William E. Trowbridge, a native of that town; her mother, Nancy (Meramble), also came from Roxbury. To



Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have been born two children, Howard E. and Marjorie H. Mr. Chapman has always been a Republican, and has been called to many responsible and honorable positions in public life. In 1885 he served as a member of the Waterbury city council, and in 1892, 1893 and 1894 was a member of the center school district finance committee. He is now a member of the board of education for the city of Waterbury, and takes an active part in the promotion of school matters. Socially he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of Townsend Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F., and of Toantic Tribe, No. 22, I. O. R. M. He is very actively identified with the Methodist Church, having been a member for many years, and being one of the trustees at the present time. For fifteen years previous to 1898 he was superintendent of the Sunday-school, and for twelve years was treasurer of the Connecticut Sunday-school Association.

EDWARD JOHNSON CHITTENDEN, a progressive farmer and popular resident of the town of Guilford, was born there, on the Chittenden homestead, Jan. 5, 1858, son of Henry D. Chittenden, and comes of a family long and favorably known in that section.

Sergt. John Chittenden (son of William, one of the first settlers of Guilford) was married Dec. 12, 1665, to Hannah Fletcher, daughter of John Fletcher, of Milford, and died in Guilford in April, 1716, aged seventy-three years. Children: John, born Oct. 17, 1666, married Sarah Clay; Elizabeth, born Jan. 26, 1670, married Thomas Cruttenden; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Gideon, born Sept. 23, 1678, died in 1679; Abel, born May 14, 1681, married Deborah Scranton; Lydia, born March 30, 1684, married William Hall.

Joseph Chittenden, born March 26, 1672, died in Guilford Sept. 11, 1727. In 1692 he married Mary Kimberly, who was born in April, 1671, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Kimberly, of New Haven, and died Jan. 14, 1742. Children: Deborah, born Jan. 28, 1693, married John Spinning; Patience, born Jan. 19, 1696, married John Hubbard; Gideon, born Feb. 3, 1698, married Abigail Bishop; Daniel, born March 15, 1700, married Abigail Downs; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Thankful, born Jan. 27, 1704, married Thomas Bartlett.

Joseph Chittenden, born Jan. 25, 1702, died April 7, 1794, and is buried in Guilford. He was a cooper by trade. On Nov. 14, 1726, he married Patience Stone, born Nov. 12, 1703, daughter of Benajah and Hannah (DeWolt) Stone, of Guilford. She died Nov. 6, 1767, and in April, 1770, he married Ana Hall, born Nov. 13, 1724, daughter of Ithamar and Judith (Seward) Hall. She died Oct. 13, 1791, and is also buried in Guilford. Children, all by first marriage: Joseph, born Nov. 4, 1727, married Sarah Norton; Nathan, sketch of

whom follows; Lucy, born Oct. 18, 1736, married Melzar Fowler; Ambrose, born Dec. 29, 1744, married Zillah Hall.

Nathan Chittenden, born July 20, 1730, died June 6, 1819. On Sept. 23, 1756, he married Ruth Norton (daughter of John and Mary (Morgan) Norton), born in December, 1736, died Aug. 12, 1814. Children: Nathan, sketch of whom follows; Billie, born July 8, 1760, was drowned Jan. 18, 1784; Joel, born Feb. 7, 1766, died March 20, 1766; Ruth, born April 9, 1767, died March 26, 1775; Huldah, born Feb. 24, 1773, died Jan. 6, 1776.

Nathan Chittenden, born Oct. 19, 1757, in Guilford, died there Jan. 19, 1848, at the ripe age of ninety years. His first wife, Sybil (Johnson), died July 25, 1821, and he subsequently married Lucy Hall Johnson, who was born June 20, 1772, and died Oct. 23, 1851. Children, all by first marriage: Ruth, born in 1781, married Andrew Norton; Justus Johnson, sketch of whom follows; Nancy, born Sept. 26, 1784, died Oct. 18, 1788; Amelia, born Feb. 22, 1787, died June 20, 1801; Nancy, born Feb. 27, 1789, died Sept. 9, 1810; Billie, born April 27, 1791, married Eunice Fowler.

Justus Johnson Chittenden, born June 12, 1782, in Guilford, was a lifelong farmer of that town, and died there Aug. 8, 1865. He married Lucretia Cruttenden, who was born July 2, 1784, in East Guilford, daughter of Joseph and Lucretia (Everts) Cruttenden, and died May 24, 1857. Children: Amelia, born July 4, 1805, married William Starr; Clarissa was born June 5, 1808; Denison, sketch of whom follows; Nancy Lucretia, born March 19, 1813, married Bildad Bishop; Sarah, born May 26, 1817, married Stephen Spencer.

Denison Chittenden, born Sept. 16, 1810, engaged in farming all his life, making his home in Guilford, where he died Dec. 29, 1899. On Sept. 29, 1831, he married Annette A. Coan, who was born Dec. 25, 1811, daughter of Davis and Catherine (Fowler) Coan, and died Jan. 11, 1897. They had children: Catherine Fowler, born Dec. 2, 1833, died Aug. 10, 1837; Henry Denison, sketch of whom follows; and Sarah Lucretia, born July 23, 1839, died June 18, 1860.

Henry D. Chittenden, father of the gentleman whose name introduces this article, was born Dec. 28, 1835, on the Chittenden homestead, where he has passed his entire life, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is one of the reliable citizens of his town, where he is well known, and as a prosperous farmer has considerable influence for good in his locality, though he has never taken any particular part in the public life of the community. He is a Republican in political faith. On July 1, 1856, Mr. Chittenden married Miss Mary Jane Dowd, who was born Oct. 22, 1838, daughter of Alfred G. and Harriet (Scranton) Dowd, and two children have blessed their union: Edward Johnson, sketch of whom follows; and John Scranton,



born July 15, 1860, who died March 30, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden are good Christian people, and highly esteemed by their neighbors and many friends.

Edward Johnson Chittenden attended the schools near his home in Guilford, and later the high school. From boyhood he has been actively engaged in farm work, and he and his father now carry on the old homestead in partnership, giving considerable attention to stock raising in addition to general farming. Our subject has kept up the reputation of his family for industry and sobriety, and he is regarded as one of the intelligent, progressive farmers of his town. On Feb. 4, 1891, Mr. Chittenden married Mrs. Emily Louise (Wilcox) Landon, a native of Guilford, widow of Samuel Wilmot Landon. One child has come to them, Harry D., born Sept. 2, 1892. Fraternaly Mr. Chittenden holds membership in St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, F. & A. M., Guilford, of which he is now serving as secretary. In religion he is a member of the First Congregational Church. Like his father, he is a Republican in political sentiment, but not active in party affairs.

**WILCOX.** This family, to which Mrs. Edward J. Chittenden belongs, is one of the oldest in Connecticut. William Wilcox, the first of whom we have record, was a resident of Stratford, Conn. His son Obadiah had a son Joseph, who was born in 1694 in East Guilford (now the town of Madison), and spent his life there, dying July 15, 1770. He married Hannah Goodale, by whom he had children: Timothy, born May 7, 1724, married Emma Pierson, and died Dec. 28, 1781; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Elizabeth, born Sept. 17, 1728, married Jedediah Case; Jehiel, was born Jan. 12, 1731; Hannah, born Sept. 15, 1733, married Eli Graves, and died June 8, 1803.

Joseph Wilcox, born in East Guilford, May 27, 1726, died there April 7, 1786. On Sept. 17, 1754, he married Sarah Munger, who was born Feb. 10, 1729, and died in 1782. In 1784 he married Prudence Dudley, who died April 14, 1804. Children, all by first marriage: Mabel, born May 23, 1755, married Christopher Foster; Abel, born in 1760, died while serving in the Revolutionary war; Joseph, sketch of whom follows; Sarah, born June 14, 1773, died Nov. 27, 1863.

Joseph Wilcox, born in 1763 in East Guilford, died there Nov. 2, 1826. He married Olive Dowd, born Jan. 3, 1757, died Nov. 9, 1835, and they had children: Alvia married Abraham Cadwell, and died in 1864; Anna married William Scranton, and died in 1869; Prudence, born in 1783, married John F. Mays, and died Feb. 23, 1872; Abel, sketch of whom follows; Zenas was born in October, 1791; Roxanna married Joel Post.

Abel Wilcox, born Feb. 12, 1788, in the town of Madison, died there Dec. 26, 1841. On Nov. 21, 1814, he married Anna Field, born April 6, 1787, died Sept. 15, 1861. Children: Joseph Ben-

jamin, born Sept. 19, 1815, married Ruth Elizabeth Scranton; Timothy Field, born March 27, 1817, married L. Almira Foster; Hiram Selden, born Feb. 12, 1819, married F. Marilla Dowd; Henry Beal, born Feb. 1, 1821, married Lucretia Woodruff; Alfred Nelson, sketch of whom follows; John Elliot, born June 29, 1825, died Dec. 13, 1886; Ann Elizabeth was born Feb. 28, 1828; Manford August, born May 15, 1830, married Nancy S. Smith; Sarah Matilda, born June 5, 1832, married Alphonso Snow and died April 25, 1871.

Alfred Nelson Wilcox, father of Mrs. Chittenden, was born May 14, 1823, and is one of the honored old residents of Guilford. He followed the trade of carpenter and builder in New Haven, Fair Haven and Guilford during his active years, and besides making a good living for himself and family established a high reputation as an industrious, honest man, gaining the respect of all who knew him. He is now living retired, and in feeble health. On Nov. 5, 1845, Mr. Wilcox married Caroline A. Munger, who was born April 25, 1826, and they had children as follows: Caroline M., born Feb. 24, 1847, is the wife of Eli T. Dudley; Alice Elizabeth, born Aug. 26, 1853, married George W. Carter; Emily Louise, born June 25, 1859, is the wife of Edward J. Chittenden, whose name opens this sketch.

**SAMUEL WILMOT LANDON** belonged to an old family of Long Island, and was a descendant of Nathaniel Landon, one of the first settlers in the vicinity of Southold. Judge Samuel Landon, son of Nathaniel, born in 1699 in Southold, died there June 11, 1782. David Landon, son of Samuel, was born Oct. 30, 1743, in Southold, and finally settled in Guilford, Conn., where he ended his days Sept. 14, 1796. On Oct. 18, 1763, he married Rebecca Ruggles, born Aug. 30, 1743, who died in June, 1823, and they had children: Jonathan was born Oct. 19, 1764; Samuel, born Oct. 17, 1765, died Aug. 23, 1793; David, born July 31, 176—, died Oct. 27, 1788; John, sketch of whom follows; Rebecca, born Oct. 11, 1773, died Oct. 27, 1773; William, born Dec. 9, 1774, died Jan. 18, 1830; Nathaniel Ruggles, born March 16, 1781, died in September, 1781; Nathaniel Ruggles (2), born June 28, 1784, died in December, 1857; George, born Aug. 10, 1787, died Oct. 8, 1866 (married Ruth Hart); four other sons died young.

John Landon, born Aug. 16, 1771, in Guilford, died March 27, 1826. He married Mrs. Sally Atwater, who died July 15, 1851, and they had two children: Samuel W., sketch of whom follows; and Sally, born April 9, 1798, who married W. Nelson Wheeler, and died July 16, 1850.

Samuel W. Landon, born Dec. 4, 1795, in Guilford, died there Dec. 17, 1886. His first wife was Eliza Stone, his second Beulah Huston, and he had children: Charles Wilmot, sketch of whom follows; Mary, born May 1, 1823, married John Graves, and died Dec. 8, 1861; John Elisha, born



Nov. 15, 1827, married Alice Cahill; Samuel, born April 17, 1831, died Nov. 18, 1854; Hugh, born Dec. 14, 1834, married Charlotte Tucker, and died in December, 1884.

Charles Wilmot Landon, born July 17, 1819, died July 19, 1877. On Nov. 5, 1844, he married Mary E. Benton, born Aug. 31, 1819, and they had children: Irene Elizabeth, born Sept. 6, 1845, died May 15, 1867; Franklin H., born Aug. 27, 1848, married Florence Isabel Whitmore; Charles Benton, born Feb. 21, 1851, married Helen Brockett; John Stone, born Oct. 6, 1853, married Edwin A. Clark; Ann Mary, born June 3, 1856, died May 15, 1857; Samuel Wilmot, born June 19, 1859, is mentioned below.

Samuel Wilmot Landon received his education in the district schools and high school of Guilford, and commenced active life as clerk in the store of Edward Griswold, in Guilford, remaining with him until 1883. He then embarked in the grocery and provision business in partnership with George S. Davis, the firm name being Landon & Davis, continuing same until his death, Oct. 13, 1890. His remains lie in the West cemetery. Socially he was a member of St. Alban's Lodge, F. & A. M., Guilford, and the Order of the Eastern Star; religiously he was a member of the First Congregational Church, and his political affiliation was with the Democratic party.

On Oct. 5, 1881, Mr. Landon married Miss Emily Louise Wilcox, a native of New Haven county, and a daughter of Alfred N. Wilcox. Two children were born to this union, Pearl Wilcox and Burton Hill, the former of whom is attending school; the latter is at home.

**JOHN FRANCIS HAYES, M. D.**, son of Michael and Mary Ryan Hayes, was born in Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 17, 1857, and comes of good Irish ancestry, of which he has always been proud.

His father was born in Stonepark, Glen of Aherlow, County Tipperary, and his mother in Galbaly, County Limerick. They were among the early Irish settlers coming to Waterbury in 1846-48, and were noted for their honesty and industry, and for their frugal and temperate habits. The Doctor spent his boyhood days in Waterbury, where he was educated in the grammar and high schools, and also in what was known as the Waterbury English and Classical School, where many of the leading men of the city of Waterbury at the present time, obtained their education. His father had destined him to be a grocer, but the young man's ideas did not run in that direction, and he entered the Medical Department of the University of New York, in September, 1877, from which he graduated two years later (1879), receiving the degree of M. D., *cum laude*, when twenty-two years of age. Soon after graduating he successfully passed a competitive examination which gave him a choice of service and a position as resident physician and surgeon of the Mt. Sinai Hos-

pital, New York. He remained there fourteen months, and then went abroad and entered the Rotunda Lying-in-Hospital, Dublin, Ireland, one of the largest institutions of the kind in the world. He completed the course of study prescribed there in eight months and received the degree of Licentiate in Midwifery. At Dublin he also took a special course at St. Mark's Hospital in diseases of the Eye and Ear. The year Dr. Hayes spent in Ireland is one of the "red letter" years in his life, as he had longed to visit the birth places of his parents and ancestors, and was gratified with the genial courtesy and the kindly reception he met, wherever he turned in that country. From Dublin he went to Edinburgh, and entered the Royal Infirmary where he further devoted his time to general medicine and surgery, and diseases of the Eye and Ear under Prof. Bell and Drs. Robinson and Walker. After three months in the old Scotch capital, Dr. Hayes went to London and entered St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he had special opportunities for clinical study; and he was also a student at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, where over 25,000 patients are received annually, and here the doctor spent about three months. Returning to Waterbury he began his medical career in July, 1881, when he opened an office in the Brown block, No. 22 East Main street, and from the beginning, his success has been pronounced. To-day he enjoys a large general practice, and has by far the largest practice in midwifery of any physician in the city, and no physician has a higher or more honorable standing in the city of his birth.

On Jan. 29, 1885, Dr. Hayes married Mary A. Conran, a daughter of Patrick Conran, of Naugatuck, Conn. Six children were born to them, all but one of whom are now living: Michael Conran, Julia Purcell, John Ryan, Louis Vincent, Joseph (who died when three days old), and Francis Irving. Michael and Julia are in the Waterbury high school taking the college course; John in the eighth grade, Crosby Grammar; Louis in the fourth, and Francis in the first primary. In politics, Dr. Hayes has always been a staunch Democrat, and is noted for being frank, positive, ardent and outspoken in his views, and loyal to his friends, and is generally regarded as one of the ablest leaders of his party. He has taken more than ordinary interest in educational matters, and with a desire to raise the standard of education in our schools, but more especially in the high school, that it might take a place second to none among the high schools of Connecticut, he sought a place on the Board of Education, and was elected in 1889, and has served the public in this capacity with but a single break, up to the present time. He has served as chairman of all the committees, and on Jan. 2, 1900, was elected chairman of the Board by a unanimous vote. As a member of the board his report for the year 1894 regarding the condition of the schools is a model document, and an intelligent and strong plea for a more thor-







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ough study of English in the high school. As a result of his labors the course in English to-day is four years instead of two, which prevailed at that time. It is a document which does credit to his pen, and produced a profound impression at the time it was issued. He has been untiring in his efforts to promote the public good, and is the father of the free text book system in Waterbury, which was introduced in this city in 1894. He also strongly advocated and succeeded in establishing a training school for teachers in this city, which to-day is being successfully conducted. Dr. Hayes has repeatedly been offered other political honors, but has always declined. He belongs to a number of fraternal societies of which he is examining physician, such as the United Workmen, New England Order of Protection, Knights of Columbus, and Foresters of America. As might be expected from a gentleman of his high professional standing, Dr. Hayes belongs to the city, county, and State medical societies, and the American Medical Association, and is regarded as a gentleman in every way, a credit to the noble calling in which he is engaged. At a meeting of the American-Irish Historical Society held in New York in January, 1899, Dr. Hayes was elected one of the vice-presidents for Connecticut. Dr. Hayes has made many public addresses, and is regarded as one of the most prominent representatives of the Irish race in Waterbury. He and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, parish of the Immaculate Conception.

MRS. SARAH HULDA GORHAM, who is successfully engaged in dressmaking business in New Haven, belongs to an old and honored family of New Haven county. Her paternal grandfather, Reuben Doolittle, was a life-long resident of the town of Hamden and lived to an advanced age, but his wife, who bore the maiden name of Rhoda Wooding, died when comparatively young. Their children were Alfred, deceased; Alma, deceased wife of Enos Perkins; Isaac, deceased; Amy, who died unmarried; Willis, who died Jan. 24, 1901, in his ninety-first year; Seymour, deceased; Wealthy, deceased wife of Alfred Cooper; Lucius and Bennett, both deceased; Hulda, deceased wife of Beecher Johnson; and Lauren, father of our subject.

Lauren Doolittle was born in Hamden, Conn., June 19, 1820, grew to manhood in his native town, and on starting out in life for himself chose the occupation of farming. He died in Woodbridge, Nov. 1, 1895. His life was such as to gain him the confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact in business or social circles, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a valued and useful citizen.

On May 18, 1848, in Woodbridge, Mr. Doolittle married Miss Ann Eliza Parker, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Samuel H. Elliott, a Congregational minister. Her father, Ebenezer Philo Parker, was born in Bethany, Conn., Oct. 3,

1796, and was left an orphan at the age of six years. Owing to ill treatment by his step-father, he ran away from home when only eight years old, and, as will readily be seen, his advantages for securing an education were extremely limited, but nevertheless he became a man of considerable knowledge, owing to his practice of observation and reading in mature years. He was a farmer and carpenter by occupation, was captain of a company of militia, and a man of considerable prominence in his community. His political support was given the men and measures of the Democratic party. He was married in Woodbridge, in 1821, to Hulda Sperry, a daughter of Jared and Esther (Sanford) Sperry, and a descendant of Richard Sperry, who housed and fed the Regicides. She was born in Woodbridge, July 21, 1794, and died Feb. 16, 1867, while her husband died Aug. 12, 1867. In their family were only two children: Esther, born April 24, 1822, married Lucius Doolittle, of Woodbridge, a brother of our subject's father, and died Nov. 13, 1882. Ann Eliza, born Sept. 20, 1827, married Lauren Doolittle, and died Jan. 30, 1901, a most estimable lady and possessed of a remarkable memory.

Mrs. Gorham, born in Woodbridge, Oct. 30, 1850, married Francis L. Gorham, and is the oldest in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Frank Lauren, born Nov. 2, 1852, married Harriet Beecher, and they have one daughter, Eva Anna, born Feb. 6, 1883; Grace Darling, born Aug. 31, 1855, is a resident of Hamden; Herbert Edson, born Feb. 2, 1859, married Kate Hotchkiss, of Bethany; George Reuben, born July 28, 1860, married Ida Hotchkiss; and Willard Philo, born Aug. 12, 1867, married Alta Rilla Austin, of Woodbridge, and they have one daughter, Mabel Edna, born May 11, 1897. The members of this family are quite prominent in the communities where they reside, and their circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive.

BYRON LUTHER MORSE is entitled to distinction as one of the most progressive and enterprising business men of Prospect, New Haven county. Upon the business activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the men who are now recognized as leading citizens are those who are at the head of important and extensive business enterprises. Mr. Morse is a man of broad capabilities, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Morse was born June 9, 1859, in the town where he still makes his home, and is a worthy representative of one of the old and prominent families of Connecticut. His father, Harry Morse, was born in Prospect Centre in 1815, a son of Lent Morse, a well-known citizen of that town. The father received a district-school education, and throughout his active business life engaged in agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he located on



the Thomas farm, and there successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1859, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis from the effect of which he never recovered, though he lived twenty years afterward. He died June 13, 1879, and his remains were interred in Prospect cemetery. He was a supporter first of the Whig and later of the Republican party, and was liberal in his religious views. Wherever known he was held in high regard. He married Miss Sarah Ann Gillette, who was born in Prospect in 1824, a daughter of Garrett and Nancy (Platt) Gillette, and granddaughter of Benjamin Gillette and Benjamin Platt, a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Morse is still living with our subject upon the old homestead. She is a sincere Christian woman. Byron L. Morse is fifth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: George, deceased; John, a blacksmith, who married Gertrude Clark; Harriet, wife of Friend Sanford; Walter, a resident of Waterbury, who married Jane Boden; Mary, wife of Edward Ford, of New London; and Alice, wife of William Boden, of Waterbury.

In the district schools of his native town Byron L. Morse obtained a good practical education, and upon the home farm he early gained an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits. On account of his father's illness he took charge of the farm at an early age, and in its operation has met with marked success. It comprises 150 acres of valuable land, much of which is devoted to fruit, and in connection with general farming, stock raising and dairying he is extensively engaged in fruit culture; he buys and ships large quantities of apples annually and is also interested in the wood business. As a business man he is energetic, progressive and notably reliable, and the success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own well-directed efforts. Since attaining his majority he has been a staunch advocate of Republican principles, and in 1889 represented his town in the State Legislature. He is a prominent member of Prospect Grange, and served as treasurer thereof for three years.

JOHN MAXWELL MCKENZIE, civil engineer and surveyor of Wallingford, for some years a popular and efficient member of the board of selectmen, was born in Yalesville, New Haven Co., Conn., Oct. 15, 1855, and comes of sturdy Scottish ancestry. William McKenzie, the father of John M., was born in Murrayshire, son of William and Margaret (Squire) McKenzie, who had three children: Margaret, who died unmarried; Alexander, a railroad contractor; and William, the father of John M. The father of these, a stonemason by trade, spent his life in his native country, where he died at a good old age. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

William McKenzie, our subject's father, learned the stone mason's trade under his father's instruction. Wishing a wider field for his work, when

nineteen years of age he left his native country on a sailing vessel bound for New York. He first found employment on government fortification work at Newport and Boston harbors, and later, in company with his brother Alexander, he engaged in the business of railroad contracting. In 1840 he came to Yalesville, where he located, and many of the large railroad structures on the Hartford Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, notably the Skew arch bridge over the New Haven & Hartford turnpike, about one-half mile above the village of Yalesville, are monuments of his thoroughness and skill. He also erected St. Paul's Episcopal church, in Wallingford. The remainder of his life was spent in Yalesville, where he died in 1872. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and a Republican in politics. William McKenzie was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of Andrus Hall, of Wallingford, and the mother of the following children: William, a storekeeper, who lives at Tracy; Mary, who married Andrew J. Brown; James, who resides in Yalesville; and Margaret, who died at the age of sixteen years. Mr. McKenzie married for his second wife Temperance Hall, a daughter of Adnah and Elizabeth (Scott) Hall. To this union were born four children: Theodore, a civil engineer of Southington; Homer, deceased; John Maxwell; and George C., of Yalesville. Mrs. McKenzie was a school teacher before her marriage, is a lady of culture and refinement, and has a strong poetic faculty. She is an earnest advocate and worker for the cause of temperance.

John Maxwell McKenzie attended the public schools of Yalesville, Mr. French's select school at New Haven, and also studied at Amenia, N. Y., where he took up civil engineering and surveying. He has been engaged on many public works throughout the State, among them the Southington, Naugatuck and Wallingford water works, Meriden sewage disposal, and the State highways in the towns of Wallingford, Southington and Rocky Hill, as well as numerous railway projects. He has also spent several years in the West, in the location and construction of railroads for the Burlington system, in the States of Nebraska, Dakota and Wyoming. Mr. McKenzie has been engineer for the borough of Wallingford for a number of years, and is still filling that position. Many important municipal improvements have been carried out under his supervision. He is well known and highly respected throughout the town. For four terms he was elected second selectman of Wallingford, and is still filling that office. As committee of the Third school district he takes a deep interest in educational and other matters pertaining to the welfare of his native village. Our subject belongs to the Baptist Church, and in politics is a Republican.

In 1893 Mr. McKenzie was married, in Southington, to Miss Louise Schlayer, a daughter of George and Caroline Schlayer, natives of Germany,



and residents of Southington, where their daughter Louise was born. They have three children, Marguerite, Maxwell and Alcyone. Mrs. McKenzie has many friends and is very popular and efficient in church and social matters.

The Halls, from whom Mr. McKenzie descends in the maternal line, are an old family of Wallingford. Jonathan Hall, son of Thomas and Grace Hall, and grandson of the first John Hall, was born in Wallingford July 25, 1672. On May 22, 1703, he married Dinah Andrews, who died at the age of seventy-nine years. He was eighty at the time of his death. Of their ten children, Benjamin Hall, born on the farm Oct. 20, 1725, was married Dec. 27, 1752, to Mary Ives. They had three children: Benjamin, born Sept. 25, 1752, who died young; Eliab, born Feb. 17, 1755; and Benjamin (2), born Nov. 3, 1755. Benjamin and Phebe Hall were married April 28, 1757. They settled in Plymouth, Conn.; and to this union came a numerous family: Mary, born Jan. 27, 1758; Andrew, born Aug. 15, 1759; Mary (2), born Aug. 6, 1761; Phebe, born Aug. 20, 1763; Linus, born Sept. 25, 1765; David and Jonathan, twins, born Nov. 17, 1767; Erastus, born Feb. 12, 1770; Adnah, born May 8, 1772; Solomon, born in 1774; Eliab, born Dec. 11, 1776 (settled in North Killingworth); Grace Denison, born May 5, 1778; Asaph, born Oct. 1, 1781.

Adnah Hall, a member of the above family, spent his entire life in Wallingford, where he was engaged in farming, and died June 17, 1838. He married Elizabeth Scott, who died in 1840. To them were born children as follows: (1) Volutia, born March 29, 1811; (2) Wilfred, born July 25, 1815; (3) Temperance, born May 24, 1817 (married William McKenzie); (4) Harvey S., born Sept. 7, 1819; and (5) Ezekiel, born Jan. 23, 1822.

RICHARD BRADLEY, contractor and builder of Branford, a progressive and prosperous citizen, is a native of that place, born at the family homestead in West Main street June 30, 1850.

Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley, his paternal great-grandparents, lived in the house in Branford now occupied by Seth Thomas Bradley. Their son, Timothy Bradley, grandfather of Richard, was a farmer, sailor and vessel owner, for many years coasting along the Atlantic shores, and making his home in Branford. He married Irene Gordon, daughter of Alexander and Irene Gordon, of Branford, and children as follows were born to them: James; Timothy; Irene, Mrs. William Bryan; Nancy, who was thrice married, to, respectively, Sylvester Harrison, Henry Linsley and William Bryan; Lydia, who was twice married, first to Allen Pardee, and second to Benjamin Linsley; Sally, Mrs. James Waddell; Mary, Mrs. Elias Linsley; Major Seth; and Gurdon.

Gurdon Bradley, father of Richard, was born in Branford Sept. 27, 1819, and as will be seen above was the youngest in his father's family. He began

life as a farmer, also owned a vessel and followed the coast for three winters, in addition to which he for many years conducted a saw and grist mill, and took contracts for the building of cellars, removing of buildings, etc.; for upward of twenty years he was also engaged in the ice business. On Jan. 29, 1843, he married Anna Maria, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Tyler) Spinks, of Branford, and to this union were born fourteen children, as follows: Ebenezer T. (deceased) was a molder by trade; he married Hannah Stedman, and had two sons, Harry and Robert. One son died in infancy. Esther M., Mrs. Sherman Holcomb, had two children, Anna and Harry C. Bessie, Mrs. Charles N. Holcomb, had one child, Fannie. Willis married Isabel Lane, and had three children, Maria, Helen and one deceased. Richard is our subject. Eliza A., Mrs. Charles E. Bunnell, had two children, Walter H. and Bessie. Albert C. is deceased. A. Gurdon is deceased. F. Cline married Mary Jane Foote, and has two children, Eugenia and Roberta. Charles S. married Sarah Kerr, and had two children, Fern and Gurdon. John H. married Emma Hall. Lee A. and Robert L. are deceased.

Richard Bradley, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared on the homestead, and received a common-school education, afterward learning the trade of carpenter. About the year 1874 he commenced business as a contractor and builder, and has since followed that occupation with well-merited success. Mr. Bradley is a director and trustee in the Branford Savings Bank. Besides his fine home he owns several houses in Branford, and also a cottage at Haycock Point, on the Sound.

On April 30, 1873, Mr. Bradley married Mary C. Smith, daughter of Leonard and Harriet E. (Smith) Smith, of Branford, and three children have been born to them, viz.: Frank S., Harriet E. and Charles Richard, the last named deceased. Frank S. married Nettie S. Page, of Branford, and has two children, Francis and Richard. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and in 1882-83 he served as first selectman of Branford. He is now chief of the Branford Fire Department.

HENRY M. BRADLEY, a prosperous florist and vegetable grower of Derby, is a son of Lewis Bradley and grandson of Lewis Bradley, both of whom were born in New Haven county. Both were farmers.

Lewis Bradley, the grandfather, was a resident of Westville, where he married and died. He had a family of seven children: Chauncey, Isaac, Elias, Lewis, Ann, Wealthy and Lydia, all of whom have passed away, as have also the parents. Chauncey settled at Seymour, where he became an extensive owner of real estate, and died a substantial citizen. Elias was a machinist. Isaac was a blacksmith, and made his home in Westville. Ann married Prof. Eaton, of Yale College. Wealthy and





Lydia passed their lives in Westville, where they died.

Lewis Bradley, fourth son of Lewis, and father of Henry M., was born in Westville, and reared upon his father's farm. Removing to Orange, he there purchased 200 acres of land and engaged in general farming and the raising of stock, besides carrying on the meat business. He was a Republican, and actively interested in politics. He was a strong Abolitionist, an ardent and vigorous friend of temperance, and frequently and cogently denounced the liquor traffic from the platform. In religious faith he was an earnest and consistent member of the Congregational Church, and he was a liberal contributor to church work. Mr. Bradley died in 1872, his widow in 1889. He married Charlotte, daughter of Miles Smith, of Milford, and a direct descendant of John Stone, of Guilford; Rev. Mr. Hooker, the founder of Hartford; Gov. William Leete, and John Downs, a gallant officer of the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley had seven children who reached maturity, three dying young. Of the two daughters, the elder, Anna L., is unmarried, and resides in New Haven. Lewis S. is a traveling salesman, and lives in New Haven. Emily L. died in August, 1875. Elias E. lived in Milford, where he held the offices of town agent, selectman and judge; he and his wife perished in the Peck's mill bridge disaster, Aug. 6, 1899. Henry M. is our subject. Otis B. succeeded A. N. Allen & Co. in the wholesale butter business, in New Haven; he is a resident of Derby. Charles E. is a bookkeeper for his brother.

Henry M. Bradley was born in Orange Nov. 24, 1847. He attended the public schools, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-three he became a conductor on the Derby railroad, and continued to fill that position for four years and three months. He then opened a bird fancier's establishment in New Haven, which he conducted for a year, and in 1876 he removed to Derby, where he has made his home up to the present time. For seven years he devoted himself to the cultivation and sale of vegetables, and in 1883 he added to this business the propagation of and dealing in flowers. From that time to the present he has followed this vocation, in which he has met with marked success, employing six men throughout the entire year. He is a man of prominence in the community and commands universal respect alike because of his business ability and his high moral character. Starting in life without money or influence to aid him to rise, he has climbed step by step from the position of railroad employe to that of a prosperous, well-to-do business man through his own honest effort and unwearied industry. The success of such a man may well be a source of pardonable self-congratulation, as well as a cause for legitimate pride on the part of his children. Mr. Bradley is a Republican in politics, and while not a professed member of any religious

body is an attendant upon the Congregational Church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor.

On Dec. 31, 1868, Mr. Bradley married Miss Maggie Croffut, who was born in Birmingham, a daughter of David K. Croffut, of Redding, Fairfield county. Her mother, Harriet M. (Treat), was a lineal descendant of Robert Treat, at one time governor of Connecticut. The Croffuts are of Welsh extraction, Mrs. Bradley's great-grandfather having come from Wales to America at an early day. Her great-grandfather on the paternal side was named Samuel, and her grandfather Eri. The latter was born in Redding, and was a manufacturer of combs. Mrs. Bradley was one of two daughters; her sister Louise became the wife of Elbee Treat, a farmer of Orange, who died in 1899. David K. Croffut died Jan. 17, 1899, at the age of eighty-eight, his wife passing away Nov. 19, 1896. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, a Republican, a strong temperance man, and a radical Abolitionist.

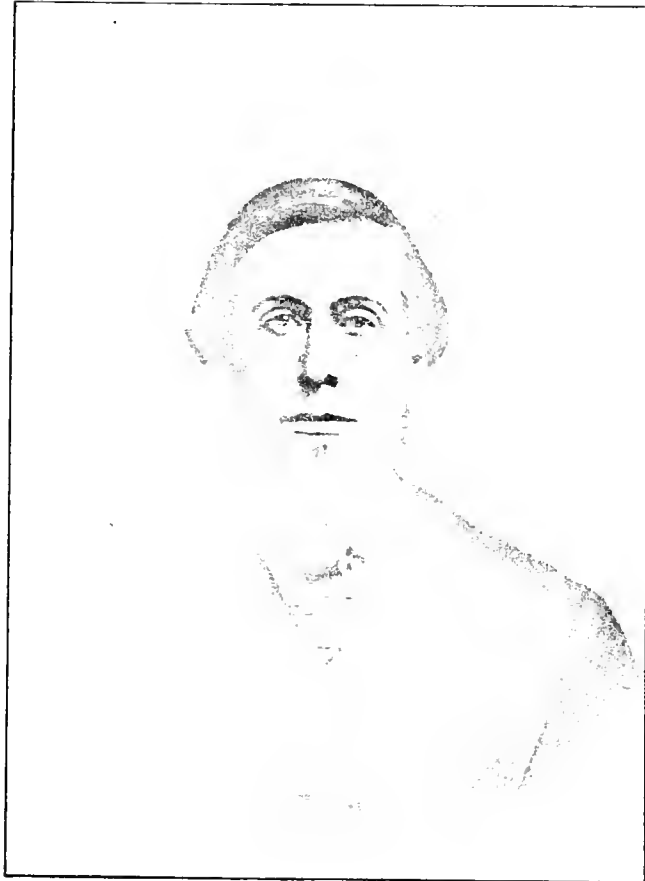
Five children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley: Charles C., born Nov. 3, 1869, who died Dec. 19, 1878; Matie Bell, born April 13, 1879, who died Oct. 13, 1880; Henry M., Jr., born Nov. 24, 1882; Charlotte, born Dec. 7, 1883; and Lewis H., born April 11, 1889.

ORRIN HALL (deceased), for many years a highly esteemed and honored citizen of Wolcott, belonged to one of the earliest families of New Haven county. The first of the name to come to America was John Hall, a native of England, who located in New Haven as early as 1639, and about 1670 removed to Wallingford, where he died in 1676, at the age of seventy-one years. He married Jane Woolen, and to them were born seven children, namely: John, who was baptized Aug. 9, 1646, at New Haven; Sarah, who was baptized at the same place, on the same date; Richard, born July 11, 1645; Samuel, born May 21, 1646, who died March 5, 1725; Thomas, born March 25, 1649; Jonathan, born April 5, 1651; and David, born March 8, 1652, who died July 17, 1727.

John Hall (2), son of the progenitor of this family in the New World, was married Dec. 6, 1666, to Mary Parker, a daughter of Edward Parker, of New Haven, and they located in Wallingford with the first planters, in 1670. There he died Sept. 2, 1721, aged eighty-six years, his wife passing away Sept. 22, 1725. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, born Aug. 11, 1670; Daniel, born July 26, 1672, who was married March 15, 1693, to Thankful Lyman; Mary, born June 23, 1675; Nathaniel, born Feb. 8, 1677; John, born March 14, 1681, who married Elizabeth Royce; Lydia, born Jan. 21, 1683; Samuel, born Dec. 24, 1686, who died Nov. 1, 1689; Esther, born Aug. 30, 1693; and Caleb, born Sept. 14, 1697.

Nathaniel Hall, son of John (2), spent his en-





HEMAN W. HALL.



tire life in Wallingford, dying there Aug. 16, 1757. In May, 1699, he married Elizabeth Curtis, who died Sept. 30, 1735, and he was married Sept. 15, 1736, to Lydia Johnson. His children were: Anos, born Jan. 24, 1700, who married Ruth Royce; Margaretta, born Dec. 21, 1701, who died Oct. 30, 1707; Caleb, born Jan. 3, 1703, who died May 11, 1766; Moses, born June 6, 1706, who died Feb. 15, 1765; Mary, born Oct. 30, 1707; Nathaniel, born April 17, 1711, who died Dec. 18, 1727; James, born April 23, 1713; Elizabeth, born Sept. 22, 1715; Desire, born June 19, 1719; and Heman, born Oct. 17, 1720.

Heman Hall was born in Wallingford, but spent the greater part of his life in Wolcott, where he owned land and engaged in farming. He was known as Lieut. Hall, winning his title by service in the militia. He was highly respected by the entire community in which he lived. He died in 1769, and was buried in the Wolcott Center cemetery. His widow, Elizabeth, married a Mr. Lee, died in 1804, and was also laid to rest in the Wolcott Center cemetery. Four children were born to Heman and Elizabeth Hall, namely: Curtis, in 1746; Heman, in 1750; Phoebe, wife of Deacon Joseph Atkin; and Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Byington, Jr.

Capt. Heman Hall, son of Lieut. Heman, was born in Wallingford in 1750, and moved with his parents to Wolcott, where he engaged in farming throughout life, passing his later days in that part of the town known as Woodtick. He was quite a prominent and influential man in his community, and was captain of the train band, the 9th Company, 15th Connecticut Militia. He died in June, 1795, and his remains were interred in the family burying-ground. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Finch, was born in 1746, and died Jan. 3, 1805. Their children were: Sally, who died young; Rebecca, who married Osee Bronson, and moved to New York State; Heman, who is mentioned below; Levi, who was baptized Sept. 18, 1778; Sally, baptized April 30, 1780; Ursula, baptized Aug. 18, 1782, who married Noah Walker, of Saybrook, Conn.; Sarah, born in 1780, who married a Mr. Willing, and died July 19, 1860; and Lizzie E., who married Daniel Byington.

Heman Hall, son of Capt. Heman Hall, was born on the old homestead in Wolcott in 1775, and made his home in Woodtick, where he died Feb. 4, 1848. He was commissioned sergeant in the militia at Farmington in 1797. He married Lydia Hitchcock, who was born in Southington Aug. 4, 1777, a daughter of David Hitchcock, and died Feb. 9, 1856. Of their children, Orrin, subject of this sketch, was the eldest: Ephraim, born Sept. 5, 1799, was the next in order of birth; Polly, born Aug. 17, 1801, was married Jan. 1, 1822, to William Plumb; Lydia, born June 21, 1804, was married June 24, 1823, to William Frost, and lived in East Farms, Waterbury; Rebecca F., born in Au-

gust, 1808, was married May 31, 1820, to William H. Payne, and settled in Waterbury; and Roxanna, born April 1, 1816, was married Sept. 30, 1838, to Laurin L. Stevens, and died Dec. 11, 1867.

Deacon Orrin Hall, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Woodtick, town of Wolcott, Oct. 11, 1797, and grew to manhood upon the home farm, receiving his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. For several years he worked at the carpenter's and joiner's trade, but later devoted his entire time and attention to the operation of the old homestead, upon which he continued to make his home until called from this life, Oct. 10, 1881. His remains were interred in the old Wolcott cemetery. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and he always took a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He was a devout member of the Congregational Church, in which he served as deacon; was a champion of every movement designed to promote the general welfare; a supporter of every enterprise for the public good; and materially aided in the advancement of all social, industrial and moral interests.

Mr. Hall married Miss Nancy Miner, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Upson) Miner, the former a soldier in the Revolutionary army. Mrs. Hall was born July 12, 1798, and died Feb. 9, 1873. To Deacon Hall and his wife came two children: (1) Heman W., born June 11, 1824, died Nov. 5, 1867. He married Betsey Ann Sperry, daughter of Joseph N. Sperry, and they had three children—Sarah Ursula, born April 17, 1847, was married Oct. 20, 1866, to Charles M. Potter, and resides in North Guilford; Ransom B., born July 12, 1852, is deceased (he is mentioned elsewhere); and Hattie L., born Jan. 10, 1863, is the wife of L. E. Hallock. Mrs. Heman W. Hall died Jan. 25, 1863, aged thirty-six years. (2) Harriet Julina, the only daughter of our subject, born Nov. 6, 1834, resides on the old homestead, where she tenderly cared for her parents during their declining years. She is a lady of culture and refinement.

JAMES H. KENNEY, proprietor of one of the leading meat markets of Naugatuck, New Haven county, was born in Hartford, Conn., Sept. 18, 1856. His father, John Kenney, was a native of County Westmeath, Ireland, and a son of Michael Kenney, a farmer, who spent his last days in Iowa. The latter had a family of four children, namely: John, father of our subject; James, a carpenter of Lytle City, Iowa; Patrick, a carpenter, who died in New Haven, Conn.; and Kate, wife of Luke Fields, a gardener.

John Kenney, father of James H., was twelve years of age when he crossed the Atlantic. He first located in Iowa, but after the death of his father came to Hartford, Conn., where he made his home for some years. He was a boot fitter, and ran the first wax-end machine at that place. In early man-



hood he wedded Mary Adamson, who was also born in Ireland, but came to the New World when quite young. Children as follows were born to them: James H., our subject; Mary, wife of Richard Ganley, of Waterbury; John, a mechanic of New York; Frank, a carriage painter of Bridgeport, Conn.; Joseph, who is clerking in the meat market of our subject; and Elizabeth, a resident of New Haven. The father died in that city in 1896, the mother in August, 1895. Both were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, and he was a Democrat in politics.

The subject of this review was a child of four years when the family removed from Hartford to New Haven, where he grew to manhood and was educated. He began his business career as clerk in the grocery and meat market of Peter McHugh, of that city, with whom he remained seven years, and on Jan. 4, 1877, came to Naugatuck, where he spent three years with Father Fagan. Returning to New Haven, he was engaged in the meat and grocery business there for some time, but in 1884 he again came to Naugatuck, where he worked for the Carrington Co. one year. Subsequently he was employed in a meat market at Union City, and in 1891 opened a market of his own, which he has since carried on, meeting with marked success in the undertaking.

On June 14, 1882, Mr. Kenney married Miss Agnes Campion, a native of Naugatuck, and a daughter of William and Catherine Campion, who were of Irish extraction. They have a family of five children: James, William, Raymond, Edmund and Harold. Mr. Kenney and his family are members of St. Francis Catholic Church, and he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, the A. O. H. of A., and the Knights of the Maccabees. He gives his unwavering support to the Democratic party and its principles, and is a recognized leader in public affairs in his community. He is now serving his fourth year as a member of the board of burgesses of Naugatuck, and is also a member of the board of relief.

MARCUS WILLARD MINOR, a thorough and skillful farmer who is now carrying on his chosen occupation with marked success in Cheshire, is a native of New Haven county, born in Waterbury July 29, 1853, and is a worthy representative of one of the prominent early families of the town of Wolcott, this county.

Marcus Minor, his paternal grandfather, was born in Wolcott in 1794, a son of Joseph Minor, from Lyme, Conn. He married Harriet Hotchkiss. He engaged in farming in his native town, and there his wife died, but his death occurred in Bristol, in 1871. They had three children: Marshall, father of Marcus Willard; a twin of Marshall who died in infancy; and Maria, wife of Willard Downs, who died in Wolcott.

Marshall Minor was born in 1825 in the town

of Wolcott, where he was reared and educated, and where, throughout his active business life, he engaged in farming. In politics he was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He wedded Miss Mary Downs, who was born in Waterbury in 1827, and died in 1862, and he died in his native town in 1866. In their family were four children, namely: Marcus Willard; George, a resident of Bristol, Conn.; Cornelia, wife of Bartlett Evans, of Bristol; and Henrietta, wife of Hubbard Frederick, of Bristol.

The early life of our subject was passed in Wolcott, Westville and Waterbury, and for nine years after starting out in life for himself he conducted a meat market in Meriden, Conn. In 1888 he came to Cheshire, where he now owns a well-improved and valuable farm of eighty-six acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and which he successfully operates. Like his father, he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, and in 1896 he was elected third selectman on his party ticket.

In January, 1875, in Waterbury, Mr. Minor was married to Miss Margaret Rogers, a native of Cornwall, Conn., and a daughter of Frank and Susan Rogers, early settlers of Connecticut, who died on the farm in Cheshire where their daughter now resides. To this union have been born five children: Frank, a resident of Waterbury; Mary A., wife of Arthur R. Barnes, of New York; Stella; Earl; and Elsie.

EDGAR THOMAS CLARK, a prominent resident of Milford, is a member of a well-known pioneer family which is now numerously represented in that section, being a descendant of George Clark, who came from England in 1639, and became one of the first settlers of Milford.

Elisha Clark, our subject's great-grandfather, resided in the town of Milford, at Woodmont, and died May 30, 1840, aged eighty-six years. Thomas Clark, his son, was also a native of Woodmont, born July 8, 1786, and died Dec. 15, 1854, aged sixty-eight years. On Jan. 2, 1812, he married Eunice Mallett, a native of Bridgeport, who died Oct. 1, 1867, aged eighty-one years. They made their home upon a farm in Woodmont, and seven children came to them, as follows: Lewis E., born April 4, 1813, was a painter by trade, and died in Woodmont June 29, 1846; Lanson B., born June 19, 1815, became a Methodist minister, and died March 5, 1866; Sarah A., born Dec. 30, 1817, married John P. Hubbard, a farmer of the town of Orange, and died Oct. 20, 1899, in Waterbury; Avis M., born Feb. 18, 1820, married Jonas Buckingham, a shoemaker of Milford, and died Oct. 13, 1883, aged sixty-three years; Nehemiah T., our subject's father, is mentioned below; Harriet A., born July 3, 1825, married Willis A. Law, a retired merchant of New Haven; and Mary E., born June 11, 1829, died Oct. 7, 1830.





Nehemiah T. Clark was born on the old homestead in Woodmont May 4, 1823, and died July 22, 1899. In early manhood he engaged in farming there, but he also conducted a factory for many years, making carriage spokes and hubs. He was an excellent citizen, was a Republican in politics, and a Congregationalist in religious faith. On Dec. 23, 1858, he married Abigail P. Baldwin, daughter of Samuel D. and Susan A. (Peck) Baldwin, of Milford. She died March 12, 1891, leaving three children, of whom (1) Edgar Thomas, our subject, is the eldest. (2) Annie B., born Dec. 25, 1860, married George A. Elmer, then of Milford, and now a resident of Stamford, Conn. (3) Bertha A., born Sept. 26, 1868, is at home.

Edgar T. Clark was born Dec. 14, 1859, in Woodmont, where he grew to manhood, the schools of the town affording him a practical education. He never learned a trade, and on June 12, 1882, he went to Milford to work in the shipping department of the straw factory, where he remained eight years. For some time afterward he was occupied with the care of his father's property, and for four years he conducted a grocery and bakery, but at present he merely looks after his rents and investments. He takes a loyal interest in all that concerns his town, and has for twelve years been a member of the Milford fire department, the local Grange, the Royal Arcanum, and the I. O. O. F. On Nov. 6, 1900, he was elected on the Republican ticket as representative of Milford for two years, and for years he has served as chairman of the board of assessors.

On Aug. 2, 1888, Mr. Clark married Anna L. Botsford, daughter of Treat Botsford, of Milford. She died Dec. 7, 1888, and on Oct. 30, 1895, he married Miss Charlotte M. Clark, of Orange, Conn., daughter of Henry M. Clark, of that town, and his wife, Ida Merwin, a native of New Preston, Conn. Mr. Clark is a member of the First Congregational Church, is a member of the First Ecclesiastical Society, and has been treasurer of same for the past six years.

EDWARD B. BRADLEY, a conductor on the New York & New Haven railroad, now residing at No. 100 Cliff street, Ansonia, was born March 20, 1845, in Newtown, this State, where the family had long been established. There his father, James W. Bradley, and his grandfather, Abijah Bradley, were born. The latter was in his early life a chair manufacturer, and in his later years a farmer. He reached the great age of ninety-one years.

James W. Bradley was reared on the farm, and in his early life learned the trade of chairmaking. For a number of years he was the proprietor and manager of a lunch counter and eating house in Newtown, and then moved to Derby, to take a position as stage driver between that city and Bridgeport. He was later given a run between Woodbury and the Derby docks. He had a stage from

Woodbury to Seymour, in connection with the Naugatuck railroad. Selling this stage route, he bought a farm in Southbury, which he cultivated for seven years, and then sold, going into a hotel at Seymour, which he conducted for a time. He then again became a farmer for a time, and afterward had a restaurant in New Haven, which he disposed of to take the "Madison House," and later the "Tontine Hotel," both in New Haven. For twenty-five years he was proprietor and manager of the "Tontine," where he died at the age of seventy-six years. He built up that hostelry until it became one of the leading hotels of the State; it has been patronized by many thousand people. James W. Bradley married Abigail Somers, who was born in Newtown. She became the mother of five sons, three of whom are still living: James Monroe, now in Muskegon, Mich.; Albert H., retired, and living in New Haven; and Edward B. Mrs. Bradley died in 1890, at the age of seventy-five. Both parents belonged to the First Methodist Church, and were highly respected people in their day.

Edward B. Bradley spent the earlier years of his life under the parental roof, and obtained his education in the public schools of the city. When he was eighteen years of age he left home and secured a position as driver on a stage running between Seymour and New Haven. Very shortly he bought this run, giving his note of \$1,500 to his father. This enterprise proved highly successful, and the young man spent seven years on the line. Mr. Bradley ran the first train on schedule time on the New Haven & Derby railroad, Aug. 9, 1871. There was not a platform along the line. Our subject was new at the business; not a ticket was sold, and he took all cash fares. He had a hard time, but he persevered, and is now known as one of the tried and capable conductors in the State. During the years that have intervened Mr. Bradley has witnessed a wonderful transformation, not only in the road, but in the region through which he passes. The road has become one of the best in New England, and the cities have greatly prospered. When Mr. Bradley began in this line two trains a day were sufficient for all the needs of the business. Now he goes over the line six times a day, and there are twelve other trains. He has seen but one wreck, and never has had a charge of any kind preferred against him. His record as a trainman is clean, and his showing as a man and citizen is equally good. Mr. Bradley lived in Seymour until 1881, when he moved to Ansonia.

Mr. Bradley was married, Nov. 29, 1866, to Celestia A. Steele, daughter of John B. and Emeline (Stewart) Steele, of Seymour, who had two children, Mrs. Bradley being now the only survivor. Her mother died in 1881, at the age of sixty-two years, and her father at the age of forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have one child, Emma, who married L. F. Anschutz, and is the mother of three



children, Edward Bradley, Louise F. and Lora May.

Mr. Bradley is a Republican in politics. He is a member of George Washington Lodge, F. & A. M.; Mount Vernon Chapter; New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar; Mechanics Lodge, No. 73, I. O. O. F., at Seymour; and is a charter member of the local division of the Order of Railway Conductors. He and his wife attend the First Congregational Church of Ansonia. Mr. Bradley has been remarkably successful throughout life, and stands to-day on an enviable plane, where his talents, business ability and upright and manly character alike command the respect and confidence of the public.

DAVID SMITH, a man highly esteemed for his many good qualities, was a direct descendant of George Smith, one of the first settlers of New Haven. He was born in West Haven Feb. 10, 1798, and died in that township at the age of seventy years. Left fatherless at an early age, he was reared by an uncle, and acquired such education as the district schools afforded. He became a carpenter by trade, and followed that calling in the South, but later returned to his old home in West Haven, where his declining years were spent. He built the house now occupied by Mrs. Beardsley, on the site of the first West Haven parsonage. In all affairs of the town he took an active part, and was ever in the van in any move that would advance the moral or material welfare of this community. Of the strictest integrity himself, he looked to find the same honesty of purpose in others, and his presence, with its fearlessness for the right, inspired what was best in his associates.

On Aug. 10, 1854, Mr. Smith married Susan Prudden, who was born in Orange, this county, Aug. 25, 1819, a daughter of Samuel Prudden, and a direct descendant of Rev. Peter Prudden, the first pastor of the church at Milford. Of this union was born Sept. 13, 1855, a son, David Prudden, who died Feb. 13, 1871. On Oct. 6, 1874, Mrs. Smith married Dr. Lucius N. Beardsley, whose life record may be found elsewhere in this volume.

Rev. Peter Prudden was a prominent preacher in England before emigrating to America. He came to Connecticut from Boston with the New Haven Colony and afterward led a branch colony to Milford. He married Joanna Boyse, daughter of an English clergyman. Rev. Peter Prudden was a college graduate, and a man of much natural ability. He was greatly esteemed as a peacemaker and as a wise counselor not only in his own community, but throughout the entire colony of New Haven. Of him Cotton Mather says, "his death was felt by the colony as the fall of a pillar, which made the whole fabric to shake."

Samuel Prudden, Mrs. Beardsley's father, was the son of Samuel Prudden, of North Milford, now

called Orange, and Anna Clark, a representative of another pioneer family of Milford. He was a successful teacher as well as an intelligent and enterprising farmer. Like others of his family he was identified with the Congregational Church. His wife, Susanna Smith, was the daughter of Captain Gould Smith, and through her mother was a descendant of Rev. Thomas Hooker.

Since Dr. Beardsley's death Mrs. Beardsley has resided in the home erected by Mr. Smith, as above stated, and is wearing her eighty-two years of a well-spent life with all the grace and dignity of a noble woman. Among her benefactions may be mentioned a tablet in the Milford Church, inscribed to the memory of its first pastor, Rev. Peter Prudden.

EDWARD T. ROOT was born in Waterbury Feb. 12, 1840, and his lifelong career in that city has been honorable and upright. George Root, his father, was born in 1796 in New York City, where he died at the age of ninety years.

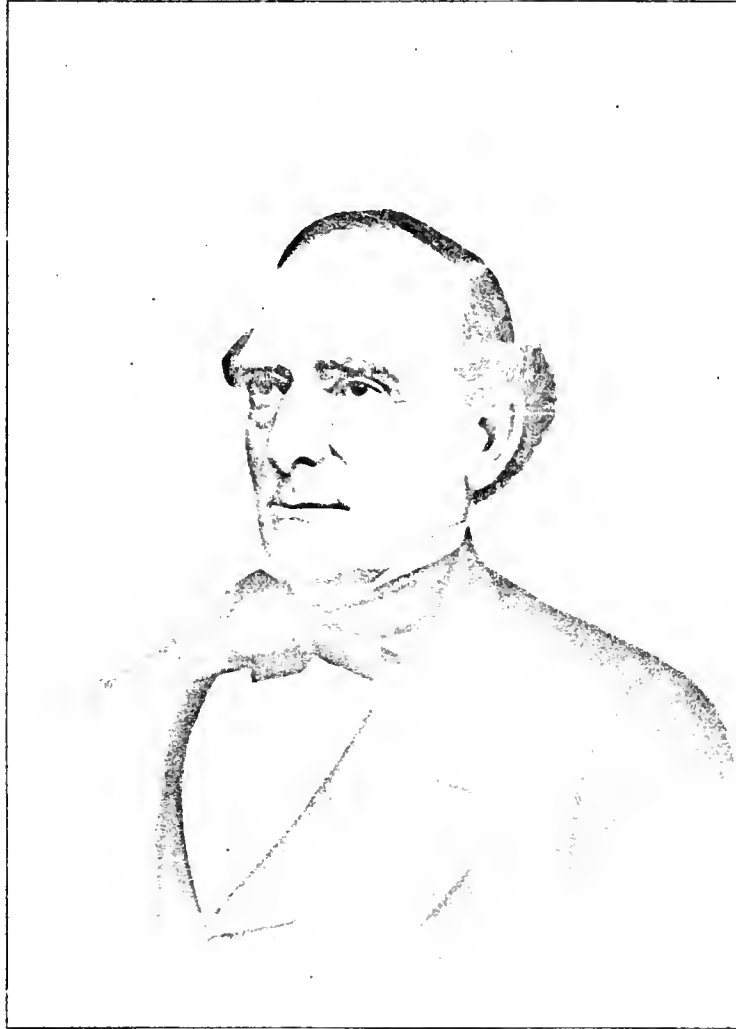
Reuben Root, the father of George, was born in Southington, Conn., and died in New York. He was of English extraction. He worked in New York as a ship carpenter during the war of the Revolution. He married Hannah George, and they had two children: George, the father of Edward T.; and Amos, who lived in New York, where he was a merchant, and died when quite young.

George Root, the father of Edward T., spent the first twenty-one years of his life in the city of New York, where he acquired his education, and where he learned the trade of cabinetmaker. When a boy he helped to make the coffin of Robert Fulton. In Waterbury he followed his trade as long as he was able to work, living there about seventy years. He married Temperance Bronson, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Samuel Bronson, and a granddaughter of Major Samuel Bronson, a soldier of the Revolution. George Root and his wife were the parents of three children, Jane A., Edward T. and Henry B. Jane married Samuel Pemberton, of Newark, N. J. George Root was a Whig, and in his later life a Republican. For many generations back the Roots were identified with the Congregational Church.

Edward T. Root spent his boyhood days in Waterbury, where he was reared. He attended the public schools until he reached the age of sixteen, when he became a clerk in the postoffice, holding that position for a year. For a time he also clerked, boy fashion, in his father's store, and in 1859 entered the insurance office of Hall & Smith. After a time Mr. Hall retired, and Mr. Smith continued the business alone for some years. About 1885 the firm became Smith & Root, and in 1896 the firm of Root & Boyd was formed. They write all kinds of insurance, and have a fine list of clients.

In 1868 Mr. Root married Miss Julia M. Rogers, of Chester, Vt., daughter of Isaac Rogers.





DAVID SMITH.



Mrs. Root died in 1886, and the only child of this union, Frederick H., died in January, 1895. In 1888 Mr. Root married Miss Caroline B. Blake, daughter of Dr. A. S. Blake, of Waterbury. Mr. Root is a Republican, and has been councilman, town assessor and representative of his town in the State Legislature. Fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and is a charter member of Continental Lodge, No. 76, F. & A. M., organized in 1862; he has been a member since 1862 of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F. As a member of the Waterbury Club he comes into contact with the best and leading men of the city, and in these circles his standing is unquestioned. With his family he attends Trinity Episcopal Church.

Mr. Root enlisted in the Union army in 1862, in Company A, 23d Conn. V. I., and was mustered out at New Haven the following year. He was taken prisoner and paroled, so that his experience of active warfare was limited.

HERBERT LOUIS BENTON, a farmer and dairyman in Guilford, was born April 16, 1843, and is a native of that town. The first of the name in Guilford was Edward Benton, a native of England, who died in Guilford in 1680. His wife, Anna, died in 1671. They had the following children: Edward; Daniel; Andrew, who married Elizabeth Rolfe; Hannah, who married Robert Ackerly; Mary, who married Samuel Thorp; John, who died young; Tabitha, who married Simon Simpson; Elizabeth; Sarah, who married Thomas Wright; and Zacheus.

Daniel Benton, the second child in the family of Edward, was born in 1638, and died June 10, 1672. He was a farmer and land owner, and belonged to the church. A man of character and standing, he ranked well in his day. He married Rachel Goodrich, who died in 1685, and they were the parents of four children: Joanna, who married John Turner; Ebenezer, mentioned below; Beltzah; and Rebecca, who married Joseph Halsey.

Ebenezer Benton was born in October, 1663, in Guilford, where his entire life was spent, engaged in farming. He was a prominent citizen, especially in church matters. He died on his farm June 22, 1758, and was buried in Guilford. His wife, Abigail, was born March 6, 1670, and died April 13, 1753; she was buried in the Guilford cemetery. They were married June 14, 1694, and their children were: Daniel; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Buell; Ebenezer, who married Esther Crittenden; Abigail, who married Ebenezer Crittenden; and Caleb, who married Sarah Stone.

Deacon Daniel Benton was born in Guilford June 1, 1695, and was a deacon of the Congregational Church. He died Aug. 25, 1756. In 1728 he married Elizabeth Stone, who was born Oct. 6, 1706, died in 1753, and was buried in Guilford. For his second wife he married Mrs. Sarah Seward, who died March 12, 1762. His family consisted of

the following children: Sarah; Daniel; Eli; Samuel; Jared, who married Elizabeth Collins; Silas, who married Abigail Lindsley; Nathan, who married Rachel Chittenden; Ann, who married Philip Mann; Elizabeth, who married Rufus Graves; Daniel James; and one that died in infancy.

Silas Benton, who was born July 25, 1739, was engaged in farming throughout life, and died March 19, 1828. On June 6, 1768, he married Abigail Lindsley, who was born in 1743, in Branford, and died in 1811. About the close of the year 1811 he married for his second wife Widow Lois Plant. He had the following children: Abigail; Daniel, who married Fannie Eliot; Joseph; Isaac, who married Sarah Robinson; Dan Lindsley; Julin; and Silas.

Dan Lindsley Benton, the grandfather of Herbert L. Benton, was born in 1780, and was a life-long farmer. He was a well-known citizen and a member of the church. He died June 18, 1859, and was buried in the West cemetery. On March 11, 1805, he married Betsy Seward, who was born in 1788, and died Aug. 20, 1865. They had the following children: David Merrick; Betsy Ann, who married Eli Parmelee; Dan Lindsley; Harriet, who married Samuel Davis; Clarissa, who married Nelson Hotchkiss; Lydia, who married Henry Rankin; Mary Elizabeth, who married Charles Landon; Ella Maria, who married Charles M. Stone; Richard Henry, who married Charlotte E. Parcus; John, who married Catherine L. Kelsey; Martha Seward, who married Deacon Edwin O. Davis, of Guilford; and David Merrick (2), who married Frances S. Smith.

Dan Lindsley Benton, father of Herbert L., was born March 5, 1810, on the Guilford farm, where he received a good common-school education, and was reared to farming, which was his life business. He owned a large tract of land at Sachen's Head, on which he made extensive improvements. In politics he was a Democrat. He died in 1894, and was buried in the West cemetery in Guilford. In 1833 he married Martha M. Norton, who was born Nov. 20, 1811, and died June 12, 1835. They were the parents of one child, Darwin M. For his second wife Mr. Benton was married, May 30, 1841, to Elizabeth Blakeslee, who was born June 29, 1818, in Northford, and is still living. To this union were born three children: Herbert Louis; Charles Lindsley, who resides on the homestead; and Edward W., also making his home on the homestead.

Herbert Louis Benton was born on the homestead April 16, 1845, attended the district school and Guilford Academy, and remained on the farm until after his marriage, when he began farming on the place where he is now located. Mr. Benton has also been a carpenter and a boatbuilder. He is a hard worker, and is much respected for his industry. In religious connection he is a member of the Episcopal Church, where he officiates as a vestryman. His political affiliation is with the Democratic





party; he has never sought an office. Mr. Benton was married, in Guilford, June 11, 1885, to Miss Fannie M. Eliot, daughter of Louis R. and Fannie (Griswold) Eliot, both of whom are deceased, and is the father of two children: Eliot H., born Sept. 16, 1889; and Ruth E., born Oct. 15, 1892.

ELIAS W. DAVIS, M. D., Seymour, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Paxton in 1855, a grandson of Deacon David Davis, also born in Paxton, who married Patty Howe in 1780 or 1785, and had a family of ten children. He was a captain of a militia company formed after the Revolutionary war, which corps he drilled to such perfection that it became known as one of the crack companies of that day. Up to the time of his death he was a deacon of the Congregational Church.

David G. Davis, father of our subject, is the youngest of the ten children born to Deacon David Davis, and at the present time is living in Worcester, Mass., at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. He was engaged in farming, also in the manufacture of boots and shoes and was prominent in business enterprises till within a few years ago. For twenty-five years he was a selectman, and at one time represented his town in the State Legislature of Massachusetts. He married Sarah Gilbert Earle, of Paxton, Mass., and through her the family is traced to old English ancestry, though the first Davis ancestor was a Welshman. Five children were born of this union, all yet living, viz.: William P., Eliza A., David, Elias W. and Gilbert G. Of these, William P. is a physician in Reading, Mass.; Eliza A. married John Davis Hudson, a cabinetmaker of Mason City, Ill., and died in 1900; David, a boot manufacturer in Wilkesbarre, Penn., married Mary Sherman; Gilbert G., who carries on a printing and blank-book manufacturing business in Worcester, Mass., married Minnie Warren, of Worcester.

Elias W. Davis, the subject proper of this sketch, lived in Paxton Hills, Mass., until he was fifteen years of age, receiving his primary education at the district schools, after which he prepared for Yale College at the Leicester and Worcester (Mass.) Academies, graduating in the class of 1880. He then returned home and because of poor health took up farming. In 1889, having in the meantime married, he moved with his family to New Haven, where he commenced the study of medicine in Yale Medical College, graduating in June, 1892, from the Medical School, after which he commenced the practice of his profession in Seymour, Conn., where he is meeting with eminent success.

On Nov. 5, 1883, Dr. Elias W. Davis married Eliza H. Dodd, a native of Paxton, Mass., and a descendant of the celebrated Bigelow family of that State. Two children, both daughters, have been born to this union: Florence Marion, 1893; and Gertrude Elizabeth, 1895. The parents are members of the Congregational Church. Socially the Doctor is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge,

No. 47, F. & A. M., and with Evening Star Chapter, No. 45, of Seymour. He is medical examiner for the town of Seymour, and one of the medical directors of the State Masonic Home at Wallingford, Conn. As a physician there is none more prominent or popular in the county. In his office stands an old-fashioned desk that has been handed down in the family for some one hundred forty years, a work of art which at once suggests the time honored saying: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

FREDERICK W. HUBBELL, one of the valiant defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and the present efficient superintendent of the Oxford town farm, has made his own way in the world without the aid of influence or wealth, and has arisen to a position of prominence through his own well-directed efforts, his native genius and acquired ability being the stepping-stones on which he has mounted. He was born in Oxford March 24, 1844, a son of Everett and Jane E. (Sperry) Hubbell, natives of the same place. In their family were nine children, eight sons and one daughter, namely: Samuel; John Henry; Frederick W.; Wales, deceased; Lewis; George; Charles and Henry W., both deceased; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Frederick W. Hubbell was born and reared on a farm, and received his education in the common schools. At the tender age of seven years he began earning his own livelihood by working for his board and clothes for Capt. Hull, with whom he remained seven years, and then worked as a farm hand for others until he entered the service of his country during the Civil war. On June 7, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B, 20th Conn. V. I.; was mustered into the United States service at New Haven; from there was ordered to Washington, D. C.; and later to Alexandria, Va. His first engagement was at Chancellorsville, and the second at Cassville, where he was wounded in the left side by a minie ball; however, he was never absent from duty one day. Later he participated in the battles of Gettysburg and Savannah, and the siege of Atlanta. After leaving the last named city he was detailed as a scout, and while on a scouting expedition near Columbia, Va., was captured, but soon afterward he and two companions escaped, and he was finally exchanged. Shortly after this Mr. Hubbell received a furlough and returned home, and while here Lee surrendered, thus putting an end to the war. Since then he has made his home in Oxford with the exception of two years spent at Naugatuck, Conn. In 1882 he was appointed superintendent of the Oxford town farm, and has most capably and satisfactorily filled that position ever since. He also owns and operates a fine farm of ninety acres in the same town, and in all his undertakings has met with most excellent success.

In 1865 Mr. Hubbell was united in marriage with Miss Alice E. Gates, of Simsbury, Conn., and



to them have been born three children: Burton E.; Arthur D.; and one who died in infancy. Fraternally Mr. Hubbell is a member of Upson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., of Seymour; and politically is identified with the Republican party. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to public office, and he has served as constable thirty years and deputy sheriff for five years, filling the latter position at the present time.

WILLIAM H. EVANS, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a highly esteemed citizen of Woodbridge, was born in Middletown, Middlesex Co., Conn., April 5, 1840, a son of Chauncey and Clarissa (Maynard) Evans, also natives of that place, where they made their home throughout life. The father was engaged in farming near Middletown, now Cromwell, and there died at the age of sixty years. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Mr. Maynard, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and died in 1837. Our subject had an older sister, Delia, who died young, and a half-brother, Bissell Starks, who was a soldier of the Civil war and was numbered among the missing.

Mr. Evans' advantages for securing an education were limited to a brief period in the common schools, for after his sixth year he was dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. In 1862 he enlisted in the 24th Conn. V. I.,—a regiment composed of Middletown volunteers. Though he enlisted for only nine months, he was in the service thirteen, and during that period took part in some of the fiercest engagements of the war. During the siege of Fort Hudson he was in the rifle pits twenty-five consecutive days, and was so exhausted from exposure that he had to be carried out on a stretcher. He well remembers the landing of Dewey and his companions from their ill-fated ship after it had been fired by the forts along the river. From days of marching and fighting, and nights of exposure in rains and dews, Mr. Evans has never recovered, though he was able to work for many years, but for the last two years he has been compelled to give up his employment.

Soon after returning from the South he moved to New Haven and secured employment on the street railway, running on the Fair Haven route for one year, and for nearly three years on the West Haven route. He was afterward employed by J. Woodruff (now deceased), revenue collector for this district, from whom he has a letter of praise for faithful service. For the following twenty-six years he was with the West Haven Buckle Co., or until May, 1897, when he was forced to retire on account of ill health, and rented property in Woodbridge, where he is now living a quiet life, engaging in market gardening in a small way. He has real estate and two houses in West Haven which he rents.

In Middletown Mr. Evans was married, in 1860, to Susan Hampton, who died leaving three children, namely: George, born July 21, 1861, is now

a wealthy and influential man of the State of Washington, where he is extensively engaged in the lumber business; Clarence, born Dec. 25, 1865, is in the theatrical business; and Lilly, born Oct. 27, 1867, is the wife of James Henry, of New Haven. In 1882 Mr. Evans was again married, his second union being with Martha Crosby, by whom he has one daughter, Mabel, born Nov. 5, 1888. Mr. Evans attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is an honored member of Admiral Foote Post, No. 17, G. A. R., of New Haven, with which he has been connected since 1885. He affiliates with the Republican party, and in the past took a somewhat active part in politics, though he never aspired for public favors. As a citizen, friend and neighbor he is true to every duty and justly merits the esteem in which he is held.

LOTHAR ALEXANDER MORTIMER, BARON von GRAVE, was born at Birresborn, near Gerolstein, Prussia, Sept. 1, 1858, son of Friedrich Wilhelm Mortimer, Baron von Grave, who was born Oct. 18, 1824, and died Oct. 9, 1896. The latter married Friederica Rosalia Knaff, who was born April 15, 1833, and is still living, making her home with her son Lothar. The father was a distinguished officer in his prime, and held the rank of captain in the Prussian army. To him and his wife were born: Lothar A. M., the subject proper of these lines. Anna Louisa Cathinka, Baroness von Grave, born Aug. 6, 1862, died Dec. 11, 1896; she married Eugene Pezoldt, of Saxony, Germany. Elsa Rosalie Alfredine, Baroness von Grave, born June 4, 1875, married Alberto Jonas, the pianist and director of the Michigan Conservatory of Music, at Detroit, Mich.; she is a gifted musician, has pursued her studies under the instruction of the most eminent professors of music in Europe, and has made several highly successful tours of foreign countries, winning golden encomiums everywhere.

Carl Friederich Gustaph, Baron von Grave, the grandfather of Lothar, was born Feb. 22, 1792, and died April 29, 1876. He was a well-known and highly honored general in the Prussian Cavalry. He married Maria Hyacintha Anna Rietz, born in 1806, who died May 10, 1872. The great-grandfather of Lothar was Johann Hieronymus, Baron von Grave, who was born Aug. 18, 1734, and died May 16, 1798. He was secretary of war under the Prussian government. Frederica Louise Christiane, Baroness von Hoffstedt, his wife, was born Oct. 14, 1766, and died April 1, 1847. N. Baron von Grave, his father, was counselor and supreme judge of the Duchy of Bremen. He was born in 1680, and died in 1752. He married the Baroness von Eberhorn.

Documents are in existence which mention the von Graves as knights fighting under Thassilo, of Bavaria, in the ninth century, later during the Crusades. They settled in different parts of the



country, and held high offices at court. Joachim II, Nestor and his successor, in their fight against the rebellious nobility in 1537, destroyed their castles "Weissenfels" and "Nimmersatt," but their descendants were allowed by the King of Prussia to return to their ancestral holdings in 1701.

On April 30, 1890, Lothar von Grave married Mrs. Gabrielle (D'Alton) Sweet, who was born July 4, 1863, and died July 13, 1893. They adopted one son, Frederick Sweet, who was born June 1, 1884, in New York, and had one daughter, Elsa Rosalia Valeska Ethel, who was born Nov. 23, 1891, at Ballardvale, Mass., where she died June 12, 1892. Mr. von Grave was married, Dec. 11, 1895, to Miss Deborah Waldo, at Mount Vernon, N. Y., who was born in Hudson, N. Y., daughter of Henry and Sarah (Heath) Waldo. Their home is regarded as one of the most artistic, and as well as one of the most highly cultured centers of refined society in the State. It is situated in Academy street, in Wallingford, and is the old home of Col. A. H. Dutton, from whose daughter, Miss Emily Dutton, it was purchased. On this ground many years ago stood the first school in Connecticut, called the "Academy." In February, 1897, the place was named "Ellguth," after the old estate of Mr. von Grave's family. "Gross Ellguth," in Prussian Silesia, containing 1,624 acres, and now in the possession of his cousin, Major Hugo von Grave. The Wallingford property was in the possession of the Dutton family from 1664 until its recent sale.

Mrs. von Grave is descended from Deacon Cornelius Waldo, the emigrant ancestor of the Waldo family, who came from England, and settled in Ipswich, Mass. He removed in 1657 to Chelmsford. Mrs. von Grave is also a direct descendant of William Swain, who came to Watertown, Mass., in 1635, and was one of a commission sent to superintend the rising colony of Connecticut. Mr. von Grave is president of the Alderidge Art Company, of Wallingford, and holds the same position in the Wallingford Camera Club. He is vice-president of the Wallingford Golf Club, in which recreation he and his wife are enthusiasts.

Mr. von Grave has had an eventful and varied history. Born in Germany, he was educated in the Latin and Military schools. With the present Emperor, William II, he attended the university at Bonn, taking a special course in the history of art, archeology and history. In due time, entering the Prussian army as a cadet, he was promoted to lieutenant, and by permission of the Emperor, William I, took part in the Turko-Austrian war. Coming home wounded, he retired from the service, and devoted his entire time to a systematic study of the fine arts, devoting special attention to art, archeology and history. Graduating from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts at Munich, where he had for teachers Profs. Lindenschmidt, Piloty, and Kaulbach, Hans Makart, from Vienna, and Piglheim, from Paris, he studied the specimens of ancient and

medieval art through Germany, Russia, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Asia Minor and Egypt, where he engaged in the excavation of the Sakkareh pyramid. Returning to Munich, he opened a studio, and his first picture, "The Hunting Scene," purchased by Prince Regent Luitpold, of Bavaria, now adorns the private Royal Gallery. Coming to this country on a visit, Mr. von Grave was so impressed with its possibilities that he decided to remain here. Locating first in New York, he opened a studio in the Knickerbocker building, where his time was fully occupied in making original drawings for the well-known firm of J. Ottman, in the Puck building. Later he turned his attention to architecture, carrying off several prizes for designs for public buildings. He soon found himself wrapped up in industrial art, and was called upon constantly for designs for silver, bronzes, ceramics and interior decorations. Becoming head designer for the Craighead & Kintz Co., he went to Massachusetts to superintend work in that line. When the head of that company retired Mr. von Grave accepted the offer of his present position, from H. L. Judd & Co., at their Wallingford factory, where he has charge of the art department, an excellent force of modelers, chasers, pattern-makers and casters, altogether about fifteen people under his direction.

Mr. von Grave is a member of Compass Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Ivy Lodge, K. P., where he is aide-de-camp on the brigadier general's staff, with the rank of major in the uniformed rank of the K. P. His splendid education, extensive travels and high social connections on both sides of the Atlantic render Mr. von Grave one of the most cosmopolitan of men, while his liberal ideas and generous disposition win for him the steadfast friendship and devotion of those who have tasted the hospitality of his cosy and artistic home.

BERKELEY S. HOTCHKISS, a retired grocery merchant of Waterbury, was born in Prospect, New Haven county, Sept. 21, 1826, and descends from one of New England's very old Colonial families, which may be traced to England, as follows:

David Miles Hotchkiss, father of Berkeley S., was also born in Prospect; Esquire Frederick, father of David, was born in Waterbury (now Prospect), and was a son of David, the elder, who was born in Waterbury, a son of Deacon Gideon, who served in the Revolutionary war; Deacon Stephen, father of Gideon, was an early settler of Cheshire, Conn., and was a son of Ensign Joshua, whose father, Samuel Hotchkiss, came from England, and founded the family in New Haven in 1641.

Esquire Frederick Hotchkiss, grandfather of Berkeley S., was a farmer by vocation. He married Rhoda Hopkins, daughter of Esquire John Hopkins, and they reared a family of four chil-





Berkley Hotchkiss





dren, viz.: Marilla, who married Libeus Sanford, a farmer of Broome county, N. Y.; Julia, who married Jonah Woodruff, of Waterbury, and went to Broome county, N. Y., where she passed the remainder of her days; David Miles, father of Berkeley S.; and Clarissa, who married Elisha Hall, a farmer of Broome county, N. Y. Esquire Frederick Hotchkiss was the first initiated member of Harmony Lodge, F. & A. M.

Hon. David Miles Hotchkiss was reared to manhood in Prospect, where he engaged in farming and became an influential citizen. He married Zeruah Stevens, of Naugatuck, daughter of Martin Stevens, a blacksmith, and they became the parents of eight children: (1) Emily (deceased) married B. B. Brown, of Broome county, N. Y., and had two sons, of whom Frederick Hotchkiss is now a prominent merchant of New Haven, Conn.; and Clarence H. is with Hall, Simpson & Co., of Wallingford. (2) Laura married A. Sidney Plumb, a farmer of Prospect, son of Major Orrin Plumb, of Wolcott; both Mr. and Mrs. Plumb are now deceased. (3) Hervey Dwight was a prominent manufacturer, and lived and died in Meriden, where his son Frederick is now a prosperous wholesale merchant. (4) Henry K., known as Major Hotchkiss, lived in Bristol, and died in Ansonia; his son, William H., is a member of the firm of J. N. Adam & Co., prominent merchants of Buffalo, N. Y. (5) Frederick died when a young man, in Virginia. (6) Berkeley S., sixth in the order of birth, is the subject of this sketch. (7) Edward is an insurance agent in Binghamton, N. Y. (8) Richard was a merchant in Atlantic City, N. J., where he died. After the death of his first wife David M. Hotchkiss married Mrs. Hannah (Doolittle) Bristol, of Cheshire, and by this union had two children: Julia E., who married Frederick A. Sanford, formerly of Windsor, N. Y., but now of Westfield, Mass.; and David B., who resides on the old homestead in Prospect. Hon. David Miles Hotchkiss was first a Whig in politics, and then became an avowed Abolitionist. He filled a number of local offices, had the town set off and named Prospect in 1827, represented it many times in the State Legislature, and was recognized as the most progressive and prominent resident of the place. He passed away in the faith of the Congregational Church, at the ripe old age of eighty-one years.

Berkeley S. Hotchkiss grew to manhood on the farm in Prospect, and began life for himself by teaching school in Cheshire in the winters several years, and he also for a year and a half taught its center public school winter and summer. He then formed a partnership with Howard C. Ives and engaged in the grocery business, in which they prospered, continuing thus for two years. In 1861 Mr. Hotchkiss sought the broader field of Waterbury, and opened up in the same line of trade, which he most successfully followed for twenty-three

years, when he retired on a competence—the fruit of his careful consideration of the needs of the public and of his strict integrity in all transactions.

On April 12, 1851, Mr. Hotchkiss was happily joined in marriage, by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, with Miss Catherine A. Harper, of Binghamton, who was born in Windsor, Broome Co., N. Y., daughter of George and Sally (Butler) Harper. Three children have blessed this union: Lillian May, born Nov. 16, 1854, graduated from Vassar College in the class of 1877, and died Oct. 2, 1898; she united with the Second Congregational Church May 3, 1868. Sara Catherine, born March 1, 1860, married F. A. Drexel, of Detroit, Mich. William Berkeley, born Feb. 9, 1867, is a member of the firm of Hotchkiss & Templeton, hardware merchants in Waterbury. In politics Mr. Hotchkiss is a staunch Republican. In religious belief he and his family are Congregationalists, and in social circles none stand higher in Waterbury.

George Harper, father of Mrs. Hotchkiss, was born March 1, 1793, in Windsor, N. Y., a son of Judge George Harper, and died Nov. 8, 1859. By occupation he was a farmer. On June 18, 1818, he married Sally Butler, who was born Dec. 10, 1802, in Deposit, Delaware Co., N. Y., daughter of Samuel Butler, a representative of the Butlers of Braintree, England, one of whom settled in Cambridge, Mass., in 1632. Several male members of the Butler family located in Michigan and attained considerable prominence. Mrs. Sally (Butler) Harper died June 14, 1878. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. George Harper were the following children: Ruth, Butler, Catherine A., Edgar, William, Henry, John L. (a prominent banker of Detroit, Mich.) and Mary (who married G. D. Crane, a prominent resident of Cheshire, Connecticut).

MARION A. MORRIS holds a position as a high-class mechanic that at once reflects honor upon his character, and shows the worth of the man. In the full prime of his manly powers, he commands the confidence of those whose interests he so well conserves, and has long held the respect and good will of the community.

Mr. Morris was born in the town of Waterbury, Conn., June 3, 1852, a son of William F. Morris, a native of Litchfield, Conn., where he first saw the light Feb. 22, 1828. The grandfather of Marion A. was John N. Morris, who was a son of Sheldon and Polly (Chatfield) Morris. John N. was a cooper by trade, and died in Bridgeport. William F. Morris grew up in Litchfield, and married Miss Elizabeth A. Scott, a native of Waterbury, Conn. The young couple settled in Oakville, Conn., where he was a foreman in the American Mills. They were the parents of three children: Marion A., Etta L. and Addie F. Etta L. married William E. Crane, who is the mechanical engineer of the New England Engineering Co., of Waterbury. Addie F. is unmarried, and is book-



keeper for the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co. William F. Morris died June 8, 1872, and his widow is still living. They were both Episcopals. Politically he was a Republican.

Marion A. Morris spent his boyhood and youth in Waterbury, and received his education in the local schools. When the time came for the young man to make his own way he entered the Waterbury Suspender Co., and was at work in their factory some two years. The period of his employment with Maltby, Hopson & Brooks, manufacturers, covered six years. For three months Mr. Morris worked in Harrison's machine shop, at New Haven, and fourteen months with the Excelsior Needle Co. At the expiration of this time he came back to Waterbury, and was with the American Mills Co. one year; with the Oakville Pin Co. eight months; and was then employed seven years by the Plume & Atwood Co. Mr. Morris then entered the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., and for the past nineteen years he has been in their factory, now holding a position as foreman, and he is one of their most trusted employes.

Mr. Morris was married, Oct. 20, 1881, to Miss Sarah J. Dodds, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of William and Harriet Dodds, both natives of Scotland. William Dodds came to Waterbury when about twenty-five years old, and married here; he was engineer for the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Co., and for the Plume & Atwood Co. about forty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Dodds are the parents of two children: Harriet E., who married Edgar S. Buckingham, of Shelton, Conn., and died Jan. 4, 1897; and Sarah J. Mrs. Dodds died Feb. 3, 1899, and at present Mr. Dodds is retired from active business labors. Mr. Morris and his wife have two children: William D., who died in infancy; and Harriet D. Politically Mr. Morris is a Republican; and fraternally is a Mason, having his membership in Federal Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to various protective orders, such as the A. O. U. W., the R. A., and the Woodmen of the World. The Morris family are all affiliated with the Episcopal Church, with which our subject and his wife are closely associated.

FREDERICK K. PERRY, who is now successfully engaged in the job printing business in Naugatuck, was born in Sandisfield, Mass., in 1847, a son of E. G. and Martha (White) Perry, the former born in Oneida county, N. Y., the latter near Winsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., and both are now deceased. The father was engaged in business both in New York and this State as a contractor and builder, which pursuit his father also followed. They were active members of the Congregational Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. Their children were Jennett, now deceased; Edwin R., who became a farmer in Iowa, and served as a soldier in the Civil war, but is now deceased; Philo B., who engaged in mercantile business in

Texas, and on the outbreak of the Civil war espoused the Confederate cause, and died in 1865, from disease contracted in the army; Frederick K.; Lavinia W., who married George W. Ball, of Chicopee, Mass., and died in Westfield, Mass. (Mr. Ball has since married and now lives in Chicago, Ill.); and Philinda M., who is now Mrs. Edwin B. Alfred, of Harwinton, Connecticut.

Frederick K. Perry attended school in Winchester, Conn., until sixteen years of age, and then entered the Winsted *Herald* office as an apprentice to the printer's trade, remaining there about three years. Going to Hartford, he worked on various papers in that city for four years, and was later for seven years a compositor on the Springfield *Republican* at Springfield, Mass. At the end of that time he went to Waterbury, Conn., where after working on different newspapers he spent two years in a job office. He continued to work at his trade for others until 1891, when he purchased the business of which he has since had control, and is now doing a large job and general printing business. He also conducted a paper called the *Advocate* for some time, its object being to advocate the principles of single tax. For years he has made a thorough and careful study of that subject, and has written many able articles and also lectured on the same. His arguments are logical and convincing, and he has become a recognized leader among the advocates of the single tax in his section of the State. In politics he is independent, and in his fraternal relations is a member of the Grange and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Perry has been twice married, his first wife being Sarah M. Lane, of Winsted, who died leaving two children: Leslie E., a telegraph operator; and Philo B., who is with his father in business. For his second wife Mr. Perry married Jessie Davis, by whom he has a son, Harold R.

JARED P. KING, an energetic and enterprising contractor and builder of Waterbury, is one of the workers of that busy city who stands out conspicuously by reason of his thorough work and substantial construction. What he does, stays; and he is in every sense a straightforward and reliable man.

Mr. King was born Sept. 13, 1848, in Springfield, Bradford Co., Pa., in which locality Edward King, his father, was a farmer. Edward King married Anna Phillips, whose parents came from England, and who died Sept. 24, 1853. Five children came to them: Violetta, born Aug. 23, 1844; Loiza, born Oct. 15, 1846; Jared P., born Sept. 13, 1848; one child, born in 1850, who died in infancy; and Lewis E., born March 26, 1853. Both the daughters reached maturity. One married, but did not live many years afterward. The other died when a young lady. Lewis was working at his trade—printing—in New York when his health gave way, and he went South, where he died in 1899.



He and his wife lived in New Jersey with her parents, and they all preceded him to the grave. Edward King, the father, married again, and had several children by his second wife. He went West a number of years ago.

Jared P. King was bound out to an aunt when he was about five years old, and was taken from his home to Stamford, Conn., where he lived until he was ten years of age. In 1858 his aunt, who had married, moved to Waterbury, and here Jared P. finished his education, and began his life work. He learned the trade of carpenter under the instruction of A. C. Peck, and went to work for the Waterbury Coal & Lumber Co., in their sash and blind factory, remaining with them some nine years. Mr. King found employment on leaving that firm with the People's Coal & Ice Co., where he remained about one year. For three years he was with the Mathew & Willard Manufacturing Co., and then began business for himself as a contractor and builder. Mr. King is still working on a modest scale, but what he has done is of the very best character, and the general public is coming to know that no better work can be secured in the city than what Mr. King has to offer.

On May 10, 1870, Mr. King married Miss Sarah J. Platt, daughter of Alfred LeGrand Platt. A history of the Platt family appears elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. King are the parents of two children: Lilian A., who was born June 10, 1872, and died the same year; and Rupert V., who was born Oct. 17, 1882, and is still living.

Mr. King is a Republican on general political issues, but in local affairs seeks the best men for the various positions. He is a Knight Templar, and his connection with the Masonic fraternity dates from 1876. Two years before that date he united with the Odd Fellows, and is a member of Townsend Lodge. He is also associated with several of the smaller societies. With his family he attends the Baptist Church.

HARVEY BEAUMONT, one of the old and popular residents of the town of Wallingford, is a man whose high character merits the esteem in which he is held. A son of John and Ann (Tyler) Beaumont, he was born on the Beaumont homestead, May 5, 1840, and acquired his education in the neighboring district school. Harvey Beaumont remained on the family homestead, assisting his father in his farming operations, until he reached the age of forty years. In 1880 he bought a farm of seventy acres of Elijah Hungerford, and since that time has been engaged in its cultivation. While he is classed as a general farmer, he is working more and more into fruit culture. Since purchasing his place he has made many substantial and attractive improvements, building a house, barns and other structures necessary to the economical and profitable transaction of his business.

Mr. Beaumont was a soldier in the Civil war,

and donned the Union blue in 1862, when he enlisted as a member of Company B, 27th Conn. V. I., and spent nine months in the service. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and was honorably discharged and mustered out at New Haven.

Mr. Beaumont has been twice married, Melissa Foster becoming his wife in 1881. Born at East River, Madison, Conn., she was a daughter of Alansen Foster, and died Dec. 10, 1882. Julia (Mix) Bailey, his second wife, was born in Wallingford, and was a daughter of Elihu and Polly (Hull) Mix, and the widow of Henry Bailey, of Durham. One child, Edmund Mix, born in June, 1890, has blessed this union. Mr. Beaumont is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for office. A pioneer in the culture of tobacco, he has been very successful in that line. Domestic in his habits and quiet in his tastes, he is liberal in his church views and upright in all his business dealings.

HON. CLIFFORD J. ATWATER, attorney and counselor at law, is one of the prominent and worthy citizens of Seymour. We will confine ourselves to a brief sketch of his life, leaving it to the readers individually to supply the spirit of court-eousness, integrity and uprightness which has ever characterized his dealings with his fellow men.

Clifford J. Atwater was born in Collinsville, Conn., Nov. 8, 1858. He is of English descent, and his ancestors were among the early settlers of New Haven, in 1635. James Atwater, his father, was also born in Collinsville, and his grandfather, Stephen H. Atwater, was born in Russell, Mass., a son of Benjamin Atwater, of that town. Stephen H. Atwater was a farmer, and pursued that vocation in Collinsville, to which town he removed when a young man, there residing until his death, at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Azubah Barber, who was born in Canton, and lived to be eighty years of age. Two children were born of this marriage, James, the father of our subject, being the only son. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. Atwater were members of the Congregational Church in Collinsville.

James Atwater was reared on a farm, and received his education in the Connecticut schools. He took charge of the farm in Collinsville, and, at the age of seventy-seven years, still resides in that town. He married Mary G. Stewart, one of the eight children of James Stewart, a farmer of Blandford, Mass., who resided in that town until his death. Two children were born of this union, namely: Clifford J., our subject; and Clayton W., a prosperous nurseryman, residing in Collinsville. Mr. and Mrs. James Atwater are members of the Congregational Church, and beloved by their friends and neighbors.

Clifford J. Atwater spent his early years on the farm, was educated in the Connecticut schools, and is a graduate of the Collinsville high school. At



twenty years of age he began teaching, and later entered Bates College, at Lewiston, Maine, where he remained until he graduated from the academic course, in 1883. He then studied law with W. W. Bidwell, of Collinsville, satisfactorily passed his examination, and was admitted to the Bar in Hartford in 1885, after which he took a short trip to South Dakota. Returning to the East, he opened an office in November, 1885, in Seymour, where he has since followed his profession. He is the only lawyer there, and commands a fine general practice, coming in contact with all the older practitioners in the lower end of the valley, and practicing in all the courts.

In politics Mr. Atwater is a Republican, and he has been a member of the Republican committee for several years. He has satisfactorily served the people in various capacities for a number of years. In 1886 he was elected tax collector, and was re-elected to succeed himself each year from 1888 to 1900, inclusive, his services covering a period of fourteen years; he has also been justice of the peace since 1887, the same length of time. In 1898 he was nominated and elected to the Legislature, to serve two years. Mr. Atwater is a member of Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., in which he has passed all the chairs, and now is a past master of the lodge; he is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Redmen; and of Mechanics Lodge, I. O. O. F.

In 1890 Mr. Atwater was united in marriage with Miss Jennie C. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Taylor, of Seymour, who were born in England, as were also their children. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had removed to Seymour a number of years previous, and Mr. Taylor (now deceased) successfully conducted a store which is now owned by his widow. Their son, Ernest H., is a draughtsman with the Coe Brass Co., of Ansonia. He and Jennie C., Mrs. Atwater, were the only children of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Atwater are devout and active members of the Seymour Congregational Church, and for the past twelve years he has been treasurer of that church and society. He has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for a number of years, and renders valuable service to both church and Sunday-school.

FREDERICK NEWTON BRADLEY is a prominent manufacturer and citizen of Derby, where he was born June 10, 1835. He comes of an old Connecticut family. His first American progenitor, William Bradley, came to this country from England about 1637, and settled in Saybrook. Some of William's descendants settled in West Haven, where they became owners of a large tract of land.

Tracing down the family lineage to more recent times, the genealogist reaches the name of Enos Bradley, the great-grandfather of Frederick N.,

a farmer, who lived and died in Derby. His son, Abijah Bradley, was also born there. He was a blacksmith by trade, and a citizen of prominence, being commissioned a captain in the State militia, as is shown by documentary evidence in the possession of his grandson. He married Polly Bassett, and they became the parents of eight children: David (father of Frederick N.), Ira, Henry, Abijah, Charles, George, Edward and Maria. Ira and Henry were woolen manufacturers in South Britain; Ira died Sept. 10, 1900. Abijah was a grocer in New Haven. Charles was a farmer in Seymour. George was at first an augermaker, and later a woodworker. Edward was a carpenter and builder in Derby. Maria married Dan Finn, a prosperous farmer of Milford.

David Bradley was born and reared in Derby. He learned the trade of a joiner, and was esteemed one of the most skillful workmen of his time. He formed a partnership with Agur Gilbert, in connection with whom he established a sash and blind factory, on the stream—Two Mile brook—which forms the boundary line between the towns of Orange and Derby. They began in a modest way, their first structure covering an area of but 20 by 30 feet, and being only two stories high. Theirs, however, was the only factory of its kind outside of New Haven, and the second to be erected in the county. It is no cause for surprise, therefore, that their business prospered and grew. Gradually the plant was enlarged as the development of business demanded, until it reached its present extensive proportions. In politics David Bradley was originally an "Old-line" Whig, and later a Republican. He married Susan C., daughter of Elias Clark, a farmer of Oxford, and they had two children, Frederick N., our subject, and Sarah Franksania. Mr. Bradley died May 29, 1885; his widow survived until June 1, 1899, reaching the venerable age of ninety years. She traced her descent back to Thomas Hooker.

Frederick N. Bradley received his early education at the Derby common schools and the Birmingham high school. At the age of eighteen he entered his father's sash and blind factory, with a view of becoming thoroughly familiar with all the details of the business, mechanical as well as commercial. He has succeeded his father in its management and control, and under his judicious conduct of affairs the business has suffered no impairment. Mr. Bradley, however, has a natural fondness for the soil, and besides being a manufacture is a successful farmer. Originally he cultivated fifteen acres, but his holdings have since been enlarged to twenty-five acres. In one respect his life may be said to present somewhat of an anomaly: he has been an active politician and a consistent Christian. He is an ardent Republican and a zealous worker in the cause of his party, having organized various clubs and in other ways promoted Republican success. He is held in high







*Frederick M. Bradley*



esteem in Derby, and is now for the fourth time representing the Third ward of the city in the city board of aldermen, his present term commencing Oct. 1, 1901. He has also held a high place in the counsels of the Congregational Church, and has served on the committee of the Society of the First Church for fourteen years.

In May, 1873, Mr. Bradley married Miss Louise G. Hooper, a daughter of Henry A. and Caroline Hooper, of Ansonia. No children have been born to them.

It is of interest to note, incidentally, that Mr. Bradley was a schoolmate and boyhood "chum" of Gen. Wheeler, the dashing Confederate cavalry leader and at present distinguished major-general in the United States army.

**HENRY ELSWORTH BALDWIN**, a leading agriculturist of the town of Milford, was born Sept. 3, 1847, at his present homestead, son of Charles J. Baldwin.

The Baldwins are of pioneer stock, members of the family having settled in Hadley, Mass., at an early day, and our subject is a descendant of Joseph Baldwin, who was born in Milford in 1640. Joshua Baldwin, our subject's great-grandfather, was a resident of Milford, and among the inscriptions in an old Bible is the following: "Joshua Baldwin, His Bible, God give him grace therein to look: Bought November the 3, 1756, on Wednesday. I was born December 14th, in the year 1726, on Wednesday morning. My honored mother, Elizabeth Baldwin, departed this life November the 20 day about 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and in the year 1753; which was the fifty second year of her age." A pair of Joshua's shoes, used in his infancy, are now in the possession of George E. Baldwin, of Milford.

Hezekiah Baldwin, our subject's grandfather, married Mary Ann Hine, and settled on the present homestead. He had ten children, as follows: Hezekiah, who was a farmer all his life; Charles J., our subject's father; Elijah, a farmer in Milford; Mary, who married Joseph Beard, a farmer of Milford; Betsey, who married William Stowe, a farmer of Milford; Abby, who married Lewis Smith, a farmer in Milford; Martha, who married Rogers Beard, a carpenter in Milford; Sally, who married Charles Beardsley, a farmer in Stratford; Anna, who married Addison Beard, a farmer; and Catherine, who married Nathan C. Tomlinson, of Milford.

Charles J. Baldwin, the father of our subject, was born in Milford Sept. 30, 1812, and passed his life in the town, locating at the present homestead after his marriage. He died March 21, 1891. He married Eunice Baldwin, who was born May 22, 1814, daughter of Elnathan Baldwin, a farmer in Milford, and died Feb. 25, 1876. They had four children: Charles Watson, born April 9, 1840, resides in Milford; William H., born April 7, 1846,

died March 19, 1851; Henry Elsworth is mentioned below; George Edwin, born Sept. 16, 1851, is employed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co.

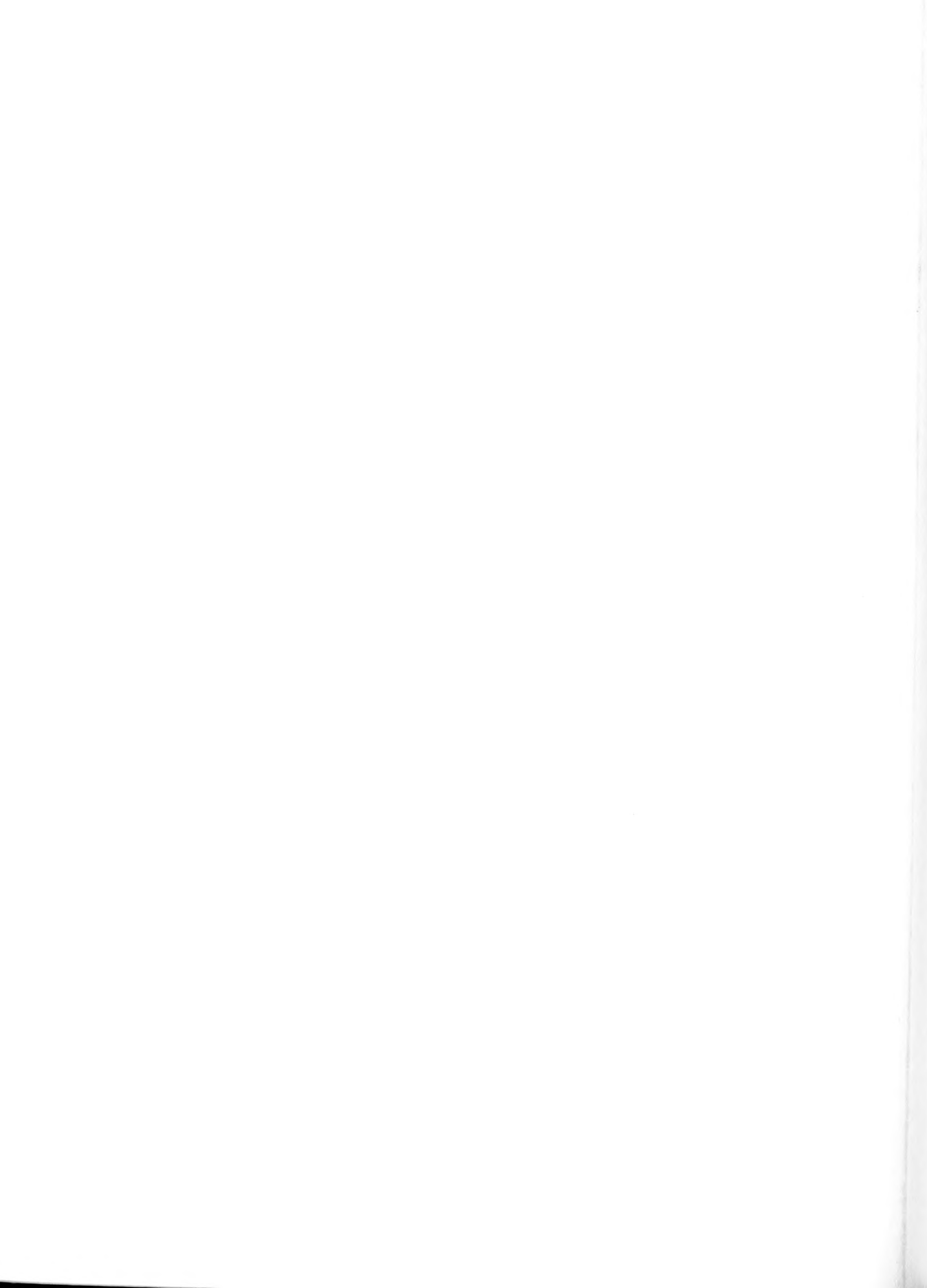
Henry Elsworth Baldwin was educated in the district schools near his home, and in a private school in Milford village, and has been engaged in general farming since early manhood. His farm presents a most attractive appearance, the buildings being tasteful and commodious, and everything about the place suggesting business-like management. In politics he is a Republican, and socially he is identified with the I. O. O. F. at Milford.

On Nov. 18, 1875, Mr. Baldwin married Miss Georgiana Lewis, who was born in Bridgeport Oct. 1, 1851, daughter of Edwin Lewis, and granddaughter of Everett and Julia A. (Knapp) Lewis. The line of descent in the Knapp family has been traced through several generations. Mrs. Julia A. (Knapp) Lewis, who was born March 30, 1806, and died Dec. 3, 1867, was a daughter of Ephraim Knapp, born Nov. 25, 1779, and his wife, Sarah E., born April 17, 1782, died Sept. 29, 1847. Edwin Lewis, who was a tailor and cutter by trade, was born in Stratford, Conn., in 1830, and died July 4, 1857. His wife, Emily Stow, was born in Milford Aug. 6, 1830, daughter of Capt. Elisha Hopkins Stow, and died Oct. 25, 1878. Capt. Stow, born Jan. 9, 1798, son of Capt. Samuel Stow, followed the sea, as did his father, and died July 12, 1879. He married Susan Davidson, who was born Sept. 29, 1802, and died Jan. 20, 1879; she was the daughter of Richard Treat and Mary Stow Davidson.

**CHARLES SHUBEL BRADLEY**, farmer, ice dealer, etc., of Branford, one of the most popular citizens of that locality, is native there, having been born at the Bradley homestead on Cherry Hill April 3, 1858.

Timothy and Sarah (Goodsell) Bradley, his paternal great-grandparents, lived in the house in Branford now occupied by Seth Thomas Bradley. Their son, Timothy Bradley, grandfather of Charles S., was a farmer, sailor and vessel owner, for many years coasting along the Atlantic shores. He made his home in Branford. He married Irene Gordon, daughter of Alexander and Irene Gordon, of Branford, and children as follows were born to them: James; Irene, Mrs. William Bryan; Nancy, who was thrice married, her husbands being, respectively, Sylvester Harrison, Henry Linsley and William Bryan; Lydia, who was twice married, first to Alden Pardee, and second to Benjamin Linsley; Sally, Mrs. James Waddell; Mary, Mrs. Elias Linsley; Major Seth; and Gurdon.

Gurdon Bradley, father of Charles S., was born in Branford Sept. 27, 1810, and as will be seen was the youngest of the family. He began life as a farmer, also owned a vessel and followed the coast for three winters, in addition to which for many



years he conducted a saw and grist mill, and took contracts for the building of cellars, removing of buildings, etc., while for upward of twenty years he was engaged in the ice business. On July 29, 1843, he married Anna Maria, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Tyler) Spinks, of Branford, and to this union were born fourteen children, as follows: Ebenezer T., deceased; a son that died in infancy, Esther M., Mrs. Sherman Holcomb; Betsy, Mrs. Charles N. Holcomb; Willis; Richard; Eliza A., Mrs. Charles E. Bunnell; Albert C., deceased; A. Gurdon, deceased; F. Cline; Charles S.; John H.; Lee A., deceased; and Robert L., deceased.

Charles S. Bradley, our subject, was educated in the public schools of Branford, and commenced his business career as a farmer. Since 1882 he has, in connection with his agricultural pursuits, been extensively engaged in the ice business. He has met with the prosperity his care and attention deserve, and is looked upon as one of the county's substantial citizens.

On Oct. 6, 1888, Mr. Bradley married Sarah Kerr, daughter of Richard and Christiana (Kerr) Kerr, of Branford, and they have two children, Fern and Gurdon. The family attend the services of the Episcopal Church. Socially our subject is affiliated with the K. of P., Woodland Lodge, No. 39, and the Woodmen of the World, Sycamore Camp, No. 5. In politics he is a Democrat. In 1896 he was elected a representative to the State Legislature, and was honored with re-election in 1898. In 1899 he was elected selectman of Branford.

CHARLES J. PIERPONT, city water inspector of Waterbury, was born Feb. 9, 1847, in the town of Waterbury, on a farm, son of Charles J. Pierpont, Sr., who is mentioned elsewhere.

Charles J. Pierpont passed his youth on the home farm, attending the district school in winter until sixteen years of age; he subsequently attended school in Cheshire, and later the Waterbury high school, and taught three years prior to reaching his majority. At the age of twenty he managed a farm in the town of Watertown for one season, and then went to live on the farm with his grandparents, in the town of Waterbury, for four years. For the next fourteen years he had charge of the outside department of Holmes, Booth & Hayden's extensive concern, and then became bookkeeper and timekeeper for Floyd B. Smith, contractor and builder, with whom he remained four years. Since then, for the past ten years, he has filled the office of city water inspector.

On Feb. 23, 1873, Mr. Pierpont married Miss Juliet M. Bolster, a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Col. Levi and Mercia (Warner) Bolster. She was a public-school teacher at the time of her marriage. Col. Levi Bolster was born in South Paris, Maine, and his wife in Waterbury, Conn. She was a direct descendant of Rev. John

Southmayd, of Waterbury. The Bolsters were of Welsh extraction, and many of the family were deacons in the Presbyterian Church. Isaac Bolster, father of Col. Levi, married Hannah Cushman. The Cushmans were among the earliest of the Puritans to arrive at Plymouth settlement.

In politics Mr. Pierpont is a Democrat, and does his full share in promoting the interests of his party. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont and their child, Anna, are members of the Episcopal Church, in the affairs of which they are all active and deeply interested.

ERNST HERRMANN, keeper of the lighthouse on Faulkner's Island, is a native of Germany, born Dec. 31, 1853, in Nieder Seifersdorf.

Aaron Chrenfried Herrmann, his father, is also a native of that place, where he still resides, engaged in farming. He married Mary Bartel, of the same town, and five children were born to them: Ernst, our subject; Louisa, widow of Ernest Hamann; Carl, living at the old home; Paulina, Mrs. Schmidt; and William, residing at the old home, who is a game-keeper. The family are all members of the Lutheran Church.

Ernst Herrmann acquired a good education in the schools of his native land, meanwhile assisting his father on the farm until fourteen years of age. For the next three years he was engaged as apprentice at blacksmithing, following with one year's apprenticeship to the machinist's trade. In 1872, believing that his ambition and enterprise would find wider scope in America, he came to this country, going first to Liverpool, where he embarked on the steamer "England," bound for New York. He found employment at blacksmithing and locksmithing, receiving \$8 per week for his services, and was thus engaged until 1875, when he returned to Germany on a short visit to his parents. On his return to New York he embarked in the dry-goods business, in partnership with a Mr. Mirschel, and continued in that line, in New York and on Long Island, until 1878, when he removed to Northport, L. I. There he engaged in blacksmithing on his own account for one year, and the following year worked for Stehling & Co., at Lloyd's Neck, L. I., thence returning to Northport, where for about ten years he was employed at his trade by a Mr. Delamater. In 1889, under President Harrison, he received the appointment of assistant keeper of the lighthouse at Eton's Neck, a position he held for fifteen months, at the end of that time receiving appointment to his present position, in which he has since been continuously retained. He succeeded Capt. Jones. Mr. Herrmann has given general satisfaction in the discharge of his duties, and personally he has, by his genial disposition and obliging manner, won the friendship and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact. Visitors to the island are always cordially received.



On Feb. 22, 1883, Mr. Herrmann married, at Eton's Neck, L. I., Miss Tillie J. Mason, who was born at that place, only child of Richard and Mary (Wilson) Mason, natives of Ireland, who are still living at Eaton's Neck. They are members of the Episcopal Church. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Herrmann: Frederick Mason, Aug. 11, 1886; and Herbert William, July 26, 1889. Both are attending school in Guilford. In political sentiment our subject is a Republican. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church, Mrs. Herrmann holding membership in the Third Congregational Church of Guilford. She is an intelligent woman, and has proved an able helpmeet to her husband, whose progressiveness and public spirit entitle him to rank among the substantial, valuable citizens of his adopted place.

HENRY BRISTOL CURTISS, one of the leading citizens of Cheshire, whose time and attention are devoted to market gardening and fruit growing, was born in that town, Aug. 26, 1846, a son of Orrin and Sally (Bristol) Curtiss, both of English descent, and natives of New Haven county.

John C. Curtiss, father of Orrin Curtiss, was born in Meriden, this county, a son of John C. Curtiss, Sr., a native of England, and an early settler of Meriden, where he followed farming throughout life. In early manhood young John went to Yalesville, and later removed to Wallingford, where he died in 1846. By occupation he was a farmer. His children were as follows: John C. (3); Mary, wife of John Hitchcock; Orrin, mentioned below; William; and Harvey.

Orrin Curtiss, son of John C., was born in Wallingford in 1800, and was reared and educated in his native town. Throughout his active life he engaged in farming in Cheshire, where he owned a good farm, and where he died Sept. 24, 1881. He married Sally Bristol, who was born in Cheshire in 1803, and died Feb. 23, 1879. She was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Parker) Bristol, who were both born in Wallingford, but who spent the greater part of their lives as farming people in Cheshire; the father died Feb. 13, 1814, and the mother in October, 1847. To Orrin Curtiss and his wife were born the following children: Jerusha, now Mrs. William Parker, of Wallingford; Elizabeth, who died in Cheshire in May, 1849; Cornelia, wife of Edwin Parker, who died in Wallingford; Julia, deceased wife of James T. Harry, of Cheshire; James J., a resident of Meriden; William O., of Wallingford; Henry B.; Edgar A., who died in Middletown, Conn.; and Jane, wife of James Johnson, of Cheshire.

Henry B. Curtiss is indebted to the schools of Cheshire for his educational privileges, and since starting out in life for himself has engaged in farming and gardening in that town, now owning what is known as the Jinney Hill farm. At one time he also worked in shops at Meriden, but now gives his

entire time to agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of fruit growing and market gardening. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man and thoroughly understands the occupation he has chosen as a life work.

In 1887, in Cheshire, Mr. Curtiss was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Birkley, who died in March, 1899, and in June, 1899, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Katie Eliza Williams, a native of Cheshire, and a daughter of Thomas Williams, was born in Relubbus, Cornwall, England, and had been in America only three years when he died, Sept. 16, 1869, aged thirty-one years. Mrs. Curtiss was born in the home where she now lives, and where her father died. Lucy A. (Rice) Williams, mother of Mrs. Curtiss, is now the wife of William King, and resides in Cheshire; she is a native of the town, daughter of Amos and Lucy (Beach) Rice, natives of Vermont and Connecticut respectively.

RICHARD TENNANT, than whom Scotland has not contributed to this country a more reliable and upright man, was born in West Linton, Scotland, Dec. 31, 1844, and received a broad and thorough education along mechanical lines in his own country before ever setting foot on American soil. Robert Tennant, his father, never came to this country, but lived and died near West Linton, where he was born, and where all his life he followed farming, which was the occupation of the Tennants for many generations back.

Richard Tennant spent his boyhood and youth on the Scottish homestead, and availed himself of the opportunities of education presented by the local schools. After attaining his majority he went to Glasgow and served three years as an apprentice to the machinist's trade, at the Neilson Locomotive Works. Howden & Co., marine engineers, had the young man in their employ for two years, and he was then with the London-Glasgow Engineering Co. one year. By this time Mr. Tennant had become an experienced and thoroughly efficient machinist, and his services were in demand. King & Co., a celebrated engineering house, counted him among their ablest employes. Only the desire to come to this country, where many of his compatriots had already reaped a rich reward for their courage and enterprise, induced him to break away from this firm. In 1871 Mr. Tennant came to the United States, and located in Paterson, N. J., where he was in the employ of the Rogers Locomotive Works until the close of the year 1873, and in the following spring he came to Connecticut, working for three months in Ansonia, and then for a year in Seymour, with the Swan Bit Co. Mr. Tennant then returned to Ansonia and engaged with Wallace & Sons until January, 1888, in which month he came to Waterbury to take a position with the Scovill Manufacturing Co., where he is still at work. For a year Mr. Tennant was master me-





chanic for the Aluminum Brass & Bronze Co., at Bridgeport, and with that exception has been with the Scovill Co. since coming to Waterbury.

On June 27, 1867, Mr. Tennant married Miss Helen B. Duncan, who was born in Perth, Scotland, a daughter of Stewart Duncan, a merchant of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Tennant are the parents of four children: Mary D., Robert, George B., and Agnes A. George graduated with the class of 1900 from the Academic Department of Yale College. In political faith Mr. Tennant is a Republican. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and of the Congregational Church.

**CHRISTOPHER KELLEY**, a well-known citizen of Ansonia, now living in retirement, is a worthy representative of the Irish race, from which so many of the leading business men of the day are descended. He was born April 9, 1828, in Dublin, Ireland, son of Thomas Kelley, and grandson of Thomas Kelley. Thomas Kelley, the father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Ireland Aug. 15, 1832, aged forty years, and his wife, Julia (Dane), a native of Dublin, died in Rhode Island at the age of seventy. This worthy couple had but one child, our subject.

Mr. Kelley was only four years old when his father died, and at the age of twenty he came to America with his young wife, leaving Dublin Nov. 22, 1848, a week after their marriage. The voyage was made on a sailing vessel, and it was not until Jan. 27, 1849, that they landed in New York. On March 27 our subject entered the employ of Gen. Clark Wooster, in the axe factory at Humphreysville, New Haven Co., Conn., where he remained about fifteen years. He then spent two years and three months in Collinsville, and later was employed in Colt's Armory, in Hartford. He was one of those chosen to carry Col. Colt to his grave. For a time he worked in the Colburn axe factory at Ansonia, remaining until the firm went out of business, and after a short period with Wallace & Sons he spent ten years in the clock shop. The next seven years were spent with Wallace & Sons, and in 1884 he retired, limiting his business interests to the care of his real estate, his investments in that line being numerous. His first purchase was the Colburn house on High street, and later he built his present residence, at No. 6 Franklin street, and the house adjoining, while at various times he has bought houses and stores in the town. Politically he is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Catholic Church at Ansonia.

On Nov. 17, 1848, Mr. Kelley married Miss Eliza Morriss, daughter of Capt. William Morriss and granddaughter of William Morriss, a lifelong resident of Ireland. Her father, who died aged sixty-six years, was taken to sea during the rebellion of 1798, and after spending twenty-one years on board a man-of-war became captain of a coast guard. Her mother, Mrs. Mary A. (Blackburn)

Morriss, who died aged thirty-eight, was one of the fourteen children of James and Mary Ann (Wall) Blackburn, the former of whom was a well-known resident of Dublin in his day, being an extensive land owner and builder; for many years he was janitor of the Temple there. Mr. Blackburn died in 1832, aged sixty years. Capt. William Morriss and his wife had thirteen children, and their sons were prominent shipbuilders. Of this family are mentioned Isabella (deceased), who married Steven Murphy; Eliza, Mrs. Kelley; Rebecca; Theresa, who married Michael Kenny (deceased); William; and Michael, who went to Australia in 1845. The parents were devout members of the Catholic Church, and the children were reared in that faith.

Ten children have brightened our subject's home, nine of whom are living: (1) Mary A. married William McCarthy, a plumber in Ansonia, and has had eleven children, of whom are living William, Mary, Freddie, Sadie, Christopher, Johnny, Albert, Lizzie, Rebecca and Agnes. Of these, William married and has one son, Frederick, so that our subject is a great-grandfather. (2) Julia married Thomas Scallion, a machinist, and has one child, Belle. (3) Lizzie married James Beasley, of Rome, N. Y., and has three children, William, James and Charlotte. (4) William, a prominent physician in Flint, Mich., married Ella Graham, of New York, now deceased. (5) Thomas is married and resides in Bridgeport. (6) Christopher, Jr., is professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery in the Grand Rapids Medical College, Grand Rapids, Mich. (7) Charles, a machinist, in Ansonia, married Miss Annie McGee, and has six children, Bessie, May, Charley, Christopher, William and Winnifred. (8) Frederick M. is a bookkeeper in Grand Rapids, Mich. (9) Rebecca resides at home.

**LUCIUS NICHOLS BEARDSLEY**, M. D. (deceased), was one of the most honored medical practitioners of this section, and was in active practice for forty years.

Dr. Beardsley was born Oct. 8, 1814, in Monroe, Fairfield Co., Conn., and was of English descent. His father, Agur Beardsley, was a native of Huntington, Conn., born June 12, 1791, and became a farmer by occupation, much of his life having been spent in Monroe. He died Nov. 18, 1872, at Easton, Conn., aged eighty-one years and five months. For many years he was a deacon in the Congregational Church of Monroe. His wife, Lucinda Nichols, was born Sept. 8, 1794, in Trumbull, Conn., and died in Bridgeport, Sept. 8, 1864.

Dr. Beardsley was reared in Monroe, and as a young man taught school for some time. At twenty-three he was graduated from Yale Medical College, and began practice in Milford, where he continued till his health failed, and he died in West Haven Nov. 22, 1880. He had treated three generations, and was regarded as a father by many





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to whom his wise and kindly counsel had brought relief at some critical moment. His advice was often sought by his fellow practitioners, and when he finally retired at the earnest solicitation of his wife he was obliged to leave town in order to secure complete rest. For the last few years of his life he went to the Southern states, or the Bahama Islands in winter, and found in their milder climate some relief from the lung trouble which conquered him at last. His influence in local politics was marked, as he was one of the staunch Republicans of the town, and for many years he was postmaster in Milford. In religious work he also took great interest as a member of the Plymouth Church, of Milford.

Dr. Beardsley married (first) Miss Betsey Ann Coley, who was born in New York City May 30, 1815, and died in Milford Nov. 24, 1869. She was the daughter of Ebenezer and Amelia (Sanford) Coley, who were married Oct. 10, 1810. Her father, who was a school teacher in New York, was born in Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn., May 17, 1781, and died April 5, 1816. By the Doctor's first marriage he had two sons and one daughter: Maria Elizabeth, born May 25, 1842, died of scarlet fever March 10, 1847; George Lucius, born at Milford May 12, 1848, is now practicing medicine in Derby; and William Edgar, born at Milford Nov. 6, 1850, is a physician in Brooklyn, N. Y. For his second wife Dr. Beardsley married at West Haven, Oct. 6, 1874, Mrs. Susan (Prudden) Smith, whose record is given elsewhere in this volume in the sketch of Mrs. David Smith, of West Haven.

SIDNEY BARKER SMITH, a highly respected citizen and successful market gardener of East Haven, was born in North Haven, this county, Aug. 20, 1844, and is a son of Charles and Sarah (Atwater) Smith, natives of North Haven and Hamden, New Haven county, respectively.

Sidney Smith, our subject's paternal grandfather, was born in North Haven, and was a cooper by trade. He was married to Ruth Parker, and they had four children: Henry, Horace, Sidney and Charles. The maternal grandfather of Sidney B. Smith was Stephen Atwater, a native of Hamden, and by occupation a market gardener. He married Sarah Barker. Charles Smith, who is mentioned above, is a farmer and resides in North Haven, where he has been very successful in his business, and is now quite well-to-do. His family consisted of three children: Sidney Barker; Stephen A.; and Elizabeth, who is now Mrs. Walter Bailey.

Sidney Barker Smith remained on the North Haven homestead until he reached the age of sixteen, meantime receiving a very fair common school education. In 1860 he went to live with his grandfather at Hamden, to learn the practical work of market gardening, remaining with him seven years.

For the last two years of that time he was a partner with his grandfather, and when that gentleman died he continued the business alone for twelve years. In 1884 he removed to East Haven, to the farm he now occupies, which he purchased in 1882, and where he has done a most successful business in market gardening. He has made all the improvements on the property, buildings and barns, and to-day owns one of the choicest places of the kind in this part of the State.

Mr. Smith was married April 4, 1867, to Charlotte J., daughter of Henry I. and Maryette (Smith) Bradley, of East Haven. By this union there is one son, Charles S., who married Carrie Louise, daughter of Frank W. and Jessie (Hollis) Willoughby, of East Haven, and has one son, Charles Bates, born Nov. 25, 1900.

Mr. Smith is one of East Haven's leading and progressive citizens, extremely industrious and inflexibly honest. He is a Democrat, and has served as selectman of the town.

GEORGE T. CLARK, a thorough and skillful farmer, and a wide-awake, energetic business man of Beacon Falls, is a native of New Haven county, born in the town of Bethany, Nov. 11, 1859, and is a worthy representative of one of its old and highly esteemed families.

Sheldon Clark, his paternal grandfather, was born in what is now Oxford, this county, Oct. 19, 1794, and died April 18, 1874. He married Miss Anna Frech, a native of Bethany, and they located upon a farm in that town, where they reared their family of four children, namely: David, born Sept. 28, 1819, was a farmer of Beacon Falls, where he died Feb. 1, 1877; Stiles, born March 16, 1821, was also a farmer by occupation, and died March 7, 1873; Eliza Ann, born Sept. 21, 1823, died Nov. 13, 1851, unmarried; Charles F., father of our subject, was the youngest of the family.

Charles F. Clark was born in Bethany, July 8, 1829, and was reared on the home farm. In early life he followed the teacher's profession and conducted a select school in Bethany, but later engaged in farming. He was a Republican in politics, and held some local offices. He died in September, 1880, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Perkins, and was a native of Litchfield, Conn., died in August, 1882. Of the two children born to them our subject was the younger. Sheldon, born Sept. 21, 1855, followed farming in Beacon Falls, and died Oct. 19, 1887. Religiously the parents were Episcopalians.

When only two years of age George T. Clark was taken by his parents to the town of Beacon Falls, where he was reared upon a farm. He pursued his early studies in the public schools, and continued his education at a select school in the town of Redding, Fairfield Co., Conn. After leaving school he returned to the farm, and has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention to



agricultural pursuits. He owns a well-improved and valuable place of 150 acres in the village of Beacon Falls, and in connection with its operation is also engaged in the milk and ice business, and does teaming to some extent. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On March 24, 1886, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Reffelt, who was born in South Coventry, Conn., June 8, 1866, a daughter of Frederick Reffelt, who was of German birth, and was foreman of a woolen shop. To this union five children have come, namely: Frank T., born Jan. 9, 1887; Eva L., Sept. 14, 1892; George R., July 18, 1894; Ethel M., Feb. 20, 1896; and Rosetta I., June 9, 1900. Mr. Clark and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Grange. The Republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles. He has served his fellow citizens on the school board and as school visitor, and is now a member of the board of selectmen. In all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him, and he merits and receives the high regard of the entire community in which he lives.

WILLIAM BARRON, a prominent farmer and notable citizen of the town of Branford, whose honorable and useful career well entitles him to mention among the successful men of his community, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, April 4, 1844, a son of James and Mary (Reed) Barron.

James Barron was born and bred a farmer, following that occupation all his life. He lived in Aberdeen, where he died in 1886. His widow, Mrs. Mary (Reed) Barron, is still living (1901), and has reached the venerable age of eighty-four years. The children born to them were: Jane, the wife of James Mitchell; William; George; Mary, who married John Mason; David; John; and Mariette, who married Robert Armstrong.

William Barron was reared in Scotland, where he had his education in the excellent public schools of his native community. In 1869 he turned his face towards the United States—that land of promise to so many of his compatriots—and, crossing the ocean, located in the town of Branford, where he has since been successfully engaged in farming. Mr. Barron has always retained a warm spot for his old home, and during his residence of thirty-one years in Branford, has made three visits to his native land.

In 1878 Mr. Barron was married to Georgiana, a daughter of John Mallroy, of New Haven, and has become the father of four children by this union: Mary J.; John W.; Georgiana A.; and Agnes F. Mrs. Georgiana Barron died in 1894, and the following year Mr. Barron was married to Mrs. Catherine Ball, of New Haven. She is a lady of more than the usual accomplishments, and is a de-

voted home maker. Mr. Barron is a member of the Congregational Church, and his life of honesty, integrity, industry and neighborly kindness brings no discredit to his religious associations. In politics Mr. Barron is a Republican, and socially he is connected with Woodlawn Lodge, No. 39, K. of P., where his manly qualities and genial disposition command respect and retain friendship.

ELNATHAN A. CURTISS, a leading merchant of Ansonia, is a representative of one of the oldest families of Southbury, New Haven county, where he was born Feb. 19, 1859.

Simeon Curtiss, his great-grandfather, was a native of that town, and passed his life there. Reuben Curtiss, our subject's grandfather, who was also born there, became prominent as an educator, and for many years conducted a large school at Southbury known as the Buck Hill Seminary, where he fitted pupils for business or college. He owned a large farm, took an active part in local affairs, and was identified with religious work as a member of the Congregational Church. For forty years he served as deacon, and every Sunday he collected his Sunday-school classes and took them to church in a wagon which held thirty people. He died at the age of eighty-seven, and his wife, Minerva (McEwen), a native of Oxford, died aged fifty-three. They had three children, none of whom are now living.

Wales H. Curtiss, our subject's father, was born and reared at the old homestead in Southbury, and received a district-school education. He followed farming upon a portion of the homestead, and was regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the town. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious faith he was a Congregationalist. His death occurred in 1886, when he was aged fifty-nine. He married Miss Mary Hammill, a native of Brooklyn, E. D., who is still living at the old homestead. Of their eleven children ten survive: William conducts the homestead; James M. is deceased; Sarah M. married Cornelius M. Hard, of Southbury; Charles H. resides in Naugatuck; Elnathan A. is the next in order of birth; Arthur E. resides in Naugatuck; Miss Jessie H., a teacher, is at home; Miss Isabella is also a teacher; Miss Estella, twin of Isabella, is a trained nurse; Bertha married Charles Benjamin, of Bristol, Conn.; and Nellie C. married C. Ellison, a station agent in Ohio.

Our subject's education was begun in the common schools of his native town, and at the age of ten years he left home to work for a neighboring farmer. At sixteen he engaged in the milk business in Seymour, where he had a wagon route for three years, and he then spent three years in Waterbury as bookkeeper for J. E. Gaylor, and one year in Naugatuck as clerk in the grocery and meat market of Tolles & Bennett. In 1884 he went to Ansonia, and after five years with J. H. Steinman





formed a partnership with a brother and purchased a meat market, at his present stand, which they conducted together until 1891. In 1893 our subject sold the business, and six months later he bought the store of E. H. Wakelee. He carries a large stock of dry goods, notions, groceries and provisions (including a fine line of canned goods, jellies and preserves), drugs, cigars, bicycles and everything which one might expect to find in a metropolitan department store. The establishment boasts a complete modern set of fixtures, with computing scales and cash register. The upper story of the building is rented by a social organization known as the West Side Club, of which our subject is president. He also belongs to the Order of Red Men and the New England Order of Protection, and politically he is a staunch Republican, although he has declined to seek official honors. For some time he was a member of the Ansonia Board of Trade. While residing in Waterbury he took an active part in the work of the Second Congregational Church and Sunday-school; his wife is a member of the Methodist Church in Ansonia.

In 1888 Mr. Curtiss married Miss Annie Hassard, who is one of the six children of Thomas Hassard, now a well-known dealer in coal and wood on North Main street, Ansonia. Three children have brightened our subject's home: Mabel H., born April 15, 1889; Raymond H., born Oct. 27, 1893; and Chester G., born Jan. 26, 1898.

JOHN KIRSCHBAUM is a quiet and unobtrusive gentleman, who has little to say unless directly appealed to, but he is known as one of the most expert machinists and skilled workmen in Waterbury, where he has lived for many years. His genuine manhood and real worth have been long recognized and appreciated at their true value.

Mr. Kirschbaum was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 29, 1844. Michael Kirschbaum, his father, was a farmer and a shepherd, shipping sheep to all parts of Europe. Michael Kirschbaum, his father, was also a shepherd, and this was the business of the family for many generations. Michael Kirschbaum, the father of John, married Barbara Kromer, a native of the same community in which he was born, and where she was born in 1815. Michael Kromer, her father, was also a shepherd, which business this family has also followed for generations. Michael Kirschbaum died in 1890, when about seventy-nine years old, his wife in 1899. To them nine children were born: (1) Samuel died in Waterbury, where he had been employed in a brewery, and previously worked for Valentine Bohl about eight years; he was a man of remarkable strength. In the old country he had been trained to the work of a shepherd. (2) John is our subject. (3) Michael is a butcher in the city of New York. (4) Christian died at the age of three years. (5) William lives in Germany, and is a weaver. (6) Christian (2) died at the age of

three years. (7) Barbara is married and lives in Germany. (8) George is a toolmaker in Waterbury. (9) Carl is a surveyor in Germany.

John Kirschbaum received his early training in Germany, and lived on the paternal homestead until he was fifteen years of age, when he went into a machine shop to learn the trade. Here he remained five years, and was two years in a factory devoted to heavy machinery. In July, 1866, Mr. Kirschbaum came to New York City, and secured work in the piano factory of the Steinway Co. He spent two years in that city, and then went to Naugatuck, Conn., where he worked for a time in the Allerton Iron Works. In 1872, in company with Thomas Fitzsimons, Mr. Putnam and Mr. Blake, he formed the Novelty Manufacturing Co., and with the exception of ten months, which he spent in Newark, N. J., he has been continuously identified with that concern, of which he is a stockholder. In the fall of 1896 he made his first appearance in Waterbury, and for nearly two years was employed by the Steele & Johnson Manufacturing Co.

In 1869 Mr. Kirschbaum married Miss Elizabeth Brickel, who was born in the old country, and was brought to this country in her mother's arms. She died in 1885, and was the mother of seven children: Elizabeth, John, William, Lillian B., Carl, Joseph and Lewis. Miss Anna Brown, of Waterbury, a daughter of John Brown, became the second wife of John Kirschbaum, their marriage taking place in 1886. They are the parents of two children: Anna and Edward H. Mr. Kirschbaum has been a Republican from his arrival in the country. He takes an active part in the Concordia Singing Society, and is a member of the K. of P. and the New England Order of Protection. He is also active in the old German Harmony Society. He attends the Episcopal Church.

LEROY C. BEECHER, one of the most progressive, skillful and successful agriculturists of Woodbridge, belongs to a prominent old family of New Haven county. His great-grandfather, Enoch Beecher, was born in this county, and lived for a time on George street, New Haven, but the greater part of his life was spent in Woodbridge, where he owned at one time some 300 acres of land, and was also a merchant, having a general store near the center of the town.

Amos Beecher, the grandfather of our subject, was reared in Woodbridge. He inherited a considerable property, and followed farming extensively, but discontinued the store. He died at the age of eighty-five years. He was a member of an independent military company and was very active on "training day." In early manhood he married Abigail Baldwin, and to them were born children as follows: The eldest died in infancy; Charles N., father of our subject, was next in order of birth; Abigail married Charles Baldwin, of New Haven;



Alonzo E. is a farmer of Woodbridge; George E. (deceased) was twice married, his second wife being Martha Baldwin, and resided in Woodbridge; Franklin A. married Augusta Doolittle, and died in Milford; Elizabeth is deceased; and Jane is the wife of Marcus M. Baldwin, of Woodbridge.

Charles N. Beecher, father of our subject, was born in Woodbridge, Nov. 26, 1821, and died Aug. 9, 1897. He was a lifelong farmer, and though not engaged in agricultural pursuits on a large scale was very successful, owing to the fact that he paid particular attention to small matters and aimed always to reach the best results, was always anxious to learn the methods of others in order to improve his own, and attended town fairs and horticultural gatherings for that purpose. He raised principally small fruits and vegetables. Owing to ill health he retired from active labor some years prior to his death, and the management of affairs fell upon our subject. In Mt. Carmel, New Haven county, the father was united in marriage with Miss Mary Angelina Warner, a native of that place, and a daughter of Zenith Warner. Our subject was their only child.

Leroy C. Beecher was born June 4, 1859, in the house where he now lives, and was educated in public and private schools, one of his teachers being William H. Warner, who is still a resident of Woodbridge. Our subject began to provide for himself as a school teacher and continued to follow that profession for five years, four in the Middle School of Woodbridge and one in Hamden. Since that time his energies have been devoted to agricultural pursuits with marked success.

On July 26, 1885, Mr. Beecher married Miss Gertrude A. Ladd, who was born in Straitsville, New Haven county, May 5, 1861, a daughter of Theodore S. and Sarah A. (Johnson) Ladd. They have no children of their own, but Mrs. Beecher's nephew lives with them and enjoys the same advantages as if he were their own child. They are active and prominent members of the Congregational Church of Woodbridge, in which his father collected the pew rents for sixteen years, and our subject is now a member of the society committee. The Republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he has been a member of the Republican township committee for the past sixteen years, and has been delegate to several State conventions. He was also register of voters thirteen years and town auditor several terms, and is still filling the latter position. He is a member of the school board, of which he was secretary five years, and chairman an equal length of time. In 1890 and 1900 he took the census. Mr. Beecher is one of the most popular citizens of his community, and, as has already been said, he takes a very prominent and influential part in public affairs and local politics. The advancement of agricultural matters has also occupied a large share of his at-

ention and he is a correspondent of several papers, furnishing the crop reports to the Department of Agriculture. He and his wife are both members of Woodbridge Grange, No. 108, P. O. H., of which he was secretary for the first two years, and his wife was lecturer. They are also members of the New Haven County Pomona, No. 5, and of the State Grange, as well as of the New England Order of Protection, Charter Oak Lodge, No. 88, of New Haven.

MICHAEL FLAHERTY, one of the solid citizens of New Haven county, is essentially a self-educated and self-made man, and yet without that ever-present self-assertion so common among men who have been the architects of their own fortunes. Both by nationality and by lineage he comes of rugged, hardy stock, and his life has reflected credit alike upon his ancestry and the land of his birth.

Born in County Galway, Ireland, March 29, 1834, the son of a tenant farmer, it may be imagined that in the years of his boyhood Mr. Flaherty underwent many privations. Yet it can scarcely be doubted that this part of his life was for him a fruitful school of experience, in which he learned the rudiments of those qualities of industry, patience and fortitude which have characterized him throughout life. His parents, Hugh and Mary (Farragher) Flaherty, were both natives of County Galway, as were also his forefathers for many generations. He was one of a family of three children. His educational advantages were of the most meager sort, and at the age of fourteen, seeing how impossible the practice of "ab-senteeism" had made it for the hard-working Irish peasant to do more than earn a bare subsistence, he resolved to go into the world himself, breast its billows while yet a boy, and conquer success through his own resolute will. The tale of his struggles and triumphs is told below.

Leaving Galway, he went to Wolverhampton, England, where he found employment in an inferior capacity with Richard Dean & Son, then a well known firm of railroad builders and contractors. A green Irish lad, with nothing to aid him but a willingness to work and a firm resolve to do his best, it would not have been surprising had he found the road to advancement slow and toilsome. But he was animated by a courage that laughed at obstacles and a resolute purpose that could not be discouraged. For seventeen years he remained in the employ of Richard Dean & Son, rising from one position of trust to another. Yet he could see scant chance for further advancement, and little prospect for the fruition of his ambitious hopes. His announcement of his intention to emigrate was received with an outcry of dissent and protest on the part of his employers. Every effort was made to dissuade him: pound notes were stitched into his wearing apparel; and, when it was perceived that his determination was inflexible, a request to return





*Michel Glaherty*



was accompanied by a promise that the position which he was vacating would be open to him in that event. It was in June, 1866, that he set sail from English shores to seek a new home and better fortune in the land where so many of his fellow countrymen had become affluent, while not a few had risen to posts of high honor in the service of the State. After reaching America he first went to Girardville, Pa., where he entered the employ of James Connor, an extensive mine owner, as foreman. Here his previous experience stood him in good stead, and he soon became one of the most valued and trusted men about the mines. Yet he did not find his surroundings wholly to his liking, and after a short time he removed to Birmingham, Conn., where he first found work in the Alling mill, and later in and about the building of the dam across the Housatonic river, then in process of construction. An opportunity presenting itself to engage in the retail liquor business, Mr. Flaherty embraced it, and was at once made local agent for the Albany Brewing Co. and given control of all the territory lying within the Housatonic Valley. This agency he still holds, and the energetic, upright, business-like way in which he has discharged the duties of the trust has rendered the same a source of mutual profit to himself and the well-known corporation which he represents.

Mr. Flaherty is a man of rare native intelligence, sound business sense and tireless energy. Industry, perseverance and honesty have raised him from a contractor's employ to the position of a wealthy land owner and the heaviest individual tax payer in the locality in which he lives. His assessment is \$122,000 in Sheldon, Ansonia and Derby, the fifth highest on the tax list. Generally speaking, his policy has been to buy real estate and hold it, and time has abundantly justified his judgment. Yet, while watchfully caring for his own interests, he has never for a moment forgotten his obligations as a citizen. Broad-minded and public-spirited, he has ever been quick to recognize the fact that public and private interests, in the highest and truest sense, must go hand in hand, and advance or retrograde together. He has been intimately identified with the building up of Derby, and no history of that city would be complete which failed to chronicle his early struggles and ultimate success. In politics Mr. Flaherty is a Democrat. Yet, while acting with his party on National and State issues, in local elections he is able to rise above partisanship, holding the best interests of the community as higher than any mere claim of political managers to blind party fealty. His religious faith is that of his forefathers, and he is a most generous contributor to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

On Aug. 5, 1865, Mr. Flaherty was married, in England, to Margaret Garrity, who, like her husband, is a native of Ireland. Their union has been blessed with seven children: Mary married George H. Ennis, an attorney of Derby, and has four

children, George, Margaret, Madelina and Adrienne. William is deceased. Elizabeth is unmarried, and lives at home. Michael, Jr., is a graduate of Yale, and an attorney in Derby. Hugh F. is attending school at Mount St. Mary's College, Maryland. Margaret and John are deceased.

FRANK S. NICHOLS, a well-known grocer and prominent citizen of Millville, is a native of New Haven county, born in Naugatuck, Oct. 28, 1842, and is a representative of one of its old and highly respected families. Isaac Nichols, Sr., his grandfather, made his home throughout life in Naugatuck, and followed the occupation of farming. He married Esther Sperry, a native of Bethany, Conn., and to them were born thirteen children: Mary, Clara, Maria, Esther, Joseph, William, Jerome, Horace, Isaac, Nathan, Joel, Noys and George. The sons were either farmers or mechanics, and all made their home in this State.

Isaac Nichols, Jr., father of our subject, was born in Naugatuck, June 14, 1820, and in that town grew to manhood. Learning the joiner's and wheelwright's trades, he built many houses and water-wheels in early life, and later erected the store building now occupied by our subject, where he engaged in the grocery business for six or eight years. He served one year as a member of Company H, 23d Conn. V. I. He was a Republican in politics. Isaac Nichols wedded Mary E. Hotchkiss, of Prospect, Conn., a daughter of Avery Hotchkiss, who was a farmer by occupation. Mr. Nichols died in October, 1882, and his wife in 1888. In their family were five children, namely: Frank S., our subject; Frederick O., agent for the Armour Beef Co. at Troy, N. Y.; Charles B., a traveling salesman residing in Bridgeport, Conn.; Deetle A., who married George Myers, of Pennsylvania, and resides in Naugatuck, where he is a master mechanic; and Ida E., who married Henry Richards, and subsequently became the wife of Frederick Clark, of Naugatuck.

Our subject passed his boyhood and youth in his native town, and his education was received in its public schools. He was one of the boys in blue during the dark days of the Rebellion, serving three years as a member of Company K, 6th Conn. V. I., and taking part in thirteen pitched battles, besides many skirmishes. He enlisted Sept. 12, 1861 and was discharged at New Haven, Sept. 10, 1864. On his return to Naugatuck he worked for the Goodyear Glove Co. for six years, and then went to Titusville, Pa., where he spent two years in the oil regions. The following year he was employed at Miller Brothers cutlery establishment, in Meriden, Conn., and was next a member of the police force of that place for about two years. Resigning his position, he returned to Naugatuck, Sept. 10, 1877, and purchased the grocery store in Millville which he has since successfully conducted, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.





On Sept. 12, 1866, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage with Miss Maria Camp, a native of Terryville, Conn., and a daughter of Jerome Camp, who was also born in that place. Our subject and his wife have two children: Lewis F., superintendent of the making department of the Goodyear Metallic Shoe Co.; and Emma J., wife of Walter Brown, a meat dealer of Naugatuck.

Mr. Nichols is a member of the Board of Trade and is quite prominent in business circles. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and has been called upon to serve as assessor of his town for five consecutive years and as a member of the board of charities three years. He attends the Episcopal Church, and is a prominent member of the following societies: P. C. Isbell Post, No. 43, G. A. R.; Shephard Lodge, No. 78, F. & A. M.; Allerton Chapter, No. 39, R. A. M.; Evergreen Chapter, No. 22, O. E. S.; Hancock Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F.; Columbia R. D. Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F.; Mattatuck Tribe, No. 25, I. O. R. M.; and Salem Lodge, No. 36, A. O. U. W.

JOSEPH W. ZWIEBEL, the well-known and popular proprietor of the Belleview Lake summer resort of Waterbury, was born in Tapfheim, Bavaria, Germany, July 7, 1847, a son of John and Walburga (Koettel) Zwiebel, also natives of Bavaria, where they continued to make their home throughout life. Both were members of the Catholic Church, and the father was a brewer by occupation. In their family were nine children, namely: Josepha, who is living at the old home in Germany; Victoria, deceased; John, a resident of New England; George, of Germany; Joseph W., our subject; Anthony, of Germany; Ulrich, of Germany; John N., in London, England; and Kreszenz, at home in Germany.

Joseph W. Zwiebel received a good education in his native tongue, and in early life learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for several years. He was married in Bavaria to Miss Kreszenz Dirr, a native of the same county as her husband and a daughter of Joseph Dirr. She is a well-educated woman of good business ability. To Mr. and Mrs. Zwiebel were born seven children, as follows: Adolph, at home; Otto, Walburga and Eugen, who all died young; Grace and Otto (2), both at home; and Joseph, who died young.

In 1881 Mr. Zwiebel and his family emigrated to America, sailing from Antwerp, and landing in New York City. They first located in Torrington, Conn., where he worked at his trade. After spending two years and a half at that place, he came to Waterbury and found employment in Benedict & Burnham's factory, where he remained until 1893. Having saved some money, he purchased the grounds called Belleview Lake Grove, and has since made extensive improvements upon the place. He has erected a dance hall, built pleasure boats, and added many other attractions, so that it is now one

of the most beautiful and popular summer resorts of the locality. In carrying on this place Mr. Zwiebel has met with most excellent success. He is of a genial disposition, courteous and obliging, and caters to the wants of his patrons. He is also industrious and possesses good business ability and sound judgment. In his political views he is liberal, and in religious faith he and his family are Catholics.

MARTIN BURKE, one of Branford's well-respected citizens, and foreman of the carpenter department of the Branford Lock Works, Branford, is a native of that city, born July 12, 1855, a son of John and Bridget (Gibbs) Burke, who were natives of County Galway, Ireland. In 1847 John Burke came to America, and here in Connecticut, was employed for a time as a laborer on the Shore Line railroad, and later found work as a polisher in the Lock Works at Branford, where he has since remained. He married Bridget Gibbs, and thirteen children were born to them, seven of whom grew to maturity: Mary (Mrs. William H. Farrell), Bridget (Mrs. Richard O'Neil), Martin, John (now deceased), Patrick, Michael, and Nellie (now deceased).

Martin Burke, whose name introduces these lines, received a limited education at the public schools of Branford, and at the age of fourteen entered the Branford Lock Works as a helper in the japping room. Later he was promoted to the spindle room, and since 1882 has been foreman of the carpenter department.

Mr. Burke has been twice married, first time in 1880, to Joanna Welch, who was a daughter of John Welch, and died in 1881, leaving one son John P. In 1892 our subject wedded Kate Hurley, who has borne him six children: Ellen, Martin, Jr., Edward F., Thomas J., Mary and Catherine. The family attend services at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Branford; socially Mr. Burke is affiliated with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus; in politics he is a staunch Democrat, and he has been chairman of the Town Democratic Committee nine years, and through his push and energy the party has been victorious on many close elections. In municipal affairs he has served on the board of relief nine years, and as assessor four years. He was captain of the Yale & Towne fire department from its organization in 1898; and he organized the Branford fire department in September, 1899, becoming its chief, and served until January, 1901.

AMITY A. HOLSER, a dairy farmer and fruit grower of the East Farms section of the town of Wallingford, was born in New York City, Aug. 29, 1847. Ignate Holser, his father, was born in Baden, Germany, son of Anthony Holser, a farmer, whose entire life was spent in Baden.

Ignate Holser was educated in the German



schools, and learned the trade of shoemaking. While still young he came to this country, on a sailing vessel, and landed in New York, poor in everything save the strength and courage of youth. Finding employment at his trade, he worked as a journeyman for a time, and then started up a shop of his own, doing custom work. In 1874 he left New York and came to Wallingford, buying the farm on which his son Amity now resides. It contains 108 acres, and under his industrious labors was greatly improved. Here Mr. Holser died in 1894, and he was buried in Westfield, Mass. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Catholic Church. Ignate Holser was married in July, 1841, in the city of New York, to Miss Susan Wolff, a native of Worms, Germany, and daughter of John Wolff, a carpenter, who died in Chicago. Mrs. Holser is still living with her son, Amity A. To their union were born the following children: Onrine married John Snyder, of Westfield, Mass., and is now deceased; Amity A. is our subject; Martin is a resident of Northford, Conn.; Emma married John Welsh; Susan died young; Susan (2) died unmarried; two children died in infancy.

Amity A. Holser attended the public schools of the city of New York and Westfield, Mass. Learning the trade of a carpenter, he worked at same for nine years in New York, and then came to the farm to help his father. After the death of the latter the farm passed into his possession, and he has become deeply interested in dairying and in peach culture. A hard-working and industrious man, he has made many substantial improvements in the farm and its management, and has become quite prosperous. In politics he is independent, and believes in a business administration of local and general affairs. Domestic in his habits, he devotes himself to a tender and beautiful care for his mother in her old age. He has never married.

WILLIAM G. HARD, a prominent merchant and honored citizen of Naugatuck, was born in Watertown, Litchfield Co., Conn., August 31, 1858. He is a representative of old and highly respected families of Connecticut, his ancestors for over two hundred years having been residents of this State. On the paternal side he is a descendant in the eighth generation of James Hard, who settled in Derby about 1680, and married Elizabeth Tomlinson, daughter of William Tomlinson, in 1603. So far as is known no other progenitor by the name of Hard ever came to this country until after 1800. The descendants of James Hard are now legion; besides the hundreds in this State there are a great many in northern Vermont, and as is the case with the posterity of many of our early settlers, they are now scattered throughout the United States.

Andrew C. Hard, our subject's father, was also a native of Litchfield county, born July 3, 1828, and grew to manhood in Watertown. Before the

days of railroads he drove a stage from that place to New Haven, and is still engaged in the trucking business. His home is in Watertown. He married Miss Mary Ann Russell, who was born in Waterbury June 30, 1831, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Charles G., born Sept. 19, 1856, died Jan. 18, 1889; William G., our subject, is next in order of birth; Myron R., born Feb. 11, 1861, is a resident of Waterbury; Lottie B., born Sept. 14, 1867, is assistant postmaster at Watertown; Andrew M., born March 7, 1869, Russell H., born Dec. 15, 1870, and John M., born April 15, 1874, are all at home.

Chester Russell, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Waterbury, and a farmer by occupation. He died Dec. 5, 1841, at the early age of thirty-one years. His father Stephen Russell, was also a farmer and a resident of Waterbury. The latter married Sabria Hotchkiss, who was born July 19, 1773, a daughter of Amos and Abigail Hotchkiss; her father was the sixth son of Gideon Hotchkiss, a very prominent man of his time and a property owner in New Haven county, who was born in Prospect Dec. 5, 1716, and died Sept. 3, 1807. Gideon Hotchkiss was deacon of the church, and served as selectman and representative from the town of Prospect (then called Columbia) to the State Legislature. He was a soldier of the French and Indian war, and also aided the Colonies in achieving their independence as a soldier of the Revolution, and had several sons in the latter conflict. He was the father of nineteen children, by two marriages, his second wife being Mabel Stiles, a daughter of Isaac Stiles, of Southbury. To this union were born most of his children. At his death two hundred and sixty-five of his descendants were living around him in New Haven county. He was the seventh child of Stephen Hotchkiss, a native of New Haven, who was born Aug. 12, 1681, and married Elizabeth Sperry, daughter of John Sperry, of New Haven: Stephen Hotchkiss was an extensive farmer, and made his home in the parish of Cheshire, in the town of Wallingford. His father, Joshua Hotchkiss, was born in New Haven Sept. 16, 1651, and became a leading citizen of the place. He was a son of Samuel Hotchkiss, a native of Essex, England.

William G. Hard, whose name introduces this sketch, passed his boyhood and youth in Watertown, and received his education there. He began his business career as clerk in a general store at that place, working for his board and clothes, and during the seven years that were thus passed thoroughly mastered the business in all its details. In 1880 he went to Waterbury, where he clerked for two years, and then came to Naugatuck as head clerk for the E. H. Carrington Co., with which he was connected for five years. In 1886 he opened a general store of his own in Naugatuck, and now enjoys a large and lucrative trade.



On Aug. 24, 1881, Mr. Hard married Miss Eudora E. Holt, of Waterbury, a daughter of Nelson Holt, who was a soldier of the Civil war and died in one of the Southern prisons during that struggle. To this union have been born four children, namely: Frank N.; Eva M., who died Jan. 12, 1893; Irma E.; and Mildred H.

Politically, Mr. Hard is independent, and socially is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Ancient Order of United Workmen; Knights of the Maccabees; Modern Woodmen of America; United Order of the Golden Cross; and Independent Order Foresters. In nearly all these societies he holds some responsible position of trust. He is a prominent member of the Congregational Church of Naugatuck, and is an active worker in the Christian Endeavor Society, in which he has held all the offices. He was president of the Watertown Union for some time, and was instrumental in organizing the society at that place. He was also one of the founders of the Young Men's Christian Association at that place: was a member of its board of directors; and has always taken an active interest in all church work. He is a busy man, yet he is ever ready to pause in the midst of his duties to listen to appeals and relieve the needy. He is wholly worthy the respect which is everywhere tendered him, for his name is a synonym with honorable dealing and with all that is elevating to the individual and beneficial to the city.

**HARRY S. HOTCHKISS**, late of Naugatuck, was one of the wealthiest and most popular citizens of that town. He was born in New Haven in November, 1845.

Mark Hotchkiss, his grandfather, was a prosperous farmer of New Haven county and a successful teacher. He married Polly Hotchkiss (no relative), and five children were born to them: George, Lucius E., Mary A., Grace and Rosette. Lucius E., the second son, was the father of Harry S. Hotchkiss, and was born in Prospect, Conn. He was a mason and contractor by occupation, conducting business first in New Haven and afterward in Naugatuck, where he died Jan. 6, 1877. He married Harriet Cooper, and they had two children: Mary, who died when four years old; and Harry S.

Harry S. Hotchkiss received his early education in the schools of his native town and at Hackettstown, N. J. He learned the trade of a mason from his father, and followed same, in connection with contracting, until his death, which occurred Feb. 1, 1899. He was successful beyond expectation, being naturally endowed with brains, pluck and perseverance, to which were joined steadfast industry and close attention. He was a man of kindly disposition and generous impulses, and noted for his probity. In his political creed Mr. Hotchkiss was a Republican. He served as town assessor, and also four years as selectman. He

was a thirty-second-degree Freemason and a member of the I. O. R. M.

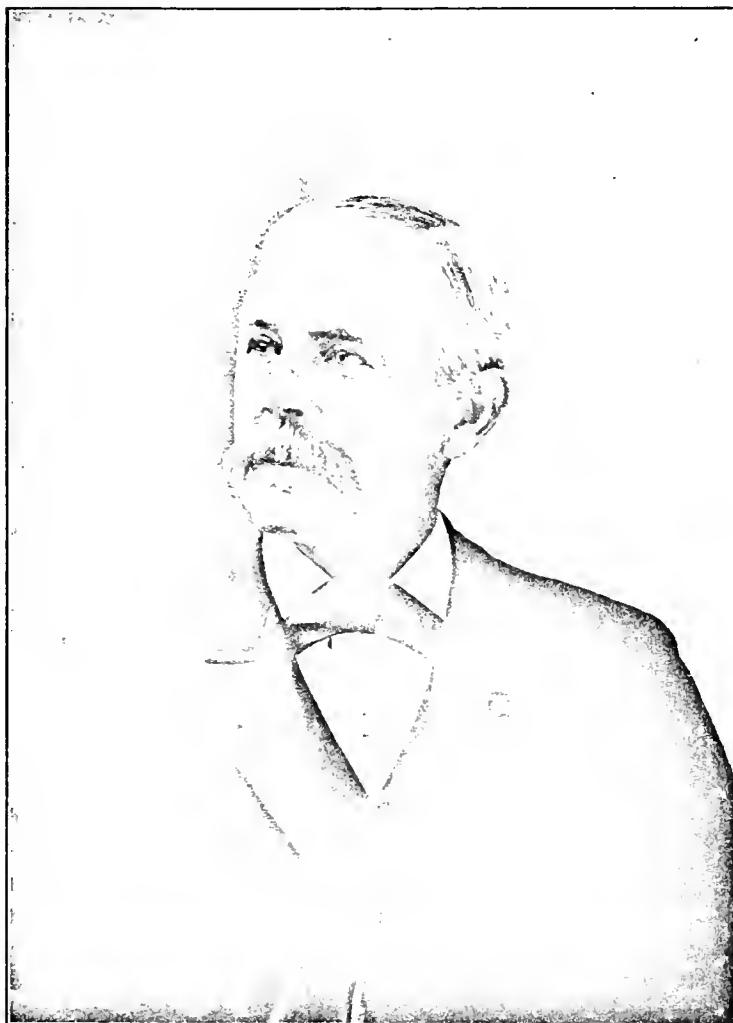
Mr. Hotchkiss married, Feb. 16, 1872, Mrs. Maria R. (Beach) Seymour, who by her first husband had a daughter, Cora, now the wife of Harry A. Bennett, of New York, who is connected with the Title & Trust Guaranty Co. of that city. Mrs. Hotchkiss was born in Winchester, Conn., of which town her paternal grandfather, Caleb Beach, was an early settler, having removed there from Goshen, this State. He erected a log cabin there about 1740, and some time during the decade 1760-70 built the first frame house ever put up in the town. It is still standing, and one of its most notable features is its huge stone chimney, 12x7 feet at the base. Hezekiah Beach, son of Caleb, was the father of Mrs. Hotchkiss. He, too, was born in Winchester, where he married Caroline Clark, a daughter of Jude Clark, a farmer of Burlington, Conn. Mrs. Maria R. Hotchkiss was the fourth in the family of ten children born to Hezekiah and Caroline Beach, of whom three—Julius, Sarah J. and Charles—died in infancy or early childhood. Of those who reached mature years, George, Frank and Harry are farmers, the two first named in Winchester, and the latter in Naugatuck. Ellen married John Baker, a sash and door manufacturer of Pleasant Valley, Conn., and is now deceased. Samuel is a mechanic, and resides in Beacon Falls. Hezekiah Beach died in September, 1872, and his wife passed away in 1854. He was a man of influence and was sincerely beloved for his manly character and many virtues. In early manhood he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in later years was a Second Adventist. In politics he was a Republican.

**HORACE G. FOSDICK**, a well-known and successful wholesale baker in Ansonia, was born in Sandisfield, Berkshire Co., Mass., March 24, 1859, son of Robbins Fosdick, who was born in the same place. George Fosdick, his father, was born in Wethersfield, Conn., and was a son of William Fosdick, a sea captain, who was also born in Wethersfield.

The Fosdicks settled early in New England, and an ancestor of the family purchased land in Charlestown as early as 1635. From that point he went to New London. Horace G. Fosdick is in the ninth generation of his family in this country. His grandfather served in the war of 1812. He was a saddler, and spent his life in Sandisfield, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. He married Rachel Parrot, who was born in Canaan, and her father was a Quaker from Pennsylvania, though she attended the Congregational Church with her husband. They had a large family. Mrs. Fosdick died at the age of eighty-two.

Robbins Fosdick, noted above as the father of Horace G., was reared in Sandisfield, where he received his education in the public schools. He





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learned the trade of harnessmaking, remained at home, and followed farming in connection with his trade. He resided in Sandisfield up to 1884, when he removed to Ansonia, Conn., and has since lived with his son Horace G. Mr. Fosdick took an active part in the "Know-Nothing" movement, and since that curious uprising in politics has been a Republican, reading widely and being well posted on all questions at issue. He married Lucinda Collins, who was born in Tyringham, Mass., a daughter of Chester Collins, a farmer at that place. They had five children, three of whom are still living: Amisinda married Alphonso Merrell, of Westfield, Mass.; Horace G. is the subject proper of these lines; George, who lives in Derby, is foreman of the rolling stock of the electric railway. The mother died in 1894, at the age of sixty-five years. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and is remembered as a good wife and mother. James Fosdick, a brother of Robbins, served in the Civil war.

Horace G. Fosdick spent his earlier years under the parental roof and was educated in the public schools. At the age of fourteen years he went to Derby, and drove team for a business man of that place; he attended school during the winter for five seasons. After this he spent one year in a grocery and meat market, and another year as clerk in a confectionery establishment. In 1880 he came to Ansonia and began business as a confectioner, continuing in this line for eighteen months, and selling out to Charles Blair. Mr. Fosdick was not long idle, and bought his present establishment from a Mr. Trumpbour, who had done both a wholesale and retail business in a small way. Under the energetic management of Mr. Fosdick the business has steadily increased until now five wagons are in use, and as many bakers are employed. Mr. Fosdick undoubtedly commands the most extensive patronage of any man in his line in the city, and is known as one of the oldest business men there, having been engaged in his present place for more than twenty years. His customers, both wholesale and retail, are found in Seymour, Shelton and Derby, as well as Ansonia, and as he turns out the best of goods they are more than satisfied. Mr. Fosdick gives close personal attention to all the details of his business. In 1889 he purchased his present property, on which he has made many and expensive improvements. He also owns a small farm, where he keeps cows to provide the milk for his baking business. There are ten horses in his stables, and they receive the best of care; he has not lost a horse for sixteen years, and their fine appearance shows the touch of a kindly hand.

Mr. Fosdick was married, in 1887, to Miss Katy Vandercook, a daughter of William Vandercook, of Albany, N. Y., where she was born. Mrs. Fosdick is one of a family of four children. To her union with our subject have come five children: Horace G., Willard, Annie, Lottie and Charles H.

In political sentiment Mr. Fosdick is a Repub-

lican. He is regarded as one of the leading citizens of his community. He is a member of Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F., with which he has been connected since he was twenty-one, was secretary of the lodge three terms, and for several years was an active worker in the Temple of Honor. In religious connection he unites with the Baptist Church, where he has served as trustee and secretary for three years.

EDWARD M. STANLEY, one of the many renable and capable workmen of which the city of Waterbury boasts, was born Feb. 24, 1859, in Hopeville, town of Waterbury.

William Stanley, his father, was born in Birmingham, England, son of William Stanley, who came from Birmingham in 1829. The latter was the grandfather of William J., J. L. and Frederick E. Stanley, whose sketches appear elsewhere. William Stanley, father of Edward M., was brought to Waterbury by his parents when a lad of seven years, and died there Sept. 30, 1875. When a boy he entered the button shop of Mr. Benedict, and when old enough he learned the trade of brass rolling. Failing health drove him from the factory, and in 1848 he engaged in the carriage trimming business, catering to the trade. For some years he was engaged in business in New York City and Newark, N. J. In 1863 he came back to Waterbury and helped to form the Carrington Manufacturing Co., of which he was treasurer for some time. Then, disposing of his interest in that firm, he helped form the Matthews & Stanley Manufacturing Co., of which he was treasurer until his death. He was a devoted friend, and earnest in his advocacy of every good cause. He was well known in Masonic circles, and was recognized as a faithful worker in the First Methodist Church. For his first wife William Stanley married Phoebe Forrest, who died early in life. Betsey Miller, his second wife, was born in Ancram, Columbia Co., N. Y., daughter of Silas Miller, a farmer of that region, who spent his later life at Salisbury, Conn., where he died at the age of ninety years. William Stanley and his wife Betsey were the parents of three children: William, Perry and Edward M. William died April 11, 1857, at the age of three years, and Perry died Nov. 16, 1862, at the age of five years.

Edward M. Stanley spent his boyhood days in Hopeville, where he attended the local school. His higher education was obtained in the Waterbury high school and a private school at Riverside, where he spent three years. The young man began his life work in the shops of the Matthews & Willard Manufacturing Co., where he became a skilled burnisher and toolmaker, and where he worked for seven years. In 1889 he entered the factory of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., as a toolmaker, and has remained with that well-known firm to the present time.



On Nov. 1, 1893, Mr. Stanley married Miss Helen M. Moshier, who was born in Waterbury, March 15, 1870, a daughter of Augustus and Georgiana (Darling) Moshier. Her grandfather, Charles Mosier, changed his name to Moshier. He was of German extraction. In early life he was ordained an Episcopal minister, but in later years he followed the trade of a wheel-wright. He died Nov. 24, 1855. Augustus Moshier was born in the city of New York, Feb. 7, 1841, and died Jan. 27, 1900. He was a carpenter by trade, and carried on the business of contractor and builder. His wife was born in New York City, Dec. 25, 1850, and is still living. They had six children: Helen M. (Mrs. Stanley); Charles A., Sarah A., Georgiana, Susan A. and Edith M. Charles A. is a machinist with the Scovill Manufacturing Co. Sarah A. married George W. Morse, of Cheshire, Conn. Georgiana married Edwin A. Jessell, of Waterbury. Susan and Edith are still in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are the parents of two children: Margaret M., born Sept. 26, 1899, died Oct. 3, 1899; William A. was born June 24, 1901. Mr. Stanley is a Republican politically. He belongs to Townsend Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F., Comstock Lodge, No. 13, K. of P., and to Mizpah Colony, No. 163, United Order of Pilgrim Fathers. He attends St. John's Episcopal Church.

JOHN PATRICK CALLAHAN, assistant superintendent of the Branford Lock Works, Branford, is a native of Connecticut, born June 30, 1856, in New Haven.

John P. Callahan, son of John Callaghan (for so he spelled his name), was born in County Cork, Ireland, and about the year 1845 came to this country, landing at New York, where for a time he was master workman at the carriage-spring making trade. He made carriage springs that were exhibited at the "Great Exhibition" (World's Exposition) held in London, England, at the "Crystal Palace," in 1851. He married Ellen Collins in New York City, then removed from there to Newark, N. J., and thence, about the year 1850, to New Haven, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1868. His children who grew to maturity were: Ellen, Mother Basilia, of St. Patrick's Academy, Chicago, Ill.; Mary, Mother Philomena, of St. Bernard's Convent, Nashville, Tenn.; John Patrick; and William J.

John P. Callahan, our subject, was reared in his native city, New Haven, and received his education in part at the public and parochial schools; after commencing work he attended night school. In 1868, when but twelve years old, he began work in the lock works of Mallory, Wheeler & Co., New Haven, and in course of time learned the trade of lock fitter, remaining in their employ ten years. In 1879 he removed to Branford, where he has since been engaged with the Branford Lock Works.

On Jan. 7, 1880, Mr. Callahan was united in

marriage with Alice T. Carney, daughter of James and Margaret (Cusick) Carney, of Branford, formerly of Ireland, and six children, all yet living, have been born to them: Margaret, B. T., John L., James P., William Vincent and Gerald. The entire family are members of the Catholic Church. Socially Mr. Callahan is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and one of the organizers of Eldred Council, No. 10, of Branford, of which he is financial secretary; is also a member of the N. E. O. of P., and of the Y. & T. Mutual Benefit Society; and a member of the Branford Agriculture and Horticultural Society, of which he is secretary. He has held various public positions, having served as grand juror, auditor and tax collector, and at present he represents Branford in the State Legislature; he is clerk of the committee on Manual and Roll.

The Callaghans (for such is the usual spelling of the name) are prominent people in Ireland. Patrick Callaghan, an uncle of our subject, is a large land owner in County Cork, and enjoys the distinction of never having had trouble with his tenants, something unusual on the "ould sod." One of his sons is a bishop in the Catholic Church in Ireland, and altogether the family enjoy high standing.

AUSTIN B. PIERPONT, proprietor of a thriving meat market, milk depot, etc., in the city of Waterbury, was born in that town Feb. 11, 1849, on the same farm on which his father, Charles J. Pierpont, was born.

Ezra Pierpont, great-grandfather of our subject, was also in all probability born in the town of Waterbury. He was a farmer, served in the war of the Revolution, and was quite prominent in town affairs, serving long as a selectman, and also filling several other offices. He reared several children, among whom were Seabury, Luther, Austin (grandfather of our subject), Stiles and Joseph. All the sons became farmers and lived in the town of Waterbury. Luther and Austin served in the war of 1812.

Austin Pierpont, grandfather of Austin B., was a prosperous farmer. He married Sally Beecher, of Waterbury. Of the children born to them seven reached maturity, viz.: Enos A., Ezra A., Minerva, Charles J. (father of our subject), Jennette, William S. and Ellen. Enos A. was a farmer and butcher in Waterbury, where he died. Ezra A. was also a farmer and oyster peddler in the same town, and there ended his days. Minerva married Amos Moss, a farmer, carpenter and sawmill and cidemill proprietor of Cheshire. Jennette became the wife of Amos J. Beers, a wholesale fruit dealer in New Haven. William S. was a carpenter in Waterbury. Ellen married Lorenzo Peck, a merchant of New Haven. The father of this family met an untimely fate by a stroke of lightning, but not until he had rounded out a useful and beneficent career.

Charles J. Pierpont, father of our subject, was



a farmer and butcher in Waterbury, where he passed his entire life. He married Mary A. Warner, a native of the town, and a daughter of Jared Warner, a farmer; he was a soldier of the war of 1812. Justis Warner, father of Jared, was also a farmer, and descended from one of the oldest families in the county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Pierpont settled on the home farm, where they reared their six children, viz.: Charles J. is water inspector of Waterbury (he is mentioned elsewhere); Austin B. is the subject proper of this sketch; Ellen C. married George W. Conner, proprietor of an express line from Waterbury to New Haven; Wilson L. is a farmer and milkdealer in Waterbury; Merritt E. is a grocer in the city; Mary Ann married Charles S. Miller, a mechanic of Waterbury. In politics the father of this family was a Democrat, and in their church relationship the family are Episcopalians.

Austin B. Pierpont passed his boyhood on the home farm, and was educated in the district school. He then taught one season, and later attended the Waterbury high school, after leaving which he hired out to his uncle, Enos Pierpont, and worked for him seventeen years in the meat business. At the end of that time he bought him out, and has ever since conducted a most prosperous trade in meats, dairy products, etc.

In 1872 Mr. Pierpont married Lucy A. Welton, a daughter of Joseph Welton, of Waterville, and to this union have been born three children: Arthur J., born in 1876, is still on the farm; Herbert, born in 1883, died at the age of five months; Morton E., born in 1885, is now attending Storrs' Agricultural College.

Mr. Pierpont is a Republican in politics, and has twice represented New Haven county on the State Board of Agriculture. He has been master of Mad River Grange, Excelsior Pomona Grange, and has always been actively interested in the promotion of agricultural affairs, having served as vice-president of the Wolcott Agricultural Society, a position he still fills; he is also active in other affairs, and lends a helpful hand in all. He is president of the East Farms Cemetery Association, and a trustee of Mill Plain Chapel Society, which he helped to establish. His influence is felt in many undertakings. He is of a genial, benevolent and fraternal disposition, and is a prominent member of Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F., Waterbury, in which he has passed all the chairs, and of Ansantawae Encampment. Mr. Pierpont is a vestryman in Trinity Episcopal Church. Socially he is very highly esteemed, and his family share with him the regard of their neighbors and friends generally.

GEORGE SMITH DAVIS, member of the firm of Landon & Davis, general merchants, Guilford, is a native of the town of Guilford, born Dec. 29, 1854, of Welsh ancestry.

Joel Davis, his grandfather, was born in Kill-

ingworth, Middlesex Co., Conn., whence after his marriage he moved to Guilford, where he purchased a farm, and where he passed the rest of his days, dying in 1860. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, a Whig in politics, and was progressive and prosperous. In Killingworth, Conn., he married Achsah Davis, of that town, and seven children were born to them: Henry, Sarah, George W. (deceased), George W. (2) (sketch of whom follows), Harriet, Leonard and James. The parents both died at the farm, and are buried in the West Side cemetery.

George W. Davis, father of George S., was born in 1822 in Guilford, and there passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1890. He attended the Episcopal Church, was a Democrat in politics, and was a highly honored man. In 1850, in Guilford, he married Cornelia Smith, who was born in 1827, daughter of Tabor and Myra (Hoadley) Smith, and three children were born to them: Cornelia, deceased in infancy; George S., sketch of whom follows; and Charles W., who is engaged in business with his brother.

George S. Davis, the subject proper of this sketch, attended the district school of Guilford, also the high school, and at the age of sixteen years went to Hartford, Conn., where he secured employment as clerk in a dry-goods store. He remained there eight years, in 1878 returning to Guilford and becoming clerk in the postoffice. Then, at the end of five years, in 1883, being possessed of a small capital, he and S. W. Landon embarked in the grocery business in Guilford, under the firm name of Landon & Davis. Mr. Landon died in 1890, and Mr. Davis has since continued the business under the same name, and, through courtesy, genial manners, and close attention to business, has built up an extensive trade.

Mr. Davis is a Republican. In 1885 he was elected town treasurer, and has since filled the office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public; has also for the past ten years filled the office of borough and town treasurer with equal acceptance. In 1889 he was elected to the State Legislature, and served one term at Hartford, during which time he was on the committee on New Towns and Probate Districts. In 1891 he was re-elected. He filled the office of burgess of the borough one term, and in 1881 was appointed a notary public by the governor. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., affiliating with St. Alban's Lodge, No. 38, of which he is past master and treasurer; he is a Knight Templar, connected with New Haven Commandery, No. 2, and with Halleck Chapter, also with the Eastern Star; is also a member of the New England Order of Protection and the Royal Arcanum. In religious faith he is a member of the Episcopal Church, of which he has been warden for the past twelve years, also treasurer.

On Dec. 16, 1885, in Guilford, George S.



Davis was married to Annie G. Fowler, daughter of Henry Fowler, and three children have been born to them: Henry Fowler died in infancy; Elizabeth G. and Annie C. are both attending school.

LEWIS MONROE PHELPS was born Aug. 22, 1841, in Northampton, Mass., where his father, Spencer Phelps, was born in September, 1797, and died in 1873. Spencer Phelps was a farmer, and was also engaged in the butchering business. He was a Whig in political faith, and became a Republican on the formation of the party. He attended the First Congregational Church. In 1823 he married Miss Annie Harris, of Northampton, who was born Dec. 21, 1801, in Norwich, and died in 1873 in Northampton, Mass., where Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were buried. Their family comprised the following children: (1) George S. has a carriage business at Northampton, Mass. (2) Anna Maria married Enos Wright, of Northampton. (3) Edward died in infancy. (4) Edward H. is a retired tinsmith of Northampton. (5) Martha married Henry Cobb, of Saxton's River, Vt. (6) Henry S. was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, serving as a member of Company C, 11th United States Regulars, was taken prisoner, and died in Andersonville. (7) Charles W. died at the age of eighteen years. (8) Lewis Monroe is the gentleman whose name appears at the introduction of this article.

Ebenezer Phelps, father of Spencer, was born in Northampton, and was in his lifetime a very prominent farmer and large land owner. A large tract of land which belonged to him is now the center of the city of Northampton. He married Kezia Parsons, and they had eight children. The Phelps family descends from three brothers who came over from England very early in the history of the Colonies and settled in Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively.

Lewis M. Phelps spent his boyhood and youth in Northampton, Mass., and obtained his education under the shadow of Mt. Tom. At fourteen he left school and went to work, on different farms, three years later going to the West, and spending two years in Illinois and Iowa. Returning to Northampton, he set himself to the trade of carriagemaker, which he followed until he reached the age of twenty-four. Mr. Phelps enlisted, in August, 1862, as a member of Company C, 52d Mass. V. I., and served until Aug. 14, 1863. He was at Port Hudson, and in many notable battles of the war.

Mr. Phelps began a contracting business when he was twenty-four years old, and followed same for about one year. At Springfield he was employed for six years by the Wesson Manufacturing Co., where he was foreman in charge of a gang of men. He held a similar position in the shops of the New York, New Haven & Hartford

Railway Co., and in 1875 he came to Wallingford to open a tinning, plumbing, heating and stove business, in which line he has accumulated a substantial fortune. Twelve years ago he leased his present store in the Wallace block, and purchased a half interest therein. In 1898 he bought the other half of the block. Mr. Phelps is largely interested in real estate and owns several very desirable tenement houses, which he has built in recent years. Politically he is a Republican, and he is now serving as justice of the peace; since his location in the city he has had charge of the department of weights and measures; for two years he was a member of the court of burgesses; in October, 1901, he was appointed electrical commissioner, for three years.

Mr. Phelps was married, June 1, 1864, to Miss Jennie M. Hastings, of South Deerfield, Mass., daughter of Samuel Hastings. Mr. Phelps is a member of Arthur Dutton Post, G. A. R., and Compass Lodge, F. & A. M. He is also a prominent Odd Fellow, has passed all the chairs of the Subordinate Lodge, and for a number of years has been a member of the Grand Lodge of the State. He is also a member of the Encampment, Rebekah and Canton branches of the order. He was a prime mover in the organization of Accanant Lodge, and was its first vice-grand; has served as treasurer of Friendship Encampment, and is now a member of the board of trustees.

GEORGE S. GILLETTE, a highly-esteemed resident of the town of Milford, was born Jan. 14, 1850, in the house in which he resided until recently.

Benjamin Gillette, his great-grandfather, served as a soldier during the Revolutionary war, and the family has long been noted for the qualities that go to the making of good citizenship. Garriet Gillette, our subject's grandfather, was born in Milford, and became a farmer by occupation. He married Nancy Platt, and had a large family of children, as follows: John, a builder in Prospect, died in that town; George died in Naugatuck; Garriet, a farmer, died in Prospect; Bennett, a carpenter, died at his home in Prospect; Rufus, a carpenter, is living in retirement in Naugatuck; William, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below; Sarah A. married Harry Morse, and resides in Prospect; Mary (deceased) married Harry Smith, of Prospect; Abby married Lucius Talmadge, of Prospect (both are now deceased); two died in childhood.

William Gillette was born in 1822, in Prospect, and died April 14, 1878. After his marriage he located on a farm on Long Island Sound, in the southern part of Milford, the old homestead of the grandfather, where his remaining years were spent. As a citizen he was much respected, and for years he took an active interest in local affairs as a member of the Republican party. He was also very active in the church. He married Susan Bucking-







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ham, daughter of John Buckingham, a native of Milford. She died Oct. 4, 1879. Of their six children, the eldest, Mary E., married N. Truman Smith, a farmer in Milford; George S. is mentioned below; Miss Martha N. resides in Milford; Charles W. conducts the old homestead; Miss Susan C. resides in Milford; and Nettie died in infancy.

George S. Gillette was reared on the old homestead in Milford, and after completing a course in the neighboring district school attended the Milford high school and a private school conducted by Jonas French. At the age of twenty-two he went to Kansas and worked on a farm for a year, and he spent the next five years in Nevada, in various employments. In 1878 he returned to the homestead, a farm of thirty-eight acres, and made a specialty of raising garden seeds. Recently he came into possession of the old Buckingham homestead, the place where his mother was born, and has taken up his home there.

On Dec. 13, 1893, Mr. Gillette married Miss Flora Belle Hanscome, of Maine, daughter of Rev. Alva H. Hanscome, and a member of an old family of that State. They have one child, William Buckingham. Mr. Gillette is a Republican in politics, and has served many years as assessor and a member of the board of relief. He and his wife belong to the Congregational Church, and he is also an active worker in the Royal Arcanum and of the I. O. O. F. at Milford.

**NATHAN W. GREENMAN**, a well-known resident of Waterbury, is a native of Connecticut, born April 12, 1840, in Bozrahville, New London county.

Prior to the year 1800 three brothers by the name of Greenman came to this country from England, one settling in New York, one in the eastern part of Connecticut, the third in New London county, Conn., the last named being James Greenman, the grandfather of Nathan W.; he was a farmer by occupation.

Nathan Greenman, father of Nathan W., was born in 1815 in New London county, and for years was superintendent of the cotton mills there. He is now living retired near New Haven. At the early age of seventeen years he married Julia A. Wilkinson, who was born in 1815 in Stonington, Conn., a daughter of Jonathan Wilkinson, a farmer of that locality. Mr. Wilkinson served in the war of 1812. He married Ann Cranston, also a native of Stonington, and descended from ancestry who came to America early in the seventeenth century. Grandfather Wilkinson was one of the "frontiersmen," but the Indians were very friendly to him and his family, frequently abiding under their hospitable roof. The Wilkinsons took active part in all the early struggles of the country, including the French and Indian troubles, the Revolution and the war of 1812, as well as the Indian wars since that period.

After marriage Nathan Greenman and his wife

settled in New London county, at Bozrahville, and there reared the following children: Anna E. (deceased) was the wife of George Nettleton; Jennie E. (deceased) was the wife of Frederick A. Cook, of Southington, Conn.; Nathan W. is our subject; Ellen L. (deceased) was the wife of Samuel A. Bayliss; Charles A. died unmarried; Imogene E. is now the wife of Frederick A. Cook, mentioned above.

In 1842, when two years old, Nathan W. Greenman, our subject, was taken by his parents to Greenville, a suburb of Norwich, this state, and at the public and high schools of that place received a liberal education. On May 15, 1853, he came to Waterbury, which has since been his home. Taking up the profession of dentistry, he in 1858 followed same in Charleston, S. C., and while there saw slaves sold by auction. During the year 1859 he for some time sold books throughout Michigan. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, as will be presently recorded; from 1865 to 1866 was a clerk in the Waterbury postoffice, and then embarked in the coal business, in which line he is actively engaged at the present time.

In November, 1875, Mr. Greenman married Edith G. Webster, a daughter of Chauncey B. Webster, of Waterbury. No children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Greenman are members of the Congregational Church. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served his adopted city as tax collector, also on the board of relief. Socially he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., Concordia Society and G. A. R.

On Aug. 11, 1862, Mr. Greenman enlisted in the service of the United States in Company H, 20th Conn. V. I., for three years, or during the war, and the following succinct war record, written by himself, will be of interest:

"I was mustered as corporal at New Haven, Conn., Sept. 8, 1862, left the State Sept. 11, 1862, served in the defence of Washington, D. C.; from Oct. 2, 1862, 2d Brigade, 1st Division, 12th Corps, Army of the Potomac; and Army of the Cumberland from June, 1863, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Corps; from April, 1864, 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 20th Corps, Army of the Cumberland; transferred to the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, Armies of the Cumberland and Georgia, May 29, 1864, remaining with last mentioned brigade, division and corps, until the ending of the Civil war, April, 1865, holding the rank of sergeant until that event. I was on duty with my regiment, in defence of Washington, D. C., until Sept. 29, 1862; moved to Sandy Hook, thence to Harper's Ferry, Maryland Heights, Loudon Heights, Keys and Manning Fords, on the Shenandoah river, Va., then to Fairfax Station, Va. Advanced on Fredericksburg, during the cold and severe rains of December, 1862, when, from the depth of the mud, it was impossible for men and trains to move more than four or five miles a day. Not an article of apparel, outside or



inside of the knapsack, but was thoroughly soaked with the icy rain. For ten consecutive days and nights these conditions were the experiences of all in the command. The cold, wet ground served for a bed, and a wet knapsack for a pillow. With all these discomforts the men appeared to be cheerful and in good spirits and health. I was with my command during the Confederate Gen. Stuart's raid, from Dec. 27 to Dec. 31, 1862, and in other operations against the enemy, until ordered into winter quarters at Stafford Court House, Va., Jan. 19, 1863, there remaining until April 27, 1863. During the latter part of the month of January, 1863, by order of Brig. Gen. Kane, commanding our brigade, myself and a detail of six men from my company (each with three days' rations) were ordered to take possession of and occupy Aquia Creek church, some four or five miles distant from our camp, to prevent its defilement by scouting or other parties of soldiers. \* \* \* We carried into the church several cords of wood, built a fire in the center of the floor with which we cooked our rations, and kept warm (the weather being very cold), remaining there nearly five days, the last thirty-six hours without food, headquarters having forgotten or overlooked the fact that we were on duty there. The church at that time was between the lines, and we were liable to capture by the enemy at any time during the period of our guard. The waning of the fifth day brought to our ears the sound of horses' hoofs upon the frozen ground, and from our outlook within the church there came into a view a regiment of cavalry which proved to be the 8th New York, which not only relieved our apprehension and anxiety, but also our hunger. Through the dispatch of an orderly to Gen. Kane's headquarters, we were ordered to return to our camp. \* \* \* On April 26, 1863, came orders to break up camp and march to the scenes of battle in the coming campaigns of the spring and summer of 1863. Eight days' rations and eighty rounds of ammunition is the order. A forced march of three days brought the command to Germania Ford on the Rapidan river. Order to strip off all our clothing, put them in a roll, and wade through the rapidly flowing stream, where we found foothold difficult to maintain. Lined up to roll-call on the opposite bank of the river, preparatory to imminent battle at Chancellorsville, Virginia.

"This is to be my first important engagement, and questions surge the mind, like the incoming and receding waves of the ocean, that are unanswerable until the conflict ends. Killed, wounded or unscathed, and will you perform all of the duties of a soldier, bravely and unflinchingly in the coming contest, whatever the result? My fate proved capture, the third day of the battle, Sunday, May 3, 1863. This was the only time I was made a prisoner of war during my three years' service. I was confined in Libby Prison, and on Belle Isle, in and opposite Richmond, Va. Follow-

ing my confinement at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md., and my exchange during the month of August, 1863, I joined my regiment and company at Cowan, Tenn., and was promoted to the position of sergeant April 22, 1864, performing duty along the line of the Louisville & Nashville railroad and Chattanooga line of communications until the opening of the Atlanta campaign, May 4, 1864, participating in the following engagements: Buzzard Roost Gap, May 8 and 9; holding Boyd's Trail, May 10 and 11; battle of Resaca, May 13 and 15; Cassville, May 19; advance to Etowah, May 20 and 23, 1864. At this date I was detached for duty in the Ambulance Corps, a duty I found to be arduous, tedious and compassionate, constantly drawing upon my sympathy, because of the mutilation and suffering I witnessed during a series of engagements that consumed one hundred consecutive days of time when fighting in one contingent or other of those armies took place. It has been designated by some of those who endured the campaign, the 'one hundred days' battle.'

"Entered Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 3, 1864, and was assigned to duty at the headquarters of Gen. H. W. Slocum, commandant, in charge of ten of the ambulances used to convey the citizens of that city to Rough and Ready (Confederate line), in accordance with the order issued by Gen. Sherman, making it imperative that all non-combatants should be removed from within our lines. Citizens had the option of going North or South, and from my observation comparatively few went North. Sept. 20, 1864, was relieved from duty in the Ambulance Corps, and ordered to join my regiment, then in camp on the outlying hills east of the city. Nov. 15, 1864, started and marched through the State of Georgia with Gen. Sherman's army, which arrived at Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10, 1864, serving with my company and regiment during the siege of that city, entering it with our victorious army Dec. 21, 1864. I was on duty in that place until Jan. 3, 1865, crossed the Savannah river Jan. 4, and camped on the rice fields on South Carolina soil, opposite the city, for a week; marched to Hardeeville, S. C., helped in the leveling of that place with the ground; remained there some ten days, marched to Sisters Ferry on the Savannah river, then accompanied Gen. Sherman's army in its famous march through the Carolinas, from January to April, 1865. I was in the skirmish near Lawtonville, Feb. 2, 1865, with a reconnoissance to Silver River, N. C., March 14-15; fought in the battle of Averysboro, N. C.; was in action, March 16, near Taylor's Hole creek, N. C.; also in the engagement at Bentonville, N. C., March 19-20, 1865; was with a detail of thirty men (Capt. Ezra Sprague in command) who were foraging, when lost amongst the pines of South Carolina, for three days and nights, pursued by Gen. Joe Wheeler's cavalry, when capture meant instant death, as no quarter was given to our foragers, if taken prison-



ers. The battle of Bentonville, N. C., was the last fought by Gen. Sherman's army in the Civil war. I was on duty at Goldsboro, N. C., from March 31 to April 10, 1865; at Raleigh, the State capital, April 13-22; guarding supply trains to Jones' Cross Roads, N. C., April 22-24; and at the surrender of Gen. Johnston's army to Gen. Sherman, April 26, 1865. Then left my company and regiment, by order of the regimental surgeon, Dr. Jewett, proceeded by rail to Beaufort, N. C., thence by steamer to Fort Schuyler, N. Y., there detailed as chief clerk in the muster-out department, by Major Thieman of the United States Army, and was honorably discharged from the United States service July 6, 1865. I never was wounded, experienced but little sickness (none of a serious nature), an inmate of the hospital one week, at Parole Camp, Annapolis, Md., from hip injury that proved slight, acted as assistant steward in that hospital after my recovery during the term of my parole, returned to my citizenship July 8, 1865, in a better physical condition than when I joined the service."

COL. JOHN B. DOHERTY was born at Hard Ledge, Westmoreland Co., New Brunswick, Sept. 10, 1853, a son of William A. and Matilda G. Doherty. The mother died in 1895, aged seventy-six years, and the father, who was born in England in 1820, died in Waterbury in June, 1900, aged eighty years. James G. Doherty, the grandfather of Col. John B., was born in Colerain, Ireland, and was a farmer.

William A. Doherty when a boy left England with his parents, and went to New Brunswick, where he engaged in shipbuilding after reaching manhood. St. John's was for years his headquarters. He located for a time in Westmoreland county, New Brunswick, engaged as a shipbuilder, and then, returning to St. John's, was for a long term of years superintendent in the shipyards of Jewett & Scammel, a very large concern at that time. About 1865 he came to Waterbury for a time. He went back to New Brunswick, but his home was in Waterbury after 1890. Mrs. Matilda (Gallaway) Doherty was born in Colerain, Ireland, a daughter of James Gallaway, who removed to Thompsonville, Conn., when she was very young. To Mr. and Mrs. William A. Doherty was born a family of ten children, seven of whom lived to maturity: James G., William A., Eliza, John B., Anna, Rebecca and Mary J. James G. lives in Waterbury, and William A. in Green Bay, Wis. Anna married Leonard Burr, and has her home in Bridgeport, Conn. The other members of the family live in Waterbury.

Col. John B. Doherty spent his boyhood days in St. John's, New Brunswick, and attended school there. In 1865 he came to Waterbury, where he has continued to live up to the present time. He commenced to learn the machinist's and toolmak-

er's trades, but did not finish his apprenticeship, preferring to take a position as clerk in the jewelry store of C. H. Perkins & Co. In 1872 young Doherty became entry clerk for Benedict, Meriman & Co., and remained with them until they went out of business, in 1875, when he bought the gentlemen's furnishing store at the corner of Bank street and Exchange place, and conducted it until 1878. That year he closed the store and began keeping books for the A. Burrett Hardware Co., a concern very extensively engaged in the manufacture of gas and waterpipe fittings. Mr. Doherty became secretary of the company, disposed of the retail store, built new factories, and started out on a very ambitious career, but was caught by the panic of 1884 and crowded to the wall. After the failure of the Burrett Hardware Co. he secured a position as corresponding clerk with the Holmes, Booth & Hayden Manufacturing Co., which he held until the reorganization of Brown & Brothers, when he went with them as chief bookkeeper, remaining with them until they went into liquidation.

Mr. Doherty was elected second selectman in 1885, and at that time was the only Republican on the board. The next year he was made first selectman, and on the meeting of the board became its chairman. The Democrat who had held the chairmanship was defeated by an adverse vote of twelve hundred, and lost every ward in the city to Mr. Doherty. In October, 1887, the same ticket was renominated and elected. In 1888 Mr. Doherty declined a renomination, and announced himself as a candidate for the position of postmaster. He was appointed to the postmastership in 1889 by President Harrison, and officiated in that capacity four years and four months. From time to time other flattering political honors have been extended to Mr. Doherty. In 1888 and again in 1892 he was asked to take the nomination for Congress. He has been requested to become candidate for sheriff of the county, but his business relations did not admit of his acceptance. In 1890 he was offered the nomination for the position of mayor of Waterbury, but, much as he would like to serve the people, his business relations again compelled him to decline.

Mr. Doherty was chosen secretary of the Connecticut Indemnity Life Insurance Co. in February, 1893. This company was not in good condition, and its business had become very much run down, but under the new management—of which Mr. Doherty was secretary and a director—it was intended to change the basis of the company's business from that of assessment to the legal reserve, or so-called "old line." During his management the business increased from four and a half million dollars to more than twelve millions of insurance up to July, 1898, when he resigned his office, and devoted himself to the real-estate, insurance and brokerage business, with the same gratifying success.





Col. Doherty has been associated with the State National Guard for many years. He became a private in Company A, 2d Regiment, C. N. G., in February, 1872, and gradually rose from one position to another until July 1, 1892, when he was elected colonel of the regiment. He served in that office six years, and then asked to be placed on the retired list. Col. Doherty is a Mason of high degree, belonging to the blue lodge, the chapter, the consistory and the Temple. He takes an active part in the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men, and wherever he is encountered he is always the same genial and polished gentleman. The Colonel has always taken a leading part in the affairs of the Republican party, and his is a familiar presence at county and State Conventions. He was acting alternate delegate at the Chicago convention which nominated President Harrison, and a regular alternate at the Minneapolis convention which renominated President Harrison.

Col. Doherty has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Jennie M. Barton, of Winchester, Conn., in 1875. Mrs. Doherty had very delicate health, and spent much of her married life in the balmy South; she died in 1882. There were no children by that union. In September, 1892, our subject married Katherine Sedgwick Buel, of Waterbury, daughter of Mrs. Cornelia A. Buel and the late Theodore S. Buel, and niece of the late Judge Norton J. Buel. To this union has come one child, Cornelia Buel, born Aug. 15, 1896.

FREDERICK A. LINES, secretary and treasurer of the Ansonia Lumber Co., at Ansonia, is one of the leading business men of that town, and his energy and sound judgment have been recognized factors in carrying many enterprises to success. In addition to attending to his lumber business he served as president of the Ansonia Board of Trade, vice-president of the Connecticut State Board of Trade, and a director in the Ansonia Savings Bank and the Ansonia Flour & Grain Co. As a citizen he takes an active part in local affairs.

Mr. Lines was born Oct. 25, 1849, at New Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn., where his family has been prominent from pioneer times. Joseph Lines, his great-grandfather, came from New Haven in 1750, and settled at New Milford, and Philo Lines, his grandfather, was born there in 1769, and followed farming in that vicinity throughout all his life.

William A. Lines, our subject's father, was born in New Milford in 1809, and died there in 1885. He was a substantial farmer and respected citizen, and he and his wife were devout members of the Congregational Church. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Betsy A. Sullivan, who was born in New Milford, daughter of Henry Sullivan, and died aged forty-five years. They had four children, of whom three are living: George, who is in the lumber business in New Milford;

Frederick A., our subject; and Charles, who conducts a flour and grain business in New Britain.

The common schools near his home afforded our subject an education, and at eighteen he went to South Norwalk to learn the carpenter's trade. When twenty-one years old he located in Ansonia, and after following his trade three years as a journeyman began contracting, many of the best dwellings and other buildings in the town having been built by him. In 1883 he became a member of the Ansonia Lumber Co., and in February, 1888, when Mr. Smith was chosen president, our subject was made secretary and treasurer. The yard is the largest in this section, and is the only one in the locality having first-class railroad facilities, and carrying a full stock of all kinds of rough and dressed lumber. They order directly from the manufacturers, and have an extensive business in all lines.

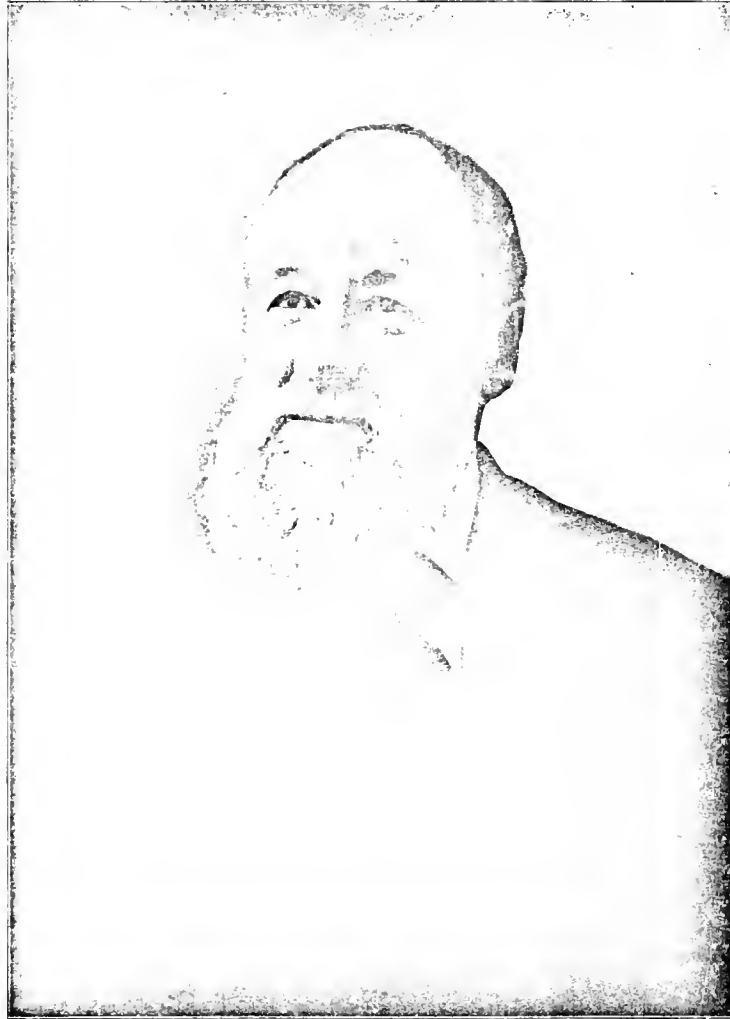
Mr. Lines is a Republican in politics, and was assessor and one of the burgesses of Ansonia for a number of years. He was also president of the first board of aldermen of the city of Ansonia, and took an active part in organizing the first city government. Socially he and his family are prominent, and he is a member of George Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., of Ansonia; Mount Vernon Chapter, R. A. M.; Union Council, of Derby; New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar, of New Haven; Pyramid Temple, of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport; the Heptasophs, of Ansonia; the A. O. U. W.; and the New England Order of Protection.

In 1874 Mr. Lines married Miss Lottie A. Hotchkiss, and they have two children: Miss Bessie A., a graduate of Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, and later a teacher there; and William H. The family attend the Congregational Church, of which Mrs. Lines and Miss Bessie are members. Mrs. Lines was born in Ansonia, daughter of Lockwood and Augusta Hotchkiss, both of whom survive. Mr. Hotchkiss is a well-known hardware dealer and capitalist of Ansonia. This worthy couple had six children, of whom five are living: Lottie A. (Mrs. Lines), Albert, Nettie, Lockwood, Jr., and Frederick D. Hotchkiss.

HERBERT M. ROSE, a well-known miller of the town of Milford, is a native of North Branford, this county, born May 9, 1842. His family has been identified with North Branford for many years, and his great-grandfather, Solomon Rose, was among the first settlers in that locality.

David Rose, our subject's grandfather, was born and reared in North Branford, and became a farmer there. He married Anna Russell, and they had five children, as follows: Major (deceased), who took charge of the homestead, never married; Rebecca married Eloyda Harrison, a farmer in North Branford; Joshua is mentioned more fully below; Laura married a Mr. Loper, and subsequently became the wife of Russell Rose, and resided in





*Herbert M Rose*



North Guilford, this county; Damaris (deceased) never married.

Joshua Rose, our subject's father, was born Jan. 9, 1797, and was a lifelong resident of North Branford. In connection with farming he operated a sawmill. As a citizen he was much esteemed, and, while not active in politics, he affiliated with the Democratic party. His death occurred at his farm Oct. 8, 1878, when he was aged eighty-one. In 1838 Mr. Rose married Harriet W. Smith, who died Feb. 4, 1883, at the age of seventy-five. She was a native of West Haven, this county, and her father, Laban Smith, was a wheelwright of that town. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose, viz.: Russell M., who operates the homestead; Herbert M., our subject; George H., a merchant in Douglas, Kans.; Charles J., a farmer and truckman in North Branford; and David S., who was in mercantile business in Douglas, Kans., at the time of his death, in 1892.

Herbert M. Rose remained at the old homestead until he reached the age of eighteen, and for one year taught school in a country district. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in New Haven for some time, and has occasionally engaged in it since, but his attention has been given chiefly to the millwright's trade. His services were in demand for setting up water-wheels and machinery in different places, and in 1868 he located in the town of Milford, two and a half miles from the village of that name. His homestead comprises twenty acres, and on settling there he put up substantial buildings, including a saw and grist-mill, which he conducts. He also owns and operates a gasoline launch, carrying about twenty-five people, and takes parties cruising down the Sound and up the Hudson river. Politically our subject is a staunch Republican, but he is not an office-seeker.

On Nov. 16, 1869, Mr. Rose married Miss Florence E. Treat, who was born in Woodmont, this county, daughter of Richard Treat, a prominent farmer and a descendant of Gov. Robert Treat. The only child of this union, Florence E., died at the age of seventeen years. Mrs. Rose is a member of the First Congregational Church of Milford.

**HENRY FRANCIS WANNING**, president and general manager of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, of Derby, Conn., was born in Massachusetts, March 30, 1846. After receiving his earlier education in the public schools of his native town, he entered the high school of Taunton, Mass., where he graduated in 1862.

Soon after laying aside his text books Mr. Wanning began work in the office of the woolen-mills of Samuel Slater's Sons at Webster, Mass., but after a time he removed to New York City, where he entered the employ of the New York City Steel Works, and while there became ac-

quainted with the proprietors of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, of Derby, Conn. Subsequently he was induced by that company to accept the position of bookkeeper for their establishment, and ever since 1865 he has been identified with that firm in different capacities. In 1879 he was elected their secretary; in 1888 he became treasurer; and in 1891 having acquired a larger interest in the corporation, he succeeded Royal M. Bassett as its president and general manager. He has served as a director of the Birmingham National Bank since 1888.

In 1870 Mr. Wanning was married to Miss Harriet Wallace, eldest daughter of the late Nelson H. Downs, of Shelton, Conn., a lady of marked refinement and charming personality. Since his marriage Mr. Wanning has resided in Shelton, having previously, from 1865, made his home in Derby. He and his wife have three living children: Grace Elizabeth, born in 1871, who was married in 1896, to Julius G. Day; Francis Downs, secretary of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, born in 1873; and Harriet Downs, born in 1879. Though not a member, Mr. Wanning is interested in the Second Congregational Church of Derby, of which he has been a regular attendant and cheerful supporter since settling at his present locality.

**CHARLES CLIFFORD FENN**, one of the successful dairymen and fruit growers of Wallingford, was born in Waterbury, this county, Nov. 15, 1859, a son of Samuel Fenn, who came from Middlebury to Waterbury, where he died. The mother of our subject, Caroline (Smith) Fenn, was a daughter of John Smith, of Bristol, Conn. Two children were born of this union: Frank, a dairyman of Middlebury, who married Emily Clark; and Charles C., our subject. Mr. Fenn died in 1860, and Mrs. Fenn subsequently married Alexander Graham, of Bristol. She passed away in Ansonia, Connecticut.

Our subject was but one year old when he was deprived by death of his father. At the age of eight years he was taken to the home of his uncle, Warren Smith, in Ohio, where he was cared for and sent to school, later removing to Iowa, where, in attendance upon school and in farm work, he passed several years. Returning then to Bristol, Conn., he remained there until he was sixteen years old. The opportunities of the West induced him to return to Iowa, and around Des Moines he found employment on farms for a year. He then went to Erie county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming for three years. In 1881 Mr. Fenn came to Wallingford and engaged at farm work with Robert Wallace, later entering the toolmaking room of R. Wallace & Sons spoon factory, and learning the trade, at which he continued for thirteen years. During that time he bought the present farm, consisting of sixty-six acres of valuable land in East Wallingford. For the past nine years



Mr. Fenn has been giving his special attention to dairy farming, making a great success. In addition to making constant improvements, building barns, fences, etc., on this place, Mr. Fenn has established in Wallingford a machine repair shop, a much needed convenience, which since 1900 has been one of the busiest places in the town.

In 1881 Mr. Fenn married Nellie Bailey, daughter of Stephen Bailey, of Durham, and five children have been born of this union: Carrie, Wilber, Olive, Mable and Lottie, all living except Mable, who died at the age of four years, leaving a blank in the family circle which can never be filled.

The improvements made upon his place have cost Mr. Fenn much money, his substantial barn alone costing \$2,500. The success which has attended him is richly deserved, being but the natural result of the energy, frugality and industry which he has displayed ever since he was thrown upon the world to carve his own fortune. Although not a member of church he accompanies his wife in attendance upon the M. E. Church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor, and he is always ready to further any enterprise promising good to the community. Mr. Fenn is most highly respected, a good citizen, a Republican who is not too closely tied by party lines, and one of the representative citizens of New Haven county.

BENJAMIN LOUIS LOUDON was born Dec. 29, 1854, in Greenwich, Conn., and is a son of Allen Loudon, who was born in New York. Thomas Loudon, the father of Allen, served in the Revolutionary war, and is buried in Horse Neck.

Allen Loudon was a shoemaker and was in business many years in Greenwich, where he died at the age of sixty-three. He was a Democrat, and a faithful and useful citizen. He married Elizabeth Rouschart, who was of French descent, a native of New York, and died at Port Chester, that State. They had ten children: (1) Jackson is a stonemason and contractor at Greenwich. (2) John is a mechanic in Port Chester, N. Y. (3) Sarah is a widow, and resides in Greenwich. (4) David is a carpenter in Greenwich. (5) Clara is living in Bridgeport. (6) Benjamin Louis is our subject. (7) Elbert is in the teaming business at Port Chester. (8) Hattie is married and living in Port Chester. Two died young. The Loudons are of Scottish descent.

Benjamin Louis Loudon received his schooling in Greenwich, attending until he reached the age of nine years, when he left home to shift for himself. Going to Ridgefield, Conn., he was engaged in farming seven years, and part of his compensation was the privilege of attending the school of the district. At Cheshire he spent some months learning the tinsmith trade with George Keeler, and then returned to farming, working for Almon Ives, with whom he remained about two years. At Middletown he was employed four years as a silver-

plater in the factory of the Simmons & Miller Co., and was three years with G. I. Mix & Co., at Yalesville. In 1879 Mr. Loudon came to Wallingford to enter the employ of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., with whom he is still engaged. In 1892 he was made general superintendent of the entire plant, and has about three hundred men under his supervision. Mr. Loudon is a Free Mason. Politically he is an active Republican, but has never been an office seeker.

Mr. Loudon was married Jan. 1, 1878, to Miss Jennie Rhoda Emily Turner, a daughter of Lewis W. Turner, the patentee of the Turner heater. To their union have been born: Elsie Juliette; and Clarence Turner, who is in business with his father.

JAY H. HART, for many years a prominent figure in the manufacturing circles of Waterbury, and widely known as a most capable and reliable man, was born in Berkshire county, Mass., Dec. 11, 1847, and comes of a family long established in New England. Alfred Hart, his father, was also born in Berkshire county, Feb. 12, 1812, and died in New Marlborough Feb. 19, 1864. Solomon Hart, his father, was born at Cornwall, Conn., May 8, 1766, and died June 26, 1861. He was the first settler at Hartsville, Mass., which took his name, was a lifelong farmer, and also conducted a gristmill, to which he had a set of saws attached, also doing sawmill work. Throughout his life he was a busy and industrious man. Solomon Hart, his father, born at Kensington, Conn., was the son of Deacon John Hart, and grandson of Capt. John Hart. John Hart, father of the last named, was the son of Deacon Stephen Hart, who was born in Braintree, county of Essex, England, came to Massachusetts Bay in 1632, and was one of the fifty-four original settlers of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Alfred Hart, father of Jay H., married Miss Cynthia L. Nettleton, who was born in Cornwall, Conn., in 1814, daughter of Jehiel and Annie Nettleton, and died Sept. 6, 1877. The Nettleton family has long been identified with Cornwall. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hart settled in Hartsville, Mass., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. To them were born four children: Alonzo M., Lucus W., Amy J. and Jay H. Alonzo and Amy died in childhood. Lucus W. is a resident of Springfield, Mass. Alfred Hart was originally a Whig, and on the formation of the Republican party associated himself therewith. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and an honorable and upright man.

Jay H. Hart was reared to farming at Hartsville, Mass., where he remained until he was fifteen years of age. He was given a good education, attending the local school at Hartsville, and later was a pupil at the Berkshire Institute. As soon as his school days had ended Mr. Hart secured a position as a special agent of the Adams Express Co., and for five years was engaged in traveling all over





New England, on both railroad and steamer lines. In 1869 he came to Waterbury as freight master at the depot, and held this position for a year and a half. For the same length of time he was with the Plume & Atwood Manufacturing Co., and in August, 1872, entered the employ of A. Platt & Sons. When that concern became an incorporation, under the name of Platt Brothers & Co., in 1876, Mr. Hart became one of its directors, and the secretary of The Patent Button Co., one of its subsidiary enterprises.

Mr. Hart and Miss Bertha Platt were united in marriage May 20, 1873, and they are the parents of seven children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Amy L., Oct. 4, 1874; Bertha M., Oct. 10, 1876; Lewis J., Aug. 21, 1878; Alfred L., Dec. 11, 1880; Ruth S., Sept. 22, 1882; Dorothy N., Feb. 27, 1889; and Howard P., Aug. 10, 1891. These children are all living, and constitute a very bright and charming circle of young people. Mrs. Hart is a daughter of Clark M. Hart, whose sketch appears elsewhere, and is a lady of many charms and graces.

Mr. Hart has always been a Republican, was a member of the town Republican committee twelve years, and acted several years as its chairman. He has taken a prominent part in town affairs for many years. For fifteen years he was a member of the city council, was secretary of same for five years, and president of the board three years. He was receiver of taxes four years, and a member of the board of fire commissioners ten years. For two years he was on the board of safety. He was an active member of the water committee that built the new reservoir, spending three-quarters of a million dollars in that great undertaking, and was also a member of the sewerage disposal committee. Mr. Hart is a member of several of the fraternities, and is prominently associated with both the Free Masons and the Odd Fellows, affiliating with Continental Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F. He is especially adept in Odd Fellowship, and has filled all the chairs in the local lodge. Mr. Hart and his family attend the Second Congregational Church, of which he is a member.

**ALFRED SAMUEL BENNETT.** Among the representative business men of Cheshire, none are more deserving of representation in this volume than Alfred S. Bennett, who for many years has been connected with the business interests of the community, and who has, through his well-directed efforts, gained a handsome competence that numbers him among the substantial citizens of the town. Keen discrimination, unflagging industry and resolute purpose are numbered among his salient characteristics, and thus he has won that prosperity which is the merited reward of honest effort.

Mr. Bennett was born in Camborne, Cornwall,

England, May 25, 1858, and belongs to an old and prominent family of that county, many of its representatives holding high positions both in church and State. They have a coat of arms and crest. George Bennett, Jr., father of our subject, is also a native of Camborne, and is a son of George Bennett, Sr., a land owner and minister of the Gospel, who spent his entire life in Cornwall. George Bennett, Jr., was educated in the schools of his native land, and was a land owner and farmer of Cornwall until 1882, when he came to America, and now makes his home with his son in Cheshire. He married Emma Edmonds, a native of the same place, and a daughter of Richard and Mary (Lanyon) Edmonds. By this union were born five children: George, a Methodist Episcopal local preacher, Glenbrook, Conn.; Richard E., an Episcopal minister of Cincinnati, Ohio; William L., a Wesleyan Methodist minister of Sussex, England; Alfred S., our subject; and James, local preacher and meat dealer of South Meriden, Conn. The mother, who was a faithful and consistent member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, died in her native land. George, the oldest son of George, Jr., also has a son called George, who is of the seventh generation bearing the name of George, all of whom have been eldest sons and, with three exceptions, ministers of the gospel—a remarkable fact: the second of these was captain of the Dolcoath mine, of Camborne, the richest tin mine in the world; and the fifth, George, Jr., father of Alfred S., has been a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, and is a true and earnest Christian.

Alfred Samuel Bennett grew to manhood on the home farm, and was educated in public and private schools of his native land. He remained at home with his parents during his minority, and on May 25, 1879, when he reached the age of twenty-one, he sailed for the New World with the hope of bettering his financial condition. He was accompanied by his brother James. They landed in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and from there went to Chatham, Ontario, but a year later came to Connecticut and located on a small farm in Cheshire, where they lived two years, during which time they embarked in the butcher business. From the farm they removed to Cheshire Center, where they continued to engage in the meat business and deal in cattle until 1887, when the partnership was dissolved, James going to South Meriden and Alfred retaining the old stand. He is still engaged in that business, and also deals in fertilizers, engages in farming in Cheshire, and has acted as auctioneer since 1893, and by his own well-directed efforts, untiring industry and strict attention to business he has steadily prospered, and is now quite well-to-do.

Mr. Bennett has visited his native land several times, and on March 9, 1885, was married in St. Mabyn, Cornwall, to Miss Annie Cleave, a native of St. Kew, the same county, and a daughter of Nicholas Thomas Cleave, of Lanow Barton, St.



Kew. They have three children: Jane, Evelyn and Melville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennett belong to the Grange, and in religious connection both are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Bennett takes a very active part in church work, serving as class-leader, has been Sunday-school superintendent sixteen years, Sunday-school teacher, and at the present time is chairman of the board of trustees. Socially he is a charter member of L. A. Thomas Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., of Cheshire, and a member of Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the same place. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he takes a deep interest in the welfare of his party and works earnestly for its success. For eight years he has been a member of the board of selectmen, and for the past three years has been first selectman. He takes a commendable interest in public affairs, and never withholds his support from any enterprise calculated to advance the moral, educational or material welfare of his town and county. He is therefore numbered among the most valued and useful citizens of the community.

GEORGE C. MINOR has earned an enviable reputation among the successful business men of Waterbury by honorable methods, and has worked his way upward with commendable success. Mr. Minor was born in Woodbury, Conn., May 24, 1847, this town being also the birthplace of his father, Nathaniel D., and of his grandfather, Ephraim.

Ephraim Minor married Olive Judson and reared a family of three children: George C., who became a farmer and lived in Woodbury, where he died while still a young man; Charles, who lived and died on the old homestead; and Nathaniel D.

Nathaniel D. was born May 25, 1817, and was a farmer, at present having a farm in the town of Waterbury. He married Frances Armstrong, a native of Woodbury, and they are the parents of two children: George C.; and Mary Jane, who married Frank R. Baldwin and lives in Jersey City, N. J. The father is a Republican, and an upright and respected citizen. He and wife attend the Congregational Church.

George C. Minor spent his boyhood and youth on the farm in Woodbury, and gained his education at the hands of the teachers of the district school. He attended winter terms until he reached the age of twenty, and when his parents moved to Waterbury he remained on the old farm, and for some eight years, was engaged in its cultivation. Mr. Minor and Miss Ella Louise Waters were married Jan. 1, 1875. Mrs. Minor was born in New Britain, Conn., and is a daughter of Dr. G. H. Waters. After their marriage they left the farm, and, coming to Waterbury, the young husband set up a retail milk business, which he followed for some twelve years. In 1885 the milk business was sold to other management, and Mr. Minor went into the boot and shoe business on South Main street.

It was a new business venture, but it proved highly successful, and after seven years had attained such proportions that more commodious quarters were needed. These were found at No. 52 Bank street, and here Mr. Minor has since remained. This is a fine store, in the heart of the city, and the center of a flattering trade. Mr. Minor is a Republican, and with his wife attends the Congregational Church.

GEORGE TALCOTT BENTON, Branford. The ancestor in this country of the branch of the Benton family of which the gentleman whose name here appears is a worthy member was (I) Edward Benton, who was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1628, and died in Glastonbury, Conn., in 1698.

(I) Edward Benton first located in Guilford, Conn., where he was admitted as a freeman in 1650. Previous to 1669, together with fifty other families, he and his family moved to Wethersfield, where he became the owner of 150 acres of land by purchase from the Indians for the sum of three shillings, three pence. In 1713 his widow, Mary Benton, was granted by the town of Glastonbury fifty acres of land at a cost of twenty-five pounds, five shillings; and again, in 1723, she was granted fifty-eight acres of land for fifty-six pounds; still again, in 1743, Edward Benton's heirs were granted twelve acres of land for fifty pounds.

(II) Edward Benton, Jr., son of the emigrant, was born in Glastonbury, Conn., in 1674, and in 1702 married Mary Hale, of that town, who died in 1713.

(III) Josiah Benton, son of Edward, Jr., was born in Glastonbury in 1705, and died there in 1793. In 1735 he married Hannah House, of the same place. At the beginning of the Revolutionary war he took the oath of fidelity to the State and country, and also became a member of the First Ecclesiastical Society of Glastonbury. At the age of seventy he enlisted in the Connecticut militia, went from the town of Tolland, Conn., and served in the first "Lexington Alarm," April 19, 1775.

(IV) Josiah Benton, Jr., son of Josiah, was born in Glastonbury, Conn., in 1745, and died at his Glastonbury home in 1826. In 1769 he married Dorothy Smith. At the age of thirty he joined the Continental army, going with his father as a private in the Connecticut militia from Tolland, and serving in the first "Lexington Alarm." On May 3, 1775, he enlisted in the 5th Company, 2d Regiment, Connecticut Militia, Col. Spencer commanding. The next year he served as a private in Capt. Abram Tyler's Company, 17th Regiment, Connecticut Continental Infantry, Col. Jedidiah Huntington commanding, and was in the battle of Long Island.

(V) Josiah Benton, third son of Josiah and Dorothy (Smith) Benton, was born in Glastonbury in 1771, and in 1793 married Sarah Talcott, who was also a native of that town, born of an old Con-





*George T. Benton*



necticut family. In 1799, with his wife and family, he removed to Greenport, Columbia Co., N. Y., and he died at Hudson, N. Y., in 1853. His farm, consisting of 125 acres, was always in a high state of cultivation, and a solid stone house thereon, erected in 1729, is still in good repair.

(VI) Orsmer Benton, son of above, was born in Glastonbury Aug. 21, 1799, and was reared in Columbia county, N. Y. For about fourteen years he was in the whaling and merchant service, and for forty years was engaged in the grocery business in New York City. On June 18, 1829, he married Mary C. De Re Vere, daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Van Wyck) De Re Vere, of New York. She bore him five sons, Josiah H., Walter De R., Orsmer H., George T. and Frank W. Orsmer Benton died Sept. 5, 1879, in Brooklyn. Of his sons,

(VII) Josiah H. Benton was born in New York City June 14, 1830. In March, 1862, he enlisted in the United States navy for service in the war of the Rebellion, and received his commission as acting assistant paymaster in the navy Sept. 11, 1862. Being ordered to the Mississippi Squadron, he reported to Rear-Admiral Charles H. Davis, commanding at Cairo, Ill. He reported at Helena, Ark., Sept. 21, 1862, and was assigned for duty to the United States ship "Cairo" (iron-clad) Oct. 1, same year. The "Cairo" was sunk by a torpedo in the Yazoo river Dec. 12, 1862. On Dec. 15, of that year he was ordered to the United States naval station at Memphis, Tenn., which included the navy yard and the United States hospital ship "Pinckney." On Jan. 20, 1864, he was ordered to the United States ship "Meteor" (a new iron-clad vessel), at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was ordered to turn that vessel over to Admiral D. G. Farragut, at New Orleans, and reported to that officer Feb. 1, 1864. He next reported for duty at Alexandria, La., March 21, 1864, on board the United States monitor "Osage," which ship took an active part in the Red river expedition. The "Osage" was the second vessel to pass over the Red river dam at Alexandria Falls on the morning of May 9, 1864; also was the last vessel to leave the Red river, and she was ordered to Cairo, Ill., for repairs. She grounded at the mouth of the St. Francis river, on her way up the Mississippi river, May 22, 1864, and remained there until the river rose and floated her off, Nov. 22, 1864, when she was ordered to the West Gulf Squadron, and reported in January, 1865, at Mobile, where she was sunk by a torpedo in the battle of Mobile. Paymaster Benton was at the surrender of Spanish Fort and Fort Alexis, April 8, 1865; also at the surrender of Mobile, April 12, 1865. He was next ordered to Washington to settle his account, and was honorably discharged Sept. 25, 1865. He died at Copake, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1895. He married Elizabeth Haws Edwards, of Hudson, N. Y.; they had no children.

(VII) Walter De R. Benton, who was a con-

tractor, was born Dec. 30, 1831, and died in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1884. He married Rachel Leonard, of Albany, N. Y., and had two children, Sarah M. and Walter.

(VII) Orsmer H. Benton, son of Orsmer and Mary C. (De Re Vere) Benton, was born in New York City June 26, 1839. He settled in Memphis, Tenn., where he married Susan M. Landin. He entered the United States navy in the war of the Rebellion as paymaster's clerk, in September, 1862, was honorably discharged in 1863, and still resides in Memphis.

(VII) George Talcott Benton, fourth son of Orsmer and Mary C. (De Re Vere) Benton, was born in New York City Oct. 13, 1846, and was reared and educated in his native city. Since 1866 he has been a resident of Branford, where he has been engaged in various occupations, though by trade he is a bricklayer. On June 19, 1873, he married Ellen Foote Stedman, daughter of Harry and Betsy (Foote) Stedman, of Branford, and they have one son, (VIII) Josiah H., born in Branford Feb. 10, 1881, who is a student at Yale.

(VII) Frank W. Benton was born in New York City Oct. 2, 1848, and is now a resident of New Orleans. He married Annie Lovell, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Benton are members of the Episcopal Church. Socially he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., Lodge No. 66. Politically he is a Republican. He has in his possession a rare collection of relics, handed down through the family, all of which are catalogued, and too numerous to mention here. Among those, however, that are most interesting are the following: A set of Lowestoft china, nineteen pieces, nine pieces of glassware, and sixteen pieces of pewterware, which have been in the Benton family since 1660; a large collection of old books dating from 1771 to 1818, which include an English primer of 1800, a grammar, 1818, and arithmetic, 1809; Washington's "Farewell address to the People," printed at Hudson, N. Y., in 1811, and a Latin book, printed in 1715; a pack of playing cards left by his grandfather, 1820; an old-fashioned shawl, 1830; piece of Sandwich Island cloth made from bark; piece of tile from St. John's Church, Hampton, Va., 1630; silver medal from King of Sweden; besides other interesting relics from fifty to two hundred years old.

CHARLES F. BLUMENAUER, the present keeper of the almshouse at Naugatuck, was born in Ellenville, Ulster Co., N. Y., Oct. 1, 1857, a son of Paul and Caroline (Reitenauer) Blumenauer, both natives of Germany. Our subject's paternal grandfather, George Blumenauer, emigrated from that country to America and spent his last years as a farmer in Ellenville, N. Y., where his death occurred. In early life the father came to the United States, and was employed as a glassblower until





forty years of age, when he settled down to farming in Ellenville. He and his wife still continue to reside there. They are members of the German Lutheran Church, and in political sentiment he is a Republican. To this worthy couple were born four children: Mary, now the wife of William Lobdell, of Ellenville; Charles F., our subject; Peter, a farmer of Ellenville, and Helen, wife of Henry Misner, of Greenfield, New York.

Our subject grew to manhood upon the home farm and obtained his education in the district school of the neighborhood. On leaving the parental roof, in 1880, at the age of twenty-three years, he came to Naugatuck, where he has since made his home. He first worked on the farm and in the lumberyard of Samuel Platt for twenty-seven months and for the following eight months was in the employ of Henry D. Hotchkiss, of Waterbury, driving a team, farming, etc.

On Jan. 1, 1884, Mr. Blumenauer wedded Miss Mary J. Frear, who was also born in Ellenville, N. Y., and is a daughter of Henry and Jane (Grant) Frear, natives of Ulster and Sullivan counties, N. Y., respectively. Her paternal grandfather, John E. Frear, was born in New York, of French ancestry, and her maternal grandfather, John Grant, was a native of England. Her parents are now deceased. They had a family of six children: David A., a farmer of Ellenville, N. Y.; Frank, deceased; Rachel, a resident of Ellenville, N. Y.; Mary J., wife of our subject; John E., of Ellenville, N. Y.; and Cora B., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Blumenauer have one child, Henry P., aged twelve years.

For twelve years after his marriage Mr. Blumenauer was in the employ of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co., and then, in 1896, was appointed keeper of the almshouse, which position he has since filled in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. He is an upright, reliable man, who conscientiously discharges every duty that devolves upon him, and merits and receives the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He is a supporter of the Republican party, and fraternally is a member of Centennial Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Naugatuck; and Salem Lodge, No. 36, A. O. U. W. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARCHER J. SMITH was born in Waterbury, Dec. 17, 1856, a son of Earl Smith, an old and honored resident of this city, whose biography appears elsewhere.

Archer J. Smith spent his boyhood days under his parental roof, and was educated in the public schools and at Williston Seminary, a somewhat celebrated institution of learning at East Hampton, Mass. Entering upon a career for himself, his first work was found in the office of the Buckle Company, and in 1881 he became secretary and treasurer of the American Mills Co., and is still

acting in that capacity. He is also secretary and treasurer of the New Haven Web Co., of New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Smith married Miss Susan Maltby, a daughter of Douglass F. Maltby, of Waterbury.

JOHN WILLIAM ALLDERIGE was born in Birmingham, England, Sept. 5, 1854, and is a son of William Alderige, who was born in Fazeley, Staffordshire, England, April 15, 1829.

William Alderige obtained his early education in a day school conducted by the local Episcopal Church, and for about two years was a student in a private school at Tamworth, England. On the removal of his parents to Birmingham, he attended the schools of that city for a time. There he did his first work for himself, when about thirteen years old, in the employ of Pickford & Co., at that time the largest carrying company in England. This firm had its headquarters at Burton, and here William Alderige had charge of the shipping department. The firm appreciated his services, and soon promoted him to a more important work at Birmingham. When he had reached the age of nineteen—still in the same employ—the company was merged into the London & Northwestern Railway Co. Mr. Alderige was offered a position with the Midland Railway Co. as assistant cashier and invoice clerk, which he accepted, and remained with them six years. Mr. Alderige then became associated with the London & Northwestern Railway Co. in its bookkeeping department. On March 28, 1856, he came to the United States, and located at Northampton, Mass., where he made but a brief stay, however, going on to New York City to learn the art of making daguerreotypes. He was in New York about a year, and then went back to Northampton, and from that point went on the road, taking photographs. In this way he entered his business career, in which he has been successful in every way.

In 1870 Mr. Alderige opened a photograph studio in New Britain, where he was in business until 1877, when his son took charge and carried on the business until 1898. In November, 1859, Mr. Alderige removed to Plainville, Conn., where he has practically operated a studio for over forty years, and where he has made his home to the present time. In 1886 he opened a studio in Farmington, Conn., which he has conducted to the present time, making a specialty of fine work for the students of Miss Porter's School. Mr. Alderige is a Republican, and has served as grand juror and as justice of the peace. Socially he is a Free Mason. He belongs to the Baptist Church, and his wife is president of the Ladies' Aid Society connected with same.

On Nov. 14, 1848, Mr. Alderige married Sarah Dawson, who died April 25, 1887. They had the following children: (1) Annie, born Aug. 17, 1849, married Charles Neal, of Southington, and



is now a widow. Frederick J., her son, was born in 1875, married Rosa Amsden, of Chesterfield, Conn. (2) Jennie, born in May, 1851, died in 1887. (3) Mary, born May 27, 1853, married Smith D. Seeley, of New Haven, and they have two children—Arthur Nelson, born in November, 1880; and Jennie Leola, born in October, 1882. (4) John William was born Sept. 5, 1854. (5) Frederick, born Feb. 23, 1857, married Emma Woodford, of Plainville, and they have one child, Florine, born Jan. 12, 1886. (6) Sarah Christiana, born June 23, 1859, married Charles Dean, of Forcstville, and is the mother of one child, Norma Louise, born Dec. 21, 1896. Mr. Alderige was married Sept. 12, 1889, to Fannie A. Stewart, who was born in Farmington, and is a daughter of John and Fannie (Reynolds) Stewart.

Thomas Alderige, father of William, was born about 1802, and died in 1852. He was a calico printer, and followed that business all his active days. Throughout his life he was an exemplary man. In 1827 he married Christiana Alderige, and William was their only child.

John William Alderige came to this country with his parents when about two years old. He attended the common schools of Plainville, and commenced active life at the age of thirteen years, learning the photographer's art under the instruction of his father. While engaged in his father's studio he was also taking private instruction from a retired Congregational minister. When about twenty years old he went to Waterbury, where he conducted the leading gallery for seventeen years, at the end of that time selling out and going to Kenosha, Wis., to continue in the same business. He was there a year and a half, when he sold out to Frank Brown, and spent six months in Chicago operating for G. F. Taylor. Coming back to Connecticut, he had a gallery in Thomaston for a year or more, when he removed to Wallingford, and here in a brief time he has built up a very fine business. His start, in the building next to the post office, was a modest one, but he did painstaking work, and with a desirable location his patronage so increased that he was presently compelled to look for larger quarters. His studio now occupies two floors, completely furnished, and centrally located, and its resources are already taxed to accommodate his business. Recently he has formed a Heliogravure Company, of which he is president and superintendent. Mr. Alderige is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. P., and has a host of friends in both orders. He is a Republican, but has never sought office. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, has lived an honorable and upright life, and is greatly esteemed in the community.

Mr. Alderige was married Feb. 13, 1878, to Ida Harriet Bailey, of Waterbury. Thomas Judd, one of her remote ancestors, was one of the first settlers of the county of New Haven. To Mr. and

Mrs. Alderige have come children as follows: (1) Burton, born June 4, 1880, who died at the age of two and a half years; (2) Norton John, born June 21, 1885; and (3) Clifford Bailey, born Aug. 9, 1888.

THOMAS KANE, a respected resident of Waterbury and alderman from the Fifth ward, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1847, the eldest of the five children that blessed the marriage of John and Mary (Smith) Kane. The parents were natives of the same county, and passed their lives on a farm in Ireland, where they died in the Catholic faith. Of their children, Michael is a farmer on the old homestead in Ireland; Ann is the widow of Peter Smith, and resides in Waterbury; Mary married Patrick Mulligan, of the same city, and is now deceased; Edward is a member of the Waterbury fire department.

Thomas Kane was educated in the National schools of Ireland and was reared to manhood on the home farm. On May 19, 1869, he embarked for America, and on landing came directly to Waterbury. Here he found employment with the clock-case company, with which he remained from 1869 until 1877, when he made a trip to Iowa for three months, on a sort of prospecting tour. In August, 1877, he returned to Waterbury and opened a sample room which he still conducts.

In 1873 Mr. Kane married Catherine Smith, who was soon called away. He next married Bridget Donohue, who bore him two children, John and Thomas, the last named deceased, as is also the mother. For his third wife Mr. Kane married Catherine Galligan. They have no children.

Politically Mr. Kane is a Democrat, but he is somewhat lenient in local affairs, voting for the best man. In 1888 and 1890 he was a member of the board of councilmen, and he is now alderman from the Fifth ward. Fraternally Mr. Kane is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and has been treasurer thereof twelve years; is also a member of the Foresters of America, and for twenty-five years has belonged to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, all in Waterbury. He is a Catholic, and holds membership in the Immaculate Conception Church, to the support of which he contributes quite freely. He is genial of disposition, and has hosts of friends within and without church circles.

PETER MCGOVERN, a well-known liquor dealer of Derby, Conn., was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, about fifty-eight years ago, a son of Patrick and Rose (Farrell) McGovern, natives of the same place, who never came to America but spent their entire lives as farming people in Ireland. In their family were seven children, namely: Michael, who was employed in the iron and steel works at Derby, Conn., for some time, and died in California; Thomas, who was a fireman on a steamer



and died in New York; Peter, our subject; Patrick, who was a miner and died in California; Mary, who died unmarried; Rose, who first married Bernard Kalagher, and after his death married John Reynolds, of Derby; and Catherine, who married a Mr. Troy, of California, and died in that State.

During his boyhood Peter McGovern attended the public schools of his native land, but at the age of fourteen years he came to America arriving in Birmingham, now Derby, Conn., in August, 1855. Here he was employed in the Birmingham Iron and Steel Works until the Civil war broke out. He was one of the first to offer his services to the government to help crush out the rebellion, enlisting in April, 1861, in Company B, 1st Conn. V. I. He was sworn into the United States service at Hartford, May 22, and for three long years was one of the gallant defenders of the Union, being discharged at Petersburg, Va., May 23, 1864. He was under the command of Gens. Scott and McClellan, and participated in many engagements, in one of which he was wounded by a piece of shell.

After being discharged Mr. McGovern returned to Birmingham, where he worked for William Tansey at the blacksmith's trade for four years, and then embarked in the liquor business at his present location, No. 2 Hawthorne avenue. In 1893 he opened another saloon on Main street in partnership with John Donovan, of Shelton, and they are still associated in business, our subject having charge of the saloon on Hawthorne avenue.

In 1866 Mr. McGovern married Miss Margaret Coyle, a native of New York, whose father was born in Ireland. She died, leaving three children: Sarah; Mamie; and Catherine, wife of John Doyle, of Shelton. Mr. McGovern is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and has served as chief of the fire department of Derby. He is a member of the Foresters of America and the Grand Army of the Republic, and religiously is a communicant of the Catholic Church.

**GEORGE D. BUCK.** Prominent among the wide-awake, progressive and successful business men of Naugatuck is the subject of this biography, a leading hardware dealer of that place. His life history most happily illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Buck was born in Farmington, Hartford county, Feb. 20, 1842, and is a grandson of Jesse Buck, who made his home in Plymouth, Conn., and was probably a native of this State. He had only two children, Daniel, the father of our subject, and another son who died young. Daniel Buck was born in Plymouth, Litchfield county, in 1810, and there grew to manhood. In early life he learned the carriage maker's trade at Burlington, Conn., and subsequently engaged in that business at Farmington. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in religious

belief he was a Congregationalist. He died in 1860, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary (or Polly) Hicox, was a native of Waterbury, and a member of an old and prominent family of that town. She died in 1894, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Her children were Charles H., who died in Farmington in 1894; and George D., our subject.

George D. Buck was reared in Farmington, and acquired a good practical education in its common schools. On starting out in life for himself he entered the mercantile world, and conducted a general store in Farmington. In 1861, at the opening of the Civil war, he enlisted in Company K, 25th Conn. V. I., for nine months, and was mustered out in, 1862. During the battle of Irish Bend, La., he was wounded in the leg. In 1879 he came to Naugatuck and entered the employ of John M. Page, a hardware dealer, for whom he worked five years, and at the end of that time became a member of the firm, business being carried on under the name of John M. Page & Co. They do a large and profitable business and our subject still continues his connection with the company.

In 1872 Mr. Buck married Miss Eleanor Woodford, of Farmington, a daughter of Franklin Woodford. She died in 1890, leaving one child, Gertrude, now the wife of John Broderick, foreman for the Goodyear India Rubber Co., at Naugatuck. Mr. Buck was married, in 1894, to Mrs. Emily (Smith) Hotchkiss, of Naugatuck, widow of D. M. Hotchkiss. Mr. Buck is a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has capably filled several local offices. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and also of the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Grand Army of the Republic. His life has been one of earnest endeavor, and due success has not been denied him.

**MARSHALL DENNISON STEVENS,** now retired from active life, was, during his business career, ranked among the skillful mechanics of the town of Guilford, his industrious habits and unswerving integrity winning him a large circle of friends and patrons, and securing for him the lasting respect and esteem of the community. Mr. Stevens was born in Guilford Oct. 22, 1846, and the family of which he is a worthy member has long been known in Middlesex county.

Capt. David Stevens, his grandfather, was a native of Saybrook, and spent his life in the community where he was born. By occupation a shipwright, he built a large number of vessels. He was a captain in the militia. He died in Saybrook, where he was buried.

Alexander Stevens, father of Marshall D., was born Aug. 17, 1808, in Saybrook, where he learned the shipwright's trade, working with his father. He remained in his native place until 1838, when





*W. D. Stevens*





he removed to Guilford, following his trade there with Mr. Graves and for several years with Mr. Blatchley. Later he worked in other sections of the country, and finally became a carpenter and joiner, settling in Guilford, where he died Sept. 25, 1880. He was buried in the Guilford cemetery. Mr. Stevens was a member of the M. E. Church, and in politics a Democrat. An honorable and upright man, he was well regarded in the community in which his honorable and useful life was spent.

In 1832 Mr. Stevens was married, in Westbrook, to Rachel A. Dennison, who was born Aug. 8, 1815, at Silver Lake, Pa., a daughter of Edward Dennison; the last named married the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, Cornelius Chittenden, who died Dec. 24, 1858, aged ninety-four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Stevens came seven children, viz.: (1) Wellington S., born in 1834, is deceased. (2) Hart W., born in 1837, died at the age of seventeen. (3) Marcellus, born in 1839, died in Havana in 1862, of yellow fever. (4) Eckford T., born Jan. 11, 1845, is a carpenter and builder in Guilford. (5) Marshall Dennison is mentioned below. (6) Emma R., born Feb. 27, 1850, married Henry Hart, of Guilford, and is deceased. (7) Ella C., born Dec. 22, 1853, married Charles O. Hotchkiss, of Higganum, Conn. Mrs. Alexander Stevens died Oct. 18, 1891, and was buried in the Guilford cemetery. She was a member of the M. E. Church, a lady of fine character and good Christian life.

Marshall Dennison Stevens attended the Guilford schools, and struck out in life for himself at the early age of eleven years, when he became a cook on a sloop engaged in the coasting trade. For eleven years he followed the sea, rising to the position of mate, and was engaged in the coast trade, for the greater part of the eleven years on the "Sarah L. Thompson" and the "Ann J. Russell," and other well-known vessels of a former generation. When he gave up a sailor's life Mr. Stevens returned to Guilford and became a carpenter and joiner. He is still very active, although at the present time not engaged in business. He is known as one of the crack shots in the county.

Mr. Stevens is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and is a valued member of that organization, where his genial ways and friendly spirit are much appreciated. He is not a member of any church, but his clean life has shown high moral principle. He is a Democrat in political faith, and, though no seeker after position, has been chairman of the town committee and registrar of voters.

Mr. Stevens and Julia A. Splann, a native of Ireland, were married in Portchester, N. Y.; she has proved a devoted wife, and is kind and neighborly in her relations with all.

JOHN OLIVER ROWLAND was born Jan. 31, 1844, in New York, son of John Rogers Rowland, a native of the same State. The father was a house and ship carpenter, engaged in contracting,

and did considerable business in Branford, where he died. He was a Whig, and held strong Abolition sentiments; he was a member of the Baptist Church. In 1850 Mr. Rowland married Miss Mary Ann Lanfair, of Branford, who died in her native town, where her father, Oliver Lanfair, had long lived. To John Rogers Rowland and his wife Mary Ann were born: (1) Louise, now living in New Haven, married George Bradley. (2) Martha Jane married George Calkins, and is now dead. (3) George H. died in 1898, in New Haven, where he had been engaged in the meat business. (4) John Oliver is the subject of these lines. (5) Mary Frances married Dr. William Beebe, of Bridgeport. (6) Emma O. married Henry Blackley, of Guilford. (7) Charles F. is in the painting and paper business at New Haven. (8) Luther Lee is a dry-goods merchant at Guilford. (9) Violetta married Edward Florence, of Birmingham, Conn., and is now dead. (10) Alvira G. is the widow of Seymour F. Benton, of Guilford. Three children died in infancy. John Rowland, the grandfather of John O., was born in Scotland at an early day, and removed to this country while still a young man.

John Oliver Rowland was born in New Durham, N. Y., and received his schooling in Branford and North Haven, Conn. When he was fourteen he worked on a farm in North Haven for about a year, and then worked for F. Mansfield & Co., oyster dealers at Fair Haven, for some six months. At Rome, N. Y., he had charge of the shipping of oysters for Thompson & Rowe, for about a year and a half, and at the expiration of this period came back to New Haven to take a position as conductor on the street-car line. After a time he went back to Rome to manage a new hotel which his old employers had put up during his absence, and for a year or more was thus engaged. At Fair Haven he became interested in a large grocery house and was its general manager for some fourteen years, and then became a member of the oyster-growing firm of H. C. Rowe & Co., the largest oyster-growers in the world. This was in 1878, and in 1900 he left the firm on account of continued ill health to take a position as manager and superintendent of the Masonic Home of Connecticut. This institution is in a very picturesque locality, and is one of the most admirably managed of its kind in the world. All the comforts of a home are provided for the inmates, and Mr. Rowland and his estimable wife are peculiarly fitted for the discharge of the varied and onerous duties of such a place.

Mr. Rowland is a Mason of high degree, and his affiliations are with Adelphi Lodge, No. 63, F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M.; Crawford Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.; and New Haven Commandery, No. 2, K. T. He is president of the Past Masters Association of New Haven county, and is a member of the Masonic Veterans Association of Connecticut. Mr. Rowland is past master of his home lodge, past most excellent high priest of the chapter, and past thrice illustrious master



of Crawford Council, No. 19, R. & S. M. At present he is most worshipful grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons, most excellent past grand high priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut, and P. M. P. G. M. of the M. P. G. C. of Royal Select Grand Masters of the State. He is also enrolled with the A. O. U. W. and the Heptasophs. Mr. Rowland has served as a director of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association for nineteen years, and is a director of the Fair Haven Union Cemetery Association. He is a Republican, but would never become a candidate for any office. In religion he is a member of the Second Congregational Church, and has been president of the Second Congregational Club.

Mr. Rowland was married, May 29, 1866, to Miss Nancy Maria Russell, of East Haven, a daughter of John Russell. They have one daughter, Mary Etta, who is at home; another daughter, Edith Maria, died at the age of sixteen years.

**GUSTAVE ADOLPH RAAHRLAPPER HAMRE**, who occupies an important position in the commercial world of Branford, as a paint contractor and dealer in wall paper, was born in Christiansand, Norway, April 29, 1856, and is a son of G. A. and Christiana (Christianson) Raahr-lapper. Like many other natives of Norway, Mr. Hamre takes his surname from the town in which he was born.

Mr. Hamre was reared in Norway and at the age of fourteen was set to learn the painter's trade, at which he was apprenticed for four years. His cash income for these four years was ten dollars annually, paid him in addition to his board. For four years he worked as a journeyman painter, and in 1878 came to the United States. For a year and a half following his arrival in this country he worked in New York City for the Manhattan Elevated Co. In 1880 he came to Branford, on account of ill health, and worked on a farm. After about a year his health so improved that he was able to take up his trade again, and in 1886 to embark in business for himself as a painter contractor. Here he has accomplished a large success, and in 1890, in addition to his painting trade, engaged in paper hanging and dealing in supplies. To-day Mr. Hamre has the cream of the trade in Branford, and in the surrounding regions as well.

Mr. Hamre was married Jan. 1, 1884, to Estella E., a daughter of John B. and Mary Elizabeth (Richards) Beach, of Branford, and by her has two children: Mary Christianna and John Raahr-lapper. Mrs. Hamre's paternal grandfather, Timothy Beach, was born Jan. 22, 1796, and married Esther Cook. Timothy Beach was the son of Andrew Beach, born in 1769, whose wife was Elizabeth Bradley. Andrew Beach was a son of Ephraim, born Jan. 13, 1742, who married Sarah Stone, of Guilford. Ephraim Beach was a son of Andrew Beach, born Nov. 14,

1713, the pioneer Beach of Branford. His wife was Lucy Tully Smith, of Haddam. He was a son of Ephraim Beach, who was born in 1687, a grandson of Nathaniel Beach, who was born in 1662, and a great-grandson of John Beach, the Pilgrim, who was in New England as early as 1643.

Mr. Hamre is a Lutheran in his religious views, the church of his ancestral faith, and in politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Widows Sons Lodge, No. 66, F. & A. M., Woodlawn Lodge, No. 39, K. of P., and Putnam Lodge, No. 31, A. O. U. W. He is foreman of the Branford Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1, and is a popular character in this city, where he has achieved such a substantial success in life.

**ERVIS ELGIN WRIGHT**, a well-known paint manufacturer and prominent business man of Waterbury, is a native of this State, born in the town of West Hartland, Hartford county, Jan. 19, 1851. His parents, Henry and Rachel E. (French) Wright, were also born in Hartland, and died in Waterbury. He is a descendant of Abel Wright, one of the first settlers of Springfield, Mass., and a large land owner there.

On the maternal side our subject is descended from an old Massachusetts family of English origin. His great-grandfather, William French, was born June 20, 1768, in Taunton, Bristol Co., Mass., and there grew to manhood. On July 18, 1788, at Raynham, Mass., he was married, by Josiah Dean, Esq., to Mary (or Rachel) Hewitt, who was born March 27, 1769. In 1790 he removed to Hartland, Hartford Co., Conn., and took up his residence in the western part of the town, where he purchased 120 acres of land from Samuel Beach and spent the remainder of his life. He made many improvements upon the place, and successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He was a stanch Jeffersonian Democrat in politics, and an active worker in and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died at a ripe old age, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elijah Cannon, and was buried in Pleasant Valley cemetery. In his family were twelve children, namely: Sally, born Nov. 8, 1789, married Lyman Slaid; Rachel, born Aug. 31, 1791, married Erastus Egelston; Hannah, born July 6, 1793, married Asher Tiffney; Clarissa, born March 27, 1795, married Joel Slaid; William was born Feb. 27, 1797; Rufus, born March 20, 1799, is mentioned below; Julia, born Nov. 29, 1800, married John Waird; Lydia, born May 25, 1803, married Anson Tiffney; Lent was born Feb. 17, 1805; Harriet, born March 25, 1806, married Samuel Banning; a daughter, born Feb. 7, 1810, died in infancy; and Lucia, born June 24, 1811, married Elijah Cannon.

Rufus French, the grandfather of our subject, was born on a farm in West Hartland, and received a limited education in the district schools of the town, being almost wholly a self-educated man.



He remained with his parents until reaching manhood, and in early life engaged in the manufacture of spinning-wheels, one of which is now in the possession of our subject. Later in life Mr. French turned his attention to farming, purchasing a tract of 100 acres of land (near the homestead), which at that time was all wild and unimproved. He cleared away the timber and broke the land, erected good buildings thereon, and devoted the remainder of his life to general farming and stock raising. He was very industrious and energetic, and became one of the successful men of Hartland. In 1861 he removed to Akron, Ohio, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for fifteen years, and then returned to Connecticut, spending his last days with his daughter, Mrs. Wright, in Waterbury, where he died in 1885, at a ripe old age; his remains were interred in Pleasant Valley cemetery. Originally he was a Democrat in politics, but in 1856, on its organization he joined the Republican party, and remained one of its staunch supporters until his death. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as class-leader and leader of the choir. On Feb. 29, 1820, he married Clarissa Tiffney, who was born Feb. 11, 1799, and they became the parents of five children: Watson E., born Dec. 7, 1821, was the eldest; Rachel E., born Dec. 1, 1823, was the mother of our subject; Sarah, born Sept. 18, 1830, is the widow of Eugene Gugon; Carl T. was born Oct. 5, 1832; and Orton, born Oct. 29, 1837, is a resident of Hartland.

Henry Wright, father of our subject, was born Aug. 14, 1811, in Hartland, Conn., and died Jan. 30, 1892, in Waterbury. He was engaged in lumber dealing and farming for over fifty years. He was married April 18, 1841, to Rachel E. French, and to them were born five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Lozien F., Nov. 6, 1842; Elsen E., March 26, 1848; Ervis Elgin, Jan. 19, 1851; Embert E., Nov. 16, 1853; and Eva E. (widow of J. I. Byam), Jan. 26, 1856.

Ervis E. Wright came from Hartland to Waterbury in 1867, at the age of sixteen years, and entered the employ of Lewis Beardsley, as bookkeeper, remaining with him until 1880. He then started in business for himself, manufacturing and applying the Ideal Roof Paint, in which line he has continued to the present time, giving his whole time and attention strictly to business. Politically he is a Republican, but he never sought for office.

On Nov. 26, 1885, Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Miss Ella Frances Reed, who was born Nov. 11, 1858. They have one son, Franklin Ervis, born Nov. 22, 1886. Mrs. Wright is a refined and cultured lady, of high literary attainments, and possesses exceptional talent as an artist. She is a prominent member of the Woman's Club of Waterbury, and also of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Wright is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, through his

greatgrandfather, Ephraim Wright, of Hartland. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have one of the most beautiful homes in Waterbury. It is located on an eminence commanding an entire view of the town, and is fitted up with electric lights run by our subject's own plant. He is a man of progressive ideas, enterprising, energetic, industrious and far-sighted, and to these characteristics may be attributed his excellent success in life.

Mrs. Wright also belongs to an old New England family. John Reed, the first of the name in Fairfield county, Conn., was born in Cornwall, England, in 1633, and was a staunch supporter of Oliver Cromwell, serving in his army from the age of sixteen years until the restoration of Charles II to the throne of England. The followers of Cromwell, known as Roundheads, then fled to all parts of the world. John Reed came to America, and first settled in Providence, R. I., where he married a Miss Derby. In 1684 he moved to Rye, Westchester Co., N. Y., where he remained three years, and then came to Norwalk, Fairfield Co., Conn., locating on the Five Mile river, at a place called Reed's farms, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1730, in his ninety-eighth year, and was buried on his farm. He was a man of high moral character and unswerving integrity, and his home was often used as a house of worship before the erection of a church in his community. His children were John; Thomas; William; Mary, wife of David Tuttle; and Abigail.

John Reed, Jr., son of John, was born in Norwalk, where he spent his entire life engaged as a farmer. He married a Miss Tuttle, and they had eight children: John, Daniel, Eleazer, Samuel, William, Mary, Experience and Mehitabel.

Daniel Reed, son of John, Jr., was born in 1697. He erected a mansion on the old paternal estate in Norwalk, where he always made his home, dying there in 1775. He married Elizabeth Kellogg, and they had ten children: Daniel, Abraham, Eliakim, James, Benjamin, Ezra, Elijah (who settled in Amenia, N. Y.), Elizabeth, Lydia and Joanna.

James Reed, son of Daniel, was born on the old homestead in Norwalk, March 27, 1736, and died July 20, 1814, in Amenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., of which place he was one of the most prominent and distinguished business men, engaged in farming, manufacturing and milling. The site of his home is now occupied by the residence of James H. Swift. In 1759 he was one of the Connecticut soldiers who passed through Amenia on their way to Canada to aid Gen. Wolfe in the conquest of Quebec. Receiving news of the capture of the city, they were ordered to return. Mr. Reed was so pleased with the oblong valley through which they passed on their leisurely return that he induced his father to purchase some of the land, upon which he located and spent the remainder of his life. He became the owner of a large estate in Dutchess county, and was extensively engaged in business at Amenia,



manufacturing iron and steel, and conducting a store and mill at that place. He was also one of the first to establish a religious society there. He served as captain in the Revolutionary war, and was one of the most influential men of his community. On April 17, 1760, he married Joanna Castle, who was born in 1743, a daughter of Daniel Castle. To this union were born thirteen children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Daniel, April 15, 1761; Reuben, Sept. 2, 1763; Elijah, March 12, 1766; Jesse, July 16, 1768; Stephen, Sept. 14, 1770; Amos, Dec. 28, 1772; Gilbert, Sept. 25, 1775; Jacob and Joanna, twins, Feb. 15, 1778; Betsey, April 21, 1780; Robert and Rhoda, twins, June 27, 1784; and Phila, April 3, 1787.

Reuben Reed, son of Capt. James, died in Amenia, N. Y., in 1846. He married Hannah Rose, who was born in 1766, and died in 1839, and they had five children: Leonard, Myron, Jesse, Lester and Daniel.

Myron Reed, son of Reuben, and the grandfather of Mrs. Wright, was born July 7, 1797, and died June 2, 1849. On Jan. 3, 1826, he married Belinda Swift, and to them came five children: Maria, born Aug. 15, 1827, married John Smith; Henry, born March 12, 1829, died in California; James was born March 19, 1831; Isaac, born Aug. 27, 1833, is the father of Mrs. Wright; and Frances, born May 11, 1840, married Dewitt Crosby.

Isaac Reed was born in Amenia, N. Y., and married Louise Clark, daughter of Richard Clark (son of Daniel), of Sharon, Conn., a representative of the Clark family of Milford, this State. To that union were born two daughters. The elder, Cora Belle, first married Franklin Phillips, of White Plains, N. Y., and for her second husband married Olin Dibble, of Seymour. Ella Frances, the younger child, is the wife of Mr. Wright, whose name introduces this sketch.

CHAUNCEY SEELEY, who was long at the head of the Seeley & Upham Building Co., of Waterbury, was born in 1845, in Southbury, New Haven county. His father, George Seeley, and grandfather, Elijah Seeley, were born in Wilton, Fairfield county. Elijah Seeley was a farmer by calling, and passed his life in Wilton. He was a patriot of the war of 1812.

George Seeley was a shoemaker in early life, but later became a farmer. He married, in New Milford, Conn., Phebe Ann Buckingham, a native of that town, and their children were ten in number, viz.: Sarah Ann is deceased; Levina is the wife of John Squires, of Southbury, Conn.; Elizabeth married George Robertson, a merchant of New Milford; Harriet is the widow of William Oliver, of Bethel, Conn.; Chauncey is the subject of this sketch; John is a resident of Waterbury; Charles is deceased; Henriette is now Mrs. William Worthington, of Watertown, Conn.; Miss Georgiana is

a resident of New Haven; Frank is a farmer in Southbury. Both parents are deceased.

Chauncey Seeley grew to young manhood on his father's farm, and until seventeen years of age attended the district school and the high school at South Britain. The Civil war having broken out, he made affidavit that he was eighteen years of age, and thus succeeded in enlisting, Sept. 11, 1862, at Woodbury, in Company I, 19th Conn. V. I. He served until mustered out, at Fort Ethan Allen, Va., July 7, 1865, and during this period participated in all the battles, skirmishes, sieges, engagements and marches in which the regiment took part.

At the termination of the war Mr. Seeley returned to Southbury, where he learned the carpenter's trade, and remained until the spring of 1869, at which time he came to Waterbury. Here he followed his trade as a journeyman until the spring of 1888, when he engaged in contracting and building on his own account for about five years, after which he formed a co-partnership with George A. Upham, under the style of Seeley & Upham. This firm had an existence of about five years, at the end of which period was formed a corporation known as the Seeley & Upham Building Co., which conducted a lumberyard, steam planingmill, etc., and did a very extensive business in the building line. Early in 1902 Mr. Seeley sold his interest and withdrew from the presidency.

Mr. Seeley was married, in 1872, to Miss Samantha A. Nash, who died without issue May 15, 1875. In May, 1879, he married Sarah S. Osborn, daughter of Noah Osborn, of Seymour, Conn., and this union has been graced with three children, Arthur O., Wilbur C. and Raymond C. Our subject and his family attend the First Congregational Church and their social relations are with the most refined residents of Waterbury.

In politics Mr. Seeley is a staunch Republican. He has been elected to the city council several times, and in that body served on the Law committee and the committee on Lamps and Gas. He is a prominent member of the American Mechanics, with whom he has been identified since 1875, and in which body he is an ardent worker. He has also been a member of the G. A. R. about twenty years, and is now commander of Wadhams Post, No. 49. Mr. Seeley fraternizes with several other societies, in which he holds offices exalted and responsible, such as treasurer, etc. As a business man he is classed with the most progressive and enterprising in the city. His integrity has never been impeached, and his transactions have always been characterized by perfect candor and openness.

REDFIELD B. WEST, M. D., of Guilford, is a native of that town, born Oct. 28, 1857, the only son of Benjamin C. and Cornelia E. West, the former of whom is a native of northern New York State, but for many years has resided in Guilford, Connecticut.







*Chauncey Seely*



The Doctor's ancestors on the maternal side were old residents of Guilford, and can be traced as far back as his great-grandfather, Russell Frisbie, who was born near Branford, Conn., and married Eunice Redfield, of Guilford. For many years he resided in Georgetown, S. C., where he was a successful merchant until the declining years of his life, which were passed at his home on Fair street, Guilford. His family consisted of one son, John, and five daughters, Julia, Sarah, Amanda, Mary Ann and Eunice. The last named died in infancy. Sarah married George C. Bradley, of Guilford, and their children were: Richard; who died when quite young; and Cornelia Elizabeth, who married Benjamin C. West.

Dr. West received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of the City of New York, in February, 1879, after a thorough course of study at that institution. He then for several years practiced medicine at No. 7 Abingdon square, New York City; later at No. 222 Shawmut avenue, Boston, Mass.; and still later at No. 163 York street, New Haven, Conn., from there removing, in 1892, to his native town, Guilford, where he has since continued in the practice of medicine. In 1894 Dr. West was appointed, by Gov. Morris, State chemist; reappointed by Gov. Coffin in 1896; again by Gov. Cooke, in 1898; and by Gov. Lounsbury, in 1900. In 1897 he was appointed town health officer for Guilford, and also medical examiner same year. He has been successful in chemical researches, having in 1899 and 1900 been granted letters patent for improvements in photographic printing.

While a resident of Boston, Mass., Dr. Redfield B. West was united in marriage with Edith May Goudey, of that city, daughter of Henry T. and Lois A. Goudey.

GEORGE ROBBINS, a gallant ex-soldier of the Civil war and at present a well-known real-estate and fire insurance agent in Waterbury, was born Sept. 12, 1844, in the village of Plainville, town of Farmington, Hartford Co., Conn. Jehiel Robbins, his father, was born in Rocky Hill, same county, and was baptized Aug. 1, 1793. Zebulon Robbins, father of Jehiel, was born in the same place Oct. 14, 1744, and was a son of Zebulon, who was also a native of Connecticut.

The name Robbins was originally—that is, prior to 1600—spelled Ro-Bynes, then was changed to Robins, and finally to its present form, Robbins. The progenitor of the family in America was John Robbins, who came from England and settled in the Connecticut valley about 1638. He married Mary Wells, a daughter of Thomas Wells, governor of the Colony, and from him the present Robbins family are lineally descended.

Zebulon Robbins, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a farmer. He married Hannah Holmes, settled on a farm at Rocky Hill, and there reared two children, Roderick and Jehiel. Roder-

ick became a physician, and practiced in Rocky Hill, Glastonbury and Waterbury.

Jehiel Robbins, father of our subject, was reared on the home farm in Rocky Hill. In early manhood he was a school teacher, and then took up farming permanently, in 1842 removing to Plainville, where he died in 1873. He married Mrs. Dorothy (Edgecomb) Tucker, a widow, who was born in South Glastonbury, daughter of Joshua and Lydia (Hough) Williams, natives of the same place. Joshua Williams was a ship carpenter. His father, Joshua Williams, was born July 18, 1749, enlisted in the patriot army May 8, 1775, and re-enlisted, becoming corporal, in 1777. He was at Danbury, Conn., was under Gen. Israel Putnam up the Hudson river, served also in New Jersey, and was promoted to sergeant in 1780. Robert Williams, the founder of this family in America, was born in England in 1593, and came from Yarmouth to Roxbury, Mass., in 1635. He was a member of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery of England, and was also a member in America. The family drifted into Connecticut, where its members became quite prominent in social and religious affairs. The founder of Williams College, in Massachusetts, was a descendant of Robert Williams, as was also William Williams, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Gen. Warren, of Bunker Hill fame; many others took part in the war of the Revolution; many also were prominent in the church, as bishop, preachers, etc.

After their marriage Jehiel Robbins and his wife settled on a farm in Plainville, Conn., where were born their two children, Lewis W. and George, the latter the subject of this sketch. The former is a plumber in Marshalltown, Iowa. The father was a Republican in politics, but never an office seeker. He was deacon in the Congregational Church, in the faith of which he and his wife passed away.

George Robbins, the subject proper of this sketch, passed his youthful days on his father's farm, and attended the district school until sixteen years of age, when he went to Hartford to learn the machinist's trade. However, about this time the Civil war broke out, and Mr. Robbins joined the gallant boys in blue, enlisting Aug. 11, 1862, in Company K, 16th Conn. V. I., and serving until mustered out, June 1, 1865. He took part in many severely fought battles during his term of service, including those of Antietam, Fredericksburg, two engagements (including siege) at Suffolk, Va., and several others of lesser note. At the siege of Plymouth, N. C., he was taken prisoner, and was confined in the prisons at Andersonville, Ga., and Florence, S. C., about ten months.

After the close of the war Mr. Robbins took a course in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, at Hartford. Later he clerked two years in a hotel in New York City, and then became bookkeeper for the Plainville Manufacturing Co., with which he



remained several years: for the next three years he was assistant superintendent for the Bristol Manufacturing Co., and then changed to Waterville, where he was superintendent for the Welch Hosiery Co. for a considerable length of time. In 1879 Mr. Robbins came to Waterbury, and for four years was in the employ of the Waterbury Clock Co. He then engaged in the crockery and glassware trade about ten years, and in 1893 embarked in his present business, real estate and fire insurance, in which he has met with unqualified success.

Mr. Robbins was united in marriage, Nov. 10, 1869, with Miss Lucy J. Botsford, of Plainville, a daughter of Orrin L. and Fannie L. Botsford. This marriage has been graced with two children: Catherine, now a teacher in New Britain; and Arthur W., in the employ of the Connecticut Light & Power Co., of Waterbury.

Mr. Robbins is in politics a Republican. Fraternally he is a Freemason and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which latter he has served as commander of his post two years. Socially he and his family mingle with the best circles, and as a business man his name stands without reproach.

**DANIEL W. BURKE** was born June 12, 1857, in New Haven, son of Daniel Burke, who was born in Providence, R. I., and died in New Haven, where he was engaged in the teaming business. Daniel Burke married Catherine Hayes, who was born in New Haven, daughter of Richard Hayes, and they had three children: Anna, who married C. B. Squires, a clerk in the railway mail service; Margaret, who married Willis E. Platt, of South Britain, now engaged in farming; and Daniel W.

Daniel W. Burke was reared in New Haven, and attended school there until he was fourteen, when he went to Southbury to spend the ensuing three years on a farm, and also attended a select school. While still in his teens he entered the employ of Bradley, Hoyt & Co., in the woolen mill, and remained with them five years, at the end of which time he bought out a general store in company with W. H. Summers, under the firm name of Summers & Burke. Under the administration of President Garfield Mr. Summers was made postmaster, and Mr. Burke his assistant. At the expiration of the term Mr. Burke sold out to Mr. Summers and removed to Wallingford, taking a position as shipping clerk with the Maltby, Stevens & Curtiss Co., with whom he remained three years. At the expiration of this period he was made assistant superintendent for G. M. Hallenbeck, in his German silver flatware factory, and for ten years remained with that gentleman, only giving up his connection with the business when it was absorbed by the "combine." In January, 1900, he was made superintendent of the borough water works, a position with a three-years' tenure of office.

Mr. Burke belongs to Ivy Lodge, K. P., and is

a member of many Masonic bodies, including Compass Lodge, Keystone Chapter, Hamilton Council, St. Elmo Commandery, Scottish Rite Consistory, and the 32d degree. He is also a member of Court Wallace, Foresters. Politically Mr. Burke is a Republican, and has served as a member of the town committee.

Daniel W. Burke was married, Oct. 21, 1885, to Miss Harriet Lord Bryant, a daughter of Sidney Bryant, and a sister of Judge Samuel J. Bryant, of Orange. This union has been blessed with three children: Bryant L., born Nov. 25, 1887; Edmund S., born July 28, 1893; and Catherine, born Dec. 29, 1898.

**ALFRED JOHN SHIPLEY** is a native of Waterbury, born Jan. 1, 1840, and has spent the greater part of his active life in that city, where he has attained a high standing by industry, hard work and the faithful performance of all the duties that come to him. There is a certain heredity of mechanical genius that has descended to him, but his industry and reliability have made him what he is.

Joseph Shipley, the father of Alfred J., was born in Birmingham, England, May 7, 1814, and died in Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 12, 1866. Ralph Shipley, the grandfather of our subject, was also born in Birmingham, Nov. 15, 1788, and died March 22, 1835, in Paterson, N. J., where he was engaged in the manufacture of small tools and machinery. He married Mary Rollinson, who was born in Birmingham, England, and they had only one child, Joseph, already mentioned as the father of Alfred J. Ralph Shipley married for his second wife Hannah Saunders, who was born March 19, 1795, and by her had eight children: Sarah, Mary, Hannah, Amos, Percilla, Martha, Naomi and Ruth. Amos was a silver-plater in Newark, N. J.—where his sisters married and settled.

After the death of his father Joseph Shipley removed to Waterbury, where, with the exception of a few years—between 1850 and 1857, when he was engaged in the machine business in Newark, N. J., he spent his active life. He became interested in the invention and building of machinery for making pins, hooks and eyes and other brass goods for which Waterbury has been famous, and at the time of his death he was engaged in building machinery for the Scovill Manufacturing Co. Personally he was of a retiring and diffident nature, but firm in his convictions of right and justice. He was a strong supporter of Republican institutions, and early placed himself on record as opposed to human slavery. On March 11, 1839, Mr. Shipley was married, in Waterbury, to Sarah James, who was born Feb. 17, 1808, and died Aug. 8, 1882. Her first husband, William Stanley, a native of Birmingham, England, was brought to this country as a skilled brass worker. To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were born three children, Ann M., William and



James, descendants of whom are now living in Waterbury. To Mr. and Mrs. Shipley were born two children: Alfred John, whose name introduces these lines; and Ralph J., a resident of Milford, this State, who is well known as a skilful mechanic.

Alfred J. Shipley spent his boyhood days in Waterbury until he was nearly ten years of age, when his parents moved to Newark, N. J., where they remained nearly seven years. There he continued to attend the public schools, having already begun his schooling in Waterbury. The family returned to Waterbury in 1857. Alfred served an apprenticeship at the machinist's bench under his father's supervision, and when he had mastered the trade went to work for Henry A. Matthews & Co., continuing with that firm until 1862, in which year he entered the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co. He has now been with them nearly forty years, for years holding the position of master mechanic in the button department.

Mr. Shipley and Miss Ann J. Robinson were married Aug. 20, 1862. Mrs. Shipley was born in Waterbury, daughter of Edward and Maria (Baxter) Robinson, both natives of Birmingham, England. Her parents were married in England, and shortly afterward came to this country, locating first at Middletown, and very soon removing to Waterbury. Here they lived and died, her father's death occurring Jan. 12, 1881, and her mother's May 12, 1867. They were the parents of ten children, of whom six survived to reach maturity, Edward A., Horace B., Ann J., Rose A., George L. and Fannie E. Edward A. married Harriet A. Waters, and is now deceased; Horace B. is a retired mechanic in Waterbury; Ann J. is the wife of our subject; Rose A. married Harry L. Lott, of Waterbury, and is the mother of three children, Willie, Lena and Etta. Mr. and Mrs. Shipley have no children. In political sentiment Mr. Shipley was originally a Whig, and is now a Republican. He is a public-spirited man, and takes much interest in all movements looking to the general good. For a number of years he served as an alderman in the city council from the First ward of Waterbury, and for two years was a member of the board of education.

Mr. Shipley is deeply interested in the mystic work of the Masonic fraternity, and is among the most conspicuous Masons in the State. In 1864 he united with Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., at Waterbury, and since that time has journeyed far into the mysterious country. He has been master of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M., and high priest of Eureka Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., of Waterbury. He belongs to Waterbury Council, No. 21, R. & S. M., at Waterbury; is past commander of Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T., at Waterbury; a charter member of Doric Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree, at Waterbury; member of Ionic Council, Princes of Jerusalem, sixteenth degree; Waterbury; M. W. and P. M. of Cor-

inthian Chapter, Rose Croix, eighteenth degree, at Waterbury; member of LaFayette Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree, Bridgeport; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Bridgeport; and P. P. Naomi Chapter, No. 23, O. E. S., Waterbury. He was the first president of the Masonic Club of Waterbury. Mrs. Shipley is also much interested in society work, and is now past matron of Naomi Lodge, No. 23, O. E. S., and past R. M. of Evergreen Court, No. 2, C. of A. She belongs to the King's Daughters, and is, with her husband, a member of the First Baptist Church, of which he has been a deacon since 1871. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist State Convention, and was vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. for years.

G. FRED BARNES, foreman of the flask department in the Waterbury Brass Co.'s factory, Waterbury, is a native of the State of New York, born in Harpursville, Broome county.

German Barnes, his grandfather, was born in Plymouth Hollow (now Thomaston), Litchfield Co., Conn., and lived there until he was twenty-one years old, when he married Roxy Painter. They then moved to Harpursville, Broome Co., N. Y., making the journey with an ox-team and sled. There he purchased a large tract of land, engaging extensively in the lumber business, and later in farming and cattle raising. He and his wife reared a family of four children: George B., a sketch of whom follows; Laverett, who was a merchant in Harpursville, N. Y., but died in Washington, D. C., where he had a married daughter living; Harper, who farmed the old homestead, and died there; and Burton, a carpenter and joiner in Harpursville, New York.

George B. Barnes, father of G. Fred, was born in Harpursville, N. Y., and passed his entire life in that locality, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Iantha Perry, who was also born in Harpursville, a daughter of Samuel Perry, who was a farmer by occupation, and had served as a soldier in the war of 1812. Three children were born to this union: G. Fred is our subject; Levi H. lives in Peekskill, N. Y., where he is in the employ of the New York Central Railway Co.; Sarah A. is the wife of S. F. Main, of Thomaston, Conn. The father of this family died Jan. 2, 1877, the mother Nov. 19, 1872. Mr. Barnes was a Democrat in politics. He served as a captain in the State militia.

G. Fred Barnes, our subject proper, attended the district schools near Harpursville, and was reared on the home farm. At the age of fourteen he entered the employ of Howard D. Montgomery, driving stage until he was twenty-one years old, at which time he returned to the farm, and there remained until the death of his father. After that event he went to Milford, Conn., and entered the employ of George B. Grinnell, working on his large estate, and continuing there some three or four years. On Oct. 9, 1880, he came to Water-





bury, and took a position with the Plumie & Atwood Mfg. Co., with which firm he continued until the following February; then was in the employ of the Steele & Johnson Co. two years; after which he was with the Scovill Mfg. Co. seven years; with the American Ring Co. two years; and at the end of that time went to the Waterbury Brass Co., as foreman of their flask department, and has been with that firm twelve years.

On Oct. 9, 1889, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Jennie E. Carter, daughter of Dan S. Carter, of Thomaston; no children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are members of St. John's Episcopal Church. They reside in their elegant residence on the corner of Roseland avenue and Columbia boulevard, built in 1899 by our subject. Socially Mr. Barnes is a member of Noshog-an Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., and of Ansantawae Encampment, No. 20, and has passed all the chairs; he was grand patriarch of the State of Connecticut for the term of 1889-90, and he was junior grand representative of the Grand Encampment of the Sovereign Grand Encampment that met in Richmond, Va., in September, 1900. He is affiliated with Speedwell Lodge, No. 10, K. of P., and Tunxis Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men. In politics Mr. Barnes is a Republican. He is held in the highest esteem in the community in which he lives, being among the most popular of Waterbury's citizens.

**THEODORE ELLIOTT BEACH**, a successful agriculturist of the town of Milford, was born Feb. 24, 1841, at his present homestead in Woodmont. His ancestors were early settlers in the town of Orange, this county, and he traces his ancestry back to Thomas Beach, from whom he is descended through John, Thomas (2) (who married Hannah Atwater), Landa (who married Abigail Ann Baldwin), Samuel and John. Our subject's grandfather, Samuel Beach, was born in Orange, and followed farming as an occupation. He married Betsey Ward, by whom he had two children: John, our subject's father; and Betsey (deceased), who married Lanson Platt, a farmer in Milford.

John Beach was born and reared in Orange, but settled at the present homestead after his marriage. He married Frances Fenn, also a native of Orange, daughter of John Fenn, a farmer of that town. Our subject was one of a family of eight children, as follows: Mary (deceased) married Horace Burwell, a carpenter of Milford; John F. was a carriagemaker in Milford, and died in California; Elliott, a carriagemaker, died in New Orleans; Susan (deceased) married Hiram Smith, a carpenter of Orange, and later a policeman in New Haven; Abigail died aged sixteen; Dennis, a machinist and engineer, died in New Haven; Elmina is the widow of John H. Knapp, a machinist and engineer, and lives in New Haven; Theodore Elliott was the youngest. The father died June 21, 1860,

and the mother did not long survive, passing away Feb. 10, 1861.

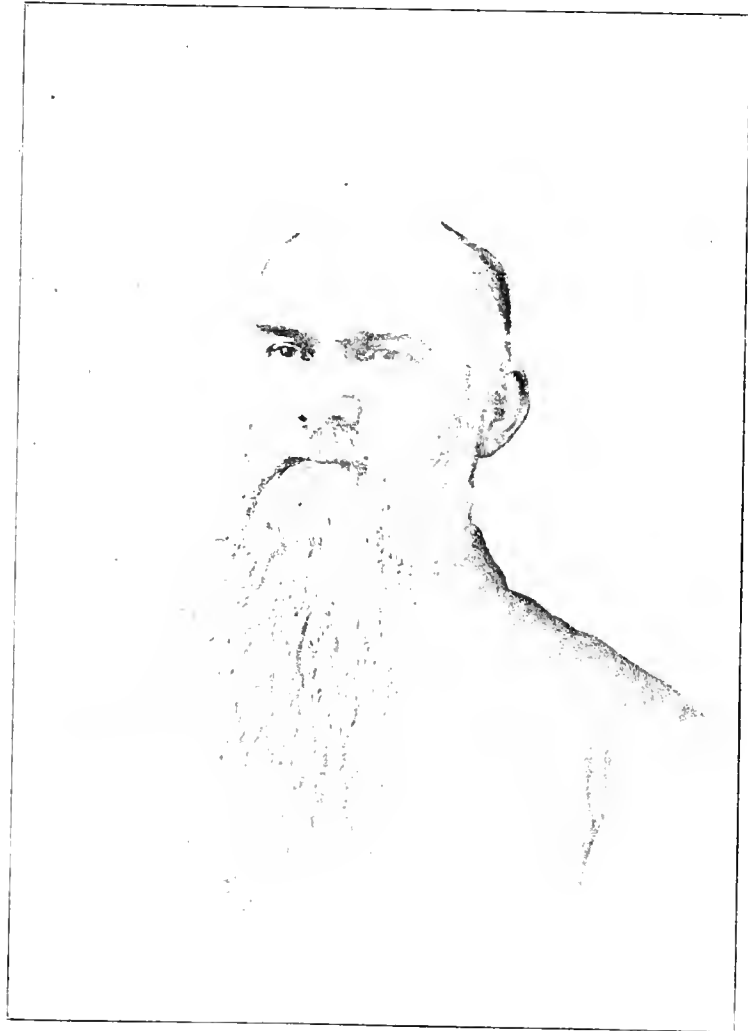
Theodore Elliott Beach has always resided at his present homestead, and since taking charge of the place has made a specialty of seed growing. The place contains fifty acres, with new buildings and modern improvements, and his new residence is one of the best in the vicinity of Woodmont. In politics he is a Republican, and he and his family are much esteemed socially. On May 1, 1861, Mr. Beach married Miss Emily P. Fenn, and five children have blessed the union. Elliott Fenn, born Jan. 3, 1863, a machinist and railroad engineer, married Miss Fannie Alice Gardner, and resides in New Haven; Frank J., born Aug. 1, 1865, a farmer on the homestead with our subject, married Miss Eda Maud Rhodes; Fannie Elizabeth, born May 4, 1866, and Ida Louise, born Feb. 2, 1868, are both teaching school; and Harry Norton, born Dec. 9, 1875, is a typewriter and stenographer in New York.

The **FENN FAMILY** is well known in this county, and Mrs. Beach was born in Orange, daughter of Eliakim T. Fenn, of Orange, and granddaughter of Col. William Fenn. Her mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Ann Platt, was born in Milford, daughter of Capt. Joseph Platt. Eliakim T. Fenn and his wife had ten children, as follows: Richard Treat, deceased; Richard, deceased; Sarah Edwards, deceased; Frances Ann; Mary Elizabeth, deceased; Elizabeth Gertrude; William Stone; Emily Platt; Mary, deceased; and Heman White, deceased.

**MRS. FRANK E. STEELE**, a highly-esteemed resident of Ansonia, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of that town, and occupies a house which was built by her maternal grandfather, Willis Hotchkiss, over forty years ago. It is located at the corner of State and Union streets, being one of three houses erected by Mr. Hotchkiss in that block, and is a substantial structure, suggesting durability. Mrs. Steele, who was reared in Ansonia, is the widow of the late Frank E. Steele, a well-known citizen, and resides with their only son, Frank Willis Steele.

**FRANK E. STEELE** was born Aug. 20, 1848, in Seymour, this county, son of John B. and Emeline (Stuart) Steele, both of whom are now deceased. He was the younger of two children, and the elder, Celestia, is the wife of E. B. Bradley, of Ansonia. Mr. Steele was reared at the family homestead in Seymour, a fine estate of 100 acres, and as he was but six years old when his father died he took charge of the place at an early age. For a number of years he devoted special attention to raising blooded horses. In 1885 he removed to Ansonia, but he continued to superintend the farm until his death, which occurred in Ansonia Sept. 10, 1898. While he had received only a common-school education he was well-informed on the issues of the day





Theodore E Beach



and he took much interest in local affairs, being an active worker in the Republican party. During his residence in Seymour he served several years as selectman and at times held other offices. In religious faith he was a Congregationalist.

In 1881 Mr. Steele married Miss Lillie J. Chatfield, daughter of Clark Chatfield, and a native of New York City. Her grandfather, Joel Chatfield, was born in Seymour, and for many years was a farmer and merchant in that place, where he died at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He married Lucinda Hitchcock, who died in early womanhood. Both were devout members of the Episcopal Church. They had two children: Clark, father of Mrs. Steele; and Lucinda, now Mrs. Tuttle, of New Haven.

Clark Chatfield was born in Seymour, and was reared upon a farm, receiving a district-school education. When a young man he followed farming for a short time, and then went to New York, where he was employed as manager of a store. Later he went to Iowa, and then to Kingston, N. Y., and while there he held the office of city surveyor. He also spent some time in Virginia, but finally returned to Seymour, where he now resides upon his farm, and in addition to the management of the place he is in business as an architect. He married Josephine Hotchkiss, who was born in Ansonia; daughter of Willis and Mary (Kimberly) Hotchkiss, and died at the age of twenty-two, leaving only one child, Lillie J., Mrs. Steele. Mrs. Chatfield was a most estimable woman, and a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, with which her family has long been identified. Willis Hotchkiss was a native of Westville, now New Haven, and spent his life chiefly in Ansonia and Derby, where he was engaged in business as a builder and lumber dealer. He lived to the good old age of eighty-two and was regarded as one of the leading men of the locality, his sterling qualities of character commanding the respect of all who knew him. His widow, who died Feb. 9, 1900, aged nearly eighty-eight years, resided with Mrs. Steele. Of their children only one, Mrs. Chatfield, lived to maturity.

**BARLOW STEVENS HONCE**, a prominent farmer and a dealer in agricultural implements on the Guilford turnpike in Branford, was born in Matawan, Monmouth Co., N. J., July 13, 1855, son of James and Mary Augusta Honce. The father was a native of New Jersey, and was born in September, 1814, a son of David and Phebe (Peacock) Honce. The mother was a native of Phillips, Me., and was born April 5, 1828, a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Foster) Stevens. The maternal great-grandfather of B. S. Honce, was Ephraim Stevens, who fought in the Revolutionary war. He lived at Phillips, Maine, and was married to Sybil Foster, a daughter of David and Millicent (Howe) Foster. James Honce was twice married, and his first

wife, Jane, was a daughter of John R. and Margaret Schenck. They were married June 25, 1834, and became the parents of two children: Mary E., the wife of Charles W. Palmer; and Eliza Jane, the wife of Pascal Hoadley. Mr. Honce was married, June 25, 1854, to Mary Augusta, the daughter of Thomas and Anna (Foster) Stevens, of Phillips, Maine. To this marriage have come five children: Barlow S.; Clara, wife of Henry Goldsmith; J. Arthur; Charles A.; and Anna F., who married Elmer G. Farnham. James Honce removed to Branford in 1858, locating on the farm now occupied by his son, Barlow S., and made his home there until his death, Aug. 16, 1873.

Barlow Stevens Honce was reared in Branford, where he spent his early life with the exception of a brief period of one year which was spent in Wisconsin. He received his education in the Branford schools, and here his entire life has been spent as a farmer. In 1893 Mr. Honce took an agency for the sale of the goods of the McCormick Harvester Machine Co., and has developed a considerable trade in agricultural implements.

Mr. Honce was married, Oct. 20, 1881, to Alice, daughter of Martin and Lydia (Hill) Cook, of Guilford, and they have one son, Arthur L., born March 12, 1884. Mr. Honce is a member of the N. E. O. P. and the Woodmen of the World. In politics he is a Republican, and has served on the Branford board of selectmen for three years.

For fifteen years Mr. Honce was a member of the Connecticut National Guard, enlisting Aug. 12, 1883, in the first Platoon, Battery A. He was promoted to corporal Aug. 1, 1884; became sergeant May 17, 1886; second lieutenant, Feb. 27, 1888; first lieutenant; and captain of Battery A, Conn. Nat. Guard, June, 1894. When the Spanish-American war broke out Capt. Honce obtained leave of absence from the National Guard of the State, and on May 4, 1898, was appointed captain of Battery A, 1st Conn. Vol. Artillery, serving until Oct. 25, 1898, when he was mustered out by both the State and National authorities. Though ordered to Porto Rico, the order was countermanded, and the battery never left the State. J. Arthur Honce, his brother, who was second lieutenant in the same battery, died May 21, 1901. Charles A., another brother, also served in the same battery.

**PAUL SCHOLZ** is one of the worthy citizens of Woodbridge that Germany has furnished to the New World. He was born in Schleswig, Prussia, Nov. 21, 1856, a son of Charles and Mary (Werner) Scholz, natives of Schlesien; the former died in 1851, and the latter at the age of about fifty years. In early life the father engaged in farming, but being a man of considerable forethought he decided to take up the manufacture of starch, and in his native town he built a factory, but just as his success was assured he died. He was a cavalryman in the German army during the



war of 1848-50, was a man of great popularity in his neighborhood, and was credited with good business ability and sound judgment. Both he and his wife were members of the German Lutheran Church. In their family were three children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth. Annie, the eldest, married in Germany, where her husband died, and later she came to the United States, and died in New Haven, Conn., in 1896. Robert, the youngest, was always a wanderer, traveling throughout the West and South, and when last heard from was in the Carolinas.

Paul Scholz received thorough instruction in the German schools, and during his youth learned the clock making trade, at which he worked four or five years. From 1876 to 1879 he served in the German army, being stationed at Berlin as one of Emperor William's Light Guards. For the following four years he was employed as a clockmaker in his native town. In 1883 he emigrated to America, and sailing on the same ship was his future wife. On landing in New York, Paul and Elizabeth Scholz were married, and at once proceeded to Boston, Mass., where Mr. Scholz secured employment in rubber boot and shoe factories. Later he spent five years in New Haven as an employe in the sewing machine shops, and also in the shops at Westville, Conn. In October, 1893, he purchased a farm of thirty-six acres in Woodbridge, to which he added twenty-three acres, in 1898, and is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, raising principally fruit and vegetables for the market. He is also quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of butter, and keeps for that purpose a herd of eight cows. Politically he is not identified with any party, but votes for the man he believes will help him most in his business. He once held membership with the Foresters, but at present is not connected with any secret society. His success has been worthily achieved as it is due entirely to his own unaided efforts and good management. In his family are four children, Annie, Willie, Paul and Gustaf, all attending school.

**CHARLES H. BARNES**, for several years proprietor of a well-known and popular livery and boarding stable in Waterbury, which he sold in 1901, is a native of Connecticut, born May 13, 1857, in Woodbury, Litchfield county, of a stalwart loyal New England family.

Reuben Barnes, his father, was born in Roxbury, Conn., removing thence to Woodbury, where he has ever since been engaged as a farmer. He married Neoma Callender, who was born in Hudson, N. Y., and died in 1900, the mother of children as follows: Charles H. is the subject of these lines; Seraphena is the wife of Charles Barto, a farmer of Hartford county; Carlton is a farmer in the town of Woodbury, Litchfield county; Lottie and Nellie are deceased; William is a farmer in the town of Woodbury, Litchfield county.

Charles H. Barnes passed his boyhood days on the farm, and received a good common-school education. In 1872, at the age of fifteen, he moved to Waterbury, and for some five years worked on the Benedict farm, after which he engaged in various kinds of business, such as working in the different shops, until 1891, in which year he embarked in the livery business, conducting a livery and boarding stable at No. 46 Spring street. On Aug. 1, 1901, he sold out, returning to his birthplace, Woodbury, where he is now carrying on a hotel—"The Barnes House"—and livery business on Main street.

On May 30, 1882, Mr. Barnes married Anna Kelly, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of James and Anastasia Kelly, and one child, Elsie, born Dec. 14, 1885, graces this union. In politics Mr. Barnes is independent, casting his vote for the candidate he considers best fitted for the office. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Heptasophs, the Red Men and the Haymakers.

**FERDINAND DEMING**, a citizen of Waterbury, whose reputation as a mechanical expert is far more than local, was born in Litchfield, Bradford Co., Pa., Dec. 5, 1845, son of Abner Deming, who was born in Woodbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., Dec. 16, 1812. Abner Deming was a son of Abner and Philinda (Stoddard) Deming, the latter a daughter of Eli Stoddard, the first preacher in Woodbury. This family was among the first to settle in Litchfield.

John Deming, the emigrant, came from England about 1630, as the records show that he was in Wethersfield in 1635, and that he took part in the Pequot war. John Deming, his son, lived and died in Wethersfield, where his son, Hezekiah Deming, also lived and died. It was in this generation that Hartford became established. Hezekiah Deming, son of Hezekiah, lived and died in Canaan, Conn. His son, Phineas Deming, was in Woodbury in 1775, and took part in the siege of Ticonderoga. Abner Deming, his son, and the grandfather of Ferdinand, lived and died in Woodbury. He and his wife had six children, all now deceased: Maria, who married Solomon Bishop, a farmer in Woodbury; Henry, a farmer, who died in Collinsville, Conn.; Horace, who worked in the Springfield armory, later in the South, went West overland, and died while en route, being buried in Illinois; Sarah, who never married; George, who died young; and Abner.

Abner Deming married Miss Mary Wheaton, who was born in Washington, Conn., daughter of Calvin and Jessie (Phillips) Wheaton. This family was of Welsh origin, and came to this country long ago. Shortly after their marriage Abner Deming and his wife went to Litchfield, where he was engaged as a blacksmith, and some years later they returned to Woodbury, where he died in 1883, Mrs.





Deming in 1857. They were Methodists, and in politics he was a Democrat.

Ferdinand Deming, whose name introduces this article, spent his boyhood days in Woodbury, and came to Waterbury in 1856, spending practically his entire life in that city, though he has for short periods worked in other cities. When a boy he attended public school in Woodbury, Waterbury and Middlebury. Leaving the farm while still young, he came to Waterbury and entered the shop of Charles W. Johnson, to learn the machinist's trade, which proved in every way so congenial that it has been his business to the present time. He has developed engineering gifts of a high order and is regarded as an expert on difficult and abstruse mechanical problems. He is not associated with the work of any one establishment, and it is his intention to go abroad during the year 1901 and devote considerable time to mechanical research.

Mr. Deming and Miss Althea Minor were married June 16, 1869. Mrs. Deming was born in Stonington, Conn., daughter of James and Eliza (Bennett) Minor, both natives of Stonington. The Minor family comes of old English stock. Thomas Minor, the first of the name to come to America, was born in Somersetshire, England, and arrived in 1631 in the ship "Arabella." Mrs. Althea (Minor) Deming died in 1892. She was the mother of nine children, five of whom grew to maturity, Ferdinand, Jr., Eliza, James C., Grace P. and Herbert (who died Dec. 28, 1899), all at home but the last named. Mr. Deming is a strong Republican. He and his family attend the First Congregational Church.

EDWIN LUZERN WILFORD, a prominent farmer of the town of Branford, was born March 13, 1846, a descendant of John Wilford, a native of England, who was among the first settlers of Branford, where the family have been representative citizens ever since. Edwin L. Wilford is a son of Samuel and Susan (Cook) Wilford, and his paternal grandparents were John A. and Betsey (Frisbie) Wilford, all residents of the same town, and his birth occurred in that part of the town which is known as Indian Neck. He received a common-school education, and began life as a farmer, which vocation he has never forsaken, with the exception of one year when he worked as a sailor along the coast. On Aug. 22, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B, 27th Conn. V. I., and was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg on Dec. 13, 1862, and was taken to the College Hospital at Georgetown, D. C. From that hospital he was transferred to the hospital at New Haven, where after nine months' service he received an honorable discharge from the government. He is an active member of Mason Rogers Post, G. A. R., of Branford, and has held the offices of adjutant and junior vice-commander, and was delegate to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. held in St. Paul, Minn., in

1896. He has traversed the United States from ocean to ocean, having visited the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 and the Midwinter Fair in San Francisco the following year. In politics he is a Republican.

ALMON I. DEANE, the well-known and popular postmaster of Mt. Carmel Centre, and agent for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., at that place, was born in Lyme, Conn., June 7, 1857. His father, Daniel Deane, was also a native of this State, and in early life followed the occupation of farming for several years. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 26th Conn. V. I., and participated in several engagements. After receiving his discharge he returned home and later went to Long Island, where he engaged in fishing. While following that pursuit he was accidentally drowned in Long Island Sound, in 1865, but his body was recovered and brought back to Lyme, Conn., for interment. He married Sarah Eggleston, a native of New London county, who died in 1866, and was buried in Niantic cemetery. In their family were five children, of whom the eldest died in infancy; Richard is now a steamboat engineer; Arthur is deceased; Almon I. is the next in order of birth; and Henry is residing on the Pacific coast.

Almon I. Deane was but eight years old when he lost his parents, and was thrown upon the world to make his own way at an early age. He first worked on a farm for two years for his board and clothes and the privilege of attending school through the winter season in Lyme, Conn., this being the only way he could obtain the education which he wished so much to secure. On giving up farm work he found employment in a silver plating shop at Lyme, where he spent one year, and during that time managed to save enough money out of his small wages to enable him to study telegraphy with Mrs. Stannard, of that town. After mastering the art he obtained a position with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Co., as operator and agent at Cobalt, Conn., where he spent two years. In 1883 he was appointed station agent at Mt. Carmel Centre in the town of Hamden, New Haven county, and for the past nineteen years he has faithfully filled that position of trust and responsibility, giving general satisfaction to the public and the company. He is courteous and obliging, and his genial disposition gains him many friends. His political support is given to the men and measures of the Republican party, and he takes quite an active interest in educational affairs. In February, 1898, during President McKinley's administration, he took charge of the postoffice of Mt. Carmel Centre, which office he is now filling with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

On June 7, 1881, in New London, Mr. Deane wedded Miss Mary Dodge, a daughter of Capt. Daniel Dodge. The two children born of this union died in infancy, and the wife and mother, who was a



consistent Christian, died in Mt. Carmel, and was laid to rest in Hamden cemetery. For his second wife Mr. Deane married Miss Hattie Swain, a native of Hamden, and a daughter of William Swain. They have two children: Inez Gertrude and William Hudson. Mrs. Deane is a member of the Congregational Church, and active in its work. They make their home in the comfortable residence at Mt. Carmel, erected by Mr. Deane in 1900.

WALTER N. LOWELL has a position among the skilled workers of this busy city of Waterbury that could only be won and held by genuine merit. He knows his work, is honest and reliable, and, possessing those qualities of directness and force that are much in demand by those who would secure the greatest results from their efforts, has risen to a creditable and responsible place. Mr. Lowell was born in New Bedford, Mass., July 22, 1852, a son of Harrison G. Lowell. The family came from England and settled in Massachusetts years ago, and the city of Lowell, Mass., bears its name from some one of the early members of the family.

Jacob Lowell, the grandfather of Walter N., was born in Massachusetts, and married Eliza Nichols, also a native of that State, and they settled at New Bedford, where they lived and died. This family was numerously represented in the Revolutionary war.

Harrison G. Lowell, son of Jacob and father of Walter N., was born in New Bedford Aug. 23, 1827, and died there Aug. 9, 1865. He grew to manhood in his native town, and became teller in the old Marine Bank, in the service of which corporation he passed his entire business life. Sarah E. Blake, his wife, was the daughter of James H. and Sarah (Pitts) Blake, and was born in Dighton, Mass. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Lowell settled in New Bedford, where they reared a family of three children, of whom the eldest was Walter N., whose name introduces this article; the others were Nellie, who married Clinton E. Stark, M. D., of Norwich, Conn.; and James Harrison, the youngest son, is a sheep raiser at Roswell, Idaho. The mother of the children died Nov. 23, 1865. Harrison Lowell was a Republican in politics, and a strong Universalist in religious belief.

Walter N. Lowell spent his boyhood days in New Bedford, and was a pupil in the public schools until he was seventeen years of age. At that age he left school and went to Hartford, Conn., where he began an apprenticeship to the machinist trade that has proved the open door for an honorable and useful life in which Mr. Lowell has achieved a very conspicuous success. For ten years he followed his trade in various shops in Connecticut, and in 1868 came to Waterbury, working for the Peter's Lock Co. for some time. Very soon, however, after coming here he entered the employ of the Waterbury Brass Co., and has been with them ever since, with the exception of a short time when he was

absent from the city, his period of service covering some seventeen years. Mr. Lowell began as an assistant in the manufacturing department, and is now superintendent of this department, taking the place of the late T. B. Martin.

On Dec. 24, 1879, Mr. Lowell married Miss Nellie L. Wood, who was born in New York City Oct. 19, 1861, daughter of Robert and Fannie (Welton) Wood. To this union two children were born: Sarah F., born March 3, 1885, died July 29, 1893; and Walter W., born Aug. 25, 1895. Mr. Lowell is a Republican, and socially belongs to Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Improved Order of Red Men. With his family he is an attendant upon the services of the Episcopal Church.

DAVID B. WHEELER owns and operates a valuable farm of 114 acres in Oxford, New Haven well indicates its ~~and~~ <sup>thrifty</sup> appearance of which improvements, well tilled fields, and all the ~~and~~ <sup>series</sup> of conveniences of a model farm are there to be found. The residence, which is one of the modern homes in the town, was erected by our subject in 1897.

Mr. Wheeler was born March 13, 1844, in the town of Bridgewater, Litchfield Co., Conn., son of Joel B. and Mary (Warner) Wheeler. The father was a native of Roxbury, Conn., and a son of Nirom Wheeler, who was born in Newtown. Our subject is third in the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being Mary A., Laura J., Ellen A., Flora J., Sarah E. and Martha I.

When quite young Mr. Wheeler accompanied his parents on their removal to Roxbury, where he grew to manhood and acquired his education in the common schools. In 1865 he came with the family to Oxford, and he remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age. On Nov. 18, 1869, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Tyrrell, and to them have been born six children, namely: Charles H., Jane M., Frank B., Frederick L., Morris and Leslie. Charles H. married Jennie Pope, daughter of John B. Pope, and they have had three children, John D., Florence and one that died in infancy. Frank B. married Etta Lockwood, and has three children, Ernest W., Bessie and Sadie B.

After his marriage Mr. Wheeler located on a farm adjoining his father's, and has since successfully engaged in its operation. In connection with general farming he also works at the mason's and carpenter's trades as a contractor. As a business man he is enterprising, energetic and always abreast of the times, and has been rewarded by a comfortable competence. In his political affiliations Mr. Wheeler is a staunch Democrat. Though not a member of any religious organization he contributes toward the support of churches. He is public-spirited and enterprising, and thoroughly inter-





*David B Wheeler*



ested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his town and county. Fraternally he is a member of the United Workmen.

WILLIAM E. QUIGLEY was born Sept. 29, 1847, in the town of Orange, not far from Waterbury, and is a son of Patrick Quigley, who was born in King's County, Ireland, and whose father never came to America, but lived and died a farmer in Ireland.

Patrick Quigley came to the United States early in life, and settled in the town of Orange, where he worked for John D. Davis, a farmer in that region. Later in life he became a farmer and butcher. His wife, Catherine Delaney, was born in Queen's County, Ireland. He was killed in Orange while lifting a telegraph pole, helping in the construction of a line from Derby to New Haven, for which he had furnished all the poles. This was about forty-six years ago, and twenty-six years later his wife died. They were the parents of six children who lived to attain maturity: James, Patrick J., William E. (whose name appears above), Catherine, Alice and Edward. James learned the pattern-maker's trade in Derby, and when the Civil war broke out enlisted, Aug. 9, 1862, in the 20th Conn. V. I., came home in 1863, and died as a result of his army experience. Patrick J., a farmer, enlisted in the 15th Conn. V. I., serving until the close of the war; he is living in Meriden, Conn. Catherine married Owen Flanagan, and has her home in Meriden, Conn. Alice married John B. Gardner, and lives in New Britain. Edward lived in Waterbury; he was sun-struck in Bridgeport.

William E. Quigley left the parental home when twelve years of age and worked for A. H. & C. B. Alling; in their yarn factory. When this extensive concern was moved to Derby, Conn., the young man went with it, spending altogether five and a half years with the Allings, and he thoroughly mastered the art of making stockings by machinery. From there Mr. Quigley went to Ansonia, where he was engaged in learning the blacksmith trade at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion. Mr. Quigley desired to enlist, and made several efforts, but was rejected each time on account of his extreme youth. On Aug. 9, 1862, he enlisted in the 20th Conn. V. I., but was turned back. On Sept. 8, 1862, he enlisted in the 25th Conn. V. I., after an ineffectual application to the 15th Conn., and was transferred to the 22d Conn. V. I. In order to be accepted he had to make oath that he was eighteen years of age, though in reality he was nearer fifteen. Mr. Quigley was discharged July 13, 1863, and at once returned to Ansonia, where he resumed his apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade. When he had finished his trade he went to Bristol, Conn., and established himself in a blacksmithing business which he carried on for about three years. At the end of that time he sold out, and bought the Terrill

& Wilcox business, at Ansonia, where he remained two and a half years. About 1869 he came to Waterbury, and has been there ever since, for a time having his shop on Jefferson street.

Mr. Quigley and Mary E. A. McNeil were married Sept. 12, 1867. Mrs. Quigley is a daughter of William McNeil, and was born in Waterbury, Conn. She is the mother of one child, Charles V. J., who is now an eminent physician in Chicago, and a lecturer on medical topics in a university in that city. Mr. Quigley was a Democrat until 1884, when he voted the Republican ticket, and has since cast his ballot for the men and measures of that party. He is a member of Wadhams Post, G. A. R., and of the Army and Navy Club. As commander of Wadhams Post he has enjoyed an honor that has so far fallen to no other man, that of re-election to this position. He is also a member of International Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., and is a charter member of Lodge No. 265, B. P. O. E., and in the I. O. F. he is past high chief ranger of the high court of Connecticut, and a member of the high standing committee; his wife is also a member of the high court. Mr. Quigley also belongs to the Foresters of America and the New England Order of Protection. He is in the Service Union, and the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association, of New Haven, the New England M. A. A. and the I. O. H. He belongs to the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guards, and also belongs to the veterans' corps of the First Company of the Foot Guards. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic, being a member of the Immaculate Conception Parish, and has owned a pew there since the erection of the church building. Mr. Quigley has frequently gone from Waterbury as a representative to national conventions of the various orders with which he is associated.

Mrs. Quigley is also prominent in social matters, and takes a prominent part in many good endeavors.

ADRIAN F. WOLFF, whose name is well known in Waterbury as that of a thoroughly honorable and upright man, whose word needs no bond, was born in France in 1853, son of Francis F. Wolff, who was born in that country in 1818, and who died in Waterbury Feb. 1, 1870. The ancestors of this family left Switzerland some two hundred and seventy years ago, and settled in Lorraine, France. They were a sturdy and upright race, and many of them were ironsmiths by occupation. The grandfather of Adrian F. had a factory in which he made all kinds of edge tools and agricultural implements. This rugged representative of the family was born in 1777, and died in France. Adolph C. Wolff, a brother of Francis F. Wolff, came to this country in 1851, and died recently in Bridgeport.

Francis F. Wolff, the father of Adrian F., married Celestine Wolff, a cousin, and they reared





a family of three children: Lucian F., who is a machinist in the employ of the Scovill Manufacturing Co.; Adrian F., whose name introduces this article; and Alfred J., whose sketch appears elsewhere. Mrs. Celestine Wolff died in Waterbury in 1898.

Adrian F. Wolff was reared in France until he reached the age of twelve years, and received such schooling as was afforded the children at that time. The father came to this country in 1861, and was engaged as a blacksmith in Bridgeport and Waterbury, Conn. At the close of the war he sent for his wife and children, and they arrived in 1865. Young Adrian F. went to a private school in Bridgeport for two months, and then attended the public schools in Waterbury, where he completed his schooling. In 1871 he entered the factory of the Scovill Manufacturing Co. as an apprentice at the toolmaker's trade, and he has never changed his work. He is now foreman of the machine and tool department of that extensive plant. As a capable and energetic workman, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, he ranks deservedly among the respected residents of his adopted city.

Mr. Wolff and Miss Elizabeth Lavin were married Jan. 13, 1882. Mrs. Wolff was born in Ansonia, this county, daughter of Terence Lavin, who was born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Wolff have two children, Adrian L. and Victor A. Mr. Wolff is independent in politics, preferring to select the best men at every election, and not to be bound by party ties. As a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Woodmen of the World he has secured financial protection for his family in case of his sudden death; and as a member of the Catholic Church he is loyal to the faith in which he was reared.

CHARLES S. BUCK, an energetic and capable machinist of Ansonia, who is also engaged in the manufacture of emery wheels, was born in New York, March 25, 1854.

William J. P. Buck, his father, was born in Connecticut, and was early trained to the trade of a blacksmith, to which his time was given until 1869, when he came to Ansonia, and bought a variety store. This enterprise he conducted for several years and then retired from business, to make his home with his son, Charles S. Mr. Buck was an honored veteran of the Civil war, and served in both the 2d Heavy Artillery and the 19th Conn. V. I., participating in many hard-fought battles, hundreds of men being lost from his regimental and company organizations; he was a good soldier, and made a fine record. He married Mary Collins, one of the family of four children born to Henry and Elizabeth (Cooper) Collins, the former of whom studied medicine, and then became a clergyman, preaching at many different points in New York, where he died at the age of seventy years. William J. P. Buck, though at the advanced age of

seventy-seven, is still living (1901), and is enjoying the best of health. To Mr. and Mrs. William J. P. Buck were born four children: William, who is working in the foundry at Ansonia; Anson, who is in Kansas; Charles S.; and George, who is in Milford. The mother died at the age of sixty-four years. She and her husband belonged to the Methodist Church, in which they were active workers. Mr. Buck was a much respected member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Charles S. Buck spent his earlier years under the parental roof, and secured his education in the public schools and in Thomaston Academy. In 1869 he entered a store at Ansonia. After spending some time in that position he took up factory life, working in several shops. He was in the hat factory at Bridgeport, and with the A. B. C. Co. at Ansonia; and in 1872 became a roll grinder with the Farrell Foundry, which position he holds to the present time. Since he went into the trade Mr. Buck has performed about every part of its work with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers. When he entered the roll room there were only twelve men employed in it; now there are about 350. Of this number he is the oldest, and is highly esteemed as a workman throughout the city. Mr. Buck makes the emery wheels which are used in the roll department, and he began this line of work in 1887. His wheels are especially adapted for rolls made of chilled iron and steel, used in the manufacture of paper and metal goods. Many of his emery wheels go to remote parts of the world, even into Europe and Australia. These wheels are being constantly improved, and Mr. Buck has a reputation in this line that is world-wide.

In 1880 Mr. Buck was married to Margaret Jackson, who was born in England, one of the eleven children of John Jackson, a rollmaker and turner, who spent many years in Derby following his trade, and in 1857 came to Ansonia, where he died at the age of sixty-four. Mr. Buck belongs to the I. O. O. F., in which he has been an efficient worker, and has held several official positions. He is a member of the Golden Cross, and was a charter member of the Sons of Veterans, of which order he is chaplain. In his political relations he is a Republican. He has dealt considerably in real estate, and built the home in which he lives in 1885. He is junior warden in the Episcopal Church, which position he has filled for eighteen years, and he also served on the Building committee. He takes much interest in the Sunday-school, and was acting superintendent for two years. Mrs. Buck is also an active worker in all church and society affairs, and is known as one of the most reliable and earnest workers connected with that religious body.

PATRICK T. COOGAN, proprietor of a prosperous grocery store in Waterbury, is a native of Ireland, born July 16, 1847, in County Kilkenny.

Joseph Coogan, father of our subject, also a



native of that county, was a farmer there, as was his father before him. John Coogan, an uncle of our subject, was a physician in Ireland. Joseph Coogan married Catherine Clancy, of the same nativity, and five children were born to them: Margaret, Thomas, Patrick T., Annie and Joseph. Of these, Margaret, deceased, was the wife of John Brennan, who lives in Ireland; Thomas lives on the homestead in Ireland; Annie, deceased, was the wife of John Lawlor, of Waterbury; Joseph is a machinist in Philadelphia.

Patrick T. Coogan received his education in his native land, and at an early age came to the United States, first locating in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he followed mining about fifteen years. At the end of that time he came to Waterbury, Conn., and for twelve years was employed in various departments of the brass works, then engaging in his present grocery and liquor business, at No. 34 Washington street, in which he has met with the most desirable success. In the city he has put up quite a few buildings, which he rents.

On May 9, 1865, Mr. Coogan married Mary A. Burns, who was of Pennsylvania birth, and thirteen children were born to them, of whom the following are living: Catherine, Patrick, Bridget, Margaret, Annie, Nellie, Elizabeth, James J., Thomas, Joseph and Loretta. Of this interesting family, Bridget is highly accomplished in music, and is the leading organist in the church. The mother died Jan. 12, 1898. On Nov. 22, 1900, Mr. Coogan wedded Mary Dahill, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, and they have one child, Cornelius. Our subject is affiliated with the Foresters of America; in religious faith he is a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

ROGER CONNOR, manager of the Waterbury Base Ball Club, and a successful player of national reputation, resides in Waterbury, and is a native of that city, born July 1, 1857.

Mortimer Connor, father of our subject, was born in County Kerry, Ireland, a son of Daniel Connor, a native of the same county, and a weaver by trade. He came to the United States, locating first in Albany, N. Y., later in Waterbury, Conn., where he died. Mortimer was a young man when he came to America, settling in Waterbury, where he followed the trade of blacksmithing up to his death, which occurred about twenty-five years ago. In that city he married Catherine Sullivan, also a native of Ireland, daughter of Dennis Sullivan, who was a butcher, followed his trade in the old country, and died there. To Mortimer Connor and his wife were born eleven children, as follows: Roger is the subject of these lines; Daniel is in the liquor business in Waterbury; Dennis is a mechanic in Waterbury; Mathew's whereabouts are not known; Mortimer died in 1898; Joseph is a member of the Bridgeport B. B. C.; Hannah married Robert Wilson, and they live in New York; Mary married

Jeremiah Slattery, of Waterbury; Ellen is the wife of Lawrence Rubanna, of New York; Julia (1) and Julia (2) both died young. The mother of these is yet living.

Roger Connor attended the local schools of Waterbury until he was seventeen years old, and then commenced learning the trade of blacksmith with his father, working on Dix Island, Maine, where the stone for the New York postoffice building was quarried. He was there some eighteen months, and on his return home commenced "playing ball" with the Monitor Base Ball Club, working in the factories in winter time. This was in 1875-76-77. In 1878 he went to New Bedford and played with the club there; was also with the Holyoke Nine, American Association, and was captain of that team in 1879. In the following year he went to Troy, N. Y., and played in the League three seasons—1880-81-82; then signed with the New York Club, and remained with them until 1891. In 1892 he went to Philadelphia, and played with the club there in 1893; returned to New York and played with the club there, 1894; fall of that year went with the St. Louis team, and played with them three seasons, during the last year being their captain. In 1897 he went to Fall River, Mass., and had charge of the team there that season, in the following year returning to Waterbury, where he has since managed and played with the Waterbury Club.

On June 15, 1882, Mr. Connor married Angelina Mayer, of Oneonta, N. Y., daughter of Jacob Mayer, a native of Germany. Two children have been born to this union, Cecelia and Mary; the last named died at the age of one year. As was his father before him, Mr. Connor is a Democrat.

HARRY I. CRAMPTON, the well-known and efficient assistant superintendent of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co., of Naugatuck, was born in Waterbury Feb. 12, 1860, and belongs to an old Connecticut family probably of English descent. His grandfather, Jesse Crampton, was a native of Madison, New Haven county, and was a tanner and currier by trade. He filled the office of justice of the peace and was quite a prominent man in his community. He married Ruth Bradley, and continued to make his home in Madison. His children were Jonathan, father of our subject; Samuel, who is living retired in Madison; Henrietta, deceased wife of Samuel Griswold, of New Haven; William, a farmer and manufacturer of Madison, now deceased; and George, a carpenter of Madison.

Jonathan R. Crampton was born in Madison in 1809, and in early life engaged in school teaching in New York State and Ohio. Subsequently he was employed as a bookkeeper in New York City, and still later conducted a woolen mill in Waterville, Conn. He was also internal revenue collector for some years, and was an ardent Republican in politics. Honored and respected by all who knew him, he passed away in Waterbury, in 1873. He



married Susan Starkey, a native of Essex, Conn., and a daughter of Richard Starkey, who was a ship carpenter by trade. She is still living and now makes her home in New Haven.

Harry I. Crampton is sixth in the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: William, deceased, was employed by the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co., of Naugatuck; Ella died in infancy; Charles is station agent at Branford, Conn.; Emma died in infancy; George is a machinist and engraver for the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co., of Naugatuck; and Howard is employed in the office of a ribbon manufactory of New York.

The education of Harry I. Crampton was obtained in the public schools of Waterbury, where he pursued his studies until thirteen years of age, and then entered a real estate office in that place, where he was employed for three years. He next engaged in house and sign painting until the fall of 1880, when he came to Naugatuck and entered the office of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co., with which he has since been connected with the exception of two years from 1886 to 1888. He has worked his way steadily upward from office boy to his present responsible position, that of assistant superintendent.

Mr. Crampton was married, May 3, 1883, to Miss Mary Schenck, of Waterbury, a daughter of John Schenck, who came from New Jersey and was of German extraction. They have one child, Charles. Mr. Crampton was reared in the Congregational Church, to which his ancestors all belonged. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men at Naugatuck, and affiliates with the Republican party. For twenty years he has been a resident of Naugatuck, and is not only highly esteemed by his fellow citizens, but has the confidence and respect of the company with which he has long been connected, as is attested by his frequent promotions and his appointment to the important position which he is now so creditably and satisfactorily filling.

FREDERICK M. STEVENS has in his influential and useful career aided materially in making the enviable reputation which Waterbury enjoys. He has mastered his business, and knows all its details, and those for whom he works have every confidence in his honesty and ability. Important responsibilities are placed upon him, and never has he failed to meet the expectations of ability and integrity.

Mr. Stevens was born in Danbury, Conn., son of Charles T. Stevens, and passed his early days in his native place, where he was a student in the public school. The scene of his first labor when he left school to care for himself was the Pacific Iron Works, at Bridgeport, this State. To prepare himself adequately for a successful career in the industrial world the young man went to Cornell Uni-

versity, in the State of New York, where he studied mechanical engineering for three years. In 1875 Mr. Stevens came to Waterbury, and in company with A. S. Upson for a time manufactured sewing machine needles. After this the Waterbury Needle Co. was formed, and Mr. Stevens became secretary of the concern. When this house passed out of business he associated himself with W. G. Creamer & Co., and was superintendent of their factory in Brooklyn. In the development and management of several other enterprises Mr. Stevens was actively interested until he came back to Waterbury, in 1890, in which year he was made superintendent of the Mathews & Willard Manufacturing Co., and is still engaged in that capacity.

Mr. Stevens and Miss Cornelia M. Upson were married June 1, 1875. Mrs. Stevens was born in Farmington, but has always lived in Waterbury. Mr. Stevens is a Republican in political opinion. Fraternally he belongs to Commonwealth Lodge, No. 409, F. & A. M., of Brooklyn, and to Townsend Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Waterbury. He attends the Second Congregational Church, to which his family belong.

SAMUEL PARMELEE WILLIAMS, a prominent real-estate and insurance man of Waterbury, and doing an extensive loan business as well, sustains a fine reputation for probity and ability. Mr. Williams was born in Litchfield, Conn., Aug. 8, 1846, son of Robert Williams, who was born in Watertown, Connecticut.

Samuel Williams, his great-grandfather, was born in Berlin, Conn., and engaged in farming in that locality, becoming an extensive land owner. He was a representative of a family that had migrated to Connecticut from Roxbury, Mass., many members of whom have held high place and proven themselves men of more than ordinary ability and standing.

William Russell Williams, the grandfather of Samuel P., was born in Berlin, Conn., and there grew to manhood. He served as a private in the war of 1812. By his marriage with Rebecca Castle he had a family of eight children, as follows: (1) Adeska, who married Allan Castle, a farmer in Watertown; (2) Robert, the father of Samuel P.; (3) William, a farmer in the town of Litchfield, Conn., where he died; (4) Betsey, who married Sheldon Morris, of Bridgeport; (5) Amelia, who married Bennett Perry, an employe of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co., at Bridgeport; (6) Samuel, a merchant at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died; (7) Mary, who married James Canfield, a wholesale grocer; and (8) Abbie, who married Henry Neal, a mechanic of Litchfield. Mr. Williams was a farmer and cattle dealer.

Robert Williams, the father of Samuel P., was born in 1810, and died in Litchfield, Conn., at the age of eighty-one. He was a tailor for sixty years in the latter place. At the time the "Astor House"





*S. P. Williams*





was being built in New York City, and its proprietor, John Jacob Astor, was incurring considerable ridicule for building so far out of town, Mr. Williams was in that city learning his trade. He married Helen E. Trowbridge, who was born in Litchfield, daughter of James Trowbridge. She died in Waterbury. The Trowbridge family is of English origin, and for many years has been located in this State. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams were the parents of four children: Helen, who died at the early age of twenty-one; William R., connected with the Waterbury Brass Co.; Charles P., who died in 1873, an employe of the Miller & Peck Dry Goods Co. for many years; and Samuel P.

Samuel P. Williams spent the first nineteen years of his life in Litchfield, and on leaving his home secured a position with Cowles & Leete, wholesale druggists at New Haven. For two years he was with that firm, gaining a good knowledge of the drug business, and then went back to Litchfield to hold the chief clerkship in the postoffice there. In 1868 Mr. Williams came to Waterbury and entered the employ of the Apothecaries Hall Co., where he was engaged until 1870. That year, in company with William C. Hillard, he engaged in the drug business under the firm name of Hillard & Williams. The new firm did a good business, and in 1875 Mr. Williams bought out his partner, becoming sole proprietor of the establishment. For some twelve years he continued in the business, and in 1887 sold out his store, engaging in the real-estate, loan and insurance business, which he has followed to the present time. Mr. Williams is a very extensive money loaner, and has probably handled more money in this way than some of the local banks, who are his customers. He made one loan of \$300,000, and another of \$125,000. He is president of the Tennessee River Navigation Co., doing business on the Tennessee river from Kingston, Tenn., to Decatur, Ala., about four hundred miles, with headquarters at Chattanooga.

In 1873 Mr. Williams married Ella S. Rice, daughter of A. F. Rice, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Three children were born to this union: Helen T., Samuel P., Jr., and Dorothy E. Mr. Williams is a Republican, and has been elected treasurer of the town. In local politics he has taken an active part, and for many years has been a member of the town committee, serving as its chairman for about eight years. For nearly thirty-five years he has attended the services of St. John's Church, and has filled the position of vestryman in that body. Mr. Williams has always identified himself with all kinds of open-air athletics, and with William B. Merriman has held the State championship in lawn tennis. Socially he belongs to the Waterbury Club.

**EDWIN HAMPSON WIRTEMBERG**, a progressive and enterprising business man of Ansonia, was born Aug. 29, 1857, in Bridgeport, Conn., son

of Valton Wirtemberg, and grandson of Bartholomew Wirtemberg. He is of German and English extraction, and has held an honorable place for many years. In the early history of South Germany that country was ruled by a number of large land owners, who often took their names from their property or from some achievement in their family history. The former was the case with the Wirtemberg family, who ruled over a large tract of mountainous country bordering on the Black Forest. The name was originally Writt-um-berg, meaning "lord of mountain," which afterward became a portion of what is now South Germany, the state of Wurtemberg.

Bartholomew Wirtemberg was an officer in that part of the German army that saw service under Napoleon Bonaparte, and he took part in the famous Moscow campaign, serving fourteen years in the army, and receiving a gold medal for his service. He was a prominent citizen of Augmesingen, Wurtemberg, Germany. After retiring from the army he held the position of burgomaster of the city of Augmesingen until his death, the office passing down to the eldest male child, next in line, living in that country; it is held at the present time by a cousin of our subject.

Valton Wirtemberg, our subject's father, was born in Augmesingen, Germany, Feb. 12, 1832, was graduated from the theological seminary at Oberndorf, Germany, and came to America soon afterward, settling in New Milford, Conn. In 1861 he moved to Derby, Conn., where he had charge of the furniture factory of Summers & Lewis. In 1865 he formed a partnership with O. B. Coles, of New Milford, for the manufacture of furniture, in Bridgeport, Conn. In 1876 he moved back to Derby and took a position with the Sterling Piano & Organ Co., but finally located in Ansonia. In 1890 he retired from active business. Mr. Wirtemberg was the first senior warden elected in Emmanuel P. E. Church, and has held that position continuously ever since; he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school from its incorporation. He is a member of Housatonic Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of Derby. He married Elizabeth Hampson Shaw, who was born in Ripenden, near Halifax, Yorkshire, England, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Shaw, and granddaughter of Sir John Hampson, of Hampson Court, Yorkshire. Her father was an officer in the British dragoons, and fought under the Duke of Wellington at the battle of Waterloo. He died at the age of eighty-nine years. Our subject's mother died in the year 1878, at the age of forty-five years. She was the mother of seven children, of whom four are living: Edwin Hampson, our subject; Emma E., wife of David S. Miles, superintendent of the Seymour Mfg. Co.; George H., foreman of the Mathews Mfg. Co., of Seymour; and Joseph B., chief engineer of the Seymour Mfg. Co.

Our subject's early years were spent in Bridge-



port, Conn., where he received a public-school education. In 1874 he moved to Derby to take a position with the Sterling Piano & Organ Co., and on leaving there, five years later, he spent five years engaged in the manufacture of cigars at Southington, Conn. In 1888 he located at Columbus, Ohio, whence he removed to Ansonia. In 1894 he went to California, where he took charge of the Eagle Milling & Gold Mining Co., located at Placerville, Eldorado county, as manager and part owner. Returning later to Ansonia, he started the grocery business, which was very successful. In the early part of 1901 he retired from the grocery business in Ansonia, and has since divided his time between his property in Ansonia and at Cedar Beach, Milford, Conn. He is also interested in a large property in Virginia.

On Jan. 10, 1877, Mr. Wirttemberg married Miss Susan Jackson, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Jackson, and they had one daughter, Jessie Norma Wirttemberg, who was married, April 20, 1897, to Jerome D. Perkins. She was a member of the local musical circle, and organist of the Emmanuel Church for several years; she died Nov. 24, 1900.

Politically our subject is a Republican. He also takes active interest in church work, having been clerk of Emmanuel Church parish since it was incorporated, and took charge of the musical part of the service for a number of years. Fraternally he is a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F., of Plantsville, in which he has held various offices. He is one of the oldest living members of the Hotchkiss Hose Company, of Derby, and a charter member of the Southington Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1.

**SAMUEL N. OVIATT**, a leading merchant of Milford; was born in that town Sept. 17, 1840, son of Samuel and Abigail (Ford) Oviatt.

The Oviatt family is probably of Welsh origin, and our subject traces his descent from Thomas Oviatt, one of the first settlers in Milford. Samuel Oviatt (1), his great-great-grandfather, and Samuel Oviatt (2), his great-grandfather, were both born in Milford. Abel Oviatt, our subject's grandfather, was also a native of Milford, and for many years followed the sea. While on his trips he made a practice of purchasing molasses for his sons to sell in Milford, and it may be said that their grocery business was established there in that way in 1820. He died in 1850, aged eighty-one years. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Malory, became the parents of two children: Samuel, our subject's father; and Curtis, who was in partnership in the grocery business with his brother for a short time, and also in a tannery and lumber yard, and on selling his interest to his brother engaged in teaching school.

Samuel Oviatt, our subject's father, was born and reared in Milford, and died there Sept. 4,

1876. He was an independent in politics and a Congregationalist in religion. He continued the grocery business until 1850, when he retired to his farm to spend his declining years. He married Abigail Ford, of Milford, whose mother, Eunice (Treat) Ford, was a granddaughter of Gov. Treat. Mrs. Oviatt died leaving a family of three children: Juliette, wife of Charles Tuttle, a shoemaker and tailor in Milford; Mary, wife of Lewis B. Malett, a butcher of Stratford; and Samuel N., our subject. The father served for some time in the local grenadiers.

During boyhood Samuel N. Oviatt attended the schools of Milford, and later Williston Seminary, where he was graduated in 1867. He then entered Yale College, but sickness compelled him to give up his course, although he afterward tutored for a time and studied theology in Union Theological Seminary, New York. While there he sang in one of the churches, and was in W. H. Dana's orchestra, playing the cello. In 1872 he engaged in his present business, as a dealer in dry goods and groceries, feed, hardware and similar commodities, in which he has been very successful, his store on West Main street being well patronized.

On July 16, 1873, Mr. Oviatt married Miss Mary Furman, of Milford, a daughter of Henry Furman, of western New York. Two children have blessed this union: Lorenzo Pratt and Abbie, both at home. Lorenzo is now (1902) in his second year as a student in the music department of Yale, and is musical director for the Y. M. C. A. of his county. His instrument is the organ. Mr. Oviatt, like others of his family, is independent in politics. He is connected with various organizations, including the National Provident Union and the Masonic fraternity, in which latter he was made master in 1866. As a member of the First Congregational Church he has been active in religious work, serving as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and as deacon.

**WILLIAM H. JOHNSTON**, a leading agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen of Waterbury, New Haven county, residing on the Bradleyville road, was born in Newark, N. J., Nov. 15, 1857, and is of Scotch-Irish descent.

Archibald Johnston, his father, was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and came to America when a young man. He first located in Newark, N. J., where for some years he served as foreman for his father-in-law, William Beard, a contractor and dealer in coal, and later had charge of his business in Brooklyn, making his home there. There he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Ann Beard, a native of Brooklyn, and to them were born three children: Mary and Edith, who died young; and William H., our subject. The parents both died in Brooklyn, the father in 1884, the mother in 1862, and their remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery. They were members of the Episcopal Church



and were held in high regard by all who knew them. In his political views the father was a Democrat. For his second wife he married Della Norton, who died in Brooklyn in 1886, and was also buried in Greenwood cemetery. By that union there was one son, Charles Francis, who is a resident of Waterbury, Connecticut.

William H. Johnston attended the public schools of Brooklyn, and also a polytechnic school, from which he was graduated. He began his business life in the office of J. P. and G. C. Robinson, of New York, with whom he remained seven years, and in 1878 came to Waterbury, New Haven Co., Conn., and purchased the Wheaton farm of 108 acres, on the Bradleyville road, upon which he has made many useful and valuable improvements that add greatly to its attractive appearance. As an agriculturist he has met with success, becoming quite well-to-do.

On Aug. 3, 1881, in Waterbury, Mr. Johnston married Miss Fanny Tracy, a native of Morris, Conn., and a sister of George Tracy, a contractor of Waterbury, in whose sketch will be found a history of her family. Mrs. Johnston received a good high-school education, and for seventeen years successfully engaged in teaching in Watertown, Litchfield, Wolcott, Thomaston and Middlebury, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Daisy Edith, March 28, 1884; Bella M., July 31, 1886; William F., April 30, 1889; and Archibald L., May 11, 1892. The family attend the Episcopal Church, and are quite prominent socially in the community where they reside.

Politically Mr. Johnston is not identified with any particular party, but casts his ballot for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F.; the Knights of Pythias; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Independent Order of Foresters; and the Improved Order of Red Men. He has traveled extensively in Europe and America, and has become, as every traveler should, a man of broad mind and liberal views. He is generous, progressive and charitable, and is very popular with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

**TIMOTHY O'ROURKE**, proprietor of a popular grocery and grain and feed business in Waterbury, is a native of Ireland, born in 1850 in County Kerry, son of John and Honora (McEllegott) O'Rourke, both also natives of County Kerry.

John O'Rourke came with his family to the United States, settling in Waterbury, where he was employed in a button shop; he died in 1895. His wife passed away in 1898. They were the parents of six children: Timothy is the eldest; Joanna is the wife of John McCarty, of Waterbury; Elizabeth, the wife of Eugene Lynch, died in Waterbury; Honora is the wife of Michael Sheehan, of Waterbury; John lives in Bridgeport, where he

follows the business of collector; and William died in New York.

Timothy O'Rourke received his education in his native land, and at the age of seventeen came to America, settling in Waterbury, where he has ever since made his home. For a time he worked for Brown Bros., also for Benedict & Burnham, and later in the clock-case shops. In 1875 he embarked in his present grocery and liquor business on Scovill street, to which he in 1892 added grain and feed, and has been most deservedly successful. He is wholesale agent for the New England Brewing Co. for the Naugatuck valley, and has been one of the directors of same since April 1, 1901. In 1878 he built a brick block on Scovill street, and in 1888 another brick block on that street. He has made all he possesses by hard work, coupled with sound judgment and good management.

In 1871 Mr. O'Rourke married Ellen Allman, a native of Ireland, and ten children have been born to them, five of whom are yet living: James, Norean, Timothy, Ellen and Josephine. The family attend the services of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury. Socially Mr. O'Rourke is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Heptasophs, the Foresters of America and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as councilman, also as alderman of the Fifth ward, and at the present time is a member of the town committee.

**NICHOLAS JENKINS**, former assistant superintendent and designer for the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Mfg. Co., Waterbury, was born on the Atlantic ocean between the years 1835 and 1840, while his parents were on their way to this country.

Richard Jenkins, his father, born in England, was a blacksmith by trade, also a veterinary surgeon. On arriving in the United States, he came to Buffalo, N. Y., and was there employed by the Ohio Stage Co., and then went to Ontario to work for the same company. He died about 1850, the father of seven children: Mary, the eldest, is the widow of Jacob Johnson, who was a tailor by trade, and she lives in Hamilton, Ontario; Jane, Joseph and William are deceased; two died in infancy; Nicholas, our subject, is the youngest, and the mother died about the time of his birth.

Nicholas Jenkins received his education in part in Buffalo, N. Y., in part in Niagara Falls, N. Y., and he also attended school in Hamilton, Ont., while with his sister. At the age of fifteen he commenced learning the cabinet-making trade, painting and decorating, etc., serving his apprenticeship in Hamilton and Buffalo. For two years he followed painting and decorating in Wattsburg, Pa., and then returned to Buffalo, and after considerable time passed in that city in his line of work he removed to New York City, where he was similarly employed for some time. He was also in Boston, Mass., and New Haven, Conn., where he exhibited



a machine he had invented for sinking molds in solid wood, for the making of door panels. This machine was known as the Jenkins Paneling Machine. He also invented tools to sink molds in marble; and invented a substitute for whale bone, which was made of braided wire. His paneling machine was exhibited at the Centennial Exposition in 1876 at Philadelphia, but unfortunately for Mr. Jenkins the invention did not prove a financial success to him. In 1879, while in New Haven, working at his inventions, the Holmes, Booth & Haydens Mfg. Co., sought his services and the right to manufacture his goods. Of the latter they made a failure, but Mr. Jenkins remained in their employ until January, 1901.

While living in Buffalo Mr. Jenkins married Miss M. J. Tucker, who died in New York City. Three children were born of this marriage, of whom two died in infancy; the other, L. B., married H. E. Brunt, had two children, and died in 1880. In 1870 Mr. Jenkins married Fannie C. Doane, of Boston, Mass. They attend the services of the Congregational Church. Socially he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of the New England Order of Protection, and other beneficiary societies; in politics he is independent.

JOHN MERRIAM PAGE comes of a family of English descent. His grandfather, Benjamin Page, was born in North Branford, New Haven county, and was a farmer by occupation. His family consisted of four children, Esther, Lois, Benjamin (father of John M.) and Daniel. Esther married Augustus Rogers, a young farmer of the town in which she had been born and grown to womanhood, and after her death he married her sister Lois. Daniel, who was also a farmer, died while yet a young man.

Benjamin Page (2), the father of John M., was also born in North Branford. He married Sarah E. Merriam, of Meriden, and they became the parents of five children: (1) John M. is mentioned below. (2) Charles is a Congregational minister, residing in North Branford, where he wields a strong political influence. (3) Benjamin is one of the prominent and influential citizens of Meriden, where he carries on an insurance business. He has been mayor of the city, and has represented his district in the Legislature. (4) Martha married T. A. Smith, a successful merchant and farmer of Northford. (5) Robert, who has never married, lives in the old homestead. Benjamin Page (2), the father, inherited the old homestead and engaged in farming. He was a man who commanded respect alike by the force of his intellect and the sturdy integrity of his character. He was a Democrat in politics, and for many years filled various local offices, among them those of town clerk, town treasurer and justice of the peace.

John M. Page was born Feb. 14, 1838, in North Branford. His attendance at the district school

was supplemented by a year's training in Meriden, and at the age of seventeen he was apprenticed to the tinner's trade, at Northford. After becoming a journeyman he worked there, as well as at Clinton and at Newark, N. J. In 1874 he settled at Naugatuck, where he purchased a general hardware and tinware business. To its management he brought keen perception and deep penetration, untiring industry and practical knowledge, a laudable ambition and the faculty of giving close attention to every detail. He has prospered greatly, his success being the natural outcome of his own efforts. The business, now conducted by the firm of John M. Page & Co., is located in the building in Church street, and in addition to the general hardware business they do plumbing, besides contracting for the installation of steam, hot-air and hot-water heating apparatus and plants. They also manufacture tin, sheet iron, brass and copper ware.

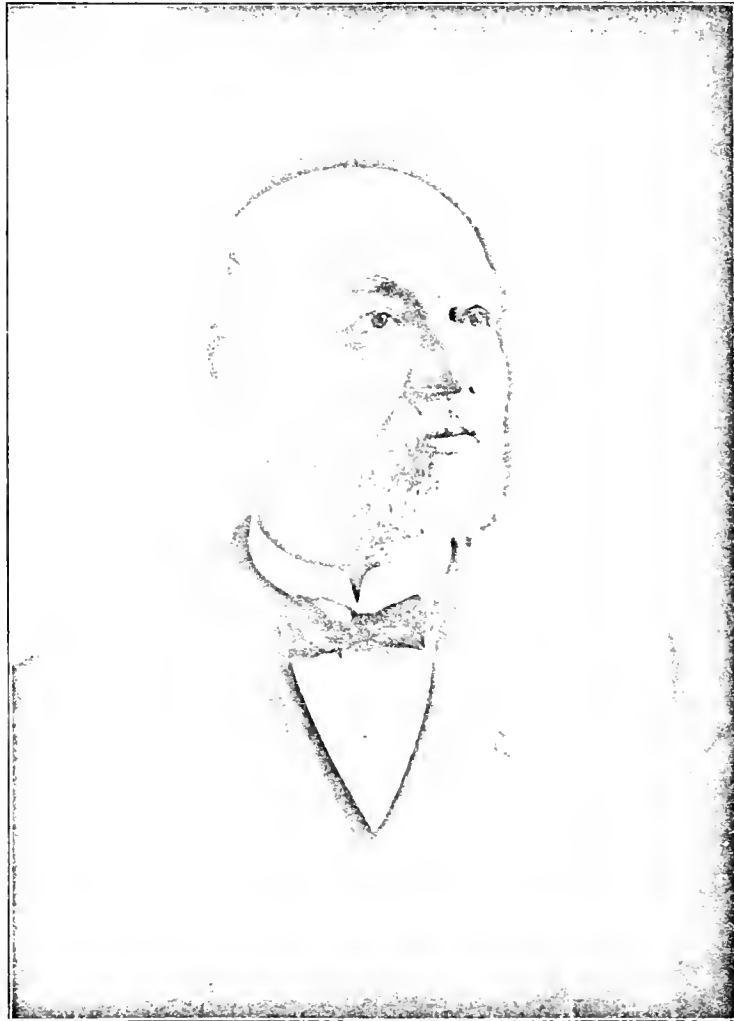
Forty-one years ago Mr. Page married Miss Carrie C. Cook, a daughter of Leverett Cook, of Wallingford. The only child born of the union died in infancy. After the death of his first wife Mr. Page married Rebecca, daughter of Harry Williams, also of Wallingford. They had four daughters: Carrie C., who married Horace E. Baldwin, of Naugatuck; Nellie M., who became the wife of W. P. Clark, formerly of Prospect, but now of Naugatuck; Leafie B., now Mrs. W. H. Miner, of the same town; and Mattie R., who was united to Frank Squires, of Naugatuck. After the death of Mrs. Rebecca Page our subject married Miss Sarah C. Williams, of Meriden, whose father, Henry Williams, was a citizen of Wallingford.

Mr. Page is a Democrat, and has been repeatedly the successful candidate of his party for various important offices. For more than a decade he was town treasurer, in 1898 he was chosen a member of the Legislature, to which he was re-elected in 1900. For nearly twenty years he has been senior warden of St. Michael's Episcopal parish. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, affiliating with Corinthian Lodge, No. 103, A. F. & A. M.; Allerton Chapter, No. 39, R. A. M.; Waterbury Council, No. 21, R. & S. M.; Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T.; Doric Lodge of Perfection, No. 14, A. & A. S. R.; Ionic Council, No. 16, P. of J., A. & A. S. R.; Lafayette Sovereign Consistory (32d degree), A. & A. S. R.; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Evergreen Chapter, No. 22, O. E. S.; and Court No. 2, Order of the Amaranth.

REV. FRANKLIN COUNTRYMAN. Only the history of the good and great comes down to us through the ages. The true religion has been the strongest influence known to man through all time, while the many false doctrines that have sprung up have flourished only for a day and then vanished. More potent at the present time than at any period in the world's history are the work and influence of Christianity, and among those who are devoting







*John M Page*



their lives to its inculcation among men is Mr. Countryman, the honored pastor of the Congregational Church of North Branford.

The Countryman (or Landmann) family was founded in America by three brothers, who emigrated from Germany in 1710 or 1711, and took up land in the Mohawk Valley, New York. From Conrad, one of these brothers, our subject traces his descent. He secured a tract of land near that of his brothers, and while clearing the same for farm purposes, he also engaged in hunting. His son, Jacob Countryman, born, probably, 1732, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war in Col. Clyde's regiment of the line, under the immediate command of Capt. Diefendorf, and took part in various engagements. The next in direct descent was Nicholas Countryman, who was born in 1762 or 1763, and died in 1837. He first married Christina Outhout, who died in 1824, aged sixty years. His second wife, Charity Petten, survived him several years. One son by the first union, Nicholas Countryman (2), was born in Stark, Herkimer Co., N. Y., in 1800, and was the youngest of the family. He resided in his native county for many years and followed stone cutting or the mason's trade. He died in Montgomery county, N. Y., in 1873. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Betsy Ann C. Eckler, was also born in Stark, Herkimer Co., N. Y., in 1799, and died in 1881. Her grandfather, Capt. Henry Eckler, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and attained considerable local distinction as an Indian fighter. Her father, Jacob Eckler, was once carried away by the red men, and had his ears pierced by them. In Minden, N. Y., he married a Miss Fetterly, and died in 1800, at about the age of ninety-five years. The children born to Nicholas and Betsy Ann (Eckler) Countryman were as follows: Jacob, deceased; Mary, widow of Dewitt C. Richardson, of Michigan; Lydia, who died at the age of twenty years; Caroline, who married John Cronkhite, deceased; Nicholas, father of our subject; Asa, a retired minister, who has had charges in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Illinois and New Mexico; Levi, who went to California in the early 'fifties, and has not since been heard from; Alfred, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Paul, a resident of Michigan; Elizabeth, who married G. P. Cummings, and resides in Iowa; and Eliza, who married Alonzo Saunders.

Nicholas Countryman (3), the father of our subject, was born in the town of Stark, Herkimer Co., N. Y., Oct. 25, 1825, and is now a resident of New Haven. Throughout his active business life he was a contractor and builder, and erected many of the finest buildings in that city, including the city hall, St. Thomas' Church, St. John's Roman Catholic Church and the Church of the Sacred Heart. He was also part owner of a planing mill for many years, but is now living retired from active labor. In his political views he is a Democrat, and has served as alderman from his ward and as a mem-

ber of the board of selectmen. For many years he has been an active and prominent member of the Howard Avenue Congregational Church, and is a man highly respected by all who know him. In 1848 he was married, in this State, to Louisa Hine, who was born May 30, 1825, a daughter of Hezekiah and Abigail (Talmadge) Hine. By this union were born seven children, namely: Franklin, our subject; W. A., who was employed on the Hartford *Evening Post*, and was president of the board of councilmen of that city, and now has a position in the Census Bureau at Washington, D. C.; Charles, a carpenter and joiner of New Haven; Edwin, who is engaged in the same business in that city; Louisa, wife of E. H. Wight, of New Rochelle, N. Y.; Robert E., also a carpenter of New Haven; and Stella, who died in infancy.

Franklin Countryman, whose name introduces this review, was born in New Haven Sept. 23, 1849, and between the ages of nine and thirteen years attended the Lovell school of that city, after which he was a student in the Hopkins Grammar school for four years. In 1866 he entered Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1870. Among his associates there who have attained particular prominence may be named: J. G. K. McClure, formerly president of Lake Forest University; Roderick Terry, D. D., pastor of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, New York City; E. S. Dana, a professor at Yale; and Dr. W. H. Welch, of Johns Hopkins University. The year following his graduation Mr. Countryman taught in the academy at Clinton, Conn., and then entered the Yale Divinity School, completing the course in 1874. His first charge was at Prospect, Conn., where he remained three years. The following two years were spent at Georgetown, Conn., and in 1882 he became pastor of the North Branford Congregational Church, with which he is still connected.

In 1870 Mr. Countryman wedded Miss Mary I. Pickett, a daughter of Judge Pickett, of New Haven. She died in 1877, and in 1880 he married Miss Ella S. Butricks, a daughter of G. H. Butricks, deceased, formerly a druggist of New Haven. He has one child, Ella May, who was born Nov. 9, 1882, and has attended school in New Haven. Although he is somewhat independent in his political views, Mr. Countryman usually supports the Republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Grange (being at present chaplain of the State Grange); the Sons of the American Revolution; Corinthian Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M., of Northford; Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M., of Fair Haven; and Crawford Council, No. 19, R. & S. M., also of Fair Haven. He is a director of the Missionary Society of Connecticut. Broad in his views and sympathies, a friend of the poor and oppressed, ever ready with helpful counsel for the perplexed or sorrowful, he has a wide field of labor, and well does he discharge its arduous and sacred duties.



GEORGE A. BASSETT is a prominent contractor and builder of Hamden, of whose skill many notable examples are to be seen in various parts of the county. Thoroughly reliable in all things, the quality of his work is a convincing test of his own personal worth. He was born in the town of Hamden Sept. 21, 1843, and there he continued to reside until his marriage, when he removed to the farm upon which he now lives. At the age of eighteen he commenced working at the carpenter's trade, but after following it for two years he turned his attention to the dairy business, which occupied his time for the following ten years. Since then he has engaged in contracting and building, and has erected some of the best houses in East Haven, Woodbridge, North Haven, Hamden and other surrounding towns. He also owns and operates a good farm of fifty acres, and in all his undertakings he has been quite successful.

On Oct. 12, 1865, Mr. Bassett was united in marriage with Miss Evelena M. Goodyear, a daughter of Leverett F. Goodyear, of New Haven, and to them have been born three children. Louis L., a resident of Centerville, Hamden, Conn., who is engaged in drilling and sinking artesian wells; Dora A., wife of W. Johnson, of New Haven, Conn.; and Charles J., who is engaged in contracting and building with his father. The political support of Mr. Bassett and also of his sons is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, but he has never sought nor desired official honors, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his business interests. Fraternally he is a member of Day Spring Lodge, No. 30, F. & A. M., of Hamden. He is a worthy representative of that class of citizens who lead quiet, industrious, honest and useful lives, and constitute the best portion of a community.

HENRY HULL TODD is prominently identified with the business interests of New Haven, Conn., as a manufacturer of custom-made corsets, his business being located at Nos. 282 and 284 York street, in this city, and is one of the largest and most prosperous, in its line, in this locality.

The birth of Henry H. Todd occurred in Stamford, Conn., Sept. 2, 1856, the family having been a prominent one in Connecticut through several generations. Rev. Ambrose S. Todd, the honored grandfather of Henry H., was born in Cheshire, Conn., and later in life became the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, in Stamford, Conn., where for forty years he ministered to a devoted congregation, and was one of the best known clergymen in Fairfield county.

Charles Jarvis Todd, the son of Rev. Ambrose, and the father of Henry H. Todd, was born in Stamford, Conn., in 1833. During the Civil war he filled the position of pay-master in the Union navy, and was connected with the vessel of which the gallant William B. Cushing was the captain.

After the close of the war Mr. Todd became connected with a wholesale tea and coffee establishment in New York, from 1884 to 1894, residing in New Haven, Conn., although continuing his connection with the same business in New York City. He married Emily M., the estimable and much beloved daughter of William L. Holly, and she died in 1894. The three children born of this marriage were: Henry H., Robert W. and Clara M. Mr. Todd was identified with the Republican party, and a leading and consistent member of the Episcopal Church.

Henry H. Todd spent his boyhood days in Stamford, and attended the public schools and also the Episcopal school connected with St. John's Church in that city. He began his business career in connection with the tea and coffee business of a wholesale house, in this line, in New York City, continuing with the same firm for five years, after which he returned to Stamford, and for one year was connected with the National Bank, of that city. Mr. Todd also engaged in hotel keeping, in Rockford, Ill., for a time, coming to New Haven in 1884. For three years he was connected with the mechanical department of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., and then entered the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., remaining here for the following nine years. In 1896 Mr. Todd embarked in his present enterprise, which is the manufacturing of custom-made corsets, and into this has put energy and business experience, with the result that he has become a leader in this line.

On June 27, 1897, Mr. Todd was united in marriage with Mrs. Jennie M. Reed, a daughter of R. R. Walker, of Morenci, Mich. In his political sympathy Mr. Todd has been a life-long Republican. Fraternally he is prominent in the O. U. A. M., Pioneer Council; Harmony Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.; Olive Branch, No. 84, F. & A. M.; Pulaski Chapter, No. 26, Royal Arch Masons; Crawford Council, No. 19, Royal Select Masters; New Haven Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; and Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Bridgeport, being one of the best known men in fraternal circles in this part of the State. For a long period Mr. Todd has been a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

ERWIN TURNBULL, for thirty years the efficient foreman of the rim-fire department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., was born in New Haven Dec. 18, 1858, a son of William C. Turnbull, who was born in Canada.

William C. Turnbull was bound out very early in life to learn the carriage blacksmith trade in Canada, and this was his occupation through life. He ran away from home and came to Boston, when he was yet too young to retain much knowledge of his father's family or of his ancestral history. After several years spent in Boston he went to Newark, N. J., where he met and married Jane M.



Beach, born in Hanover, N. J., in 1832, a daughter of Stephen and Jemima M. (Beach) Beach, who were cousins, and both natives of Hanover, the former born in 1799, a son of Peter Beach, and the latter in 1802, a daughter of Noah Beach. Peter and Noah Beach were sons of Stephen and grandsons of Noah Beach. Stephen Beach, father of Mrs. Turnbull, was a mason, but his progenitors were all farmers as far back as the annals of the family run. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. William C. Turnbull came to New Haven, where they lived until his death, Nov. 7, 1895, at the age of seventy-five. His widow is still living. Ten children were born of their union: William H., Edwin (1), Emma L., Edwin (2), Erwin B., Anna E., George R., Jennie H., Florence E. and Ida (who died as an infant). In politics Mr. Turnbull was a Republican, and in religion a Congregationalist.

Erwin B. Turnbull was reared to manhood in New Haven, where he attended the Webster School until he was thirteen years old. In 1872 he entered the employ of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. and was assigned to the rim-fire priming department, where his natural aptitude and reliable character soon pushed him to the front. For thirty years he has been foreman of that department, and is regarded as one of the ablest and most reliable employes of the company.

On Oct. 11, 1882, Mr. Turnbull was married to Mary J. Miller, a resident of New Haven, but a native of Scotland, and a daughter of John Miller. She died Dec. 24, 1891, the mother of one child, Mary J., who died in infancy. Politically Mr. Turnbull is a Republican; and fraternally he belongs to Trumbull Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M., the American Mechanics and the A. O. U. W. He is also a member of Excelsior Lodge, Winchester Order of Good Fellows.

MRS. JOSEPHINE C. MIX is among the old residents of West Haven, where she resides in the Domkee homestead, at No. 240 Main street. She is of German-American descent, her father, Martin Domkee, having been born in Prussia, Germany, and her mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Bradley, in Middlebury, New Haven Co., Connecticut.

Martin Domkee came to America when a boy, and settled in West Haven, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1869. For many years he worked as a stevedore, but in later life was employed on his farm. His wife, a consistent member of the Congregational Church, entered into rest in April, 1864. They were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom are yet living in West Haven: Charlotte, who married James Pitkin; Mary J., Mrs. Sherlock H. Bishop; Maria, Mrs. George Wheeler; George R.; Josephine C., our subject; Sarah H., Mrs. Leonard Pardee; and Anna, who married Albert Loomis.

On Sept. 10, 1874, Josephine C. Domkee was united in marriage to Edward Mix, who died June 16, 1892, at the age of seventy-six years. He was for many years a prosperous grocer of New Haven, but having, through industry, good management and integrity, accumulated a competence, he retired from active business and settled in West Haven, where, in addition to his own residence, he erected three houses on Martin street, which he owned and rented up to the time of his death. He was a man universally respected and beloved, and prominent in town affairs. A man of sincere piety, for many years he was an active member and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church of West Haven, whose house of worship he aided in building, and toward its support contributed liberally, as well as to all deserving charities. Mrs. Mix is a member of the same church, earnest and devoted in promoting its work; she is president of the Ladies Aid Society connected therewith.

ALBERT F. SCHROEDER, superintendent of the F. L. Gaylord Co., of Ansonia, was born in Germany June 22, 1857, a son of Bernhard Schroeder, who was also a native of Germany, where the family has long been native to the soil.

Bernhard Schroeder was a shoemaker, and came to America in 1868. He was quite successful in his business dealings, and accumulated a very fair fortune. His death occurred in 1887 when he had reached his fifty-eighth year. He was interested in local politics, and belonged to several German orders. Marie Karnbach, his wife, was born in Germany, and became the mother of seven children, three of whom are living: Albert F.; Louise, who married Joseph Kramp, of New Haven; Bernhard, who is living in Ansonia. The mother died in Germany at the age of forty years. Both parents were members of the Lutheran Church.

Albert F. Schroeder spent the first twelve years of his life in Germany, and then accompanied his father to this country. In the schools of his native community he had the beginnings of a very fair education, which was increased by study and observation of life under the changed conditions of the new world. When he was fourteen years of age he began learning the trade of molding, which he pursued until he became an expert workman in the house where he is still employed. As a journeyman molder he worked for houses in Brooklyn and in New York, and then in Shelton for two years. After this he came to Ansonia, to take a place as a foreman in the present factory, and for twenty-seven years has been connected with this company. Mr. Schroeder has charge of the entire output of this establishment, which includes all varieties of brass castings. He hires the men, buys stock, and receives all the orders from the trade. In the foundry department of the factory are employed fifteen men in the making of fine goods, silver plating and filling a vast variety of orders from a custom trade.





that is very widely extended. Mr. Schroeder has been married three times. In 1880 he married Miss Anna Ullrich, who was born in Germany, a daughter of William and Caroline (Mueller) Ullrich. William Ullrich came to America and located in Ansonia, where he died at the age of fifty-eight years; his wife, also a native of Germany, was one of four children, and is still living. In their family were three children, Oswald, Anna (Mrs. Schroeder) and Otto. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder: William, Albert, Marie and Louisa. Mrs. Anna Schroeder died in 1892 at the early age of thirty-five years. She was a member of the Congregational Church, and is remembered as a lady of more than the usual character and ability. Miss Marie Schroeder is a fine musician, and displays wonderful talent in music; her education is largely in the cultivation of this precious endowment. For his second wife Mr. Schroeder wedded Miss Anna Lenhard, who was born in Germany, a daughter of John Lenhard, a tailor who came to Derby and followed his trade for many years, later moving to Brooklyn, where he died. Mrs. Anna (Lenhard) Schroeder died at the early age of thirty-eight years. She was a faithful member of the Episcopal Church. Miss Anna Neumann became Mr. Schroeder's third wife.

Politically Mr. Schroeder is a Republican; socially he is a member of the Fraternal Order of Connecticut, and of the German order, "Harugari," where he has held all the offices in turn. He is secretary and treasurer of the German Ulk Club, of which he was at one time president; and he is a director of the German Hall Company. In religious connection he attends the Episcopal Church. His comfortable home was erected by him some time ago.

**THEODORE J. WARNER**, a well-known citizen of West Haven, residing at Savin Rock, was born May 14, 1862, in Hamden, this county, and belongs to one of the pioneer families of that town.

Miner Warner, his grandfather, was a native of Hamden, became a prominent agriculturist there, and died aged seventy years. His first wife, our subject's grandmother, died in early womanhood, leaving seven children, of whom five are still living: Charles, our subject's father; Robert, who resides at Pond Hill, Wallingford; Mariette, Mrs. Stone, of Holyoke, Mass.; Hulda, wife of Belson Munson, of Hamden; and Betsy, who married Frederick Mix, of Hamden.

Charles Warner was born April 25, 1832, in Hamden, where he was reared, receiving a common-school education. He followed farming there for a time, and later spent five years in farming at Chicopee Falls, Mass., and five years at Pelham, Mass. On selling his property at the latter place, in 1873, he located in the town of Orange, where he still resides. In 1894 he purchased one hundred acres of the Clark farm, on Oyster river, for a

homestead. He married Miss Mary A. Oviatt, a native of Watertown, and daughter of Joseph and Charlotte (Johnson) Oviatt. Of their nine children two are living, Theodore J. and Grace, the latter residing at home. The mother died Jan. 21, 1890, aged forty-eight. Mrs. Warner attended the Episcopal Church, and Mr. Warner attended the M. E. Church.

Theodore J. Warner remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-five, and while completing a district-school course learned lessons in business management under his father's directions. At the age of thirteen he began driving a milk wagon in West Haven for his father, and he afterward engaged in this business on his own account, having purchased it Nov. 16, 1887. He carried it on until Nov. 1, 1899, when he sold the business. It was the oldest milk business in that section, and during the twenty-five years in which Mr. Warner was connected with it the trade increased constantly, about 600-quarts of milk being handled daily, all of which was purchased, although he formerly kept a number of cows. Our subject buys and sells wood, hay and stone, and owned a quarry from which he sold stone to contractors. He also does a general contracting business. The wood, in which he deals extensively, is shipped on the railroad to different points.

On Jan. 20, 1886, Mr. Warner married Miss Julia Wilkinson, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Betts) Wilkinson, of Cobalt, Conn. They have had two children: Arthur, who survives; and George Clayton, who died aged six months. Politically Mr. Warner is an independent, with Democratic tendencies, and he does not aspire to official honors, although his high standing as a man of sound judgment would make him a popular candidate. He was one of the first members of the A. O. U. W. in West Haven, and is still actively interested in the work of that organization.

**WILLIAM JOHN HODGETTS**, a well-known paper box manufacturer in Wallingford, has achieved a good name in his line, and from a very modest beginning has built up a fine business, especially in the line of plain and fancy boxes and cases. Mr. Hodgetts cut his first boxes for local patrons with a jackknife and a straight edge. Today his box factory, on Academy street, in the rear of his very attractive residence, contains all the modern steam-power machinery needed for the economical and quick dispatch of his business, and gives work to fifteen hands. Mr. Hodgetts may well congratulate himself upon this wonderful progress.

Mr. Hodgetts was born June 17, 1846, in Birmingham, England, where his father, John Hodgetts, was also born and reared. John Hodgetts became a silversmith, and in 1876, emigrating to the United States, found work at his trade with the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co. He married Eliz-





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abeth Winspur, who was born in Birmingham, and they had five children: William J.; Joseph H., a silversmith in Wallingford; George, also a silversmith in Wallingford; Samuel, a painter in New York; and Alice, wife of Charles Chaucer, of Meriden, Connecticut.

William J. Hodgetts acquired his education in his native city, and early in life applied himself to moldmaking. When he had mastered this trade he turned to the making of Britannia ware, in which work he was engaged until coming to this country, in 1866. He made his way directly to Wallingford, and was given employment in the factory of the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co., with whom he remained twenty-five years. He very soon rose to the position of inspector of goods. In 1878 he began the making of boxes, which was at first managed by his wife, but the business grew to such an extent that in 1891 Mr. Hodgetts gave up his position with the Simpson, Hall & Miller Co. and has since given his entire attention to the box factory. He is a man of genial disposition, and has a host of friends who admire his manly character and exemplary business methods. Temperate in his habits, and upright in his dealings with the world, he is much respected in his community, and is regarded as one of the most valued citizens of the borough.

In 1867 Mr. Hodgetts married, at Newark, Miss Sarah Hobson, who was born in Birmingham, England, a daughter of Edwin Hobson, one of the prominent men of Wallingford. To this union have come six children: Harold William, a die sinker and moldmaker; Eva A., a forewoman in her father's factory; Effie, a trained nurse; and Edwin, Nellie and Bessie, who are in school. Mr. Hodgetts is a Republican, and an active worker for the party. He belongs to the Blue Lodge, Compass Lodge, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

CHARLES EMIL SCHUNACK, one of the rising young manufacturers of Meriden, was born in the city of Spremberg, Germany, Nov. 15, 1859, son of Gustav Schunack, a native of the same community, who was a manufacturer of woolen cloth. In Spremberg Gustav Schunack married Louisa Lange, by whom he had two children, Charles Emil and Emmy. Gustav Schunack and his family left the old country in 1873, and came to the United States, locating at Webster, Mass., where he spent a year in the woolen trade. He then came to Meriden, where the remainder of his life was spent, and he died in 1889 and was buried in the West cemetery, Meriden. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion liberal and broad-minded in his views. His widow is still living, and is cared for in the home of her son Charles E. She is a devout Christian woman, faithful and loving in her duties as a wife and mother.

Charles Emil Schunack attended the schools of

his native town. He was thirteen years old when he left Spremberg with his parents to make his home in America, and at Webster, Mass., went into the mills, so that he has had no schooling save that of work and experience since his arrival in this State. In 1874 he came to Meriden, and for some five years worked in the bronze department of the Meriden Malleable Iron Works. For the following five years he was connected with the bronze department of the factory of Hart, Bliven & Mead, at Kensington, Conn., as a contractor. When this period had expired he came back to Meriden, and took a place with the Charles Parker Co., in the lamp department of its extensive factories. For nineteen years he has had charge of this department.

Mr. Schunack began business for himself as a box manufacturer in 1891, locating on Randolph avenue, and beginning in the most modest fashion. He attended strictly to his trade, and it has steadily increased, demanding enlarged facilities and improved machinery, until he now has a plant that is about as complete as any to be found anywhere in the State. Here he makes a vast variety of paper boxes, as well as plush, chamois and leather cases for silverware, and employment is given to more than seventy people, the products selling in remote parts of the country, as well as at home. Our subject's only sister, Miss Emmy, has charge of this branch of his business; she is a lady of much business ability, thoroughly understanding the work, and very popular. Mr. Schunack is a progressive and enterprising citizen, wide-awake and vigorous, energetic with his work, and anxious to give perfect satisfaction to every customer.

Mr. Schunack belongs to the A. F. & A. M., being controlled in Meridian Lodge, No. 77; to Pilgrim Harbor Council, Royal Arcanum; and to the Invincibles of Meriden. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as a member of the city council in Meriden for two years. He and his wife find their religious home at the Congregational Church. Mr. Schunack was married in Kensington, Hartford Co., Conn., to Miss Rhoda Baldwin, a lady of much refinement, and they have two children, Mildred and Elsie. Our subject and his wife are excellent people and command the respect and confidence of the community to a very marked degree.

MICHAEL D. RUSSELL, comptroller of the city of Waterbury, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1865, and is a son of John and Catherine (Dwyer) Russell, the former of whom is an extensive farmer and both of whom still have their home in County Tipperary. To their marriage were born twelve children, nine of whom are still living, viz.: William, a doctor of medicine; Helen, a widow; Thomas, farming the old homestead; Michael D., the subject of this sketch; Katie, single; John, a Catholic clergyman in England; Mary, a Sister of Mercy in Dublin; Matthew, a physician



and surgeon in Dublin Hospital; and James, a theological student.

Michael D. Russell is the only one of the above named family to come to America. His boyhood was passed on the home farm, and his preliminary education was acquired at a National school, but this was supplemented by a course of study in a classical school and also at an academy, the original design being to prepare him for a profession; but when he had attained his eighteenth year he was seized with a desire to cross the ocean, and accordingly, in the spring of 1883, he sailed for America, and shortly afterward reached Waterbury, Conn., where for a year and a half he worked in the factories and then engaged in business on Washington street, which he continued with marked success until 1899.

In 1889 Mr. Russell was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Hayden, a daughter of James Hayden, of Waterbury, and this union has been blessed with four children, John, William, James and Elizabeth, of whom three are living, James having died when he attained the age of three years. The family are all adherents of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. In politics Mr. Russell is a Democrat, is very popular with his party and influential in its councils. He has served as alderman from the Fourth ward one full term and part of another (filling out an unexpired term), in all three years. He was elected a delegate to the State convention which nominated Daniel L. Morgan for governor, and took a very active part in the succeeding canvass. In October, 1899, he was elected comptroller of the city of Waterbury, and re-elected in October, 1901. In his fraternal relations he has been treasurer of the Foresters of America since their organization, and he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Russell is deserving of great credit for the masterly manner in which he has managed his business affairs, and his great success is due solely to his own shrewdness, and close attention to his affairs. He has invested largely in real estate, and is one of the heaviest tax payers in his ward, and he counts his friends by the hundreds, all of whom have been attracted to him through his many personal merits.

EDWARD A. IVES, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of North Branford, belongs to an old Colonial family which was founded in America by William Ives, who sailed from England on the "True Love" in 1635, at the age of twenty-eight years, and landed in Boston. Later he came to New Haven with the Davenport Colony in 1637-38, and joined in the Civil Compact in 1639. He died in New Haven about 1648, and his wife, Hannah, afterward married a Mr. Bassett. By the first union, there were four children, namely: John, Joseph, Phoebe and Daniel. Of these, John Ives was baptized Dec. 29, 1644, and moved to Walling-

ford, Conn., about 1670. He married Hannah Meriman, and had one son, Joseph, from whom all the Iveses in Wallingford have descended.

The Ives family in Hamden, Conn., trace their ancestry back to Jonathan Ives, who was born March 14, 1716, a son of Samuel and Ruth Ives. He was married, Feb. 19, 1737, to Thankful Cooper, and they had eight children: Jeremiah, Joel, Jonathan, Ruth, Mary, Thankful, Allen and Phoebe. Of these, Jonathan Ives was born March 26, 1751, and made his home in Mt. Carmel, Conn. He married Sarah Bassett and had several children.

Mark Ives, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared in Hamden, where he later engaged in general farming throughout life. He married Saritta Dickerman, a native of the same town, who died at the age of eighty years, and he died at the age of eighty-two. Their children were George, a resident of Morris Cove, Conn.; Sarah, deceased wife of Charles Dickerman; Edgar, father of our subject; and Albert, who was killed by a team.

Edgar Ives was a native of Hamden, where he passed his boyhood and youth, and after attaining to man's estate he was employed in the shops of this county. He entered the Union service during the Civil war and was killed at Baton Rouge, La., in 1863. In his native town he was married, in 1857, to Miss Ellen Cook, who was born in Cheshire, Conn., and is now living in New Haven. They had two children: Edward A., our subject; and Franklin D., an employe in a rubber shop at New Haven.

Edward A. Ives was born in Hamden Feb. 18, 1860, and was given the advantages of a district-school education. When still quite young he went to Southington, where during the summer months he worked for neighboring farmers between the ages of eleven and fourteen years, while he attended school through the winter. Subsequently he was employed in a shoe shop for a short time. At the age of twenty-two he removed to Wallingford, and while there he learned the machinist's trade in the railroad shops at New Haven, which occupation he continued to follow in that city and Bridgeport, Conn., for about sixteen years. In 1896, owing to ill health, he located upon his father-in-law's farm of eighty acres in North Branford, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. He also engages in the milk business and keeps for that purpose ten cows, besides young stock. He is progressive and public-spirited, and gives his support to the men and measures of the Republican party. Religiously he is an Episcopalian, and socially is a member of the United Workmen Lodge, No. 31, of New Haven.

In May, 1886, in Wallingford, Mr. Ives married Miss Carrie Ives, and they have one child, Mabel Saritta, born July 4, 1887. Mrs. Ives' great-grandparents were Ransom and Sarah Ives, the former of whom died Sept. 22, 1844, aged sixty-one years, the latter Feb. 15, 1844, aged sixty-two.





Their son, John Ives, the grandfather of our subject's wife, was born April 3, 1804, and died Dec. 20, 1886. He was married, Dec. 13, 1826, to Mariette Austin, who was born Oct. 30, 1803, and died June 8, 1883. In their family were two children: Sarah, born Nov. 18, 1827, married Amos Dickinson, and died July 26, 1876; and Henderson, born Jan. 2, 1831, now makes his home with our subject. He is a painter by trade, but is now living a retired life. On Jan. 6, 1859, he married Miss Cornelia Williams, who was born in Wallingford Oct. 18, 1836, and four children were born to them, namely: Carrie, born Aug. 10, 1860, is the wife of our subject; George, born Feb. 14, 1863, is a butcher of Wallingford; Charles, born Feb. 25, 1873, is a resident of New Haven; and Sarah, born Nov. 3, 1875, is the wife of Arthur Mansfield, of Lynn, Massachusetts.

JAMES D. CARROLL is one of the leading business citizens of New Haven, where, since 1887, he has been connected with the browning department in the Winchester Arms Co., as contractor, occupying a most responsible position.

Mr. Carroll was born in Monterey, Berkshire Co., Mass., Sept. 4, 1852, a son of Levi N. Carroll, a native of Herkimer county, New York.

Levi N. Carroll acquired his education in Massachusetts, and for some years he was a resident of Beartown, in that State. He married Mary Breckenridge, who was born in Massachusetts, where she died at the age of thirty-six years. His death occurred in Middlefield, Mass., at the age of sixty-six years. Their children were: Frances, who married William Ecker, and died in Missouri; and James Dwight, of this sketch.

James Dwight Carroll spent his early school days at Beartown, Mass., being obliged to walk a distance of four miles each way. At the age of eleven years he found himself obliged to look after himself, and went to work in Monterey for John D. Bidwell, also having the privilege of going to school. Then he went to live with his uncle, James Breckenridge, and worked in Jerusalem, Mass., for two years for \$65 and board, going to school during the winters, and then went back to his father and attended the old Stockbridge Academy. Mr. Carroll's next work was under Lucien Moore, who drove the stage from Tyringham to Lee, but after eight months our subject went to Strickland, Ill., where his sister lived, and accompanied them soon after to the West in order to look up some government land. James stopped at Walnut Creek, Iowa, and went to work in a saw and grist mill, where he remained for one year, going then to Kenyon Grove in the same State, and carried on a butchering business there for the succeeding year. Mr. Carroll decided then to see something more of the country, and with a team he made his way to the Cherokee Nation, in Indian Territory, going from there, with his team, to Arkansas, where he worked

on the railroad. In the following spring he started East, stopping in Page county, Iowa, where he bought a forty-acre farm, which property he still owns.

After his return to South Lee, Mass., he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Cordonnier, of Chatham, N. Y., who was born in Paris, France. After this event Mr. Carroll went to Ilion, N. Y., where he entered into the employ of E. Remington & Sons Co., and continued with them until March, 1875, when he moved to Frankfort, N. Y., buying there four lots and building houses upon them. Until 1886 he continued with the Remingtons as a contractor. In 1887 Mr. Carroll came to New Haven, Conn., as a contractor in the browning department of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., employing from ten to fifteen men. Mr. Carroll has a secret process of browning that requires but four men to do what it formerly needed ten to accomplish. Every time the weather changes Mr. Carroll changes his chemicals, and thus his work is constantly an experiment. Ever since he has been in New Haven Mr. Carroll has resided on Henry street. Fraternally he is connected with a number of orders. While living at Frankfort he became a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, joining Mohawk Lodge, No. 226. He also belongs to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 84, F. & A. M., and Franklin Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. One son has blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, James Levi, born Feb. 11, 1888. Mr. Carroll is a thorough business man and possesses a knowledge of his special line quite different from others who engage in it. His secret process has proved successful and may lead to future improvements.

CAPT. EDGAR J. HARDY, of the steamship "Chester W. Chapin," was born in Fair Haven, New Haven county, Aug. 23, 1864. His father, John A. Hardy, was born on Staten Island, and was a son of John Hardy, also of Staten Island, where the founder of the family located when he came from England to America. The grandfather died in Jersey City at the age of ninety-eight years, and of the numerous children born him four are still living, all residents of New Jersey with the exception of the father of our subject, who is living retired in New Haven. The grandmother died when comparatively a young woman. Both she and husband were faithful members of the Episcopal Church.

John A. Hardy, the father of our subject, was reared on Staten Island, and while still a lad began making trips on an oyster sloop, gradually rising until he became captain of a vessel that sailed from New York to the West Indies, in the fruit business. This was his occupation for forty-five years, and he became well known in many ports and was highly regarded in shipping circles. His life is now one of ease, as he lives retired in New Haven. Mr. Hardy married Georgiana Hayden, who



was born in Westbrook, Conn., daughter of John Hayden, a boat-builder there. She was one of five children, viz.: Georgiana; Edgar, deceased; Nellie, deceased; Myrtie, who married Charles Hill, and died in Clinton; and Theodore, who died in Florida. Four children were born to the parents of our subject, namely: Addie, who married John Brand, in New Bedford; Aaron, who resides in New York; Edgar J., our subject; and Georgia, who married T. Sherman Foote, of Providence, R. I. The parents are members of the Congregational Church.

Edgar J. Hardy spent his early years in Fair Haven and attended the Woolsey school. His natural inclination was toward a life on the water, and he began his career on a sailing vessel, the "C. J. Vannam," of New Haven. In this position he continued but a short time, being rapidly promoted and soon became mate, and he coasted with his vessel to the West Indies. In 1883 he entered the employ of the New Haven Steamboat Co., as watchman on the boats, and filled all the positions up to captain, to which he was promoted Dec. 1, 1893. His first vessel was the steamer "C. H. Northam," and later he took charge of the steamer "Richard Peck," and subsequently of the steamer "Chester W. Chapin," which is one of the finest boats on Long Island Sound. Capt. Hardy became very popular among travelers, his skill, care and seamanship being such as to inspire perfect confidence.

In 1897 Capt. Hardy was married to Miss Anna Pearsall, who was born in New York City, a daughter of Charles Pearsall, a successful dealer in fruit, and a granddaughter of John Pearsall, who was the first dealer to obtain a load of fruit by sailing vessel to New York. Mrs. Hardy's maternal grandfather was the first hatter on Broadway, New York City; his store was located at the corner of Broadway and Canal street. One child has been born to Capt. and Mrs. Hardy. Capt. Hardy is a member of the Union League Club; the Pequot Club and the Kings County (N. Y.) Club; the American Brotherhood of Pilots Association; and Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

WILLIAM EDWIN HUNTER comes of a family of English origin, the first of whom to emigrate to this country was Ebenezer Hunter, from whom the line of descent runs through Nathaniel, William, Solomon and Jethro D. to the gentleman whose name appears above.

Solomon Hunter, the grandfather of William E., a native of Sharon, Conn., married Anna Fowler, and four children were born to them, of whom Jethro D. was the second; Sarah married L. D. Benson; Ruby became Mrs. Horace Reynolds; and Mary married John McDonald.

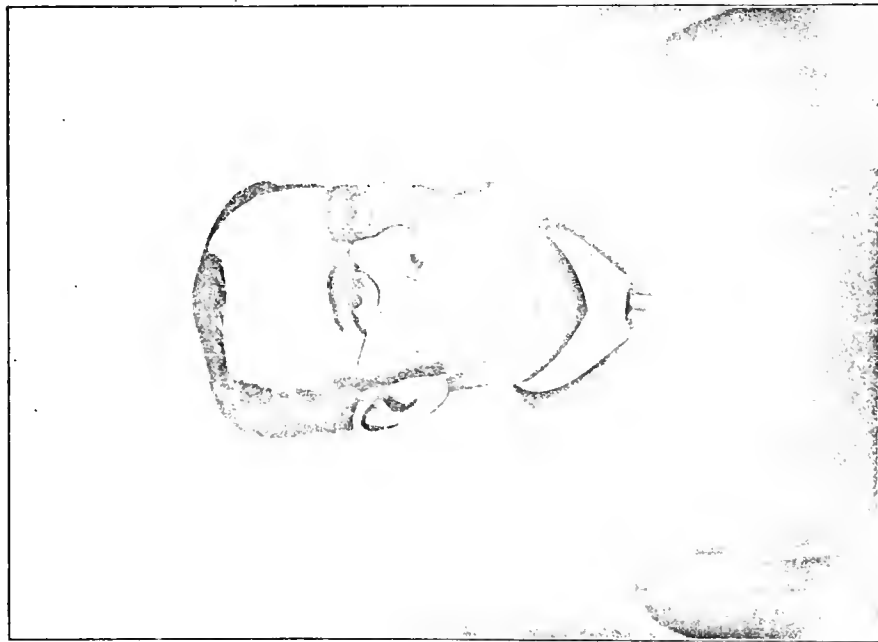
Jethro D. Hunter was born in Sharon, Conn., and passed his life in farming. In 1873 he removed to Amenia Union, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he died in 1880. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religion a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

He married Cynthia A., daughter of Lyman Chapman, a farmer of Sharon, and they became the parents of eight children: William E., Sarah A., Charles H., Ida A., Minnie, Horace R., Lorin B. and Ira. Charles, Minnie and Ira are deceased. Sarah married Frederick Morehouse, a liveryman of Sharon. Horace married Carrie Ramsey, and lives in Naugatuck. Lorin married Grace M. Odell, and lives in Amenia Union, N. Y. Ida is unmarried and lives at home.

William E. Hunter was born in Sharon, Conn., July 26, 1853. His boyhood was passed in hard work upon the farm, alternated with attendance at the district school winters, and he also had a private tutor. He accompanied his father to the new home in Dutchess county, and was for a time engaged in farming there, after which he conducted a grocery store in Winsted for a time, but in January, 1886, he returned to Connecticut, and took up his residence in Naugatuck. There he has ever since made agriculture his vocation, and he has met with signal and well-merited success. Possessed of a fine physique, his mental powers are also of no mean order, and have been well trained, he having been a teacher in both Connecticut and New York States. Mr. Hunter owns a farm of 340 acres, and rents 225 additional acres. Both farms show the result of his intelligent, constant supervision. On his rented farm he cultivates hay, grain and other crops. Mr. Hunter always brings to the management of his affairs keen intelligence, quick perception, sound judgment and tireless industry. Old, dilapidated buildings have been remodeled, and new ones constructed after modern ideas, and Mr. Hunter himself is abundantly qualified to prepare the plans, estimate the cost and supervise the construction. It is this happy union of brains and brawn—a combination as valuable as rare—that has made him the man of substance he is to-day. He has made a specialty of dairy farming, and his daily sales of milk at retail average about seven hundred quarts. He owns a large number of horses and cows. His home farm is situated at the summit of what is known as "Hunter's Hill," an eminence some five hundred feet above the level of surrounding country. From this point of vantage the view is one of surpassing loveliness. For miles in every direction may be seen highly cultivated, well improved farms, with the charming borough of Naugatuck in the foreground, and the hustling city of Waterbury only five miles distant. The smoke of many factories rises lazily and floats away, while the narrow stream of the river winds in and out, a silver thread among green pastures and board fields of nodding, golden grain.

Mr. Hunter is a member of the Second Advent Church, and socially he is a member of the Grange and of the Order of Heptasophs. He is independent in politics. He has been twice married, having chosen a wife each time from among the maidens of Dutchess county, N. Y., where he passed the





W. E. Wheeler Mrs. H. E. Hunter.



years of his early manhood. His first bride was Adelia Thompson, to whom he was joined May 15, 1877. They had three children: Cora D., who married George P. Young, of Naugatuck; Herbert E.; and Katie W., deceased. On October 2, 1889, Mr. Hunter married Miss Alice E. Sincerbox, whose portrait accompanies his. This union has been blessed with four children: Ethel A., Raymond W., Hazel K. and Roy W. (deceased).

ELBERT W. CARTWRIGHT, a prominent farmer of Centerville, Hamden, was born in Sharon, this State, Jan. 12, 1857. His father, Watson Cartwright, a son of Anson and Mary (Smith) Cartwright, was also a native of Sharon, where he grew to manhood and engaged in farming for some years. There he married Miss Ammarillis Peck, a native of that town and a daughter of George W. Peck. In 1864 they removed to Cheshire, New Haven county, where the father engaged in farming for a year and a half, and in 1866 came to Hamden, where he purchased the Joseph A. Rogers farm of seventy acres near Centerville, and upon that place he successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising until his death. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, but was never an office seeker. He died March 25, 1891, and his wife departed this life Feb. 28, 1899, the remains of both being interred in the Whitneyville cemetery.

Elbert W. Cartwright, the only child of this worthy couple, pursued his studies in the schools of Sharon and Hamden, and when his education was completed devoted his entire time and attention to the operation of the home farm, which he now owns. It is a valuable tract of seventy-five acres, under excellent cultivation and well improved. He is a thorough and systematic farmer, and has met with well-deserved success in his labors. He holds membership in the Mount Carmel Congregational Church, and in politics supports the men and measures of the Democratic party.

On Oct. 22, 1890, Mr. Cartwright was united in marriage with Miss Hattie B. Leek, a native of Hamden, and a daughter of Jeremiah B. and Catherine (Sanford) Leek. Three children blessed this union: Florence Peck, Ralph E. and Reba Sanford. The wife and mother entered into rest March 27, 1901, aged forty-two years and six months, and her remains were interred in the family lot in the Whitneyville cemetery. She, too, held membership in the Mount Carmel Congregational Church.

FREDERIC A. FINCH, the popular publisher of *The Branford Opinion*, is a native of Connecticut, born in Southington Jan. 25, 1868, a son of Dennis Porter and Sarah (Laukin) Finch. In September, 1877, his parents moved to New Haven, and in the public schools of that city he obtained his education, graduating in 1884. When he started out in life for himself he began to learn the printer's trade in May, 1884, with Hoggson

& Robinson. The work proved congenial to him, and he rapidly mastered all the details. From 1888 until October, 1891, he was employed as pressman with O. A. Dorman, and then went to Lyme, Conn., where he was similarly employed on *The Sound Breeze*. On Jan. 18, 1892, he came to Branford and purchased *The Branford Opinion* on the 5th of the following April. He has met with much success in his chosen calling, and his paper has steadily improved in general makeup, as well as in its subscription lists.

On June 27, 1894, Mr. Finch was united in marriage with Edith A. Knapp, and one son, Donald Porter, born Aug. 8, 1899, has blessed this union. Politically Mr. Finch is a Republican, and has served as registrar of voters in Branford, 1890 to 1902. Socially he is a member of Woodland Lodge, No. 39, K. of P., and Montowese Lodge, N. E. O. P.

DR. EDWARD SEYMOUR MOULTON, a physician of New Haven, was born April 26, 1868, in New Bedford, Mass., but acquired his education in the public schools at Oberlin, Ohio, and the Grand River Institute of Austinburg, Ohio. He was graduated from Oberlin College in 1891, receiving the degree of A. B., and from the Yale Medical School in 1894, when the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by Oberlin. After hospital service in New York and travel in California and South America, he located at No. 223 York street, New Haven.

Dr. Moulton's father, Rev. Tyler Calvin Moulton, was born in Ascott, Canada, Jan. 26, 1826, a son of Calvin Moulton, Jr., and Adaline Hudson, the latter a daughter of Elisha Hudson, a soldier in the Revolution. Calvin Moulton, Jr., was a son of Calvin Moulton, Sr., and Ruth Blodgett, whose father was a Revolutionary soldier, and was born in Rutland, Vt., Nov. 11, 1797. Calvin Moulton, Sr., was born in Monson, Mass., in 1774. Dr. Moulton's paternal ancestors came to Massachusetts previous to 1650.

Rev. Tyler Calvin Moulton was a Unitarian clergyman, his pastorates having been at Austinburg and Franklin, Ohio, and New Bedford, Mass. He served in the war of the Rebellion as chaplain of the 3d Mass. Vol. Cav., and later became chaplain of the William Logan Rodman Post, No. 1, G. A. R., of New Bedford, Mass. He was known as an able speaker and writer. His death occurred Aug. 5, 1870. He married Susan A. Seymour, who was born in Otsego county, N. Y., in 1834, a daughter of Deacon Hart Seymour, and his wife, Mercy North, who was a daughter of Deacon Stephen North, and descendant of John North, one of the original proprietors of Farmington. Hart Seymour was the son of Deacon Jonathan Seymour and Abigail Hart, who were both born in New Britain, Conn. Jonathan Seymour was a soldier of the Revolution and a lieutenant in the Connecticut State Militia. Lieut. Elisha Savage, of Berlin, Conn.,





another great-grandfather of Dr. Moulton, was a Revolutionary soldier. The maternal ancestors of Dr. Moulton were among the earliest settlers of Connecticut, coming from Massachusetts to Hartford in 1635, settling there and in Farmington; the names of eight of these ancestors, Richard Seymour, Stephen Hart, Thomas Judd, John Steele, Governor Thomas Welles, Elder John White, John Wilcox and William Wadsworth, are recorded on the "Founders' Monument of Hartford."

Dr. Moulton was assistant in the medical clinic in Yale Medical School from 1895 to 1897, and in Gynaecology from 1897 to 1899. He belongs to the city, county and State Medical Societies (being clerk of the County Society), and to the New Haven Grays, and also to the patriotic order of the Sons of Veterans. He attends the Congregational Church.

On Feb. 28, 1898, Dr. Moulton was married to Fanchon Wilson, who was born in California, only daughter of James Thomas and Mary Stewart Smith. One son, James Seymour, born Feb. 7, 1899, in Zaruma, Ecuador, S. A., has brightened their home.

**HON. DAVID WALTER PATTEN.** The town of North Haven has the distinction of having within its borders some of the finest farms of New Haven county, and among these the one which bears the palm as a dairy farm is owned by D. Walter Patten, and is located in the eastern part of the town. This farm contains 225 acres, and has been in the possession of the Patten family for nearly forty years, being the original Pierrepont farm upon which the late Hon. Edwards Pierrepont, ex-minister to England, was born. David Patten, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Salem, New London county, Conn., where he became a farmer and a dealer in lumber for shipping.

Daniel A. Patten, son of David Patten, was also born in Salem, where he received a district-school education. After teaching there a number of years, in the meantime studying medicine, he went to New York and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He first located for practice in Park Row, in that city, and later he removed to Baltimore, Md., where he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice for a number of years, when failing health caused him to abandon the profession. He returned to his boyhood home, in Salem, where he remained until 1861, at that time coming to North Haven, desiring the health-giving life on a farm. Dr. Patten then purchased the farm now owned by his son, and continued to operate it until 1885, when he disposed of it to his son, and, retiring from active life, died in 1887. Dr. Patten was an ardent Republican, and served the town of Salem in the Legislature, even representing that town shortly after his removal to North Haven, in a special session. During 1869-70-73 he represented

North Haven in the Legislature, although the office was none of his seeking, his peculiar fitness for the office causing his fellow citizens almost to thrust it upon him. He also served the town for several years as first selectman, and for many years was a member of the Society's committee of the North Haven Congregational Church. His widow, Mary Belcher Hyde, a native of Greenwich, Conn., is now residing in North Haven. The children born to this union were: Henry, a graduate of Yale, married Rose M. Sloan, and resides in Philadelphia, where he is instructor in the Central High School; David Walter; Lillian W. married George B. Todd, and lives in North Haven; and Marion is teaching in the public school in South Norwalk.

David Walter Patten was born Feb. 7, 1862, in the house which he now occupies, and received his primary education in the district schools. After a two-years' course at Bacon Academy, in Colchester, he prepared at Joseph Giles' private school for the scientific department of Yale University. Previous to entering Yale Mr. Patten was for two years assistant instructor of mathematics in the famous "Collegiate and Commercial Institute," of which the late William H. Russell was president. He was graduated from Yale Scientific School in 1887, and then returned to the farm which he had purchased in 1885, and to which he has since added by additional purchases and has made improvements which have placed this farm in the front rank of dairy farms in the State. For thirty years the Clover Dairy Farm has practically supplied the most fastidious patrons of the New Haven market. Mr. Patten has introduced modern methods, rendering his products the purest to be obtained anywhere, and the reputation of his produce has extended over a wide territory. He also has a peach orchard of 1,500 trees.

On Oct. 16, 1889, Mr. Patten was married to Erminie Ivison Emley, who was born in Moodus, Middlesex county, Conn., a daughter of George I. Emley, superintendent of the New York Net and Twine Company's mills of that place. Three children have been born to this union, Edna I., Mable S. and Martha Alberta. Mr. Patten is a staunch Republican, has been president of the North Haven Republican Club for several years, and ably represented the town of North Haven in the General Assembly during 1898-9, serving as clerk of the committee on Incorporations. In 1900 he was elected first selectman and re-elected in 1901. In 1901 he was elected by the General Assembly as a member of the State Board of Agriculture for New Haven county. Mr. Patten is an educated, intelligent farmer who understands and enjoys his agricultural experiments, and by the exercise of energy has been able to show the country what intelligent farming can accomplish. Fraternally he is connected with Corinthian Lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M., of Northford, and is a charter member of North Haven Grange, being one of its organizers.



Prominently identified with all of the leading farming interests of the State, he is connected with the State Pomological Society, and is a life member of the Connecticut Dairymen's Association. Although occupied with both public affairs and private business, Mr. Patten is a factor in the social life of the community, and entertains hospitably in his handsome home. Both he and his wife are valued and consistent members of the Congregational Church of North Haven.

REV. C. REINHOLD TAPPERT, the beloved pastor of the Immanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Cook avenue and Hanover street, in Meriden, was born in Hameln, Hanover, Germany, Dec. 13, 1866, a son of Charles Tappert, born at Eisenach, Thuringen. Charles Tappert was an architect and builder by occupation and a man of education and influence. His death occurred while still in the prime of life. His wife, Mrs. Alvina (Hancke) Tappert, was a native of Luechow, Germany, and after the death of her husband came to America with her family, and now resides in New York City. Of the ten children of the family those who still survive are: Emma, a Lutheran Deaconess; C. Reinhold; Mary; Franz; Gustave, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church, in New York City; Charles; Ernest August, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church, at Washington Heights, New York City; and Alwine.

Rev. Mr. Tappert attended the schools in his native land, and was seven years old when the family removed to Muender, where the father engaged in a manufacturing business and our subject had the advantages of excellent educational training. At the age of sixteen he graduated from the Latin school. His inclination being in the direction of the ministry, he entered then the Kropp Theological Seminary, and remained four years, until he had finished his course in the spring of 1887. When the call was made by the Home Missions of the General Council for young men for mission work among their countrymen in America, Mr. Tappert responded, and that same year came to this country and took charge of St. Peter's Church at Greenport, L. I. Although not yet of age, he continued to administer to this congregation for fifteen months. On Dec. 18, 1887, he was ordained by the president of the first district of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York, and in 1888 he was called by the president of the Synod to take charge of a mission in New York City, and eagerly entered upon his Christian labors. Having rented an unoccupied store on Tenth avenue, at a cost of \$48 per month, he started into school teaching, and had 140 pupils who contributed one dollar a month. He continued faithfully to perform his duties as missionary and teacher until his health completely failed him. In 1889 he received a call to Meriden as successor to Rev. E. Witman, as pastor of the Immanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Church and also

of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southington, and for the past twelve years has faithfully attended to the spiritual needs of both congregations. Mr. Tappert has had much to encourage him. During his pastorate the church and parsonage have been built and his congregation numbers 500 members. When he first came to Meriden he was obliged to hold his services in the hall of the Y. M. C. A.

Rev. Mr. Tappert married Magdalena Draeh, in her home in Greenport, L. I., a daughter of Peter Draeh, a lady of high character, and one who is well fitted to be a helpmate for her worthy husband. The children of this union number five: Johanna, Ruth, Martha, Reinhold and Gustav.

FREDERICK WARD BROWN, D. D. S., who has been successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry in New Haven since 1888, is a native of that city, born July 14, 1863. The family have resided there for several generations; the Doctor's grandfather, Andrew L. Brown, was engaged in business as a soap manufacturer in New Haven with his brother Charles. Their factory was located on Union street. He had three children: William H., father of our subject; Robert A., who is secretary and treasurer of the New Haven Savings Bank, and also president of the New Haven Mfg. Co.; and Mary, who married Henry Holt, of Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Brown was a member of the First Baptist Church.

William H. Brown was born in New Haven and there reared, receiving his education in the common schools and in the Lancasterian school. He was engaged in business as a dealer in cigars and spirits, carrying on same up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1888, when he was aged fifty-one. He married Cornelia Camp, and they had four children: William H.; Frederick Ward, whose name opens these lines; and Albert R. and Andrew L., both of whom are dentists in New York City, where Mrs. Brown, the mother, also makes her home. Mrs. Brown is a daughter of Horace Camp, who died at the age of eighty-four, and his wife, whose maiden name was White, and who lived to the age of eighty-six.

Frederick W. Brown attended the public schools of New Haven during his boyhood. His early studies in dentistry were pursued with Drs. Austen B. Fuller, Frank C. Swift and J. S. Cairol, of Bridgeport, and H. J. Stevens, of New Haven. He then took a course at the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated in 1888, and he has since engaged in practice on his own account. Dr. Brown commands a large patronage, which keeps himself and his assistants constantly busy. His offices, which are finely fitted up and completely equipped, are located at No. 112 Orange street. Dr. Brown has been quite active in the social and fraternal life of the city, being a member in good standing of Pyramid Lodge, A. O.



U. W.; Yale Lodge, Heptasophs; and of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, belonging to Wooster Lodge, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter; New Haven Commandery; Pyramid Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and the Scottish Rite Masons. The Doctor's great uncle, Charles Brown, was the first master of Wooster Lodge. Dr. Brown is also a member of the Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard, of which he is commissary sergeant. Professionally he belongs to the New Haven Dental Club, and the State Dental Society. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party.

In 1892 Dr. Brown married Miss Jennie A. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halsey C. Thomas, of New Haven. Two children, Mildred and Leonard, have blessed their home. The Doctor and his wife are singers of note, and they have sung at different times in the principal churches of New Haven.

**HARRISON B. TOLLES.** "Man's sociality of nature," says Carlyle, "evinces itself, in spite of all that can be said, with abundance of evidence by this one fact, if there were no other—the unspeakable delight he takes in biography," and in the record of our successful business men and leaders of thought there is much to interest and instruct the reader. The subject of this sketch, a prominent resident of Ansonia, is deserving of special mention as a self-made man who has made the most of his opportunities and achieved a substantial success.

Mr. Tolles was born April 28, 1845, in Pine Bridge, town of Seymour, this county, and belongs to a well-known family of this section. Daniel Tolles, his grandfather, followed farming in the town of Bethany throughout a long life. Isaac Tolles, our subject's father, was born and reared in Bethany, and became a merchant in Naugatuck. He continued business for forty-five years with different partners, becoming regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the town. He was an ardent supporter of the anti-slavery cause, and later became a staunch Republican, and for many years he was active in municipal affairs, serving as ward inspector and tax collector. His death occurred in Naugatuck, when he was aged eighty-three years. He married Maria W. Buckingham, a devout and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who is still living at the age of seventy-nine. She was born in Middlebury, one of the eight children of Hezekiah Buckingham, now deceased, who came from Ohio and made his permanent home upon a farm in Middlebury. His wife, whose maiden name was Matilda Wooster, lived to the age of seventy-two, while her mother lived to be ninety-nine. Our subject was the first of a family of eight children, the others being: Ulysses, deceased; Eliza, deceased; Fremont, now in Naugatuck; Ralph, a resident of Plainfield, N.

J.; Lulu, who married William Ward, of Seymour; Arthur, a resident of Naugatuck; and Eliza (2), wife of Ira Bennett, of Vermont.

During his boyhood our subject attended the common schools of Naugatuck and the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Mass., and when a young man he engaged in butchering in Naugatuck. After five years he removed to New Haven, where he continued the business three years longer, in connection with licensed groceries. He then spent a year in Waterbury, in the bottling business, and a year in Harrisburg, Pa., and in 1873 he returned to Ansonia and opened a bottling establishment in company with S. W. Billam, under the firm name of Billam & Tolles. He conducted same until May, 1897. At the time of selling out he was the second oldest man in the business in the town, and for years he did the largest bottling business between Waterbury and Bridgeport, keeping a number of men and teams, and sending goods to all the surrounding towns and cities. In 1886 he built his present beautiful residence at No. 19 William street, being the fourth to build on the street, and he is interested in the real-estate business to some extent.

In 1868 Mr. Tolles married Miss Alice Tuttle, daughter of Zopher Tuttle, a wood and charcoal dealer of Naugatuck, who also conducted a watch factory there for a time. He died aged seventy-four years, and his wife, Nancy (Sherman), died at the age of sixty-two. Mrs. Tolles was born in Naugatuck, and was one of a family of ten children. Our subject has one son, Burton I., now twenty years old, who graduated from the Ansonia high school, pursued a course in the Applied Sciences at Yale College, graduating in the class of 1901, and is now a student in Yale Medical School. The family is identified with the Episcopal Church, Mrs. Tolles being a member, and politically our subject affiliates with the Republican party. He belongs to the F. & A. M., holding membership in George Washington Lodge; Mt. Vernon Chapter, R. A. M.; New Haven Commandery, at New Haven; and Pyramid Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Bridgeport. He is also an active worker in the Ansonia Club, the leading social club of the town.

**MRS. EMMA J. POWE,** a highly respected resident of Ansonia, is prominent in the social life of that locality, the influence of her active and cultured mind and strong womanly character being recognized in various lines of work. She is a member of the Bartholomew family, which has been well known in this section from an early date, and two brothers and two sisters are represented elsewhere.

William Powe (deceased), husband of our subject, was identified for many years with the manufacturing interests of the town, holding positions of unusual responsibility and trust. His death oc-





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curred in 1895, when he was aged forty-five. He was born Dec. 6, 1850, in Derby, this county, son of Lewis Powe, and grandson of Major Powe, an Englishman, who came to America as an expert workman in the refining of copper, locating in Belleville, N. J. Lewis Powe was trained to his father's business in his youth, and after following it for a time in Belleville, took a position in Derby, later going to Ansonia, where he was employed for years by the A. B. C. Co., as foreman. In 1854 he went to South America, and on his return was for some time employed as an expert refiner by the Park Bros., of Pittsburg, being manager and member of the firm, and by the Duvall Co., of Brooklyn; his last work, however, was done for the A. B. C. Co., of Ansonia. About the time of his retirement he became interested in orange culture in Florida, where he died at the age of seventy-three. He was a man of ability, and was much respected wherever he was known. He married Harriet Blackman, a native of Oxford, who died in 1854, aged thirty-six. They had two children: Louise, professor of art in Wells College; and William.

William Powe was reared in Ansonia, and completed his education in the School of Mines, Columbia University, New York. He started business life as a bookkeeper for the Brass & Copper Co. Possessing rare discrimination, his services came into demand as a general buyer and utility man with the Ansonia Brass & Copper Co., of Ansonia, and after twenty-one years of responsible work there he became connected with the Aluminum, Brass & Bronze Co., of Bridgeport. Socially he was connected with Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., at Ansonia.

On Sept. 17, 1873, Mr. Powe married Miss Emma J. Bartholomew, and they had two children: (1) Harriet married Dr. F. G. Baldwin, a dentist in Ansonia and has had one child, Lewis Powe. (2) Fannie Louise died in 1889, aged ten years and eleven months. Mr. Powe was a genial, hospitable gentleman, and made many friends, among all classes. He was a Republican in political sentiment, but not active in party affairs, or for that matter in public life of any sort, though he served twenty-one years as foreman of the Hose Company. He sang in the choir of the Congregational Church, but was not united with any religious body.

Mrs. Powe was born in Ansonia, in the house now occupied by her brother Arthur. Her father, the late J. H. Bartholomew, was a prominent citizen of Ansonia, and an account of his life appears elsewhere. In 1833 he married Polly H. Root, who was born in 1811 in Plymouth, Conn., and died in 1881. She was the daughter of Truman Root, a successful farmer whose last years were spent in Ansonia. He married Lewina Hemingway, of Plymouth, Conn., who lived to the age of eighty, and they had thirteen children, two of whom are living. Mrs. Powe is one of a family of six children, of whom four survive, namely: Mrs. P. T. Terry, Mrs.

Frances E. Bristol, Arthur and Mrs. Powe. Dana died recently. All reside in Cliff street, Ansonia, where the parents also resided, and Mrs. Powe's home, at No. 134, is the center of a refined hospitality. She is well read, especially in historical lines, and extensive travel in the United States and abroad has added to her store of information upon general subjects. As recording secretary of the D. A. R. she is influential in the local branch, and she is also an active worker in the Congregational Church, to which her parents belonged, and of which her daughter and son-in-law are also members.

WILLIAM C. KLEINECKE is one of those hustling and energetic characters who give Waterbury quite a distinctive character among cities of its class in New England. Push and determination mark all his actions, and he is widely known as an honorable and upright man.

Mr. Kleinecke was born in Hartford, Conn., Nov. 3, 1854, son of Henry Kleinecke, who was born in Brunswick, Germany, in 1812, and died in 1865. He married Johanna Kutscher, who was born in 1820 and died in 1886. She was a native of Prussia, where her father was a locksmith. Henry Kleinecke was a soldier in his native land, and served in the Ducal army. Having participated in the German Revolutionary movements in 1848, he came to the United States the following year, settling in Hartford, Conn., and learning the tailor trade. During the Civil war he made soldiers' overcoats, on a subcontract. He was the father of five children: Hermine, Louise, Augusta, William C. and Albert H. Augusta is deceased. Albert H. is an assistant superintendent at Lincoln Park, Chicago, and an ex-alderman of that city. Henry Kleinecke was a Democrat politically. He and his family belonged to the Lutheran Church.

William C. Kleinecke spent the first eleven years of his life in Hartford, where he received all his schooling. For three years he worked on a farm near Hartford, and then learned the trade of a barber, which he followed until about three years ago. Taking his fortunes into his own hands so early in life, he had a rather limited education, and as he grew older he felt a lack which he partially corrected by attendance at night schools, and close and systematic reading. On Aug. 10, 1877, Mr. Kleinecke came to Waterbury, which has since been his home. For the last three years he has been connected with the New York Life Insurance Co. His name is enrolled among the members of the A. O. U. W., the Woodmen of the World and the Foresters of America, and he is now holding the position of Grand Secretary of the Grand Court of Connecticut, Foresters of America, a salaried position, his work covering the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Kleinecke and Miss Catherine E. Burke were married in November, 1878, and to this union have been born two children: August Edward,



who is at home; and William Frederick, deceased. Mrs. Kleinecke was born in Waterbury, and is a daughter of John Burke, of Queens County, Ireland. Mr. Kleinecke is a Democrat, and has taken an active part in political affairs. At the present time he is a member of the board of public safety. With all his family he attends the Catholic Church.

HOWARD P. TREAT is one of the popular, public-spirited citizens of Orange, where he was born Jan. 20, 1857. He is a descendant from the first Colonial governor of Connecticut, and well maintains the traditional reputation of the family for courage, energy and probity. His grandfather was named Isaac, and his father Isaac P. Some uncertainty exists as to whether the town of Orange or that of Milford was the birthplace of his grandfather, but, however that may be, he is known to have been an early resident of the last-named town, and to have been an extensive land owner both there and in Derby, presenting three of his sons with a farm, and setting the fourth up in business in New York. He was a farmer, and a man of prominence and influence in the community, dying at the age of sixty-six years and six months. His wife, Martha Platt, of Milford, survived him, passing away in her seventy-fourth year. They were earnest members of the Congregational Church and two of their seven children are yet living.

Isaac P. Treat, the father of Howard P. Treat, was born in Orange, and passed his youth after the fashion of most farmers' sons of his day. He enjoyed such educational advantages as were afforded by the district schools of the time, and on reaching manhood established himself upon the farm given him by his father. For many years he managed this property with such skill that he was recognized as one of the township's most successful farmers. As he grew older, however, he abandoned active toil and surrendered the control of his farm to his son Howard, and retired to a home in Orange village, where he still lives. He is a Republican in politics, and has always taken an active part in public affairs, having served as selectman and a member of the school board, and for thirty years as acting school visitor. His religious creed is that of the Congregational Church. He married Mary J., a daughter of Capt. Merritt Barnes, who passed his life of ninety-four years as a farmer in Watertown, loved by his friends and respected by all who knew him. He was noted for his untiring activity. Whether bound on an errand of business or pleasure he always drove two fleet horses. He was a man of broad, enlightened public spirit, and inherited a martial disposition from an ancestor, Jonathan Barnes, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution. He was for many years a captain in the militia, and was always recognized as a capable, efficient officer. He was the father of eleven children, of whom Mary J., the wife of Isaac P. Treat, and the mother of the well-known citizen of Orange

whose life is under review, was the ninth. To Isaac P. and his wife three children were born, all of whom are yet living: Emma married Henry Beers, of New Haven; Arthur is a prosperous mason and builder, and a member of the firm of Sperry & Treat; and Howard P. is our subject. The mother of this family died before she was thirty years of age, leaving her youngest born, Howard P., bereft of a mother's care when but ten days old. After her death her husband married again, taking for a second wife Sarah Booth, of Woodbury. She bore him one child, Flora Bell, who married Wellington Andrew, of Orange, who owns and successfully manages a large farm. The second wife of Mr. Isaac P. Treat is also deceased.

Howard P. Treat was a pupil in the common schools and the Orange high school. At the age of nineteen he went to the city of New York, intending to learn the trade of a plumber; not finding that pursuit to his taste, he returned to the farm within a few months, where he continued to remain as his father's assistant and lieutenant for many years. Since he has succeeded to its sole management he has carried on general farming.

On Dec. 2, 1880, Mr. Treat was married to Isabelle Rogers, who was born in New Haven, an adopted daughter of John Rogers, a Milford farmer. Four daughters and two sons have blessed this union: Lottie B., a high school graduate; Arthur P., an electrician in Newark, N. J., in the employ of the Crocker Wheeler Co.; Laura, a pupil in the high school; Howard B.; Helen, who died in infancy; and Alice.

Mr. Treat's disposition is genial, generous and wholesome; yet his character does not partake of frivolity. He wins friends readily through affability, and retains them through his moral force. He is a consistent member of the Congregational Church of Orange. Politically he is a Republican, and though he can not be called an active partisan, he has been honored by election to important local offices through the suffrages of his fellow townsmen. For three years he was registrar of voters, and in 1895 was chosen selectman, to which office he was re-elected in 1897 and 1898. He became a member of Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New Haven, in 1878, and of the Grange, as well as a member of the Orange Agricultural Society.

GUSTAVE CORNELIS is one of the important factors in the business circles of Wolcott, and his life is an exemplification of the term "the dignity of labor." He has utilized the possibilities that America offers to her citizens, for coming to America in limited circumstances he has steadily and perseveringly worked his way upward, leaving the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few. He is now engaged in the silver plating business, and is also interested in the breeding of fine trotting horses.

Mr. Cornelis was born near Brussels, Belgium,



April 27, 1849, a son of Charles Louis and Celleta (Poppe) Cornelis, life-long residents of that country. The father, who was a merchant, died at the age of forty-nine years. Only two of the eight children reside in America, viz.: Gustave, our subject; and Clement, a merchant of Woodtick, town of Wolcott, New Haven county. Religiously the family were all members of the Catholic Church.

During his boyhood Gustave Cornelis attended the schools of his native land, was quite a student, and became an expert in arithmetic. After his father's death, which occurred when he was quite young, he was thrown upon his own resources, and worked for an uncle for a time. At the age of eleven he obtained a position as bookkeeper with a grain dealer, and soon became quite proficient in that line, although he had previously no knowledge of the business. He went to Paris, France, at the age of eighteen years, and found employment at a railroad depot, where he remained until 1872. He then resolved to try his fortune in America, where he believed better opportunities were afforded ambitious and industrious young men. He sailed from Liverpool, England, and landed in New York without money or friends, but he possessed a stout heart, willing hands and a determination to succeed. Going to Winchester, Conn., he found employment at cutting wood and making charcoal, for which he received \$40 per month, and from there came to Waterbury, where he learned the silver-plating business. He continued to work for others until 1881, when he embarked in the same business on his own account at Woodtick, and in the undertaking has met with well-deserved success, although his factory was destroyed by fire in 1890. With characteristic energy he at once rebuilt, and now has a fine plant. He is also engaged in the breeding of horses and owns some fine blooded stock, including a trotting stallion, "True Roseman." His place is known as the Applewood Stock Farm.

In 1875, in Waterbury, Mr. Cornelis married Miss Julia Bernier, a native of Quebec, Canada, who died in May, 1898, and was buried in St. Joseph's cemetery, Waterbury. She was a member of the Catholic Church. To that union were born two daughters, Laura M. and Emily, young ladies of culture and refinement; they are still at home with their father. Although Mr. Cornelis takes a deep interest in local affairs he has never been an office seeker and is not identified with any particular party. He is strictly a business man, and the prosperity that has crowned his efforts is certainly well merited, as it is due entirely to his own unaided efforts.

WILLIAM C. SHARPE, well known as an historian and as publisher and editor of the *Seymour Record*, is one of the representative men of Seymour, and a descendant of an old Connecticut family, his line of descent being traced from Thomas Sharpe, who was one of the original thir-

ty-eight grantees of the town of Newtown, in 1708. Mr. Sharpe received a good education in the public schools of Seymour, completing his studies at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass. After leaving school he engaged for some time in teaching, his last experience being as principal of the school at East Derby. In 1868 he opened a printing office in Seymour, and three years later established the *Record*, which was enlarged in 1887 to its present size—eight six-column pages—and is one of the best weekly papers in the State. His work as an historian has been crowned with success. "The History of Seymour," in two volumes, is from his untiring pen, as well as "The Annals of the Seymour M. E. Church" and "South Britain Records and Sketches," and he has also compiled several genealogical works. In all the affairs of the town Mr. Sharpe takes an active interest, especially in educational matters, and for nine years he was a member of the board of education, during which time he served as secretary and as acting school visitor. In religious connection he is a member of the Congregational Church, of which he has been clerk for about ten years. He is also a member of New Haven Commandery, Knights Templar, of the Connecticut Historical Society, and of the following orders: Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Red Men, New England Order of Protection and the Temple of Honor.

FREDERICK J. WOOSTER, whose business ability, mechanical skill, and executive force are attested by the facts of his personal history well-known to many of his Waterbury fellow townsmen, was born in Naugatuck July 8, 1854, a son of Horace B. Wooster, who was also born in that town in 1827, and who died in Seymour, Conn., in 1883. Albert Wooster, his father, a native of Connecticut, married Miss Mitty Chatfield, and reared a family of four children: Horace B., Lettison T., Emma E. and William H. H. Lettison T. is superintendent of the Seymour Mfg. Co.'s brass and German silver mills, and is mentioned elsewhere; Emma E. is unmarried; and William H. H. is a member of the Seymour Brass Co. Albert Wooster was a farmer, and died many years ago. His widow died April 24, 1898, at the age of ninety-two years.

Horace B. Wooster, the father of Frederick J., grew up in Naugatuck, and was a millwright by trade. For many years he filled the position of superintendent of the Brass Works at Seymour. The brass mills there were built by him, and it was in them that he was accidentally killed. Miss Nancy E. Riggs, who became his wife, was born in Oxford, Conn., a daughter of Stephen Riggs, a farmer. The death of this excellent lady left Frederick J. motherless at the tender age of two and a half years. To Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. Wooster were born three children: Martha, Mary and Frederick J. Martha married W. A. Church, of Derby, Conn.,



and Mary became the wife of C. J. Wallace, of Waterbury, Conn. Horace B. was a strong Republican, and belonged to the Methodist Church.

Frederick J. Wooster spent the greater part of his early youth in Waterbury, whither his parents had come when he was very young. In the public schools of this city he laid the foundations of his education, and acquired a very good preparation for practical life. As a young man he worked a year on a farm, and then came back to Waterbury, where he and his father were in the concrete business, and the two worked together for some eight years. Then Frederick J. betook himself to Ansonia, Conn., where he learned the brass rolling trade of his uncle, L. T. Wooster, of the Osborne-Cheeseman Co. Having mastered this trade, he joined his father in building the Seymour Company's plant, and remained in that enterprise about two years. Mr. Wooster learned much about the business, and liked it so well that after keeping books for a year in a grocery in Waterbury he took a position as roller for the Waterbury Brass Co. His promotion was rapid, and he was soon put in charge of the shipping department. The charge of the mill was given him July 8, 1886, and he is now general superintendent of the rolling, rod and wire mills.

Mr. Wooster and Miss Carrie M. Buckland, a daughter of A. J. Buckland, formerly of Springfield, Mass., were married July 8, 1875. To this union were born seven children: Mabel B.; Henry M.; Edward H., deceased; Jennie M., now deceased; Horace B.; Frederick J., Jr.; and Florence E. Mabel B. married Dr. George A. Faber, and lives in Waterbury. Mr. Wooster is a Republican, and belongs to Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the A. O. U. W. Mr. and Mrs. Wooster attend the Methodist Church.

**FREDERICK N. SPERRY, M. D.** Among the young professional men of the city of New Haven none have brighter prospects of attaining an exalted rank in medicine and surgery than Dr. Frederick N. Sperry.

As far back as Mansfield Sperry, his great-grandfather, we find an honorable family record of industrious and energetic citizens bearing the family name. Mansfield Sperry was a stone mason, a trade which he had learned from his own father, and passed on to his son Lewis, who was also born in the family homestead, in Woodbridge, Conn. Lewis Sperry reared a family of several children, one of whom was Alfred, the father of our subject, born in Westville, in 1843, who still survives, having for twenty-five years been connected with a large factory in New Haven, as a contractor. Dr. Sperry's mother, Lois E. (Ryerson) Sperry, who was born in Abington, Mass., was a daughter of William and Rhoena (Whitmarsh) Ryerson, natives of Sumner, Maine, and Dighton, Mass., respectively. Mrs. Sperry still survives. She was

the mother of Alfred William, who is a civil engineer in New Haven; and Frederick N.

Dr. Frederick N. Sperry was born Dec. 29, 1872, and attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school in 1891, and from Yale Medical School in 1894. For the following year and a half he was an interne at the New Haven General Hospital, and in October, 1895, began his career as a practitioner. Dr. Sperry has been well received by his brother physicians, and is a member of the city, county and State medical societies, and of the American Medical Association. In the Yale Medical School he has been an assistant in the clinics, and at present operates in the ear and throat clinics, and is demonstrator of anatomy. Dr. Sperry is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, being a thirty-second-degree Mason, Knight Templar, and a member of the Mystic Shrine. Socially he is a member of the Greek letter college society, D. E. I.; and in his religious belief he is a Congregationalist. On account of his pleasing personality, the Doctor is popular in New Haven, and is successful in his chosen profession.

**REV. JAMES LAWRENCE WILLARD, D. D.** (deceased), for over thirty-eight years the beloved pastor of the Westville Congregational Church, needs no eulogy at our hands. His consecrated Christian life bore the evidences of high character, firm faith, unflinching purpose, cultivated intelligence, knit and strengthened by a spirit of tolerance and unmistakable kindness of disposition which won him friends on every side, in every walk of life. For a minister to occupy one pulpit continuously and satisfactorily for over thirty-eight years implies continued energy, as well as development and progress not possible to every mind. That Dr. Willard possessed these traits in large measure was apparent to all who came within the sphere of his influence.

James L. Willard was born Oct. 11, 1825, in Madison, Conn., where the family has long been settled. His father, James Willard, was also born in Madison. The latter married Susan Channing, who was born at Newport, R. I., of Scottish ancestry, and seven children blessed this union, namely: Sophia W.; John A.; William B.; James L., our subject; Capt. Samuel, who was killed in the Civil war, at the battle of Antietam; Amelia; and Edward N., a former judge of the supreme court at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

In 1852 Dr. Willard married Miss Victorine E. Hopson, who was born in Madison, Conn., daughter of Nathan W. and Lucy (Hand) Hopson, and their union was blessed with one child, Katharine, now the widow of S. Arthur Marsden. Their only child, Arthur W., born Sept. 16, 1880, is a law student in Columbia College.

James L. Willard grew to manhood on the paternal farm in Madison, and prepared for college







J L Willard



in the local schools. Entering Yale College, he was graduated from the Academic Department in 1849, and immediately thereafter took his three years' theological course at the Yale Seminary, completing same in 1852. His classmates included many men who later became famous in the various professions. He was in the seminary when Dr. Taylor, though past his prime, was still the ruling spirit, and the impress of that noble life was a lasting influence in the life of Dr. Willard. Our subject had gained renown as a preacher before his preparatory days were over, and immediately after their close he preached in the Congregational Church at Seymour, Conn., remaining there nearly three years. He then received a unanimous call to the Congregational Church at Westville, where he was ordained pastor on Oct. 17, 1855, and he continued in that charge until his death, Jan. 7, 1894. Several times during the latter part of this long pastorate, realizing that his strength was failing, he had thought of laying aside the heavy burden of pastoral work, though reluctant to give up the labors so dear to him, and he had decided to hand in his resignation the very Sunday on which the bond between him and his congregation was severed by a higher power. As preacher, as pastor, as friend, he ministered lovingly to the many with whom he came in contact in all those years, and though not an ostentatious man under any circumstances his influence for good was widespread and deep, a quiet but potent force among a wide circle of parishioners, friends and acquaintances. Dr. Willard received several calls to fields wider and affording greater opportunity for one of his ambitious nature, but he could never bring himself to sunder relations which had become so dear to him, or to shirk responsibilities exacting, though often self-imposed. The Doctor was sociable and friendly to all; kind and considerate to the bereaved and distressed; benevolent to the needy; tolerant to the weak; and possessed a tact in his relations with everybody which made his presence an ever-welcome one. However, with all his desire to give offense to no man, he was positive in his convictions of right, and never yielded an inch to expediency or popularity in defense of a righteous cause or when attacking an evil. The Doctor was an ardent patriot, and his political views were those of the Republican party. He was public-spirited to the last degree, and, believing that the material, moral and intellectual welfare of a community throve side by side, strove ever to uphold advancement in one line with due reference to its effect on the other. His love for literature was among his most prominent intellectual traits, and was manifested in his conversation and sermons. The Doctor's degree, conferred upon him by Maryville (Tenn.) College, was never more worthily bestowed. Dr. Willard never neglected his pastoral duties to prepare himself for ornate pulpit oratory; he never indulged his tastes for literature at

the expense of the studies and research necessary for his effective work as a preacher; but he nevertheless succeeded in keeping fully abreast of the times, both as theologian and a thinker on all up-to-date subjects, and it is this fact which accounts for his continued success, over so long a period, in one pastorate, conditions which cause many an able-bodied man to rust. That he never fell into a rut, that he could appreciate and adopt the best in both the old and new, without inconstancy to the one or an eager desire for the other, was recognized especially by his brethren in the ministry, all of whom loved and revered him. Many a home and many a friendly circle were sorely bereaved by his death, and his remains were followed to their last resting-place in Westville cemetery by a large concourse of people besides those of his congregation. The ministers of the various local churches of all denominations vied with each other in tributes of respect and love.

CHARLES YOUNG WOODRUFF, a well-known resident of Ansonia, is one of the leading contractors and builders of that locality, many of the largest and most important buildings of the city having been constructed by him. Among these we may mention the Gardner block; the Foresters Hall block, occupied by the Foresters and Ansonia Furniture Co.; front on the Lindley block and Fellows clothing store; the Episcopal parsonage; the additions to the Farrell foundry; all the buildings of the Schneller, Osborne & Cheeseman Co., one being 325 feet long and three stories high; the Stillson House blocks, across the river; and several additions for the Ansonia Electrical Co., including one 40x90 feet, and 40 feet high, with an office forty feet square.

Mr. Woodruff was born Feb. 22, 1859, in Sharon, Conn., and comes of an excellent family which has been identified with that section for many years. Daniel S. Woodruff, our subject's father, spent his life in Sharon, following the shoemaker's trade, and his death occurred there at the age of sixty-one. He and his wife, Harriet Benton, who died at the age of seventy-eight, were devout and consistent members of the Congregational church. They had three children: Jane, who married Henry S. Lindsey, of Ashley Falls, Mass.; Charles Y., our subject; and Gilbert H., a tinner, who died in Sharon, aged twenty-seven.

Charles Y. Woodruff was but eleven years old when his father died, and he remained at home until he reached the age of eighteen, receiving a common-school education. At fifteen he began to learn the carpenter's trade in Sharon with L. Van Aletyne and at eighteen he located in Ansonia, the first year being spent in work under instruction for Charles H. Stillson, of the firm of Powe & Stillson. Later, as a journeyman, he worked two years for this firm and four years for F. A. Lines & Co., where he was made foreman. In 1883 he formed a partnership



with W. R. Mott, and bought out the business of Lines & Co., and they continued a general contracting business until the death of Mr. Mott in 1895. They built up the largest business in their line in that section, employing from ten to twenty-five men, and under Mr. Woodruff's management there has been no decrease of prosperity. He contracts for brick, wood or stone work, and completes the entire building from cellar to roof, and much of his draughting is done by him. He has won praise by his fine cabinet work in interiors, and in many of the stores in town the fittings, as well as the building, have been completed under his supervision. His office is located at No. 3 Mechanic street, where he has a shop and improved machinery, and he also owns a house which he rents. He is a charter member of the Ansonia Board of Trade, and he is active in municipal affairs as a member of the Republican party, having served as councilman from his ward on the first board elected after Ansonia became a city. For sixteen years he has been a prominent worker in the I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all the chairs, and he is a leading member of Eagle Hose Co., in which he has held various offices, including those of steward and second assistant foreman. He attends the Congregational Church, of which his wife is a member, and at present he is a member of the Ecclesiastical Society.

In 1888 Mr. Woodruff married Miss Emma J. Tiffany, who was born in Ansonia, the only child of Joseph Tiffany and his third wife, Margaret Davidson. Her father, who was a weaver by occupation, was an early settler in the town, and his death occurred there in 1868. Her mother now makes her home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff have had three children, of whom two are living, Margaret H. and Elsie T.

GEORGE BEAUMONT is a noteworthy descendant of the Beaumont family, which is of French origin remotely, during the days of William the Conqueror entered England, and has long been settled in Hartford county.

Deodate Beaumont, the grandfather of George, was born in East Hartford, and was the first of that name in Wallingford. He was a son of Edmund Beaumont, who was a native of East Hartford, and was a soldier in the French and Indian war and the Revolutionary war. He spent his life in East Hartford. During the latter part of the eighteenth century Deodate Beaumont left the family homestead in East Hartford and established himself in Wallingford, where he became the owner of 200 acres of land. A mechanic in early life, he was an active and energetic man, and amassed a comfortable fortune. A member of the Congregational Church, a veteran of the Revolutionary struggle, he was a man well known and highly esteemed. Six children were born to him: Esther, Saphina, Edmund, John, Elijah and Elizabeth.

John Beaumont, son of Deodate and father of

George, was born in Wallingford, where he received a common-school education. At a very early age he went to sea as a cabin boy, and was a sailor the greater part of his life, becoming mate of a sealing vessel in the service of John Jacob Astor, the great fur trader. In his later years he settled on the farm owned by his son, consisting at that time of 120 acres. Here he spent the remainder of his life, a good and true man, who followed closely the Golden Rule, and here he died in 1879, and was buried in Center Street Cemetery. A Whig in early life, he became a Republican on the formation of that party. Mr. Beaumont married Ann Tyler, who was born in Branford, Conn., a daughter of John Tyler, a soldier of the Revolution, a sketch of whom appears in the biography of his grandson, Henry W. Tyler. To this union came ten children: Elizabeth; Edmund, who died in California in 1852; Julius, now residing in New Haven; Lucina, who died in 1890; Harvey; Francis, of North Haven; Lewellyn; Albert; George; Cynthia, who married Palmer Townsend. Mrs. John Beaumont died at the home of her son George, and was buried in the Center street cemetery.

George Beaumont attended the district schools of Wallingford and grew up on the old homestead, which has now become his property. He remained with his father as long as he lived, and, in company with his brother Albert, bought out the other heirs in 1881. They farmed together a number of years, engaging in general farming, fruit growing and wine making until 1898, when George Beaumont bought out his brother, and is now the sole proprietor of the place. Here he has a fine home, an elegant dwelling house, ample barns and every improvement necessary to conduct the place profitably. Mr. Beaumont has good judgment and is well read, being thoroughly posted on all current topics. He is a strong Republican in his political convictions.

On Sept. 1, 1892, Mr. Beaumont married Miss Nettie M. Edell, who was born in Wallingford, a daughter of John Edell. They are the parents of three children: Esther, born July 30, 1893; George, born June 29, 1897; and John, born Jan. 26, 1901. The Beaumonts are good people, highly respected by all.

WILLIAM H. BORCHARDT, one of Waterbury's well-known and prosperous citizens, is a native of that city, born Oct. 10, 1858. He is a son of William Borchardt, and a grandson of Gustav Borchardt, who followed the trade of baker in Berlin, Germany.

William Borchardt, father of William H., was born in 1824, in Berlin, Germany, whence when a young man he came to the United States, settling in Waterbury. Here, in 1857, he married Charlotte Giertz, also a native of Germany, born at Rostock, and children as follows were born to them: William H.; Florence, wife of Thomas Guest, of Water-



bury; and Jennie, wife of Walter French, of Bridgeport, Conn. For some twenty years Mr. Borchardt was a toolmaker in the employ of the Steele & Johnson Co., Waterbury.

William H. Borchardt, whose name introduces these lines, received a liberal education at the local schools of Waterbury, and at the age of sixteen years entered the employ of the Plume & Atwood Co., remaining with that firm about twelve years, serving his time as toolmaker, and afterward making good wages as journeyman. In 1884 he purchased his present bottling business, of which the Hellmann Brewing Co. are the proprietors, and he has met with well-merited success in the undertaking.

In 1883 Mr. Borchardt married Agnes M. Kunkel, of Waterbury, daughter of Joseph Kunkel, a native of Germany, and formerly proprietor of the "Germania Hotel," Waterbury. Six children, all yet living, have blessed this union: Joseph, William, John, Louisa, Louis and Margaret. In his political preferences Mr. Borchardt has always been a Democrat; for two terms he served as councilman of the Third ward, and for one year was on the committee of Public Lands and Buildings. He is a member of several societies, among which may be mentioned the following: Frederick Wilhelm Lodge, No. 47, K. of P., of which he was treasurer ten years, and is now past chancellor; Stephen J. Meany Lodge, No. 37, Foresters of America; the New England Order of Protection; the Improved Order of Heptasophs, Silas Bronson Conclave; the Harmony Benevolent Association; Steuben Lodge, No. 391, D. O. H.; the Concordia Singing Society, of which he is a prominent member; the Waterbury Turnverein; and the Schull-Verein. He is also a member of the German Lutheran Church of Waterbury, having been one of the prime movers in starting a German Lutheran Church in the city.

JAMES E. SWEENEY, a well-known real-estate and insurance agent of Naugatuck, is pre-eminently a self-made man. Depending upon his own resources, looking for no outside aid or support, he has risen to a place of prominence in the business world, and his career illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote of a man's life.

Mr. Sweeney was born in Naugatuck, Nov. 6, 1856, a son of Edward and Ann (McKeon) Sweeney, both natives of Ireland, the father born in County Cavan. When a young man he came to the United States, and shortly after his marriage, which was celebrated in Tarrytown, N. Y., he came to Naugatuck, Conn., where he has since made his home, and for forty years has been employed as watchman by the Goodyear Glove Co. In his family were eight children, namely: John M., a lawyer of Naugatuck; James E., our subject; Mary, wife of Daniel McCarty, of Naugatuck; Eliza A., prin-

cipal of the High street school of Naugatuck; Patrick, who died in infancy; Teresa M., principal of the Rubber street school; Winnifred, stenographer for our subject; and Frank J., who is clerking in New Haven.

James E. Sweeney grew to manhood in Naugatuck and there acquired the greater part of his education, graduating from the high school at that place. Subsequently he attended Cargill Commercial Institute, New Haven, from which he was graduated in April, 1878, and he engaged in school teaching for two years thereafter in Naugatuck, and also one year in Litchfield, Conn. He was next employed as bookkeeper in a dry-goods store in Naugatuck, and later clerked in the office of Baldwin & Sweeney, attorneys and insurance agents, of that place. He had charge of their insurance business until the firm dissolved partnership, Feb. 1, 1887, when he purchased that branch of their business, and has since carried it on in connection with the real-estate business. He represents the leading insurance companies of America, England and Germany, and also furnishes bonds, etc. He has settled more estates than any other man of his age in this section of the county, and is now doing a large and profitable business. He occupies quite a fine suite of offices.

In February, 1884, Mr. Sweeney was united in marriage with Miss Frank E. Platt, a native of Naugatuck, and the only child of Samuel Platt, who was born in the town of Orange, this county, of English extraction. Our subject and his wife have three children: James Platt, Arthur Lewis and Emily Frances.

Religiously Mr. Sweeney is a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, and politically he is a Democrat, but not an aggressive partisan. On June 1, 1884, he was appointed deputy sheriff, which office he has filled ever since; has served as assistant town clerk; was tax collector of the Union Center school district, of Naugatuck, and also of the town taxes, from 1882 to 1888, and again in 1891. By strict attention to business, and by the conscientious discharge of all duties imposed upon him, he has been successful in life, and has won the respect and esteem of all.

EDWIN P. PITMAN, M. D. Among the disciples of Esculapius in New Haven, Conn., one of the leaders is Dr. Edwin P. Pitman, who, although still a young man, has gained an enviable position for himself in the profession.

Dr. Pitman was born in Boston, Mass., Sept. 26, 1863, a son of John W. and Anna R. (Kelley) Pitman. The family is of English extraction, the grandfather, Stephen Pitman, having come from that country to America and married Olive B. French, a native of New Hampshire. To them were born four children: William H., Oscar V., Charles J., and John W. William H. and Oscar V. were merchants for many years in Concord, N. H.;





Charles J. was a carpenter and contractor; and the youngest, John W., the father of our subject, was a noted Baptist clergyman. The latter removed to Boston, Mass., prior to the birth of our subject, but later located in Concord, N. H. His wife was born at St. Johns, N. B., and our subject was their only child.

Dr. Pitman was taken by his parents, when but three years of age, to Concord, N. H., where he acquired his elementary education, graduating with distinction from the Concord High School. He then went to Dartmouth, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1886. The next step in his upward progress was the acceptance of a professorship in a Soldiers' Orphans School, at Chester Springs, Pa., where he remained one year, and then entered Martha Washington College at Edington, Va., as professor of French and German and teacher of vocal music. Although very successful, Dr. Pitman felt that his calling was that of a physician, and he therefore began the study of medicine. With this idea in view, he entered the Medical Department of Dartmouth College, graduating in the class of 1891; thence to the New York Polyclinic for a post-graduate course. After this labored preparation for his life work, Dr. Pitman settled in Colchester, Conn., where he remained six months, and in September, 1891, located in New Haven, and has since built up one of the finest practices in this locality.

On Aug. 30, 1887, Dr. Pitman married Miss Catherine Crowley, who was born in Maine, a daughter of James and Mary Crowley, natives of Ireland. Mr. Crowley was a railroad contractor and a man of considerable prominence. In politics Dr. Pitman is a Republican, and takes an active part in the fraternal organizations of New Haven, being a member of the I. O. O. F.; New England Order of Protection; Woodmen of the World, and also the Heptasophs of New Haven. In medical circles Dr. Pitman has always borne a prominent part, and is a member of the city, county and State medical societies. Both he and Mrs. Pitman are consistent members of the Baptist Church, and are highly respected not only among its congregation but throughout the community.

MARK WALLACE HOBSON, a die sinker and molder of Wallingford, was born in Birmingham, England, April 3, 1856, a son of Edwin Hobson, one of the respected citizens of Wallingford.

Mr. Hobson was only ten years old when he came to this country with his parents. His schooling, which began in his native town, was continued in Newark, N. J. Coming to Wallingford with his father, he mastered the art of die sinking under the instruction of that gentleman in the factory of Simpson, Hall & Miller. Here he began when only fourteen years of age, and for more than thirty years he has remained in the employ of that famous firm. His close application, thorough knowledge of

his work, and his absolute trustworthiness have commanded the respect and confidence of his employers to a marked degree.

In 1877, in Wallingford, Mr. Hobson and Elizabeth Folsom Valentine were united in marriage. Mrs. Hobson was born in Albany, N. Y., a daughter of Edward Valentine, but was living with her parents in Wallingford at the time of her marriage. To this union were born two children: (1) Richard Thurston, now a student in the high school; (2) Russell Valentine, also in school. Mr. and Mrs. Hobson belong to the Baptist Church. He is affiliated with no lodges of any kind, and is regarded in the community where he is so well known, as a man far above the average both in intelligence and character.

ZERAH PIERPONT BEACH, one of the leading agriculturists and fruit growers of Wallingford, was born on what is known locally as Parkers Farm, in West Wallingford, Nov. 7, 1845. Mr. Beach is a descendant of one of the oldest and best families of New Haven county.

Stephen Beach, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1751 in this locality, where he engaged in farming all his life, leaving his plow to become a drummer in Capt. Stanley's company during the Revolutionary war. His death occurred on Parkers Farm in 1821. In 1774 he married Miriam Parker, who was born in 1753; the children of their family were: Jason, Eleanor, Miriam, Silvia, Chancey, Whiting, Stephen, Lyman and Polly.

Jason Beach, the grandfather, was born on the homestead, and was a farmer all his life, well known and respected, being remembered especially on account of his musical talent. In the church he led the choir and played the bass viol, and was a man of exceeding intelligence. He married Susanna Hotchkiss, and the children of these worthy people were: One that died in infancy, William, Roger, Norman, Susan, Lucy, Nathan and Eliza.

Nathan Beach, the father of our subject, was born in 1811, on the old homestead, where he grew to manhood, receiving a common-school education, and he lived near the old home all his life, engaged in general farming, being one of the pioneers in tobacco growing. In 1882 this worthy man was prostrated, and many mourned his decease, as he had been a good neighbor, and one whose example was for the benefit of the community. On May 1, 1834, he married Lucy Pierpont, who was born in North Haven in 1814, a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of New Haven, being a daughter of Joel and Abigail (Cooper) Pierpont, and granddaughter of Giles Pierpont. This intelligent and lovely old lady is a member of the family on the homestead, possessing a bright mind and wonderful memory, but for several years has not had the use of her limbs. Mr. and Mrs.





*Gerard P Beach*



Beach had children as follows: Joel, born in 1835; Stephen E., born in 1837; Zerah P., our subject; and Esther, born in 1850.

Zerah P. Beach was given the advantages of the best schools of the locality, and was also sent to the United States Business College, in New Haven. Returning to the farm he took up the business as a profession, and has been one of the pioneers in the peach-growing business, having now an orchard covering twenty-five acres, his trees all in prosperous condition.

Mr. Beach was married, June 5, 1875, to Sarah M. Beard, of Bethany, daughter of Allen and Abigail (Smith) Beard. She was a woman of rare Christian character, and a consistent member of the Congregational Church, in which faith she died Nov. 28, 1896; her remains rest in the Centre Street cemetery, in Wallingford. The children bereft of a devoted mother are: Lorenzo A., born in 1876; Flora C., born in 1880; and Zerah N., born in 1885. Mr. Beach has taken a prominent part in town and county affairs, has served in the National Guards, being corporal five years, sergeant twenty-three years, and company treasurer for twenty years; has been a justice of the peace whose judgments have been upheld by the higher courts; and was assessor. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F. at Wallingford, and in 1885 he was the first lecturer of the Grange of this place, was in 1900 its master, and with some of his children still takes an active interest in that organization. His associations with his fellow citizens are pleasant, and he possesses the esteem and confidence of the community, and is regarded as one of the substantial residents of Wallingford.

ANDREW JAMES COYLE, the leading tonorial artist of Branford, was born in New Haven Sept. 23, 1859, a son of John and Rose (Gallagan) Coyle. The parents, who were natives of County Cavan, Ireland, came to this country in 1850, locating in New Haven, where the father was employed as a section boss on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad until 1871, when he was made track-walker, which position he filled until his death, in 1875. He was the father of ten children, eight of whom lived to reach adult age: Mary A., Mrs. Nicholas H. O'Brien; Andrew J., whose name appears at the beginning of this article; Charles H.; Rose, wife of Michael Fitzgerald; Maggie; John; Lena, Mrs. John H. Toby; and Nicholas.

Andrew James Coyle spent his early life in New Haven and Branford, receiving his education in the public schools, and early applying himself to work, for his own support. In 1871 he came to Branford, and when he was a little over eleven years of age entered the Branford Lock Works, where he was steadily employed until 1897. During these years he had learned the barber's trade with his brother, assisting him evenings, and in January, 1898, he set up in the barber business for

himself, and to-day owns one of the best equipped shops in Branford. He is capable and energetic, and is much liked and esteemed for his many good qualities.

Mr. Coyle was married, April 19, 1889, to Frances Evelyn, a daughter of James and Eliza (Regan) Clancy, of Branford. Mr. and Mrs. Coyle are the happy parents of a bright and attractive family of three children: Helena, William and Francis. Mr. Coyle and his wife belong to St. Mary's Catholic Church, and he is a member of the T. A. B., the Foresters, the K. of C., the N. E. O. P., the Emerald Social Club, and the Branford Fire Department. In politics he is a Democrat.

GEORGE C. SUMMERS, a well-known business man of Derby, New Haven county, was born in that town July 12, 1854, son of Stephen N. Summers, who was for almost half a century prominently identified with the business interests of this county.

Stephen N. Summers was a native of the town of Trumbull, Fairfield Co., Conn. At the early age of thirteen he began his business career, working as a farm hand at \$6 per month for one year. Having saved \$100, he went to New Haven, and there learned the cabinetmaker's trade, which he subsequently followed in Stratford and Bridgeport, Conn., for some time. At the age of twenty-three years he came to Derby and opened a small furniture store in East Derby. While there he was married, in 1835, to Miss Mary E. Phillips, who was born in Fairfield, Conn., and he afterward located in Birmingham, where he was engaged in the furniture business on a limited scale for about a year. He then erected a building on Minerva street, Derby, which he occupied for many years, doing an extensive retail furniture business under the name the Birmingham Furniture Co. He was in partnership first with a Mr. Coe and later with a Mr. Lewis and continued his connection with the furniture trade for forty-nine years. He was also a director in the Birmingham National Bank, and president of the Birmingham Water Co. He belonged to that class of men whom the world terms self-made, for, starting out in life for himself empty-handed, he conquered all obstacles in the path to success, and not only secured for himself a handsome competence, but by his efforts materially advanced the interests of the community with which he was associated. In political sentiment he was a Republican, and in religious belief both he and his wife were Methodists. He died Dec. 23, 1884, and she has also passed away. To them were born seven children, namely: Jennie M., Carrie, Sarah, Sadie, Henry, George C. and Charles. All are deceased with the exception of Jennie (a resident of Waterbury) and our subject.

The early education of George C. Summers was acquired in the public schools of Derby, and was



supplemented by a course at Willbraham, Mass. On returning home he worked for his father for a time, and then went to New Haven, Conn., where he attended the National College of Business. He then acted as bookkeeper, collector and general manager in his father's furniture establishment, where an extensive wholesale and retail business was carried on, employment being given to as many as seventy-five men. Mr. Summers remained with his father until the latter's death, and became thoroughly familiar with every department of the business, including the cabinetmaking. For the past two years he has engaged in the manufacture of extracts and essences, for which he finds a ready sale, and has built up a good trade in that line. A portion of his time is also devoted to his property interests, as he owns and rents many houses in Derby.

In 1892 Mr. Summers married Miss Jennette Clapper, a native of Albany, N. Y., and a daughter of William Clapper, who was also born in that city. To this union have been born four children: Lester E.; Grace E.; Millicent L. and Alton B. Mr. Summers and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are quite prominent socially. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

GEORGE W. LIVINGSTON, a brass caster in Ansonia, was born in Canada, Sept. 2, 1843, a son of Samuel Livingston, also a native-born Canadian, who was a farmer and spent his entire life in Ontario, where he cleared a farm of 200 acres, and died at the age of sixty years. Anna Gale, wife of Samuel, was born in Philadelphia, but early made her home in Canada, and she died at the age of eighty-nine. Both she and her husband were faithful adherents and members of the Baptist Church.

George Livingston spent his early life in Canada, where he grew to manhood on the paternal acres, and acquired his education in the public schools. When he was twenty years old he left home, and engaged in farming in Illinois, but after a year he returned to his native country where he was at work for three years. He spent five months in Pennsylvania, and then came to Connecticut, locating in Ansonia in 1866, where he took a place with Wallace & Sons as a helper for a brass caster. When he learned the trade, he became a brass caster himself, working for eighteen years in the same factory in which he began. He was connected with Osborne, Cheeseman & Co., and later entered the employe of the Birmingham Brass Co. With the latter house he has been engaged fourteen years, and he is the oldest caster in the factory, and among the oldest in the neighborhood.

On Aug. 26, 1868, Mr. Livingston was married to Martha Woodin, who was born in Waterbury, a daughter of Aner F. Woodin, who was born in Pines Bridge, Beacon Falls, a son of John Woodin, also a native of Pines Bridge, where he spent his

life. Aner F. Woodin was a carpenter, and worked at that trade many years in Waterbury. The latter part of his life was spent in Michigan, where he died at the age of seventy-five. His second wife, Delight Bronson, daughter of Polly (Hotchkiss) Bronson, was the mother of Mrs. Livingston, and to that marriage three children were born: Ella J., who married Theodore Manville; Martha; and Charles Woodin, in Texas. Mrs. Delight (Bronson) Woodin was born at Prospect, and died at the age of forty-three years, and with her husband belonged to the Methodist Church.

Mr. Livingston is a member of Washington Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Naugatuck Lodge, I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church, where they are active and interested workers in every department of the church and the Sunday-school. He is a trustee of the church, and with his wife teaches in the Sunday-school. Both are prominent people, much esteemed for their good character, kindly spirit, and unswerving integrity.

WILLIAM J. STANLEY is an expert machinist, and holds an honorable position in Waterbury. The Scovill Manufacturing Co., that has an eye for men of mechanical genius, early discerned the kind of a man he was and gave him work, pushing him forward, until he now occupies a responsible place in their factory. Mr. Stanley was born in Bergen, Hudson Co., N. J., Sept. 2, 1858, and is a son of James A. Stanley, whose biography and family history appears in connection with the sketch of his son, F. E. Stanley, a sketch of whom may be found elsewhere.

William J. Stanley came to Hopeville, near Waterbury, when a child, and lived there until he was five years old, when his parents moved into the city, and here has been his home to the present time. His education has been largely acquired at odd moments, but it is surprisingly good, and covers a much broader field than one would imagine, considering the very limited schooling he has had. He is a wide reader, and a close student of the world about him. At the age of ten years he became the second messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Co., and at an early age he entered the factory of the Carrington Manufacturing Co., and has made rapid progress in industrial matters. Mr. Stanley was with the Matthews & Stanley Co. from 1873 to 1875, and since that time has been associated with the Scovill Manufacturing Co., where he has achieved a large success as a tool maker. For fifteen years he has been the foreman of a department, and has a thorough mastery of every one of its details.

At the early age of ten Mr. Stanley manifested a decided musical gift. In 1876 he became a student of Prof. Baier, and studied with him for several years, and in 1877 became the organist at the Old Baptist Church, where he officiated until





1881. From 1881 to 1883 he played the organ in the Thomaston Congregational Church; from 1883 to 1886, in the Waterbury Baptist Church; from 1886 to 1888, the Congregational Church in Watertown; from 1888 to 1899, the First Baptist Church of Waterbury.

On April 28, 1887, Mr. Stanley was united in marriage with Miss Flora Brown, who was born in Ashland, Mass., a daughter of Benjamin G. and Ella (Hudson) Brown, natives of Ashland and Framingham, Mass., respectively. Mr. Brown is living, but his wife died Oct. 31, 1894. The Hudson family are of Scotch extraction, while the Browns came from England. To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley have been born two children: (1) Louise and (2) Ada. In politics Mr. Stanley is a Republican. Socially he has been a member of Nosa-hogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., for more than twenty years, and is also affiliated with Waterbury Lodge, No. 95, A. O. U. W. He is a Mason of prominent standing, and belongs to Harmony Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., Eureka Chapter, and Clark Commandery, No. 7, K. T. Mr. Stanley and his family are all Baptists, and he has taken an active and efficient part in the musical affairs of that church.

EMMETT A. CARLEY, a well-known citizen of Cheshire, who is successfully engaged in the express-business between Cheshire and New Haven, was born in New Milford, Litchfield Co., Conn., Aug. 28, 1846, a son of Eli A. and Laura (Hubbell) Carley, and grandson of James and Betsy (Dawson) Carley. The grandfather was also a native of Litchfield county, was a farmer by occupation, and was a great hunter and trapper. He died in Naugatuck, Conn., his wife in Danbury, this State. To them were born three sons, John, Eli A. and Hugh.

Eli A. Carley, father of our subject, was born in Litchfield county April 9, 1809, and was reared and educated in the town of Kent, that county. He was a builder and millwright by trade, and continued to follow the latter occupation throughout life. In 1855 he came to Oxford, New Haven county, where he died Jan. 18, 1867. His wife died in Shelton, Fairfield Co., Conn., in 1890. In their family were nine children: James F., who died young; James F. (2); Lucy Ann, widow of Julius W. Munson, of Wallingford, Conn.; Ellen Sophia, Mrs. Curtis H. Dodge, of the same place; Horatio H., who died in Wolcott in 1889; Eli Alfred, superintendent of the Housatonic Water Co. at Shelton; John, a resident of Waterbury; Emmett A., our subject; and Charles W., who died in Oxford at the age of nine years.

The boyhood and youth of Emmett A. Carley were passed in Oxford, where he attended school and where he continued to make his home until thirty years of age. In early life he drove a stage in Connecticut and later in Pennsylvania, having

charge of a line running from Mauch Chunk, but he was obliged to leave that State during the troubles with the "Molly Maguires." For a time he was engaged in the livery business in Bristol and New Haven, and in 1895 he located on a farm in Cheshire, and engaged in the milk business and in dealing in horses and cattle. He had a large milk route in Waterbury.

In 1878, in Bristol, Mr. Carley married Miss Frances Lane, a native of Wolcott, New Haven county, and a daughter of Asahel and Harriet (Mansfield) Lane, both of whom are deceased. To this union have been born four children, three of whom are now living, namely: Mabel F., Julius M., and Russell Henry. Politically Mr. Carley is a staunch Prohibitionist, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cheshire. He served as constable of Oxford at one time, but has never been an office seeker, though as a citizen he is always ready to discharge any duty that devolves upon him.

JOHN F. McGRAIL, well known to those familiar with the operating force of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., at New Haven, as a man of high character, unswerving integrity, and unwearied industry, was born at Mt. Carmel, Conn., May 22, 1860, son of John McGrail, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, Dec. 4, 1831. Stephen McGrail, the grandfather of John F., was a farmer in Ireland, came to the United States, and died seven days after first setting foot on the American shore.

John McGrail came to this country in 1844, landing in Boston, Mass. In 1856 he married Eliza Rourke, an Irish compatriot. Two of the five children born to them are living: John F.; and Annie M., who married James R. Mercer, of New Haven. The father was engaged for twenty-one years in Mt. Carmel as an axle maker.

John F. McGrail spent his boyhood and youth at Mt. Carmel, where he attended school, and very early began the labor of his own support, going into a bolt shop while still a lad of only eight years. In New Haven he attended public school three years, and then secured a situation in the factory of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., where his industrious habits, intelligent nature and trustworthiness brought him forward step by step; he now holds a responsible and profitable connection with the Company as a contractor in the bullet room.

Mr. McGrail was married Oct. 22, 1890, to Elizabeth A. Shannon, of New Haven, a daughter of James Shannon, a native of Ireland. To this union were born a family of six children: Gertrude; Estella; Sylvester and Vincent, twins; Raymond; and Clement. Mr. McGrail has always been a Democrat, and has a very vivid comprehension of the political issues of the hour. Socially he belongs to the N. E. O. P., and in religion is a mem-



ber of St. Mary's Parish, Catholic Church. His summer home at Farview Beach is a very pleasant spot, and while not as costly as some, it is in good taste, and presents an inviting appearance.

DENNIS H. TIERNEY, one of the most prominent business men of Waterbury, at present engaged in the real-estate, insurance and bond and surety business, is a native of Ireland, born at Abbeyleix, Queen's County, in the year 1846.

John Tierney, father of our subject, was also a native of Queen's County, born at Portarlinton, a son of Matthew Tierney, who carried on the sale of timber and lumber at that place. John Tierney married Margaret McDonald, and six children were born to them, all of whom are now deceased except our subject. One died in Ireland. Michael died of fever in Mississippi, while serving in the United States regular army. Margaret passed away at the age of seven years. In 1848 the parents, with five children, emigrated to the United States on a sailing vessel, the voyage—which, owing to storms (the masts and rigging being twice carried away), lasted fourteen weeks—being made via Quebec. Fever having broken out among the passengers, the ill-fated ship was quarantined at or near Quebec, and a large shed, provided with roof only, the sides and ends being open, was utilized as a temporary hospital. Here the father died shortly after landing, leaving a widow and five children, two of whom also died at or near Quebec. Mrs. Tierney journeyed to Waterbury, Conn., where she had two brothers and one sister living, but as their means were not sufficiently ample to afford much aid to their widowed sister and her three children, she was confronted with the vital necessity of providing some immediate means of support. So she bravely set her face to the task, and laundry work being the most available at the time, for six long years, day and night, the brave woman industriously labored, washing and ironing. At about the end of that time she secured a position in the Hotchkiss & Merriman web shop (now known as the American Mills), inspecting and pressing webs. She died in Waterbury in 1888.

Dennis H. Tierney, the subject of this memoir, was about eighteen months old when the family came to Waterbury, and here he received his elementary education, partly in the district schools and partly, by the advice of his mother, at night school. At the age of nine years he was employed in the buckle factory, and afterward in many of the factories of Waterbury, becoming somewhat skilled in the manipulating of metals. When about eighteen years old he began work in the thimble department of the Scovill Manufacturing Co., remaining three years; and while there, under the guidance of B. S. Curtiss, of Woodbury, Conn., he learned the craft of toolmaking, also the machine business, in a limited way. After three years' service in Water-

bury, having decided that New York offered a more extended field for advancement, he took his tool chest and traveling bag into the big city, with high hopes of learning something new, yet not without grave fears and misgivings lest he should be unable to cope with the greater mechanics of the city, which fears and misgivings were overcome only after many sleepless nights. During the years 1867-68 he took a course of instruction in the Cooper Union for Advancement of Science and Art, particularly in the mechanical drawing department. He divided his time between this and the common evening school of New York City. At the Cooper Union he graduated with the class of 1868, and took a first-class certificate for superior ability. Afterward he had experience in various machine shops, and in perfecting machinery for Ketchum Brothers, McDougal & Co., New York, for the making of silver thimbles from a solid disk of silver. He invented a bevel and tapering gauge, a necktie fastener, and a lathe chuck by the use of which work may be adjusted to the one-thousandth part of an inch in the lathe.

After a residence of three years in New York Mr. Tierney worked for a short time in Danbury, Conn., in a sewing-machine factory; then went to Forestville, Hartford county, where he made dies in the Bristol Brass & Clock Co., in the burner department; and after ten years there he invented what is known as "Tierney's Diamond Dust Hardening Powder," for hardening steel, and which afterwards proved a great success. He also invented a toy that gained considerable popularity.

Returning to Waterbury, Mr. Tierney in the year 1881 opened the Naugatuck Valley Patent Agency, shortly afterward adding the real-estate, general insurance, and bond and surety business. His first office, a room about 4x9 feet, made from a small hallway, was at No. 59 Bank street; he was then on East Main street, and later moved to No. 167 Bank street, where he is now located. In addition to his regular business interests he was president of the Globe Publishing Co., Waterbury (who publish the *Evening Globe*), and a stockholder in the *Commercial Record*, published in New Haven. In 1893 he was chairman of the Central school district financial committee.

Mr. Tierney has been three times married, first time, Jan. 28, 1873, to Julia A. Smith, who was born in County Westmeath, Ireland, whence she came to Waterbury in childhood. She died in 1875, the mother of one child, Henry S., who was in Cuba, as chief engineer of the government steam launch "Percy." In 1885 our subject married Annie Fisher, of Danbury, who was born in the city of Cork, Ireland, whence she came to this country in childhood. She died June 20, 1887, without issue. In 1889 Mr. Tierney married Margaret E. Cassidy, who was born in Greenwood, N. Y., and seven children came to this union: John D., Mathew D., May M., Mark, Madeline C., Ger-





*D. H. Tierney*



aldine J., and Luke (deceased). The family are identified with the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and Mr. Tierney is very prominent in Catholic circles, as well as in all matters of public interest, irrespective of creed or politics.

Socially Mr. Tierney is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and was grand knight of Carrollton Council. He was president of the Second Division, A. O. H., and was chairman of the Reception committee, which had in charge the care and feeding of thousands of Hibernians who came from all parts of Connecticut, as well as other States, to the centennial celebration on May 23, 1898. He is president of an association organized for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of James Reynolds, the Irish patriot, and he was treasurer of the committee in raising funds to send the remains of Stephen J. Meany (another Irish patriot) to Ireland. He also belongs to the American-Irish Historical Society. In 1880 he was president of the Young Men's Catholic Institute, of Naugatuck, Conn., and he was one of the foremost to advocate the use of its books to the public without regard to color, creed, or nationality, and the Institute so voted. In 1882 he organized a Father Matthew Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society, in Bristol, Conn., and was its first president, and he has adhered to the principles of total abstinence from that time to the present. Our subject was one of the active workers, treasurer as well as a member, of the "Manila Testimonial Committee," representing the people of Waterbury in showing their appreciation of her loyal citizens by presenting a highly embellished sword to a lieutenant, and a gold watch and chain to a common seaman, both of whom were with Commodore Dewey and took part in that memorable engagement in Manila, May 1, 1898; through the same committee the town presented a solid silver medal to each and every one of the Waterbury people who served their country in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Tierney has been active to aid the Boers in South Africa. He was chairman of a mass meeting composed of all classes of citizens, held at Waterbury March 6, 1900, which adopted resolutions of sympathy with the Boers in their struggles for liberty. These resolutions were sent to many prominent men, including the President of the United States. Our subject is intensely patriotic, and is loyal to his native land. Like all true Irishmen, he is a lover of liberty. In politics Mr. Tierney is a Democrat, and as a man of refinement and sterling qualities of character he is most highly esteemed.

**JAMES CLIFFORD DOOLITTLE**, an energetic and progressive farmer and lumber manufacturer of West Woods, Hamden, New Haven county, was born there, on the Doolittle homestead, Feb. 22, 1874, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored old families of the county. His great-grandfather, Daniel Doolittle, was born in

the town of Wallingford, but when a young man came to Hamden and purchased a farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in general farming and stock raising. He married Miss Druce Chatterton, who also died in Hamden, and both were laid to rest in the Mt. Carmel cemetery. They were consistent members of the Congregational Church and most estimable people. In their family were six children: Lura, who died unmarried; Julia, wife of William Ellis; Percy; Arilla; Heman and Morris.

Heman Doolittle, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Hamden, March 19, 1799, and was educated in the district schools of the town. He spent his entire life in Hamden, where he owned and operated a large tract of land, was successfully engaged in general farming, and also dealt in wood quite extensively. He died upon his farm, July 26, 1875, and was buried in Mt. Carmel cemetery. On Nov. 11, 1824, he married Julia Allen, who was born in Wallingford, Dec. 24, 1802, a daughter of Ernest Allen, and died July 26, 1854. She was an earnest member of the Baptist Church. In their family were eight children: Emily, born Sept. 2, 1826, died Dec. 30, 1885; Amanda, born May 18, 1828, was married, Sept. 8, 1852, to Anson Doolittle; Oswin, the father of our subject, was next in order of birth; Julia A., born Oct. 9, 1832, was married, Sept. 9, 1860, to Lewis Joyce, of Hamden; Samuel D., born March 12, 1835, was married, Nov. 28, 1861, to Cornelia A. Sanford; Caroline, born April 20, 1836, died Sept. 19, 1836; Ellen M., born March 30, 1840, died Oct. 1, 1843; and Sarah J., born Oct. 5, 1844, married Jerome C. Munson.

Oswin Doolittle, father of our subject, was born in West Woods, Hamden, July 30, 1830, was reared upon a farm, and educated in the district schools. Throughout life he followed agricultural pursuits, and owned and operated a fine farm of seventy-five acres, upon which he made many useful and substantial improvements. He also owned a sawmill and was engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He was a staunch supporter of the Republican party, but never a politician in the sense of office seeking. On May 10, 1865, he married Sarah Josephine Root, widow of Capt. Henry Gerrish, and to them were born five children, namely: Howard, a resident of Torrington, Conn.; Sherwood, of New York State; Warren; Christina, wife of Edward Haynes; and James C., our subject. The father died in 1893, the mother in 1886, honored and respected by all who knew them, and were laid to rest in the Mt. Carmel cemetery.

James C. Doolittle obtained his education in the district schools of Hamden, and a business college of New Haven. During his youth he aided his father in the labors of the farm and mill, and resided upon the old homestead until 1896, when he purchased the farm of 100 acres, in Hamden, upon which he now resides. In connection with farm-





ing, he is also engaged in the dairy business and carries on the mill once owned by his father. He is one of the most enterprising and progressive young men of the town, is industrious and energetic, and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. In September, 1899, he was married, in Hamden, to Miss Mabel Gilman, of Glover, Vt., a daughter of Marshall Gilman. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and religiously is an active and prominent member of the Congregational Church, in which he serves as a teacher in the Sunday school.

THOMAS F. McGRATH, proprietor of the cigar manufactory at No. 119 South Main street, Waterbury, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, May 1, 1856, son of Thomas and Margaret (Powell) McGrath, of whom mention in full is made elsewhere.

Thomas F. McGrath was about five years of age when brought by his parents to Waterbury, and there he attended school until eleven years old, when he went to work in the old woolen mill, well known at that day. After laboring there for a short time he started out on a tour of the country, sight-seeing and working in various towns and cities, and was gone about fifteen years, during which period he was employed chiefly in silk factories.

On his return to Waterbury, in 1882, Mr. McGrath sold cigars for T. J. Jackson for a while, and then handled beer and cigars together. In 1890 he began the manufacture of cigars on his own account, and this has been his business ever since. He employs ten or fifteen men, and his sales are made largely in the neighboring towns, as well as at home. He makes private brands a specialty, and his product is principally of the higher grade, cigars that retail at ten cents apiece.

In 1889 Mr. McGrath married Miss Margaret E. Lynch, who was born in Wallingford, Conn., daughter of John Lynch, a native of Wallingford. Two children have blessed this union, Florence and Irene, who are being reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, of which the parents are members. Mr. McGrath is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen; of the Catholic Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Waterbury; and also of the Union club. In politics he is independent, and casts his franchise for the candidate he deems best fitted for office. He is an industrious and sagacious business man, and is respected wherever known.

JAMES G. CURTISS, the well-known liveryman of Ansonia, is a representative of a prominent family of the town of Woodbury, Litchfield Co., Conn., where he was born Sept. 13, 1863. His ancestors located at Woodbury at an early day, and his grandfather, David H. Curtiss, was a native of the locality and spent his entire life there, his home-

stead being located on the main road between Woodbury and Southbury. This worthy citizen died at a good old age, the father of two children.

James G. Curtiss, Sr., our subject's father, was born and reared at the old homestead in Woodbury, where he still resides at the age of sixty-seven, having followed farming all his life. He is respected by all who know him for his intelligence, culture and sound judgment, and has taken an active part in political affairs, being one of the leading Republicans of the town. His fellow citizens have frequently chosen him to office, and he has served two terms as selectman and two as representative in the Legislature. For many years he has been an active worker in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Woodbury, in which he has held numerous offices, including those of superintendent of the Sunday school and teacher of a Bible class. In the absence of the rector he has read the service in the Church for months at a time. His estimable wife, Mary J. Styles, who died in 1894, was born in Southbury, and was one of three sisters of whom Nellie and Alice still reside at their old family homestead. To James G. Curtiss, Sr., and his wife seven children were born, of whom four are living, namely: Henry S., Annie M. (Mrs. Somers, of Woodbury), James G., Jr., and Flora P. (Mrs. L. N. Carrington, of Woodbury). Nellie, now deceased, married H. E. Barnes, of Watertown.

The common schools of Woodbury afforded James G. Curtiss his early educational opportunities, and at the age of seventeen he went to Waterbury, where he was employed for three years by Megg & Trott as a clerk in a bakery. He then spent a year in Iowa, after which he went to Chicago, and then returned to the homestead, where he was engaged in farming for two and a half years. For two years he was employed as a clerk in H. M. Heine's grocery and meat market in Chicago, and on his return to Connecticut he spent two years on a farm in Woodbury. In 1891 he settled in Ansonia, purchasing a trucking business with a stable on Water street. Later he bought his present stable, No. 26 Water street, and in 1897 he leased a stable at No. 267 Main street, and later bought his extensive business, requiring offices at both. He has a fine line of livery teams, fourteen horses being kept at the Water street stable for that purpose, and there are usually twelve boarders there. At the Main street stable he keeps about forty-five horses for trucking, and in this line he does the largest business in the city, being regularly employed by the principal firms, including the S. O. & C. Co., the Union Fabric Co., the Ansonia Lumber Co., the Ansonia O. & C. Co., the Ansonia Novelty Co., the A. B. C. Co., the Coe Brass Co., and the Farrell Foundry Co. He also runs a line of express and freight teams to the different depots, and has the contract for watering the streets, for which he keeps two carts especially con-



structed. At one time he was a member of the Board of Trade, and as a business man he is held in high esteem. In politics he is a Republican, and he is identified with the A. O. U. W., the Eagle Hose Company of Ansonia, and King Hiram Lodge, No. 12. He attends Emmanuel Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member, and both are interested in the work of the society.

In 1890 Mr. Curtiss married Miss Alma M. Bassett, daughter of William H. Bassett, a well known agriculturist of Bethlehem, and they have one son, James G. (3).

**LOUIS A. MANSFIELD.** Since 1855 the business of which Louis A. Mansfield is the capable and efficient owner and manager, has been one of the most prosperous among the business circles of New Haven. The original firm name was Gower & Mansfield, the owners being George D. Gower and Austin Mansfield, later becoming Austin Mansfield & Son, and still later, Louis A. Mansfield, all these years representing a policy of strict honesty and unimpeachable integrity.

Louis A. Mansfield was born in New Haven, March 11, 1863, a son of Austin and a grandson of Jesse Merrick Mansfield. The latter was a farmer in Hamden, Conn., where he married a member of the Eaton family, and settled down on a farm in that locality, where they reared three children: Austin; Ellen, who married George D. Gower, of New Haven; and Susan, who, after the death of her sister, married Mr. Gower.

Austin Mansfield was born in Hamden, Conn., April 7, 1833, grew up on the farm and attended the district schools. In 1855 he removed to New Haven and started a lumber business, in association with George D. Gower, which continued until 1885, when Mr. Gower died and the business continued until 1890, when Mr. Mansfield associated his son Louis with him, and the firm style became Austin Mansfield & Son. In 1899, upon the death of his father, Louis Mansfield assumed sole charge under the name of Louis A. Mansfield, dealer in lumber and coal, located at No. 505 Grand avenue.

On May 12, 1858, Austin Mansfield was married to Emily A. Ford, who was born in Hamden, Conn., a daughter of Merritt Ford, a farmer of Hamden, and died Aug. 13, 1879. The only child of this union was Louis A. Politically, Mr. Mansfield was a Democrat, and both he and wife were consistent and devoted members of the Episcopal Church. In 1885, Mr. Austin Mansfield married Charlotte E. Judson, of New Haven, who survives him.

Louis A. Mansfield spent his early boyhood in New Haven, and had exceptional educational advantages, attending private schools, and later passing through the Hopkins' Grammar school. He entered Yale College, and graduated with the class of 1885, immediately becoming associated with his father in business. Since taking charge, Mr. Mans-

field has carried out the former policy of the house, and enjoys all of the old patronage and a constantly increasing one.

On August 14, 1890, Mr. Mansfield was married to Miss Mary F. Hurd, of New Haven, a daughter of Frances (Wheeler) Hurd, of Southford, Conn., a member of an old and honored family of that locality. In politics, Mr. Mansfield is in sympathy with the Democratic party, and is fraternally connected with the D. K. E. College society; the Graduate Club, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Builders' Exchange. Since 1892, he has been secretary of the Lumber Dealers' Association of the State, in all lines being one of the most progressive among the younger business men of the city. His church connection is with the Episcopal Church, where both he and wife are highly esteemed.

**WILLIAM A. FABER,** a progressive and enterprising citizen of Waterbury, who is successfully engaged in dairy farming on Bucks Hill, was born at that place April 27, 1858, son of George Faber, one of the most highly respected citizens of Bucks Hill.

Our subject attended the district schools near his boyhood home, and also the Waterbury high school. After his education was completed he worked at general farming on his father's place four years, and then learned the trade of a caster with the Scovill Manufacturing Co., by whom he was employed three years. He then bought a milk route and engaged in the dairy business three years, after which he sold out and worked for the Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co., as caster, for the same length of time. He next turned his attention to farming, near his father's place on Bucks Hill, where he purchased a tract of 105 acres, and in connection with its operation he carries on his father's farm of seventy-five acres. He keeps thirty cows, and is one of the largest dairy and vegetable farmers in the town of Waterbury. He is very industrious, enterprising and energetic, and is meeting with well-deserved success in his labors.

Mr. Faber married Miss Harriet Scott, also a native of Waterbury, and a daughter of Merritt E. Scott, and they have four children: Lucy, Sarah, Mabel and George. Politically Mr. Faber is a supporter of the Democratic party and its principles, but has never been an office seeker. However, he has served since 1880 as secretary, treasurer or member of the committee of the Bucks Hill school district. He is a prominent member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Waterbury, in which he is serving as vestryman, and is a trustee of the Bucks Hill Union Chapel, and also Sunday-school superintendent. He is a charter member of Mad River Grange, of which he has been master and member of the executive committee, and is now the trustee of the Grange hall and property. He is quite popular with the members of that organization, and



takes a deep interest in its affairs. He is secretary and sexton of the Bucks Hill Cemetery Association. Wherever known Mr. Faber is held in high regard, and his friends are many.

GEORGE B. MUNGER, a member of the firm of Munger & Son, and one of the leading business men and prominent manufacturers of Madison, was born May 18, 1854, in East River, New Haven county, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families of New England.

Nicholas Munger was the first of the name in Guilford. Emigrating to America with William Chittenden, he left his home at the age of sixteen years. Locating in Guilford, he spent the remainder of his life there, and died in 1668. He was buried in Guilford. On June 2, 1639, he married Sarah Hall, who, after his death, married Dinis Crampton. To her first marriage were born two children, John and Samuel, of whom the last named married Sarah Hand, and died March 5, 1717.

John Munger, son of Nicholas, was born in Guilford April 26, 1640, and died there Nov. 3, 1732. On June 3, 1684, he married Mary Everts, who was born May 1, 1664, and died in June, 1734. Their children were: (1) Mary, born June 16, 1685, died young; (2) John, born Aug. 19, 1687, married Oct. 5, 1725, Deborah French; (3) Mary, born Aug. 19, 1689, married Joshua Leete, and died March 18, 1722; (4) Abigail, born Feb. 26, 1691, married Jonathan Dudley, and died Oct. 23, 1766; (5) Ebenezer was born July 4, 1693; (6) Caleb was born May 16, 1695; (7) Jonathan, born April 14, 1697, married Sarah Graves; (8) Josiah, born July 20, 169—, married Elizabeth Hubbard, and died Feb. 21, 1750; (9) Rachel was born in 1706.

Ebenezer Munger married, in Guilford, Annie Scranton, who was born Dec. 22, 1693, and died April 20, 1725. On July 7, 1726, Mr. Munger married, for his second wife, Susanna Hubbard, who married for her second husband Josiah Crampton, and died March 25, 1788. Ebenezer Munger died June 29, 1729. His children were: (1) Ebenezer, born Sept. 2, 1718, married Ann Lee, who died June 20, 1793. (2) Caleb, born Sept. 24, 1722, married Sarah Stanard, and died Feb. 15, 1797. (3) Reuben and (4) Simeon, twins, were born March 28, 1725; the latter died May 11, 1725. Reuben married Elizabeth Dudley. (5) Simeon (2) was born in April, 1727.

Simeon Munger lived in Bergen, N. Y., where he died March 16, 1815. On July 3, 1751, he married Sarah Scranton, who was born Jan. 26, 1733, and died Dec. 15, 1815. Their children were as follows: (1) Simeon, born Dec. 7, 1752, died Oct. 18, 1833; he married Lois Lyon. (2) Josiah was born Oct. 16, 1754. (3) Mary, born Nov. 3, 1756, married Andrew L. Stone, and died in June, 1840. (4) Willis, born Feb. 9, 1761, married Esther Hand, and died June 31, 1815. (5) Mabel, born

Dec. 17, 1762, married Timothy Graves, and died Nov. 19, 1837.

Josiah Munger was born Oct. 16, 1754, in East Guilford, and made his home in his native community, where he was engaged in farming. He was a private in the Revolutionary war, and died in August, 1838. His first wife was Anne Lee, Hannah Coe, his second wife, died Jan. 14, 1837. His children were: (1) George was born Feb. 17, 1781; (2) Sarah, born Feb. 10, 1784, died Jan. 30, 1816; (3) Anna, born March 4, 1792, married Deacon Josiah Prudden, and died in January, 1820; (4) Mabel, born Sept. 21, 1802, married George Cram; (5) Josiah, born Nov. 3, 1804, married Maria Fowler, and died Dec. 18, 1863.

George Munger, great-grandfather of George B., was an artist, and also taught school. He died in Madison June 2, 1822. On Dec. 23, 1802, he married Parnel Kelsey, who was born Jan. 21, 1781, and died Oct. 25, 1860. She married for her second husband Minor Bradley. Mr. and Mrs. George Munger were the parents of the following children: (1) George Nicholas, born Sept. 23, 1803, is mentioned below; (2) Clarissa, born May 20, 1806, married Rev. Milton Badger, and died Dec. 14, 1889; (3) Caroline, born May 15, 1808, married Horace Washburn; (4) Amanda Ann, born Nov. 9, 1813, married Samuel C. Chittenden; (5) Susan, born March 22, 1821, died July 19, 1826.

George N. Munger, grandfather of George B., was born in Madison, grew to manhood under the parental roof, and spent the greater part of his life in New Haven, where his old age was passed. For a number of years he was engaged in making mathematical instruments, principally for college use. He died Aug. 1, 1882, in East River, while on a visit to that place. He was an old-time Whig, and a man of force and character. His first wife was Amy Merwin, whom he married June 2, 1825, and his second wife was Mary Merwin. His children were: (1) Caroline Amanda, born April 5, 1826, married Alfred N. Wilcox; (2) George, born Nov. 27, 1827, is mentioned below; (3) Susan A., born May 15, 1829, died Aug. 6, 1854; (4) Emily, born April 10, 1831, died Sept. 2, 1879; (5) Edwin Miles, born March 5, 1833, died March 10, 1898; (6) Elizabeth was born Oct. 8, 1836.

George Munger, father of George B., was born in New Haven, where he attended the public school and also the select school kept by John A. Lovell. After reaching manhood he went to East River and took up the sash and blind business, in partnership with his uncle, Samuel C. Chittenden. In 1859 Mr. Munger removed to New Haven, where he was engaged in the manufacture of slates, globes and school apparatus. In 1866 he located in East River and built a plant for the manufacture of school apparatus, in which important industry his time has since been fully occupied. He has his son George B. as a partner, and they constitute the firm of Munger & Son. Politically Mr. Munger is a Repub-





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lican. For years he has been deeply interested in the cause of education, and is a member of the board of education. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He attends the Congregational Church. He is one of the best known and most highly respected men of Madison.

On Nov. 28, 1850, Mr. Munger was married to Cornelia Ives Jacobs, daughter of William Jacobs, of North Haven, and they have had two children: Emma L., born April 5, 1852, married William T. Foote, who is engaged in business with his father; George Badger was born May 18, 1854. Mrs. George Munger is a lady of refinement, and has many warm friends.

George B. Munger was a student in the Madison schools, in Lee's Academy and in a select school in New Haven. Growing up in business with his father, he has taken naturally to it, and is a substantial man in the school supply industry. A genial manner and a winning way have made him many friends, and contributed materially to his success. Mr. Munger belongs to the Madison Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he has been past master. In politics he is a Republican. He has served on the board of education, and represented the town of Madison in the State Legislature in 1889, where he served on the committee on Constitutional Amendment.

Mr. Munger married Anna Bushnell, who was born in Madison, daughter of William C. and Cynthia (Griswold) Bushnell, both of whom were natives of Madison. Mrs. Munger is a niece of the well-known C. S. Bushnell, of "Monitor" fame. Mr. and Mrs. Munger have had the following children: George A. is deceased; Alice Cornelia graduated from the high school of Madison and is now attending Anderson's Gymnasium and School of Music, at New Haven; Caroline Washburn is a student in the local high school.

FREDERICK A. SMITH, the well-known and popular superintendent of the United States Reclaiming Rubber plant at Naugatuck, is a native of this county, born in Southbury, April 21, 1863, a son of James Smith, and a grandson of Horace W. Smith.

Horace W. Smith was a native of Middlebury, Conn., and there engaged in farming. He was twice married. His first wife, Nancy Tyler, bore him the following children: James, William L., Monroe, Marcia and Nancy. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Smith married Emeline Thompson, and three children blessed this union: Eli T., Thomas and Emeline Hall.

James Smith, father of our subject, was born in Middlebury, grew to manhood in his native town, and was educated at Yale. In early life he engaged in merchandising in Middlebury, and later followed farming in Exeter, N. Y., and also in Middlebury and Southbury, Conn. He died in 1865. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary

Curtis, was born in Exeter, N. Y., and was a daughter of Amos Curtis. By this union were born nine children, namely: Floyd B., now a contractor of Waterbury, Conn.; Mary E., Sarah D. and Julia M., all unmarried; William H., foreman with the Wales Goodyear Rubber Co.; George, who died at the age of one year; Robert, who died at the age of three years; Edward C., a contractor and builder of Waterbury; and Frederick A., of this review.

Frederick A. Smith was reared in Middlebury until ten years of age, and then came to Naugatuck, where he attended school. On the completion of his education he worked one year for the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Co., and was then with the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe Co. until 1895, when he accepted the position of foreman with the United States Reclaiming Rubber Co., and has since been promoted to superintendent of the plant. He thoroughly understands the business in all its details, and is therefore well qualified to fill that important position.

In 1892, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Mrs. Sadie (Bristol) Phelps, a native of Naugatuck and a daughter of B. H. Bristol, and to them has been born one child, Lucy. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both active and prominent members of the Congregational Church, where his father served as deacon for many years. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. A public-spirited and enterprising citizen, he never withholds his support from any object which he believes calculated to advance the moral or material welfare of his town and county.

JOHN L. RICE, a representative agriculturist of Beacon Falls, owns and operates a fine farm of 190 acres, pleasantly located only a mile and a quarter from the village of Beacon Falls. He makes a specialty of dairy and fruit farming, and his well-directed labors have been crowned with success.

In the town where he still continues to reside Mr. Rice was born Oct. 29, 1866, and comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his great-great-grandfather having served as a captain in the Continental army. His grandfather, Renben Rice, was a native of Barkhamsted, Litchfield Co., Conn., and after his marriage located on a farm in Colebrook, same county. There his only child, Anson B. Rice, father of our subject, was born and reared. By occupation he was a farmer, and he also dealt in wood and lumber. He was married in Colebrook to Miss Hannah Dayton, also a native of Litchfield county, and the daughter of a farmer. Both were active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics the father was a Republican. In their family were nine children, namely: Emma, Anson, Annie, Mary, Richard, Albert, Harriet, Ida and John L.

During his boyhood and youth our subject at-



tended the public schools of Beacon Falls, and when his school days were over entered the employ of the Home Woolen Co., at that place. After the failure of the firm he remained with its successors in the same building for some time, and also worked in the rubber shop at Naugatuck at intervals for three years. On Jan. 1, 1893, he purchased his present farm, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, meeting with marked success in the undertaking. He is extensively engaged in general farming, dairying and fruit raising, and has the finest herd of Jersey cattle in the town.

Mr. Rice was married Feb. 28, 1893, to Miss Hortense D. Bradley, a native of Kentucky, and a daughter of Saul C. Bradley, who was a member of the Union army during the Civil war. To them have been born two children, John W. and Ruth M. In his political views Mr. Rice is an ardent Republican, and he is now serving his third year as selectman. He was once the candidate of his party for representative to the State Legislature, and although the town is strongly Democratic was defeated by only five votes; a fact which plainly indicates his personal popularity. He is a prominent member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and has served as treasurer of the local organization.

**JAMES A. McENERNEY.** Few young men in this section have displayed the enterprise and business acumen which have marked the career of the subject of this sketch, a leading druggist of Ansonia, and the story of his life will furnish a useful object lesson to an ambitious youth.

Mr. McEnerney was born Nov. 27, 1868, in Derby, this county, and like many of our successful citizens, has Irish blood in his veins. His father, Patrick McEnerney, was born in Ireland and came to America in early manhood, locating in Derby, where he established a grocery in 1850. He continued this business successfully until his death in 1882, and although only forty-five years of age, he was then one of the oldest merchants in the locality. As an intelligent and public-spirited citizen he took an active part in local affairs, serving for a number of years as selectman and for a time as first selectman. He married Ellen Maguire, a native of New York, who is still living. They had eight children, of whom seven survive: John is commissioner of the poor in Derby, where he and his brother, Edward, now conduct their father's business; Edward was the next in order of birth; James A., is the subject proper of this sketch; William is connected with the General Electric Co., of Schenectady; and Anna, Mary and Frank all reside in Derby.

As a boy James A. McEnerney attended the public schools of Derby, and on leaving the high school he took a course in the Yale Business College. In 1895 he engaged in the drug business in Derby, but during the following year he sold out and established another store on Main Street,

where he remained two years. He then located at No. 45 Bridge street, where he has a store 40 feet deep by 25 feet in width, and carries a full line of drugs and chemicals, patent medicines, toilet articles and perfumery.

In 1896 Mr. McEnerney married Miss Ella Stuart, who was born in Ansonia, one of the five children of James Stuart, a well known clock maker of that place, and they have two children, Edward and Stuart. Both Mr. McEnerney and his wife are leading members of the Catholic Church in Ansonia, and are popular in social life. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of St. Patrick of New Haven; the Catholic Benevolent Legion; the American Order of Foresters and the Independent Order of Foresters, of which he is treasurer; the Welcome Wheel Club, of Ansonia; the Derby Driving Club, of which he was treasurer at one time; and the Derby Lodge, B. P. O. E. He is an active member of Webster Hose Co., of Ansonia, and was formerly a member of the Board of Trade. He has also taken a prominent part in local politics, being an ardent Democrat as was his father. For two years he served as tax collector in Derby under appointment from Mayor Sullivan, and in 1897 he was elected councilman from his ward to serve until 1899.

**DAVID H. BEATTIE,** one of the prominent residents of Leete Island, New Haven county, was born Aug. 11, 1865, in Newport, R. I., a son of John and Mary (Harrington) Beattie. His father, who for years was one of the best-known business men in this section, is mentioned fully elsewhere in this volume.

Our subject received his education in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen he commenced to learn the quarry business in his father's quarries, where for the past fourteen years he has been foreman stone cutter and foreman quarryman, noted for his industry and good management.

In 1884, at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, David H. Beattie was married to Miss Julia Delany, who was born at Kilkenny, Ireland, a daughter of Dr. Barry Delany, and niece of the late Bishop Delany, of Cork, Ireland. To this union have been born ten children, named as follows: Helen Regina, John Bagwell, Margaret Mary, David (deceased in infancy), Irene Elizabeth, Josephine, Katharine Ursula (deceased in infancy), David Bagwell, Edwin Ignatius (deceased in infancy) and George Dewey. Mr. and Mrs. Beattie and family are all members of the Catholic Church. Politically he is liberal in his views; socially he is affiliated with the K. of C. of Branford.

**EMERY L. TERRELL,** a well-known merchant of Beacon Falls, where he is also postmaster, is a man whose sound common sense and vigorous, able management of his affairs have been important factors in his success, and, with his undoubted

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